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MEETING NOTES

Attending our meeting this month were Perry Downen, Michael Lane, Keith Pruitt, Joe Tallant, and Charlie Wolski. Sorry for those of you that couldn't make it...looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!!
Remember that Hobbytown has moved to the Best Buy Shopping Center at Buford Dam Rd & Marketplace Blvd. Do NOT go to the old location at Lakeland Plaza!!

WEB SITE NEWS

<http://mountainmodelers.org/>

PHOTO GALLERY: We are always adding new models to the gallery. Be sure to send ChrisM pictures of your finished builds at (lizardqing@gmail.com). We want to be sure everyone can see your work. If you post pictures of your completed models on the forum, he can get them from there.

FORUM: PLEASE register for our online Club Forum! There are lots of "in-between-meetings" discussions on various topics. It's also a great way to share information and get questions answered by one or more of the other members. Once you register, you will be approved for GMM "Members Only" sections of the Forum. It is accessible at http://www.mountainmodelers.org/gmm_watercooler/

IPMS INFORMATION



The Georgia Mountain Modelers is a Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS/Georgia Mountain Modelers). Our club meetings are in a relatively loose, informal, conversational format. IPMS/USA is an organization dedicated to the fun of Scale Modeling. It was started by Jim Sage, of Dallas, Texas, in 1963. There are now chapters of IPMS all over the world. Many Local Chapters and Regions sponsor Model Shows & Contests every year. You do not have to be a member to attend the shows or our local club meetings. But, you will need to be an IPMS member, in good standing, to enter models in any of the "official" events. You can join at the IPMS/USA website... <http://www.ipmsusa.org/index.htm> . Our chapter is a part of IPMS Region 3, you can learn more about our region, and the other clubs, at <http://ipmsregion3.org/index.html> . If you are not an IPMS member, we HIGHLY recommend that you join the organization.

SHOW AND TELL



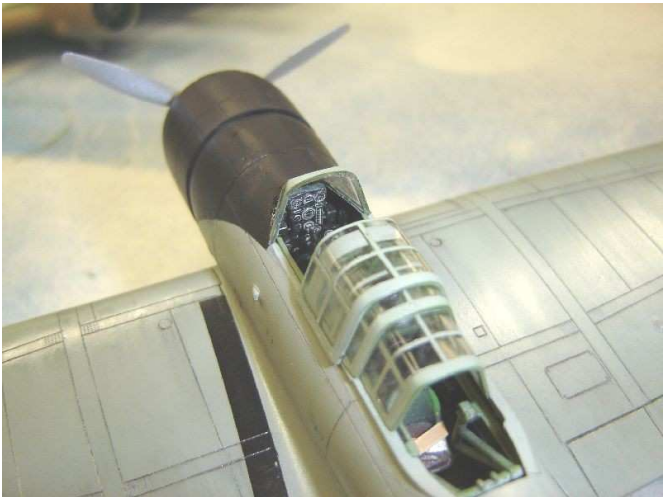
PerryD brought his 1/48 Monogram AC-47 Gunship, under construction...this is being built for an IPMS Review.



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PerryD also brought this 1/48 Aichi “Val”...this beauty as built for an online Group Build with the League of Extraordinary Modelers



NEXT MEETING

...September 30, 2008

The Georgia Mountain Modelers regularly meets on the last Tuesday of each month at...

HobbyTown USA®

...in Cumming, Georgia at 7:00pm. The meetings are informal and visitors are always welcome. We do suggest that each member join the IPMS, as there are great benefits in being a member, but it is NOT a requirement to participate in our club or its local activities. We have a great group of people, with widely varied modeling interests, so it is fairly easy to find someone that will share your interests. Scale modeling is a fun hobby, and we wish to share that fun with our friends and neighbors...

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PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

Wow...time flies when you're having fun, doesn't it??? Well, truthfully, time moves pretty quickly whether you're having fun or not. It's been a busy month for me...lots of stuff going on, both in modeling and various other activities (including home improvement or the next-best/worst-equivalent to that). I've been hammering away at the bench to try to finish something...anything?...for the next meeting. And, I just might have something for "Show & Tell"...we'll see!

Be sure to bring YOUR most recent project to the meeting. We'd love to see what you've been doing, too. And, be prepared to answer at least a couple of questions...somebody is bound to ask you "How'd you do THAT?" Just smile and say, "Oh, that's easy...all you have to do is..."

Until next time, keep your glue caps tight!
Keith

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Old Ed and the Seagulls

It happened every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun resembled a giant orange, and was starting to dip into the blue ocean. Old Ed came strolling along the beach to his favorite pier. Clutched in his bony hand was a bucket of shrimp. Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. The glow of the sun is a golden bronze now.

Everybody's gone, except for a few joggers on the beach. Standing out on the end of the pier, Ed is alone with his thoughts and his bucket of shrimp. Before long, however, he is no longer alone. Up in the sky a thousand white dots come screeching and squawking, winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier.

Before long, dozens of seagulls have enveloped him, their wings fluttering and flapping wildly. Ed stands there tossing shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, "Thank you...Thank you."

In a few short minutes the bucket is empty. But Ed doesn't leave. He stands there lost in thought, as though transported to another time and place. Invariably, one of the gulls lands on his sea-bleached, weather-beaten hat - an old military hat he's been wearing for years.

When he finally turns around and begins to walk back toward the beach, a few of the birds hop along the pier with him until he gets to the stairs, and then they, too, fly away. Then, old Ed quietly makes his way to the end of the beach and on home.

If you were sitting there on the pier with your fishing line in the water, Ed might seem like "a funny old duck," as my dad used to say, or "a guy missing a few marbles," as the kids might say. To onlookers, he's just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding the seagulls with a bucket full of shrimp.

To the onlooker, rituals can look either very strange or very empty. They can seem altogether unimportant, and maybe even a lot of nonsense. Old folks often do strange things, at least in the eyes of Boomers and Busters.

Most of them would probably write Old Ed off, down there in Florida. That's too bad. They'd do well to know him better.

His full name was Edward Vernon Rickenbacker. He was a four-time driver in the Indianapolis 500 and at one time owned the track. He became the highest scoring Ace (26 kills) in World War I and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Rickenbacker helped form Eastern Airlines, and became its President and Chairman of the Board. He supported the war effort during WWII as a civilian, and served the military extensively, inspecting troops, operations, and equipment, and serving in a publicity function to increase support from the public. It was on one such assignment to the Pacific that he and his seven-member crew went down. Miraculously, all of the men survived the crash, crawled out of their plane, and climbed into a life raft.

Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun. They fought sharks. Most of all, they fought hunger. By the eighth day their rations ran out. No food. No water. They were hundreds of miles from land and no one knew where they were.

They needed a miracle. That afternoon they had a simple devotional service and prayed for a miracle. They tried to nap. Eddie leaned back and pulled his military cap over his nose. Time dragged. All he could hear was the slap of the waves against the raft.

Suddenly, Eddie felt something land on the top of his cap. It was a seagull!

Old Ed would later describe how he sat perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the gull, he managed to grab it and wring its neck. He tore the feathers off, and he and his starving crew made a meal - a very slight meal for eight men - of it. Then they used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait and the cycle continued. With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued after 24 days at sea.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived 31 years beyond that ordeal, and passed away on July 23, 1973 in Zürich, Switzerland. His body was buried in Columbus, Ohio. He never forgot the sacrifice of that first lifesaving seagull. And he never stopped saying, "Thank you". That's why almost every Friday night he would walk to the end of the pier with a bucket full of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude.



This is a listing of the most recent Model Kit and Product reviews that IPMS/Georgia Mountain Modelers members have done for IPMS...If you have any questions, contact the member that did the review.

PRODUCT REVIEWS

Gator Grip Hobby Glue		ChrisM
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Products/gator-hobby_glue/gator-hobby_glue.htm		
Aires 1/48 F-18 Electronics Bays	July 13, 2008	SteveB
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Details/Aircraft/aires_48/aires_48_fa18-elecby.htm		
Aires 1/48 F-18 Radar Antenna	July 13, 2008	SteveB
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Details/Aircraft/aires_48/aires_48_fa18-rdrant.htm		
SKP Models 1/35 British Helmets	July 31, 2008	ChrisM
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Details/Figures/skp-models_35_brit-helmets/skp-models_35_brit-helmets.htm		

DECAL REVIEWS

Afterburner Decals 1/48 Pax River F/A-18 Bug Testers	September 14, 2008	SteveB
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Decals/Aircraft/afterburner/afterburner_48_pax-river-f18.htm		

KIT REVIEWS

Hasegawa 1/32 Bf-109E Nightfighter		KeithP
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Kits/Aircraft/hasegawa_32_bf109e/hasegawa_32_bf109e.htm		
Roden 1/72 PaK 40		ChrisM
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Kits/Armor/roden_72_pak40/roden_72_pak40.htm		
Hasegawa 1/48 Fw190A-8		PerryD
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Kits/Aircraft/hasegawa_48_fw190a8/hasegawa_48_fw190a8.htm		
Academy 1/72 M35 2.5 Ton Cargo Truck		ChrisM
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Kits/Armor/academy_72_m35/academy_72_m35.htm		
Lion Roar 1/35 Nebelwerfer 42 & Rockets		ChrisM
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Kits/Armor/lion-roar_35_nebelwerfer/lion-roar_35_nebelwerfer.htm		
Hasegawa 1/48 A6M2a Zero "China Theatre"	June 16, 2008	KeithP
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Kits/Aircraft/hasegawa_48_zero-china/hasegawa_48_zero-china.htm		

BOOK REVIEWS

Model Arts' 751, "WW2 Heavy Tanks & 10.5cm SPG"	August 16, 2008	ChrisM
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Books/Armor/model_art/model-art-fibel_heavy-tanks.htm		
Midland's "Military Aircraft of the 1970s"	August 16, 2008	KeithP
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Books/Historical-Bio/midland_publishing/midland_military-ac-70s.htm		
Concord Publications "Battle in the East-The German Army in Russia"	August 25, 2008	PerryD
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Books/Historical-Bio/concord/concord_battle_east.htm		
Concord Publications "German Sturmartillerie at War, Vol. 1"	September 21, 2008	PerryD
http://www.ipmsusa2.org/Reviews/Books/Armor/concord/concord_sturm_arty.htm		



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 30, 2008** **Georgia Mountain Modelers Meeting...**7pm at Hobbytown in Cumming
- Oct 4, 2008** **IPMS Region 3 Convention...**Huntsville, AL... <http://hpmsweb.topcities.com/>
- Oct 4, 2008** **Currahee Military Museum...**Toccoa, GA...Airborne Reunion
- Oct 28, 2008** **Georgia Mountain Modelers Meeting...**7pm at Hobbytown in Cumming
- Nov 8, 2008** **13th Southern Nationals NNL...**Smyrna Community Center...Smyrna GA
For more information... http://www.acme-ipms.com/2008_nnl.htm
- Nov 25, 2008** **Georgia Mountain Modelers Meeting...**7pm at Hobbytown in Cumming
- Dec 30, 2008** **Georgia Mountain Modelers Meeting...**7pm at Hobbytown in Cumming