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CSM Debrief

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A Message From The Prez



A good friend, who is not in the hobby but has attended shows with me, said something to me out of the blue. We were discussing all things hobby (he works in stained glass) when he said to me all of the sudden, "Model building brings people together."

Our hobby is inherently individualized – perhaps solitary at times. From one's own interests and tastes, workshop space and man caves, even driving to one's favorite hobby shop or shopping favorite online store, we often work our hobby solo.

But, the wonderful thing is that this hobby allows us to build many personal connections with people who share common interests. One of my best model friends came about all due to a mysterious text message one day.

It was the Sunday after the Chattanooga Nats; I was stuck in a massive traffic jam in Kentucky when I suddenly hear my phone "ding." I had gotten a Facebook Message.

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Regional Events

Date	Event	City
May 30-31	WonderFest	Louisville, KY Crown Plaza Hotel
Aug. 5 - 8	IPMS National Convention	Grand Wayne Conv. Ctr. Ft Wayne, IN

IPMS National Convention News

Just a reminder that early registration is open until June 30th. Save \$10 by registering in advance rather than day of show.

Also, the list of seminars and workshops is starting to be posted. As always there are some great opportunities to learn advanced modeling techniques from some of our hobby's best modelers. Check out the listing on the Nat's website.

Notes From the Secretary

We'd like to broaden the scope of this newsletter by including information and experiences that you think will help, or at least amuse, your fellow modelers.

To get the ball rolling, we'd like to ask you to share your Gorilla Glue stories. If you have a tale to tell about your experiences using Gorilla Glue, we'd like you to share it with the rest of the club. Using it on an assembly where regular glue just wasn't working? Tell us about it. Saved you at a show when an emergency repair was needed? Tell us how it saved the day. It's becoming more and more a regular, not special, part of assembling a kit. Put your writing skills to good use and share your experiences with this new tool in your kit.

Send your submission to me at mrchipholt@gmail.com

Meeting Highlights





Upcoming Door & Raffle Prizes

The next meeting will take place June 7, 2026 2:00 – 4:00 PM at The Hawk Building
4184 Taylor Road, Batavia, OH 45013

Door Prize	Raffle
1/35 Dragon Quad Gun Trailer M55	Shark's Teeth Nose Art book
1/144 Su-27 Naval Flanker	1/35 Bronco 10.5cm LEFh18 Auf Geschutzwagen
1/72 Nakajima Ki43-II Hayabusa (Oscar)	1/48 Eduard Profipak Fw-190A-5

Model Kit News

The 1:48 LGM-118 Peacekeeper

If you like rockets, check out this excellent model produced by **Mojo Modelworks** based in Columbus, Ohio AND one of our vendors!

Jason Chadwell spent over six months researching and working up the cad drawings. This kit is a highly-detailed 3D printed kit and would be an impressive build for sure! If you'd like to check out more, visit www.mojomodelworks.com





CSM Juniors

The Cincinnati Scale Junior Modelers had another great meeting on May 17th! The kids were highly engaged in their kits and received a lot of help from Steve Smith and Mike Zender.

We discussed the Dayton show and the balancing the pursuit of awards with just having fun. It's hard to believe that in three more months, we will have been doing this for ONE YEAR!

As it stands now, four to five of our juniors are planning on attending the Nats!

If you would like to take part in one of our meetings, please join us!

- **First Sunday of every month**** *Please note: our next meeting will take place July 5th.*
 - **MidPoint Library West Chester**
9363 Centre Pointe Drive
West Chester 45069
 - 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm



How to Make Winter Camo by Declan Salyers

Welcome back to monthly tutorials. This month we will focus on winter camo and how to make it. For some backstory it all started in World War II when winter rolled around and the tanks needed quick camo that can be easily washed off; as a result people made winter wash.



Here's how to make it on your models.

1. paint a nice came but not to nice as it will be partially covered
2. Spray on some cheap hairspray onto the model. Let it dry for 3-5 minutes
3. Paint on a coat of nice white paint
4. Wet a brush and apply water to the model. Brush the model with the watery brush to chip away the white paint. The water will activate the hairspray and chip the white paint.
5. Let it dry completely
6. If you would like, you could then highlight some spots with a white oil paint to represent layers of wash.

If done correctly it should look a little something like this.

Until next month. Good luck fellow modelers!



The Book on the Bench

By Randy Dosier

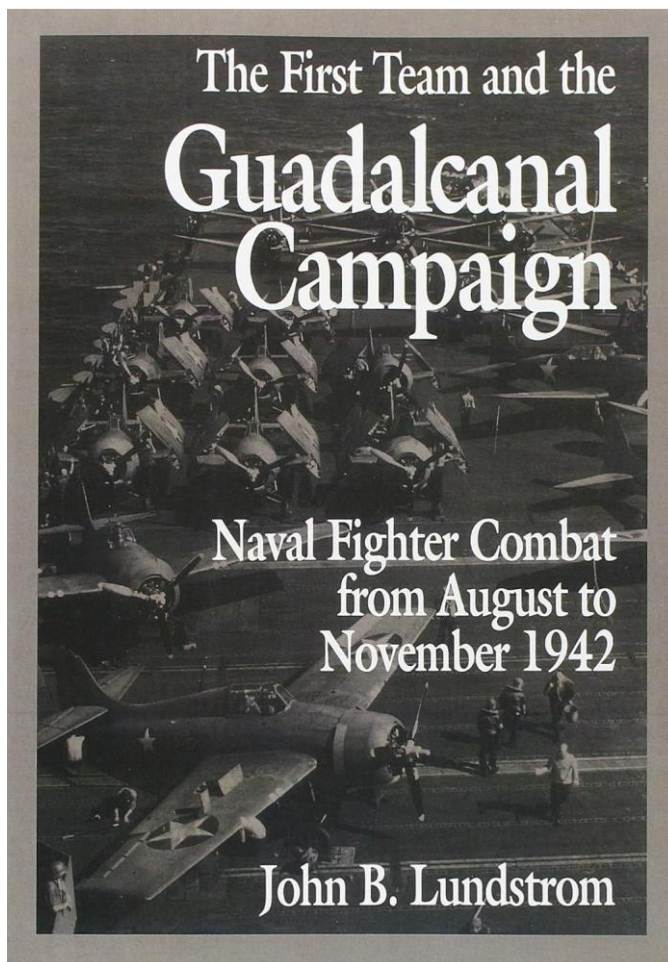
I find it hard to believe that I first encountered this book 30 years after it was published! ***The First Team and the Guadalcanal Campaign; Naval Fighter Combat from August to November 1942*** by John B. Lundstrom is an expansive volume of research and was first published in 1994.

This book follows his previous First Team book that took us from Pearl Harbor to Midway which was published in 1984. Chronologically speaking I guess I should have started with that book but they are not represented as Volume 1 and 2 and read well as standalone works.

The well-written text flows nicely and is supported by many maps and photographs. The author provides an abundance of tables and lists that show so much information about personnel and equipment from both sides involved in this campaign. The play-by-play narrative has woven many insights about the difficulties both sides encountered during this battle. Weather, communications and logistics are a few of the topics discussed in detail and how they helped or hindered the outcome. So many components of this book stand out, but what I enjoyed the most is the personal stories. An example is the epic dogfight between Pug Southerland and Saburo Sakai with descriptions of the combat from the perspective of both pilots.

There is so much more to this book than naval fighter combat. The surface actions of both fleets as well as life on Guadalcanal are covered in detail.

I really enjoyed this book and highly recommend it. Even though this book is over 30 years old it still holds up as the definitive work on the subject. The style and detail of Mr. Lundstrom's writing made it a book I looked forward to spending time with and I think you will too.



A Message From The Prez

"Hi. I saw your Tamiya Phantom at the Nats. It was excellent. I took a lot of pics of it Friday night. I tried to find you Saturday – I looked at your name and saw you are from Cincinnati and I found you on Facebook. I spotted something in the pictures. Did you know your canopies are on backwards? I just wanted to let you know."

Naturally, I was shocked by this random text message and wondered "Who the heck is this guy? Finding me on Facebook – this guy is a stalker or what?" It was Sunday – I wanted to get home – but now, stuck in the car, I was itching with curiosity. "Could he be correct? There is no way he could be! But, did I really make such a bad mistake?"

The hours passed, and this possible *huge* blunder couldn't escape my thoughts. I finally landed at home and the very first thing I did was get the box and take out the plane for a look. To my astonishment, he was right! I had accidentally mounted the front canopy on the rear. I took out my phone and messaged the person back and discovered he lived in Portsmouth and since then, we've become great friends!

We have all made friends through shows and clubs. We have those certain people we look forward to seeing – sometimes only once a year, and that is one of the great gifts of this hobby. It brings people from all walks of life together. We share stories, tips, and experiences.

What I personally love about the personal connections I've made is all the information I've learned from people. Whether it's a historical antidote or a tip, the exchange of ideas and knowledge is one of the greatest gifts this hobby offers.

I've said it before: Cincinnati Scale Modelers is special because we are genuinely a group that is caring, kind and supportive of each other.

If you haven't been to a meeting for a while, stop on by and reconnect. Know that you are missed, that you are welcomed and we hope to see you soon!

Happy Modeling!

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