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September News

As summer draws down to its last days we modelers can at least look forward to more modeling time without those pesky interruptions like lawn mowing and ball games. When it's dark early and chilly outside the workbench is an attractive place.

Due to the annual club picnic (see page 4) there was no formal business meeting in September. However, another special meeting dedicated strictly to our proposed invitational contest was held on Monday, September 17. At that meeting we took a decision to not attempt to hold the contest in 2008 as previously discussed. This decision was based primarily on the fact that we have not been successful in securing a location, nor have we secured an approved date for Spring 2008. Even with those items settled we would be behind the power curve in getting publicity out and organizing the other aspects of putting on a successful event. The new target date is from January to April 2009. Planning will go ahead on that basis. It was agreed that we need to have a location and date pinned down no later than March 2008 in order to leave time to organize and advertise.

All Fame Cities' members are urged to help us find a location. The agreed upon requirements are a facility with 4000 to 5000 square feet of space, with good lighting and the availability of sufficient tables. We do not want the added cost and hassle of renting and handling tables from an outside source. Our target cost for a venue is \$800.00 or less. Of course, location is important to some extent. The facility should be fairly accessible for those coming from out of town, and reasonably close to restaurants.

If you will allow me a short editorial comment, I was disappointed in the poor attendance at the September 17 meeting. Not counting the executive board we had just six people. Speaking from past experience at holding contests with the old Hall of Fame chapter, that level of participation just won't cut it, guys. We all have family and work obligations that come first, and no one expects anyone to neglect those important things in favor of what is, after all, just a hobby. But if we cannot get a high level of participation, regardless of the reason, we cannot hope to hold a successful contest of this sort. If pressing matters with family or work will prevent you from working on this project, it is better to say so now. No one will hold it against you, in fact we'll be grateful to know.

Another special meeting on the contest will be held October 23 at the Cutler office meeting place at 6:30 PM.

Next meeting October 15

Cutler Real Estate

Special Invitational Contest Meeting

October 23, 2007 at 6:30 PM

Cutler Real Estate

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and contest coverage

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September Models



Steve Dottavio

Steve's two versions of Godzilla took First Place in the Two of a Kind Contest



Larry Davis

Hasegawa F-86F (left) and Revell F-86D (right)

Two of a Kind Second Place winner

Mike Meredith

Hasegawa F-4G (left) and Monogram F-105G (right)

Two of a Kind Third Place winner



Joe Staudt

Revell 1958 Thunderbird customs

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Ralph Nollan
*Hobbycraft Spitfire
and Revell Bf-109*



Rick Slagle
*Tamiya US Jeep and
Kubelwagon*



Bill Weckel
*Hasegawa 1/48 Zero and
Sweet 1/144 Zero*



Jim Ries
Camaros



Jim Ries
Modified Stock Cars



Stan Mikush
*Monogram TA-152H-1 and
Dragon FW-190D-11*



Jim Ries
1949 Mercury Hot Rods



Cordell Ries



Andy Miday
*Fisher F9F-5 (above) and
Academy F-18C (right)*



Seale Scriblings

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2007 Club Picnic and 'Two of a Kind' Contest



Two views of the loaded raffle tables.

The 2007 edition of the Fame Citie's annual picnic took place on September 16, hosted once again by Ed and MJ Kinney. As always, they were gracious hosts and everyone who attended offers sincere thanks to them.

Although there were the usual hot dogs and grilled chicken (along with delicious side dishes and desserts provided by the members) this year we also had pulled pork sandwiches provided by Old Carolina, and they were superb.

Also, as usual, the kit and accessory raffle had us opening our wallets for ticket seller Joe Staudt and waiting for the numbers to be drawn. It appeared that most everyone took home some prize, and even if you didn't get what you had your eye on it was great fun.

This year's picnic featured a contest sponsored by Ed Kinney with the theme 'Two of a Kind'. As the pictures on the preceding pages indicate, we had a good turnout for this event. Congratulations to Steve Dottavio, Larry Davis and Mike Meredith.

Good food, good friends, nice weather and models - what more could you ask for? See you next year!



Raffle ticket sales were brisk.



John Noack and Joe Staudt called out the winners.



Steve Dottavio's Godzillas took First Place.



Larry Davis accepts the Second Place award for his F-86's.



Ed and his assistant 'Bubbles' present the Third Place award to Mike Meredith.

Book Roundup



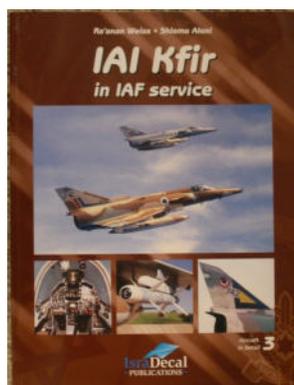
F-14 Tomcat In Action
Squadron-Signal
52 pages
MSRP \$15.00

This is the first Squadron 'In Action' to be published in all color, and aside from the all-color format it follows the familiar In Action layout. Most of the photographs are new (at least to me), and well selected. The most useful aspect of the all color format for modelers is that the artwork is also in color, including the developmental profiles and cockpit layouts. Coming as it does after the Tomcat's retirement, this title covers the F-14's entire history right up the sad sight of this magnificent fighter in boneyards and scrap facilities. Although this is not a detail oriented walkaround type of book there are a number of very useful close ups of weapons and stores. The new all color format is a real improvement to this series, but how this is going to work out for older aircraft is going to be interesting. Recommended.

Well timed to the release of Trumpeter's 1/32 scale kit, this entry into the Walkaround series falls into the 'OK but not great' category. It is certainly a big improvement over the dreadful A-7 title, and will be useful for the modeler, especially since references on the F-100 are surprisingly sparse. Coverage of the airframe is fairly comprehensive. The color shots of the main gear wells are really outstanding, but the nose gear well was apparently overlooked. The color cockpit shots could have benefited from either a good flash or some digital post processing, and are really too dark to be completely useful. These complaints aside, the book is a good addition to your library if you like the subject matter.



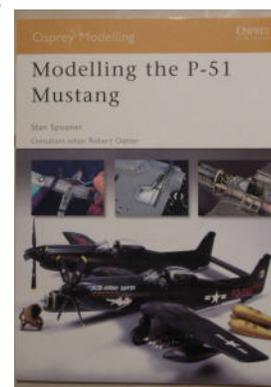
F-100 Walkaround
Squadron-Signal
80 pages
MSRP \$17.00



IAI Kfir In IAF Service
Isradecals Publications
82 pages
MSRP \$30.00

Isradecals books are a bit pricier than Squadron's, but if you have any interest in the Israeli Air force they are indispensable. This volume includes a full history of the Kfir, dozens of black and white and color photographs of the Kfir in service, color profiles, and a mostly color detail section. Isradecal does walkarounds really well, and this book is no exception. Everything you need to model the Kfir is here (if only we had a good kit!). IAF fans will have to have this book.

Another entry into a familiar series. Osprey's modeling books have been good from the beginning, but each new one seems to be improved. The builds in this volume are simply stunning. The usual selection of in progress photographs combined with text is up to series standards. Each modeler will judge the models included by their own values, and I personally found the the Korean War build odd in that the builder went to the considerable trouble of installing the Aires wheel wells but used the kit cockpit with minor additions. The final product is very impressive, however. The final build, and probably the most impressive considering it's provenance, is the Modelcraft F-82. Stan Spooner turns this pig of a kit into real masterpiece, using parts from several other kits as well as aftermarket details. These books are worth it just to be able to admire in detail the work of master modelers. Recommended.



Modeling the P-51 Mustang
Osprey Publications
80 pages
MSRP \$19.00



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MUST PRE-REGISTER!**

IPMS MODEL

JUDGING SEMINAR

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WHEN:

**11:00 TO 14:00 SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2007**

WHERE:

AKRON COURTYARD HOTEL
100 SPRINGSIDE DRIVE
AKRON, OH 44333



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