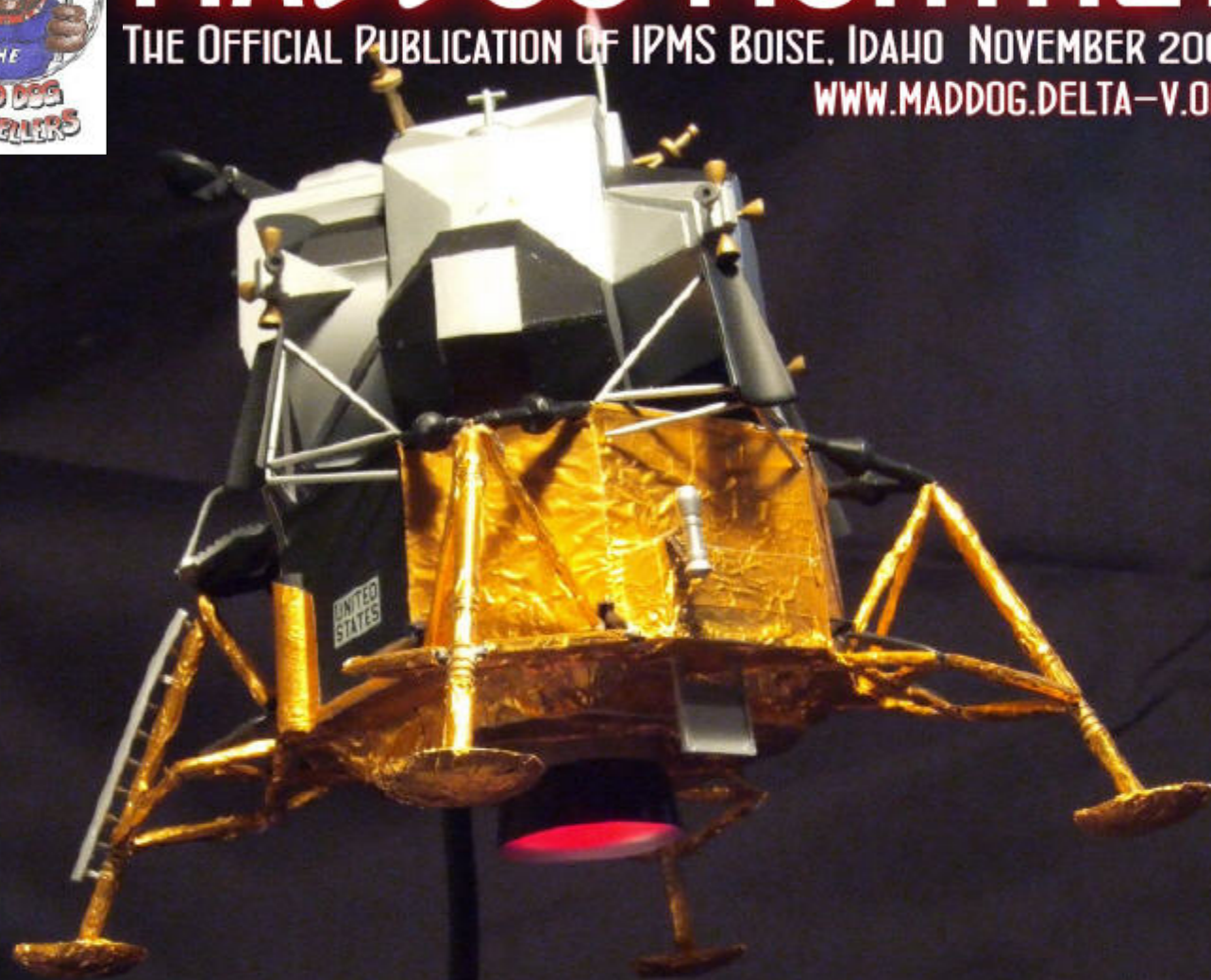




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MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2008

TAKEN BY BILL SPEECE

Another good turn out for the end of summer with 24 members in attendance. The end of the year is coming soon and we need to start thinking about the future. One thing that needs addressing soon is the election of officers. It is fun and gives you a good connection with the group and modeling overall. So if you want to try out for a position lets us know. If you think someone will be good for a spot, talk it over with that person and lets get a good list of candidates. After all, we just voted for the President of the United States, so one of us can take the reigns of our group. Don't forget, you get your dues paid for the year too, and there are many perks being a member of IPMS too.

One more idea that needs replenishing is the themes build. Come up with a half a dozen possibilities or so, so we can pick what we will do next year. Some that have been suggested so far are: build an old kit manufactured many, many years ago. We are so used to the new high tech ones today, that very few Airfix or Frog's kits are built anymore. Another suggestion is that we all have kits that are started and then shelved out of frustration or something else came along that was cool to do. So this will give you incentive to finally finish it. There is the thought of doing something out of movies or television. That pretty much covers a lot of sci-fi, or even a Sherman tank painted as a Nazi Tiger in a Hollywood movie.

Remember, remember the 5th of November, sorry wrong thing to remember. Remember, **November** is the carrier borne theme contest and then in **December**, we will have the **Kurt Vandervoort** Car Memorial competition.

Brian G. presented a thank you letter from the Severts Airman Memorial Fund for our donation. And, John T. highlighted his trip, experience and adventure at the McMinnville and Tillamook Air museums. Thanks John for meeting someone from Boise while you were there and inviting him to our meeting. Hey guys, lets see if we can do more of that with other people we meet and know, so we can increase our membership. If you want a newsletter mailed or emailed let me, Bill, know so we can make sure we have everything up-to-date. Also, hopefully, Kent will not be working this month and will have the national's slide show for us.

For Modeler of the Month we have:
Tom G. 1/72 Eurocopter EC-145 ADAC,
Germany's version of AAA



Tom V. 1/35 Kubelwagon Type 82 with first time using PE

(Sorry Tom, I got no photo of your model)

Jeff D. 1/35 DML BMP2E depicting History of a Sniper in the Afghan war



Herb A. 1/72 Mitsubishi 1MF1, their first plane designed by Sopwith himself



Congrats goes to Jeff for depicting a diorama of a personal story that couldn't be told until after the fall of the Soviet Union.

The show and tell entries are:

Tom V. 1/25 1931 v-16 Cadillac refurbished from a thrift store

(Again, sorry Tom, no photo. Must remember the camera next time)

Brian G. 1/35 Tamiya Tiger



Ray S. 1/72 Big tailed beast Helldiver from Matchbox

(Sorry, no photo available)

Ray S. 1/72 Academy Hellcat, both with folded wings

(Sorry, no photo available)



Randy H. 1/48 Monogram LEM w/lighted decent engine and lots of gold foil



PREZ'S PRATTLE



Another fine meeting in October, although hopes were that Kent would bring his slideshow. Unfortunately, worked called, and he was unable to come to the meeting. I will not be at the next meeting as duty has called for me and I have to work. The meeting will be left in the capable hands of Brian. Thanks for covering Brian.

Last meeting we discussed the next theme month topics with a few ideas rummaged around though not terribly seriously. The theme for November is 'Carrier Borne.' So bring out those carriers and the aircraft they borne, and remember, the Vandervoort is in December. I'm currently scrambling to get something done and have had a couple of setbacks, but fortunately Paul has been quite gracious in assisting in making my entry possible. Thanks Paul.

I may sound like a broken record here, but it's my prerogative, and that's in regards to elections next year. They will be held in February, and my tenure as Commander and Bottle Washer is coming to an end. So to continue the snick-tick-snick, I'd like to see some new faces step in and put their mark on the club. As far as president goes, this is the most difficult part of the job, aside from getting up in front of everybody and coming up with something brilliant to say each month.

Lastly I finish this article hoping that everyone did their civic duty and voted. Doesn't matter what candidate you voted for as long as you were part of the process. Because sitting back and complaining makes no difference. I voted my conscience despite someone's attempt to stifle my convictions. The only voted wasted is the one not made.

Keep modeling, have fun, and I will see you all in December for the Vandervoort! Gentlemen, start your models!
Vroom, vroom!

Tommy G.

ANOTHER MAD DOG MODELER INTERVIEW

OCTOBER 2008

BRIAN GEIGER GETS THE REAL STORY FROM HERB ARNOLD

1) Give us a brief rundown of where you come from, places you've lived. (i.e. I was born a poor black child...)

Well, Brian, I'm a local boy. I was born in Caldwell, grew up in Boise, Idaho Falls and Wendell, finally graduating High School in Twin Falls. Went to college at Whitman College in Walla Walla and the U of W in Seattle. Got a BS in aero engineering, but didn't want to work for Boeing, so I joined the Navy...

2) Tell us about your military service.

I spent 20 years and a few months in Uncle Sam's yacht club, starting in 1982. My vision was too poor to be a pilot, so I pursued training as a Naval Flight Officer (NFO), which is the crew member that does all the mission stuff in multi-seat Navy aircraft. (Back-seaters in Tomcats, right-seaters in Intruders, back-enders in Hawkeyes, etc.) In my case, that was the Grumman EA-6B Prowler, a plane so sexy it has curves and bumps in places other aircraft don't even have places. I

was schooled in the mysterious art of electronic warfare and subsequently racked up over 2000 hours and 475 traps (arrested landings) on the USS Constellation, USS Forrestal and USS Carl Vinson. I flew ops over Iraq and Yugoslavia, visited a lot of interesting ports, and even spent a couple hardship shore tours in Stuttgart and Paris. (Thank you, American taxpayer!) Besides the EA-6B, I've got time in the T-2C, T-39D, TA-4J, C-2A, P-3C, S-3A, EA-3B, F-14D, and Mirage 2000. My last tour of duty was as the Strike Operations officer on the USS Carl Vinson during combat operations against Afghanistan, right after 9/11.



3) When did you start building models?

I think I started building models as soon as I could sniff glue... maybe 1964?

They had recently discovered plastic, an exciting and useful new material.



4) Why – what got you interested in models?

My older brother made balsa models, so monkey-see, monkey-do. Also, I was fascinated by airplanes... they went fast, made a lot of noise, and blew things up, so what could be cooler than that? I just never grew out of that phase. Arrested development, apparently.

5) What kind of subjects have you built, i.e. what scales, subjects, kit types. Have your preferences changed?

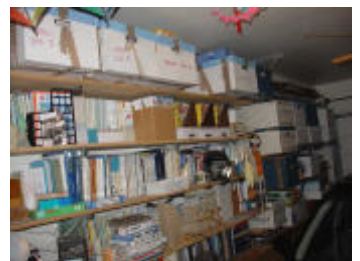
Despite a brief, youthful dalliance with a hot rods and tanks, I have been faithful to 1/72 fighter aircraft (all eras) for most of my rapidly accumulating years. (The siren song of 1/48 and 1/32 scales seduces many who are weak of flesh and spirit, but they hold little sway to the true believer. For this, I will be rewarded in heaven.) I like unusual subjects, too... I've dabbled with a lot of off-beat vacuform and resin conversions or complete kits just to do something different, although there's usually a significant frustration penalty that comes with that inclination.

Also, I like 1/144 for modern types. They fit nicely on my shelves, and I can blow off the cockpit detailing...

6) Do you have a big backlog of unbuilt kits?

No. I only buy one kit at a time and then build it.

What, are you f*cking kidding me? Of course I have a huge backlog. Over 500 1/72 kits and over 200 1/144 kits. It's a sick, sick obsession, but everybody needs at least one of those.



7) Do you have a favorite project you've finished? What makes it special?

Hmmm. No, I just like the feel of finishing another model to an acceptable level of quality and keeping the

1/72 scale...



So easy a caveman can do it

“done” pile growing as fast as the “to do” pile. That way I can sustain the illusion of progress.

8) What frustrates you about the hobby?

I work too slow, but I guess I can't blame that on the hobby. Actually, there's such a profusion nowadays of sweet resin detailing sets, etched brass parts, custom decals, specialized masks and accurate references that there's no excuse to do a lousy job any more. That really pisses me off.



9) How long do you typically spend on a model?

Too long. About a month per kit. I appreciate the club as motivation to get something new done for each meeting. Otherwise, I would just pile up a huge backlog of partially finished projects, fondle unbuilt kits, and daydream about paint schemes.

10) What has been your most recent favorite groundbreaking tip / product / technique?

Let's see... I've been playing with Naptha recently as a drying and thinning agent for paints. My goal is to make a home brew Alclad formula so I can save some cash. Eight bucks a bottle for that stuff really chafes my thighs. I'm also trying to get better at making homemade decals on my inkjet printer. No spectacular breakthroughs yet...

11) Is there a subject or kit that you're heavily anticipating?

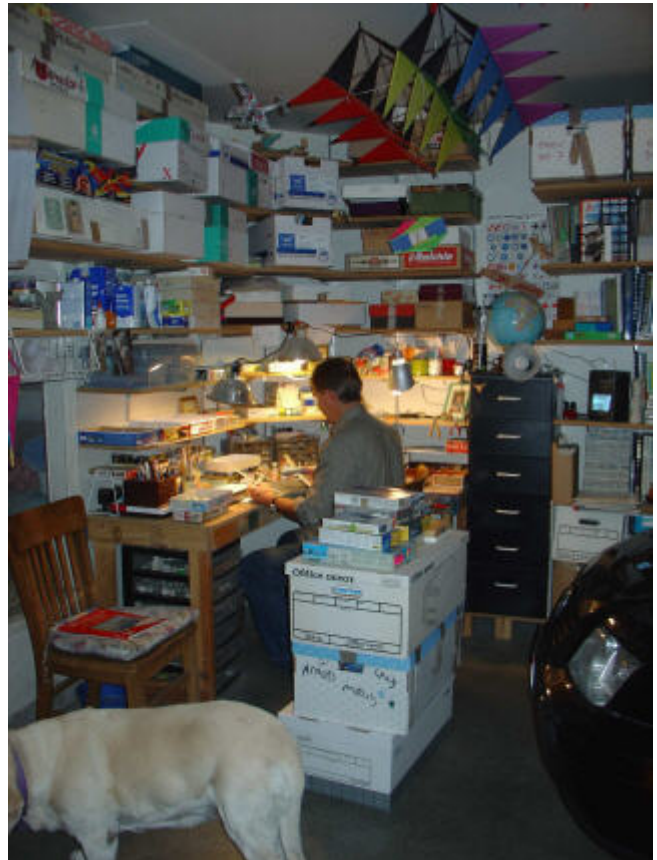
Yeah, like I need another kit... Well of course I do! When are we going to get a good injected Dewoitine D.27 in 1/72 scale? When? Tamiya? Hasegawa? Trumpeter?



How long must the hundreds of thousands of between-the-war French fighter enthusiasts wait?

12) When & how did you find out about this club?

I was in the county jail sleeping off a drunk and disorderly one night, and there was this child molester sharing my cell. He told me about you guys. Spoke pretty highly of you, too.





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