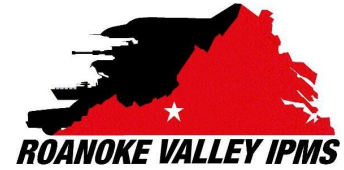




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From The President..

Six o'clock came early in the morning as RVIPMS members piled into the official club bus for a trip to the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum Udvar - Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia on October 4th. I know that many members have already visited the museum and would know what to expect, but this was my first look at one of the greatest displays of any type that I have ever seen. I won't waste your time in trying to describe and tell you about the wide variety of aircraft on display. I will tell you that if your ever in the northern Virginia area, take the time to spend the majority of the day there. The 600 plus pictures that I took at the museum will be posted on the website gallery area soon so be sure to check them out at RVIPMS.com. After leaving the Museum we traveled a short distance to Piper Hobbies also in Chantilly , Virginia for a quick look around before hitting the road back home.

On Saturday September 26th Tim Ward and I traveled to Conover, North Carolina for the Foothills Plastic Pros, Fall Classic Model Contest and Swap Meet. It was a good show with more military items and much more diversity in kits and other goods for sale from the vendors than in past shows. The contest is still dominated by automotive subjects as this was a car only show just several years back. This was a "kill two birds with one stone" trip as we meet up with several members of the Gaston County Modelers to return the table cloths and display that they loaned us for the Region 2 convention in 2007. Bout time eh! They're looking at the possibility of having a show and contest in 2010 so we'll have to throw some extra support to the Gaston guys.



The Enola Gay on display at Udvar - Hazy

It is with great sadness that I report to you the passing of Roanoke Valley member, Tim Mullins' wife Michelle Mullins. She passed away at age 44 at UVA Medical Center on October 10th due to kidney and liver complications. Most of you will remember Michelle from the club Christmas dinners and know that she was one of the longest living heart transplant recipients in the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tim at this difficult time.

A reminder for this months business meeting, Dr. Lee Anthony is scheduled to speak on the WWII battlefields of Europe. Be sure and make a special effort to attend in what I anticipate will be a very informative talk. We'll also have an open category contest so bring your latest works and enter into the competition.

On a final note, Region 2 coordinator, Glen Martin recently informed me that we received the Region 2 Newsletter of the Year award that was announced at the Region 2 Convention in New Jersey.

Happy Modeling and Happy Halloween!

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Inside this issue:



Terry Eastman's French Builds



September Meeting and Contest



FROM THE CROWS NEST

BY TIM WARD

Usually this time of year I talk about how the weather is getting colder and that model building season is nigh. The air is getting nipier and the yard chores are coming to a halt, if you don't count leaf raking and bagging. I hope the modeling bug has bit all of you with the change of weather. I wish I could say it has for me but I have hit a complete lack of interest in model building, or at least finishing a model. It certainly has nothing to do with selection of kits. I have shelves stocked to the ceiling with all kinds of different models. Through the years I have collected everything from 1/72 aircraft to 1/43 cars to 1/700 ships, you

name it, I've caught the bug only to later lose interest in the subject matter. Don't get me wrong, I still enjoy attending the shows, pressing the flesh with fellow modelers (er, collectors) and I still play the raffles and search the vendor areas for my "latest" project. But here lately, I can't seem to sit at the model table for more than 10 minutes before losing my "fire". I know the "bug" will hit me again, I just don't know when. Maybe this winter when the frost is on the "punkin", I will finish up a project. If you suffer from the same condition, I feel for you. But if you can't get a project done either, don't fret.

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IPMS/Roanoke Valley meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Science Museum located in downtown Roanoke at the "Center in the Square". The second Thursday building meetings are held in the classroom on the fifth floor and the fourth Thursday meetings are held on the same floor in the Conference room. All meetings start at 7:00pm.

If you have any questions about the club, meetings or need directions us.

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Be glad to know you are not alone, give me a call at 2:00 in the morning, maybe I'll be watching Turner Classic Movies or maybe, just maybe I'll be working on finishing up a model. We can only hope.

Tim



General de Gaulle, 18 June 1940



The **Appeal of June 18** (*L'Appel du 18 Juin*) was a famous speech by Charles de Gaulle, the leader of the Free French Forces, in 1940. The appeal is the origin of the French Resistance to the German occupation during World War II. De Gaulle spoke to the French people from London after the fall of France. He declared that the war for France was not yet over, and rallied the country in support of the Resistance. It is one of the most important speeches in French history.

In spite of its reputation as the beginning of the Resistance and Free French, historians have shown that the appeal was heard only by a minority of French people. De Gaulle's 22 June 1940 speech on the BBC was much more widely heard. (Wikipedia)



Charles de Gaulle continued on page 3.





General de Gaulle, 18 June 1940

At the recent Virginia ShootOut, Cliff Young came by the admission desk and said, "Here, Terry is something for you." It was this DES figure of le General.

The resin casting is quite accurate as you will note by the moustache and nez grande. I followed the suggested painting guide with one exception. The pantaloons are the cavalry type and thus were painted faun (Beige). The vareuse (tunic) was painted khaki. To obtain the shade, I used Tamiya Acrylics: XF-60 – 3 parts and XF-64 – 1 part.

The shoulder tabs of the rank were gold mixed with a very small amount of gray. I did not want them to shine per the buttons on the tunic.

The figure as cast was holding a pair of gants (gloves) in the left hand. Part of this was broken off, so the remaining segment was cut away. In place of the gloves, you will note le General is now carrying a cane. This was a mark of authority used by high ranking French offices in 1940.

Merci beaucoup, Cliff. This was a fun project. Ah bon, oui, oui, oui.



Citroen Avant Traction 11CV

Tamiya has once again taken the lead in offering the enthusiast a unique model. I remember seeing these vehicles in France whilst doing my military service in the late 50's. The 11CV was built up to 1957.

The kit shown on the box is one commandeered by the Wehrmacht. A Wehrmacht Soldaten is included as le chauffeur. Ed Kennedy in his reference library has a ¾ frontal view of this specific vehicle. As seen in the b/w photograph, the seat cushion per the kit painting directions was a beige color. The Interior colors did change from model to model so this Armee de Terre voiture is shown with brown leather seats and Floquil M76 Khaki interior. Mon bon ami, Dr. Jacques Hitzel sent me a plethora of information as to the interior colors and fabrics used in the interior of the 11CV.

Although a straight forward kit to assemble, there are some notes to be aware of:

1. The door handles are very petit and easily lost. Be careful.
2. Do not place the steering wheel in place before the figure is positioned. The shaft can be installed but not the wheel itself.
3. A serious flaw is a space where the wheel wells fit onto the chassis. This was filled with a piece of card stock.
4. The window panes are very fragile and tend to crack. After placing a few in place, I also found they were too thick. So, thin plastic sheeting was used except for the rear window which is one supplied in the kit.
5. As I elected to model the voiture as used by le Armee de Terre, I converted a tankist from one of the Heller AFV's. His uniform is that of a Dragon Moto-cycliste. The French had some very specific and unique uniforms for their military personnel in 1940.

As shown in the display, General De Gaulle has exited the voiture, and with cane in hand, is walking to an appointment to review the unfolding military debacle in June 1940.

Per the kit instruction, Tamiya Acrylic XF-58 Olive Green was used to paint le voiture
Voiture: carriage, car, vehicle.

Terry Eastman



SEPTEMBER MEETING PICTURES

Some of the pictures from our September Business Meeting



Cliff Young's first place winning Tai Air Force Oscar



Mark Couch



Chris Webb's second place winning 33mm Anti Aircraft Gun



Bob Stull



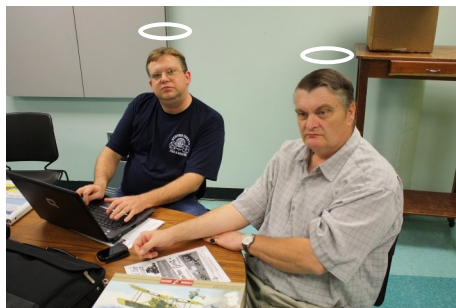
Cliff Young took third place for his Japanese Arm Air Corps Oscar



Bob Rohrback



Devin and Greg check out the latest magazine centerfolds.



Jay and Melvin check out the latest online modeling sites!



Mark, Tim, Cliff and Jeff are taking about bad things.

ARMY
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Victory Films- Army Air Forces Combat Weekly Digests 11-15

MSRP- \$29.00

Reviewed by
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The latest release from Victory Films is the next installment of the USAAF Combat Weekly Digest covering the period from Dec 1943 to Jan 1944. Contained on one DVD this one hour and 37 minute newsreel compilation contains everything. Remember during the war the only way people got news and information was from the movie theater. These newsreels contain not only the combat footage that we know and love but also the day to day things that have long since been forgotten except by those who were there. That is what makes this DVD so interesting. There is a little bit of something for everyone.

The DVD starts off with 11 Dec 1943 with some airfield construction. There is a Ju-88 with some really interesting markings at the airfield in Foggia. That is the type of information that is included. Also included in this section is some China sequences including building the Burma Road. One particularly interesting sequence is the salvage of a B-17 by a mobile repair unit and the construction of a new runway to recover the bomber.

There is section which contains some really impressive footage of a Japanese Hamp, a square tipped wing Zero. There is really nice air to air footage. For those of you who love the Japanese aircraft it will be hard to find better footage than this. There is a low level flyby that is impressive to say the least.

For those who love combat footage there is a beautiful collection of P-38s strafing everything that moves. The teamwork is exciting as you see both aircraft doing there thing as one comes from one direction and then from another. You see the flak burst right in front of you. Really exciting stuff.

There is comedy included as well, with digging out huts on Attu. Funny stuff.

A captured Ju-88A-5 with squiggle pattern and yellow over the national markings with bright red cowlings is seen flying and from every angle. Another thing that is unique about this aircraft is it has P-38 style drop tanks. Not German mind you, but American P-38 tanks. This would make a great looking model.

Another sequence has some Chinese pilots flying B-25s and P-40Ns. There is another one with some excellent close ups of a P-40K that has ground looped. The recovery affords some great shots, including many up close stuff. Perfect for the Hasegawa kits. There are a lot of interesting things included. One that I thought was interesting is a sequence with an AAF C-47 being escorted by a Hellcat. The Hellcat even has nose art on it. The B-26 bombing sequence is also really interesting with lots of flak and fighters. Some Dutch B-25s are in another sequence.

While this is not a 'themed' title it contains lots of material with something to please everyone. The modeler and the historian will enjoy this offering. It is interesting to see what was happening during this time period in the world.

Highly Recommended

Thanks to Wade Meyers and Victory Films for the review copy.

You can only get your copy by contacting Wade Meyers Studios at <http://www.wademeyersart.com/id69.html> or Victory Films at <http://www.victoryfilms.us/>.



October _____

22 - RVIPMS Business Meeting, 7:00pm, 5th Floor, Center in the Square

30 - 1 (NOV.) Good Guys Southeastern Nationals, Lowe's Motor Speedway Charlotte, NC.

November _____

7 - Lafayette Scale Modelers Show, Fayetteville, NC. Mike Kloppeburg 910-717-6586

12 - RVIPMS Build Meeting, 7:00pm, 5th Floor, Center in the Square

19 - (One week earlier because of Thanksgiving) RVIPMS Business Meeting, 7:00pm, 5th Floor, Center in the Square

December _____

10 - RVIPMS Build Meeting, 7:00pm, 5th Floor, Center in the Square

12 - (Friday) RVIPMS Club Christmas Dinner, Roanoker Restaurant



NEXT MONTH!

Pictures from the Foothills Plastic Pros Fall Classic

WHATISIT?

It's time again for that famous "whatisit?" contest. Take a gander at the picture to the right, fill out the ballot at the meeting and you may win a prize!!!



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ATTENTION!!!!
 The October Business Meeting is on Thursday the 22nd, 7:00 pm on the Fifth Floor at Center in the Square

"Open Contest" for the October Meeting!

Build it, Bring it !!

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