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Story and pics by Kevin Stover

The New Fourth Hangar at Wright-Pat

Well, after a nice Christmas and New Year break, let's start off with a bang: The United States Air Force museum has finished its greatly anticipated Hangar Number 4.

The museum, near Dayton, Ohio, already featured three hangars containing practically everything the USAF ever flew and or tested, covering every major conflict the United States was involved in up until the present day. However, all of their displays could not be contained in those three massive hangars. In fact, an exhibition called the President's Wing was actually located off the museum compound at the Wright-Patterson base itself. To view all the presidential birds there, you first had to submit to an identification check and then board a bus that drove through the main gate onto the base.

Now you can see all those presidential transports in the museum's new fourth hangar--including SAM 26000, Kennedy's 707 when he was assassinated in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963--along with every X-plane the air force has tested. Can you imagine an XB-70 at one end and a Boeing 707 at the other end of the building? Needless to say, there's no free space between exhibits. (I made the mistake of setting my little Canon on a higher MB strength, meaning each

photo ate up more memory, or else I would have included a second page of pics.)

The new fourth hangar, like each of the other three hangars, takes about two hours to walk through, with docents all around explaining about the aircraft they flew or crewed. So plan on at least one and a half days to truly see the whole place.

Oh, I forgot--there's a great bookstore and cafe. OK, two more hours!



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Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting
at St. Paul's
Church on Friday,
January 13, 2017

7:30 pm

Demonstration:

None

Special Theme:
Snow Fighters



Would love to have this F-16



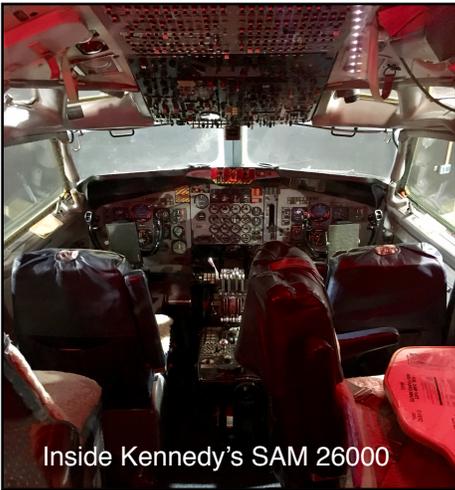
X-15 with its bright fuel tanks



A JetStar that was once Air Force One



FIRST C-141 TO HANOI



Inside Kennedy's SAM 26000



Tacit Blue in its ugly glory



SAM 26000 at its restored best



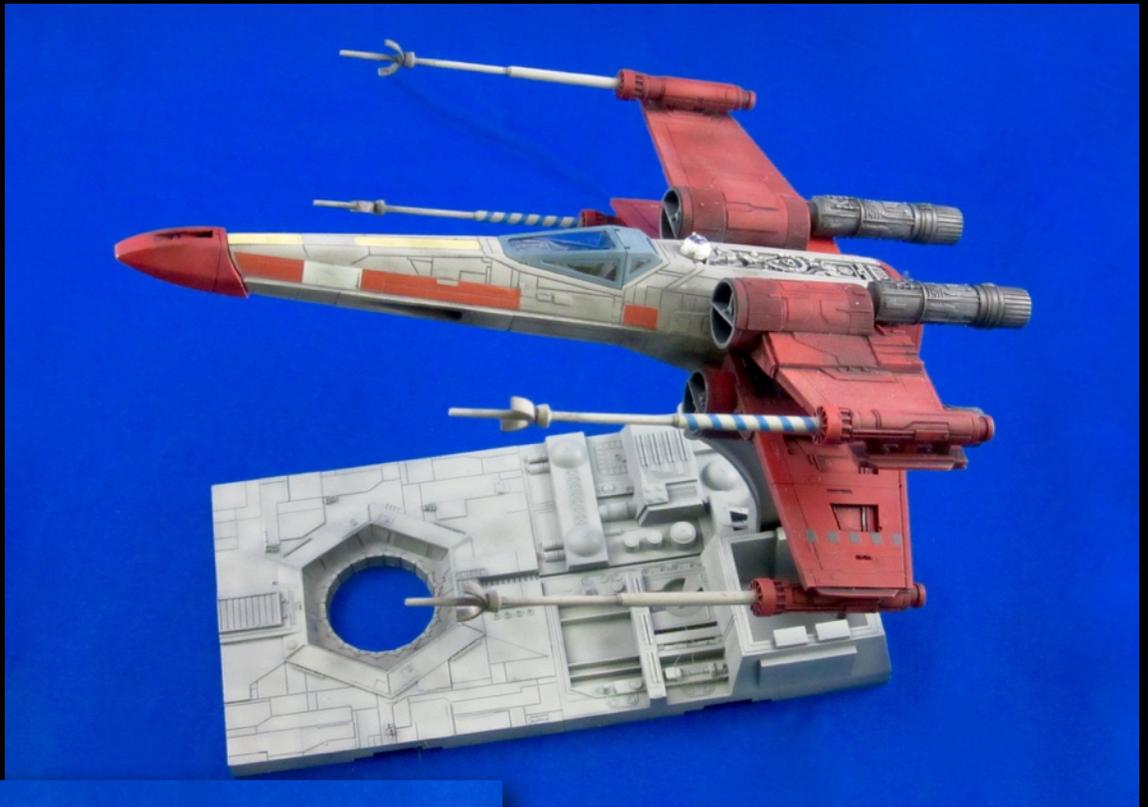
President Kennedy's body was brought through this door.

The Display Table



Theme:
Club Build
X-wing vs.
TIE fighter

Right: This Bandai 1/72 X-wing was pretty easy to build--only four days. Thought I'd do a non-Canon paint scheme from a different squadron. That TIE fighter below is toast! --Kevin

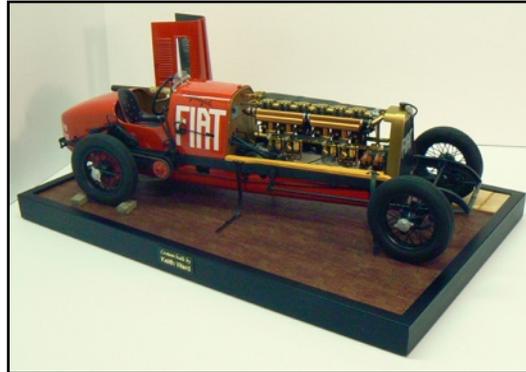


Left: Steve's Bandai TIE fighter, also in 1/72, is pretty easy to discern as the bad guy.

1/12 Fiat Mefistofele
is completed
(finally)



WARD'S WORKSHOP

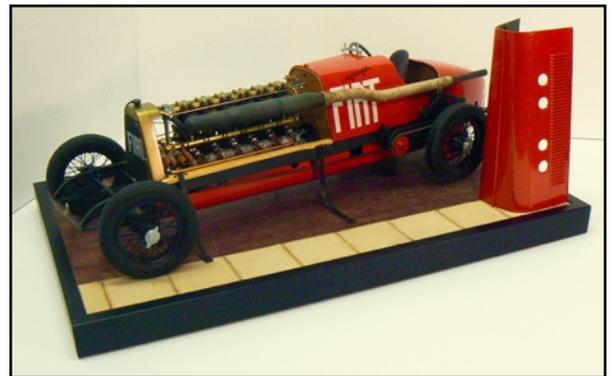


When you complete a big project like this very complicated kit that was designed and had molds cut 41 years ago, you just know you are in for a very interesting (challenging) build. The model is basically a giant 21.7-liter, 6-cylinder Zeppelin engine towing a small open tub. In 1924 that tub would have contained a speed-crazed Englishman (Sir Ernest Eldridge) traveling on a public road at a dizzying speed of 146 miles per hour. Primitive suspension, two-

wheel brakes activated by pulling a brake lever with your hand, a very large drive chain whipping along by your right elbow, flames and explosions coming from the other side of the cockpit--each speed attempt was a near death experience!

The colorful engine was an enjoyable build, and I assumed the body and chassis would be easy. However, Murphy and his law lurked ahead in the challenge of deciphering the not-so-clear (?) instructions, consisting of parts that were to connect to some other part that never appeared in the rest of the instruction sequence. It took me quite a while to understand how I was supposed to make two operating drive chains, each consisting of 160 chain links, with each link having plastic rivets that required the rivet head to be "melted over" slightly using a "warm" soldering iron, to achieve two flexible, functional chains without "welding" any links solid!

The wooden interior was fun--many boards, each with four screws forming the entire floor and firewall (a wooden firewall?). The seat provided in the kit was incorrect, and the actual seat was black with bright red welting trim and many red buttons (doable but no fun at all). I used Model Master enamels for the entire paint job, had no problems with the longer paint curing, and was pleased with the result. (I normally use Tamiya paints.)



Material was provided to be cut into strips to simulate the four hood hold-down straps, and I am pretty sure it came from mouse hides: heavy fabric on the back side and fuzzy (hair?) on the front side. I ended up using some thin, excellent real leather from an old wallet instead--perfect! As this 1/12 scale car needed a base, I remembered that a lot of dollhouse accessories are 1/12, and a search turned up a printed color photo of a weathered wall. It turned out to form a perfect brick street when the irregular lines between bricks were impressed with a rounded-tip metal stylus, stained with a dark wash and glued to a foamcore board in a metal frame. The hood is off since they were commonly removed for complete engine service and tuning.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Keith Ward

IPMS/USA membership qualifies you to participate in **IPMS/USA** sanctioned contests, particularly our world-famous **National Convention**, held each summer. As a member, you'll also be able to access our online discussion board, where a wide variety of modeling topics are discussed, and enjoy interaction with other serious modelers for help with questions about modeling techniques or IPMS in general. Many hobby shops and model vendors around the country offer discounts to **IPMS/USA** members.

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- **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://www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/>
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<http://www.americasbesttrain.com/>
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- **Past Time Hobbies** 9311 Ogden Ave., Brookfield, IL, 708-485-4544
<http://www.pthinc.com/>
- **Berwyn's Toys & Trains** 7025 Ogden Ave., Berwyn, IL, 708-484-4384
berwynstoytrains@comcast.net
- **Walt's Hobby and Model Shop** 2207 Plainfield Rd, Crest Hill, IL 60403
<http://www.waltshobbyonline.com/>



Far and Away

Air and Space with an Udvar-Hazy

By Stan Kurcz

The original Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum opened its main building in Washington, D.C., in 1976. I can recall visiting it shortly after and thinking this was mecca for any aviation enthusiast. Since then I've visited many times, as well as going to the air force museum in Dayton, Ohio, which is another fantastic collection of aviation. However, recently I was able to pay a visit to the new Smithsonian annex at D.C.'s Dulles Airport, known as Udvar-Hazy. I have to say that imho, this is the greatest aviation museum in the USA if not the world! The museum is made up of several halls, and each has different levels that allow the visitor to view displays at eye level, look up at suspended exhibits and peer down from balconies. It's truly amazing, and I think the best "scene" is looking down the main hall to see the shuttle and American flag behind the SR-71. It's an incredible place that encompasses mans' dreams and what those dreams can accomplish.

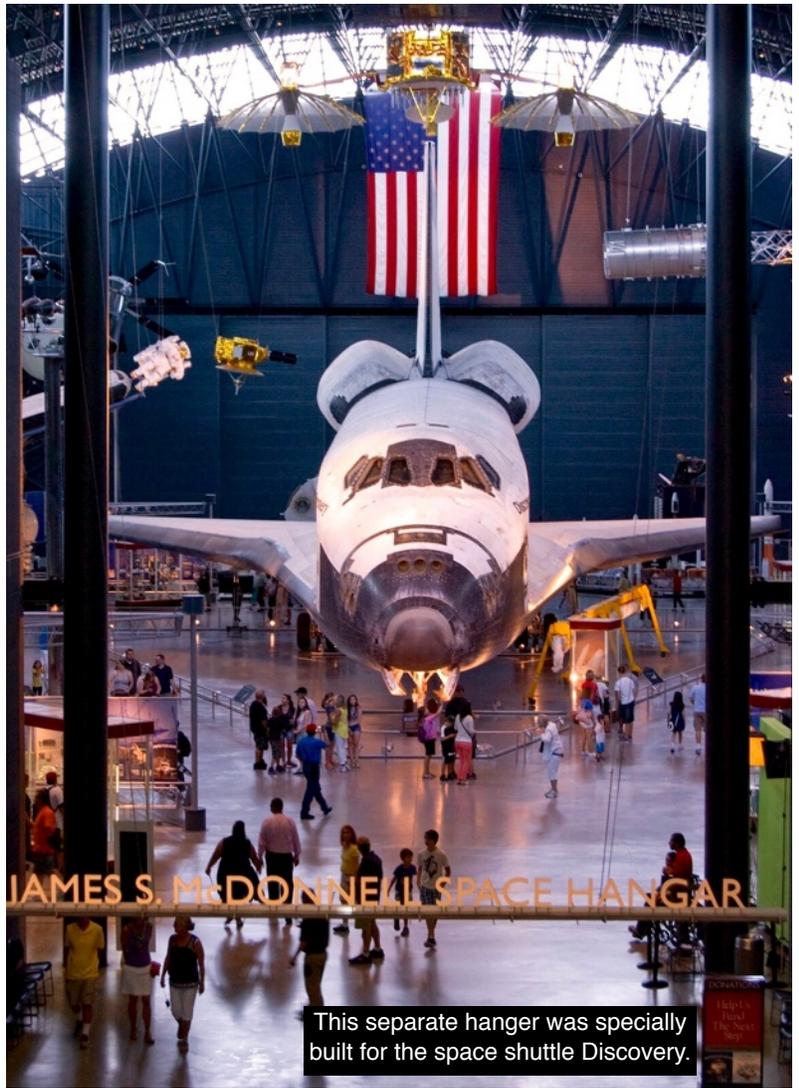


Looking to the left upon entering (top), and right (below), you can see the enormity of the hangar.





Check out an upper balcony flyby.



JAMES S. McDONNELL SPACE HANGAR

This separate hangar was specially built for the space shuttle Discovery.



Now we're talking!



Korean War rivals?



THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

Jan. 14, 1953: 5th Air Force F-86 Sabres destroy eight MiG-15s, the most since Sept. 4, 1952. Fighters and light bombers continue to pound Sinanju, while B-29s hit the railyard at Chonguyong-ni and an ore processing area at Kajanbaeji.

(tdmh)



Jan. 23, 1969: NASA unveils a moon-landing craft.

(tdmh)



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4, 2017 (all day)

20th Annual Hope It Don't Snow Show
Kahler Apache Hotel & Conference Center
1517 16th St. NW
Rochester, MN

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April 8, 2017

Surgicon 23
Hy-Vee #2 Euclid Room
2540 East Euclid Ave.
Des Moines, IA

Joe Lotz jlotz@iowatelecom.net

March 4, 2017 - 9am to 4pm

Mad City Modelers 22nd Annual Model Show
Madison Labor Temple
1602 South Park St.
Madison, WI

Bill Wedeward 53715williamwedeward@yahoo.com

April 22, 2017

FleaCon 13
Berndes Center
766 North Maple St.
Monticello, IA

Adam Mangold amangold2126@gmail.com

March 11, 2017 - 9am to 5pm

KCCON 2017
Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene
11811 State Line Road
Kansas City, MO 64114

Stuart Malone stuartmalone@icloud.com

May 20, 2017 - 9am to 4pm

Nimcon 6 Region V Convention
McHenry County College
8900 U.S. Hwy 14
Crystal Lake, IL

Phil Pignataro phil.pignataro@me.com

The Display Table



Above: Don's 1/720 Admiral Kuznetsov CV-113 looks perfect with aircraft.

Below: Carl's 1/144 RC-135 always looks great in shiny silver.



RECRUITS WANTED!



Parachute into operational modeling theaters...
Come on in for the
BIG WIN!



**VOLUNTEERS FOR CLUB
DEMOS NEEDED**

January, March, June, July and October are left.



FORGOTTEN FIFTEENTH

By BARRETT TILLMAN

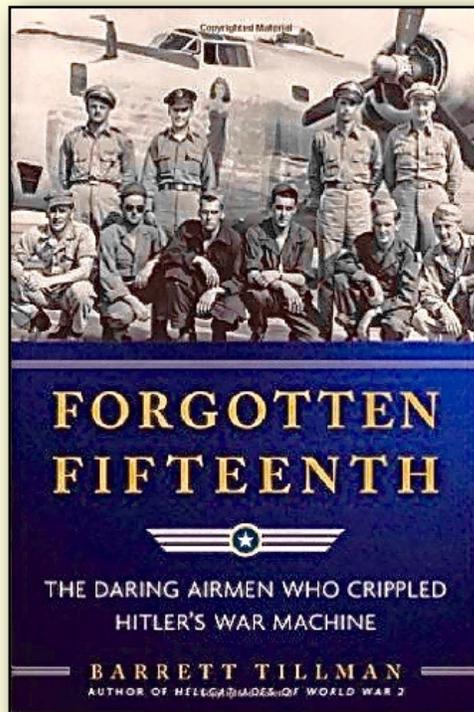
Reviewed by John Kaufman

Everyone has heard of and knows the story of the 8th Air Force in World War II, or at least anyone interested in the history of that time period. Some may also know about the 20th Air Force and the B-29s bombing Japan, Chenault's 14th Air Force and the legacy of the Flying Tigers.

But what about the other numbered air forces during WWII? The 1st-4th Air Forces covered regions of the continental United States and saw little action. The 5th Air Force in the Western Pacific and its head, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, have gotten some press. The 6th Air Force guarded the Panama Canal. The 7th and 13th Air Forces also fought in the Pacific, to little notice. The 9th Air Force was the medium bomber counterpart to the 8th, flying out of England and overshadowed by its big brother. The 10th Air Force flew out of India. The 11th fought the weather and the Japanese in the Aleutians. The 12th Air Force was the tactical force in the Mediterranean theater. And then there is the 15th Air Force, which flew heavy bombers from Italy into the weak underbelly of the Nazi empire and has gotten almost no coverage in literature or movies.

Barrett Tillman's book "Forgotten Fifteenth" looks to amend that oversight of the past 70 years and does a pretty good job of it. This is the third Tillman book I have reviewed recently, and it covers a portion of WWII in Europe that I can honestly say I knew almost nothing about, in spite of the fact that several famous characters participated in the action. First was Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, who stood up the 15th Air Force before his transfer to England to take over the 8th. Other famous names include Carl Spaatz and Ira Eaker, both of whom went on to bigger and better things after the war. What makes the lack of information even more interesting is how in the 18 months or so that the 15th was in combat, it targeted mainly German fuel and aircraft production, and as such probably shortened the war. Many will have heard of the attack on the Ploesti refinery early in the war by the 8th Air Force. The 15th visited there many times and hit other refineries again and again, keeping them down and depriving the Reich of the fuel it needed to keep fighting. No less than Hermann Goering reported that the war on oil cost Germany training time for their pilots, which helped the Allies achieve air dominance. In addition, the 15th took on many of the other smaller players in the Axis, including Romania and Hungary, and fought planes that many would not have heard of, including the IAR 80s of Romania.

In a final testament to the value of the 15th Air Force, Nazi armament minister Albert Speer wrote in his memoirs that the sight of the 15th Air Force bombers crossing the Alps was an omen of the war's end. Barrett Tillman has done much to redress the lack of honor shown the 15th Air Force, and he has done it in a book that is very readable and filled with stories both sad and funny. If you are at all interested in the air war in Europe in WWII, you owe it to yourself to find a copy of "Forgotten Fifteenth" and read it. Not only will you learn about a part of history that has been mostly overlooked, but you will also honor the memory of the brave men who fought in that forgotten theater of operations. Maybe reading about this will inspire models of the 15th Air Force. Who knows? Enjoy!



New Kits...and stuff

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





FROM THE OVAL OFFICE



Fellow Butch O'Hare club members,

I hope that all of you had a great holiday and received that one special gift that is going to last all year! I think all of us had a great time at the Christmas party and had enough to eat. We all could have gone into hibernation like bears after that meal!

The executive staff is looking forward to a productive year. Our first planning meeting for our show will be held soon, so if you have any ideas and want to share them, please send them to me for consideration.

We will probably conduct a club build soon. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting regarding what type of model or kit you would like to build. Maybe we should change it up some? Anyway, get ready for a busy show season, starting with the Regional Show in Crystal Lake. Should be a fun time. . .

Talk to you at the next meeting,

Frank

Happy Holidays Region 5!

This update is strictly about the re-charter of your club. We are way behind this year for some reason. You guys need to get this done ASAP. As of Jan. 1, any club that had not completed the renewal process had any scheduled events wiped from the calendar, and you will have to be rescheduled with me if and when you renew your charter. I will not hold any dates for clubs that have not re-chartered.

Every club has been sent their Fact Sheet. It needs to be updated and sent back to me and the DLC (which I can forward for you). Also, please follow these rules:

1. We really, really want the Fact Sheets returned as MS Word documents--not paper copies, not pdf files, but live documents. And please take the opportunity to update meeting information, website info, etc., not just membership info.
2. Chapter renewals will go much faster and more smoothly if the **chapter elects to use the IPMS/USA store to pay the renewal**. I will get an automatic notification of the payment that I can act on immediately. If they mail a check to the NEW National Office P.O. box, there's a guaranteed delay until Marie has the chance to pick up, log and deposit the check.
3. Finally, if they MUST use a paper check, please ask them to **write "2017 IPMS/XXXX Chapter Renewal Fee" somewhere on it**.

Kelly Quirk
Region 5 Coordinator

The Display Table



Right: Carl's Minicraft C-9B 1/144 represents Douglas's famous two-engined aircraft the DC-9. Many versions of this plane were cranked out--still flying today.



Left: Carl's Minicraft 737-200 1/144 is the very plane that put the DC-9 out of business.

Right: Carl continues with this Hasegawa P-39D 1/72 scale. Nice stand!



“No BIG Secret
Reminder” #1

Dues are due!!

Don't miss out on being
included in the
Final Roster.

The Final Roster
goes out the end of
March!

NIMCON 6

(Sixth Annual Northern Illinois Model Contest)

1917

*America Enters
The Great War*

IPMS R5 Regional Contest

Saturday May 20, 2017

9:00 am to 5:00 pm



McHenry County College

8900 US Highway 14
Crystal Lake, IL.
60012



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Upcoming Schedule 2017

| Date | Theme | Demo/guest |
|-------------|---|---|
| January 13 | <i>Snow Fighters</i> | |
| February 10 | <i>Battle of the Bulge</i> | <i>Build it Night</i> |
| March 10 | <i>Anything with Fans</i> | |
| April 14 | <i>Non-Street Legal</i> | <i>Sanding after Priming (K Stover)</i> |
| May 12 | <i>Space...</i> | <i>Auction Night</i> |
| June 9 | <i>Infantry Aids</i> | |
| July 14 | <i>Patrolling our Coast</i> | |
| August 11 | <i>Red Things</i> | |
| September 8 | <i>Still Serving (old but still working)</i> | <i>Build it Night</i> |
| October 13 | <i>Young Upstarts (Less than 5 yrs service)</i> | |
| November 10 | <i>Contest</i> | <i>Set-Up</i> |
| December 8 | <i>Club Builds</i> | <i>Party</i> |

WE NEED YOUR HELP



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

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
5739 Dunham Rd., Downers Grove, IL

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