

IPMS PRISON CITY MODELERS

THE ROLL CALL

APRIL 2020 ISSUE

SCUTTLEBUTT FROM THE PRESIDENT:

It can be daunting, wading through all of the information on, normal and social media, in search of accurate information on the current pandemic. Suffice it to say that our world has changed. Our meetings will, for the foreseeable future, have to be remote.

Along those lines, April's meeting will be held remotely. I have a virtual room available for us to meet that can handle at least 21 people, and you can either join from your computer with speakers, or call-in and join from your phone! A microphone is not needed for your computer, as typing a chat is available. Get those pictures and processes ready! Show us what you are working on or what you've completed over the last two months. Look for an email soon from either myself or Mark Gerges with the information on where and how to connect. (**or on page 14**).

There will be a link and a dial-in phone number. All of that said, I must say that modelers were MADE for this kind of event. Speaking for myself, cloistering in my downstairs creative dungeon is routine, and interacting with those who are non-modelers is intermittent. We are also used to wearing masks for extended periods as we shoot primers and enamels, acrylics and varnishes. It's easy to forget how most people are NOT used to this, and find it annoying.

I am staying extremely busy with my modeling, work, and 3D design and printing, and it is all starting to meld together into a mi-

asma of tasks. It is a great lesson for me as I prepare for "final" retirement in (hopefully) just a few years.

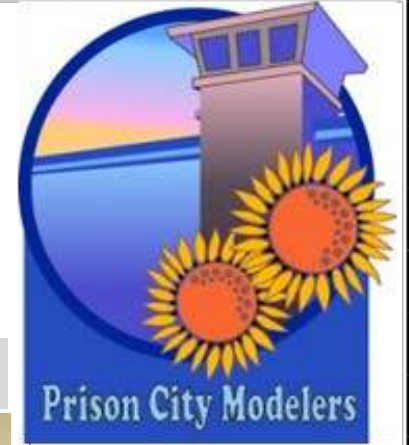
Anyway, hopefully we are all taking this time to take stock of our lives, our stashes, and what we want to accomplish, in modeling and life. It truly is a perfect time to reconnect with our loved ones, contemplate our purpose and our place in society, and maybe even give new things a try (within limits, of course). I like to think of myself as a giving person, and I know that giving to those who are in need makes me happy, and helps those who need it. Consider spending the time and money to support something you believe in, and, most of all, be positive! Don't hesitate to reach out to one of the club members if you need ANYTHING at all! We are all in this together! Until next we meet with an elbow-bump and a smile,

Happy Modeling!



Curt Pangracs

"Second month and I am still smiling!"



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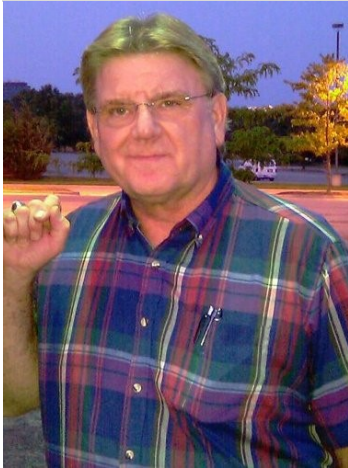
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JUST THOUGHTS #10



From Tim Fincham, Vice-President

Hello Fellow Modelers!

Can you believe it? It is April, 2020, and we are mired in a quarantined situation but lets be positive and build models, etc.! "Roll with the flow; like a twig on the banks of a mighty stream." (Line from the movie, **Planes, Trains**

and Automobiles)

I am now 69 years old. It just so happens that I graduated from high school in 1969. "Nothings finer than a 69er!" "Sin, sex, beer and wine – that's the class of 69!" We always thought that we would have one half of our 10 year class reunion at the home for unwed mothers near 43rd and Broadway (now part of the huge St. Luke's complex on the Plaza) in Kansas City, Missouri. The other half would be celebrated at the penitentiary in Jefferson City.

I am getting way off of the subject. Sorry! Those were the days!

I am using this quarantine time for a number of things including extra time with my wife, Brenda, model building, rehearsing my music, Spring House Cleaning and providing long-distance history tutoring to an ADHD student just to name a few items.

Moving on, I would like for us to continue to keep in mind ideas for building our membership and broadening its diversity.

You may remember there is my practice of taking a modeling magazine(s) with me to places where I may have to *wait* such as doctor and dentist offices and automobile dealerships or garages for car repair. On a blank space on a page I put the name of our club, meeting place, date and time of our meetings and I include my cell number.

I am continuing to gather materials for my dioramas. Recently I had the opportunity to spend a bit of time with Brooks Lyles. Brooks joined the club just before its 10th Anniversary and he has been an influential member and one of my most helpful modeling mentors for many years.

Brooks gave me some magazines, parts, diorama supplies etc. I/we will miss Brooks but will be in contact with him. All the best to you Brooks and Diane as you move into the next chapter of your lives!

Incidentally, while Brooks served as our club's Historian he amassed several large scrap books of pictures and documents he turned over to me. I will bring them to several meetings to share with the membership.

That said, we need an individual to serve as Club Historian. We have been most fortunate to have had at least three outstanding ones. Remember also that Doug Hall is the Club Librarian

Let's learn! Let's have fun!



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

SAD NEWS FROM BILL BARKER: It appears that WingNut Wings, the New Zealand WWI aircraft model company, may be a victim of COVID-19 and be closing its business. According to their website, they are temporarily closing but still accepting orders; however the fan site on Facebook is reporting that they are permanently closing their doors. Let's hope it is just a misunderstanding of their announcement on their webpage.

<http://www.wingnutwings.com/ww/>

HOPEFUL NEWS FROM ED BURGESS: Running out of building supplies? Want to still support our local hobby industry? Hobby Haven in Overland Park is accepting phone orders: "FYI. Hobby haven is taking phone orders. If you know what you need and they have it, they will let you party by credit card and leave it on their back door for you."

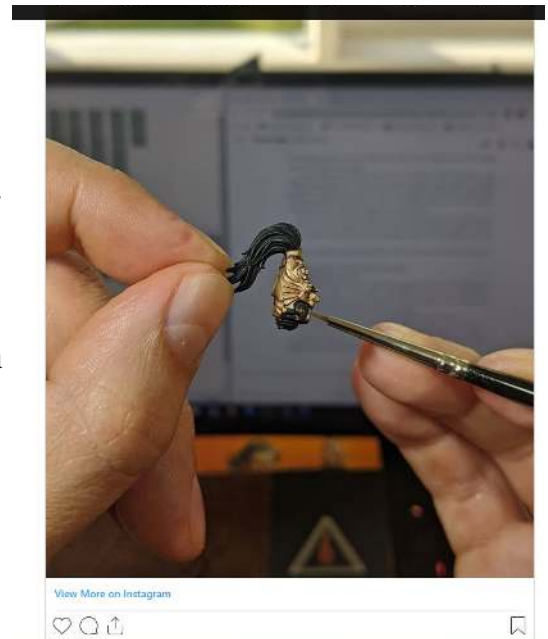
There number is 913-381-3111.

MORE HOPEFUL NEWS FROM MARK GERGES. (*For those in the Leavenworth-Lansing greater urban area*): Running out of building supplies? Want to still support our local hobby industry? Gator's Game and Hobby in Leavenworth is open AND delivers—in the Leavenworth/Lansing area. The charge is \$5 for under \$50, and free for above. They have a large selection of Vallaejo and Citadel paints, as well as putties, etc and carry Warhammer and other games, though I believe they are currently out of stock in Pandemic.

Their number is 913-682-0220.

DID YOU KNOW? Henry Cavill, the British actor who played Superman and most recently Geralt of Rivia in Netflix's *The Witcher* series, posted on Instagram that he's using this time to get back to one of his hobbies—painting Warhammer 40K figures. His post from 12 April:

"Considering we are, both, going through the Easter period, and going through The Lockdown, I figured it a good time to put a silver lining onto the cloud that is some of the darker moments during this time. So I've decided to polish some old skills and try my hand at some new ones! It is a time of rebirth after all. So, as you can see here, the obvious might look a little bit like a tiny helmet...which it is. One of my almost life long hobbies, that I've been following but not actively doing, is this. A company called Games Workshop...or plastic crack as "we" call it. Genuinely can't get enough of the lore they have built over the decades. They have been some of my most enthused reads! If you were in denial about me being a geek before, you can't hide from it now. Also, in the background of this photo, there may just be some completely new skills I'm working on.....or there may not be, so all of your eye squinting and attempts at digital unfocusing will be in vain....orrrr maybe they won't."



AND THE WINNER IS. . . .

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH GERGES!

Gators Games and Hobbies in Leavenworth last week put together a dragon painting contest. For an entrance fee of \$20, you received a WizKids dragon, and two Reaper paints in the colors of your choice.

You had five days to paint the dragon, and then send them photos of the finished model. They selected one photo for their Facebook feed, uploaded it with no identifying information, and you had three days to vote for their favorite mini.



Sarah's red dragon beat out a dozen other painters and came in first with the most votes, and she won store credit from Gator's. Congratulations Sarah!

BILL BARKER TOOL ROUND-UP



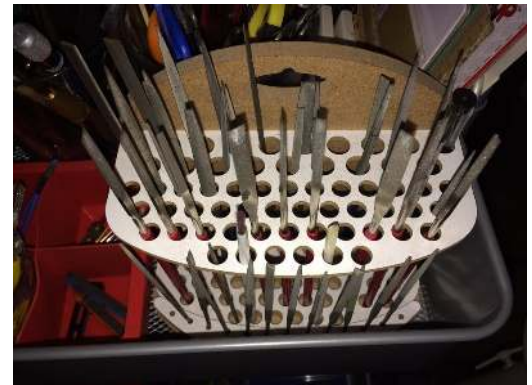
Go ahead, Google Bill Barker and his Covid alter ego comes up. I dare you.

Right: Tool Rack - This is a roll-around, three-tier tool rack that is simply three open shelves that allows easy access. I've filled each shelf carefully so that the uppermost shelf has those tools I use most often, then the middle shelf and finally the bottom shelf. I've mostly used common drinking glasses, cups and discarded containers to organize the tools to be easily seen and readily accessed. After decades of trying many different ways of storing tools this has proven to be the most space efficient, convenient and inexpensive. I found this at Michael's for \$30.00, available assembled or not assembled.



Left: Tool Rack, Top Shelf - This is a photo looking straight down at the top shelf giving a better view of how things are positioned and organized, with containers of sanding sticks, files, clothespins, scissors, and miscellany.

Right: File rack on the top shelf of the tool rack. A modeling buddy gave me this which is an easy to assemble rack that holds various sets of files, one of my most



used tools.

TIPS:

Parts Catcher for your Lap: I think most of us use something on our laps while modeling to catch those pieces/parts that we try so hard to never drop but always do. I've seen various things used or for sale but I've never found anything better than an old bath towel. I've used the same towel since the mid-80s. The trick is to pick a color that creates color contrast with most parts when they're dropped. This is especially helpful when working on a 1:350 ship, 72nd aircraft, 43rd car, etc.

Lighting, lots of this: Ott lights are great and JoAnn's has them. Watch for their sale on Ott lights and you can usually save 40 - 50%. Lights have always been essential but that's especially true for us Senior Citizens.

Super Glue: I've tried many brands, consistencies and methods of application. My favorite is Loctite's Ultragel Control, which is, as it says, a super glue with gel consistency. I don't like the runny super glues or glues too thin. The Ultragel Control is very controllable and I simply drop a blob on a used gift card and apply the amount needed with the point of my #11 X-Acto knife. It's available at WalMart, Home Depot, etc., and it's cheap.

WAYNE'S WORLD!



by Wayne Vornholt, chapter treasurer

[column title is tentative, pending final approval, editor]

How to clean up your wires in your work space.

If you have a dedicated work area for your models, does the back of your workbench look like this photo? While mine may not have been that bad, I still had cords for my work lights, compressor and paint booth all dangling behind my workbench. My computer desk looked even worse with CAT5 cable, router cords and phone lines looking like an animal's nest. I decided that I had to do something about it. It was quite a mess and didn't know where to start so I thought I would look up "cable management" on YouTube. I found many helpful videos on how to clean up power cables and make a cleaner looking desk or work area. At first one might think that would require expensive or difficult contraptions to hide and clean up cords and cables under your desk, but it really doesn't. In order to get those cables under control you need four things: 1. a cable tray, 2. mounting tape, 3. cord guides and 4.



zip ties.

The mounting tape and zip ties can be found at most hardware or department stores and usually cost under \$5. The cable tray and cord guides are a little more specialized so you'll probably have to order it on-line. I purchased a pack of six that were just under 16 inches each for \$19.99; the cord guides were \$13.95 for a pack of 50. Using the double stick mounting tape, I mounted the surge protectors under the table as well as the cable trays. As I plugged my cords back into the surge protector, I carefully tucked them into the cable trays. Any cords that had to run underneath the desk or table such as lights, mouse and keyboard cables I used cable guides to keep them from drooping down.

In total for less than \$40 and a couple of hours on a Saturday morning I was able to clean up my cords and cables for my workbench, paint booth and computer desk with material left over. I felt



this not only improved the look of my workshop but also made it a little safer work area.

WHAT'S ON YOUR WORKBENCH?

FROM RON DENNING: Per your request please find attached 2 shots of my 1:48 scale, scratch built Consolidated B-32 Dominator.

For years my all time favorite plane and model to built was the Grumman F7F Tigercat. I have built several models of this plane including a 1:18 scale scratch built F7F.

But after researching most of the "X" planes designed during WWII, I was smitten by the Consolidated B-32 Dominator. A virtually unknown very heavy bomber produced in limited quantities in 1945. Serving well in the Pacific theatre until wars end. Its development was to parallel the development of the B-29 in case the Boeing very heavy bomber did not pan out.

After purchasing several books on the B-32, I decided to scratch build a model of the bomber. Using parts from (2) B-29 kits, (2) B-24 kits, (1) B-17 kit, and lots from my spares, the bomber is now completed. Though it took four weeks to complete, I never tired of the build or

the research. Had it shown up earlier in the war I think it would have been a real player. Unfortunately all 118 of the B-32's were scraped after the war. A sad ending to what I think was a beautiful bomber.

This model build depicts the "Direct From Tokyo" named B-32 that returned the photographs of the surrender to Washington DC. It was then flown to the scraping fields to be smelted down with the rest of the B-32's. Most of which were brand new from the factory.

So now the B-32 has bumped out the Tigercat as my favorite plane and model.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my project. And in these trying times, be safe.

Sincerely,

Ron Denning



WHAT'S ON YOUR WORKBENCH?

From Mark Gerges:

Ever start a project, and then part way through it think, what the heck was I thinking? I sure have. This project started as a Panzerkampfwagen VIII Maus, built for the "Woulda' Coulda' Shoulda'" category for the 2019 Prison City Modelers' contest. I decided to add PE and resin, improved the drivers compartment and inside the turret, and then decided, how about making it abandoned in a diorama. I should have stopped when I was ahead.

I had a MiniArt German building I had started a few years ago sitting in my stash. With that and a plywood base, I laid out a diorama of an abandoned Maus on a deserted German street in late 1945. I kept adding items, including

streets made of balsa foam, resin cobblestone, rubble from balsa foam, old brick from my patio, two types of cat litter, 3D printed cast offs, balsa wood, metal, etc, etc.



The details kept growing and at a certain



WHAT'S ON YOUR WORKBENCH?

point (last Tuesday to be exact) I decided it needed figures to give it some scale. Searching through my stash I found some figures and the four of them are now going to be added to the project. Maybe some Russians will be hiding in the rubble if it makes sense.

Rubble piles in dark gray are removable right now for painting, and I'm still working on debris and materials for inside the buildings. Doors on the undestroyed building are workable (yes, I made hinges) but I still need to add more details to the hinges and frames.



MORE HANDY REFERENCE STUFF

BY BILL

BARKER: In keeping with my previous lists for "Drill Size in Diameter in Inches and in Diameter in MM" and for "American Wire Gauge in Diameter in Inches and in Diameter in MM" I'm sending this third chart for "Fractions (Inch) to Decimals (Inch) to Millimeters."

I realize this information is available online but you have to consolidate from several sources to create one reference document, which I've done for everyone. It has been double-checked and proofread and I hope it is error free.

FRACTIONS (INCH) TO DECIMALS (INCH) TO MILLIMETERS

(8 APRIL 2020)

Fractions (Inch)	Decimals (Inch)	Millimeters (MM)
1/64	.0156	.40
1/32	.0312	.79
3/64	.0469	1.19
1/16	.0625	1.59
5/64	.0781	1.98
3/32	.0938	2.38
7/64	.1094	2.78
1/8	.125	3.18
9/64	.1406	3.57
5/32	.1562	3.97
11/64	.1719	4.37
3/16	.1875	4.76
13/64	.2031	5.16
7/32	.2188	5.56
15/64	.2344	5.95
1/4	.25	6.35
17/64	.2656	6.75
9/32	.2813	7.14
19/64	.2969	7.54
5/16	.3125	7.94
21/64	.3281	8.33
11/32	.3438	8.73
23/64	.3594	9.13
3/8	.3750	9.52
25/64	.3906	9.92
13/32	.4063	10.32
27/64	.4219	10.72
7/16	.4375	11.11
29/64	.4531	11.51
15/32	.4688	11.91
31/64	.4844	12.30
1/2	.5	12.70

Fractions (Inch)	Decimals (Inch)	Millimeters (MM)
33/64	.5156	13.10
17/32	.5313	13.49
35/64	.5469	13.89
9/16	.5625	14.29
37/64	.5781	14.68
19/32	.5938	15.08
39/64	.6094	15.48
5/8	.625	15.88
41/64	.6406	16.27
21/32	.6563	16.67
43/64	.6719	17.07
11/16	.6875	17.46
45/64	.7031	17.86
23/32	.7188	18.26
47/64	.7344	18.65
3/4	.75	19.05
49/64	.7656	19.45
25/32	.7813	19.84
51/64	.7969	20.24
13/16	.8125	20.64
53/64	.8281	21.03
27/32	.8438	21.43
55/64	.8594	21.83
7/8	.875	22.22
57/64	.8906	22.62
29/32	.9063	23.02
59/64	.9219	23.42
15/16	.9375	23.81
61/64	.9531	24.21
31/32	.9688	24.61
63/64	.9844	25.00
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NEWSLETTER GRIST, HEARTBREAKINGLY ELEGIAC



By Ed Burgess

IS THAT STILL ON YOUR BENCH?

Like a lot of people, Ann and I have been sequestered for the last month or so. We're both in the age category said to be at risk (though that's broadening) and I have some lingering immune issues, so very little gadding about the metro area. You'd think that would be a signal to build everything in the stash, but I've only finished some small items. In my defense, I have spent a lot of time gazing at the kits in the closet and mulling over half-baked ideas for scratch or kit-bashed stuff.

I may have had trouble keeping focused on the important thing (i.e. modeling) but did manage to finish some things. An ICM kit of a WWI ambulance, a modern Japanese tractor, and a Lego pterosaur.

The ICM Ford ambulance has some good features. It went together quickly enough at first. Had some trouble figuring out the orientation of the side of the patient box went which way, but after some squinting that was easy enough to resolve. The problem came when in-



serting the bonnet (or hood). Never did figure out how to make the two parts fit right. Actually I attribute most of the fit issue to operator error as the meds were giving me some trouble. Or the phase of the moon, or possibly passing flocks of flying sheep. I probably should find some way to hide the disconnect but this truck will never be a contest winner.



Some similar problems with the remarkable Yanmar tractor. This Hasegawa kit has many attractive features, starting with the low price. Parts are molded in three colors, four if your count the oddly awkward driver. I found the instructions confusing. I again had some serious trouble making the engine and drive train fit

properly which affected later construction. I suppose I have to attribute this to operator error again, as I saw a build review which mentioned no such problems. The entirely glass-enclosed driver's compartment is a masterpiece of engineering and a pain in the butt to deal with: large clear parts, fragile decals, and fingerprints. Looks good in the end. I chose not to paint, instead covering everything except the clear bits with Dullcoat. That worked well enough everywhere except the tires, where the Dullcoat settled in the treads

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and after a few days emerged as gummy white residue. I can remove the tires and re-spray. Probably.

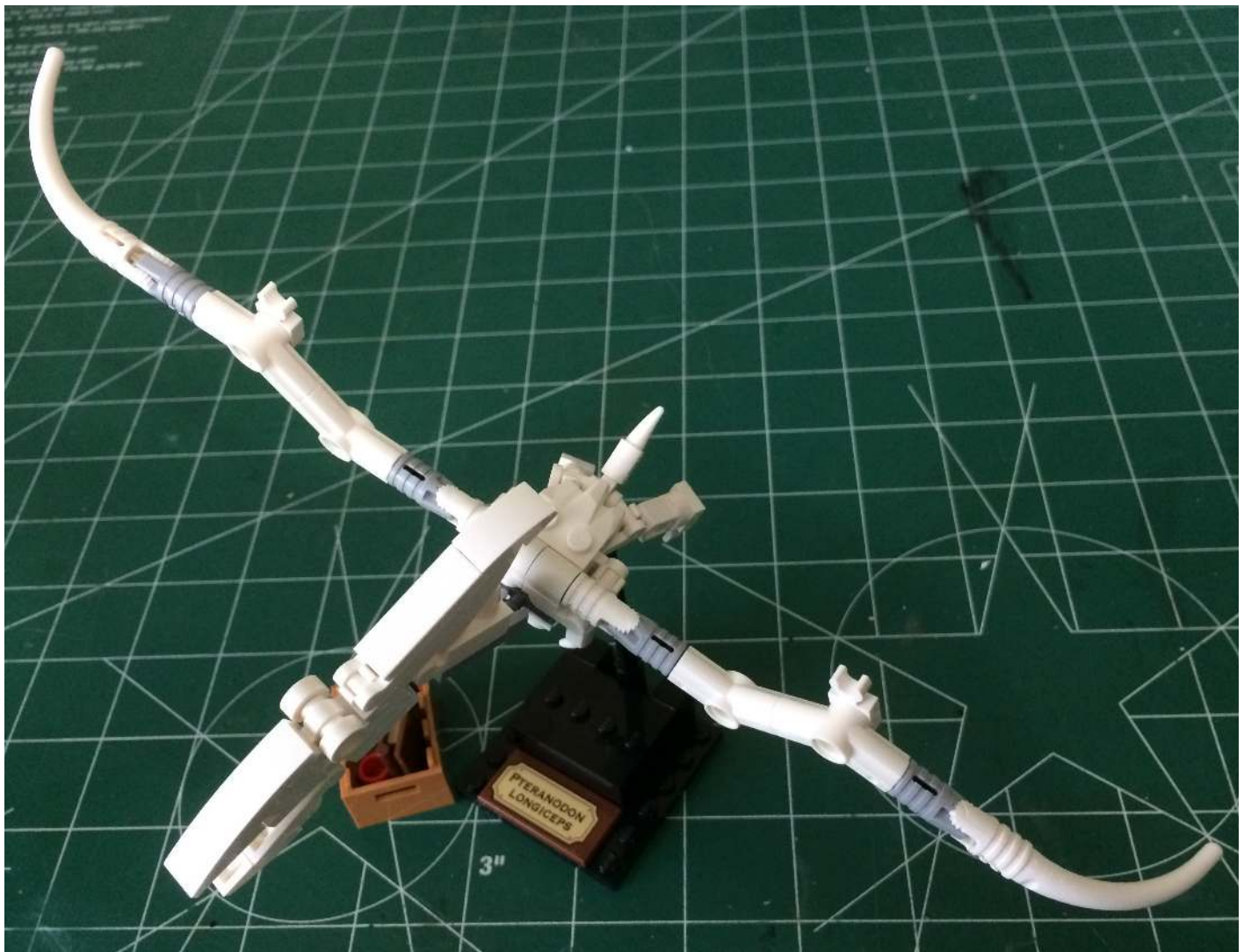
If you want to try Legos their dinosaur kit is a fun start. Tyrannosaurus, Triceratops, and a Pterodactyl. Christmas present, and I finally got it started. It seemed appropriate for a pandemic. Lots of parts that look very much alike, instructions that skip steps. Requires paying attention but goes quickly.

In other news, because I'm sure that the Gentle Reader is eager to learn about my life, I just received a new book to review: Operation Vengeance, by Dan Hampton, being released in

August. He tells the story of the Army aviator Lt. Rex Barker. He was stationed at Guadalcanal in 1943 when a PURPLE intercept gave some P-38 pilots a thin chance to fly 400 miles and intercept Yamamoto's plane. Much of the 448 page book is devoted to a simplified history of the battle for Guadalcanal, but the details of the operation and the controversy over who actually fired the killing shots are the most interesting.

So back to modeling, and remember, the hobby is life, but not the only life.

Ed Burgess



CLUB DEMO SCHEDULE

2020 demo schedule.

April: Postponed and we'll reschedule. Spring Swap— bring your kits to sell and trade.

May: Maybe June? Chapter build contest— bring your curb-side auto.

June: **Curt Pangracs:** none standard reflectors from foil and paper.

July: **Bill Barker:** automotive theme

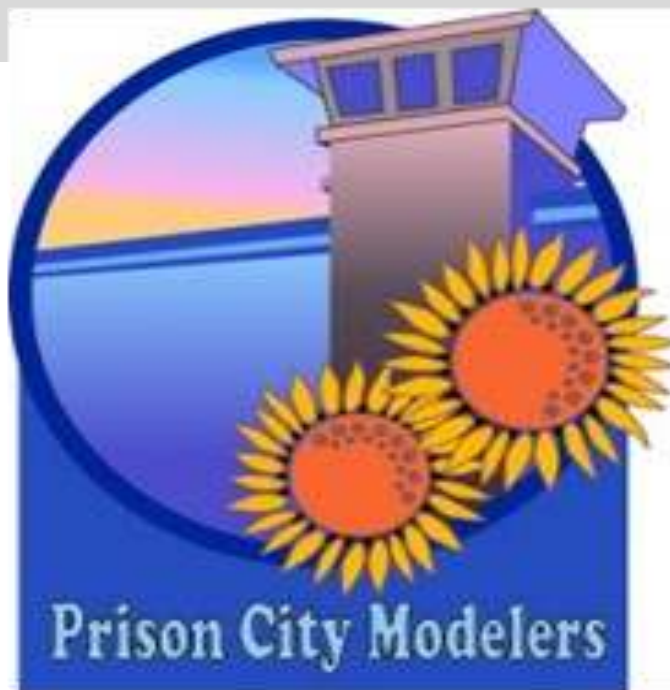
August: Judging clinic. **Shane Curtis** brings you up to date on the latest on IPMS USA judging standards.

September: Contest prep. **Mark Gerges:** Review of responsibilities and items to support the show.

October: **Wayne Vornholt:**

November: **Mark Gerges:** building 1:285th trees and foliage. Nomination of chapter officers for 2021.

December: Christmas party and election of 2021 chapter officers.



IPMS PRISON CITY MODELERS

Chapter Meetings:

third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Leavenworth Public Library
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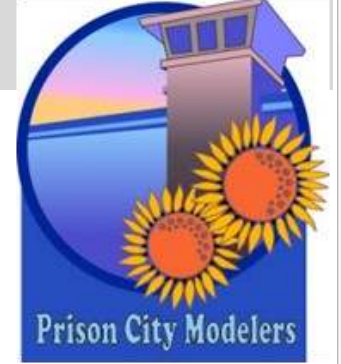
WE'RE ON THE WEB—

[HTTP://](http://leavenworthmodelersclub.org)

[LEAVENWORTHMODELERSCLUB.ORG](http://leavenworthmodelersclub.org)

AND FACEBOOK!

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UPCOMING CONTESTS:

6 June 2020. OmaCon 2020, sponsored by the Fort Crook IPMS.
<http://fortcrookipms.com/index.cfm?go=omacon>, IBEW Hall 13306
Stevens Street Omaha, Nebraska. Contact Scott Hackney -
scott.hackney@cox.net, Special theme: "America Strikes Back."

13-14 June 2020. Heartland Model Car Nationals, sponsored by the
KC Slammers. Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College
Blvd, Overland Park, KS. Contact KC Slammers, 209 Conti Court, Belton, MO, 64012,
kcslammers@fotki.com

19 September 2020: 13th Annual LEAVENWORTH MODEL SHOW, [http://
leavenworthmodelersclub.org/contest/](http://leavenworthmodelersclub.org/contest/) 109 Delaware Street, Leavenworth, KS. **Contact:**
Mark Gerges, mgerges@kc.rr.com. (913) 306-0291. Special theme: "The Korean War
era, 1950-1953."

*If I've missed a show, please send me an email at
mgerges@kc.rr.com with the information. I pulled this
data off the IPMS USA webpage as of 11 February.
Thanks, Mark*

VIRTUAL MEETING TIME: 6:30 , WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL

Go To Computer Session Join: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/7480bb8d3ed743038d8b908db96369a8>

Dial-in: +1-571-392-7650 PIN: 703 906 3424



International Plastic Modelers' Society/USA Membership Application / Renewal Form

New Renewal IPMS #:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Chapter Affiliation, if any: _____

Junior (17 years or younger) \$17.00 _____ Date of Birth: _____

Adult One year \$30.00 _____

Two years \$58.00 _____

Three years \$86.00 _____

Canada & Mexico \$35.00 _____

Foreign Surface \$38.00 _____

Family (1 set of Journals) _____ ← Adult fee + \$5.00 # of cards? _____

Your Signature: _____

If recommended by an IPMS member, please provide his/her:

Name: _____ IPMS #: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Cash Amount: _____

Check Check #: _____ Amount: _____

Billing Address, if different than above -

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

ONE LAST THING

One Last Thing

By JW Dirkse

Seat Belts



This month I decided to treat myself to a set of HGW Seatbelts (<https://hgwmodels.cz>) for the Wingnut Wings Sopwith Camel on the bench.

There are a couple of US based mail-order places that carry HGW, but none of them had the Sopwith Camel seatbelts in stock. Not to worry, mine arrived from Australia in a week and I was ready to go. HGW makes a number

of micro fabric seatbelts for 1/48 and 1/32 scale aircraft and even race cars. The sets include the fabric belts and associated PE buckles. Well I cut everything out, glued and assembled the parts as indicated in the instructions and thought these seatbelts are really thick and worse than PE. I got the feeling I was missing something so I went on the internet to look at one of the HGW "how to videos".

After a couple minutes it became painfully obvious that the fabric parts

come with a paper backing and the paper backing has to be REMOVED. They look much thinner and are so much more flexible now with the backing gone. The seatbelts take oils and stains well if you want to add a little weathering. The Tamiya acrylics I ordered also arrived so I can get the upper surfaces painted and ready for decals. The build logs recommend painting and



decaling the wings before assembly.

While pieces and parts of the Camel dry I have also been working on a Hasegawa BF2C-1 in 1/32 scale. The wings have a number of sink-holes so the challenge was getting it all glued up, puttied, sanded and primed with all the holes and seams gone. The wings are painted gloss yellow and silver, so every scratch shows. I've used some of Bill Barkers techniques, shared at our meetings, to decant Tamiya TS-17 Gloss Aluminum and now wet sand with the micro abrasives. Goes to show you can even learn something from a car guy once in a while.