



Summer crept up on us. . .

By Ed Burgess

The club will meet this Wednesday, 15 June, as usual at the Leavenworth Public Library.

Brooks Lyle will discourse on aircraft decals. See below.

We have some issues to discuss. I have a request from the Nationals for sponsorship which we should consider. Mark's ability to maintain the web page has taken a rather serious downturn, and

we need to consider the implications. There are some details to bring out about the upcoming contest.

I'll try to keep the business part moving so that there will be time for examining each other's models. I've been interested in early Russian armor lately. I have a BT-5 on the bench, from Zvezda. The BT-5 used Christie suspension, and could travel on improved roads without using its

tracks. Christie's designs greatly influenced AFV design in the Thirties, but fell out of favor as the art progressed. The kit has some interesting features, and some really horrible bits.

I'll also bring some diorama materials to give away.

BTW, make your hotel reservations for Nationals, if you haven't already.

Aircraft Decals

For those who have attended chapter meetings regularly, you're aware that we have had interesting demonstrations at our past two meetings. And we are continuing that plan (at our IPMS Prison City Chapter meeting on Wednesday evening, 15 June). Our veteran member — a skilled aircraft modeler — Brooks Lyles will present a demo on the proper application of decals to your modeling efforts.

As most of us know, to apply decals correctly, say to an aircraft model, is not an easy task. And Brooks will get into the details about the techniques that he uses. He will be mentioning the tools and chemicals he uses and show first hand how he achieves such award winning results. Brooks emphatically states that it is necessary to develop patience when tackling this final part of completing a model. He stresses not being in a hurry, as with each step in the process, there is a necessary 'hands off' period required while solvents and/or gloss and flat liquids becomes completely dry.

So plan on being there for Brooks' demonstration as it will be a most informative portion of the meeting.

Reported by Rick Brownlee

Shane Curtis sends a link to a story about an interesting new model that Dragon is coming out with:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/06/02/chinese-toy-company-makes-replica-stealth-chopper-used-in-bin-laden-raid/?test=faces>

That didn't take long, did it?



I thought a few pictures of a decrepit truck might be of interest. This vehicle is on the west side of K-7, a few miles south of Lansing, and would be a great subject for a small diorama. Note particularly the rust patterns, the rotting wooden bed, and the crazing on the windows. Observation of reality is a crucial part of modeling. How would you get realistic dents in plastic fenders?

Pay attention, this will be on the test.



Calendar

Upcoming club meetings:

15 June -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
20 July -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
17 August -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
21 September -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
24 September -- Our contest, at the Heritage Center in Leavenworth

Be sure to look at the IPMS web page for a comprehensive list of upcoming IPMS contests. Our September contest is on the IPMS calendar. It is listed in KCAMPS, thanks to Rob Feehan. Also Cybermodeler Online, thanks to Michael Benolkin.

IPMS/USA NATIONAL CONVENTION **August 3-6, 2011**

IPMS Nationals will be in Omaha this year. I'd really like to see us make a good showing there. The web site is up, and you can make hotel reservations now. I'd recommend making reservations sooner rather than later. The Nationals lead organizer spoke at the WCMO show, and emphasized that the hotels are filling up. Of course there are other hotels in Omaha, but the two convention ones are within walking distance.

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Historica Hobbies is still going out of business. Everything in the store is 30% off. In a week or so everything in the store will be 40% and so on... There will be no restocks. There are some interesting figures left; most of their stock is military with a sprinkling of SciFi.

<http://www.historicahobbies.com/>