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Happy Christmas, Merry Hanukkah, Happy Happy Holidays and Wonderful Winter Solstice (to the Vikings amongst us) from Santa Prez.

It's that time of the year again... our IPMS Niagara Frontier Holiday Party, featuring food, frolic and Toys for Tots! (with US Marines Elves in attendance.)

Our Holiday meeting is December 21, 7 PM, basement classroom at the Harlem Rd. Community Center - be there or "coal for you" this Christmas☺

The club will be paying for the pizza, wings and pop. We need "sweet treats" so, if you are so inclined, feel free to bring a plate full of "wonderful"! Other than just having time with good friends during the Holidays, the most important thing we do at our celebration is our always substantial USMC "Toys for Tots" Community Donation. This will be an extra tough year for many, so please bring as generous an unwrapped child's/teen gift as you can comfortably afford. We recommend an item(s) in the \$10-\$20 range. The children's age group is toddler to very early teens. Remember that older children get gifts too, so please consider gifts in that age group as well.

"Generosity Hint".... Big Lots Stores has really nice toys for VERY reasonable prices. Let's pack that table. Tom Brown Sr.: thanks for getting our USMC Elves - always appreciated!

At the meeting we will be doing the "whenever annual" "IPMS Niagara Frontier Dollar Store Christmas Challenge". I've reprinted Larry O's earlier "head's up" email to our club...

"I've asked 2nd VP Larry O' to send out this early email to our club members to announce an exhibition/competition that we will be having at our 2009 Holiday party on Monday, December 21.

Here are the rules for our first annual "IPMS Niagara Frontier Dollar Store Christmas Challenge" or "Hanukkah Challenge" if you might so choose!☺

Buy any item at any local Dollar type store that you feel can be used as a model building tool, bring that "tool" to our Holiday Party (along with your most generous Toys for Tots donation). Those members who bring their "Dollar Store modeling tool/modeling useful item" will be expected to give a 1 minute-ish presentation as to why their \$1 tool is the best \$1 tool, better than what anybody else brought - presentation counts!

After all the presentations have been made, the club membership present will

vote. The winner will be chosen by popular vote.

The prize will be a \$25 Gift Certificate from 3GUYZ Hobbies. If a 3GUYZ Guy wins, we'll donate the prize to the "kid's class".

I hope to see you all in about 3 weeks.

Happy Holidays and best regards, DaPrez"

This is also our last club meeting before the "kid's classes" start, thus it is everyone's last opportunity to get model donations to Bob Conshafter; all help is much appreciated. Let me also take this opportunity to thank Bob for all his efforts in making these classes happen. He's pretty much done it alone for the last two years. He works really hard to actually put value and content into the classes for the kids. I pick on Bob in fun but he does a terrific job for the kids and our club. I used to do the Kid's Class stuff too, and it's A LOT of work and Bob does a much more expansive job than I ever did or even thought of doing. Thanks Bob - great job!

That's it for now my good friends - see you on the 21st.

Regards,

SantaPrez (wear your Santa hat!)

MEETING NOTES

BOB RAITHEL

Here's what happened at the November meeting.

Dave Armitage used a 1955 vintage Trail-Blazers "The General" locomotive kit he obtained at a BuffCon flea market as a starting point for a boxed diorama of Camp McDonald, scene of a Civil War train-jacking. The highly detailed HO-scale diorama features mirrored end surfaces to create the illusion of extended space. The original kit box contained the glue and paints, which are still usable. Dave also brought some fireplace models in 1/35 scale from Custom Dioramics. He added parts from his scrap box to the resin-cast models. He backed the models with Formica samples and simulated the marble bases with paint.









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Paul Hines built a 1/35 scale Alert Revenue Cutter from blueprints he obtained from Dick Schulenberg. The plans by Vincenzo Lucci date from 1969. Cannons, oarlocks, and anchors are the only manufactured parts used in the entirely scratch built project, which Paul constructed using conventional shipwright practices. A resource Paul discovered is the "carpenter's certificate" which Paul describes as a sort of "birth certificate" for ships. This document outlined the process and materials the builders used on the original ship. Paul opted to furl the sails to best display the rigging.



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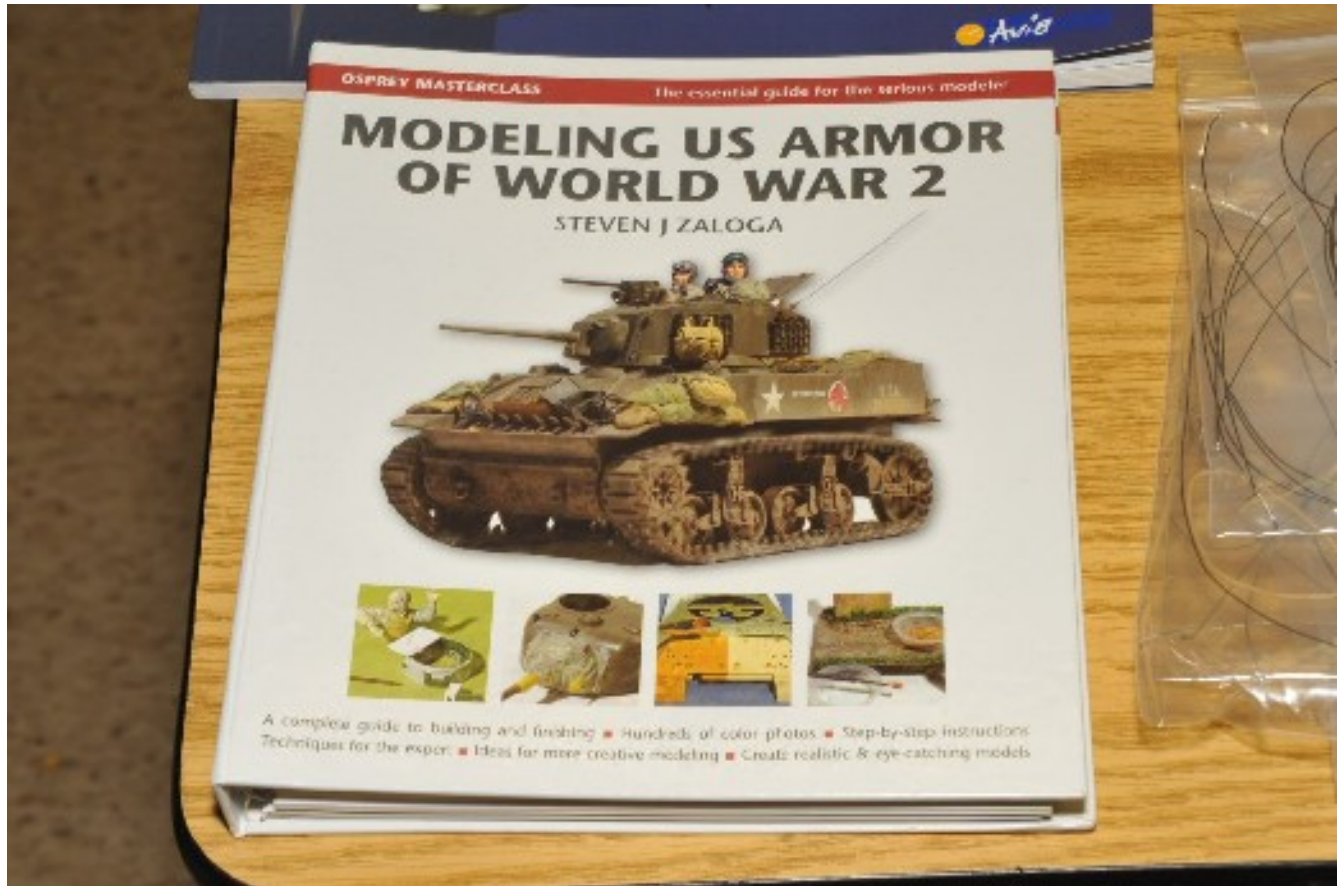
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Tony Gliszczynski showed his Motorcraft drag car, a 1987 Bob Glidden Thunderbird in 1/24 scale which he purchased at Noreastcon. He built it "out-of-box" and still has some buffing to do on it.



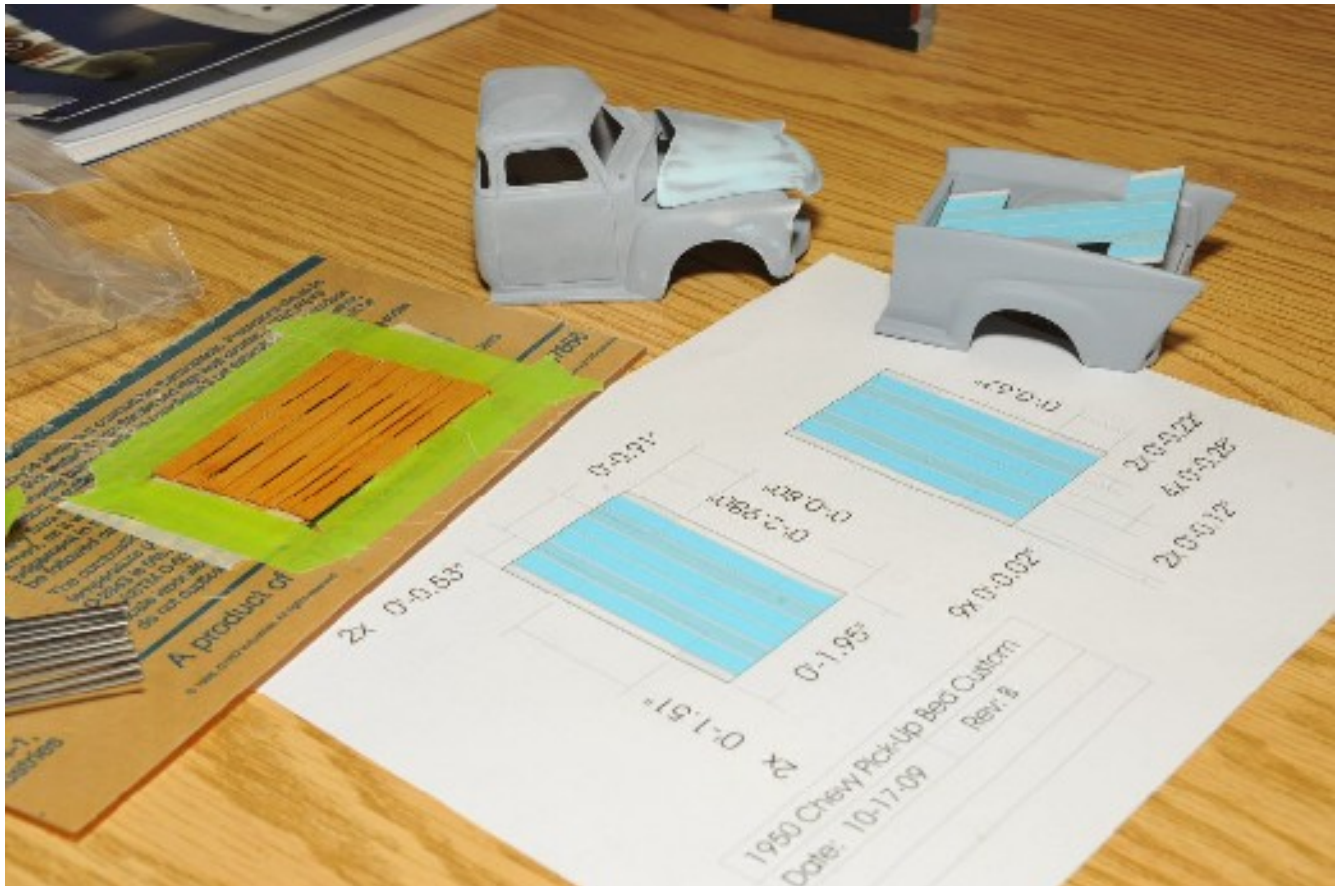
Bob Conshafter brought in a copy of "Modeling US Armor of World War 2" by Steven J. Zaloga which details the authors methods for building and detailing armor models. The book features wire binding that allows it to lay open flat on the work table. Bob also shared some recycled bits of wire cableing for use in diorama or similar uses. Thanks Bob!



Illya Grinberg also brought a book, this one titled "Canadian Aircraft of World War 2" by Carl Vincent and illustrated by Illya's friend, Terry Higgins. The lavishly illustrated book features maps, period photographs, and interviews with surviving pilots. The book is available from the author's web site www.aviaeology.com



Frank Blonski described how he made a real-wood bed for his on-going Chevy Pick-up truck project from basswood. He sanded, stained, and clear-coated the wood planks and separated them with Evergreen plastic I beams. He described his use of Al-Clad to get a metallic finish. Frank also used Corel Draw to make the blue prints for the project.



Ernie Yuhnke displayed more of his ever-expanding figure collection with a Prussian Field Officer from NHD, a French Infantry Officer from Historex, and two Mokorex models from the French Revolution, which Ernie got as a give-away in can of coffee.





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Bob Raithel showed four 1/35 scale figures as yet unpainted. Two German infantrymen are from MB Models and two Russians are from Dragon. As can be seen in the photo, Bob's head attachment techniques need work.



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Tom Mooney shared a 1/6 scale Harley Davidson FXE 1200 Superglide motorcycle, circa 1976. The hard to find kit was purchased on eBay from Tokyo. He finished the kit with acrylics except for the fenders and tank on which he used Modelmaster Flame Red over a coat of Modelmaster gray primer. Tom says it was an easy, straight-forward kit to build.



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Dan Marafino built a boat! The kit is an Aii 1/600 "Wisconsin" which Dan describes as a "crude" kit, but fun to build. He hand-painted it using acrylics. He built it for a friend.



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Dick Schulenberg displayed five 1/72 scale aircraft models. They include a Gloster Meteor by Matchbox, a Caudron C-714 pre WW2 French fighter, a P-40N from Hasegawa, a Jaguar in French markings, and a P-40 M from Academy. All were hand-painted using acrylics. The raised panel lines on the older kits were sanded off and re-drawn using pencil.



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Eric Hillebrand used his 1/35 scale Peerless HUP and three British figures to create a diorama depicting a field court-martial. Eric also brought a High-speed tractor which he's had on the workbench for some time and an RSO 75mm gun carriage which he plans to combine with a figure to create a 'total war' themed diorama.





Brian McFee brought in his unbuilt 1/48 scale Trumpeter F-100C kit, which Brian plans to detail with ejection seats and Super-scale decals to create a Viet-Nam War era version of the jet fighter. Brian researches his kits extensively using published information and first-person information from veteran crew chiefs and has a thorough knowledge of his model subjects.



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Steve Weller shared the trials and tribulations of building an Airfix 1/72 scale P-38 Lightning. Steve created battle damage by removing paint with washes, melting one of the tail booms with a lightbulb and dissolving the spinners with Tenex cement. He also, intentionally, used an undercoat of silver, masked random wear patterns with liquid latex and then sprayed the finishing color. The chipped paint resulted from removing the latex. Steve's goal was to make his P-38 look as weathered as one of Bob Collignon's tanks and it looks like he succeeded!



Larry Osolkowski shared his method of matching paint finishes to decals by applying the paint to plastic spoons. He also brought an unassembled Fujimi 500 Abarth Fiat coupe along with a Tamiya version of the same car to illustrate the difference in scale size of the two cars over the years. The kit has no engine detail and is a 'curbside' model. Larry likes the detail of the kit and the decals. In addition to the car kits, Larry brought some examples of detail parts for motorcycle kits from a Korean company called Top Studio. The parts include 1/12 scale screws and turned shift linkages.





This month's "New Guy" is Ed Buttons. Ed builds 1/48 scale WW2 airplanes and enjoys restoring old assembled kits he finds on the Internet. Welcome, Ed!

Some photos from the "around the tables" discussion:







Member Joe Szczygiel presented an excellent demonstration on his techniques for mold-making and casting.

He began with an overview of materials featuring Alumilite High-Strength RTV Rubber and Alumilite two-part resin, which are available at Niagara Hobbies and Hobby Lobby.

Joe discussed the proper mixing of rubber and hardener to achieve a durable finished mold, how to make a box to contain the master part and the liquid rubber, and curing times.

Then he demonstrated how to mix and pour the resin, and gave tips on controlling curing times by refrigerating one or both parts of the uncured resin. He shared tips on eliminating air bubbles in the resin by stirring it with a thin metal rod.

The resulting castings were highly detailed and ready to be primed and painted, although interestingly, Joe says he never primes anything and goes right for the paint.

Joe's demo was captured on video and will be available to view on the website soon.

Well done, Joe!





Special Offer for All Current IPMS Niagara Frontier Members

OK, since there's been some confusion about this, let's try again.

After all of the work contributed by the club members over the past year, the E-Board decided that it would be nice to give something back to the membership. At the same time, we wanted to encourage members to join the national IPMS organization. So, here's the deal: if you join IPMS USA, or renew your current membership any time between now and June 2010, we will pay you for half of the National membership dues. If you joined or renewed membership in IPMS USA any time between June 2009 and now, we will reimburse you for the dues that you paid. You have to show Dave Schwab your current IPMS USA membership card to get your money. You'll receive half of the dues back, which amount to \$12.50 for adult membership and \$6.00 for junior membership. This does not affect your membership in IPMS Niagara Frontier, our local club. We are not reimbursing dues for our local club.

You will be responsible to complete and submit the application along with payment to IPMS USA. You can also do this on line at the National website: <http://www.ipmsusa.org/> You will receive a membership card in the mail a few weeks later.

Once again, the rebate is available to new and current members of IPMS USA for new memberships and renewals occurring from June 2009 through June 2010. You can renew your membership any time and the year is added to your current renewal date.

To get your rebate, you just have to show your current IPMS USA member card to Dave Schwab and he will give you money. How simple is that?

The E-Board encourages everyone to take advantage of this offer. It's a good way to get your feet wet and see what IPMS USA is all about and a way for the E-Board to say "Thank You!"

Appeal for Volunteers for the 2010 Kids' Model Building Class

January 23rd - February 27th

The 2010 Kids' Class will soon be here and club members will once again perform the valuable and much appreciated role of Mentor. The 2009 class was very enjoyable for both kids and mentors alike. Twenty-eight children attended and a high level of parental involvement and club member turnout meant that most kids came away with a positive experience with modeling.

I'm happy to announce that this year, the fine folks at the Kalmbach Publishing Company will be providing a complimentary copy of Finescale Modeler or Scale Auto for the children. In addition, Kalmbach is also providing the following brochures: "You Can Make Great Scale Models", "Best Of Questions And Answers", "Painting Tips", and "Better Bodies For Car Modelers". In addition, IPMS Headquarters will be providing a complimentary copy of the IPMS Journal. I can't think of a better way to interest young people in modeling than to have a hands-on experience and some great magazines to spur on the interest.

The club is very fortunate to have members who, every year, share their interest in modeling by volunteering two hours of their time from ten to noon for six Saturdays in January and February. I've spoken with many past Mentors and they get a kick out of helping young people learn and enjoy the hobby of modeling. I believe Mentors have almost as much fun as the kids and find it personally rewarding. I think one ten-year old said it best when he said, "I couldn't have done it without you!"

Please consider being a Mentor. It's okay if you can't make every session. Whatever time you can provide will be greatly appreciated by your fellow members and especially the kids. Every year we strive to make improvements to the Kids' Class and your involvement and suggestions are greatly appreciated. Our main goal is to have every child come away from the class with a finished model and a positive experience with modeling. Remember, it would be great if you could volunteer for the whole class but it's okay if you can only attend some sessions. A sign up sheet will be passed out at the next club meeting. The class starts on January 23rd and runs for the following five consecutive Saturdays (10am to 12pm) until Awards Day, February 27th.

2010 Kids' Model Building Class Kit Appeal

The E-Board would like to request model kit donations from the club. Specifically, we are looking for new or pre-owned, un-built plastic model kits and will gladly accept anything you can provide. More specifically, we're currently short on the following:

1/35th scale armor

Small scale modern civil/warships

1/25 scale cars

Snap-together kits for young builders

Any small kit that we will pass out on awards day as a parting gift to keep the interest going beyond our class

If the kit you are considering donating is not new or sealed in plastic, please take the time to make absolutely sure all parts, clear pieces, decals, and instructions are present.

Donations will be gladly accepted by our President, Bob Collignon, Dave Schwab, Tony Gliszczynski, or me, Bob Conshafter. Club members were very generous last year and I would like to thank all of you who donated and thank in advance those who will donate this year.

F-4 Phantom Decals Wanted: Recently, a 1/48th scale kit of an F-4E/F Phantom kit was donated to the Kids Class and is only missing decals. If you are an F-4 builder, your help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

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The Next Club Meeting:

The next meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter IPMS will be on Monday, December 21, 2009 at the Harlem Road Community Center, 4255 Harlem Road (near Main Street), Amherst, New York. We meet in the basement youth room from 7:00PM to about 9:00PM.

Please do not arrive before 6:45PM.

Important: All submissions to e-Dizpatch must be received by the Monday one week after our scheduled meeting night.

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