

# THE CORSAIR

*IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter*

## President's Message

Greetings,  
January's meeting was a great way to kick off the year. It was enjoyable to see so many members at the meeting.

The club is going to keep the ball rolling this month with another demonstration. Ethan Dunsford is going to be giving a presentation on photographing scale models. Make sure you stick around to pick up a few tips. Who knows, a shot you take could wind up in Finescale after hearing from Ethan.

A big thanks to all that volunteered at Conley Elementary School. I know it is hard to help out with midday events but Don, Hal, Kelly, Chuck and Ed stepped up and kept this tradition at Conley going. Bill Sanborn indicated that this is the 10th anniversary of IPMS Phoenix helping out at Conley.

Personally, I want to thank Bill Dunkle for tackling a major hurdle over the last few weeks. Through his efforts, the club now has better banking system in place. While not a sexy thing, this is a major accomplishment for the club.

I will be spending a few minutes talking about a new event I would like to try, the Distressed Kit Exchange. Stay tuned for more details.

You keep building, Phoenix!  
Mike Pabis

## January Contest Award Winning Models



Phil Siem's 1/200 MPC Spruce Goose



Craig Pierce's 1/35 Tamia GPA

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## 2014 Club Contest Themes

**January:** Weapons Free - A kit w/o any sort of visible weapons or load, i.e. bare bones, aircraft, vehicle, car etc.

**February:** 1st Group Build - aircraft, F4U Corsair. Any model of the famed gull winged corsair, WWII or Korean era corsair. Can be any scale.

**March:** NMF - any plane in natural metal finish, no camo.

**April:** Vietnam Era - aircraft, boats, tanks, that participated in the Vietnam War.

**May:** Spy or Recon aircraft - any aircraft designed for either spy or recon missions.

**June:** 2nd Group Build - armor, Sherman tank. Any variant of the famous Sherman Tank in any scale.

**July:** Sci-Fi/Fantasy - can be a figure, vehicle or ship.

**August:** Whatever floats your boat - Anything designed to float, submarines, surface vessels, seaplanes.

**September:** 3rd Group Build - autos, Ford Mustang. Any variant of the classic Ford Mustang, any scale.

**October:** A wolf in sheep's clothing - Any model not in its original colors or livery such as: military vehicles in civilian service, captured equipment, WWII race planes and fire bombers, armored cars used by police etc.

**November:** Special Ops - Has some connection to a special operations unit, mission, etc.

**December:** 4th Group Build - Ships, U-boat (Type 9). Any scale model of the infamous Type 9 U-boat from WWII.

### January Model Display Photos



Chuck Ludwig/s 1/72 Special Hobby Spitfire



Jim Pearsall's 1/72 Dragon Panzer III H

**January Model Photos Cont.**



Brian Baker's 1/72 SE 5A



Charles Swanson's 1/18 Heller Renault F1



Jim Stute's 1/72 Hobby Yak-38



John Schwartz' 1/48 Academy Su-27 UB



Joseph Garcia's 1/48 Airfix Alpha Jet

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# 2014 Membership Renewals

Annual IPMS Phoenix club membership renewals will commence beginning at the January meeting.

For only \$ 12 a year, your membership dues reward you with a lot, such as:

- ◆ Monthly club newsletter
- ◆ Modelzona
- ◆ Monthly raffle prizes
- ◆ Monthly contest awards
- ◆ Annual Christmas party
- ◆ And more....

Make sure to see new Treasurer, Bill Dunkle at the next meeting to re-up your membership. Who knows, maybe 2014 will bring even more benefits to paid members?

# Minicraft 1/144 Lockheed C-130H

By Jim Pearsall, IPMS 2209

MSRP: \$36.95

[www.minicraftmodels.com](http://www.minicraftmodels.com)

## THE AIRCRAFT

If you've never seen a C-130, and never had a ride in a Herk, you've probably been living under a rock somewhere. There are more than 40 variants, serving in 60 countries. The C-130 has been in service with the US Air Force for over 50 years, albeit with several different models and many improvements along the way.

## THE STORY

I served in the Illinois ANG for 30 years, from 1966-96. Just as I was retiring in 1995-96, the 182<sup>nd</sup> became an Airlift Wing, with C-130Es. When I heard that this kit was available for review, I begged and pleaded with John Noack to get this model. I wanted to build one of the Peoria C-130s. When I was informed that I'd get it, I called one of the kids, Tony Johnson, who worked at Peoria when I was there, to ask him if there were any good photos of the C-130s. The 182AW web page has nothing useful for the modeler on the C-130. I suspect that this is for Operational Security, as they're flying missions into Iraq and Afghanistan on a regular basis.

Anyway, Tony, who is now a Chief Master Sergeant, and said he'd see what he could do. Meanwhile Brian Baker suggested I get with Doug Slowiak, who is an aviation photographer and a good guy. Doug suggested Norris Graser, who has some magical connections which allow him to take photos unavailable to mere mortals. Norris e-mailed me several great shots of a Peoria 130. Here's one.

When I received the kit, I was somewhat amazed and relieved; there were markings included for a Peoria ANG C-130, as well as a Pittsburgh AFRES Herk. I was planning on making some decals, and Minicraft saved me the trouble. Thanks, guys. They deserve the recognition.

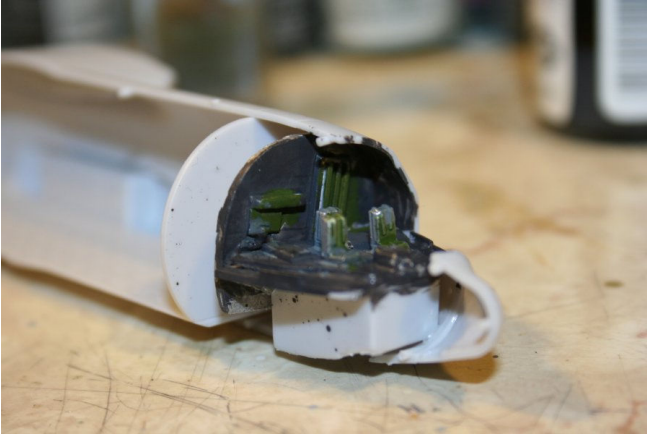
## CONSTRUCTION

This is a pretty straightforward kit. There's



Norris Graser

an interior for the cargo bay, and a flat plate for the flight deck. Years ago I bought a bunch of 1/144 cockpits from Matador Models in England, (<http://www.matadormodels.co.uk>) and I still had a 130 cockpit left. I put it in there, and it looks pretty good. Even in 1/144 a 130 has a lot of windows, so an interior is useful.

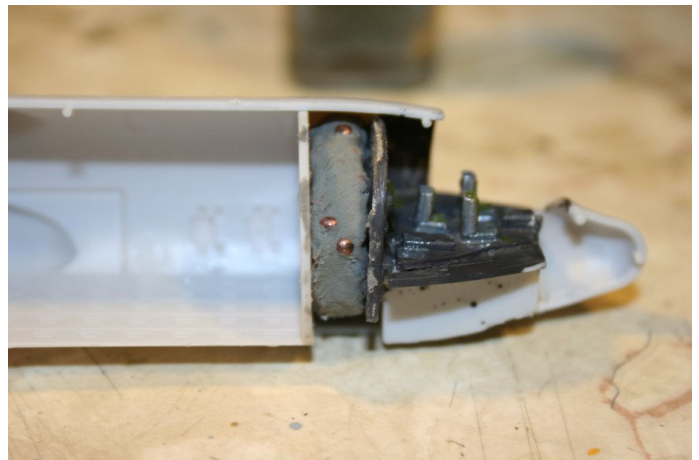


The instructions suggest you add 8 grams of weight to the nose area. The Matador cockpit has a back bulkhead, and the cargo bay has one. The two don't quite meet. This was a great place to put birdshot and modeling clay where it won't come loose and bounce around.

Fit was generally pretty good. I usually have some issues with getting the fuselage halves to match cleanly, but with a little putty and rescribing, it was just fine. Once I got the engine nacelles installed, it was ready to paint.

## PAINT AND DECALS

Paint was Model Master® 36163, AMC Gray overall. I was pretty pleased that the cockpit clear part only needed a little fiddling to get it to line up with the fuselage. I installed the cockpit before I painted, using tape to protect the windows, then following up with a combination of masking with the airbrush and some hand painting. This was a really, really easy paint job. One color, overall, with a coating of Future, and it's ready for markings.



ings.

The decals came off the paper easily, could be moved around with a little water and a soft brush, and mostly stayed where I put them. I was also gratified that the panel lines indicated on the decal instructions matched the panel lines on the model. Makes it a LOT easier to position the decal and get it straight when you've got good visual reference. Another coat of Future to seal the decals, then a shot



of clear flat.

## FINISHING

I installed the nose gear door and nose gear. No problem, everything fit. The main gear was a different story. The main gear legs are little struts which have pins that fit into holes in the side of the gear well. You can't see those holes, the pins didn't want to fit, and it's a constant struggle to get them even and straight. Next time, I'm going to install the main gear struts in the wheel wells before I install the wells in the fuselage halves.



I installed the external fuel tanks, and painted and installed the props. Here's where another of Norris Graser's photos was highly helpful. Minicraft gives no indication of how to paint the props. I thought they might be solid black. The photo shows gray blades with black tips and black at the roots. The photo also confirms that the color for the wheel hubs is white.

## THE FINAL SPASM

I took the finished model to the monthly chapter meeting, along with a printed photo of the airborne C-130. Doug Slowiak was glad to see I'd used Norris's photos. Then he dropped it on me. C-130s after the A model are not plumbed for external tanks between the outer engines and the wingtips. So I went home and pulled the outer tanks off, filled the holes, and gave it another shot of 36163.

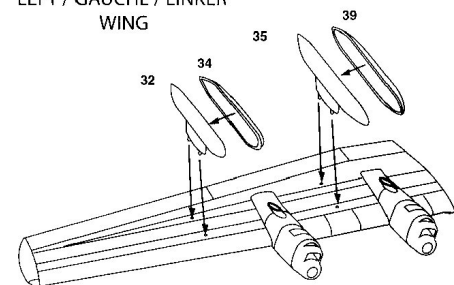
## OVERALL EVALUATION

Highly Recommended. This kit stands head and shoulders above the old Revell C-130. Except for the main gear, which I'll do better next time, and the fuel tanks, it makes up into a lovely model just following the instructions. I suspect they'll sell dozens of this kit in the Greater Peoria area just for having the 182<sup>nd</sup> AW markings.

### 12 EXTERNAL FUEL TANKS

31/32/33/34/35/36/37/3

LEFT / GAUCHE / LINKER  
WING



Thanks to Minicraft for the kit, and IPMS USA for the chance to build a part of my personal history. Also thanks to Tony Johnson, Norris Graser and Doug Slowiak for info on planes that are now 1700 miles from my home.





# Getting to Know You

A profile of club member, Mike Pabis

**Name:**

*Mike Pabis*

**City:**

*Phoenix, AZ*

**Hometown:**

*Laguna Hills, CA*

**Tell us a little about yourself:**

*I grew up in Orange County, CA. My dad got me started in modeling when I was little. Playing with what he built (most notably the Tamiya 1/350 USS Enterprise) got me interested in working on my own kits, . Growing up next to two marine bases didn't hurt my interest in building models either.*



*I moved to Arizona to attend ASU where I met my now wife. We have two boys, both who have shown interest in models, most notably my 4 year old.*

**Favorite scale?:**

*I don't really have a preference to build. I just prefer the subjects. However, most of my kit stash is 1/72.*

**Favorite subject to build?:**

*Helicopters have been my favorite subject to build. To me, there is just something intrinsically cool about them. However, I do have a great interest in special operations related subjects.*

**What are you currently building?:**

*DML 1/144 A-6E Intruder.*

## **Modeler Profile Cont.**

### **How many models do you build a year?:**

*If I am lucky, one. I don't have a lot of time to build so what would normally take someone a few weeks to build takes me several months.*

### **How big is your unbuilt kit stash?:**

*My kit stash is on the small side. Neither the closet nor my wife can stand much more than the 75 I have.*

### **Why did you get into the hobby? If you are returning to the hobby, what brought you back?:**

*I built models up until the middle of high school. After I graduated college, I needed something to do other than watch tv. Fortunately my parents still had my compressor and airbrush in a box.*

### **What satisfies you about building a model?:**

*I really like just building something. The notion of putting something together and seeing it complete is satisfying.*

### **What is most frustrates you when building?:**

*Two things. I hate painting, most notably airbrushing. I also can't stand poor fitting kits that require tons of seam work and gap filling.*

### **What is your dream project to build?:**

*I have a lot of diorama ideas but no room. That leaves a 1/35 Mk. V Special Operations Craft. I have just about every sort of picture, diagram and plan that isn't classified. Maybe one day.*

### **What is the dumbest thing you did to yourself or your model while building a kit?:**

*As a teen, I glued my fingers to a P-61 cowling with super glue. Not being able to get them unstuck, I hopped on my bike and rode a couple of miles to the hobby store to get the debonder, glued hand and all. Grabbed the debonder, paid with said problem hand and rode home.*

## **Modeler Profile Cont.**

**How did you hear about IPMS Phoenix and what persuaded you to come to a meeting?:**

*I kept reading in FSM and on the web about IPMS chapters. I googled it one day and found out about the meetings. After going to my first in 2003, the rest is history.*

**What was your best/worst excuse for coming home with a new kit?:**

*I don't have any good excuses like raffles as others have. Basically, I just had to have it and the price was a smokin' deal.*

**What other hobbies do you have?:**

*I am interested in Disney, photography and BBQ. Having two young kids doesn't leave much time for model building let alone much else. Spending time with them and all of my older son's sports keeps my schedule full. Sleepless nights are about the only way I can get anything accomplished anymore.*

## **January Meeting Notes**

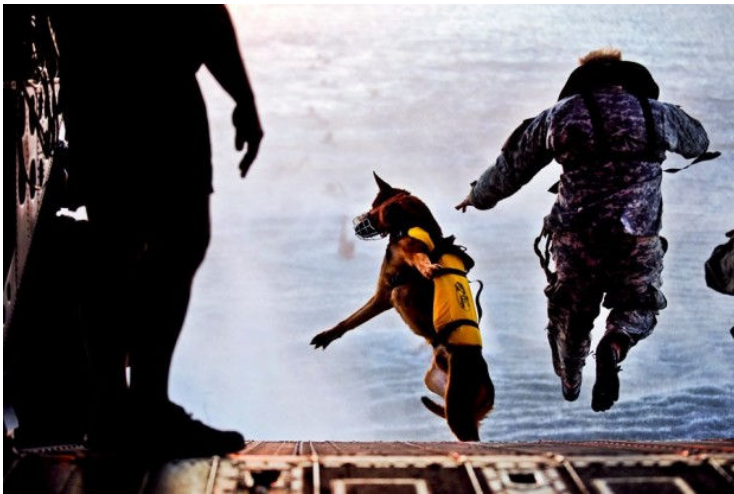
The first meeting of the year was well attended. Many members renewed their memberships and a new member joined. Welcome Craig Bucklin!

The club voted on starting a Facebook presence. Our new Social Media Editor, Ethan Dunsford, has now placed IPMS Phoenix on the social media scene. Find us on Facebook at IPMS Phoenix—Craig Hewitt Chapter. Join the page and stay up to date with all that is happening with the club.

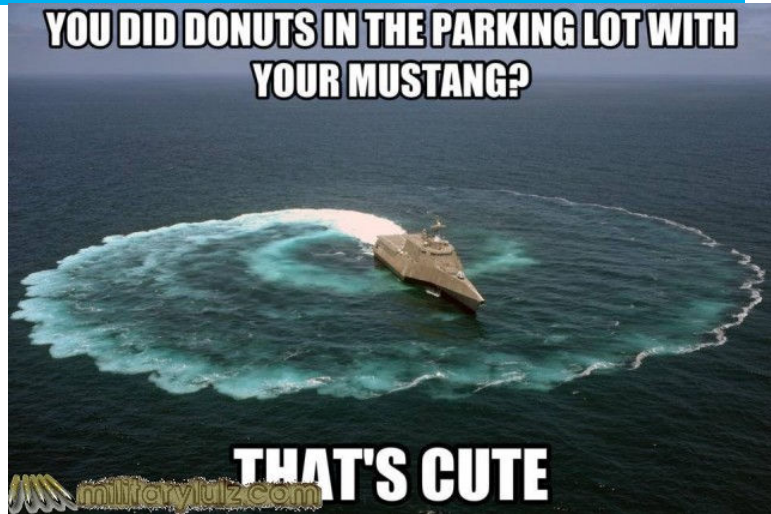
The club also donated \$100 to Metrotech High School's Military History Club. The club's advisor, John Schwartz, brought by a few of the models the club has completed. We look forward to seeing more from the club.

Mike Pabis did a short demonstration on decal finishes and how gloss and flat coats affect their overall appearance.

**A collection of neat pictures and great modeling from Facebook sites.**



That is a Special Forces soldier and his working dog jumping off the ramp of an aircraft.



# 2014 CLUB MEETING CALENDAR

All meetings held at American Legion Post #1, 364 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003

## JANUARY 2014

Tuesday 7th, 7pm

**Contest: Weapons Free** - A kit w/o any sort of visible weapons or load

**Seminar/Speaker:** Decal finishes by Mike Pabis

**Event:** None

## JULY 2014

Tuesday 1st, 7pm

**Contest: Sci-Fi/Fantasy** - can be a figure, vehicle or ship.

**Seminar/Speaker:** TBD

**Event:** TBD

## FEBRUARY 2014

Tuesday 4th, 7pm

**Contest: 1st Group Build - F4U Corsair.** Any model/scale of the famed gull winged Corsair, WWII or Korean era.

**Seminar/Speaker:** Model Photos by Ethan Dunsford

## AUGUST 2014

Tuesday 5th, 7pm

**Contest: Whatever floats-** Anything designed to float, submarines, surface vessels, seaplanes.

**Seminar/Speaker:** TBD

**Event:** Club Swap Meet

## MARCH 2014

Tuesday 4th, 7pm

**Contest: Natural Metal Finish.** Any plane in natural metal finish, no camo.

**Seminar/Speaker:** Canopies by Steve Collins

**Event:** Distressed Kit White Elephant Exchange

## SEPTEMBER 2014

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm

**Contest: 3rd Group Build - Ford**

**Mustang.** Any variant/scale of the classic Ford Mustang.

**Seminar/Speaker:** Diorama Bases by Bill Dunkle

## APRIL 2014

Tuesday 1st, 7pm

**Contest: Vietnam Era** - aircraft, boats, tanks, that participated in the Vietnam War.

**Seminar/Speaker:** TBD

**Event:** TBD

## OCTOBER 2014

Tuesday 7th, 7pm

**Contest: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing** - Any model not in its original colors or livery

**Seminar/Speaker:** TBD

**Event:** TBD

## MAY 2014

Tuesday 6th, 7pm

**Contest: Spy or Recon aircraft** - any aircraft designed for either spy or recon missions.

**Seminar/Speaker:** TBD

**Event:** TBD

## NOVEMBER 2014

Tuesday 4th, 7pm

**Contest: Special Ops** - Has some connection to a special operations unit, mission, etc.

**Seminar/Speaker:** TBD

**Event:** TBD

## JUNE 2014

Tuesday 3rd, 7pm

**Contest: 2nd Group Build- Sherman Tank.** Any variant of the famous Sherman Tank in any scale.

**Seminar/Speaker:** TBD

## DECEMBER 2014

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm

**Contest: 4th Group Build - U-boat (Type 9).** Any scale model of the infamous Type 9 U-boat from WWII.

**Seminar/Speaker:** TBD



Here are the items up for raffle at the February meeting.

## Raffle Update

<b>Item A:</b>	Lindberg	1/64	John F. Kennedy's PT-109
<b>Item B:</b>	Lindberg	1/24	Dodge Raminator Monster Truck
<b>Item C:</b>	Heller	1/72	Canadair CL-215 Fire Bomber
<b>Item D:</b>	Emhar	1/72	FH-3 Demon
<b>Item E:</b>	ICM	1/48	Spitfire HF IX E (Free French Air Force)
<b>Item F:</b>	Revell	1/48	Bell AH-1F Cobra Helicopter
<b>Item G:</b>	Dragon	1/35	Sherman Mk1c Firefly (Hybrid)
<b>Item H:</b>	Dragon	1/72	SdKfz 167 Stug IV (Early)

## 2014 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Stay Tuned for Upcoming Events,  
Shows, Contests and More Throughout  
the Year!!!**

## IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

The club meets at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post #1 in Phoenix. Check the club website at [www.ipms-phoenix.org](http://www.ipms-phoenix.org) for more meeting info.

### **American Legion Post #1**

364 N. 7th Ave.  
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### Chapter Officers

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# PLASTIC PONDERINGS

## BY MIKE PABIS

### Its Good to Be a Modeler

Yeah, it is good to be a modeler. Many will scoff at our hobby and wonder why, we as grown men and women, still build plastic models. “Isn’t that what kids do?”, they will say. Sure, some kids do. After all, isn’t that how most of us got started? However, just as some people never grow up, others grow up and still enjoy building models. Count me as one of them.

So what does this mean? Well, let me tell you. We do come in handy from time to time. For all the bewildering looks we get when opening up about our hobby, there are many times when we receive a different kind of look that says, “Wow!” or “Thank you”.

For as many times as I have been told that my model table is a mess or asked why I have all of those tools, doo-hickies and gadgets scattered about, they have paid for themselves in spades. Who is the first person family comes too when their jewelry is all twisted, tangled or needs a minor fix? Yeah a modeler. I can’t begin to count how many times I have busted out the needle nose tweezers and got to work fixing my wife’s necklaces. Need a link closed more, well, time to break out the small pliers. Decoration fall off of something? Super glue to the rescue. Happy wife, happy life!

Yeah, it is good to be a modeler.

There are a few things I know well in this life, how to get autographs, knowing useless trivia, building models and Legos (if you have kids, you know how to build them). So what happens when my friend and manager was lamenting having bought his son a piece of junk Lego knock off and its inability to build correctly? First, a scolding for wasting his money on a cheap knockoff. Second, tell him to bring in the parts the next day and I will get to work fixing it. Third, bring in assorted model tools and glue to the office the next day and have a impromptu model building session in order to fix his son’s toy. Fourth, enjoy knowing that a kid is going to finally be happy playing with his toy.

Yeah, it is good to be a modeler.

One of the things I learned growing up with a craftsman for a father was that school projects were never fair. For example, in high school I was the only kid in wood shop

## Plastic Ponderings Cont.

who could take home his projects and work on them. Needed help making a school project, my dad would simply state "Step into my office." While not a craftsman, I can at least pretend to be one. When my son had a first grade project that needed a visual aid he came to me to help him. A little static grass and elephant grass here. Teaching him how to dry brush there. A little groundwork too and voila! Needless to say he was the only first grader to make a sweet little diorama that didn't involve construction paper. The proud smile said it all.

Yeah, it is good to be a modeler.

Needless to say, the office/hobby room is the last room on the tour of the house for new guests. However, it can be an eye opener and conversation starter for many. I have had a appliance repair person see my model case, spy the 1/144 P-3C Orion I had built and say "I worked on those for 12 years." After a enjoyable inspection of the kit, the repair job went smoothly and even received some minor repair services at no charge. Kids are always the most interested in it though. Seeing any model is cause for staring. While my sons are used to seeing my workbench and the kits I have built, their friends are awestruck at the sight of them. One time after a few minutes of answering questions about what was on the shelf, I simply handed one of my son's friends an unbuilt kit I had and said "Enjoy." Another builder was born.

Yeah, it is good to be a modeler.

Having two boys has cut into my modeling time like there is no tomorrow. However, I wouldn't trade it. It just gives me more time to stockpile kits in my kit stash for later on J Watching my boys pick out a kit and either build it themselves or providing a little assistance in the case of my 4 year old is enjoyable to watch. Answering questions about what the plane/tank/helicopter does, offering tips on how to build better or introducing them to new methods can't help but put a smile on your face.

Yeah, it is good to be a modeler.

Even though we can be thought of as strange animals sometimes, we do come in handy. I am quite sure that nearly all of us who have been in the hobby for a while can also attest to many cases like what I have experienced. How many times have you had just the right tool to get a detailed item fixed? Haven't you been the person someone comes to when they need help building something or making it look right? Even a few drops of super glue on a family member's stubborn cut can make the day better.

For all the times we have been questioned on why do we need another one of those,



## Plastic Ponderings Cont.

how much something cost or made a mess and a ton of racket while building, we model builders do come in handy.

Besides all of that, we get to build neat things out of plastic and paint them.

Yeah, it is good to be a modeler.

**Now there is something you don't see everyday, carriers from THREE navies!**



The French aircraft carrier *Charles de Gaulle* (R91), front, the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN-75) and the Italian navy aircraft carrier *Cavour* (550), conduct operations in the Gulf of Oman.

# Box Art of the Month

A collection of notable, amazing or otherwise great looking box art from kit boxes over the years. Feel free to contribute any images you have or know of for future issues. This month: Zvezda



# SURFING THE WEB

Pretty much an amazing story.

<http://flightcomputer.net/the-man-who-rode-the-thunder/#>

You have got to see this to believe this. An amazing Star Wars Star Destroyer

<http://www.eurobricks.com/forum/index.php?showtopic=90341>

Pics from the FBI Hostage Rescue team aviation unit

<http://www.arcforums.com/forums/air/index.php?showtopic=271206>

Inside the Doomsday plane

<http://theaviationist.com/2014/01/08/tour-inside-e-4b-naoc/>

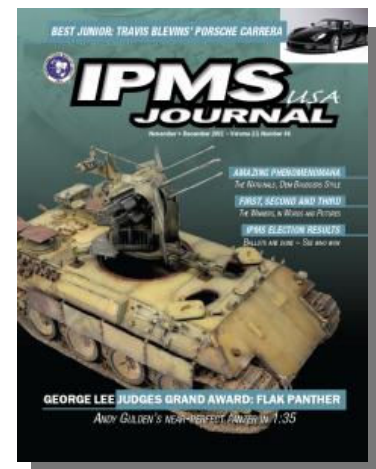
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N. Canton, OH 44720-0475

Membership also gives you access to the online Discussion Forum, where you can exchange ideas and information with other members of IPMS.



## CONTENT NEEDED!!!!

The Corsair needs your help! To keep this newsletter filled with all the great content, I need your help with content. Here are some useful items that I can use to put together future issues each month:

- Kit reviews/In-box reviews
- Website links
- Modeling related articles
- Commentary and featured columns
- Neat, strange or otherwise shareable pictures
- Book reviews
- Trip and vacation write-ups

Anything you have can be used. Don't hesitate. Even a few paragraphs are great.



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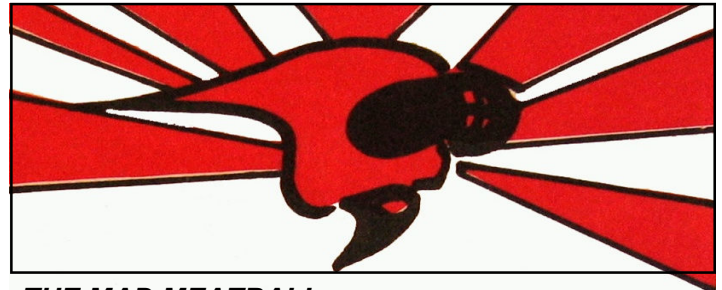
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## space in miniature

**Space modeling reference books**

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[www.spaceinminiature.com](http://www.spaceinminiature.com)



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## Rhino's Hobby Tools & More

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