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October News

October was a special month, with our guest speaker Col. H. Speed Wilson (USMC Ret). Col. Wilson's talk and slide show held us captivated, and we were truly honored to be in the presence of a real American hero. See page 5 for more on this unique event.

In old business, the club picnic in September made us about \$150.00 from the raffle, boosting our treasury to just under \$2000.00. Thanks to all who attended, and to Ed and MJ Kinney.

Fame Cities' participation at the Kalamazoo, Erie and SVASM contests was discussed, and as usual we were well-represented. In addition, the judging seminar held by IPMS Cleveland was discussed.

November is the month for election of Officers, and also the scratch build contest sponsored by Ken Patterson. This will be another month to attend if at all possible.

The article written by Jim Mesko on Fame Cities and published in a local weekly newspaper was presented to the club. Thanks to Jim for this flattering article.

Next meeting November 19

Cutler Real Estate



Col. H. Speed Wilson

Our special guest speaker gave a great presentation. See Page 5 for complete coverage.



Andy Miday won the USMC contest held in honor of Col. Wilson. Details on Page 4.

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November Contest

Our November contest is 'Scratch Build', sponsored by Ken Patterson. To qualify, your model must have at least 2 scratch built items. These can be simple or complex, but must be scratch built.

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October Models



Andy Miday

*Academy F-18D 1/32 scale
Black Box seats, scratch built
FOD covers, kit decals,
Model Master paints.*

FIRST PLACE



Mike Meredith

*Italeri F7F-3N Tigercat
Model Master paint
over Alclad with sah
chipping, kit decals.*

SECOND PLACE

Larry Davis

*Academy F4U-5N 1/48 scale
Kit built Out of the Box, including
kit decals, heavily weathered.*

THIRD PLACE



Bob Ulrich

*Hasegawa AU-1 Corsair 1/48 scale
Jaguar cockpit, Model Master paints
True Details wheels.*



Mark Smith

*Three 1/72 scale World War One fighters - an
Eindecker, a Camel and an I-don't-know-what-it-
is (I apologize for missing the details, Mark).*

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Ken Patterson

*Trumpeter SBD-3 Dauntless 1/32 scale.
Model Master paints, Yellow Wing decals
Black Box (Avionix) cockpit.*

*Ken built this kit for an IPMS USA review
see the IMPS-USA website for his
extensive build review.*



Tim Ries

F4U Corsair 1/72 scale



Joe Staudt

Thunderbird customs 1/25 scale



Gary Wolfe

USS Intrepid - Work In Progress



Jim Ries

*Monogram 1969 Chevelle 1/25 scale
Heavily modified - Work In Progress*

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Mark Smith

Tamiya Gekko 1/48 scale. Mark spent one year working on this model! Look closely at the photos, especially the close ups, and you can see the oil can skin effects that Mark spent hours perfecting.

October Contest

US Marine Corps sponsored by Ed Kinney in honor of Col. Speed Wilson. Col. Wilson presented the awards. At left Andy Miday accepts First Place for his 1/32 F-18D.



Larry Davis took Third Place with his 1/48 F4U-5N Corsair.



Mike Meredith received the Second Place award for his 1/48 F7F-3N Tigercat.



Special Guest Speaker

Col. H. Speed Wilson USMC (Ret)



Col. Wilson enthralled the club with the story of his experiences in WWII and Korea.

Our October 2007 meeting featured a talk and presentation by Col. H. Speed Wilson (USMC Retired). We were truly honored to have this genuine American hero speak to us.

Col. Wilson joined the Marine Corps during World War II, and served as a fighter pilot in the South Pacific, flying Corsairs. During his time there he shot down two Japanese aircraft and had three Corsairs shot out from under him. After the War ended he remained in the Marine Corps in Reserve status while working on a mechanical engineering degree at the University of Texas. When the Korean War began he was called to active duty and flew F7F Tigercat night fighters in combat (and had one of those shot down!). With his experience he was next assigned to pilot training, and then moved up to Officer in charge of advanced jet training at Kingsville, Texas. He was the first Marine officer to hold this position.

Col. Wilson went on to command Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. He then took over command of four transonic fighter training squadrons, four helicopter and four radar intercept training squadrons. His next assignment took him to Chicago to command Marine Corps Reserve Forces.

From 1964 to 1966 he was Assistant Director of marine Corps Reserve Forces at USMC headquarters in Washington, DC, and then moved up to Deputy Director, responsible for training, equipment and mobilization of all USMC Reserve Forces. His final assignment was Chief of Staff, 9th Amphibious Brigade in VietNam. He retired in 1973 with 31 years of service.



John Shimek (a former Marine himself), and Larry Davis talk with Col. Wilson following his presentation.

Col. Wilson fascinated all who heard him with stories of flying and fighting in the Solomon Islands in World War II, and some truly hair raising tales of night combat in Korea. He also had some interesting accounts of working in Washington and dealing with the high level politics and personalities such as Barry Goldwater and Robert MacNamara. This was all accompanied by a slide show keyed to his story and some personal details of his family and children. As he noted, the World War II generation is rapidly leaving us, and it was unique and special opportunity for us to rub shoulders with an outstanding member of the Greatest Generation.

IPMF Fame Cities expresses deep appreciation both of Col. Wilson's service to his country, and his presentation to our club. Thank you, Speed!

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John Glenn (Cleveland) Model Show



The Fame Cities executive braintrust.....

On Sunday, November 4th 2007, IPMS John Glenn held it's annual model show at Kirtland High School. The weather was perfect for a drive to the show, and the show itself was a roaring success and a smokin' good time. Your editor finally made it to a show with camera in hand, and as the photos show, Fame Cities was well represented. I wasn't able to get every club member there on film, er, I mean pixels, but there were many of us in attendance.

Over 400 models graced the tables, and the vendors filled up the entire gymnasium and spilled out into the hallways. This show is getting bigger every year, and IMPS John Glenn has announced that beginning next year the show will be held at nearby Lakeland Community College due to space constraints at the high school. This will also be the location for the

2008 Region Four convention. Given the track record of the Fall show, it should be a great Regional.

Fame Cities members made their usual good showing, especially Vice President Jerry Royer whose terrific Tamiya F-4D was a hit with spectators and judges alike.



The Patterson boys and Bill Weckel taking a break from shopping.



Steve Dottavio and his daughter enjoying the show.



Al Imler and son caught in the vendor room with Ken Patterson trying to make a getaway.



Two members of the highly qualified and professional judging crew.



Jerry Royer's magnificent Tamiya F-4D, which carted home a lot of gold.