



The Scribed Line

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Speaker at the March OHMS Meeting, Hal Lacy (left) treated the club to more than an hour of describing his experiences during WW2 as a radioman in the Navy serving on battleships during the Pacific War. Above is his display of medals from the war. (Photos by Larry Randel)

Message from the President

Events and Excuses

By Tony Roberts

While preparing to write the monthly article for the newsletter the club received two pieces of news that got me thinking about the hobby.

The news that the Baghdad Hobby Club is back in business made me think about all the bad excuses I use, not to sit down and work on a model project. Most weeks I can run these through my brain; Too tired, too late, not enough time, don't have the right after market (insert whatever is on the market for the latest build) not sure what color the interior of the wheel bay should be, don't want to screw up another \$40 kit! etc... etc....

I drive by Bridgetown every day on the way home from work and at the click of the mouse can have Hannants sending me a box of goodies that will undoubtedly sit on a shelf that I really should label 'for display purposes only.

So to read that the soldiers who use the Baghdad club need basic tools, paints, kits to enable them to build kits after coming in from patrols makes me feel uncomfortable in that I seem to spend more time making excuses for why I can't build rather than just pulling a kit off the shelf and building it. After writing this I'm off to the basement for the rest of the day!

The second piece of news was very sad and shocking. Pete Forrest died on April 4th as a result of a motorcycle accident and the modeling community has lost a nice man and our condolences go to his family and friends. Many of us probably have models that include lots of photo-etch that were bent and shaped using Pete's "Hold and Fold" machine. I have one of the early machines and use it on most kits I build. I didn't know Pete too well, but his death puts into stark relief the amount of time each of us have. I know there are lots more important things than building models, however, I no longer intend putting off certain

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projects (not all model related) that have sat and gathered moss for too long.

At the next club meeting we will be discussing the Baghdad club and I hope as many of you as possible can make it to the meeting. Our annual trip to the Seattle show is upon us and at the meeting we will be sorting out car-pooling arrangements for the trip.

The March build night was the second installment on figure painting. Next topic for discussion will be dioramas, which given my burst of enthusiasm for all things armor will be great.

See you all in April and look inside for more information on how OHMS intends to help the Baghdad club.



Pete Forrest 1964-2007

By Tony Roberts

We recently received the sad news that Pete Forrest died April 4th following a motorcycle accident in Vancouver Washington. Pete was a great armor modeler, the designer of the "Hold and Fold" machine that so many modelers use when working with photo-etch; owner of "The Small-Shop" company and a regular visitor to our September show. Pete was a member of the Pearson Modelers. A memorial service was held on April 9th at Lewisville Park. A trust fund, in Pete's name for his daughters has been set up and donations may be made at any branch of the US Bank.

I remember Pete arriving at our last show with his daughters and with a box full of models to enter into the show. Our thoughts and sympathies are with his family at this sad time

Breaking News:

The city will be paving Sandy Blvd on the night of the April 17th OHMS Meeting. No on-street parking will be available that night. Please park elsewhere and be prepared to walk a few extra feet.

Bagdad Hobby Club Restarts

By Tony Roberts

Recently, Ruud VanderSalm was contacted by a former OHMS member, Kirby Miller, a US Navy Captain, who is currently serving in Iraq. Kirby informs us that the Baghdad model club has been resurrected and they urgently need supplies, kits, and magazines, to assist the club and the servicemen and women. Here is an excerpt from Kirby's message:

We have a space over in one of the local MWR Buildings (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) and will meet Wednesday nights. The great thing about where the club meets is that it is over on the "real" side of the base... where the young kids go out on patrol or convoys and do the real work. They need the stress outlets!

Tools and equipment seem to be the most important items. Kirby also mentions that acrylic paints and thinners are preferred over enamels.

Therefore at the next club meeting we will gratefully take your donations of kits, supplies and magazines and prepare packages to ship out to Baghdad. The club will be making a donation of items and at the meeting we will be asking you the members to vote on the amount your club should donate.

This is a great way to support the troops and I hope to see you "stash in hand" at the club night.

IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

IPMS#: _____ Name: _____
(Leave Blank)

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature (required by _____)

- Adult: **\$25** Junior (17 years old or younger): **\$12**
 Trade Member: **\$25** Canada & Mexico: **\$30** Other Foreign: **\$32**
 Family (Adult dues plus \$5, one set of magazines, # of membership cards required: _____)
 If recommended by an IPMS Member, _____
list his/her name and member number: _____ (name) _____ (IPMS #)

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March 20, 2007 Meeting Notes

By Larry Randel

- Started at 7:40 PM
- President Tony Roberts introduced guest speaker Hal Lacy.
- Highlights from speaker:
 - Enlisted before the war at 17 in Nov 1940
 - After basic training at San Diego, went into Naval Academy Prep program—assigned to USS Tennessee to satisfy sea duty requirement. Tennessee assigned to Pearl Harbor in 1941.
 - Back problem disqualified him from officer training so he became a radioman instead.
 - On Tennessee when Pearl Harbor attack occurred. Was serving on kitchen duty at start of the attack. Helped clear anti-aircraft shells later in the attack. Tennessee only minor damage during the attack.
 - In the first part of the war, the Tennessee was the back up defense for the west coast. At Midway, they were the last line of defense if the Japanese had continued toward the US.
 - Tennessee returned to the US to be rebuilt and modernized. Served as a training vessel after refit.
 - Transferred to staff of Commander Battleship Division Four aboard USS Maryland, BB-46.
 - After USS Maryland was torpedoed at Saipan, he was transferred at sea by breeches buoy with Admiral Ruddock's staff to USS SAUFLEY DD-465 for transportation to USS Colorado BB-45.
 - USS Colorado was damaged by enemy shore batteries at Tinian and shortly thereafter COMBATDIV 4 moved from Colorado back to Maryland.
 - Served on the flag bridge of the USS West Virginia during the battle of Surigau Straits during the Philippines invasion in November 1944.
 - By 1945, he transferred back to the US and left the Navy in Oct 1945.



- At the conclusion of Hal's presentation at 8:35 pm, Tony presented him with a plaque to recognize and thank him for coming to our meeting. We then took a break at 8:40 pm.
- Break ended at 8:50 pm and then we had the descriptions of the three models brought in for the night. See the pictures below.
- Meeting concluded by 9:15 pm.

Meeting Model Pictures



Brian Yee's 1/32 Trumpeter MiG 21 in Afgan markings.



Tony Roberts brought in two different armor models. Above is his Tamiya 1/35 Tamiya Stug III and below is his Italeri 1/72 Elephant.





April Build Night featured more figure painting instruction

By Larry Randel

At the March and April build nights, Chris Binnett demonstrated many figure painting techniques. The focus at the April meeting was on uniforms.

The success of this program seems to be taking Build Night into slightly different directions lately. The emphasis seems to be shifting from simply building to instruction and discussion of techniques. I



Meeting Videos available for members

Both the speaker at the March meeting and the April Build night demonstrations were videoed. DVDs will be available at the next meeting for those interested in watching and listening. See Larry Randel at the next meeting for your copies. I will make up 10 DVDs of each and if people want more than that, I will make more.

Upcoming Events

- April 17 – OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- April 21 – **IPMS Seattle Spring Show 2007**, Renton Community Center, Renton, Washington. (See the show flyer on Page 7)
- May 1 – OHMS Build Night
- May 15 - OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- June 5 – OHMS Build Night
- June 16 – **IPMS North Olympic Peninsula 2nd Annual Show and Contest**, Port Townsend, Washington.
- June 19 - OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- July 3 – OHMS Build Night
- July 17 - OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- August 7 – OHMS Build Night
- August 21 - OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- August 22-25 – **IPMS National Convention**, Orange County, (Anaheim) California.
- September 4 – OHMS Build Night
- September 15 – **OHMS/Evergreen Aviation Museum Model Show and Contest**, McMinnville, Oregon
- September 18 - OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

2007 OHMS Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your OHMS Membership for 2007 yet, please see Treasurer Larry Randel to turn in your dues. Dues are \$15 for adult membership, \$10 for junior (under 18), and \$20 for family membership.

You can either pay using cash or check (payable to OHMS). You can pay Larry Randel at the next meeting. Also if you have had any address, phone, or e-mail changes please let Larry Randel know so that the roster can be updated.

Members' Swap Area

If you are looking for something or have something to offer, contact Larry Randel at ldrandel@hotmail.com to pass on your information. Below are a few people who have contacted me this month with their hard to find requests.

Wanted:

I am a Sci-Fi scratch builder looking for used or partial sets of Photo etched details. My latest project is in 48th scale and will require some "cool" PE items. If you have some stuff that you won't ever use, or some sheets with pieces missing, please bring them to the March meeting or build night, so I can make an offer. All scales, armor and aircraft welcome, I'll have some money, and will pay based "how cool it is"...or if you want to make a "donation" that's all right with me!

Thanks,

Chris "The model masher" Binnett
binnett@earthlink.net

Selling:

For anyone wishing a copy of the no longer online F-84 Thunderjet website that Bruce Craig did such a great job of creating used to moderate, for a nominal price, he can provide a copy on CD that will have all 2,000 F-84 pictures and other data that made up the site. Contact Bruce Craig at bcraig777@comcast.net for more information.

Selling:

Over the years I have collected models until I have nowhere to store them anymore. I have a list of what I have for sale that is available by e-mail. Contact me, William Bitner, at <williamwb2@msn.com>.

There are numerous aircraft models from China, Russia, Ukraine and various other manufacturers. Also car models by various American manufacturers (i.e. Monogram, Revell, and AMT) These include Street, and a lot of the older NASCAR models, including some very hard to find special edition NASCARS

The aircraft are 1/72 scale and 1\48 scale.

The cars are 1/24 - 1/25 scale.

A majority of the models are unbuilt but there are some which are started on the lower scale but nothing radical. I would like to sell them in lots but will sell them individually if some one is interested.

Thank you, William W Bitner II

Selling:

I have a couple of pair of sprue cutters. Testor's 50628C on sale. The \$17 cutters are available for \$13. Contact Michael Hudson at the next OHMS meeting or at sanmigimike@yahoo.com.

Selling:

Cory Gilmore has a Hasegawa 1/32 scale F-16A Thunderbirds version for sale. Some landing gear parts may have been used on another F-16, but the kit can be used for parts, built with gear up, or have undercarriage replaced with aftermarket parts (not a bad idea for the Hasegawa F-16 in any case). Contact Cory Gilmore at <modelmaster13@yahoo.com> for more information.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear OHMS

I live in eastern Massachusetts and from time to time visit my daughter who lives in Portland. On these visits I always visit Bridgetown Hobbies because there is nothing quite like it in my area.

It would be appreciated if you would publish this communication in your very well done newsletter. It would perhaps encourage others to chip in their comments on a matter that has always puzzled me.

A vast majority of the kits offered for assembling plastic scale model airplanes are for military types. Only once in a while does one come upon a kit for some civilian type.

I realize that the kit manufacturers choose types most likely to do well in international sales. But today there are numerous aviation museums, regional and national fly-ins and model related mail order firms.

So surely there should be a useful market for the kind of civilian planes seen by so many people at so many such places. I would love to see kits for such classic airplanes as the Stinsons, Travel Airs, Curtisses, Wacos, Beechcrafts, early lightplanes and so on. It would be interesting to have some members of your group write to you expressing their feelings on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bob Whittier

whittier@mymailstation.com

Kingston, MA

The North Olympic Peninsula
Modelers Society Presents the Second Annual
**Peninsula Model Show &
Contest 2007**

Saturday, June 16, 2007
9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Building 204
Fort Worden State Park
Port Townsend, Washington

Special Theme
"The Forgotten War" Korea 1950-1953

SCHEDULE

- ★ **SETUP 8:30am - 9:30 am**
- ★ **DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC - 9:30 am**
- ★ **REGISTRATION 9:30 am - 1:00 pm**
- ★ **JUDGING 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm**
- ★ **AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS - 4:15 pm**
- ★ **SHOW CLOSE - 4:30 pm**
- ★ **RAFFLES - all day including 4 pm special raffle**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Adults \$5

Model Fees—\$1/entry up to 5 entries

Junior (Age 17 and younger) \$3

NOTE: Admission allows entry to nearby
Coastal Artillery Museum For \$1 (half price)

Archive Museum Opens in Oregon

The National Combat History Archive (NCHA) has announced the opening of the John "Barton" Ellinger memorial library. The library contains over 1,400 books most of which were donated by Christine Ellinger of McMinnville, Oregon.

The National Combat History Archive is a Public Benefit Foundation dedicated to preserving the memories of our treasured veterans so that future generations may never forget what they have done for our nation. Photographs, moving images, books, personal accounts and artifacts are all welcome at the National Combat History Archive. For more information contact us at info@combatarchive.com or call 503-597-7030 The NCHA website is at www.combatarchive.com.

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OHMS Build Nights held at Bridgetown Hobbies 1st Tuesday of the month. 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

OHMS General Meetings held at Bridgetown Hobbies 3rd Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

10% Discount to OHMS Members on purchases and special orders when made at club meetings.

IPMS Seattle Presents

Spring Show 2007

Scale Model Contest

Same great place—same great space!

Model entries for prizes!

Special awards sponsored by local merchants,
individuals, and local organizations!

Door prizes awarded hourly!

Raffle tickets for all model entries, also available for
purchase separately!

Every Junior entry gets an award!

Entry costs		Highlights
Judging entries	\$10	♦ Vendor tables
Juniors	\$5	♦ Awards presented at
Spectators	\$5	4:00
Renton Community Center		
1715 Maple Valley Highway		
Renton, WA		
		(425) 430-6700

From Interstate 405, take exit #4, Renton-Enumclaw exit.

Turn east towards Maple Valley/Enumclaw.

At the first light past 405, turn right into the Renton Community
Center Parking lot.

Contact Terry Moore: (425) 774-6343
Or visit <http://www.ipms-seattle.org>



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April 2007 OHMS Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Bridgetown Hobbies, 3350 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR

Planned Activities:

- Monthly contest
- Discussion and fun

OHMS "Build Night" May 1, 2007 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Bridgetown Hobbies

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The Meeting after this Month: May 2007 OHMS Meeting

When: May 15, 2007, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Where: Bridgetown Hobbies, 3350 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR

Planned Activities:

- Monthly contest
- Discussion and fun

Visit the OHMS Web page at: <www.geocities.com/ipmsoregon/>