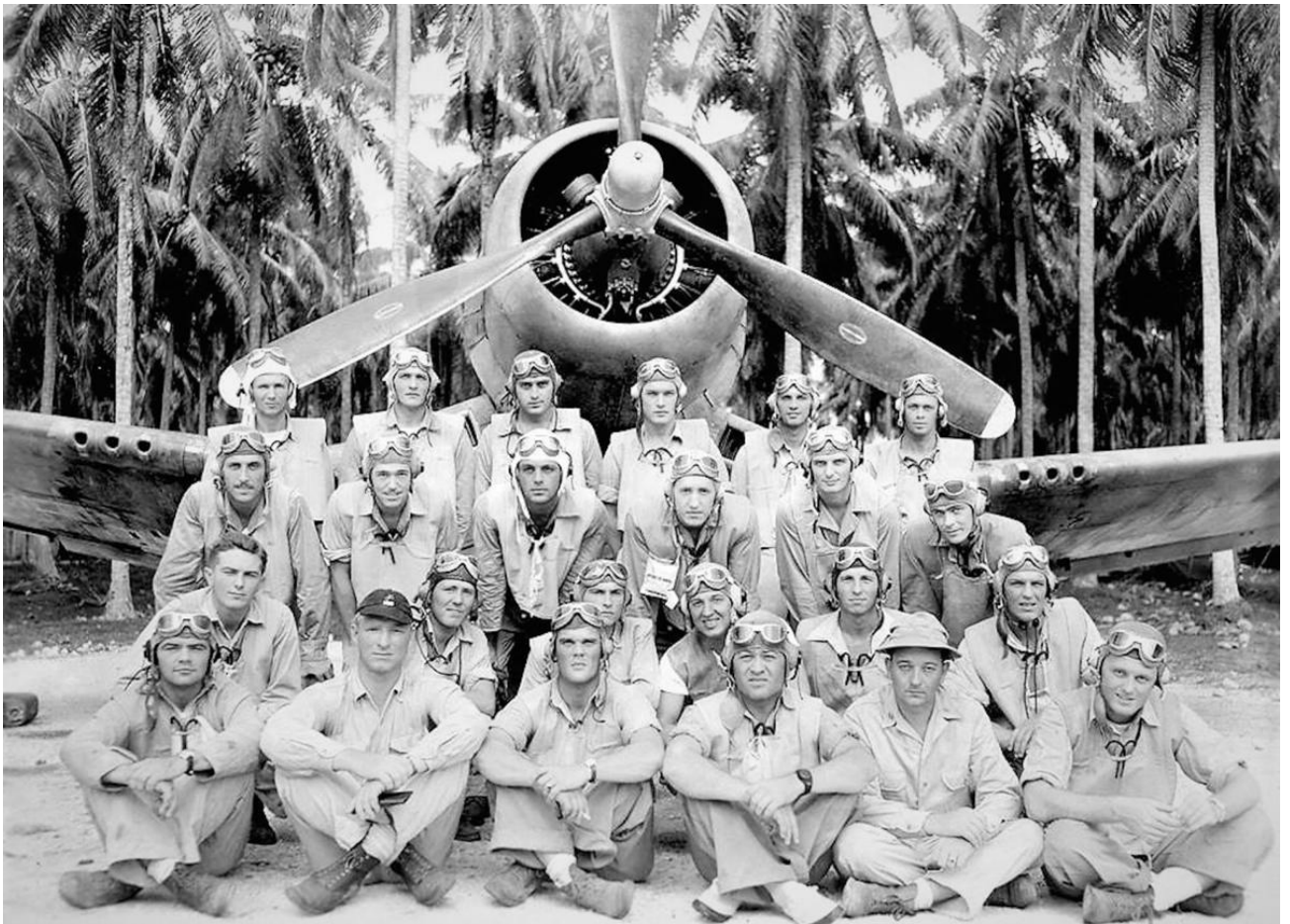




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Gregory "Pappy" Boyington (December 4, 1912 – January 11, 1988; 4th from left in the front row.) was an American combat pilot who was a United States Marine Corps fighter ace during World War II. He received the Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross.

Frank Ahern's ACE in this issue is PAPPY BOYINGTON



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Prez Sez..... By Dan Contento



Who could have guessed our last ZOOM meeting could be such an adventure? As we become stressed over covid and our lack of getting out of our homes we may want to use our meeting time to vent our frustrations. All of our meeting is club discussions concerning our modeling.

Politics, religion, or who the best looking Sports Illustrated swimsuit model is not pertinent to the meeting. (Yes Mike I know they're models but not the kind our meetings are about). So let's be aware of our comments and discussions and not offend someone with that may have the opposite opinion.

Frank may propose a group road trip to a new Jacksonville Hobby Shop, so be thinking about whether you're up for a drive with other members and I would think lunch. I hope everyone is healthy and look forward to the next online meeting.

September Meeting – IPMS Gators –
Look for a zoom address from Frank Ahern.

Boyington's military decorations and awards include:

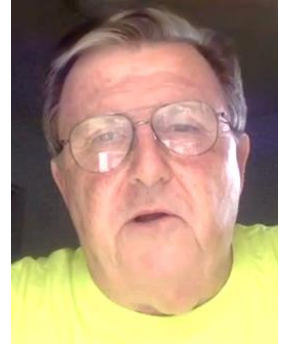


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Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Frank Ahern, club secretary



The meeting began at 6:40pm, called to order by President Dan Contento. In all, 17 members signed in at some point, making it the best attended Zoom meeting to date. Dan called for a vote after discussion of the proposal that the club should try to conduct a virtual model contest each month. The discussion revealed that the majority didn't like the idea due to the fact that most believe you can't fairly judge models based on photography, so the proposal was voted down.

Frank Ahern explained the idea of holding a silent auction this month as a fund-raising event for the club. Frank showed a list of models he has available to auction, along with a couple of items from Errol Whisler. The list will be circulated by email and bids will be sent in by email. Frank will provide updates on the high bid on each item several times during the month and bidding will close at noon on the day of the next meeting. The winners will be announced at the meeting.



Bruce Doyle commented on the passing of long-time Ocala club president Joe Caputo. Doyle said that Caputo was instrumental in the formation of the Gator Modelers club back in the early 1990's, by encouraging he and Larry Bayer to form a club in Gainesville, after they had attended meetings in Ocala for several years.

Bill Winter gave a brief presentation on some techniques he has used in model photography to enhance the look of a model by removing background distraction and increasing brightness.

Finally, club members in attendance were given the opportunity to show & tell projects they have been working on for the past month. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

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:

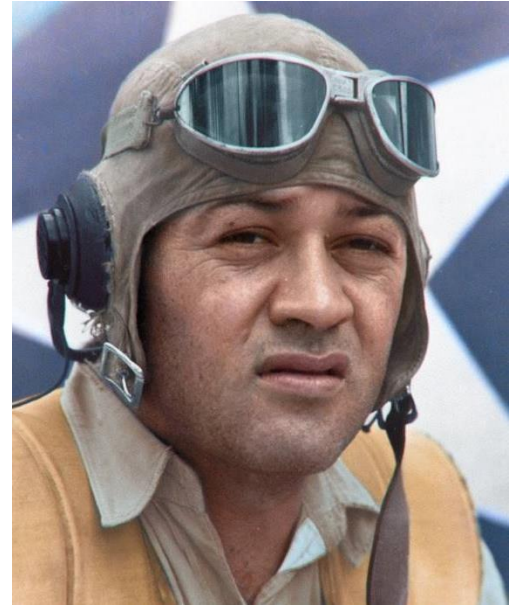
William E. Winter
10724 SW 10th Terrace
Micanopy, FL 32667

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

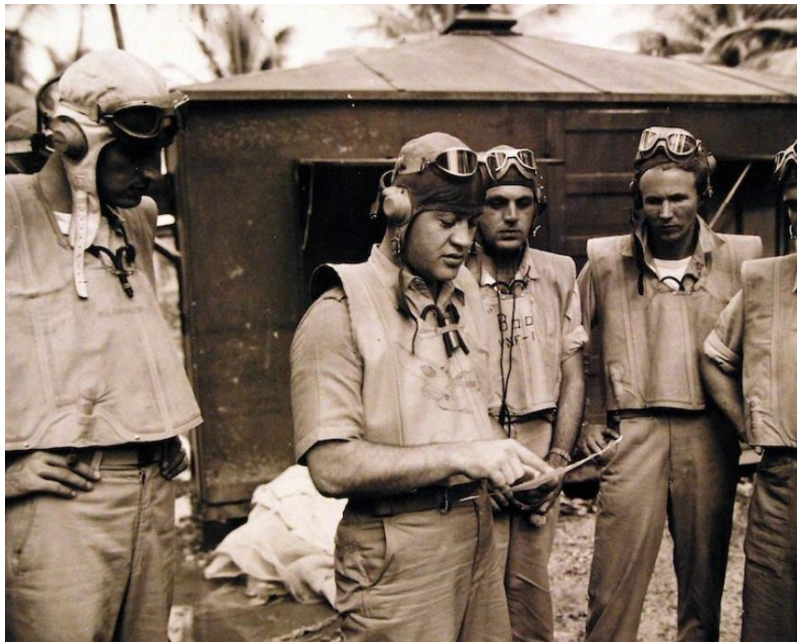
Airplanes Of the Aces – Boyington

By Frank Ahern

If a picture is worth a thousand words, one look at the iconic shot of Greg “Pappy” Boyington in front of his Corsair tells you all you need to know about this ace. Pugnacious, combative, ready for a fight. You didn’t survive long in the meat grinder of air combat in the Pacific war unless you were tough and resilient. The fact that he was called “Pappy” at the ripe old age of 30 gives a clue to the life expectancy of fighter pilots in WW2.



His career was a roller-coaster of ups and downs. It began as a member of the famed Flying Tigers in China where his fondness for booze and crazy pranks put him at odds with Gen. Claire Chennault.



Airplanes Of the Aces – Boyington

Back in the Marines in 1942 he was assigned a newly formed unit - VMF 214 - that was made up of pilots unattached from other units, hence the name "Black Sheep." Stationed near the major Japanese air base in Rabaul there was plenty of opportunity for combat and Pappy's kill scores rose quickly until he passed Eddie Rickenbacker's WW1 record of 26. As fast as his fame grew it was seemingly snuffed out when he was shot down and presumed dead in early 1944. In fact, he was captured by a Japanese submarine and spent the rest of the war as a POW. Almost two years of enforced sobriety actually improved his health (maybe a first for a Japanese POW) and when the war ended his reunion party with his former unit was legendary.

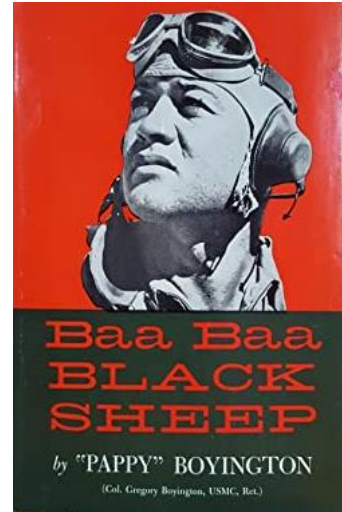


While MIA, Boyington was awarded the Medal of Honor and after the war was given the award by President Truman.



Airplanes Of the Aces – Boyington

He chronicled his exploits in the book “Baa Baa Black Sheep”, which was eventually made into a TV series in the late 19-70’s, starring Robert Conrad.



The series was ‘pure Hollywood hokum’ in Pappy’s words, but it featured some of the best Corsair flying sequences ever filmed. Worth watching for that reason alone. “Pappy” Boyington died in 1988, at the age of 75.



My build of Pappy’s Corsair was fairly straightforward, considering that the number of variations on early F4U-1’s is daunting. There were 3 different styles of canopy, which made finding the right canopy mask a challenge. As most of you know I consider having a pre-cut mask set a must for painting.



Airplanes Of the Aces – Boyington

It also gave me a chance to use my favorite soft-edge camouflage mask - rolled strips of tacky poster putty. Mid-war Navy fighters used 2 shades of blue over a white belly so there was a lot of masking. One good thing about poster putty masking is that it seldom lifts the paint under it.



Another note on this plane that applies to all the Ace's aircraft. Don't get dogmatic about name's, numbers and paint schemes. Pappy was known to fly any available aircraft on the flight line, and frequently would pick the one in the worst condition to make it easier on new pilots. The Corsair was not an easy plane to fly and the newbies needed all the help they could get. After the war he couldn't even remember if the plane's name was "Lucybelle" or "Lulubelle". Cosmetic details were not a high priority in the chaos of operations in a combat zone.

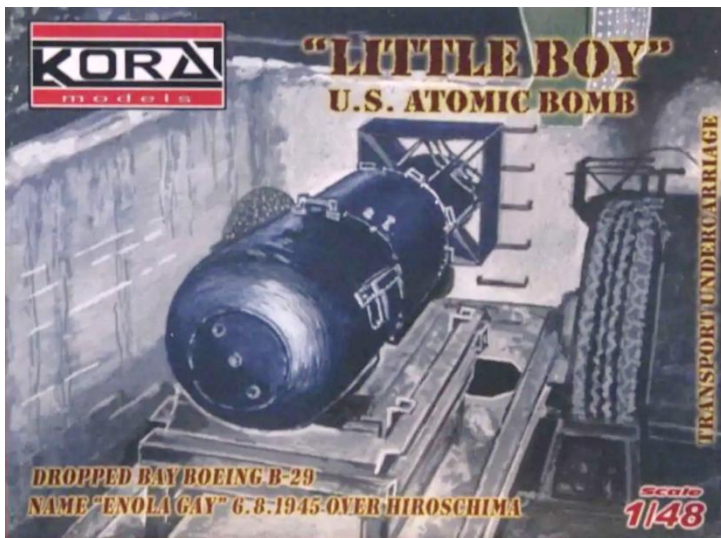


As a postscript, Robert Conrad died earlier this year at age 84. He participated in the successful effort to name the airport in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho in honor of Pappy Boyington in 2007 by appearing in the documentary Pappy Boyington Field.

News from Clarence Snyder



.. Working on a B-29!



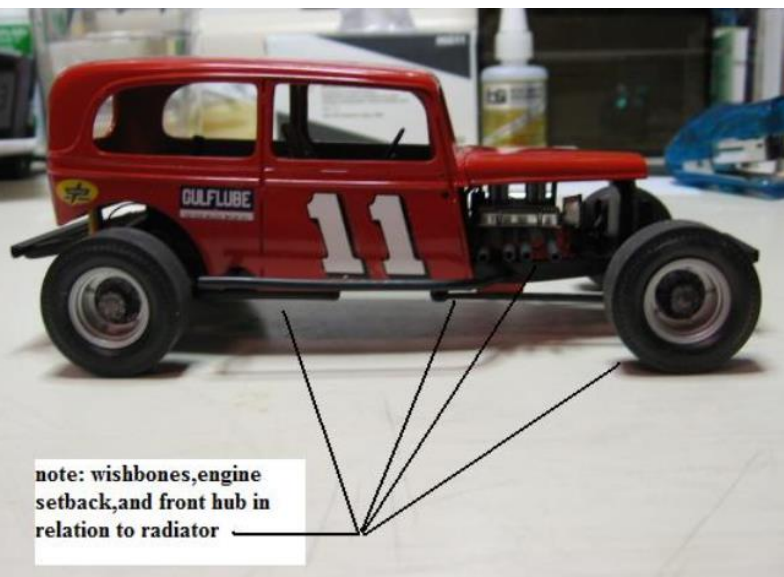
News from Clarence Snyder

.. There is a new hobby shop in Jacksonville!

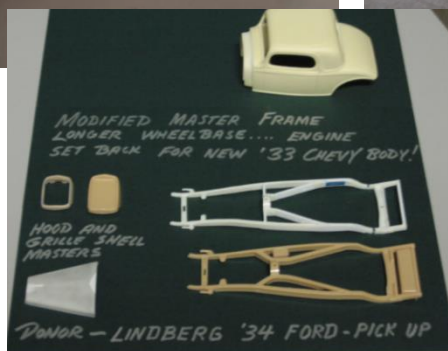


NEWS FROM MARK BOX!

Newsletter pics of race cars



1933 Ford – 2-door sedan but usually called a coach; raced in late model specials in Nashville; ran from 1958 to 1963.



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.

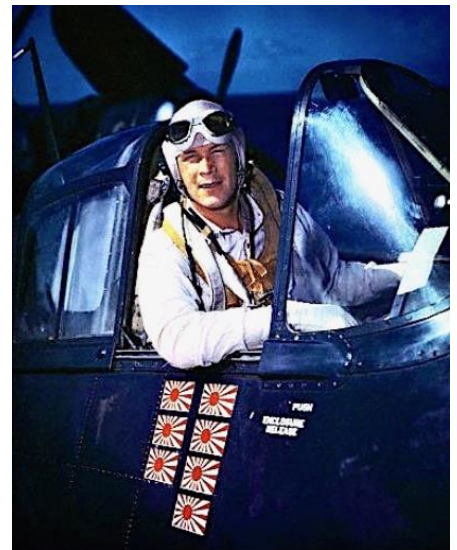
Wayne Morris

Morris became interested in flying in 1940 while filming the movie *Flight Angels*. He joined the Naval Reserve and became a Navy flier in 1942, leaving his film career behind for the duration of the war.

Morris was considered by the Navy as physically 'too big' to fly fighters. After being turned down several times as a fighter pilot, he went to his uncle, Cdr. David McCampbell who allowed him to join VF-15 - the famed "McCampbell Heroes."

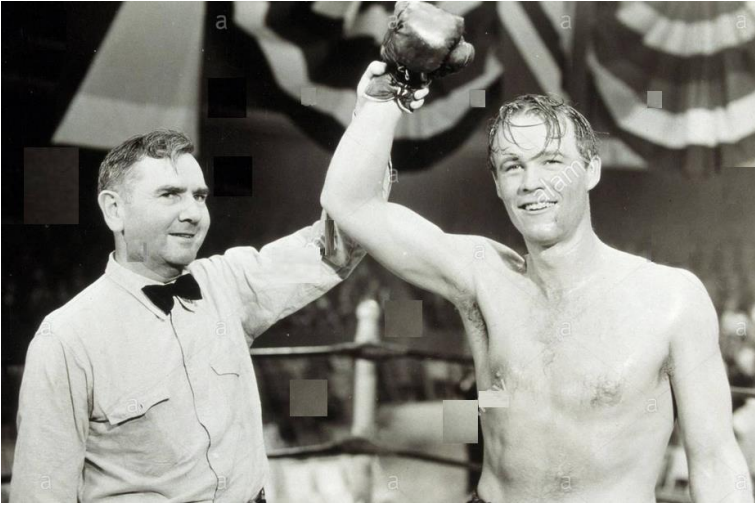
A December 15, 1944 AP news story reported that Morris was "credited with 57 aerial sorties, shooting down seven Japanese Zero's, sinking an escort vessel and a flak gunboat and helping sink a submarine and damage a heavy cruiser and a mine layer.

He was awarded four Distinguished Flying Crosses and two Air Medals.



Hollywood Heroes

Wayne Morris



Before the war, Morris appeared to be on the road to major stardom after landing the lead role in "Kid Galahad" which featured "A" list actors, but after the war the public didn't want the kind of boy-next-door characters he played.



Morris spent most of the Fifties in low-budget Westerns. A wonderful performance in Stanley Kubrick's *Paths of Glory* (1957) might have given impetus to a new career as a character actor, had Morris lived. However, he suffered a massive heart attack in 1959 while visiting Cdr. McCampbell aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard in San Francisco Bay and was pronounced dead. He was 45.



Odds and Ends from Members and Friends

From Jack Mugan



My first brushed paint job...no
airbrush used ...



Odds and Ends from Members and Friends

From Jack Mugan



Available from Free Time
Hobbies --- >



Odds and Ends from Members and Friends

From Bruce Doyle -

My XC-99, TWA
wings of pride,
scratch built 1:32
Honest John.

Ron Denning,
Kansas City, MO



Also see: http://host.adhpublishing.com/2011/features/f7f318rd_1.htm

Sent by Ron Denning to Bruce Doyle -- >

I have yet to build a vac kit. All the scratch built are models in larger scales u can't get anywhere else. Attached are some; 1:24 Twin mustang. 1:32 modified HK b25 Kit depicting the first B-25 (NA-40). 1:32 Modified B-25 HK kit depicting the Ruptured Duck with hand painted nose art. 1:96 Apollo-Saturn launcher with crawler under neath. Top shelf is a 1:18 X-3. 1:48 Chinese AWAC. 1:18 Cavorite Sphere from First man in the moon movie. 1:32 luner module. 1:18 Grumman F7F. 1:32 Mariner. 1:18 Male tank and 1:48 Nautilus. 1:32 HE-111 Zwillling. 1:32 Hughes XF-11.



Odds and Ends from Members and Friends

From Bruce Doyle – LARGE scale models built by Ron Denning!



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From Jack Mugan:

<https://www.neatandhandy.com/collections/hobby/products/premium-airbrush-for-hobbies-crafts?fbclid=IwAR11GpH02Jol-tBmPQfOZPBV1fKe6BBicqwNMTm0ODxh4xAsC0kgUftVJic¤cy=USD>



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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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UPCOMING EVENTS



IPMS Membership

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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.



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Wild Paint ... by Jack Mugan



OCTOBER MEETING: ?