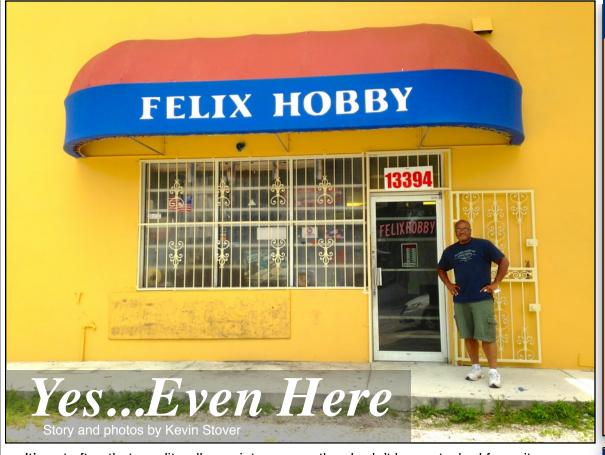


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The Official Newsletter of IPMS Butch O'Hare Scale Modelers



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It's not often that you literally run into a hobby shop while on vacation, but that's exactly what happened in North Miami a few weeks ago. One night while trying to find this cute little Cuban restaurant we'd read about, my wife, Lib, says all of a sudden, "Is that a hobby shop?"

I look into the darkness, and all I see is a barred-up building with the words "Felix Hobby" on the side. Now this was not the safest neighborhood. I'd compare it to the Englewood area in Chicago.

"What do you know, I guess it is," I replied. The next day after lunch, we made a bee line back to see what's what.

As we walked in, I noticed on my left that the model paints on the racks had a real thick coat of dust on them and looked like

they hadn't been stocked for quite some time. Vending machines lined the entrance way.

Looking around, I saw that plastic modeling was clearly not their strong suit. The plastics selection consisted entirely of three shelves that were 3 feet long and 2.5 feet high. I would say that the whole store was "sparsely" stocked with a mishmash of subjects, but it was still a hobby shop. Mostly what I saw on their main wall, behind the counter, were R/C parts and accessories.

Judging by the single customer at the counter with his R/C car in pieces, his white Range Rover outside and the store's own website, I'd say R/C was Felix's bread and butter.

Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting at St. Paul's Church on

Special Theme:

The 6 Day War

Demo:

Real Wood Keith Ward

In a far corner there was a small, high cocktail table with a small flat screen TV next to it. Apparently, they have Xbox competition nights for the local youth, along with all of the vending machine munchies they can consume.

They were busy at the time helping another gentleman, so I didn't start a long conversation. I just bought a bottle of Tamiya paint, and we left the store. The staff seemed really nice and helpful, but the till did run short of change.

Their website itself looks like a work in progress. At the time of this writing no photos of the shop or various items for sale were included, so you would have little idea of what this shop is all about. However, there are numerous videos of street competitions with people running their R/C cars through the storm puddles.

Looking online through the Yellow Pages, Felix Hobby is not even listed. In fact, there are plenty of other hobby



shops in south Miami, outside of this neighborhood, that seem to deal mainly with R/C as well. Very little plastic and nothing on trains or figures.

Jeff East of IPMS/Flight 19, Fort Lauderdale, agreed that most hobby shops in south Miami cater to mostly the R/C crowd. He listed one shop that he and his mates go to: Tri-County Hobbies dealt in R/C. in Broward County. It carries lots of plastic and paints but doesn't do resin or aftermarket, although the store will order anything you want or need. Gaston Bernal of IPMS/Miami Rum Runners said there is hardly a choice of shops in south Florida, and most of their needs are met by the Internet. (Thanks, guys.)

While writing this, it occurred to me that even in the San Francisco Bay Area, where my in-laws live, I had a heck good one. But for whatever reason, of a time finding hobby shops that dealt in plastic. My father-in-law and I went to





at least five shops in the San Francisco area, and they too mostly

Maybe it's because in nicer yearround climates, there is little need to do anything indoors. Everything is done outside, and so it might go for our hobby.

Places that have long winter months, on the other hand, have homes with basements and boatloads of plastic modelers.

This is just a theory, but think it's a the fact that Felix Hobby exists in such a deprived area is good news in itself.

It doesn't matter where you hail from as long as there's a hobby shop in your area. Places like Felix Hobby serve a community need. Hobbies are a positive attention distraction for young minds, and they teach patience and self-discipline. Underprivileged urban centers could use a little more of that.

How many of our own local hobby shops have gone belly up in the past few months? It's a tough business-and a lot tougher for some.

I think that I will do more "shop" pieces as I run into them from time to time, from all over the country.

O'Hare D.E.B.R.I.E.F.

By Ihor H.

Another great turnout - 37 members! Kurt told us about a new nautical website, modelshipworld.com, which has 13,000+ members worldwide and includes a forum and extensive build blogs. Take a look at the site whether you're an avid ship modeler or not.

Show and tell again had great participation, with 15 models and builds, ranging from a WWI biplane with a fantastic hand-painted lozenge camouflage paint scheme to a pair of 1930s Bentleys to a fully scratch-built sailboat mast!

Afterwards, Kevin gave a great demo on canopies, showing how to sand out scratches and seam lines followed by polishing to create a true glass-like look. For next month's show the theme is 'Six-Day War,' and Keith will give a demo on 'Real Wood.' See you in September!



With **IPMS/USA** membership, you will receive the outstanding *IPMS/USA Journal* six times a year. It includes features on all modeling subjects such as aircraft, armor, automotive, ships, figures--you name it! You will also find listings of IPMS contests, swap meets, hints and tips, and reviews.

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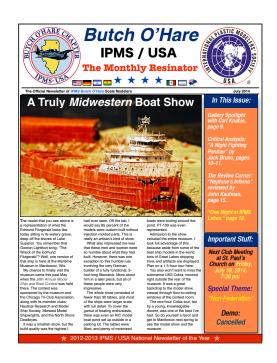
to the editor

Al Jones of IPMS Bong sent me this response from Wendy Lutzke, curator at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Wis. I was glad to see our July newsletter helped them promote their outstanding maritime model show last spring. I'll be there again next year for sure!

Kevin Stover IPMS Butch O'Hare Newsletter Czar

From: "Lutzke, Wendy"

<u>Date: August 19, 2014 8:42:58 AM CDT</u>
To: "Allan Jones" <<u>ajones64@wi.rr.com</u>>
Subject: RE: ipms/O'Hare newsletter



Hi Al.

I never got a chance to thank you for sending this! I'm really thrilled to see our contest featured on the front page. His article is very honest and accurate, too. I hope it encourages even more attendees. We now have a monitor up in the model ship gallery that is playing a slideshow of the models from the 2014 contest with info about the contest coming up in 2015. Maybe it will remind visitors to come back. We're really trying to do all we can to make this even better in the future.

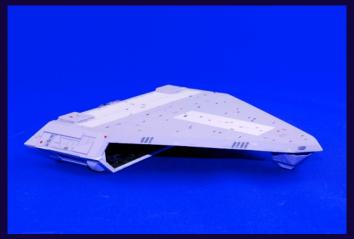
Thanks for your encouragement! Wendy

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Keith's 1/28 Fokker D-7 is quite an old kit from Revell.







Steve's "Flurry" 1/2256 star cruiser is done and had to have three separate shots to reveal the details of its painting.







Read, what can I say?
This FW-190 is simply excellent! In 1/32, it looks like it's about to jump off the platform.



Ron's daughter Sophia Carlson seems to be a twofisted builder!









Ron, this 1/48 F-117 looks like it's going to Baghdad in 1991.

This 26-foot motor lifeboat looks like it's in low tide. Thanks, Dick

Tom's Ploesti Medal of Honor B-24 would bring back memories for those who fought.







Don G.'s 1/700 WWII carrier fleet was all done in "dazzle schemes."





Lots of hours went into just painting this beautiful F9-F Panther. Thanks, Kevin.

Mike's 1/35 Dodge WC-51 "rat rod" has a handmade rug in the bed!





Jasper and Oliver Schuchardt's respective 1/72 Zero and Corsair are continuing the family tradition. Welcome back, guys!





George's 1930 Bentley Blower sports my favorite racing colors.

Brandon's "minis" would be pretty big if brought to life!

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

And Then There Was Only One...



I do believe that this is Rick Tuck's WWII Sherman tank. Nice rust and rivets!

2014 IPMS CONVENTION WRAP UP BY STAN KURCZ

We just returned from the IPMS National Convention in Hampton, Va. Here is a short report:

On the trip down, we first stopped off at the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy annex at Dulles Airport and next at the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico. Both are terrific museums, and I will post reports on them in the future.

The convention was held in Hampton in a very nice convention center. Of the two main rooms, one held approximately 2,300 models, and the second became the world's largest hobby shop for three days. Need I say I won't be buying anything for a while?

For me the training seminars are always an additional highlight, and I attended a half-dozen during Thursday and Friday. One was with Tommy Thomason, who hosts Tailhook topics and U.S. Navy Aircraft History web blogs. Another was on basic photography techniques, and perhaps the best was by Mike Witkowski, a professional airbrush artist, on advanced airbrushing.

Mike began his session by pretty much contradicting all conventional airbrushing wisdom. Low air pressure, paint thinning, pre-shading ... out the window! He uses 40 to 50 psi and thins paint only if it has thickened in the bottle. He uses acrylic base coats and weathers/post shades with oils and enamels using an airbrush. He usually paints with several airbrushes loaded with the

colors for the paint scheme and either free hands the pattern or with Post-it notes. Considering that he won several first place awards at the convention, I'll at least try some of his suggestions.

Carl Knable was again at this year's convention, and won one 1st place and two 2nds! Great job, Carl! There was also a reported sighting of Marco in the parking lot. Perhaps he has a story to tell as well?



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Best of show was won by a beautiful diorama of a WWII B-17 doing a preflight engine check. It was amazing!

I'll close with an incident that once again reinforced the golden rule of modeling: Model for yourself and the simple enjoyment of it, rather than for contest awards or public acclamation. Saturday morning I was showing my wife the display area, and we were at the B-17 diorama. Next to it was a 91-year-old gentleman who had flown 33 missions in B-17s during the war. The diorama creator came along, and after a short conversation that included thanking the pilot for his service, the pilot reached around, presented the modeler with a copy of his memoir, and proceeded to tell him that he thought the waist gun on one side of the model was too far forward! Everyone's a critic! So model because you love to, and laugh at all the rest. Remember, it's only plastic!

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Critical Analysis

by Jack Bruno

Most people will agree that the Panzer III and IV family of tanks were the backbone of the German army throughout WWII.

After the attack on Russia and the overwhelming surprise of T-34 and KV tanks, Germany had to set in motion several stopgap decisions to upgrade current armor before new models could be introduced effectively (the Tiger I, Panther and Ferdinand).

The Ausf. G, already slowly in production, featured a 7.5cm KwK40 L/48 (SdKfz 161/2). Later versions would have extra bolted-on armor to boost protection. Around the time of Kursk it also had Shurtzen Armor protection around the turret and side skirts for the hull.

The version I decided to do would be one of the units in Africa. I borrowed the decals from the old Italeri Panzer IV G for Panzer Regiment 8, 15th

Panzer Division, Afrika Korp. All told, 1750 Ausf. Gs were made with several chassis being converted to Hummels and Brumbars.

Now that the kinda sorta background is set, I have a "Jackstory" for ya. One of my good buddies, indeed a godfather to one of my sons, bought this kit for a solid dollar a year ago. Auction models are cool. Especially when they are missing the lower hull. He was going to pitch it, but I told him I could help him out.

Without batting an eye I ripped into this model, and in the time it took for the Cubs to lose another one, I had the lower hull complete. I had in my stash and spare boxes a few older Dragon kits that had the same common part. Within no time I had completed the wheels and running gear and set it to the side to rest.

I do get email from some modelers that visit this site.

When they inquire as to how I do things, I always reply that you have to have a vision. So, with that in mind and the decision to go with the desert colors, I got out my Milliput and started to make sandbags for additional frontal armor.

This is very easy: You just cut off equal amounts of putty from each wrap and knead it like dough. I cut sections and molded into shape and pressed it into the hull.

I took an X-ACTO knife, put in a new #11 blade, and sculpted stitching into each bag when they were on the tank. This step took about 24 hours of drying time, and while that was going on I started the Magic Track that I was going to use.

This track is a gift from God because it is very realistic, easy and you get the proper Panzer sag. Things are rolling now. Time to put the turret together, and this was a snap too. I did add weld beads from plastic strip on the angle sections on



the front plate. Next was some strip for the stowage bin. Germans added wooden strips on the bin to prevent radio outages from the mast rubbing on metal. Made perfect sense to me, but then again so did marriage. As a little touch I cut the fenders and used a metal bow machine gun barrel in the front.

I went to the Indy Show in March and next to me, at our respective vendor tables, was modeler Al Grimm. He introduced me to a guy who was selling this neat little tool that was (picture this) a razor blade with little different-sized half moon circles machined in it. This little diva was \$8 and is a seam scraper. I decided to give it a shot, and I'll never have to buy a metal barrel again. Taaa-daaaa. With all of this done, I put together the rear section and assembled the chassis, hull and



turret. It was beginning to look like something now. I added some resin stowage that I had left from other projects, chain and a few extra track runs. I was ready for the paint shop.

As always, my "thing" is to rattle-can the entire model Flat Black. When this was dry I got out my Paasche H and started to apply different shades of Dark Yellow from Vallejo and Tamiya. This time, on purpose, I ended up with Vallejo Iraqis Sand as the final paint. I gave the beast a Future coating and then applied the decals from the Italeri Panzer IV G. At this point I was very scared because after four applications of Solveset, I still saw decal lines/film. Ratz. But, I'm a modeler and can deal with those situations.

After one more Future misting, I started the oil washed and dot system using brown and gray oils. Man, this was looking sweet. When all this was done, I did my wooden handle routine on the tools. This is Tamiya buff followed by a wee little burnt umber and brushed ever so nicely to get that grain effect on the tool handles.



I did the jackblock too, which really stands out. Now came the neat part: the flat coat. I used Vallejo matte thinned with distilled water. All my anguish about the decals disappeared when the film was gone after this stage. Oh my aching heart!

I started a base but soon came to realize that I was missing something: a flag, actually very common as an air recognition sign in the desert. So I planned it out using paper towel, a circle template and a 1/48 Bf110 tail nasty Nazi sign. Painting the flag first red. Then when dry, using the circle to spray the white, and after that was dry applied the symbol and put some Solveset on it to sink in. There will be touchup needed as some red will want to creep in, but I let it dry and did repairs with the paint cap and a toothpick. The tie down was thin fishing line. I then started using some dry brushing and Mig Pigments to finish it off. The base was

weathered and pigmented the same as the tank, and I added a few Verlinden Barrels to it.

Well, there you have it. A very simple ALMOST thrown-away tank that Jim is letting me take out on the tour this year. I would suggest that you hit your cast-offs and rethink building them. You may be very happy with the results as I am with this. Now, go build something!

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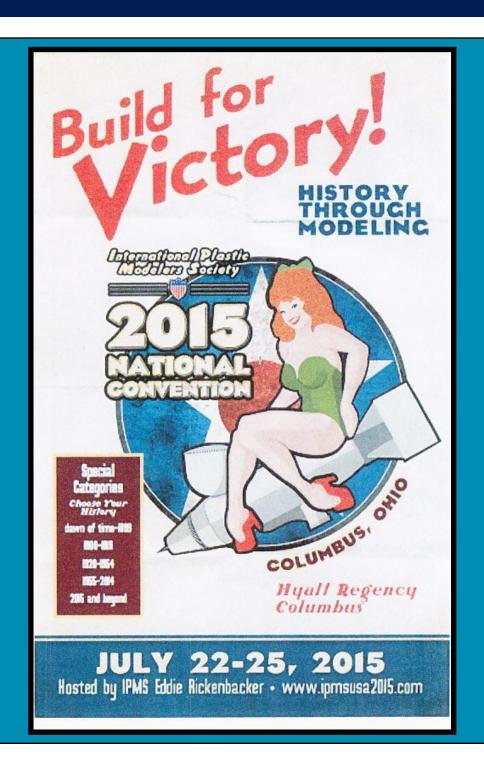
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September 27, 1956: The U.S. Air Force Bell X-2, the world's fastest and highest-flying plane, crashes, killing the test pilot, Milburn G. "Mel" Apt.











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September 6, 2014
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September 20, 2014
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October 18, 2014
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THE FOUR DEUCES

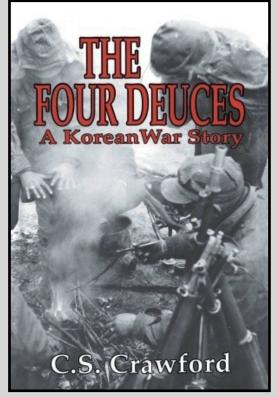
Reviewed by John Kaufman

While my father had served in the Korean War back in the 1950s, he has never spoken much about his experience, and I have never encountered much about the war except "M*A*S*H*" on TV. I had always wanted to change that, so when I was at a library book sale and found a book called "The Four Deuces" about a marine forward observer during the second half of the Korean War, I spent my 50 cents and bought it. Having read it, I am glad I did. The book is written by C.S. Crawford, a marine corporal who wanted to go to war and had no idea of what he was getting into. The Korean War, when he arrived, had become a stalemate reminiscent more of World War I than what most would consider a modern war. Getting him to the front line is a story of military efficiency.

While in the States, Crawford trained as a telephone repairman. When the marines sent him to Korea, a typo on his orders swapping two digits in his MOS made him a cryptographer. Although he was not trained as a forward observer, he quickly got sent to the front and started calling mortar fire from the four deuces, or the 4.2-inch mortars. (I had never even heard of a 4.2-inch mortar. My dad was crew chief on an 81 mm mortar during his stay in Korea.) Crawford turned out to be a natural, able to direct fire with uncanny accuracy. Most of his time was spent essentially sniping at the Koreans, with them sniping back at him.

One time, the Koreans actually brought in a rifleman sniper who was an irritant for the marines and cost many casualties until the marines brought in a tank, bore sighted the gun by looking down the barrel, and blew his firing positions to little bitty pieces. The sniper never bothered them again. Crawford pulls no punches, and he is not the nicest person ever. He was not bothered by killing the Koreans, although he was bothered by a number of his fellow marines who were killed during the war.

In one particularly sad incident described in the book, a fellow forward observer was finally being relieved after many months on the front lines. To describe this man as war weary does not cover the situation. He was walking



off the hill and stopped for a moment, and took a Korean mortar round on the head. Later in the war, he took a leave in Japan and came back sick. After a few days in the hospital, he was back on the front and ended up taking a bullet under his helmet, which put him out of the war. However, it did not earn him a Purple Heart--the compound fracture he got when the corpsmen dropped him on the deck did.

This book is a raw, unflinching look at the experiences of a single man who describes what happened to him during the Korean War. There is not a lot of perspective, which is a both a good thing and a bad thing. It is a good thing in that the book has more information about the actual experience. It is bad in that the book does not provide any info on the overall war, which I was interested in and will need to look elsewhere for. Overall, this is a very interesting book, and it at least provides a personal view of the forgotten war in Korea. Enjoy!



FROM THE OVAL OFFICE



I hope everyone enjoyed their summer – and especially the lack of snow! With fall come some "administrative" tasks we need to accomplish on an annual basis, and we are also getting close now to our November contest.

With respect to club governance, we have our annual election coming up in October as required by our bylaws. These same bylaws limit any individual to no more than three consecutive terms in the same office. In my case that means I'll be eligible (and willing if you'll have me) to serve one more term as president. However, those same rules mean we'll need to elect a new treasurer this time around. I'd like to personally thank our current treasurer, Don Smith, for his service – he's truly one of the "good guys" who go the extra mile to make our club possible for all of us to enjoy. If you are interested in this position, please let me know – I've already received some welcome indications of interest.

We will have an opportunity to volunteer at the iHobby Expo Model Contest on Saturday, Oct. 4, again this year. Volunteers will be able to enter the show for free, and proceeds from the model contest will be split between our club and Lakes Region. It's a good time, not too stressful, and a great way to get people informed about our club. Ideally I'd like to get about seven people to join me - I'll be there and hope you can be too!

The annual contest is on track. We have the gymnasium confirmed, as many ads/notifications placed as we can think of, and have confirmed a food vendor for the event. As usual we'll need wide participation from everyone to make this happen, so please thoughtfully consider how you may personally contribute!



John, since you're the big potato of Butch O'Hare, I thought you might want to see what a "real" BIG potato looks like outside of Milwaukee.

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January 10	****	****
February 14	****	****
March 14	****	****
April 11	****	****
May 9	****	****
June 13	****	****
July 18	****	****
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