

IT'S ONLY A NEWSLETTER

IPMS Marietta Scale Modelers

April 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As everyone knows due to the COVID-19 pandemic many non-essential establishments are closed and large public gatherings are discouraged. As of now our April IPMS MARIETTA monthly meeting for April 11, 2020 has been cancelled. I will keep all of you informed as to when we will next meet and when ATLANTA CON 2020 will be rescheduled. I certainly know these are trying times and many of you are probably going "stir crazy" particularly now the weather is turning nice! HOBBY TOWN USA (Kennesaw) is closed until further notice, but check out their FACEBOOK PAGE for updates. In the meantime please be safe and STAY HEALTHY!

IPMS Marietta Scale Modelers

*Meet every 2nd Saturday of the month at Hobbytown USA in Kennesaw, GA
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QUIZ FOR APRIL

1. The first fighters designed by MiG were subsonic. They produced their first supersonic fighter in 1955. Which was it?
2. The well-planned Israeli attack during the Six-Day War included the destruction of Egyptian air strips with Durandal anti-runway bombs. Nevertheless, the Sinai bases were not bombed with that weapon. Why?
3. The navy of which country ended the Second World War as the third biggest in the world?



Israeli Air Force Dagger

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IPMS Marietta Group Build 2020 – Rules / Guidelines

A group build for the Marietta IPMS. A 1 week build of any model from 12:01 AM, 11 April 2020 to 11:59 PM, 18 April 2020. To be any subject (Aircraft, ship, car, sci-fi, what if, AKA anything) as long as it's done in the time frame. OOB, resin, vacuform, from start to finish. Consideration will be given to the difficulty of the model in the given time frame.

- The group will decide by vote the winner and a prize of \$30 gift card from Hobby Town will be given to the winner.
- \$20 to second place and \$10 to third. (To be decided on by Club Rules and number of votes)
- All entries must be an un-started model at the time of entry by a picture in front of a time/date of a verifiable source.
- This contest is open to all current club members.
- The members can enter up to 3 entries as long as they are started and finished in the time frame.
- A *minimum of 6 photos* of the completed model are needed with proof of time and date in 1 of the photos. More photos are acceptable. Photos of the build are highly encouraged and necessary in order to vote on a winner.
- This group build is to encourage the building of the membership's models and the spread of the hobby.*
- ***Special clause: anyone who can get a young person to build a model is awarded a \$10 gift card and so too the youth builder. Hence spreading the IPMS message.**
- **(This purpose is to get the members and to get kids involved.)**
- All entry photos will be forwarded via email to: tulleners@hotmail.com and copy address to: pezo8481@bellsouth.net
- All completed entries are to be received BY: 12:22 AM, 19 April 2020.
- Club Members can vote on the model entries after the Contest is closed for model entry submission via email to: tulleners@hotmail.com and copy address to: pezo8481@bellsouth.net
- Voting will close after 2 days from the closing of the model submission to said contest.

Joe Tulleners

MARCH NOTES

Rob Morales

We started the March meeting with a little birthday surprise...Tonya Trulove celebrated another trip around the Sun! In her honor, the club was treated to some cake!

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID-19 situation, the decision needed to be made to cancel the upcoming Atlantacon 2020. The teams at IPMS Atlanta and Marietta Scale Modelers are working on getting the show rescheduled for the fall, possibly September or October.



The Anniston AL Show has also been postponed. The rescheduled date is October 3, 2020.

Larry Beam reports the status of the club treasury to be at just under \$4000.00 This is not inclusive of money invested for the Atlantacon.

Kevin Westphal had a nice selection of items new to Hobbytown USA's shelves:

Scale	Manufacturer	Subject	MSRP
72	Airfix	Motorhead He-111	40
72	Airfix	Messerschmitt Me-262A/-2A	18
48	Academy	Douglas SBD-1 Dauntless USMC	34.99
48	ICM	Douglas A-26B-15 Invader	50
48	ICM	Douglas A-26B-50 Invader	50
35	Rye Field	Panzer IVJ	58
35	Rye Field	Herman VC Firefly	70
35	AFV Club	M16 MGMC "Meat Chopper"	90
35	Meng	M4A3E2 Sherman Jumbo	80
35	Tamiya	M8 Greyhound Armored Car	42
25	Aoshima	Huayra	60

Remember, MSM members get 10% off at Hobbytown USA Kennesaw. Go to their Online site to shop and arrange for curbside pickup!

In old business, Keith Scruton mentioned about wanting to get more involved in judging, especially as a way to learn how to be a better modeler. Mike Idacavage said there is certainly plenty of need for new judges at local shows like ours and welcomed to volunteer.

In new business, the idea of group builds was brought up. There is a possibility, once we can start meeting again, that members can meet on Saturdays in the club meeting room after the Sidelines lunch. It may not be an organized “group build”, but more of a build session. Buz ill update when able.

Mike Idacavage updated the membership about the Nationals Trophy Sponsorship packages MSM is funding. The club has authorized Mike to select the categories, with one specifically designated to honor the Memory of Doug Shearer.

UPDATE: Mike was able to secure the following trophy sponsorships:

Category 185 (Scratch-built)

Category 810 (Humor)

Category 780 (Misc. Dioramas)

IF needed: Category 228 (Armor scratch-built)

Category 185 should be listed as “By IPMS Marietta, GA, in memory of Doug Shearer.”

There were 13 models at Show-and-Tell in March.

Rob Morales – Mark IV Male “Hyacinth”. This is the 1/35 scale Tamiya kit, still a work-in-progress. Paint and decals have been applied. The Tamiya kit is a motorized offering, and Rob had Hyacinth demonstrate her ability to crawl...

H. Joe Driver – P-38G Lightning. This is the 1/48 scale Tamiya offering. Continuing a WIP, using AK Extreme Metal as an undercoat. (No photo available)





Mack Cobb – Hector. This is the MiniArt 1/16th figure converted from a Greek Hippolite. Coach needed to construct a new helmet, shield and armor, as the Hippolite figure represents one from 415 BC, and Hector existed in 1415 BC.

Gary Litavis – Husky Mk III VMMD. This is the 1/35 scale Panda kit. Gary needed to add scratchbuilt mudflaps.



Mike Idacavage – NASA F-104G. This is the 1/48 scale Hasegawa kit. For this WIP, Mike added resin details and an upgrade set from DACO. (No photo available)



Keith Scruton – BMW R75 with Sidecar. This is the 1/9 scale Italeri kit based on the 40+ year-old ESCI mold. Keith found a Rustoleum “rattlecan” Camo Tan that replicates German desert tan.

Wayne McVicker – Dutch Armored Fighting Vehicle YPR-765PBI. This is the 1/35 scale AFV Club kit that Wayne built out of the box.

Wayne McVicker – Russian S-300 Missile System Launcher. This is the 1/72 scale KNL kit that Wayne built out of the box. No photo available)

Wayne McVicker – Russian S-300 30 N6EZ Radar. This is the 1/72 scale KNL kit also done OOB. This kit is the complementary unit to the S-300 launcher. (No photo available)



Joe Tulleners – S.E.5. This is the 1/48 scale Monogram kit. Joe added a photoetch instrument panel to this aircraft.

Joe Tulleners – Brisfit F.2B Fighter. This is the 1/48 scale Aurora kit. Joe completed this OOB while recuperating from an operation. (No photo available)

Dave Michener – Boeing B737-301 Western Pacific Airlines “Simpsons” livery. This is the 1/144 scale DACO/Skyline kit. Dave built it OOB but used the Novus Polishing System to produce an airliner finish.





Dave Michener – Boeing B737-800 American Airlines. This is the 1/144 scale Zvezda kit. Dave built this OOB, using Liveries Unlimited decals and buffing aluminum paint on the fuselage.

Keith's BMW R75 with Sidecar was chosen as model of the month. Dick Cowart won the Hobbytown USA Gift Card.



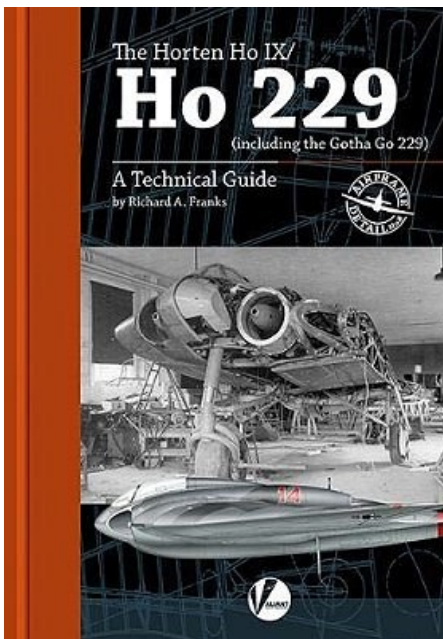
Yes, a rare Darryl Cordell sighting!



JIM'S PRINTED MATTERS

Jim Pernikoff

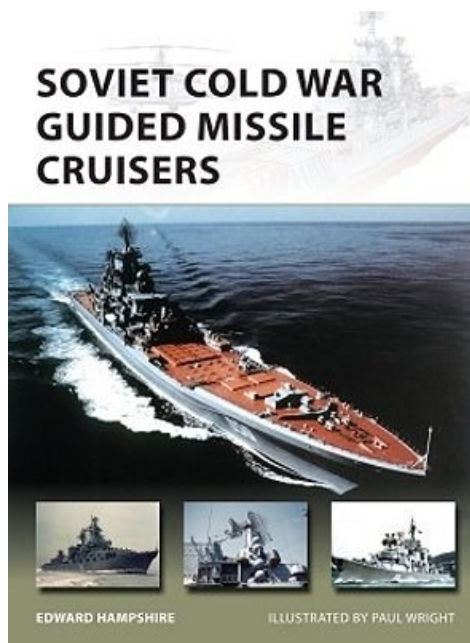
First, an in-box kit review, which shows that an old mold can be taught new tricks. I bought Italeri 1/72 kit #1433, **SH-3D Sea King Apollo Recovery**, *Moon landing 50th anniversary*, expecting it to be based on an existing mold. In doing so, I discovered an error in the Scalemates database, which says the kit originated from a Revell mold for a German Navy Sea King 41 that was new in 1998. But reviews of several of the Revell reissues of that kit indicated that the molds originated with Fujimi's 1981 release of an SH-3H, which I happened to have had for years. I pulled it out and verified that, indeed, the "new" Italeri release uses 39-year-old molds that have stood the test of time very well and still look modern. The kit has parts and decals to make three important helos: #66 of HS-4 which recovered Apollos 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13; SH-3G #001 of HC-1, which recovered Apollos 16 & 17, and Sea King H.A.S.1 #55 of 824 Squadron, which flew in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Review in 1977. This last version added additional parts like aerial torpedoes and a six-bladed tail rotor, but the instructions do a decent job of distinguishing between the versions, and the decal sheet is very nice. If you want a model of one of the world's best known helicopters, this is an oldie-but-goodie.



The *Airframe Detail* series from **Valiant Wings** is the smallest of their 3 series for modelers, and #8 is **The Horten Ho IX/Ho 229, A Technical Guide**, on the unique flying-wing jet fighter whose V3 prototype is now in the hands of the National Air & Space Museum (unassembled) and which is now available in four scales from Zoukei-Mura (1/32, 1/48, 1/72 and 1/144, the first three having a high level of detail). Following a 12-page history, with a number of photos of V3 both before and after acquisition by the NASM, comes the core of the book, 31 pages of close-up photos of V3, most in color, a boon for anyone building any of the Z-M kits. 9 pages on Camo & Markings include 5 pages of color drawings of hypothetical schemes, all of single seaters. (The 2-seat version kitted by Dragon is not covered.) Then a 7-page kit build of the 1/72-scale Z-M kit, perhaps an unusual choice of scale. Finally there is a 3-page listing of kits, accessories and other books. Certainly not the only

book on the Horten, but the only one intended for modelers, and useful for anyone building any of the four Zoukei-Mura books.

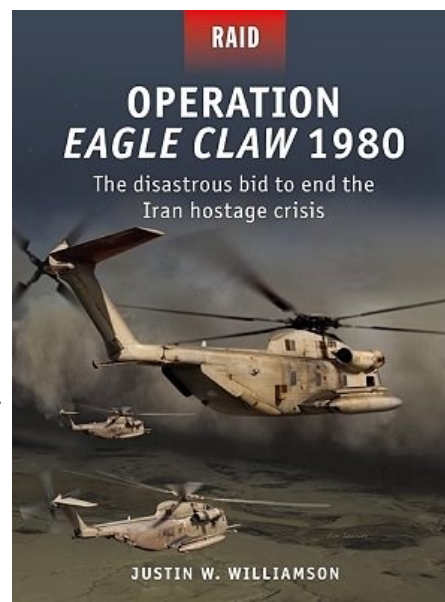
Osprey New Vanguard #242, Soviet Cold War Guided Missile Cruisers, is actually from 2017 but I did not decide to get it until after reviewing its U.S. counterpart last month. There are 35 ships in 7 classes listed, the first 2 ships being converted from WW2 gun cruisers, just as we did. The Soviets always seemed to emphasize missiles more than we did, with 14 different missile types detailed. The book has a lot of tables, listing things like datalinks, guns, helicopters, anti-submarine weapons, sonars and electronic-warfare systems. There is an isometric cutaway of the enormous Kirov (sometimes called a battlecruiser because of its size) and side views of the other classes along with a few action paintings. The layout is similar to the U.S. book and brings the story up to date. There is a bibliography and index, making this a good basic reference.



Two new books from Osprey this month. When it comes to battleship duels, there really weren't many: Tsushima, Jutland, the pursuit of the Bismarck and Surigao Strait come to mind. Then there's Calabria, where British and Italian battlewagons exchanged big-gun fire. That is one of three encounters in *Duel #101, British Battleship vs Italian Battleship, The Mediterranean 1940-41*. The main value here is the information about the Italian ships and their sailors; design, training and deployment, since much is already available on the British side. There is technical and service history data on each class, along with two-view color drawings, biographies of commanders on both sides, and maps of the battles along with action paintings. If you wanted to know more about Italian battleships of WWII, this

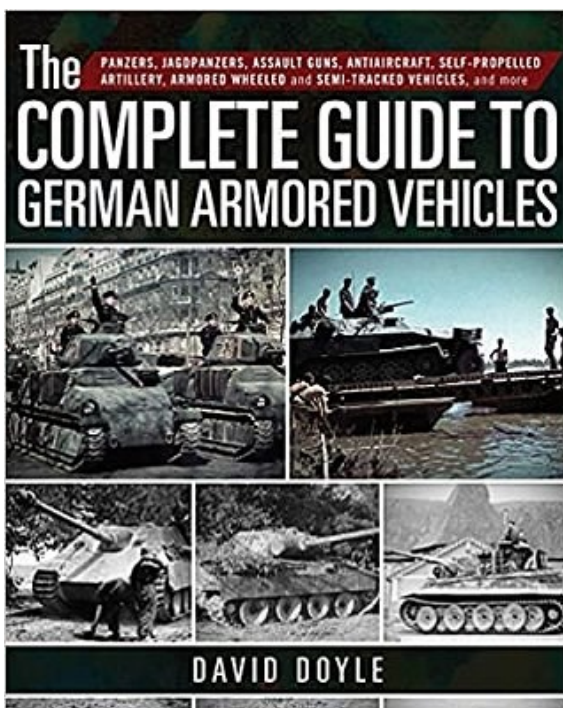
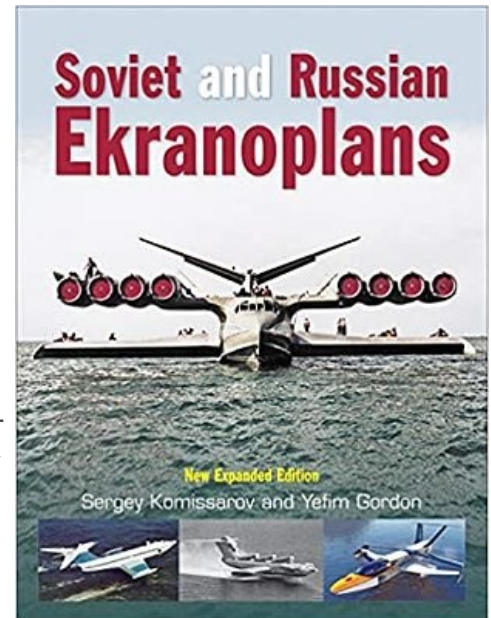
is a good place to start.

Most of the actions in this next series ended successfully, but that is not the case with *Raid #52, Operation Eagle Claw 1980, The disastrous bid to end the Iran hostage crisis*, an unfortunate event that a lot of us remember. This was an incredibly complex and risky undertaking, and in fact had been called off (due to sandstorms) when the infamous RH-53/EC-130 collision occurred that killed 8 Americans. The book covers the political background to the Iranian revolution, the tak-



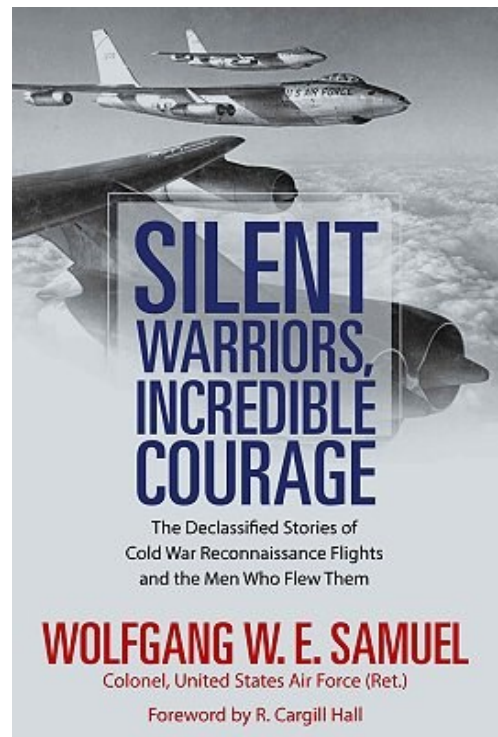
ing of the hostages and the decision to try a rescue mission. Maps show the intended mission profile and what happened to cause the disaster. There is also info about the proposed follow-up mission, Operation Snowbird, which would have had C-130s modified with added rockets landing in a soccer stadium near the embassy; that ended when a test C-130 crashed after a rocket malfunctioned, an event some of us are well aware of! This is a well-written and complete book about an event with many would like to forget but which is still a valid part of military history.

The unique air-vehicle type called wing-in-ground effect (WIG) is better known by its Russian name, since its development over the years has been a specialty of that one country, and its bible, **Soviet and Russian Ekranoplans** from **Crecy Publishing**, is now in its third edition. (First was a 2002 *Red Star* series book, followed by Crecy's in 2010.) The familiar team of Gordon & Komissarov has updated the book with a new chapter detailing recent developments, which are quite substantial. There is a chapter, by the way, on WIG types from outside of Russia (including Boeing's Pelican, which never left the drawing board.) The only kit of any of these was Revell's 1/144 Orlyonok, which was one of the few ekranoplans built in any quantity. While not really a modeler's book, it's a fascinating study of a most unusual type of vehicle. If you should own the 2010 edition, this one is optional, but if you don't, it is worth considering.

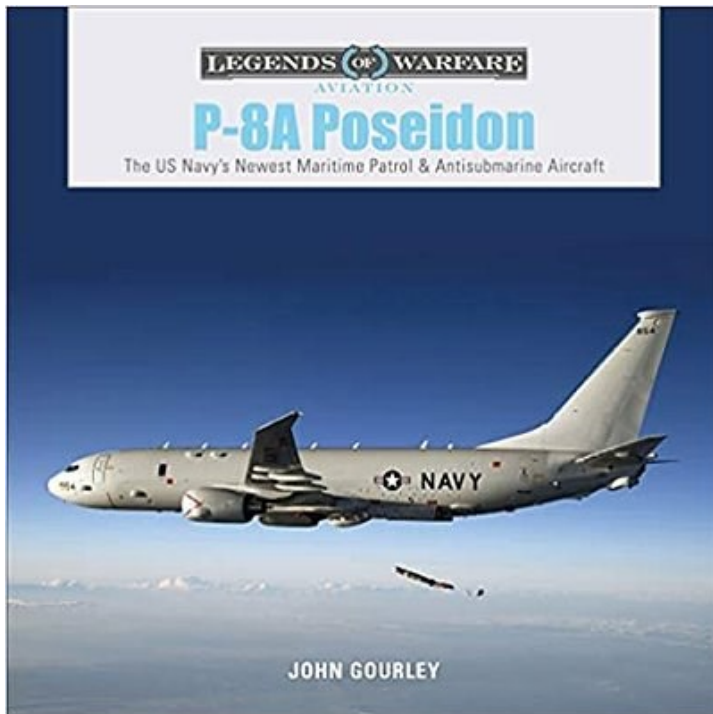


For many years, a book called *Encyclopedia of German Tanks*, last updated in 1999, was the standard reference for all German armored vehicles. Now from **Skyhorse Publishing** comes **The Complete Guide to German Armored Vehicles** by David Doyle. According to earlier reviews, it is allegedly not quite as complete but has more history in the text. There are excellent column-length specification tables for each vehicle variant, but the book suffers from a distinct lack of coordination between text, photos (all are in b&w) and tables, making the book harder to use than it should be. There is no index, but at least the table of contents lists every vehicle. I'd say that if you have the earlier book, you can skip this one, but if you don't, this will be a reasonable substitute and be much easier to find.

In these days of sheltering in place, sometimes one just wants a good book to read. I don't favor fiction, since there are plenty of books of nonfiction that read like fiction. Such is the case with **Silent Warriors, Incredible Courage**, published by the **University Press of Mississippi** (!). This book contains 25 stories about reconnaissance flights that took place during the Cold War and the men who flew them. Author Wolfgang Samuel has an interesting story himself: born in Germany in 1935, he emigrated to the U.S. in 1951, eventually became a pilot in the USAF, working his way up to Colonel, and flew missions over Cuba in 1962 and eventually Vietnam and elsewhere. There are plenty of photos of the many types of aircraft used in the missions (some even have bullet holes!) and mission maps. The author sometimes over-uses jargon and abbreviations, but I guess that can be expected from a military pilot turned author. The publisher also has seven other books by Samuel, including one on stories of courage by American WWII aviators.



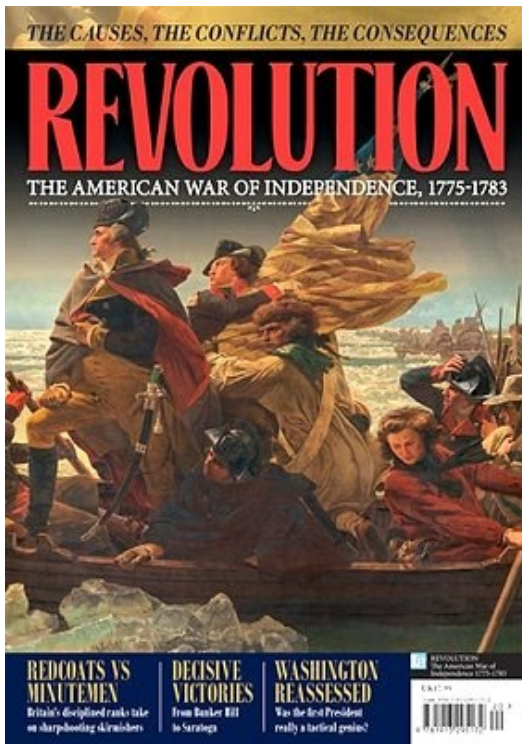
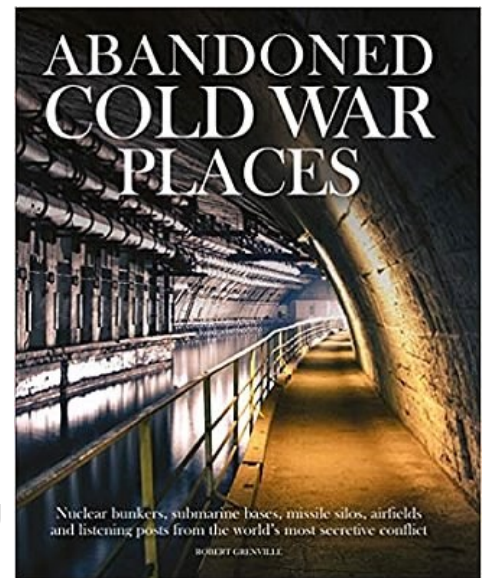
A late arrival is the latest in the *Legends of Warfare* series from **Schiffer** on the **P-8A Poseidon**.



I don't know how an aircraft that's only been in service since 2013 can be called a "legend", but no matter; this is a great book for anyone building the 1/144 Hasegawa kit or perhaps desiring to convert a larger-scale 737, since the largest part of the book is a bunch of close-up detail photos of both the exterior and interior of the aircraft. There is also an annotated full-size photo of the aircraft identifying all the myriad antennas and other changes to the basic 737 aircraft. Naturally there is a chapter about the aircraft's development (with a number of P-3 Orion photos) and another on the various sensing devices and weapons the aircraft can carry, where they are mounted and how they are deployed. Foreign orders are listed but there

aren't any photos of foreign P-8s; the entire emphasis is on the U.S. Navy. Maybe not a "legend" yet, but good coverage of an interesting fairly new addition to the fleet.

There have been a number of photo books published in recent years about abandoned properties. I don't see the appeal, since the photos are generally drab and the subjects ugly and foreboding. But one with a bit of appeal is **Abandoned Cold War Places** from **Amber Books**. This is divided into 6 chapters geographically, starting with Russia. Offices, bunkers, fallout shelters, missile sites, sub bases, listening sites, radar dishes; even airfields with some aircraft and the occasional armored vehicle, all in various stages of deterioration, with decent captions. The boneyard at Davis-Monthan makes an appearance. There might be some diorama possibilities here if you like doing rusting and corroding finishes.



A new bookazine from **Key Publishing** is called **Revolution**, *The American War of Independence 1775-1783*, about a topic which we should all know quite well. Of course, what makes this different from other accounts you may have read is that this is a British publication! One would worry about distorted views coming from the “other side” in the revolution, but the contributors do a pretty good job of just presenting the facts, starting with the reasons for the revolt (perhaps not being as hard on George III as we would be), descriptions of the two armies and then covering the war itself in seven chapters, with individual battles dealt with in subheadings. There is a great amount of detail of these, but a lack of battle maps does not help. One of the chapters even deals with the unsuccessful

British attempt to take Quebec. There are also chapters on the involvement in the conflict of the French, Native Americans and African-Americans. Considering its origin, this is a surprisingly good publication about our break for freedom from Britain.

A bookazine from a new source, **Warners Group**, is called **Aircraft of the RAF**, and says *Every aircraft used by the RAF from 1918-2020 profiled inside!* That's 595 of them, and “profiled” is a bit of an exaggeration: at the bottom of



every one of the 130 pages, five types or subtypes are shown with a tiny photo and a paragraph of description. Fortunately, the rest of the pages consist of some nice articles, ranging from 1 to 6 pages, that cover a particular aircraft or related group of aircraft in reasonable detail, with decent-sized photos. One quibble is that the big articles and little “profiles” on each page rarely match chronologically, but they’re not intended to. Another is that the total lack of an index makes it impossible to locate a particular aircraft, unless you at least know the approximate year of its entry into service. Still, while not a very good reference, it’s at least an entertaining read. You probably wouldn’t have found this on a newsstand even if they were receiving magazines, but you can find it at a fair price on eBay.

And as a footnote, it should be noted that because of the current situation, a number of publishers, including Crecy, Osprey and Schiffer, have already announced that a number of their new books will be late being issued; in some cases, their people are largely working from home.

Here are upcoming releases in the *Legends of Warfare* series from **Schiffer**, with originally scheduled dates:
SB2C Helldiver (May)

U.S. Landing Craft of WWII, Vol. 2: LCT, LSM, LCS, LST (Aug)

LVT(4) Amtrac (Aug)

USS Wisconsin BB-64 (Aug)

B-29/B-50 Superfortress, Vol. 2: Postwar & Korea (Nov)

Soryu, Hiryu & Unryu-class Carriers, IJN (Nov)

USS Enterprise CV-6 (Nov)

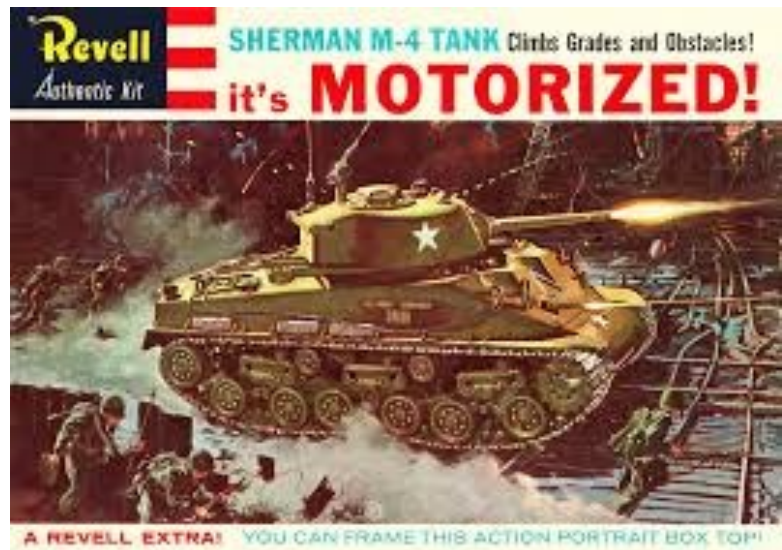


THAT 'OLE BLACK MAGIC

Charles Davenport

Waaay back in the summer of 1963, when your author was just 10 years old, he lived outside McCoy AFB on the south side of Orlando. Mowing lawns in the hot Florida sun netted him an income sufficient to purchase models and paint from the Base Exchange with plenty left over to indulge himself with movies at the base theatre (Oh, the movies he saw as a kid!), snacks at the Quick Shop (a HUGE Hershey bar was only \$.25), and Christmas/birthday presents for Mom & Dad.

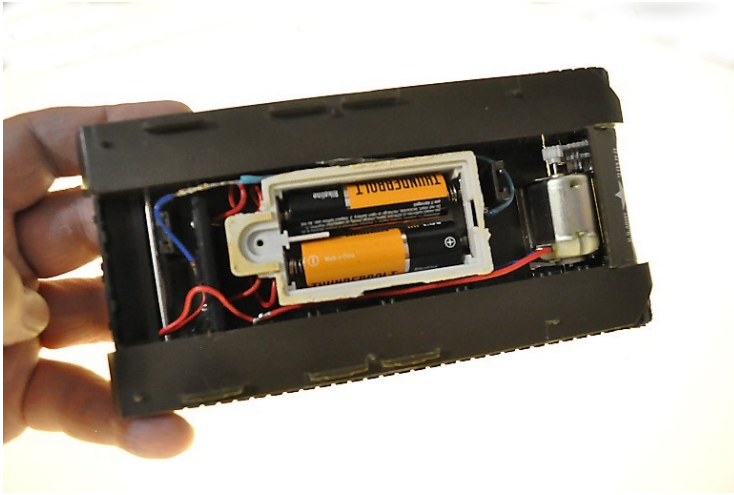
During those wonderful years, Cuban Missile Crisis notwithstanding, he was able to build a great number of now classic models. Chief among them was the Revell 1/40 scale--Motorized-- Sherman M-4! Using his childhood skill set, he carefully assembled the model and tested its mobility and speed on his bedroom floor in preparation for the Little Green Army Men (LGM) combat that was sure to take place during the summer. It was a ritual among his boyhood friends on the street.



When the time came, and battle was afoot, he carefully deployed his armored and infantry forces in the Florida Bermuda grass, facing the opposition. When the battle flag went up, the M-4 battery switch was activated launching the model tank towards my friend's forces in a Blitzkrieg-like armored attack that moved all of 12" before the tank ground to a humiliating and frustrating HALT!

What had happened, reminiscent of the apocryphal WWII tale, a blade of Bermuda grass lodged itself between the flexible plastic track and the drive sprocket. That little can motor was so powerful that it sheared the drive shaft rendering my tank hors de combat! Back then, I did not have the knowledge, skills or supplies to fix the drive so, in frustration, I tossed the model into the File 13 bin of history.

That was then, this is now. Over the past few years I have indulged myself in retirement by acquiring original examples of some of the kits I loved and built as a child. Chief among them, and the hardest to find, was that old Revell Sherman M-4. The fact that the tank broke on its first deployment still stuck in my craw over 50 years later! One finally showed up on Ebay,



complete and in perfect condition. It now occupies pride of place in my small collection.

Last year, I acquired the un-motorized Revell re-release of that old kit and resolved to recreate the motorized version "old style," out of the box with tube glue, no IPMS treatment, just like I did when I was a kid. I stuffed a spare Tamiya gear drive into the chassis and away it went....this time on a bare floor. It was

the "funnest" build I enjoyed in quite some time.

Despite its odd scale, which was not really odd back then, the kit looks like a Sherman. The molds are still in good condition and I was able to assemble the model in one evening. Mounting the motor drive turned out to be a different challenge since it was not designed to fit the cramped volume of the transmission housing. In retrospect, I might have fared better mounting the drive in the rear. But, as the photo attests, the little beast runs well. Perhaps, one of these days, I'll be able to recreate an LGM battle with a grandchild and drive my M-4 to victory!





IPMS/USA is the United States Branch of the International Plastic Modelers' Society, whose roots can be traced to the startup of the first IPMS National Branch during the 1960's in Great Britain. In 1964 a US-based modeler applied for a charter to start the US Branch. In the ensuing 4 decades, IPMS/USA has become a 5,000 member, all-volunteer organization dedicated to promoting the modeling hobby while providing a venue for modelers to share their skills in a social setting, along with friendly but spirited competition in the form of local, regional, and national contests and conventions. As this is written, there are over 220 active US chapters (including groups in Canada and the Philippines as well as one "cyber-chapter" existing entirely on the internet). These chapters are organized into 13 geographically-determined Regions, overseen by Regional Coordinators. The IPMS/USA Executive Board, made up of elected and appointed members, serves as the overall governing body for IPMS/USA.

IPMS/USA produces the Modelers' Journal, an all-color magazine supplied to our members 6 times each year. Sample copies of the Journal are available upon request, and you'll find several cover shots elsewhere in this handout.

In addition, IPMS/USA maintains one of the largest and most-visited public websites in the modeling community (www.ipmsusa.org). Members and visitors can view product reviews, chapter and contest information, see examples of members' work, and view images of contest, museum walkarounds, and the like. A members-only Forum allows discussion of specific topics of interest amongst our membership. The remainder of the website is open to the modeling public and sees thousands of hits weekly.

Contact Information: [IPMS/USA](http://www.ipmsusa.org) PO Box 1411 Riverview FL 33586-1411

IPMS/USA MEMBERSHIP FORM

IPMS No.: _____ Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature (required by PO.) _____

Type of Membership: Adult, 1 Year: \$30 Adult, 2 Years: \$58 Adult, 3 Years: \$86

Junior (Under 18 Years) \$17 Family, 1 Year: \$35 (Adult + \$5, One Set Journals) How Many Cards? _____

Canada & Mexico: \$35 Other / Foreign: \$38 (Surface) Checks must be drawn on a US bank or international money order

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QUIZ ANSWERS FOR DECEMBER

1. The MiG-19 was the first supersonic fighter in the whole Soviet Union. Its top speed (in level flight) was 1,455 km/h (909 mph).
2. Israel planned to capture those bases intact. Duralund bombs penetrate the concrete strips a few centimeters before exploding. Israel did actually capture the Sinai Egyptian bases.
3. Canada. The Royal Canadian Navy underwent a massive expansion in WWII and was a principal player in the Battle of the Atlantic.

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HMCS Haida, WW2 and Korean War Veteran Ship