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*Ken Wilson's 1:35 scale CB90 fast assault boat and
Frank Ahern's Vietnam Pibber!*





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Another month of mostly staying at home for most of us, which leads us to a discussion we all need to have at this Month's meeting. Some members are wanting to start live meetings again, while others prefer the Zoom meetings. The best answer may be if we can do a reasonable hybrid meeting to make everyone happy. Frank is getting with Mike to see if he knows a way to make it work. Hopefully we may have ideas for the November meeting.



The officers had a zoom meeting and all agreed to maintain their offices until we begin regular live meetings and are able to strongarm other members to take over. Normally new officers would be installed in November and December.

On a personal note, I wish to thank all of you that purchased kits from my stash so I can move to a new home. My wife is ecstatic, but thinks I should reduce more. Again Thank You. - Dan

October Meeting – IPMS Gators –

Look for a zoom address from Frank Ahern.

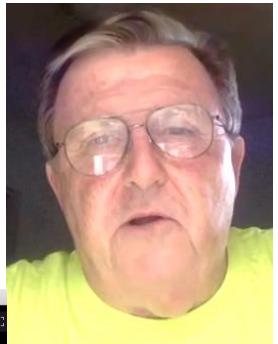
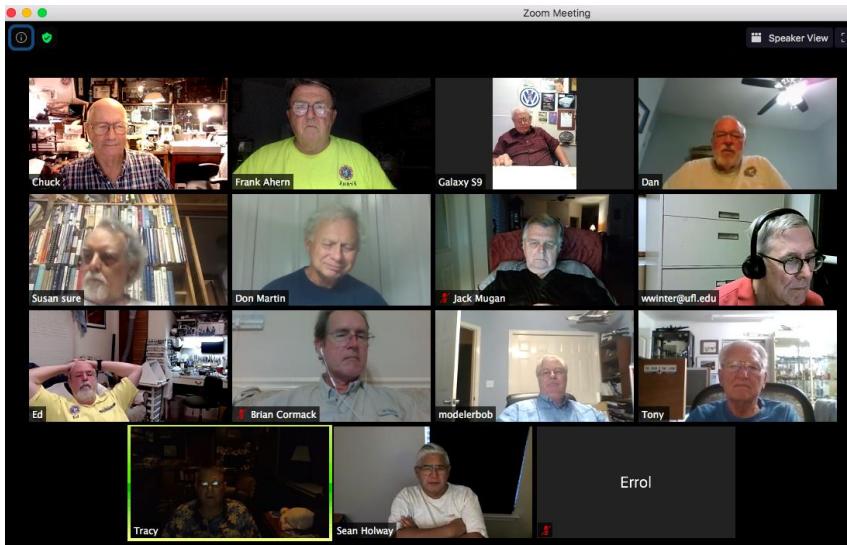
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Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Frank Ahern, club secretary

President Dan Contento called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Meeting attendance peaked at 15 .



Frank Ahern reported on the final results of the silent auction bidding. All 13 items received bids. Ken Wilson won the most auctions with eight high bids. Winners will send a check to Treasurer Bill Winter. Kits will be delivered by Frank Ahern.

Dan mentioned that he is moving to High Springs and needs to reduce his stash by about 150 kits. Further information will be sent to the club regarding a sale or auction of his kits, and a list of the kits being offered

Frank Ahern talked about a new hobby shop in Jacksonville - Hurricane Hobbies - that he wants to visit this coming Saturday, He asked that anyone who is interested in going on the trip contact him before then.

Dan gave Show & Tell time for those in attendance to share their latest work with the club.

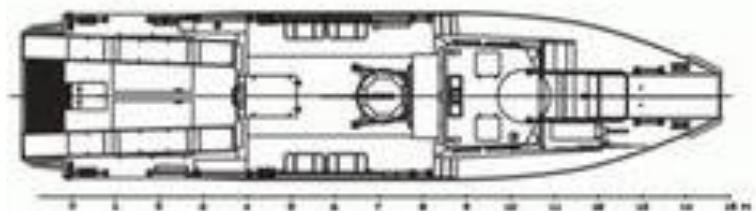
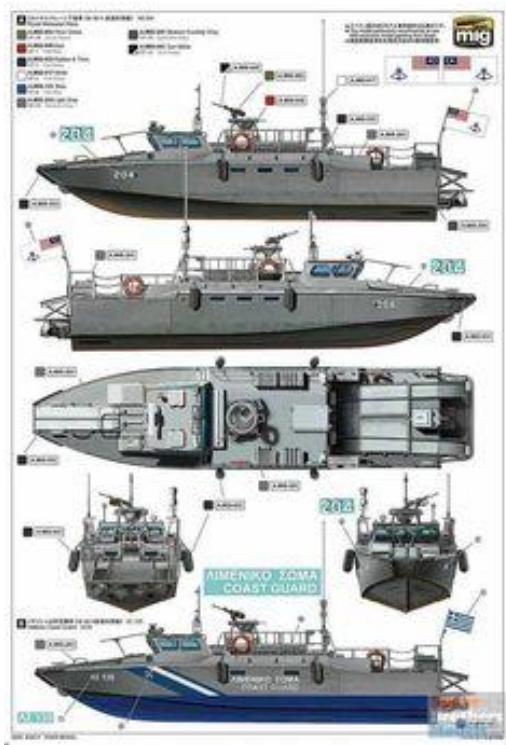
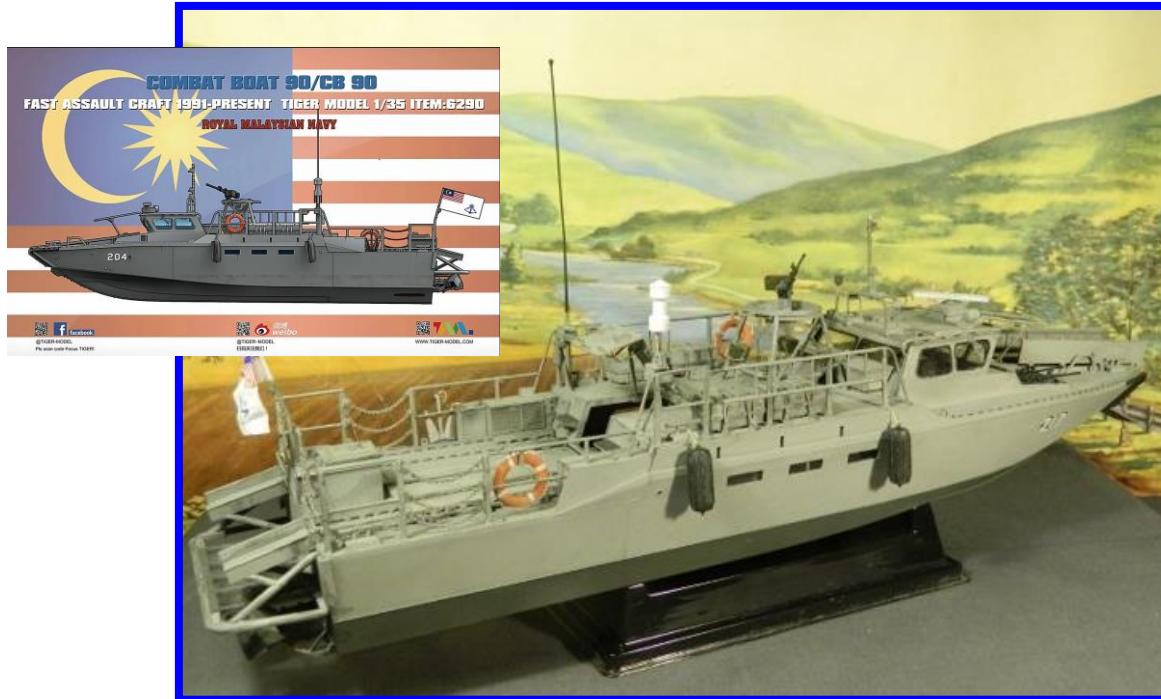
Bill Winter showed examples of armor kits highlighting the Long Range Desert Group in North Africa in WW2 and gave a presentation on using pastel powders as a weathering technique on armor models.

AJ Kwan joined from Texas and showed pictures of a large model show in San Antonio called the Fiesta Model Show which took place in 2019. There was discussion of the next IPMS National Show next year in Las Vegas, and which members are planning to go.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.

CB90 Fast Assault Craft by Tiger Models

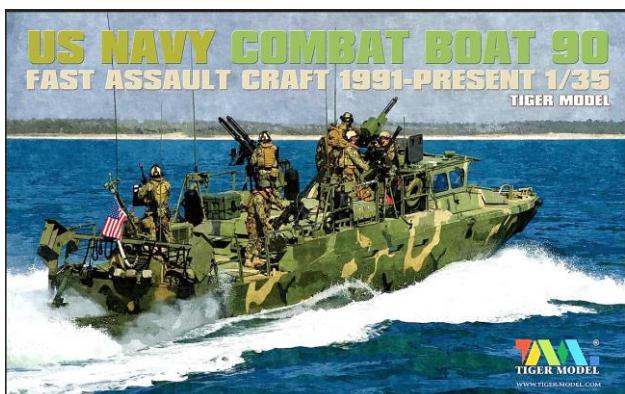
Ken Wilson sent photos of his 1:35 scale CB90 fast assault boat.



CB90 H Fast Assault Craft

A recent review from Armorama wrote

(<https://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=27843&mode=thread&order=0>): *The last news story on Tiger Model was run on Armorama a year ago... Well, now we have a lot of news to report as the company shares images of 3 new models. First up is CB-90 Fast Assault Craft. NO.6293 - Sweden CB-90 H Fast Assault Craft. Although not a tank or armored vehicle, this 1/35 scale kit should prove popular among modelers. The photos suggest this could be a very nice kit.* (The photos below are from the web).



From: <https://www.naval-technology.com/projects/combatboat90/>

Combat Boat 90 (CB90) is a fast military assault craft developed by Swedish boat maker Dockstavarvet, a part of Saab.

Commissioned in 1991, the boat was originally built to replace the Swedish Navy's ageing Tpbs 200 class. It represents the export version of Strp 90H, the official Swedish designation wherein H stands for the vessel's ability to transport and deploy half a platoon of fully armed amphibious infantry.

The vessel can function as a fast assault and coastal defence boat, a patrol boat or as special operations support vessel. It can also be used for reconnaissance, surveillance and intelligence-gathering operations.

More than 250 CB90 series boats are currently in use by several naval forces worldwide, including Sweden (as the CB90 HSM), Norway (as the S90N), Greece (as the CB90 HEX), Mexico (as the CB90 HMN), Malaysia (CB90 RMN), and the US (Riverine Command Boat).



GATORS' AUCTION

The rules of the **auction** are as follows:

1. Auction items should be confined to model kits or modeling-related items.
2. Kits should be complete and un-built unless otherwise specified.
3. Other items should be in new or like-new condition.
4. The seller should send via email a list of auction items to Frank Ahern for posting at least 2 weeks before the next club meeting.

5. All bids should be sent to Frank via email. Bids should be in whole dollar amounts.

Bids under minimum bid amount will not be counted.

6. Frank will post a list of the high bids 1 week prior to the next meeting.

7. An update on high bids will be sent the day before the meeting.

8. Bidding will close at noon the day of the meeting. In case of a tie, the earliest bid wins.

9. Winners will be announced at the meeting

10. All proceeds of the auction will be sent to the Treasurer by check. Details of delivery of items will be worked out between seller and buyer.



IPMS Gators Dues

Club dues remain at \$20.00 / year. Dues cover the period from November through October. All members are expected to renew by November of 2020 for the 2020-2021 year. We use these fees to pay for our club IPMS/USA membership (\$30/year) that provides insurance for our meetings. At Oak Hall (when we meet there) we are charged \$100/month. To conduct zoom meetings while we can't meet in person, there is a ~\$15/month zoom charge. It has been suggested that we provide a "zoom" meeting "feed" even when we return to in person meetings for those members who may not be able to attend in person. Any trophies or plaques that we purchase, we purchase from the club treasury. The treasury also helps with the costs of some food for the auction. Since we are not physically meeting at this time, please send your \$20 membership check addressed to:

William E. Winter
10724 SW 10th Terrace
Micanopy, FL 32667

Do NOT make the check out to IPMS Gators (MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO "William Winter"). Please let me know if you have questions. Thx. – Bill

The Club would like to THANK the following members for paying their dues:

Jack Mugan

Mike Martinez

Doug Spinney Ken Wilson

Don Martin

Bob Lundeen

Errol Whisler

Bill Winter

Mike Redmond

Tony Ivone

Clarence Synder

Frank Ahern ...

'Pibber'

By Frank Ahern

Apocalypse Now has been called by some critics the best war film ever made. The strange and hypnotic mood created by Francis Ford Coppola's epic saga of the Vietnam war certainly makes it one of the most unusual. Inspired by Joseph Conrad's African novel "Heart of Darkness", it tracks the mission of an Army officer, played by Charlie Sheen, to find and kill a rogue commando - Colonel Kurtz (Marlon Brando), who has gone mad in the jungles of Cambodia.



Coppola's ability to create striking images and memorable scenes is what sets this film apart and has kept it in my mind for the past 40 years. Much of the action in the film takes place as Cpt. Willard (Sheen) heads up the river toward Cambodia in a PBR, a river patrol boat known as a "Pibber."

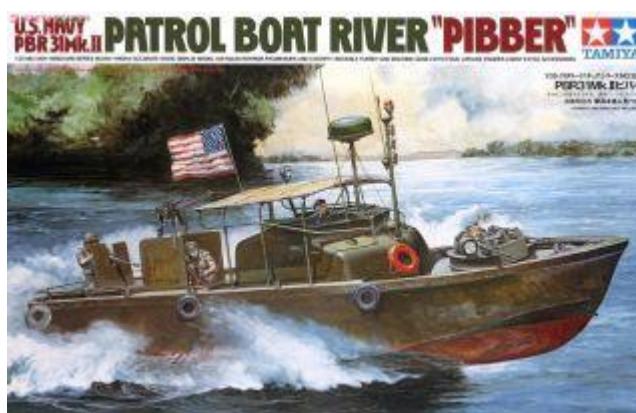


'Pibber'

When I saw that Tamiya makes a PBR kit I wanted to build it, in much the same way that I got motivated to build the cars from *American Graffiti* last year. It also gave me the opportunity to design a river base to put the "Pibber" in its proper setting.



The PBR, which stands for Patrol Boat River, was a remarkable little boat with a big punch. Designed to be faster and more maneuverable than anything else on the river, it was powered by 2 large jet ski motors, drew under 2 feet of water and could turn around in less than its own length. Combine that with three .50cal machine guns and a grenade launcher and you had a weapon that the Viet Cong feared.



The Tamiya kit is up to their usual high standard - great fits, lots of good surface detail and 4 well-formed figures to give it life. No excuses for botching this project. I also got a break from painting 3-color camo patterns on WW2 fighters. Except for the hull anti-corrosion color this baby is O.D. all the way. Of course, there is a lot of detail painting, but the real story of this project is weathering.

'Pibber'

My favorite weathering technique involves using 3 different acrylic ink washes - black, grey and red/brown. After a sealing coat of Future, I put a heavy black wash on first then take a damp paper towel and try to wipe off as much as I can. What's left should have the look of grime and dirt. Follow with lighter applications of the grey and reddish brown for a convincingly weathered and heavily used combat boat.



The final step is my unsung hero of weathering - the little silver pencil. Rubbing this on all areas that would see wear is the key to making any piece of equipment look real. This demo of what happens to a plain, flat ammo can after getting the silver pencil treatment shows how it pops out the raised detail and brings it to life. What I like about the technique is its subtlety and the control you have over the process. I never want weathering to draw attention to itself, but just to make it look like real, used objects.

The finishing touch is provided by the river setting. I like building my planes in flight, so my feeling is a boat should be in the water. I turned a wooden picture frame upside down to give a sunken environment to build my river scene. Because the 'Pibber' is a shallow draft boat only the back half needs to be in the water, so I cut a hole in the heavy cardboard to sink it below the water line. (Photo next page).



'Pibber'



A thin coat of FastMache' painted with mottled green and brown craft paint gives the cardboard the right texture and color for a muddy river bottom.



The fun part of this technique is using clear silicone caulk for the water (photo above). A plastic spatula helps smooth the caulk and give it water-like ripples. If you want to form bigger waves you can use the back of a plastic spoon to get the right shape. Make sure you buy the *paintable* caulk, which gives you the ability to add white foam to the peaks and swirls for added realism. After you're done it's a good idea to spray the whole surface with a *coat of Future* to seal it and make the surface less tacky.

'Pibber'

Here's the end result. One of the biggest struggles was getting the phrase "canned heat" on the rear gunner's shield. No decal was provided in the kit, so after trying several other techniques, including making my own decal, I ended up buying a yellow paint pen and hand painting it on. Overall I thought it turned out well and the kit was a joy to put together. A nice break from my airplane fixation and a homage to one of the most memorable war movies ever.



News from Clarence Snyder



Working on old-school dirt and pave stock and modified cars I have a collection of some real good and some fair (cars) may put (them) in Jax Con 2021.



Another message: This is what I started with coke one will be stock



Coca-Cola 1923 Ford Model T Delivery Van

1:25 Scale / Échelle / Echelle - Ages 10 & Up / Edades 10 y más / À partir de 10 ans

KIT FEATURES:

- Diecast metal body
- Over 100 parts
- Screen printed decal sheet with instructions for 10 different liveries
- Compartments
- Plastic windows
- Detailed operating instructions
- Overall Assembly
- Polyester fabric interior and foam base
- Optional interior parts

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- Modeling tools
- Hobby knife, compass, tape, etc.

PAINTING SPECIFICATIONS:

- Length: 59 5/8"
- Span: 67 6 7/8"
- Powersports: 490 cu in 1923 Ford Model T 14 cylinder
- Accommodation: 1000 HP motor
- Dimensions: 1/24 scale machine gun, 1/24 scale machine gun, 1/24 scale machine gun, 1/24 scale machine gun

CONTENTS:

- Model kit
- Decal sheet
- Instructions
- Paint
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- Primer
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More News from Clarence Snyder

This is a kit I got from the other sale on 50 /50 just finished making a mild hot rod from a 23 T that was stock. I put a 4 cycle Toyota engine and some left over 32 Ford parts. I have a coke cola '23. I'll build it stock. I have a pair of 'em.



Even ... More News from Clarence Snyder



Frank gave me a bunch of wheels from aircraft I put them to use scratch building and reperpersing them to some items



Clarence Snyder will be busy!



2 new add-ons to (my) inventory. 2 kits (are) double items. Some (kits) I've wanted for a while but won't buy on line

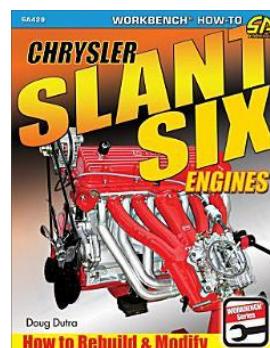


My latest super modifieds ... now I have a pair: a Ford and a Chevy ... one from Robs and other Jax (Con). I'll soon have about 20 of all years and configured styles from the 30s to the 80s.



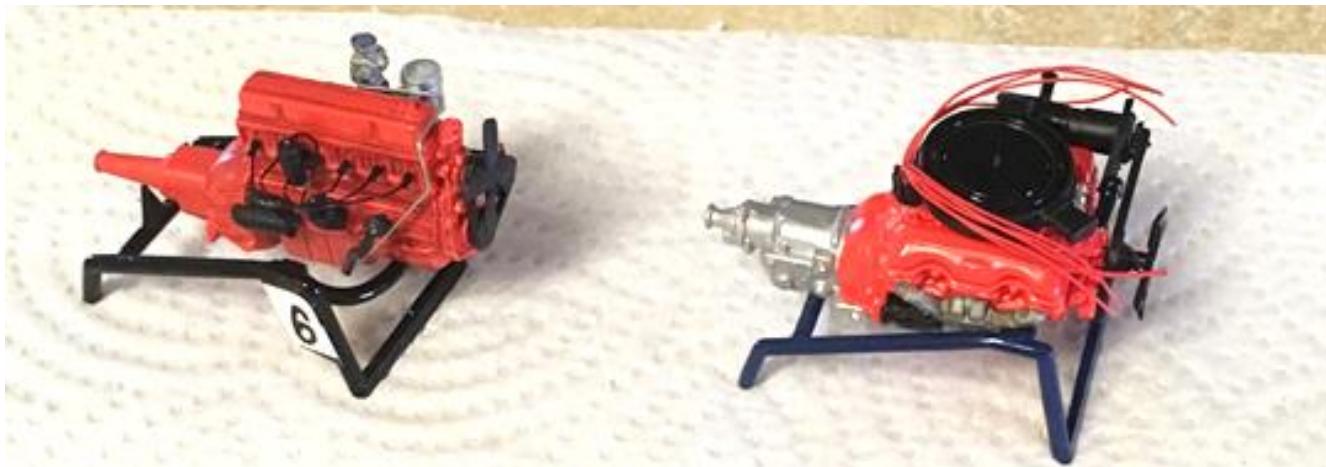
News from Mark Box

Just a short entry this month on some recently built engines. Below are 3 photos of the 1/25 Lindberg '64 Plymouth 225 cu. in. "IRONHORSE" Slant-6 engine that I recently built. I am thinking that it will go into a '67 Dodge 1/2-ton cab over pick-up truck that will be built stock, from the infamous "LITTLE RED WAGON" race truck kit by Lindberg.



More information about this engine: The Slant-6 is the popular name for a Chrysler inline-6 internal combustion engine with the cylinder bank inclined at a 30-degree angle from vertical. Introduced in 1959, it was known within Chrysler as the G-engine. It was a clean-sheet design that began production in 1959 at 170 cubic inches (2.8 L) and ended in 2000 at 225 cubic inches (3.7 L). This popular six cylinder was used in a lot of base model passenger cars, 1/2 ton trucks and fleet vehicles. Yes, the "HOT RODDERS" even raced it on the drag strips. Aftermarket speed equipment was even available to aid the low budget racers back in the day!

... and MORE News from Mark Box



Pictured above are Chevrolets' 235 cu. in. six cylinder, that powered passenger cars and light duty trucks for many years and the 348 cu. in. tri-power that hit the showrooms in 1958. The 348 is awaiting completion of wiring and plumbing.



Hollywood Heroes



By Frank Ahern

This continuing feature is designed to showcase the often-unpublicized military service of many of the entertainment icons of the previous generation who served their country without complaint or protest.

Robert Montgomery

Robert Montgomery was already an Oscar winning actor before the war having starred in motion pictures since 1929. After World War II broke out in Europe, Montgomery enlisted in London for American field service and drove ambulances in France until the Dunkirk evacuation (photo right).



Upon America's entrance into the war, Montgomery joined the U.S. Navy (photo above left) and served as Naval Attaché on British destroyers hunting U-boats. He attended torpedo boat school, became a PT boat commander, and participated in the D-Day invasion on board a Destroyer, the USS Barton. Montgomery served five years of active war duty, was awarded a Bronze Star, and promoted to the rank of Lt. Commander.



Hollywood Heroes

Robert Montgomery

Montgomery virtually invented the role of the debonair leading man in the early 1930's (photo right) but he wanted more substantial parts. His performances as the pathological Cockney murderer in "*Night Must Fall*," and the ghostly saxophone-playing fighter in "*Here Comes Mr. Jordan*" showed his versatility and drew praise.



Montgomery's first credited film as director and his final film for MGM was the film noir *Lady in the Lake*.

In 1954, Montgomery took an unpaid position as consultant and coach to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, advising him on how to look his best in his television appearances before the nation. A pioneering media consultant, Montgomery had an office in the White House beginning in 1954. He died in 1981.



In 1945, Montgomery returned to Hollywood, making his uncredited directing debut with *They Were Expendable* (photo left), where he directed some of the PT boat scenes when director John Ford was unable to work for health reasons.



The World War II British North African Long Range Desert Group

by Bill Winter

Having built a WWII German Panzer II this spring/early summer, I was interested in building more models from the desert campaign of WWII. This lead me to Tamiya's Chevrolet 30CWT truck.



I had a lot of fun building it. I did move the Lewis gun forward and added the U.S. 50 caliber machine gun, as well as, extra gas and water cans, etc. I covered the truck bed with a light wire screen.



The World War II British Long Range Desert Group

Adapted from Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long_Range_Desert_Group): *The Long Range Desert Group (LRDG) was a reconnaissance and raiding unit of the British Army during the Second World War.*

Originally called the Long Range Patrol (LRP), the unit was founded in Egypt in June 1940 by Major Ralph Alger Bagnold, and assisted by Captain Patrick Clayton and Captain William Shaw. At first, the majority of the men were from New Zealand, but they were soon joined by Southern Rhodesian and British volunteers, whereupon new sub-units were formed and the name was changed to the better-known Long Range Desert Group (LRDG). The LRDG never numbered more than 350 men, all of whom were volunteers.

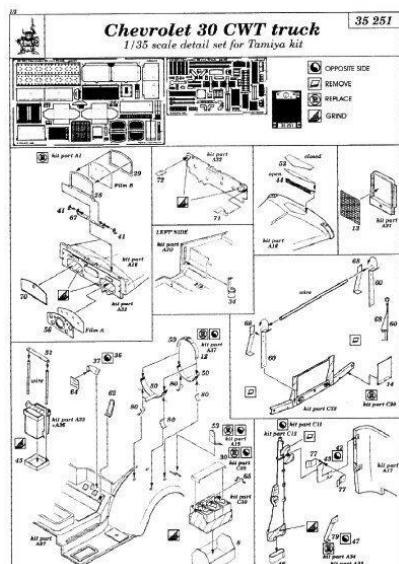
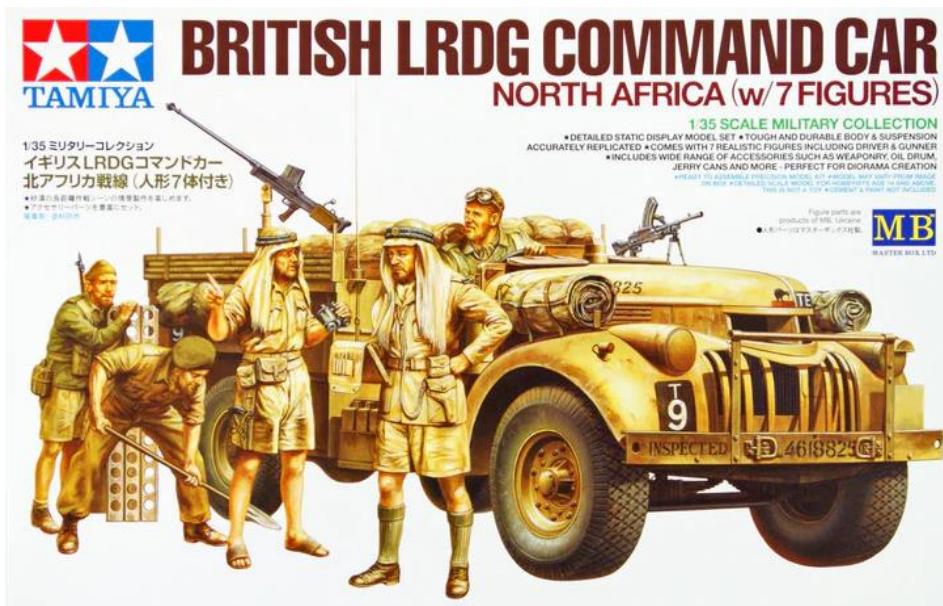
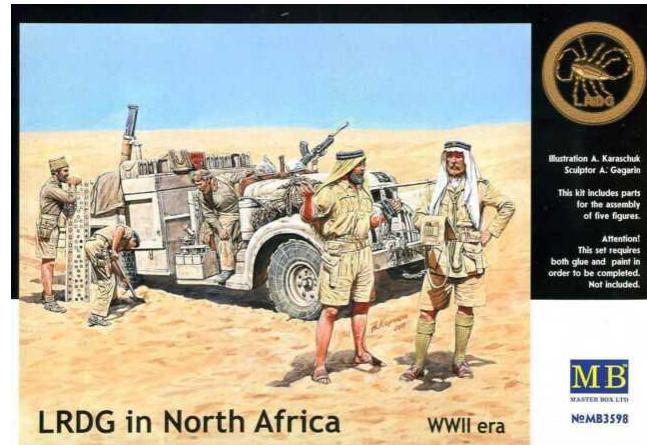


The LRDG was formed specifically to carry out deep penetration, covert reconnaissance patrols and intelligence missions from behind Italian lines, although they sometimes engaged in combat operations. Because the LRDG were experts in desert navigation, they were sometimes assigned to guide other units, including the Special Air Service and secret agents across the desert. During the Desert Campaign between December 1940 and April 1943, the vehicles of the LRDG operated constantly behind the Axis lines, missing a total of only 15 days during the entire period.

With the surrender of the Axis forces in Tunisia in May 1943, the LRDG changed roles and moved operations to the eastern Mediterranean, carrying out missions in the Greek islands, Italy and the Balkans. After the end of the war in Europe, the leaders of the LRDG made a request to the War Office for the unit to be transferred to the Far East to conduct operations against the Japanese Empire. The request was declined and the LRDG was disbanded in August 1945.

The World War II British Long Range Desert Group

There are other kit variations available. One set has added a Breda 20mm AA gun. Some modelers have taken this gun and placed it in the truck bed. Master Box also has a set of complementary figures. A combined truck plus figure set is also available (see below).



I didn't use any photoetch on my build but an Eduard photoetch set is available.





Odds and Ends from Members and Friends

From Bruce Doyle -American tank ace and three other fierce American combatants. Are there decals for "I the Mood" Sherman? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0zl0mk7N3E>



Bill W to Bruce. - I am not aware of such a decal but the words could be made.

From Bruce: The star of the History Channel's show ICE PILOTS is the World's highest time DC-3 pilot Buffalo Joe, owner of Buffalo Airlines. Flying in the wilds of Northern Canada, Buffalo Airlines has a fleet of classic airliners that they use to haul cargo close to the Arctic Circle: DC-3, C-46, DC-4, Lockheed Electra. Here are two videos to show you how to start up and then fly your Vintage Douglas DC-3 Gooney Bird / Dakota.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=starting+radial+engines+with+buffalo+joe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oMgYVxo6NhI>

From Bruce on 10-14-2020 - October has been a swell month in the breaking of Mach numbers. Earlier this month "Pete" Knight shattered the Mach 6 barrier in the **X-15** at Mach 6.72 or 4,520 mph. The date was October 3, 1967. Twenty Octobers before Knight, Chuck Yeager broke through the Sound Barrier on October 14, 1947 piloting the Bell **X-1** over Muroc AFB (soon to be renamed Edwards AFB.) So today (10-14-2020) we can celebrate that historic accomplishment on its seventy third anniversary.

I'm happy to report Chuck at age 97 is still with us, but at last sighting confined to a wheelchair. The first time I met him he had just finished jogging around Maxwell AFB while in his sixties which may help explain his longevity. But maybe it was the chow in the 357th FG mess hall in England that explains it since Bud Anderson is also still alive. Whatever the reason his still being is to be celebrated.

<https://www.thisdayinaviation.com/tag/chuck-yeager/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-mXNPhTdtk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2O1NeQ5xjk>



Odds and Ends from Members and Friends

From Bruce Doyle from 10-3-2020 - On this date in 1967 "Pete" Knight recorded the fastest speed ever in a winged aircraft while flying in the X-15: Mach 6.72, or 4520 mph. If memory serves, Knight was the first pilot to go Mach 4, 5, and 6! My "Need for Speed" all time hero.
 (thanks to Bill for reminding me of this historic event.)

<https://www.thisdayinaviation.com/3-october-1967/>

<https://scvh历史.com/scvh历史/eafb100317.htm>



<https://roundsixpod.com/2018/02/15/the-baddest-hot-rod-in-the-sky/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99FBRbZBNco>

Check out the spinning altimeter in the cockpit shot.

From Bruce - While stooging about looking for lost photos I found the goldmine - three sites on "pinterest" whose images were used by the person(s) who put together the nostalgic emails. Each photo on these sites represents a theme, so click on an individual picture and a hundred more (?) along the same lines pop up. I recognized most all of the pictures from the emails posted by Tony and Jack dealing with the 1950's, so you're welcome to begin your own Easter Egg Hunt.

<https://www.pinterest.com/aadmm1/photos-1950s/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/soos55/1950s/>

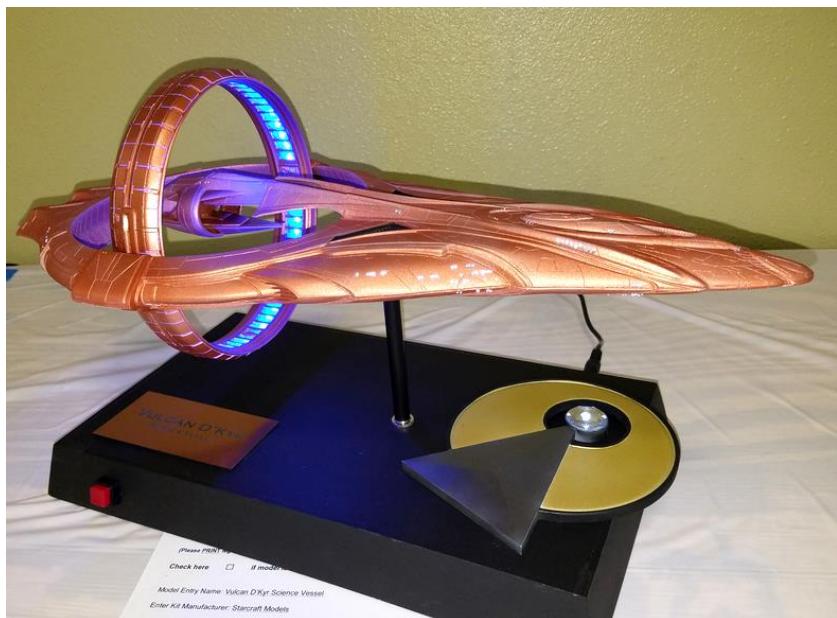
<https://www.pinterest.com.au/erinbienvenu/1950s/>

[Photos from AJ of a contest in Texas](#) (just so we'll remember...)



Odds and Ends from Members and Friends

More photos from AJ of a contest in Texas (just so we'll remember...).



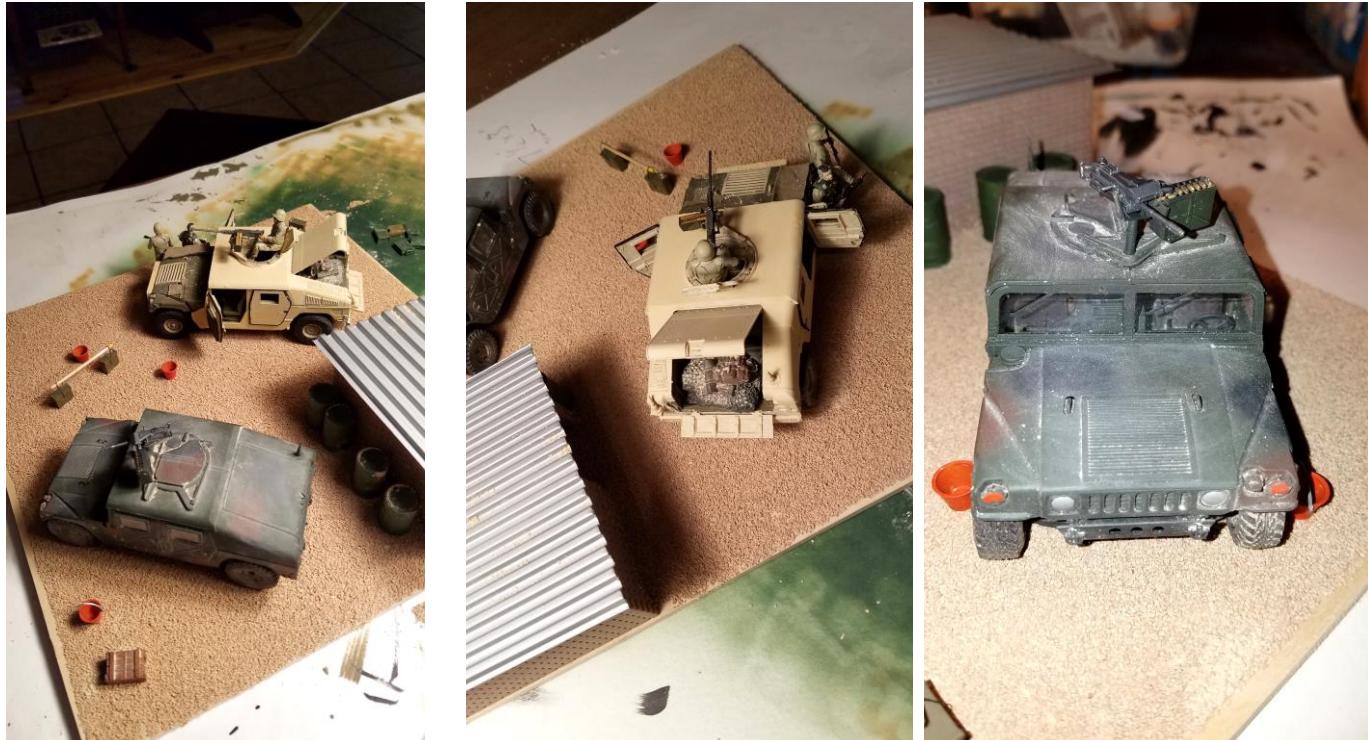
Odds and Ends from Members and Friends

Even more photos from AJ of a contest in Texas (just so we'll remember...).



Odds and Ends from Members and Friends

Photos Doug Spinney: Humvee diorama!



From Jack Mugan – Off to the paint booth!



Odds and Ends from Members and Friends

From Jack Mugan – Project No. 2



The figure is finished! (see below)



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If you have a modeling tip you would like to share with your fellow modelers, please send us a copy so we can put it in the newsletter. We need articles for the Newsletter and the Web Site!

If you just opened up that new kit and want to give a box or build review, write it up and we'll put it in the newsletter and put it on the Web Site. Just read a good book, tell us about it! Got a great tip, share it with your fellow club members. This is your Newsletter and your Web Site and they're only going to be as good as YOU make them so contribute something to the cause. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance if you have something you want to share, we'll be happy to assist you in making it happen!

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Please use one of the links below or go to the IPMS Membership page for more information about joining IPMS USA.

http://www.ipmsusa3.org/uploads/ipms_application_form_2016.pdf
<http://www.shopipmsusa.org/product-p/adult-membership.htm>
<http://www.shopipmsusa.org/product-p/family-membership.htm>

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UPCOMING EVENTS



IPMS Membership

It is of great importance, both at the local level (IPMS Gators) and at the national level. The Club officers strongly recommend joining IPMS as an individual which provides six yearly issues of the IPMS Journal (which is better than ever) and the opportunity to participate at the IPMS National Convention .

A copy of the membership application is on the right or available at the IPMS / USA website address, www.ipmsusa.org.

Complete the form and return it to the address listed at the bottom of the form along with your method of payment.


**International Plastic Modelers' Society/USA
Membership Application / Renewal Form**

 New Renewal IPMS #:

 Name:

 Address:

 City: State:

 Zip Code:

 Phone: E-Mail:

 Chapter Affiliation, if any:

 Junior (17 years or younger) \$17.00 Date of Birth:

 Adult One year \$30.00

 Two years \$58.00

 Three years \$86.00

 Canada & Mexico \$35.00

 Foreign Surface \$38.00

 Family (1 set of Journals) ← Adult fee + \$5.00 # of cards?

 Your Signature:

If recommended by an IPMS member, please provide his/her:

 Name: IPMS #:
PAYMENT OPTIONS:

 Cash Amount:

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 Billing Address, if different than above -

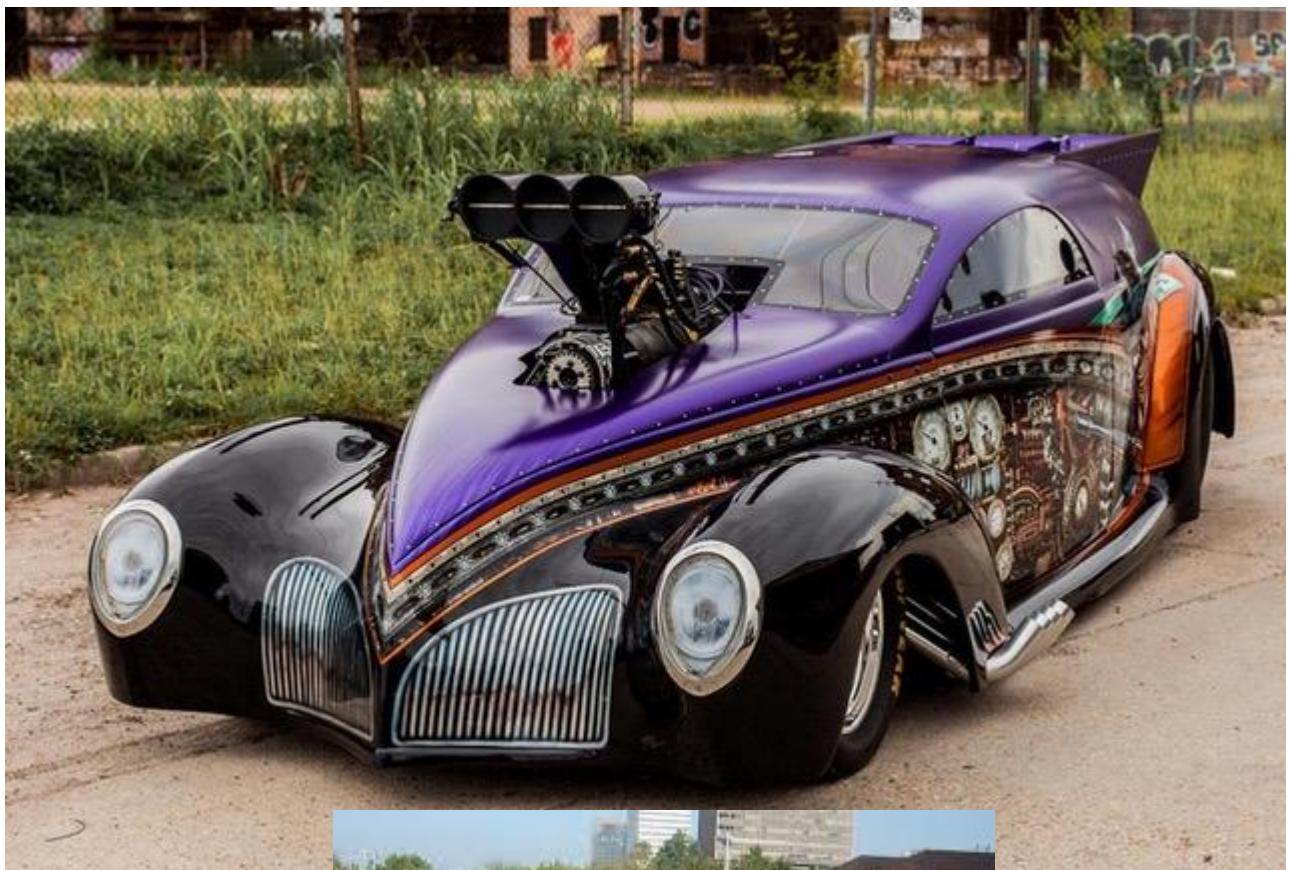
 Address:

 City: State:

 Zip Code:

Applications should be printed and mailed to: IPMS/USA, PO Box 1411, Riverview, FL 33568-1411

Wild Paint(s) ... by Jack Mugan



The original body design is a '39 Lincoln Zephyr coupe that has been substantially altered, and of course they did not come from the factory with that much engine.....just a V-12. In the '90s there was a custom called Scrape that sold for \$250,000 at Pebble Beach.

NOVEMBER MEETING: ?