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# *Scale Scribblings*

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## May News

In big news from the May meeting, we can report major progress in the restoration of the Fame Cities website. After consulting with former webmaster Bill Weckel and trying out some options, John Shimek has concluded that none of the 'free' website templates has enough functionality for our needs. John and Bill also agree that the essentially professional type of site Bill had set up is not suitable for a non professional like John to run. The solution offered is to use a site employing Wordpress, which has every thing we need, but at a price. The Basic package is \$25.00 setup and \$10.00 per month; the Advanced package is \$99.00 setup/\$10.00 per month; and the Premium package is \$299.00 setup/\$10.00 per month. We voted to go with the Advanced package, which will allow John to do everything himself, including posting the newsletter, galleries and much more.

We had a Regional Convention report by Larry Davis. The convention appears to have been a big success, with a nice venue, lots of models and lots of vendors.

The 2011 Region Four convention will be held in Pittsburgh on March 25/26, 2011.

Support for a nationals trophy package was approved.

Next meeting June 21

Cutler Real Estate



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## June Contest

# SHADES OF GRAY

The contest title is self explanatory - if its gray it qualifies.  
Modern jets, ships, cars in primer, anything gray.

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## May Models



*1/72 Dragon M4A2*



*1/72 ESCI M4A3*

John Shimek



Rick Slagle

*1/35 Academy Sherman*



Mike Meredith

*1/48 Hasegawa Grace*

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*1/25 Revell '55 Chevy*



Larry Davis



*1/25 AMT '62 Pontiac GTO*



Al Hubert

*1/72 Dragon Arado AR 234 B-2N*

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Mark Gamble  
1/48 Hasegawa Ki-100



John Lesnicki  
1/25 Revell '63 Impala

Rick Slagle  
1/35 Firestorm M-1078 with 'Coffin'



John Shimek  
1/72 Fujimi Jeeps

### "Priorities"

Bathtub and wine - USMC  
Toilet - US Army

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May Contest World War II in.....

## THE PACIFIC

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### Theme Awards



**FIRST PLACE**

*Rick Slagle*



**SECOND PLACE**

*John Shimek*



**THIRD PLACE**

*Mark Gamble*

### Non Theme Awards



**FIRST PLACE**

*Al Hubert*



**SECOND PLACE**

*John Shimek*



**THIRD PLACE**

*Larry Davis*

## Kinetic 1/48 **E2-C Hawkeye** Mini Review

Other than intake and exhaust covers, this shows the kit as built straight from the box. Minor fit issues around the nacelles were encountered, but for the most part the kit, although somewhat complicated went together well. All paints were ModelMaster, and the decals used were from Bingo Decals. The model represents the Black Tailed CAG Bird from VAW 113 based on the USS Abraham Lincoln in 2001. The deck crew and equipment are from Skunk Models and the base is from Plane Stuff. Be aware that by the time one puts enough weight in the forward areas (kit instructions call for 90 grams, but with the wings folded, it took near double that), it's as heavy as a small dumbbell! To further complicate things, as everything is added to complete, it becomes increasingly more difficult to pick up without breaking something off.

None the less, it's a welcome addition to never before offered aircraft in this scale. With this one, prior modeling experience is helpful



Ed Kinney IPMS #2989

