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Next meeting date:
Monday, March 16, 2020
7:30 pm to 10 pm

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In The Pilot Seat



Our next meeting will be Monday, March 16th. Thank you goes out to Owen for demoing the Flory Washes and Pigments. Without these demos and clinics we offer at meetings, we wouldn't get to see first hand how these products actually work and pass around the room. A close second to the meeting clinics would be the YouTube videos, but you aren't able to ask questions and obtain immediate answers. With that being said, Fred wishes to talk about the necessary tools and building accessories you should have in your arsenal. There is so much out there that I tried and didn't like. I have been building for 60 years and I always rely on the mainstay tools I grew up using.

We are just three weeks away from RepLIcon 30! Spread word and keep spreading it around. We hope for a large attendance both contest entries and visitors. If you wish Gene Bagnoli to obtain any kits for you to bring to RepLIcon, please call him on his cell to reach him quickly, and do it now to give him time if he has to order it. I sent him a request via text while he was in Florida and didn't get a response. I cannot assume he received it so I will follow up with a call.

I did not hear from the Levittown Library about my request for a possible meeting room change to the larger new room being built. I will try to get some update soon.

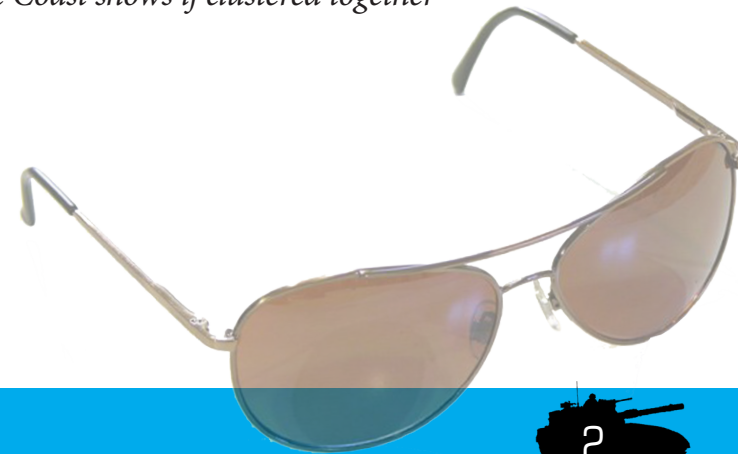
On February 18th the Midway movie was released on Bluray and DVD. Of course I added it to my collection after watching it. If you hadn't seen it, do so. Briefly, unlike the old original Midway, gives a historical start at a meeting in Japan 1937, the Pearl Harbor attack, Coral Sea battle, then focuses on the Battle of Midway. Well done and very impressive filming. Yes it has all the famous quotes on both sides.

I was considering building a Panzer VI Elephant, but I had one sitting in my showcase completed many years ago that I didn't like how I finished it. I felt it was very possible to give it new and updated life. A redo paint scheme, markings and weathering. It was a success! I'll be submitting it in the up coming contests.

I just received a call, Sunday, from Rare Planes Detective. He is looking to vendor at our show and is calling other shows to check their table space availability. If you are nor familiar with him, he lives in Las Vegas and has a stash here on the East Coast. He makes rounds to East Coast shows if clustered together in consecutive weekends. He brings a lot of kits and resins

*That's it for now everyone. See you Monday night!
Keep our hobby alive and well,*

Bob



Shake or Stir That Paint! by Robert DeMaio

When you pull out those jars of paint that have been sitting on the shelf for months or years, it could take you much time stick stirring to break up the bottom clump of settled paint. Then it's shaking that jar for an unlimited time, then open the jar again to stick stir some more. Instead of the arm shake until you rocked yourself to sleep, I have owned and used the Hobby Robart Paint Shaker and used it. Twenty plus minutes later the paint was mixed to the right consistency.



While cleaning up some boxes I never marked, I came across the Badger Paint Stirrer. I never tried it. It runs on 2 AA batteries and controlled with a simple on/off slide switch. I stuck this puppy into a really bad enamel paint clump and turned it on. After one minute of moving it around it was totally mixed. I'm hooked on this paint stirrer. Clean it? Stick it in a jar half full of thinner and let it spin for a few seconds, then wipe with a rag. Practically cleans itself. If you don't have one, you need one. Hint: shut it off before you remove it from the jar. LOL!



Call me cynical, but when I look at the modeling products industry, I see more stuff out there that's a recycled technique from 40 years ago. Technology and innovation has made some things much easier today, but it comes with a downside. Companies are finding new and exciting ways to separate you from your hard-earned money. To be polite I will call it "sales and marketing," which every business needs to promote their products. On the other hand I see statements like ".....a must have to get you to the next level" or "it will change the way you think about weathering." The growth of new paints and weathering products over the past 10 years has been remarkable. "Using these new products will make you a much better modeler:" sorry but that's just not the case. I'm not slamming the companies for putting these products out there, but I am telling you they won't make you a better modeler. To improve one's modeling skills it comes down to 3 basics: practice, practice, and practice.

I've built the same Sherman tank about a dozen times, before I was somewhat satisfied with the results. Each time I tried to improve the look with a different technique or method. Sometimes it worked, but many times it didn't. You just don't know until you try. Another

important point that is sometimes overlooked: poor building skills can kill a great paintjob. Seams, gaps, flashing, and mold marks that are not corrected will show up after you apply the paint. Working on these issues will bring you to the next level. Almost 40 years ago a modeler called Verlinden published a book which changed the way I built models. Those techniques are still valuable today. Maybe now they're called something else like color modulation, shadowing, or variable contrast, but it's all the same concept. I would encourage everyone to try new products that have a positive result on their modeling building. Just keep in mind they aren't a magical panacea.

Sixty years of modeling and many of those years competing and judging in contests, judges were always given the option of picking up the models to inspect the underside. At some shows judges were told not to pick up the models unless you had to move them. At a show in Virginia years ago a judge I was with picked up a model on a wood base. The model slid off the back of the base and onto the floor. Two pieces separated from the model, fortunately fixable. I felt really bad I had to give the bad news to the builder, and when I did he commented it wasn't the first time this happened to his entries. I felt sorry for him twice. In the outcome he did place in the category but not enough for what he had to do to repair or dispose of his model.

Since then I have emphasized at our shows in the rules to make sure modeler's entry forms indicate in large print if "model not attached to base." When I pick up the modeler's entry paper it's the first thing I look for and inform my judging team if the model is or isn't attached to the base. I have seen many modelers use this and I believe it has made an impact on a lot less mishaps. When I am in a team of judges, before we move a model on a base, we make sure it is or isn't attached to the base if not indicated on the entry form. Judges must be cautious!

When I was an engineer in Fairchild Republic and Grumman, we had a 2'x1" swivel pocket mirror on a handle for difficult hidden spots to look at. There were times I carried this mirror to shows and slid them under aircraft models to view the undersides. I saw these mirrors sold at shows from the tool sellers. Judges are never allowed to use any kind of magnifiers, but mirrors are. If judges aren't allowed to pick up models to judge the undersides, it would be judging half the model. Modelers might start neglecting the underside details to compete. I feel judges should be allowed to pick up contest models to inspect it in its entirety.

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Fred Seitz built this Tamiya Soviet WWII IL-2 Sturmovick in 1/48 scale.



Fred's production continues with the new Tamiya P38F in 1/48 scale.



Gary Morgan put a 1/35 Tamiya Panzer V Panther tank and Rye Field Model together for a diorama



Fred's at it again with a Tamiya 1/48 WWII French Demoitine D 520.

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Tony Fardella built this newly tooled kit of an M3 Stuart tank, late version in 1/35 scale.



Jim Lisa likes working on large sailing ships. This is an in progress build of a 1/84 scale of the HMS Victory, Artesania Latina Plank on the bulkhead. Jim slaves over a plank by plank install with mini nails. Lots of patience here.

Show Calendar Listing for 2020

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date/Day	Event & Location	Website
March 28 Sat	RepLIcon 30 Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Rd, Freeport, NY	www.lisms-ipms.org
March 29 Sun	Vallycon 30, Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Rd, Chicopee, MA,	http://www.wwmodelclub.org/
April 4 Sat	Mosquitocon, 1 Pal Drive, Wayne, NJ	www.njipms.org
April 5 Sun	Downeastcon, Saco Middle School, 40 Buxton Road, Saco, ME	https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/downeastcon-2020-0
April 5 Sun	Buffcon 37, Justin & Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY, 14227	http://ipmsniagarafrontier.com/Buffcon2020/index.html
May 1-2 Fri-Sat	Noreastcon 49 Quality Inn & Suites, 8250 Park Rd. Batavia, NY 14020	https://www.facebook.com/Noreastcon49/
Mary 7-9 Thu-Sat	AMPS Natioanal Convention, Radisson Hotel Harrisburg 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011	http://amps-armor.org/SiteShows/ShowMain.aspx
Sept 12 Sun	Patcon 2020 Hudson Elks Lodge 959 99 Park Street, Hudson, MA, 01749	www.ipmspatriot.org
Sept. 18-19 Fri-Sat	Armorcon Crown Plaza, Danbury, CT 06810	http://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/armorcon-1

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