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Hail To The Hornet!

For years I've been visiting the USS Hornet aircraft carrier just about every time I'm out in San Francisco, but I've never really "covered" it as a fledgling journalist. So this time I took plenty of pictures and will attempt to show you what it's like being aboard the massive boat.

This Essex-class aircraft carrier was one of four built between 1941 and 1950--the other three were the Yorktown, the Intrepid and the Lexington. Their shelf lives stretched up to 1991, and they were part of the 24 ships in all built out of 32 planned carriers; all 24 are retired today.

The USS Hornet (CV-12) was first named the USS Kearsarge but was renamed after the USS Hornet (CV-8) was lost during WWII. This Hornet played a major part in battles during the end of WWII. She also fought in Vietnam and was a recovery ship during the Apollo program.

The Hornet was finally decommissioned in 1970. She got national landmark status and soon after opened to the public in 1998 as the USS Hornet Museum in Alameda, Calif.

The museum itself is striking from the moment when you first lay eyes on it. Once aboard, you

enter at the starboard hangar bay. A TBM Avenger and A-3 Skyhawk will be to your right. An F-8 forward fuselage sits midsection as well. I think the hangar bay is kept clear so it can be used for social functions and ceremonies.

Most of the compartments are open to explore. The galley, ready rooms, medical center, flight operations and bridges are free to roam. There's a nice Apollo section toward the other end of the hangar deck too, with a silver camper that was used to recover Apollo 11 astronauts and quarantine them for a period of time.

Most of the ship's airplanes are on the flight deck. An S-3 Viking, A-3 Skyhawk trainer, F-14 Tomcat, and F-8 Crusader are just a few of those on deck. Guided tours are available, or you can just drift.

The Hornet is docked next to the modern, active Merchant Marine fleet home based in Alameda. This dock used to be part of the U.S. Navy's Alameda Air Station. The runways are still there, used for parking now or movie-making now. Hangers and other buildings are rented out to private businesses. And through it all, the USS Hornet is still hanging in there.

Important Stuff:

**Next Club Meeting
at St. Paul's
Church on Friday,
July 17, 2015,
7:30pm**

**Special Theme:
Korea**

**Demonstration:
BO'H Shirt Nite**



Entry is to the left.



That's a long plank walk!



There's that Seasprite again.



Wings down first, Mr. Hover...



Here's a former Alameda NAS A-4B trainer.



A gunfighter sits with the Merchant Marine in the background.



"Beware of the tail rotor."



This is only half of the hangar deck!



Would look nice in my backyard.



Yes, lots of models, courtesy of local IPMS chapters.



Sick bay, anybody?

O'Hare D.E.B.R.I.E.F.

By Ihor H.

Our June meeting had 35 members in attendance. Following an update from our treasurer, Bob Lehner spoke about the passing of George J. Kroll, a member of the Lake Michigan Model Car Club. Although more than 85 percent blind, George embraced modeling and was a frequent entrant in our annual November contest. The Butch O'Hare Model Club wishes to express its deepest condolences to his family.

A number of members talked about their attendance at the recent Rockford Air Show and all agreed that it was a great air show. Show-and-tell had a variety of kits from 12 members, ranging from Stan's gold medal-winning kit bashed M-60, a "Rolls Royce" of an airbrush from Steve D., Don Grajek's three Navy hunters (in keeping with the June theme), and a homemade static grass applicator from Ron Getz. Don Smith then gave a demo on model preparation.

Remember, because of schedule conflicts with the church, our next meeting will be on **July 17**. The meeting theme will be "Korea." See you next month.



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THEME: NIGHT OF THE HUNTERS



Above: Carl Knable's AC-119 gunship is one I have never seen. What's that faring in the front, port side?

Right: Stan Kurcz's M-60 Slick is always enjoyable with that big jungle light.



The Display Table



Right:
Don Grajek's big
EP-3 Orion is
also something
that I've never
seen. Great job!



Left: Mike Ferguson's 1/72 P-3C
Orion is the bird I'm most familiar
with. Love that tail!

Right: This AF-2
Guardian is
definitely a
hunter with all of
those antennas.

Thanks, Don.



The Display Table



Above: This E-1 Tracer stood in service until the E-2 Hawkeye came on the scene in the early '70s.

Thanks, Don.

Right: This Kaman SH-2 Seasprite first flew in 1959 and retired in 1993!

Thanks, Mike.



The Display Table



Left: This stretch jeep was General Patton's personal ride.

Thanks, Dick Beemer.

Right: I love any "Pibber" in any scale. No question that this is a cool boat...with Detroit water pump-jet engines as well!

Thanks, Joe Kozak.



Left: Thanks, Butch Bejna, for this great Pitts special diorama in 1/72 scale.

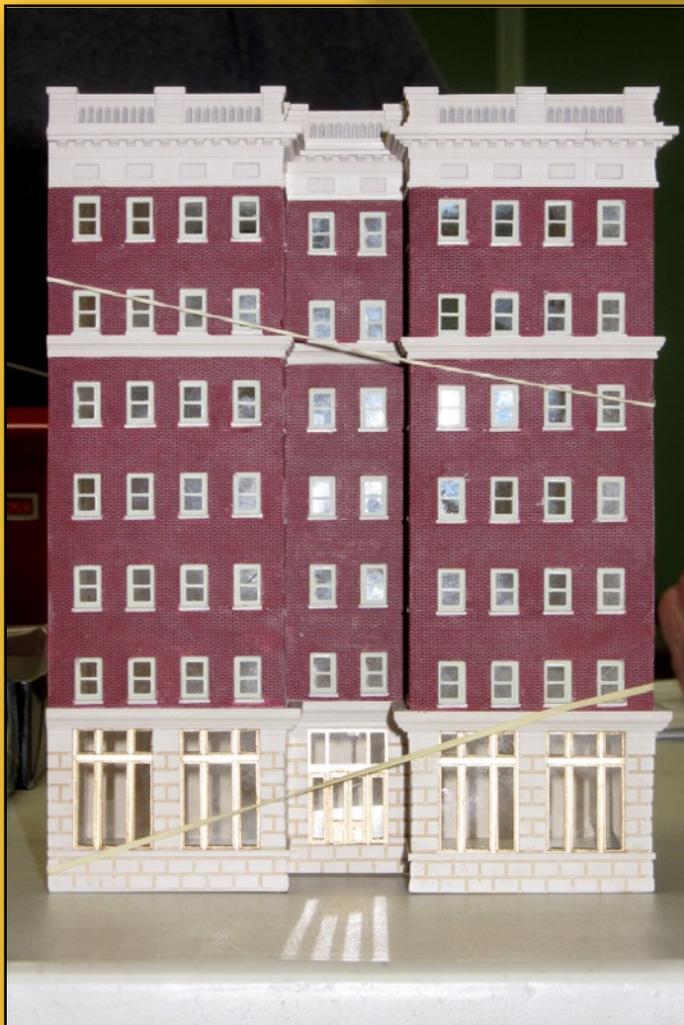


UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Ronbo's "Mole" from TV's "Thunderbirds" is one piece I'm looking forward to seeing all filthy and dirty.



Great building, Steve, but I'm wondering if they make more modern buildings like Sears Tower or the World Trade Center? Would be great for this year's September meeting, seeing that it's on 9/11.



Don, I'm hoping that one day this 1/72 F-86 will actually be finished!

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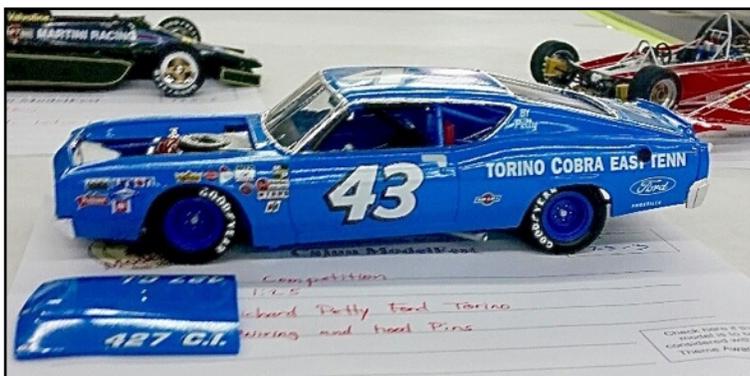


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WHEN A MUSEUM VISIT TURNS INTO A MODEL CONTEST!

As most of you know, I travel quite a bit to models shows all over the country--east, west, all points on the compass, really. About three years ago my oldest son, Jack, was accepted at LSU to begin his post-graduate master's and doctorate degrees in chemical engineering. So we loaded up the covered wagon and hauled all his earthly possessions to his new home. We got him moved in, and all is good. Jack and I still had time to kill. So over lunch we decided what to do with our free time. So many choices and so much time.

Some of the choices we had were the



Chalmette Battlefield historical park in New Orleans, the National WWII Museum, and finally the USS Kidd and Veterans Memorial. We settled for the USS Kidd museum. We got to the museum, and as we were walking up the steps a man walks out carrying a 1/32 F-86 Italeri kit. "Oh boy, oh boy!!!!" Wow, they sell models--jackpot. But it was not to be. We stopped to talk to him about his kit, and he explained that he was just leaving a model meeting and we should go in to meet the others in the club.

So Jack and I entered the foyer of the museum,

and the club was set up with about six tables with completed kits and WIPs. One table had at least 24 Cobra helicopters and each one different. Just a mind-blowing display. We spent some time talking models--it was a nice visit. The club members were getting ready to leave and told us we would enjoy the museum. We bid them farewell and off to the museum for us.

The USS Kidd is a Fletcher class destroyer. The guns fired





for special occasions. The boat is anchored on the Mississippi River--quite a sight. I am used to 1/350 scales! The day was very sunny and very hot and not air-conditioned at all. I now have even more respect for any man serving aboard any ship at that time. I will say that the boat was perfectly still. Now add 100-degree heat and moving left, right, up, down. I think I would have a hard time just being a passenger, let alone performing sailors' duties. You are allowed to go through almost every space in the ship. Plus, the museum has an offer that I would take advantage of if I lived closer: You and 20 of your friends can sleep overnight on the ship and they serve you breakfast. But don't get too excited--it's McDonald's. A \$21 room night--that's not too bad.

So this is how I ended up attending The Baton Rouge Scale Modelers Contest the past three years. It is a small club--20 or less--and the average is about 200 kits on the tables and about 70 modelers.

From what I'm told spring, is not a bad time to visit Baton Rouge. And the food! I could write a whole novel. Just enter, visit and eat--you can't go wrong. The pictures are from the most recent contest. Enjoy.

RONBO DAMIT!

THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

July 3, 1950: USS Valley Forge and HMS Triumph participate in the first carrier action of the Korean conflict. VF-51 aircraft (Valley Forge) shoot down two North Korean aircraft. The action is the first combat test of F9F Panther and AD Skyraider. (TDMH)



July 24, 1965: In the air war, four F-4C Phantom jets escorting a formation of U.S. bombers on a raid over munitions manufacturing facilities at Kang Chi, 55 miles northwest of Hanoi, are fired at from an unknown launching site. It was the first time the enemy had launched anti-aircraft missiles at U.S. aircraft. One plane was destroyed and the other three damaged. (TDMH)



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2, 2015

8th Annual GTR Summer NNL

Algonquin Township Building

3702 US Highway 14 [Map](#)

Crystal Lake, IL

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

October 3, 2015

Black Hills Scale Modelers Annual Contest

Central States Fair Grounds - Fine Arts Bldg

800 San Francisco St. [Map](#)

Rapid City, SD

[Don Mitchell](#) 605-716-0897

September 12, 2015

Region 5 Convention and Contest

Holiday Inn-Route 66

10709 Watson Road [Map](#)

St. Louis, MO

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

October 10, 2015

Glue Crew 2015

The Howard Johnson's Conference Center

2101 North Mountain Road [Map](#)

Wausau, WI

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September 19, 2015

IPMS Prison City Model Show

The Heritage Center

109 Delaware St. [Map](#)

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November 7, 2015

IPMS "Butch" O'Hare Chapter Contest

Lakeview Junior High School

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Downers Grove, IL

[John Bishop](#) 630-880-4905



2015 NAUTICAL MODEL SHIP SHOW

Manitowoc, Wis.

Photos by Kevin Stover







“ENTERPRISE”

America’s Fightingest Ship and the Men Who Helped Win World War II

Reviewed by Walt Fink

The prolific *Barrett Tillman’s* latest work in his line of more than 40 fiction and non-fiction books is another masterpiece. Tillman’s generally acknowledged as a foremost expert on military and aviation history and has won a number of prestigious literary awards.

I love Tillman’s style of writing, and “Enterprise” is a fine example of the incredible amount of in-depth research for which he’s famous. He pretty much puts the reader in the cockpits of the Big E’s Air Group pilots in their fighters, dive-bombers and torpedo planes during the long war in the Pacific against Japan. Moreover, you’re “there” with legendary Landing Signal Officer Robin Lindsey as he brings in crippled birds, you’re on the bridge with Bull Halsey during the heaviest fighting of the island-hopping campaigns, you’re below decks with damage-control parties in smoke- and fire-filled spaces, you’re with gunners, deck crews and shore-based commanders as well.

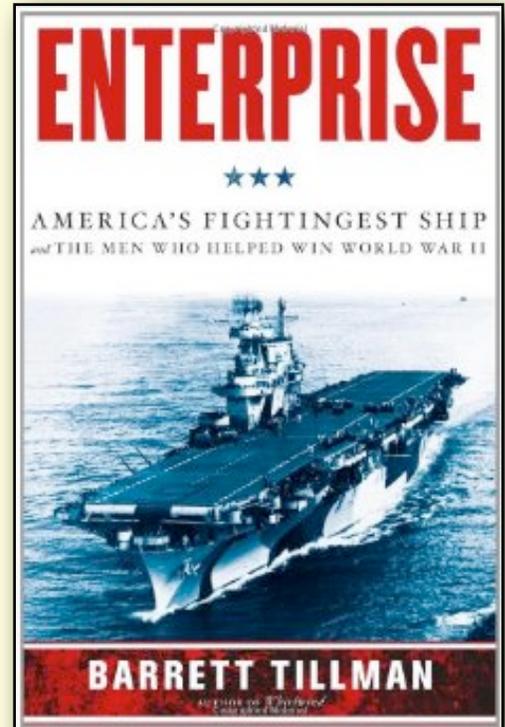
The story of the ship is everything you could ask for. It has humor (some of it dark humor), drama, horror, personal glimpses, heroism, dedication, jubilation and heartbreak. The book follows the ship, but more accurately, it follows and tells the stories of the people who built her, crewed her, repaired her, and even those who sought to kill her—including Lieutenant (jg) Shunsuke Tomiyasu, the 22-year-old kamikaze pilot who knocked Enterprise out of the war on May 14, 1945.

All the famous names you’re familiar with—Swede Vejtasa, Jig Dog Ramage, Max Leslie, Jack Fletcher, Ray Spruance—have their stories in the book, but perhaps more interestingly, there are the stories of hordes of other men and women whose names are widely lost to history because they were just “average Joes” doing their jobs.

Tillman’s book is a stirring and sterling tribute to these people and to the Enterprise herself. From the fury of battle to the comical shenanigans as the ship crossed the equator and the polliwog-to-shellback ceremony involved, there’s never a dull moment in the book—it’s hard to put down.

I can’t recommend this book highly enough. Wow.

Walt



Friday Night Hi-Lights

Constantly building, demonstrating and showing "how to" is our mission





FROM THE OVAL OFFICE



I know if you are like me, you are very much enjoying the summer! Please hold the end of August open if you can, because we are actively looking at planning a trip to the Dayton Air Force Museum around this time. What I have in mind is ride sharing and possibly room sharing as well for those needing to share expenses. It's a great museum, and if you haven't been to it, it should be high on your bucket list.

As the summer winds down, we are going to ramp up on contest activities, and I would like everyone to consider the ways they are willing to help make this happen.

We are also going to need three new officers for next year as my time as president is coming to an end, and the vice president and secretary offices are also going to need new people. Serving in this capacity is a great way to "give back" to our hobby!

John Bishop

Hello to all in Region 5,

Sorry my updates have been erratic! As I mentioned earlier, I have a lot going on and my attention has been largely elsewhere. But I'm still here, and even still getting to the bench every now and then.

There's really not a whole lot to update at the moment. The main thing I want to concentrate on is the bids for the 2016 Regional. I think it's time I set a deadline for accepting bids, so let's set it at July 15. Any club interested in hosting the 2016 Regional must get a bid turned in to me by July 15. I will announce the successful club in my August update. Just as a reminder, the 2015 Regional will be held Sept. 12 in St. Louis, hosted by IPMS/Gateway.

That's all for now,

Kelly Quirk

Region 5 Coordinator
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Upcoming Schedule 2015

Date	Theme	Demo/guest
January 9	*****	*****
February 13	*****	*****
March 13	*****	*****
April 10	*****	*****
May 8	*****	*****
June 12	*****	*****
July 17	<i>Korea</i>	BO'H Shirt Night
August 14	<i>Japanese</i>	Dry Brushing (Steve Day)
September 11	<i>Display Teams</i>	Build it Night 2
October 9	<i>Armored Cars</i>	Easy Gloss Work (Kevin Stover)
November 13	<i>Anything Crawling</i>	Open
December 11	<i>Vietnam</i>	Xmas Party

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

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