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Recently back from New Orleans and I can tell you, without any reservation, that the National WWII Museum is worth the trip alone! The main building, where you start your tour, focuses mostly on D-Day itself, but roaming through the top floors you'll see that the whole museum expands to cover both American campaigns of the war, Europe and Japan.

Most of the articles in the main building display cases are from the theaters of operation, but the United States' military state before, during and after the war is also covered in-depth. When you walk in, (building 1), you're met with a hanging C-47 with Spitfires and Bf-109s hanging from the ceiling behind it. You then move through a train car as if you are going to war, and you can electronically pick a soldier to follow through the war. Your "dog tag card" can be checked at various displays throughout the museum.

Later, you find out what really happened to that soldier. Building 2 is connected to the first. It has the gift and malt shop. Across the street is building 3, which is the museum's working restoration building with an original Higgins PT boat on display. It should be finished next year.

Building 4 is across the other street. You'll get there through a skyway that was under construction when we were there. This building houses the theater, where the feature "Beyond All Boundaries" is a MUST SEE! I won't ruin it for you, but it's the best "4-D" explanation of the war I have ever seen. Pom-pom guns and watchtowers emerge from the stage on call. It's extremely touching.

Building 5 is the Boeing center. Really impressive at any angle. Multiple aircraft hang from the seven story ceiling, including a B-17 and a B-25.

Building 6 will be completed by the end of 2016, but building 7 is about the nitty-gritty of both wars, with so many artifacts that you couldn't count them all. Both European and Japanese theaters are covered. The Battle of the Bulge is depicted in a wintery setting, hedgerows bristle with danger, and there are loads of documentaries on the real lives of the soldiers.

Of the eight total campus buildings planned, two have yet to be built (including a 4 star hotel). The projected total completion date is 2017. I will be back.

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Important Stuff:

**Next Club Meeting
at St. Paul's
Church on Friday,
June 12, 2015,
7:30pm**

**Special Theme:
Hunters**

**Demonstration:
Kit Preparation**

Don Smith



When you walk into the Boeing Center (building 5), you're greeted with WWII airplanes as far as the eye can see. The building is seven stories tall with an all-glass front, and just about every plane the United States flew in the war is hanging from this massive ceiling. The best part is that there are catwalks at the second, third and fifth floor levels. You will be literally walking amongst the airplanes! High-tech explanation boards and videos tell you what you're looking at--a truly remarkable experience.



Your tour starts



The main campus with theater and cafe building



Your Stuart tank with a Sherman in the background



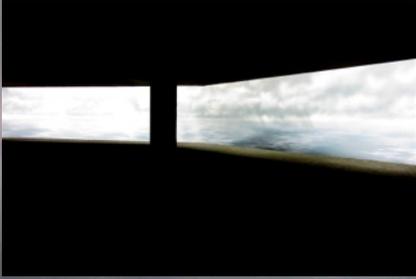
Outside The Boeing Center



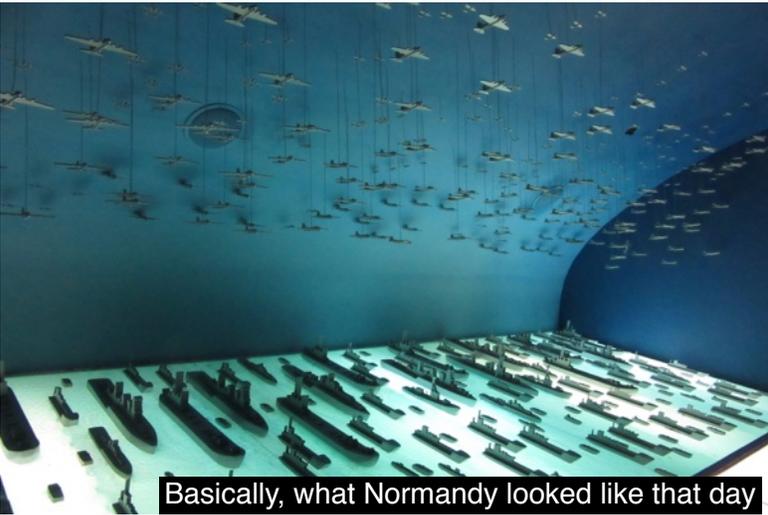
Our guns



More planes at the Boeing Center



This exhibit demonstrates what the Germans actually saw the morning of June 6, 1944. The view is taken from an observation revetment looking west into the English Channel. If you look closely, you can see a ship emerging from the morning's fog and rain. Can you see it? A total of five or six ships were "visible."



Basically, what Normandy looked like that day



A glider jeep



"Their" guns



A Tuskegee Airmen P-51D



An original flyer's uniform



Captured Enigma machine

Race and War in the Pacific

America Views the Enemy

Racial prejudice toward the Japanese appeared in wartime films, magazines, cartoons and posters. The Japanese were often portrayed as animal—usually and apes, most commonly. They also appeared as madmen or small, yellow, buck-toothed characters. Seemingly contradictory concepts appeared at times. The blood-thirsty beast existed alongside childlike figures, both images aimed at the perception of the enemy as lesser humans.

American propaganda also attacked the other Axis powers, but with a different emphasis. In Europe, Americans saw themselves fighting the "hearts" or "bastions" in the Pacific, they were in the common parlance of the time, "the enemy" as a single, unified racial prejudice and led to depiction of them as a race or even a species apart.

The Japanese were aware of American racial attitudes. They used evidence of American racism to convince other Far Eastern nations that Japan was fighting on their side. However, their "white supremacy" in the end, however, Japan's prejudice toward their Asian neighbors and her brutal behavior in conquered territories dispelled that myth.



Race and War in the Pacific

The Pacific war was marked by intense hatred. American anger about the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and Japan's belief that America wanted to cripple her economy and threaten her survival contributed to these feelings. Race also had a role. To an unusual degree, the Pacific war was characterized by racial stereotyping and demonization of the enemy. The war exposed racial pride, prejudices and anger. Propaganda on both sides reflected a strong strain of racial hatred.

In America, the war inflamed deeply rooted views of Asians as racially inferior. The media frequently portrayed the Japanese threat in racial terms. Japanese atrocities and the fact that many Japanese soldiers chose death over surrender seemed to confirm prejudices about the subhuman and irrational nature of the enemy.

The Japanese view of Americans was also influenced by race, but in a different way. While Western racism was marked by designation of others, the Japanese were more preoccupied with elevating themselves. Japan's leaders attributed unique spiritual, virtue and physical "purity" to the "Yamato race." The Japanese were the world's "leading race," morally and genetically purer than others. Americans and other Westerners were pictured as degenerate beasts and demons.

Luxurious Japanese



Racism on both sides on display



Adolf Hitler's actual bunker silverware, with "AH" on the handles



Can you spot the hedgerow dangers?

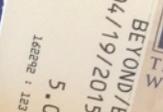


GENERAL ADMISSION EXHIBITS

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BEYOND/BOUNDARIES

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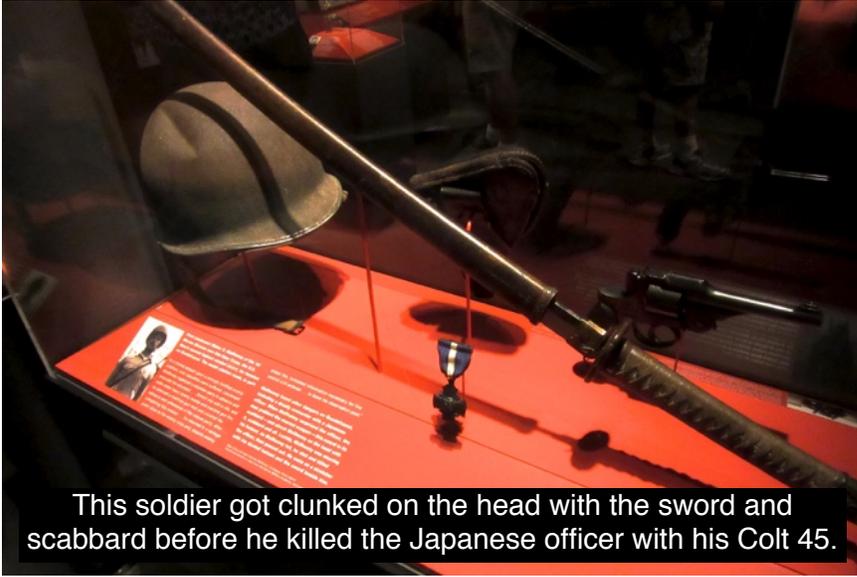
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"Yeah...dat's the ticket!"



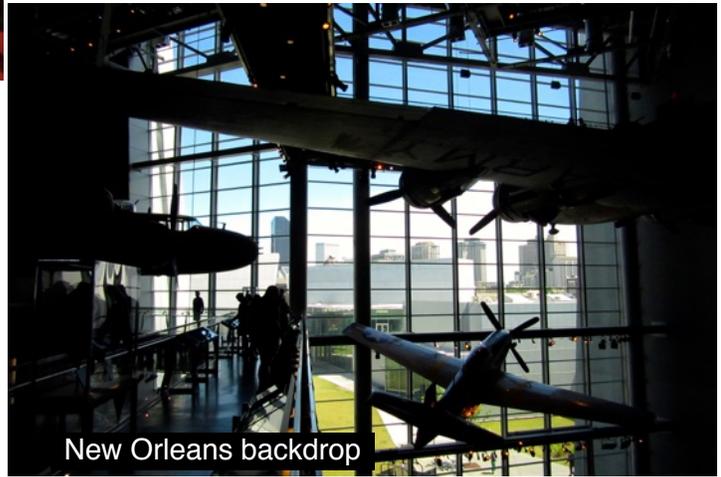
"My Gal Sal"



This soldier got clunked on the head with the sword and scabbard before he killed the Japanese officer with his Colt 45.

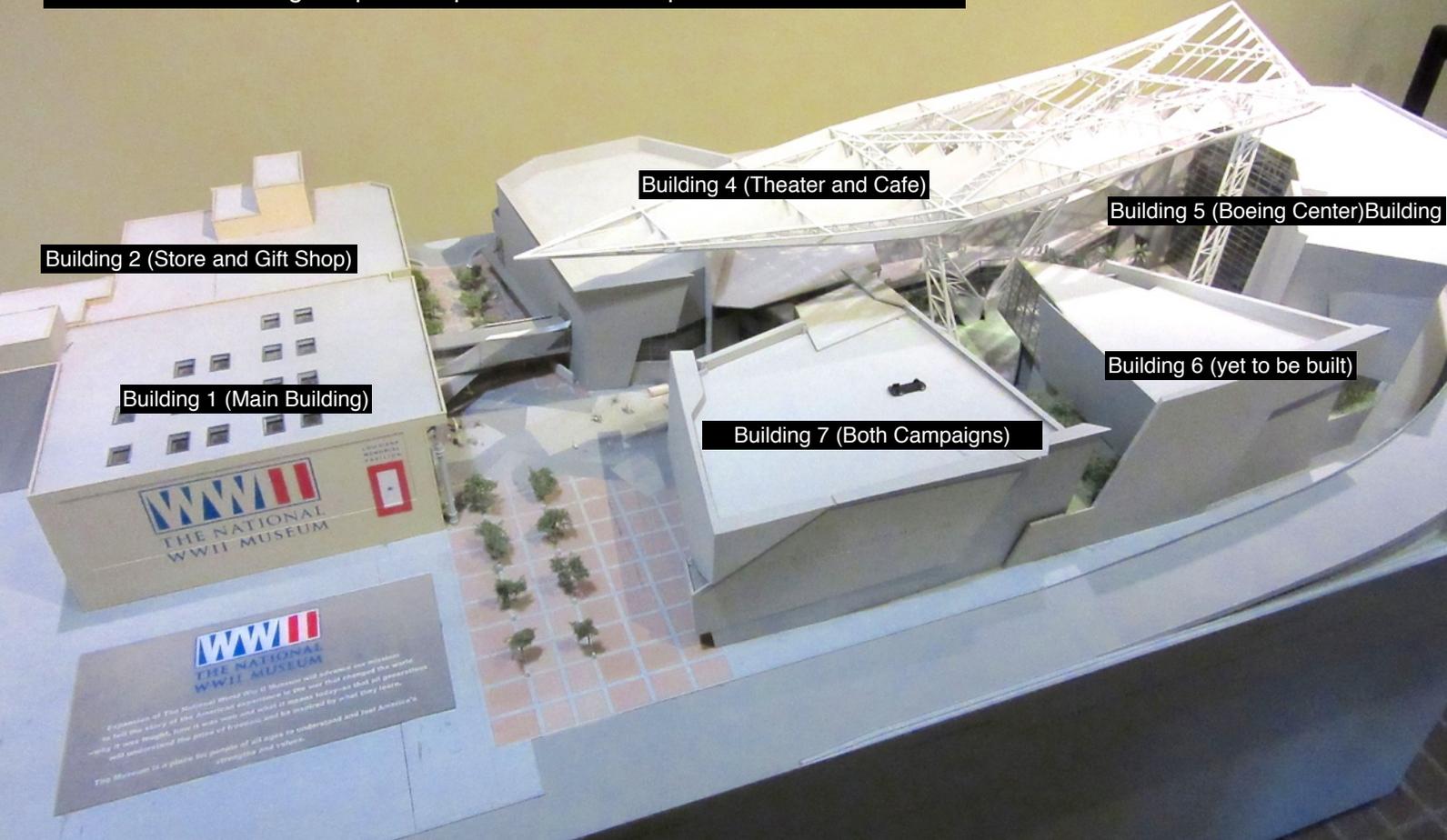


Hey George B., that looks like a Spitfire...



New Orleans backdrop

Eight buildings will eventually make up the museum's campus, including a restoration building that's not shown here. A hotel will be finished by 2017. Notice the wing-shaped sculpture that will complete the museum.



Building 2 (Store and Gift Shop)

Building 1 (Main Building)

Building 4 (Theater and Cafe)

Building 5 (Boeing Center) Building

Building 6 (yet to be built)

Building 7 (Both Campaigns)

THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

Experience the National World War II Museum and discover our mission to tell the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world. It was through this it was won and what it means today. Mark of generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by it for ever.

The Museum is a place for people of all ages to understand and feel America's strengths and values.

Another great meeting, with 36 members in attendance for our annual Auction Night! The meeting started with a short show-and-tell. Carl brought in a beautiful pair of jet fighters. Don Smith brought in several items that fit the "Unmanned" theme for the meeting, including a V-1 and a V-2, as well as a caboose. Tom Nelson showed his club-build Zeke, and gave a very informative discussion of Zero colors and how they differed by aircraft manufacturer. Finally, Sophia Carlson brought in an in-progress Spiderman that she and her dad are working on!

The club auction was run a bit differently than in the past, with club members first viewing all the kits that were brought in for the auction and then selecting those kits they were interested in bidding on. Steve Day was the master of ceremonies and did a great job keeping everyone entertained and the bidding moving along. More than 50 kits and books were bid on, and there were several spirited bidding wars that were fun to watch. Based on how it went, I think I can safely say that Auction Night was a big success, and the new format was great.

Remember, the theme of our June 12 meeting is "Hunters," and Don Smith will be giving a demo on kit preparation. See you all next month!



With **IPMS/USA** membership, you will receive the outstanding **IPMS/USA Journal** six times a year. It includes features on all modeling subjects such as aircraft, armor, automotive, ships, figures--you name it! You will also find listings of IPMS contests, swap meets, hints and tips, and reviews.

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A Man Named Lars

by Butch Bejna

“If I hadn’t had to be up at 5 a.m. to go to Anchorage for the Iditarod ceremonial start, I would have stayed later...”

In March I went to Alaska to see my brother compete in the 2015 Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Before I left for Alaska, I contacted Lars Opland of Khee-Kha Art Products in Wasilla to find out if I could meet him and see his operation. Lars produces 1/72 vacuform kits of important Alaskan bush aircraft and resin floats and engines.

My brother lives in Knik and is 15 minutes from Lars. Lars didn't mind at all, so I met him at 7 p.m. on Friday night at his place. After meeting Lars, his wife, Angelika, and grandson, we went to his workshop. He has two vacuform machines--one for the kit sheets and a smaller one for canopies and small items.

There are many molds for all the resin parts he produces: engines, cowlings, props, floats, instrument panels and other small items. Before becoming a model kit maker, Lars did jewelry making



for 15 years, and it shows in his resin work. He uses basswood for some of his pattern molds. The Fairchild 71 Kit #001 was released in 2003 and has sold 1,000 so far.

After looking at many photos and talking about Alaskan aviation, we made our way downstairs. It was 10:30 p.m. already. If I hadn't had to be up at 5 a.m. to go to Anchorage for the Iditarod ceremonial start, I would have stayed later as I learned a lot from Lars.

Yes, these are vacuform kits for interesting aircraft with options of wheels, floats and skis for some. Instructions are very detailed with a brief history, and arctic decals were in the three kits I bought. On his site at www.mtaonline.net/~zdk you will find all the information on his kits and building reviews.

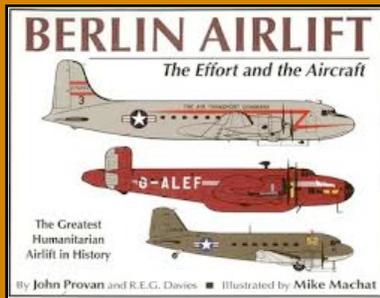


THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

June 15, 1918: The U.S. Post Office and the U.S. Army begin regularly scheduled airmail service between Washington, D.C., and New York through Philadelphia. Lieutenant George L. Boyle, an inexperienced young army pilot, was chosen to make the first flight from Washington. (TDMH)



June 26, 1948: In response to the Soviet blockade of land routes into West Berlin, the United States starts a massive airlift of food, water and medicine to the citizens of the besieged city. For nearly a year, supplies from American planes sustained the more than 2 million people in West Berlin. (TDMH)



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30, 2015

NIMCON 4 Model Contest

McHenry County College

8900 US Rte 14 [Map](#)

Crystal Lake, IL

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

August 2, 2015

8th Annual GTR Summer NNL

Algonquin Township Building

3702 US Highway 14 [Map](#)

Crystal Lake, IL

[Chuck Herrmann](#) 847-516-0211

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](#)

Leavenworth, KS

[Mark Gerges](#) 913-680-0066

Rob Yalden

Far and Away

Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? No, and it's not over now as former IPMS Butch O'Hare member Robert Yalden shares his museum experiences on the 'Far Side' in Europe:

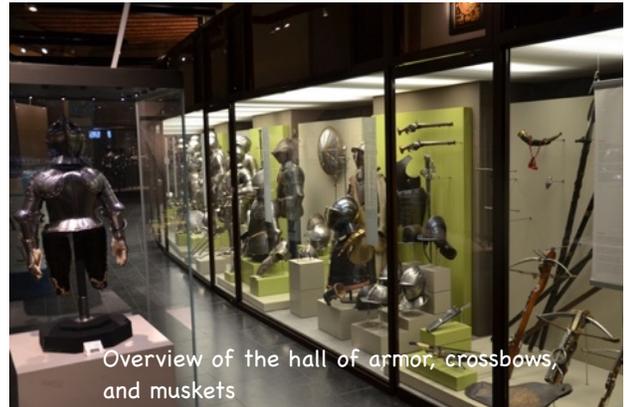
My most recent trip was to the **Royal Military Museum in Brussels, Belgium**. The museum is surrounded by lush green parks in downtown Brussels. The museum complex is housed in a magnificent giant building similar to the Smithsonian with a large hangar.

There was no fee for museum admission. The museum covers 10 centuries of history ranging from medieval through Napoleonic, both world wars to the present day. The exhibits are chock full of uniforms, body armor, pikes, spears, rifles, pistols, swords, bayonets, cannons and other military regalia, including aircraft and tanks in the museum hangar section.

There is a fantastic World War II exhibit featuring an environmental or all-inclusive experience when you walk onto the simulated bridge of a merchant ship cruising across the North Atlantic or exiting a landing craft storming the beaches at Normandy. There are a few other interesting items worth mentioning, including the Atlantic Wall obstacles, a German flamethrower, and numerous uniforms such as an authentic German white smock camouflage.

The hangar features early aviation to World War I biplanes through the modern jet era. Some of the highlights and more interesting aircraft are the JU-52 commercial plane, F-4 Phantom, and F-16. For those of us who model World War II German aircraft, did you ever wonder about the exact paint scheme on the spinner of an Fw 190? Well, there is a propeller and spinner from an Fw 190.

If you are ever in Brussels, this museum is a must, followed by a Belgian waffle covered in chocolate sauce and washed down with Belgian beer. Yummy! Until our next trip on the 'Far Side,' Happy Modeling! Cheers - Rob



Overview of the hall of armor, crossbows, and muskets



Atlantic Wall display: Notice the mine at the top of the canted log.



German flamethrower



Focke-Wulf Fw 190 spinner



Finnish troops' German uniform



Overview of the hangar containing the aircraft display

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Aircraft Armor Autos Sci-Fi Ships Figures Dioramas

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 Aurora, IL 60504**

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Juniors: Jan-Mar \$14; Apr-Jun \$10; Jul-Sept \$7; Oct-Dec \$5



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- **Chicagoland Hobby** 6017 N NW Hwy, Chicago, IL, 773-775-4848
<http://www.yellowpages.com/chicago-il/mip/chicagoland-hobby-inc-23073935>
- **Forever Timeless** 4438 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL, 773-545-6959
<http://www.city-data.com/businesses/218387017-forever-timeless-hobby-shop-chicago-il.html>
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<http://local.yahoo.com/info-17171034-ron-s-mundelein-hobbies-mundelein>
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<http://www.pthinc.com/>
- **Panther Hobby Supply** 8041 S. 13th St., Oak Creek, WI, 414-762-3777
<http://www.pantherhobbysupply.com/>
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<http://www.oakridgehobbies.com>

The How-To Hootch



THUNDERBIRDS ARE GO!

By Kevin Stover

If you remember Gerry Anderson's pop '60s TV hit, "Thunderbirds," you'll certainly remember Thunderbird 1. It was the team's "quick" response vehicle to rescues all over the world. And I assume that if you know all of this you don't need an explanation of the show's premise!

AOSHIMA Models has a whole line of the Thunderbird vehicles available for sale. Thunderbirds 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are available in various scales. Both Thunderbirds 1 and 2 are approximately 1/80 scale. Both were always teamed on the show. Together, they look more natural.

My Thunderbird 1 kit was only \$42, and it arrived within five days! The detail is really good and crisp. In fact, someone put a lot of thought into the "real" version of the ship. There are plenty of flight controls included that are not seen in the original show, as well as a very detailed instruction sheet.

Construction is pretty straightforward. The trick is in painting the silver finish. Using buffing Model Master colors, I managed to make Thunderbird 1 look stressed. At least 2 or 3 ounces of weight will be needed to keep her tail down.

The only real problem I had was with the decals. These are the poorest decals I have ever worked with! They don't stick to the model and are immune to setting solution. Thanks to Carl Knable's advice, I laid a base of Future mixed with water to set the decals. A great model to look at when done!

"Thunderbirds are definitely go!"



Above: Landing gear deployed, Thunderbird 1 sits in the shop with sponson work to be done. **Left:** Almost there--notice the writing on the instruction sheet.



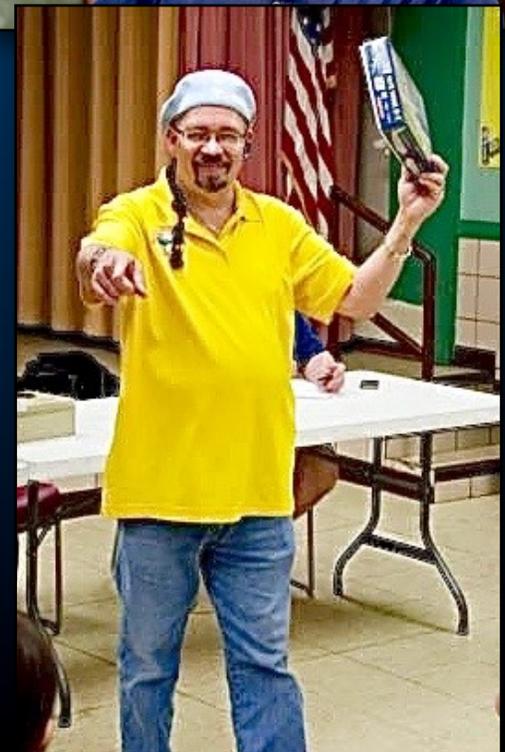
Finally done, after a little weathering and a special appearance by Scott Tracy himself.

Friday Night Hi-Lights

Auction Night

Constantly building,
showing and demonstrating
“how to” is our mission

Looks like Steve Day
did an excellent job
as an auctioneer.



This could be yours in 2015!

Butch O'Hare's "Best Century Series Jet" Award



Build any Century Series jet, any scale, to be considered for this competition at Butch O'Hare's 33rd annual contest in November 2015. We've pulled out all of the stops to sculpt and create this unique award.

NOW is the time to start building!!!

See you in November!

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Upcoming Schedule 2015

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

All meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at:

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
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