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San Francisco Bay

On Board with the Liberty Ship Jeremiah O'Brien

Story and photos by Kevin Stover

D-Day is usually remembered for the thousands of men, tanks and planes storming the beaches of Normandy, France on June 6, 1944. We've all seen the film files and photos and certainly the quintessential motion picture on the subject, "Saving Private Ryan."

What we tend to forget--although not intentionally--is that without the Liberty ships, D-Day would never have happened.

From 1941 to 1943, 2,710 identically armed merchant ships carried "beans and bullets" to our fighting forces around the world. They were mostly known for crossing the treacherous North Atlantic into the waiting teeth of German U-boats.

Originally designed by the British, the ships used identical parts that could be

stamped out or forged quickly.

American mass production assured that these ships could go from keel laying to launch in 60 days!

You can still see the last remaining Liberty ship in San Francisco: the Jeremiah O'Brien.

Walking up to the dock, you clearly see that this ship is massive. You'll pay a very minimal fee for touring the whole ship, and then it's up the narrow gangplank to the top deck. From the starboard quarter bow, you can see the whole city of San Francisco.

Everything is as it was in 1944. The gun emplacements, bridge reinforcement and shielding, hatches and covers. The only modern items to note were the electronic touchpads explaining what this or that part of the ship was.

Your tour then takes you below decks to all of the cabins, including the mess, bridge, and engine room. What's pretty clear immediately is that this is **not** a U.S. Navy ship. The staterooms are big and spacious and every room has a head (toilet). The Merchant Marines were a fighting force but still civilian in nature.

Three people permanently live on the ship to maintain it, and she's taken out for cruises a couple of times a month.

The Jeremiah O'Brien participated in the 50th anniversary of D-Day and looks to go to the 75th! After the ship sailed the exact route to England used during the war, the British government was so happy to see it that they paid its expenses while in port. They even sent the British fleet to greet the Jeremiah O'Brien when it sailed in.

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Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting at St. Paul's Church on:

Friday, May 8, 2015, 7:30 pm.

Special Theme Unmanned Demo: Auction Night



Yes, that's Alcatraz back there.



Ahhh, the city by the bay...



"Be careful with those lines, Ensign Pulver!"



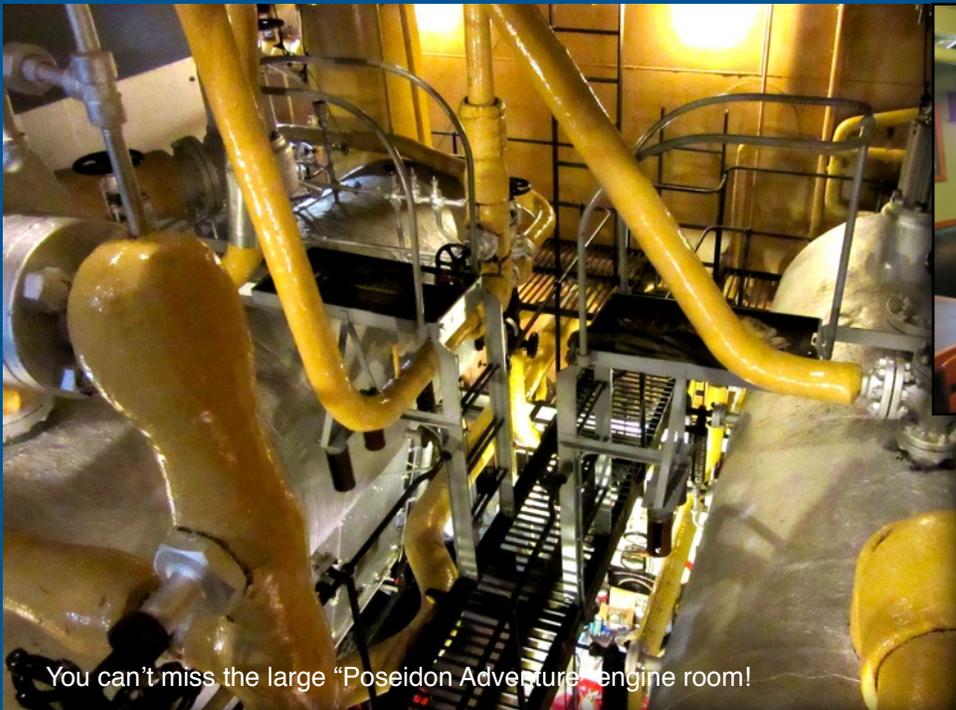
The large galley is really cooking.



Take a peek at the sparse but armored bridge.



The radio room...still works fine.



You can't miss the large "Poseidon Adventure" engine room!



"This place is a mess..."



Here's the chart and navigation room.



Relive the D-Day experience



LIFE BOAT 4



Spacious! Not a Navy quarters.



Your tour guide awaits.



Notice that the armored bridge is armored only up to the captain's quarters.

April continued the great turnout of members to our meetings. Thirty-seven members attended the April meeting, and we had another great selection of models, kits and informative books. John Bishop provided more progress on his locomotive scratch building project. Mike Ferguson had a very nice display of A-6 Intruder memorabilia from his time serving with VA-65 on the USS Constellation. He provided a brief history of the Intruder and had a table full of patches, photos and books as well. Several members continued building their Zero fighter kits during the meeting as well.

Among the announcements was the AMPS nationals in Auburn, Ind., from April 30 through May 2. It could easily be a day trip so consider coming. Our upcoming May meeting will be our annual auction. In our collections we usually have at least one or two kits that have fallen out of favor or have become outdated by recent purchases, so please look through your stash and bring in one or two kits to help the club and to make room for any new treasures you may find.

This year, in order to try to keep the auction from consuming the entire meeting, we will have the kits and other auction items on a display table. As the meeting begins, we ask you to look at the offerings and if anything strikes your fancy, please move it to a separate bidding table that we will have. In this way we will auction only those items of interest, and the remainder will be kept for the November contest. This should provide us with time for show and tell as well.

Hope to see you in May with one or two kits for the auction, and plenty of cash!



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The Display Table



OK, Don Smith's using a bench vise to hold up his A-6E while working on it. Great anchor weight for a boat--a little jiggly, though.

I love the snow skis on the C-130H, including the 8-blade prop. Thanks, Carl Knable.



Carl, this F-94C, I assume, is for long-range radar usage? NICE!

The Display Table



Your run-of-the-mill basic F-94B. Beautiful metal work, Carl.



Don Grajek, this looks like a rare 1930s Morane Saulnier biplane.

Joe Kozak's 1/32 F6-F Wildcat is really yellow as a trainer. Beautiful detail!



The Display Table



Don Grajek, the French sure made sturdy airplanes in the '30s. Love the wheel skirts.



Early versions of French flying fortresses, above and right, were smaller than their American counterparts. Thanks, Don.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Butch Bejna's A-6 and MiG-21 are on their way with nifty decals to match.



Above: Don Smith with the only representations that match the theme night, "Figure This."



Left: Dick Beemer's "La Suroit" is almost done.



Above: This 427 Mustang-GT needs a motor to be a true "Funny Car."

Left: the Penny A-3 locomotive will be done in 2026 at this rate. Nice metal work, though.

Scale Modeling Alaskan-Style

While reading the IPMS USA JOURNAL, I saw that the Anchorage scale modeling club, Anchorage Chapter IPMS, was having a model contest and display while I would be in Alaska. It was held at the Anchorage Senior Center. The contest entry day was Saturday, Feb. 28, and the judging and awards were given out on Sunday, March 1. From March 2 to 7 there was an open house with modeling demonstrations.



Model pickup was on Sunday, March 8. I did wear my Butch O'Hare shirt and introduced myself as from the Chicago area. What happened next was unbelievable: One member, Timothy Kirby, asked me if I knew John Vojtech!

Even in Alaska they have heard of John, or as Tim called him, the "Alien Baby." Turns out Tim goes to quite a few Nationals and has roomed with John, and he also knows of Carl Knable and his outstanding work.

They had a good turnout of all types of models for the contest. No vendor room, but they do have two model shops in Anchorage. Meetings are held once a week with themes. Club size is close to ours, and it was a nice group of members that I met.



The Boys of IPMSAK



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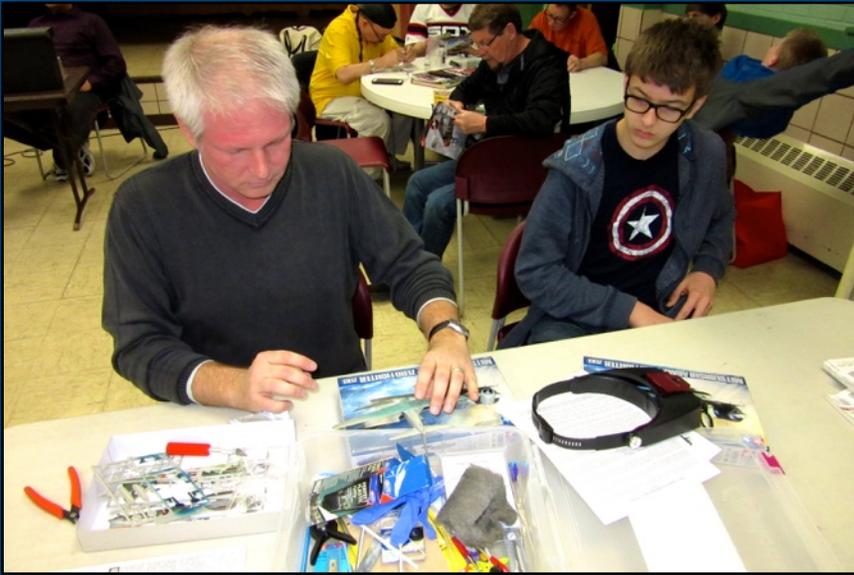
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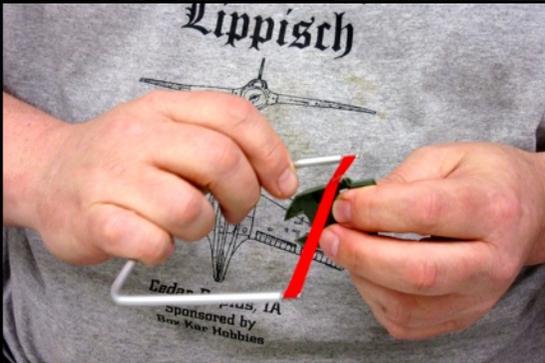


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THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

May 1, 2003: The U.S. Navy withdraws from Vieques Island, Puerto Rico.

(TDMH)



May 31, 1948: The Coast Guard assumes command of the former Navy base at Cape May, N.J., and formally establishes its East Coast recruit training center there the next day.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30, 2015

NIMCON 4

McHenry County College

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Crystal Lake, IL

[Phil Pignataro](#) 847-530-2272

August 2, 2015

8th Annual GTR Summer NNL

Algonquin Township Building

3702 US Highway 14 [Map](#)

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June 20, 2015

"Spring in the Pines" Model Contest

Eagle River Derby Expo

1311 N. Railroad St. [Map](#)

Eagle River, WI

[Thomas Foerster](#) (715) 479-4988

September 12, 2015

Region 5 Convention and Contest

Holiday Inn-Route 66

10709 Watson Road [Map](#)

St. Louis, MO

[Doug Barton](#) 314-610-2429

June 20, 2015

MOSS CON 2015

The White House Theatre

2255 Gretna Road [Map](#)

Branson, MO

[Nathanael Jones](#) 417-230-6220

September 19, 2015

IPMS Prison City Model Show

The Heritage Center

109 Delaware St. [Map](#)

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WARTHOG FLYING THE A-10 IN THE GULF WAR

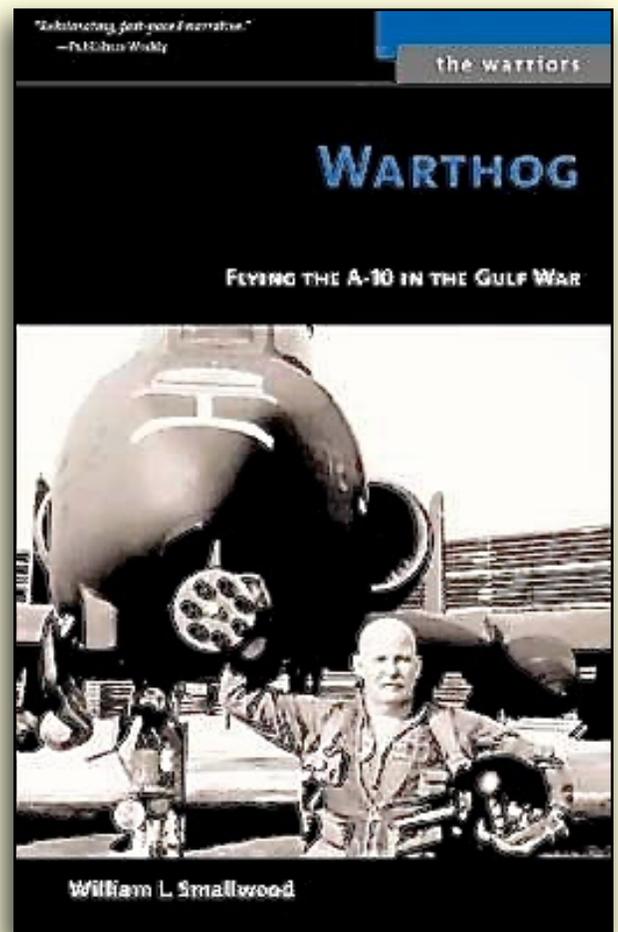
Reviewed by John Kaufman

The Gulf War in 1991, or Operation Desert Storm was unique in many ways. One of those was the full-scale combat debut of the A-10 Warthog, an aircraft that was due to be retired at the time but is still in the inventory almost 25 years later. *“Warthog”* by *William Smallwood* tells the story of the A-10 in the Persian Gulf and of the men who flew the plane on more different missions than the designers at Republic ever dreamed.

Smallwood researched the book right after the pilots returned from the Persian Gulf, so the stories were fresh and vivid in their minds, and he translates those images to the written page well: from the issues with the initial deployment of the Warthog, flying without an autopilot from the United States to Saudi Arabia and refueling several times during the flight, to how it felt to fly over the Iraqi border and rain destruction down on the enemy.

Smallwood also describes the missions developed as the plane and pilots proved themselves in combat, covering reconnaissance, air-to-air combat, forward air control and even some Wild Weasel work destroying anti-aircraft sites. All of this in an aircraft designed for blasting Soviet tanks into scrap metal--which, by the way, happened quite a bit over Iraq as well. Another mission at which the A-10 excelled was operating at night, even though the plane was not equipped at the time with any sort of night vision system or sensors. They even took to using the television on the Maverick missiles they carried to help them find targets.

The A-10 squadrons lost six aircraft during the war--four shot down and two crashes after battle damage. Two pilots were killed, and three served time as POWs. An additional four aircraft were seriously damaged, but all were flown home, although two were retired after a more detailed inspection. The A-10 acquitted itself well during the war, a tribute to its design, the pilots who flew it and the crews who maintained the Warthogs on the ground. Warthog is a fitting tribute to these men. Enjoy!



New Kits...and stuff

Thanks to those who brought in these new releases for us to see.

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FROM THE WAR ROOM



Well, spring is here and it's time to dust off the old models that you'll never build anyway and contribute to your local IPMS club auction.

This year's auction is in two weeks. With help, I've been running the O'Hare raffle for years, and I don't remember how I got the job, but there it is. Usually, it takes about three-plus hours to hurtle through all of the kits. Most of the time we're out of the church by 10:35 p.m., which is fine by me, but some start getting chompy at the bit when we get close to 10 p.m.

Personally, I want meetings to run long because it'll be another month or two until we meet again. Most of us are older and/or retired, so what's the hurry? This is supposed to be our GUYS night out...right?

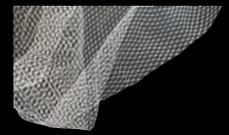
Anyway, this time our auction is a little different. Members will bring their models and put them on one table, and then the whole membership will have 20 minute to half an hour to peruse the pickings. Members will then take whatever model(s) they want to bid on and transfer them to another empty table. We will bid on only the models picked for bidding, so this will save us loads of time. We'll be free to spend more time on show and tell and visiting. Let's not be in a hurry to leave this time and just enjoy ourselves!
Kevin

Red Baron / Blue Max



While he was visiting the San Diego Air & Space Museum, Phil Gioia took this picture of Manfred Von Richthofen's original "Blue Max" awarded to him during WWI. Manfred's sister Lise kept it after he was shot down. She later took it with her after she fled Prussia in 1944 so the Russians wouldn't get it. Phil is retired Army and works out of the Presidio in San Francisco. Thanks, Phil.

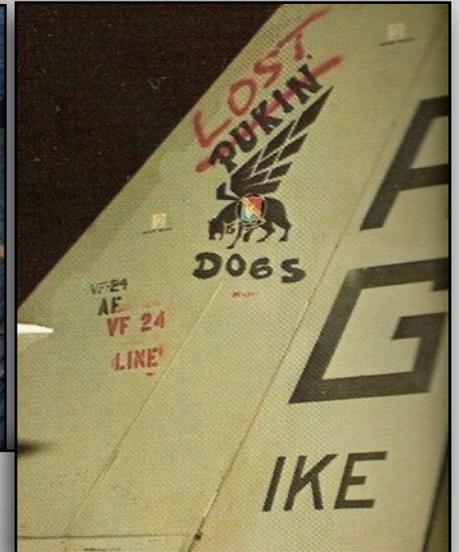
Live...From the Net



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Submitted by Keith Ward

When you land on the wrong carrier bad things will happen. Yes, I know someone who actually did this. Said they realized it when they didn't recognize anyone on the flight deck. [Flight 19-IPMS](#)



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Date	Theme	Demo/guest
January 9	*****	*****
February 13	*****	*****
March 13	*****	*****
April 10	*****	*****
May 8	Unmanned	Auction Night
June 12	Hunters	Kit Preparation (Don Smith)
July 17	Korea	BO'H Clothing Night
August 14	Japanese	Dry Brushing (Steve Day)
September 11	Display Teams	Build it Night 2
October 9	Armored Cars	Easy Gloss Work (Kevin Stover)
November 13	*****	Contest
December 11	Vietnam	Xmas Party

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