



Long Island Scale Modelers Society

February 2024 Newsletter

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From the Driver's Seat - Jim Boulukos



Hi all. It is hard to believe that it is the end of February as I am writing this.

Our next meeting will be Monday February 26, 2024, at the Levittown Public Library in meeting room A, at 7:30 PM. There will be a brief discussion of the upcoming show and what needs to be done. Then it is time to talk about all the new model kits that we received over the holidays along with the normal "show and tell" of completed and WIP models on the back table.

Doug Tantillo, our intrepid club treasurer/secretary will be collecting dues for the 2024 year which are still \$25. The dues have been the same amount for the last several years. Doug will be collecting them over the next month or two.

It's come to my attention that a few of our members or their family members are encountering some health issues. I'm not going to mention any names nor should I but want you to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. As Nick Buro would say, "Getting old isn't for sissies." So live long and build something.

Our Noreastcon 52 show is coming up on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024, at the Freeport Recreational Center. The date, show flyer, and categories/rules are listed in the IPMS Journal, and a quarter page ad will be in the Jan/Feb Journal. Now, I just need to gather a list of volunteers to help with the set-up, get the vendors in, security, working the raffle table, judging and finally the breakdown at the end of the day. As always, I'll have tables for the club members to sell their modeling merchandise. Details will be discussed at the upcoming meetings.

As of this day all the vendor tables are sold out, the show award packages have been ordered and IPMS sent me our club show insurance certificate.

The next club contest will be on April 15, 2024, meeting. The theme is anything with an animal/fish name. This covers several modeling categories to give you a wide choice of subject matters.

Our Region 1 Coordinator, Mark Norman Submitted an article about his current builds. I'm hoping in the future others in our club can also contribute to the newsletter on what they're working on.

Best regards

Jim B.

News Flash on the IPMS Nationals



Dear Long Island Scale Modelers R1C6,

You are invited to the following event:

2024 IPMS/USA National Convention

When: 07/17/2024-07/20/2024

Where: Monona Terrace Convention Center

Registration is now open for the 2024 IPMS National Convention!

Greetings fellow IPMS/USA members. We are about 5 months away from the 2024 IPMS/USA National Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. Pre-registration along with a number of other items are now on sale in the IPMS/USA online convention registration web site.

Details can be found on our website: Nats2024.com When visiting the website click on the Registration option on the main page and you will be taken to IPMS/USA's convention registration page.

Pre-registration, along with many items, will be on sale through June 30th of this year. Once this deadline passes, you will have the option to register at the convention in-person, at a slightly higher cost. Avoid the lines and register now!

If you have any questions about registration, please contact Nancy Kennedy-Hackney at member.event.admin@ipmsusa.org. If you have questions about the convention, you can contact our public affairs coordinator Alan Zais at nats.publicaffairs2024@gmail.com

Best Regards,

Jeff Herne

Chair, IPMS/USA National Convention 2024

Now to the Scale Aircraft Modeling with Detail & Scale Facebook page.

This article was written by our former LISMS club member Freddie Seitz. Both the Suffolk Scale Modelers Club and a few members of the LISMS were involved in this project.

Hey All!

This post might be a little long, but it does fit with the theme, I promise. It does include the work of several modelers, some who follow this page, so if you see your work, sing it out and I will try to call attention to you.

When I lived in New York, I was involved with the American Air Power Museum in Farmingdale New York. The museum is based at Republic Airport, the former home of Republic Aviation and Fairchild, the builders of the mighty P-47 Thunderbolt, F-84 Thunderstreak and F-105 Thunderchief.

One of the exhibits there is a 1:72 scale model of USS Intrepid. It was a neat model, but it was full of issues, weak details and completely wrong aircraft aboard the model. I must admit, it would drive many of us volunteers crazy every time we'd look at it!

There were two model clubs on Long Island at that time. A plan developed between the two clubs, to fix this. Not only were the two Long Island based clubs involved, but members of other clubs in IPMS Regions One and Two, were invited to participate. Academy provided the model kits needed. These were all 1:72 F6F 'Hellcats', TBF/M 'Avengers' and SB2C-4 "Helldivers".

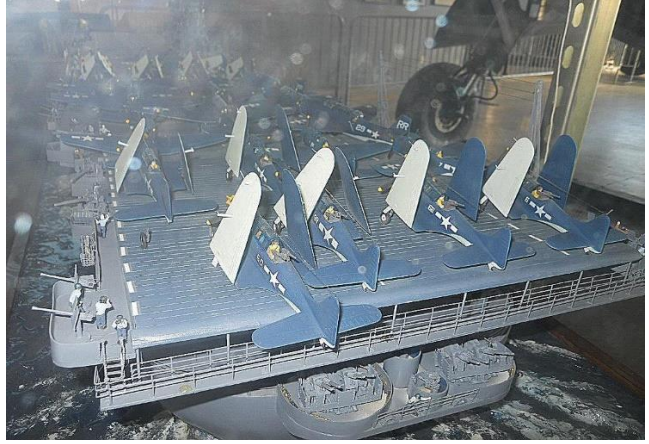
It took a couple months to get models handed out and built. I did a lot of research to make sure everyone was on the same page paint and marking wise, getting all the numbering and markings correct for the time being represented. While all that was going on, a group of us based on Long Island and one from Connecticut set to work reworking the ship itself. There was repainting that needed to be done, crew figures, AAA mounts needed fixing and it was a lot more than originally planned for. In spite of that, the 'Crew' went at it with gusto and slowly the carrier seemed to come to life as it was 'rebuilt', repainted, weathered and, (As the models started showing up) re-spotted the flight deck.

It was a long but rewarding project from the carrier's removal to its reemergence as a finished exhibit. I would like to mention the following modelers, some of whom are members here on the D&S page for their help;

Bill Barto, Bill Koppos, Kyle Koppos, Scott Bregi, Robert DeMaio, George Defronzo, Stevie Martens, Matt Stahl, Mike Moreno, Hensley Murray, Alan Buttrick (CT) and yours truly, Freddie Seitz.

USS Intrepid Pictures







On My Workbench Part 1/2

By Mark Norman (IPMS Region 1 Coordinator)

One measure of modelers productivity is how many finished kits you complete. That's only one measure. Everyone has their own definition of how much fun they get out of the hobby. The pride you have in completing a project is one of the best.

When it comes to finishing models, I have trouble keeping up and defaulting to other enjoyable aspects of the hobby.

Here are some scenes from my workbench as I attempt to catch up.

This is the Tamiya Me-262 1A1 in 1/48. I always get frustrated with filling seams. I fill the seam, then sand. When I see a trace of the seam remaining, I repeat the process. Often, I still see the seam. Frustrating. This time I used the black CA glue that is becoming popular. The super glue is not like what you are used to. It has a longer setting time, contains filler material and is easy to sand. The results are impressive. After one application I found the seams disappearing.



The fit of the kit is very good. But “very good” still needs work. After some sanding and filling in the traditional sense I then sprayed the model with Tamiya spray lacquer for Luftwaffe light blue. This became a gripping basecoat surface for the follow-on colors.

Next, I begin adding the masks to create the splinter pattern on the wings. Some Tamiya kits come with a printed painting guide that is scaled 1:1 with the kit. I cut out the camouflage segments and used blue tack to raise the masks slightly from the wing to create the slight soft edge pattern that would have been difficult to do freehand with an airbrush.



I liked the result with one exception. I would have liked the contrast between the colors to be more distinct. I left the sophisticated camo along the length of the fuselage to a later stage. Yeah, mottling camo is a little intimidating but, in this case, I was able to kick the can down the road until I felt I was ready.

Next came masking the canopy. I was able to make very narrow tape for the masking using a special cutting surface. The tape was easy to work with.



Next came disaster. For the fuselage I decided to use masking tape applied directly to the paint. When I removed the masking tape it removed some of the paint. Ugly!



In the before and after pictures above you can see I decided to soldier through adversity and repaint.

Next month's Part 2/2 will cover Mark's Tamiya Sdkfz. 232 eight-wheeled armor reconnaissance Vehicle and Tamiya P-47D builds.

60th Anniversary of the release of the Ford Mustang at the World's Fair

By Jim Boulukos



On the 60th anniversary of the release of the Ford Mustang at the World's Fair in New York, Revell of Germany is planning on reissuing the 1964 1/2-year Mustang Convertible in 1/24 scale later this year. No price yet on this kit, but I'm sure it's going to be in the \$40 range.

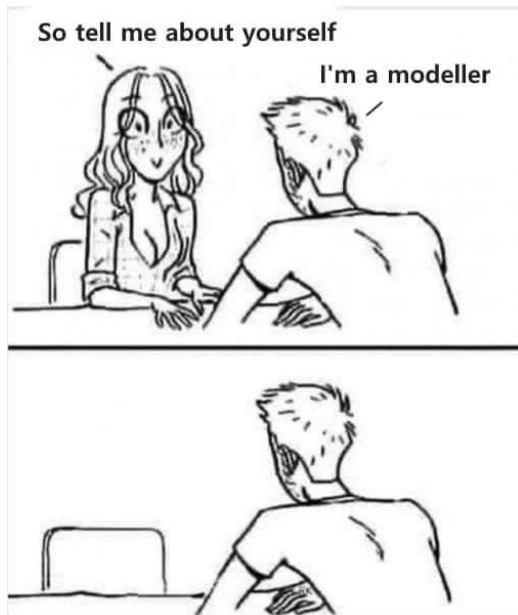
To be honest this is just a repackaging of the old Monogram kit now by Revell of Germany with the addition of paint and glue added into the box.

Scalemates shows this kit released initially in 1995 with decals for the Indy 500 Pace Car in all white on white on white for body, interior and convertible top. It's been reissued a few times since

This is the box art from the 2023 reissue. I've got this kit from my son, who purchased it at Ollie's for all of \$12.99. I learned how to drive using a 1966 Mustang over 50 years ago with High Pony V8 engine!



February's Modeling Humor



LISMS Meeting Dates for 2024

Feb. 26, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

March 18, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

April 15, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A (Contest Meeting)

May 20, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

June 17, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

July to December TBA

2024 IPMS Show Dates

March 23, 2024, Noreastcon 52, Region 1 Convention will be hosted by IPMS Long Island Scale Modelers Society at the Freeport Rec. Center, NY.

April 6, 2024, MosquitoCon, Region 2 show at PAL Wayne, 1 PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ.

April 7, 2024, BuffCon, Region 1 show at The Knights Event Center (Justin & Columbus Hall), 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY.

April 14, 2024, Downeastcon 2024, Region 1 show at Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main Street, Sanford, ME.

July 17-20, 2024, IPMS/USA National Convention at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center
Madison, WI.

AMPS Shows

April 11 – 13, 2024, AMPS 2024 International Convention, South Bend, ID

The Final Word

We would like to encourage club members to join the national IPMS. Help support the hobby on a national level. IPMS provides the insurance that allows us to have our RepLIcon events, and membership includes a Bi -monthly IPMS Journal magazine. Join IPMS/USA just click the link: <https://ipmsusa.org/> and just click the blue tab section “Join IPMS/USA.”

BTW – I need articles, kit reviews, pictures, model show information, and stories from the club for the monthly newsletter. It can be anything hobby related. All submissions to the Long Island Scale Modelers Society Newsletter must be received by the Monday of the week before our scheduled meeting night.

Email your articles and/or pictures to www.jnboul19@yahoo.com

Jim Boulukos, LISMS President