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The Commemorative Air Force Museum

The Commemorative Air Force Southern California Wing Aviation Museum is located at the Camarillo Airport just off Highway 101. The museum has 12 WWII era aircraft as well as some other interesting aircraft, such as an Aero Vodochody L-29 Delfin Soviet-era jet trainer.

It's in two large adjoining hangers, one with several aircraft on display and an aviation-related display area covering both world wars, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War. Items include uniforms, bomb sites, aircraft and troop weapons, a ball turret and some great scale model

displays. The second hanger is where restoration and maintenance take place, and it's accessible only through a docent-guided walking tour. On my visit, John Knopp was our docent – incredibly knowledgeable, friendly, and a modeler as well (IPMS and former member of Silicon Valley Scale Modelers).

Of particular note is the Marine Corps PBJ-1J "Semper Fi" with the Globe and Anchor painted on the starboard nose. This aircraft is the only original PBJ flying in the world, and needed special permission from the marines to carry a name and nose art.

Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting at St. Paul's Church on Friday, May 12, 2017 7:30 pm

Demonstration:

Auction Night

Special Theme: SPACE...

















Hector gave a financial report which included that we have a sponsorship in the World Expo. Also, he said all the medals that we owed from the last show have been shipped out.

Paul Milam reported that an Indiana show went from 400 to 600+ entries by switching to a flat rate for however many models a person brings in. So, we agreed that any change in entrance fee will be discussed in the future.

President Frank talked about what the AAMPS armor club does in their contests, as they are going to help us on our contest armor judging. He also reminded us that unfortunately, the Panther store near Milwaukee has decided to do internet only now.

SHOW AND TELL - THEME: NOT STREET LEGAL!

Keith Ward – Tamiya motorcycle with rider. Almost looked real!

Carl Knable – Had to have his Badger airbrushes serviced, and they took care of him while he waited! He had done the new Airfix Mustang P-51D, for which he has very high praise. Then he showed an HO scale (1/87) Walthers DC-3 with decals from the old Monogram "box-scale" 1/90 DC-3. Lastly, Carl had the test shot for the new B-52D from Minicraft.

Steve Day – Did a DQ store with a personally inscribed sidewalk, and also showed a frigate from "Rogue One."

Dick Beemer – 1/48 Delta 106 from Monogram. He had brought it in a little while back, but now it has a lot more added to it. It was a special for NASA.

Don Grajek – Just finishing one of the paddle wheels. He found that the paddle guys are just about the size of the Arizona! Don's research said 48,000 pilots were trained on the two paddlers!

To end the program, *Kevin Stover* gave a demo on using multiple grades of sandpaper to get a really smooth surface. As you may have noticed, he has been working on improving the smoothness of the surfaces of his jets and doesn't mind letting us in on some of his secrets.





Above / Right:

The beautiful WWI era fighter/bombers (E-3 Eindecker and W-29) are courtesy of Jack Lucky, ex-Marine F-18 pilot. Really nice work, Jack!

Wingnuts, 1/32



Impossible Paint Jobs?



Back in 1957, Revell came out with three WWI 1/28 scale plastic aircraft kits. A Fokker DR-1 triplane (reasonably accurate with correctible errors), an almost good Sopwith Camel, and a Spad XIII (sort of) with Spad VII wings. Some years later, a 1/28 scale Fokker D-7 showed up. (Some say this kit was designed before the others but not released.)

I bought the D-7 kit first and was surprised when I saw serious errors not matching my D-7 photos! No accurate drawings of the D-7 existed at that

time, as perhaps the end-ofthe-war order to destroy all D-7 aircraft left nothing to measure and properly record. So, using my photos and a vision of Rittm. Karl Bolle's colorful Jasta Boelcke D-7, I began the work of correcting the fat deep fuselage and drooping upper wing, scratch building everything from the entire cockpit to the propeller, horizontal tail, all struts and even new wheels.



I purchased four-color 1/28 lozenge decals from Copper State Models, but when I used a few sample pieces on an upper wing end, I just didn't like how they looked. No problem: I will just cut a stencil and air brush each color! After that failed big time, I made three 1/28 photo clear films of Peter Gray's *Aeromodeler* excellent lozenge drawings and his Munsell color references. I used the lightest color as the base coat, and removed all three remaining



colors, one color at a time, from each clear film. I used the cut-out clear films to lightly pencil in each color in its proper location, adding a small dot of the correct paint for guidance in the final painting.

I did one color at a time with Badger paint and two brushes, each with synthetic 1/4" long bristles (one pointed, the other flat tip). Also, to speed things up, no masking tape was

used during the brush painting. The lozenge painting took 15 hours total (never again!). I cut the CSM decals into wing rib and edge tapes to finish the wings. Two coats of TESTOR's dull-coat completed the job with a low-luster sheen.

If I have confused any of you modelers, this was absolutely the most difficult way to accomplish a lozenge paint scheme. With the much better quality decals now available, I'm sure you will succeed.

At the IPMS Nationals in 2001, this D-7 won its class and also surprised me by winning the Testors Realistic Finish Award (brush-painted?)!

Accurate Fokker D-7 drawings finally came out in 1993, drawn by Ian Stair in Windsock Datafile 9--Fokker D.VII. I was close but missed on a few items. Today the perfect model has yet to be built by anyone. Maybe you could be the modeler to do the first one!

Keith Ward





Hasegawa, 1/700



IPMS/USA membership qualifies you to participate in **IPMS/USA** sanctioned contests, particularly our world-famous **National Convention**, held each summer. As a member, you'll also be able to access our online discussion board, where a wide variety of modeling topics are discussed, and enjoy interaction with other serious modelers for help with questions about modeling techniques or IPMS in general. Many hobby shops and model vendors around the country offer discounts to **IPMS/USA** members.

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M & Models http://www.mmodelstore.com	9329 S Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn, IL, 708-423-7202
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• Walt's Hobby and Model Shop......2207 Plainfield Rd, Crest Hill, IL 60403

http://www.waltshobbyonline.com/

www.berwynstoytrains.com/



Right: Carl Knable's
Air National Guard
P-51D with its fantastic
base

Airfix, 1/72





Left: Mike Ferguson's 1940s Willys Gasser is a gas!

Unk, 1/25

Right: Steve Day's Dairy Queen with super miniature car makes me want a crunch cone!

HO, Walthers



THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

May 3, 1944: An acoustic torpedo fired by the U-371 hits and destroys the stern of the Coast Guard-manned destroyer escort USS Menges while she is escorting a convoy in the Mediterranean, killing 31 of her crew. The Menges was later repaired and returned to service. She assisted in the sinking of the U-866 on March 19, 1945.

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May 24, 1962: The USS Gurke notices signals from 12 men from Truk who were caught in a storm and drifted at sea for two months before being stranded on an island for one month. The men would be picked up on June 7 by the motor launch Kaselehlia.







UPCOMING REGION V EVENTS

May 20, 2017 - 9am to 4pm

NIMCON 6 Region V Convention

McHenry County College

8900 U.S. Hwy. 14

Crystal Lake, IL

Phil Pignataro phil.pignataro@me.com

June 3, 2017 - 9am to 4pm
"Spring in the Pines" Annual Model Contest
Eagle River Masonic Lodge
610 E. Division St.
Eagle River, WI
James Unger ungerjp@charter.net

June 17, 2017
MOSS CON 2017
Branson Convention Center
200 Sycamore St.
Branson, MO
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July 26, 2017
2017 IPMS National Convention
LaVista Conference Center
12520 Westport Parkway
LaVista, NE
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August 26, 2017

ModelFest 2017

Liberty Christian Fellowship

1815 W. Liberty Drive

Liberty, MO

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September 9, 2017
IPMS Gateway Contest and Swap Meet
Holiday Inn-Rt 66
10709 Watson Rd
St. Louis, MO
Douglas Barton peddocdoug@gmail.com

The Review Corner



A-TRAIN

BY LT. COLONEL CHARLES W. DRYDEN

Reviewed by John Kaufman

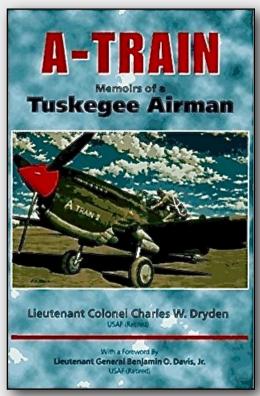
I have been interested in the story of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II ever since I met one of the bomber crewmen at the library in Joliet. I also had the pleasure of meeting one of the fighter pilots up at Oshkosh a few years ago. Since then, I have been looking for different stories about them, trying to learn more about the group. I found "A-Train, Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman" by Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Dryden in a used book store a few weeks ago and had to get it. I'm happy I did, but this is not the most engaging book I have ever read.

Charles Dryden's memories cover an important period in American history, and Dryden discusses his feelings and frustrations with the Jim Crow racism of the time and some of the challenges he and his fellow airmen faced during and after the war. Dryden focuses on his family and how African Americans banded together to form an extended family during the times of segregation. As such, his style of writing is not very detailed, providing more of an overview rather than really colorful, detailed stories of the combats and day-to-day life in the combat zone that can appear in other histories. He starts, as many of these stories do, with his childhood and how he developed interest in flying.

Dryden was one of the lucky ones in that he found someone who was willing to train him to fly before he joined the military after Pearl Harbor. Of course, because he was African American, the Army Air Corps had little use for him until it was prompted by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to set up the first all-African American fighter squadron. They were expected to fail, and roadblocks were placed in their path time and again, from uncooperative and racist commanding officers to a lack of planes initially. Dryden was in the second graduating class, 42D, which ended with just three cadets being commissioned.

One of the petty insults described is that even though the pilots had all invited their family and friends to watch their graduation, the commander moved the time to several hours earlier so that there was no audience. After several more classes, they finally had the 99th Pursuit Squadron fully constituted with 28 pilots. They shipped to Africa on April 2, 1943, and entered combat over Africa and the Mediterranean and on to Sicily. During that time, Dryden flew a P-40 named A-Train or A-Train II after the Duke Ellington song. After he rotated out of combat, Dryden stayed in the air force, serving in several different positions including some additional combat time in Korea. He retired from the service in 1962.

Dryden certainly led an interesting life during an interesting period of American and world history. His is a different perspective than many I have seen, and I am enriched from it. This book has whetted my appetite for additional information on the many names and places he mentioned. I'll let you know when I find more. I recommend this book for its historical perspective on an important topic in our shared history. I'm glad I read it, and I hope you find it educational as well.





Right: Keith Ward's Kenny Roberts race bike does a good job representing speed!

Tamiya, 1/12



Above: Don G's T-6 Texan (SNJ) for the U.S. Navy looks like a trainer with those green stripes. 17K were built for WWII.

Right: Don's Douglas SBD Dauntless is shown in its early war markings with the yellow circles.

Both Unk, 1/72



Dear Members,

I hope you had a good time at the meeting last month! I enjoyed seeing the models and hearing the stories, and I learned a few new things. This month's meeting promises to be more of the same. A couple of things to remember for this month:

- 1. Please remember to bring in your model that you have selected for our contest. It must not be started and must be a kit of some type. We will have the signup sheet available. Refer to last month's newsletter for the rules!
- 2. The theme for this month's model display is SPACE. Hopefully we'll see some interesting models.
- 3. At this month's meeting, we will be holding our annual auction night. So bring some kits to donate and bring your wallet. Sure to be a lot of fun!

If you're planning to go to the IPMS Nationals in Omaha this year, the new Region Coordinator will be holding a meet-and-greet that you can attend. Look for more information on this meeting, and if you have time, stop in and say hello from Butch O'Hare. The IPMS Region 5 is fast approaching on MAY 20, 2017. It should be a good one, and I am really looking forward to attending.

That's all for now--see you at the next meeting.





Saturday May 20, 2017

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Gold/Silver/Bronze Judging Special Theme Awards for WW I Subjects Gigantic Raffle/Large Vendor Area Food by WGW Foods, LLC



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Right: Dick Beemer's F-106 Delta Dart, in flaming orange, was a NASA bird used for chase and test flights.

Revell/Monogram, 1/48



New Kits...and stuff

Thanks to those who brought in these new releases for us to see.









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Upcoming Schedule 2017

Date	Theme	Demo/guest
January 13	***	****
February 10	***	***
March 10	***	***
April 14	***	***
May 12	Space	Auction Night
June 9	Infantry Aids	
July 14	Patrolling our Coast	Using wire for detailing (Frank C)
August 11	Red Things	
September 8	Still Serving (old but still working)	Build-It Night
October 13	Young Upstarts (Less than 5 yrs service)	
November 10	Contest	Setup
December 8	Club Builds	Party

WENEED YOUR HELP



All meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at:

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
5739 Dunham Rd., Downers Grove, IL