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Next meeting May 18

Green Public Library



Grand Prize Presentation



Ed Kinney's First Place RA-5C Vigilante

Welcome to Scale Scribblings, the newsletter of IPMS Fame Cities. It has been a difficult journey to get to the point of actually putting this in your hands, and the journey is far from over. Publishing Scale Scribblings has involved not just assembling the contents, but also learning to use desktop publishing software. As time goes by we expect to gain greater knowledge of the software and its capabilities, and we hope the newsletter will improve as a result. But no matter how well we are able to use the publishing tools, this newsletter will succeed only with the help of you, the membership. We are looking for comments and suggestions about what you wish to see, constructive criticism, and especially content. How-to articles, product reviews, build articles, whatever you are able to do will be welcome. Please do not think that you cannot contribute. Not everyone is comfortable writing, but that's what I am here for. We can proofread and format your submissions as required. If you need photographs and do not have a digital camera we can arrange to take whatever pictures you need. We can accept any major word processing software, but Microsoft Word is preferred, only because your editor is most familiar with using it. Images can be in any common raster type format, such as jpeg, bitmap, tif, etc. If we all work together, I am certain we can produce a newsletter that Fame Cities can be proud of. Submissions may be sent directly to me at ipmsfc@hotmail.com, or on disc. If you have not gone digital, we can take typed or written articles and put them into digital form.

MARCH CONTEST

VIET NAM ERA

Our March contest was sponsored by Ken and Ken Patterson on the subject of The Viet Nam War era, which was defined as being from 1955 to 1975. We had aircraft, armored vehicles, cars and even a boat! Ed Kinney took the grand prize of a \$65.00 gift certificate to Amers Hobby Shop in Boardman with his Trumpeter RA-5C Vigilante. Second place went to Mike Meredith and his Tamiya A1 Skyraider, for which he received a \$55.00 gift certificate, and third place was taken by Steve Reisch and his PBR patrol boat. Steve took home a \$45.00 gift certificate. Thanks to Ken and Ken for their generous support of this contest, and kudos to all who participated. Our next contest is scheduled for June, the subject being 'C' planes (or sea planes) sponsored by John Noack. Any sea plane is eligible, as is any plane with a letter 'C' in the designation or name (C-47, Constellation, etc.). There's plenty of scope within that definition, so we will expect a lot of entries.

APRIL MEETING.

Fame Cities April, 2005 meeting was held April 20 at Green Public Library. Turnout was lower than usual, probably due to rather inclement weather. Highlights of the meeting included Andy Miday's presentation of the Academy 1/32 scale F-16C kit, which he is building as an online review for IPMS-USA. Your editor did a brief talk on a new painting technique that I have been experimenting with. Look for an in-depth article on this in a future newsletter as I gain more experience with it. Our next meeting will be May 18, and we can look forward to a demo by new member Jamie Rahmoeller on do it yourself photoetching. Anyone who has seen Jamie's impressive truck models knows that he has a talent for metal work, so the demo is a must see. Be there!



Andy Miday and the Academy F-16

KIT REVIEW - HASEGAWA P-40E



Hasegawa has finally answered the need for a state of the art P-40 kit with their release of the P-40E in 1/48 scale. This will be followed soon by a P-40N, and judging from the kit breakdown we can expect that eventually Hasegawa will release most of variants from the -E version on.

The kit consists of 118 parts, molded with typical Hasegawa finesse in gray plastic. The forward and rear fuselage are molded separately, obviously to allow for later long tail variants to be kitted. There are also inserts for the area aft of the cockpit, the gun muzzle section, and a few smaller items. These all fit well, but most are not broken out on actual panel lines, so some filling is required. Where this kit shines is the details. The cockpit is a gem, the instrument panel being especially well done (it rivals any resin item I've seen). The oil cooler and radiator section is also superb, with both front and back detail, and cooling flaps molded open with interior detail. Landing gear is for once accurate in a P-40 kit, a real plus.

I encountered few fit problems, although you will want to be careful with tip to tip alignment of the wings. Two decal options are included, Ed Rector's Flying Tiger bird and the colorful Bob's Robin.



Models on the table.



Caption Contest

"I can't see if it's right, the glare from your pants is blinding me"