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February News

This month's newsletter will be a bit shorter than usual due to your editor's lack of time. Working overtime at my real job has fattened my wallet a little, but left me short on time. Next month we will have an article by John Shimek on a new weathering technique, and some other special features, so stay tuned.

February's meeting was well attended in spite of typical Ohio February weather (the drive home was quite sporting, as the Brits would say).

In old news, we discussed at length the 'At Ease' Group build (see page 4 For the updated list). Ed Kinney informed us that Nautilus Models, the maker of laser cut wooden ship decking, can produce plastic decking sections from all eras in 1/48 scale, at a modest cost of about \$100.00. We can arrange these sections to suit our display at the Nats. The club approved the expenditure to purchase the display decking. Several more aircraft were spoken for on our to build list, and the updated list in this issue reflects that.

The Columbus BlizzardCon of February 16 was also discussed, and it was another stellar showing by Fame Cities. Mark Smith took Best Aircraft and Best British subject, Mike Meredith took Best USMC Aircraft, and Larry Davis took a first in large scale jet with his F-86D, beating a super detailed 1/48 B-1 in the bargain. See page 2 for Larry's gorgeous Sabre Dog. In all Fame Cities modelers brought home 13 awards.

In regards to the upcoming Region 4 convention in Cleveland on April 18-19, you can register now at clevelandmodelshow.com, and Dave Morrisette strongly recommends that you do so to speed up your entry on show day. Dave also suggests that anyone planning on going to the Virginia Beach Nationals arrange lodging soon, as the hotels are booking up fast.

New business was light this month. The demise of Meteor Productions was a hot topic, and all I can say is that they will be missed. Additionally, Ed Kinney informs us that ModelX magazine has folded after only a few issues, but may return at some point in the future.

Finally, our active duty member Mike Paxton is in Iraq and in contact with several members discussing model building in the war zone. Our prayers and gratitude go out to Mike and we wish him a safe return to Fame Cities.

Next meeting March 17

Cutler Real Estate



Above and below: Fame Cities modelers inspect the latest products at the February meeting.



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Larry Davis
Revelle F-86D

First Place Winner at
BlizzardCon 2008



Ralph Nollan
Monogram P-47D



Stan Mikush
Hasegawa Bf-109G



Rick Slagle
German E-10 (Experimental)



Mark Smith
*Panzer? Your editor
doesn't know tanks!*

Scale Scriblings

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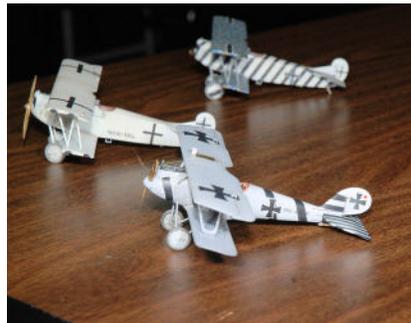
Ed Kinney
Special Hobby P-39 (1/32)



Joe Staudt
Corvette Mako Shark



Dave Kinney
Tamiya Spitfire Mk1



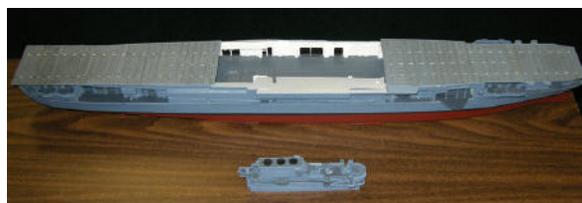
Mark Smith
Roden Fokker DVIII
Roden Fokker DVIII
Roden Pfaltz D.III G
(1/72)



John Shimek
LAV 25 (1/72)
Work In Progress



Steve Dottavio
Nosferatu



Gary Wolfe
USS Enterprise
Work In Progress

AT EASE

IPMS Fame Cities Group Build Project

1/48 scale US Navy or Marine Corps aircraft of all eras. Must be built with wings or rotors folded if the aircraft had this feature. Otherwise, must be built with landing gear in kneeling position or in some form of 'rest' configuration. If there is any question regarding a particular subject, direct your inquiry to Larry Davis or Ed Kinney. Markings must relate to an aircraft carrier, not a land based unit, and when volunteering for a subject please specify your markings choice. Duplicate subjects may be allowed, but NO duplicate markings. You are encouraged to select a subject that is not already "taken". The following is the current list as of the publication date; it will be updated monthly.

World War Two

Douglas TBD Devastator	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	<i>Gary Wolfe</i>
Grumman TBF/TBM Avenger (Accurate Miniatures)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Grumman F4F Wildcat (Tamiya or HobbyBoss)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Grumman F6F Hellcat (Hasegawa or Eduard)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Grumman F7F Tigercat (Italeri or AMT)		
Grumman F8F Bearcat (Academy or Italeri)	<i>Jerry Royer</i>	
Grumman S2F Tracker (CollectAire)		
Curtiss SB2C Helldiver (Accurate Miniatures)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Douglas SBD Dauntless (Hasegawa or Accurate Miniatures) ***	<i>Ken Patterson Jr.</i>	
Vought SB2U Vindicator (Accurate Miniatures)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Vought F4U-1 thru AU-1 Corsair	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	<i>Ralph Nollan</i>

Post World War Two 1946 to 1970

McDonnell F2H-2 / 2B / 3 / 4 Banshee (Testors)		
McDonnell F3B Demon (Grand Phoenix)		
McDonnell F4H / F-4B/J/N/S Phantom (Hasegawa, Monogram, others)	<i>Bob Ulrich</i>	<i>F-4J</i>
McDonnell-Douglas RF-4B (Hasegawa)		
Grumman F9F-2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 2P / 5P Panther (Monogram and Trumpeter)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Grumman F9F-6 / 6P / 8 / 8P / 8T Cougar (Fonderie Miniatures)		
Grumman A-6A/E/EA-6 Intruder (Monogram)	<i>Dave Morrisette</i>	<i>EA-6B</i>
Grumman F11F-1 Tiger (Fonderie Miniatures)		
Douglas F3D Skynight (Czech Model)	<i>Dave Morrisette</i>	
Douglas AD-2 / 3 / 4 / 6 (A-1) Skyraider (Monogram and Tamiya)	<i>Ralph Nollan</i>	
Douglas F4D-1 Skyray (Tamiya)	<i>Dave Kinney</i>	
Douglas A-4/TA-4 Skyhawk (Hasegawa and Monogram) ***	<i>Bob Ulrich</i>	
Vought F7U Cutlass (Hobbycraft)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	<i>Larry Davis</i>
Vought F8U (F-8) Crusader (Monogram, Hasegawa, ESCI)	<i>Bob Ulrich</i>	<i>F-8E</i>
Vought A-7A/B/E Corsair II (Hasegawa)	<i>Mike Meredith</i>	<i>A-7E</i>
North American FJ-1 Fury (Czech Model) **		
North American FJ-2 / 3 Fury (ESCI)	<i>Larry Davis</i>	
North American FJ4/4B Fury (Grand Phoenix or HobbyBoss)	<i>Larry Davis</i>	
North American A-5/RA-5 Vigilante (Trumpeter)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	<i>Dave Morrisette</i>
Ryan FR-1 Fireball (Czech Model)		

Post World War Two 1946 to 1970

Boeing(McDonnell-Douglas) F-18A/B/C/D Hornet (Hasegawa, Monogram, others)

Boeing F-18E/F Super Hornet (Hasegawa, Revell, Italeri)

Bob Ulrich F-18F

Grumman F-14A/B/D Tomcat (Hasegawa, Monogram, Academy, others) ****

Lockheed S-3A Viking (Italeri and ESCI)

Ken Patterson, Sr.

Boeing MV-22 Osprey

Steve Dottavio

Helicopters

SH-60 Seahawk (Italeri)

Ed Kinney

H-3 Seaking (Hasegawa)

Ed Kinney Steve Reisch

H-53 Sea Stallion (Academy)

Ed Kinney

Notes

** Wings do not fold, but has nose wheel kneel.

*** Wings did not fold, but one example needed to fill out collection.

**** Wings in oversweep position for storage.

Most of the kits listed do not include folding wings out of the box. Conversion kits may be sourced from Cutting Edge (Skyraider, Bearcat); Wolfpack (Crusader, Hornet, Super Hornet); Aires (Wildcat); and Avionix (EA-6). This listing is based on a quick Internet search and may not be comprehensive. There are also out of production conversions from Dangerboy and Cutting Edge, which you may be able to track down and acquire (at a price).



Inner wing fold mechanism



Outer wing fold mechanism

There are currently no F-4 Phantom wingfold aftermarket sets. For anyone up to scratchbuilding one, these photos were taken of the Phantom at MAPS shortly after its arrival. I have more, including close ups, and will make them available (jpeg's) to anyone who asks.

Bob Ulrich