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## Monthly Meeting

7 pm, Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Location: Lawrenceville Masonic Lodge #131

465 S. Perry Street

Lawrenceville, GA 30046

*(next to the Gwinnett History Museum)*



<http://www.ipmsusa.org/>

In-person  
Build  
Session

**HobbyTown USA**

4125 GA-20, BUFORD, GA

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

First  
Saturday of  
each month

# ATLANTACON 2022

Saturday, March 19, 2022

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## CALENDAR

### IPMS ATLANTA

**Feb 16:** Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm  
(Masonic Lodge, Lawrenceville)

**Feb 19:** Saturday Build Session 1-3 pm  
(Online)

**Feb 26:** Saturday Build Session 1-3 pm  
(Online)

**Mar 5:** Saturday Build Session 1-3  
(Hobby Town, Buford)

**Mar 12:** Saturday Build Session 1-3 pm  
(Online)

**Mar 16:** Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm  
with Annual Club Contest  
(Masonic Lodge, Lawrenceville)

**Mar 19:** AtlantaCon 9 am - 4 pm  
(IAM Local 709 Union Hall, Marietta)

**Mar 26:** Saturday Build Session 1-3 pm  
(Online)

**Apr 2:** Saturday Build Session 1-3  
(Hobby Town, Buford)

**Apr 9:** Saturday Build Session 1-3 pm  
(Online)

**Apr 16:** Saturday Build Session 1-3 pm  
(Online)

**Apr 20:** Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm  
(Masonic Lodge, Lawrenceville)

### *Monthly Meeting Notes*

01/19/2022 Meeting was held at the Lawrenceville Masonic Hall. IPMS Atlanta Chapter (and IPMS National) President, **Dave Lockhart** opened and conducted the meeting.

#### 1. **Business:**

- **Treasurer:** Art Murray (absent) - Dave Lockhart gave update.
- **Website/Newsletter:** Discussed hard-copy possibility for member(s) having difficulty being able to work with PDF file. Dave Lockhart indicated he would print out a copy of the next newsletter.
- **CHOA Status:** Jim Elmore - Recently made a \$220 (30% price increase) snaptite kit purchase for donation.
- **AtlantaCon 2022:** Kim Elmore - Table rentals will need to be confirmed in writing; More volunteers will be needed for Registration and Judging; A special category will be created for entrants to compete for the Theme Award; Members need to bring more models for competition and to show; We still have not been able to secure a food vendor for the March show and members were asked to suggest any possibilities
- **Chapter Officer Election:** EBoard (Chapter Executive Board) will need to meet to create a slate of candidates to submit to members for election.
- **Club Dues:** \$10 now due and payable to Art Murray.
- **2022 IPMS Nationals Registration:** Per Dave Lockhart, will be available Feb.1.
- No further business

#### 2. **Show & Tell for models on the table:**

- Members discussed and got a close look at models that had been brought in.

## John Ficklen Passing



John D. Ficklen, age 80 of Griffin, Georgia ` passed away after a debilitating bout with kidney failure on February 8, 2022.

John was a long-time member of IPMS Atlanta going back to the early 1970's.

John was a U.S. Navy Pilot of both Helicopters and Fixed Wing Aircraft. He went on to become a commercial pilot with Eastern Airlines until they shut down in 1991.

John was a well known "World Class Modeler" having won awards at IPMS National Convention in both Aircraft and Naval Ships.

As an acclaimed Aviation Artist, he held many well attended conferences hosting WW II pilots who were the subjects of his paintings.

During the 70's and 80's John was a member of a group who took multi day canoe trips each Fall through the Okefenokee Swamp National Park

He will be sorely missed.

*Thanks to Bill Ficke for the info about John, and to Buz Pezold for the picture above.*

## Chapter Officer Election

*To accomplish a formal election of chapter officers, the Chapter Executive Board (EBoard) consisting of current officers: President-Dave Lockhart, Vice President-Bill Aicklen, Treasurer-Art Murray, and Secretary-Bill Easton created the slate (shown below) of 2022 officer candidates for a February meeting member review.*

*Members at the February meeting need to approve a **final** slate of candidates (which may include any added candidate names.)*

*That final slate of candidates will then be included in the March Trim Tab newsletter and voted upon at the March meeting by chapter dues-paid members*

*The results of voting at the March meeting, along with any email votes received by the chapter Secretary at (weaston4@gmail.com) from dues-paid members **not** in attendance at the March meeting will determine the new chapter officers for 2022. (Note: email votes can be received up until Midnight Wednesday, March 23, 2022.)*

**NOTE:** Any member elected to a chapter officer position will be required to be/become a member of IPMS USA.

### Proposed Slate of IPMS Atlanta Chapter 2022 Officer Candidates

For President:

Bill Aicklen

For Vice President:

Robert Starnes

For Treasurer:

Art Murray

For Secretary:

Bill Easton

# Models for the Gwinnett Veterans Memorial Museum

<http://gwinnettveteransmemorialmuseum.org/>

**COMPLETED:**

- MiG-21, Bill Wofford
- F-4, Brian Speer
- MiG-17, Bill Johnston
- B-58, (1/48), Bill Easton
- Berlin Airlift C-47 (1/144), Bill Easton
- F-105, Gale Brown, Bill Easton
- F-117, Gale Brown
- F/A 18, Jim Elmore
- F-5, Jim Elmore
- F-16B Jim Elmore
- F-16C Jim Elmore
- A-10, Ed Hulsey
- B-52, (1/48), Ed Sveum
- B-1B, (1/48), Ed Sveum
- B-17F, (1/48), Ed Sveum
- USS Skipjack (1/72), Dave Lockhart
- F-104, Jim Elmore

**IN PROCESS:**

- Berlin Airlift C-54 (1/144), Bill Easton
- A-4 Skyhawk, Frank Resciniti

**UNASSIGNED:**

- F-100
- A-6
- F-106
- F-86
- OV-10
- OV-1A

**Member Note:**

*Please consider building one of these 1/32 models. The veterans are always glad to receive a new model for display in the museum.*

*All models/kits are 1/32 Scale unless otherwise noted.*

# CHOA

*Childrens' Healthcare of Atlanta  
at Egleston Hospital*



**Status ...**

*Jim Elmore asks members, "As always, please pass on any leads on affordable, snaptite kits."*

**Please Note!**

# December Monthly Meeting



*Thanks to Dave Lockhart and Michael Blackwood for help with meeting/model pictures.*

# February Hobby Town Build Session



Ray, you really don't need another P-51 kit!



**"ON THE TABLE" - SHOW & TELL ...**

**Edin Vojnikovic**



**Z-37A Cmelak**

Kit: Eduard

Scale: 1/72

Add-ons: Photo-etched parts that come with the kit

Paint: Mr. Color applied by airbrush

History/background:

Aircraft used as a crop-duster in the Eastern Bloc



More SHOW & TELL ...

Jim Elmore



**Su-2**

Kit: Zvezda

Scale:1/48

Add-ons: Quinto Cockpit 3D Decals

Paint: Tamiya

Special Techniques:

Post highlighting on upper surface



More SHOW & TELL ...

Frank Resciniti



**Type VIIC U-Boat**

Kit: Blue Water Navy

Scale: 1/350

Add-ons: Stretched Sprue

Paint: Gunze Sanyo

The name plate on the base came from:  
Things Remembered at the Mall of Georgia



More SHOW & TELL ...

Jose Morales



**Spitfire Mk.1**

Kit: Tamiya

Scale:1/48

Paint: Tamiya, Vallejo, oil paints

Special Techniques:  
Pre and Post shading,  
oil paint filters & panel lines, exhaust,  
guns, and oil leaks.

History/background:  
Used in the Battle of Britain during  
WWII



## ***Sprue Snippings ...***

If you run across a source that you think might be helpful to others for their modeling reference, or just for general interest, please pass it along. For this month ...

### ***Reminder:***

***Please keep working to bring all those excellent helicopter kit builds to the March meeting ... just one month from now! (I think even Dave has started work on his kit!)***

### ***Info Sources from Dave Lockhart for the Atlantis HH-3E "Jolly Green Giant:***

*I'm going to leave this posting in the newsletter until after the March meeting for reference ...*

### **Kit Review**

### **Search Results**

*Two excellent 360-degree reference sites for the interior of the Vietnam era version:*

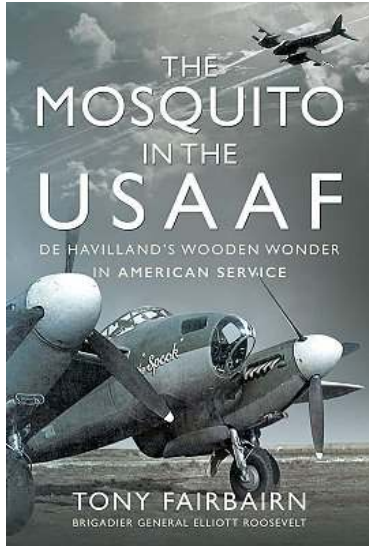
### **COCKPIT 360**

### **BAY 360**

## JIM'S PRINTED MATTERS

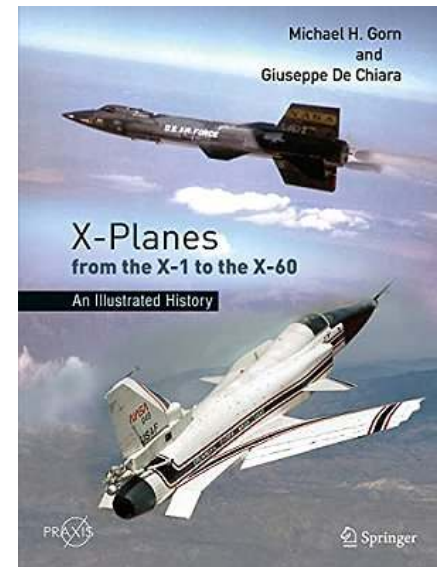
by Jim Pernikoff

A lot to cover this month; amazingly, most of these arrived in the last week of January!



**The Mosquito in the USAAF** from **Pen & Sword** is another example of a book telling a story that really had not been told before. In April 1941, an American delegation (including 'Hap' Arnold and FDR's son) viewing British aircraft were dazzled by a performance by Geoffrey de Havilland in a Mosquito prototype, and they realized that this would make a good reconnaissance aircraft. Once production was underway in Canada, they acquired a number of Packard-Merlin powered aircraft which were designated F-8s (F for Foto); later in the war a larger number of British-built P.R.XVIs were added, and the missions accomplished included weather recon, scouting for bombers, raid assessment and even covert missions done for the O.S.S. A few night fighters were also obtained. The book is arranged by unit and has a lot of interesting first-hand reports. The extensive photos are all in black-&-white, limiting its value to modelers. Appendices list every USAAF aircraft and their eventual fate, and there is a good index.

**Springer-Praxis** is an Anglo-Swiss publisher that specializes in books about space programs, but **X-Planes from the X-1 to the X-60** does have some space connections. This book is useful because Jay Miller's last book on X-planes dates back to 2001. The aircraft and rockets are grouped together by function into 6 chapters, and there are no photos, which is a bit of a detriment. All the illustrations are by lovely color three-view drawings by Giuseppe de Chiara and include interior cutaways and unbuilt concepts. A few non-X types, like the Navy's D-558 series, are also included. There is a very good bibliography and index. This is a good reference, though you'll want to hang onto the Jay Miller book for the photographs.

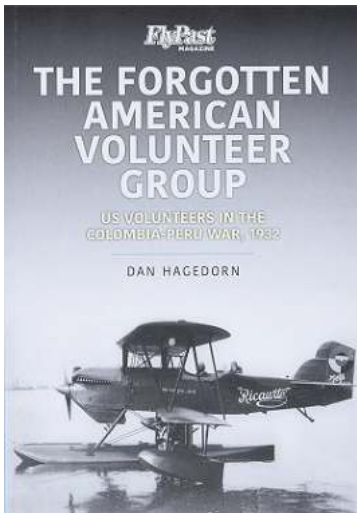


**Blue Angels Decades, Volume One: 1946-1955** is the first in a series of official books that will cover the team's entire history when completed. It is a softcover in landscape format and presents most of its content in scrapbook form, with copies of articles and photos from a wide variety of sources. Each year begins with a timeline of important dates and another listing all of the team's performances that year, along with a full-page summary of events. Each new aircraft type used by the team has a full-page color three-view drawing. Criticism includes a general lack of coverage of support aircraft, like the T-6 "Beetle Bomb" that was part of the early act, and an R5D (C-54) that is

shown on the endpapers but nowhere else. There is a general lack of color, though that should change with later volumes, and many photos are "muddy" because of where they were copied from. But this is still an excellent effort. Order it from [BlueAngelsDecades.com](http://BlueAngelsDecades.com).

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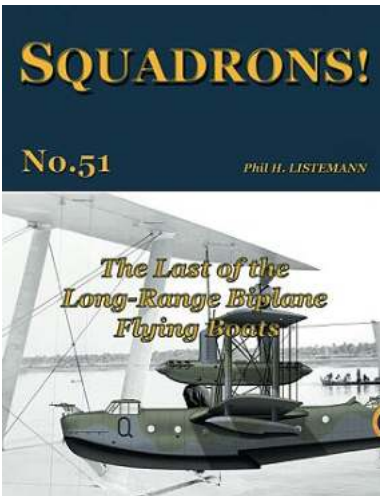
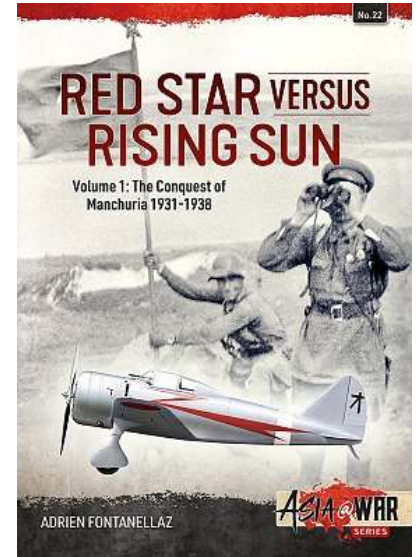


**The Forgotten American Volunteer Group** is another in the new series of books from **Key Publishing**. It covers a group of Curtiss aircraft and pilots that fought for Colombia in a war with Peru in 1932 commonly called the Leticia Affair. This resembles the Latin America @War series from Helion, though there are only a handful of color illustrations. Dan Hagedorn is an expert on Latin American air wars, and both his text and the photos tell the story well. This is an interesting story about an air war you probably have never heard of.

Another book about little-known battles in the '30s is **Red Star Versus Rising Sun, Volume 1: The Conquest of Manchuria 1931-1938**, which is #22 in the *Asia @War* series from **Helion**. This covers

the various skirmishes between Soviet, Japanese and Chinese forces that began when Japan invaded Manchuria in 1931, though the book covers confrontations between the same countries dating back to the 1800s. The usual color section includes 4 pages of color side-views of vehicles & artillery pieces, 2 of uniforms, 1 of aircraft and a battle map. The text and photos are outstanding, and there is a good bibliography and notes, but no index.

Volume 2 will cover the well-known Nomonhan Incident of 1939.



Phil Listemann's *Squadrons!* series, published under his own **Phileditions** label, has been lately concentrating on various marks of Spitfires and other RAF fighters, but #51 features a new cover design and a new subject, **The Last of the Long-Range Biplane Flying Boats**. This features the Blackburn Iris and Perth and the Short Rangoon and Singapore, though only the latter, the only one built in any quantity, gets most of the coverage. Nearly 40 were built, and about half were still in service at the outbreak of WW II.

Some Singapore IIIs served in the Far East almost to the end of the war! The benefit to modelers is the 12 nice side views of Singapore IIIs in various color schemes covering the period from 1935 to 1942. This a print-on-demand book from Amazon

but the quality is quite high. The only model kits are the old Contrails vacuforms.



Three from **Osprey** this month. **Truk 1944-45** is #26 in the *Air Campaign* series, and describes how the Japanese base at this Pacific atoll was subdued by a concentrated campaign by carrier planes off of 9 carriers along with Army B-24s dropping bombs from high altitude, without an invasion being needed. After the Japanese were defeated, Truk continued to be used as an aerial target by both USN and Royal Navy forces. As usual, the graphics include some excellent maps and combat artwork. This is another air battle that hasn't been covered to this level of detail previously.



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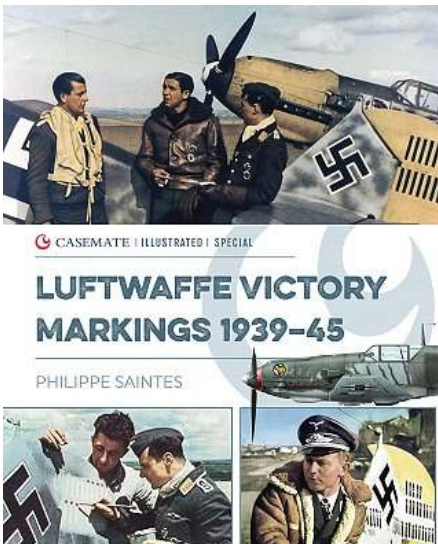
## JIM'S PRINTED MATTERS - Continued



*Combat Aircraft* #143 is **F3D/EF-10 Skyknight Units of the Korean and Vietnam Wars**. The slow and homely F3D is often overlooked, but as the only carrier-based night fighter available in Korea, served as a useful deterrent to Communist fighters, especially when escorting B-29 night bombers. After the war, as the F3D-2Q, it served in a new role as an electronic intelligence and countermeasures aircraft with the USMC off of China and Cuba. When the Vietnam conflict got hot, the aircraft, now designated EF-10B, continued to do the job until replaced by EA-6A Intruders. While the aircraft only flew in two basic color schemes, there are enough variations to make the color side-views interesting. Another outstanding book about an underrated aircraft.

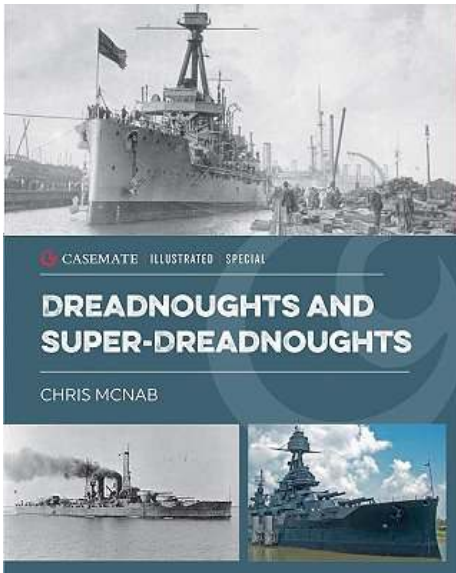
*New Vanguard* #302 is **Tanks in the Battle of**

**Germany 1945, Western Front**, another in Steve Zaloga's series of *Tanks* books covering the organization and doctrine of tank warfare. His use of tables shows how the Germans wasted their limited resources and how the Allies overcame the physical superiority of some of their opponent's weapons. The color artwork includes tanks used on both sides, along with the famous Pershing vs Panther confrontation in Cologne. Along with an upcoming companion book on the Eastern front, this does a decent job on showing how the once invincible Panzerwaffe was finally killed off.



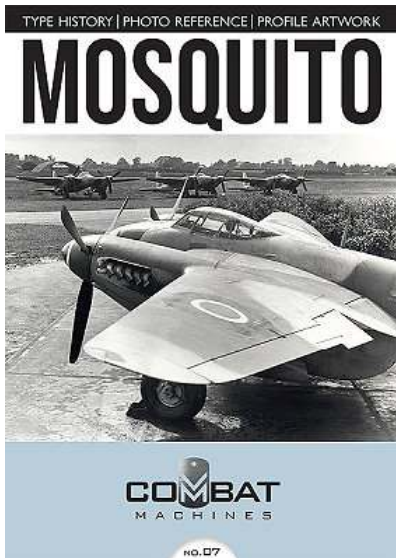
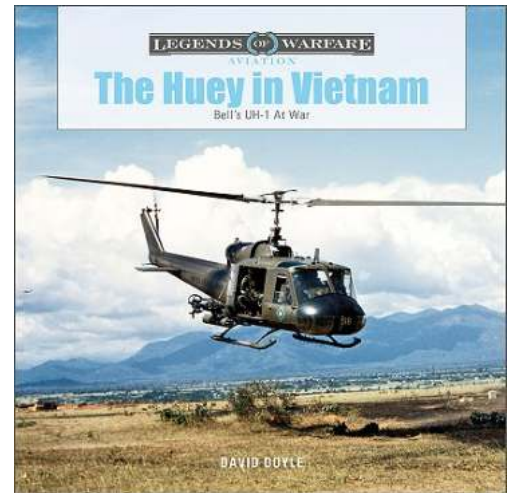
Two new books in the hardcover *Illustrated Special* series from **Casemate**. Originally published in French, **Luftwaffe Victory Markings 1939-45** shows a variety of tail markings of Bf 109s, Bf 110s and Fw 190s flown by numerous aces, both well-known and lesser known, along with their combat stories and lists of all their confirmed kills. The tails are all shown in color drawings, but unfortunately there are few views of the entire fuselages. Most of the photos are close-ups of the men and their aircraft, as the cover scan shows. While not a definitive study, the book provides a reasonable view of how the Luftwaffe pilots showed off their results.

## JIM'S PRINTED MATTERS - Continued



**Dreadnoughts and Super-Dreadnoughts** is a book about battleships. It begins with the premise of the all-big-gun battleship, which led to the arrival of HMS *Dreadnought* in 1906, which made all prior battleships obsolete. It then follows the progression of British ships through to the development of the second-generation super-dreadnoughts, which were the ships that mainly fought most of the battles of World War I. Technical details of these ships, in substantial detail, are followed by a chapter about life on board and the subsequent battle history of the ships during WW I. The sidebars are the best part, with features on powerplants and armament. Unfortunately, the coverage is almost entirely on British ships; a chapter on “international” ships understandably limits coverage of other navies, though there is a nice 3-page article on USS *Texas*. The photos are very good, and I can recommend the book to fans of battleships, unless you don’t care for the Royal Navy or are looking for coverage of post-WW I ships.

In the *Legends of Warfare* series from **Schiffer** comes **The Huey in Vietnam**, which describes the development of the H-40/HU-1/UH-1 series and covers all of the variants that served in the war. Most of the book is a photo essay showing all of the various functions the Huey served during the conflict; these are generally one or two to a page, and many in color, providing good coverage of the helicopter’s wartime service, with some good detail shots for modelers and some good diorama ideas. This is a well-balanced look about an iconic weapon at war.



**Mosquito** is #07 (after a long hiatus) in the *Combat Machines* series of bookazines from **Key Publishing**. It offers a reasonably complete overview of the Mossie, and is obviously oriented towards the scale modeler, with a fully annotated isometric cutaway in the centerspread, a large number of color side views and a list of kits, accessories and decals in the back. A chapter about the low-level missions the fighter-bomber version was famous for includes some rather dramatic photos, and there is a chapter about foreign users of the Mossie. This may not add any new information about the aircraft, but is still a worthwhile purchase for fans.

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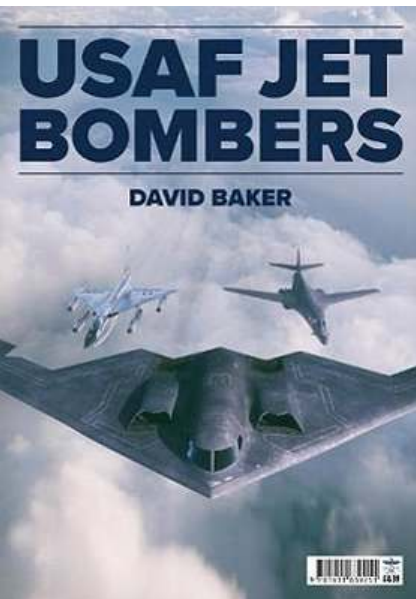
## JIM'S PRINTED MATTERS - Continued



**Special Forces, Airborne Raids and Rescues**, also from **Key**, can be thought of as the military equivalent of the *Special Mission Aircraft* bookazine reviewed a few months ago. Most of the issue is devoted to missions dating from WW II to the war on terror; interspersed with these are one or two-page articles about many of the aircraft specifically used on these missions. The last part of the issue covers the specific units that accomplish missions like this, including USAF, USMC and USN special operations and equivalent units from Britain, France, Germany, Israel and Russia. This is an exciting and informative issue that covers its subject well.

The **United States Air Force Air Power Yearbook 2022** is the new updated annual from **Key**, and has the usual mix of articles updating the USAF fleet. Highlight articles cover both the KC-135 and its KC-46

replacement, F-16s in Wild Weasel service, air mobility, A-10 and B-52 units and even C-21 Learjets doing special missions. There is a detailed article about the Space Force and one looking at air dominance concepts beyond the F-22. While the articles are great, one thing unfortunately missing is the usual order of battle listing bases, units and aircraft. That was a useful reference and one would hope that it returns in 2023. (Meanwhile, hang on to your 2021 issue!)



From rival **Mortons Media** comes **USAF Jet Bombers**, an issue that covers the B-45, B-47, B-52, B-1, B-2 and the coming B-21 in fairly substantial detail, with quite a few diagrams from the technical manuals. There is also an article about the “other” bombers, like the B-57, B-58 and FB-111, and another (in spite of the title) about bombers in the U.S. Navy. Note that, unlike Morton’s other recent bookazines, there is almost no color in this one. I’m not sure this should be considered a “must have”, but since it’s on the newsstand at bookstores, you can peruse the issue and decide for yourself.

## *Barracuda Class Spaceship on Jupiter Cruise*

*by Dennis Moore (a.k.a. Kid Maverick)*



The Barracuda class Interplanetary Patrol Ship on a routine cruise in Jupiter's atmosphere. I made the composite from a dramatically colorful sky with many wonderful colors on one end and the orange cloud presentation directly behind me. A friend pointed to the orange clouds, I turned around, and took the photograph. By rotating the image upside down, the light source came from the top allowing the photo to look like the sun shone from above the planet.

### **Editor Note:**

*Dennis is not a member of the Atlanta IPMS Chapter, but he asked a while back if he could make newsletter contributions talking about his interest in model building and sci-fi ideas in particular. Previously, he talked about his construction of his Barracuda Class spaceship (his interpretation) model, and above he adds some photography and "what-if" text to describe the picture.*



## AtlantaCon 2022

Scale Model Show & Contest

Saturday, March 19, 2022

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

IAM Local 709 Union Hall, 1032 S. Marietta Pkwy  
Marietta, GA 30060



Theme: Movie/TV Magic

Registration \$10 (\$8 for IPMS members)  
Juniors (under 18) or General admission \$5  
Questions? go to [www.ipms-atlanta.org](http://www.ipms-atlanta.org)  
Or email [kdmcelmore@gmail.com](mailto:kdmcelmore@gmail.com)  
Or call 770-962-2584 (no texts, please)

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*(Editor Note: If you are bringing a model to put on the table and discuss at a meeting, please fill out one of these info sheets for each model to help get correct and complete information about your model in the next newsletter. Thanks!)*

**Scale Modeler's Brag Sheet**

Fill out and bring with your model to the club meeting.



Model Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Kit Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Add-ons: \_\_\_\_\_

Paints: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Techniques: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Historical/Background Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Modeler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Modeler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print out the form, enter your information, and mail.



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Check  Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address, if different than above -

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