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Coming Events

PDK Airport Monthly Meeting -

This month's meeting will be **Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.** at Peachtree-Dekalb Airport (PDK). Turn from Clairmont onto Airport Rd. Go to the last left turn before reaching the speed bumps. The street will take you around the hanger and across the ramp. There is parking just past the ramp. Go in the glass door. Take the stairs to the left and go up to the second floor. The conference room is just down the hall.

DIRECTIONS:

<https://www.ipms-atlanta.org/copy-of-monthly-meeting-map-and-dir>

Model Building Clinic and Q&A-

Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m.

Club Build-Session-

Saturday, April 4, 1 p.m.



4125 GA-20, BUFORD, GA

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

Join IPMS Atlanta club members for model building and conversation first and last Saturdays of each month at HobbyTown!



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

Saturday,
 March 21, 2020
 9 am - 4 pm

AtlantaCon 2020

IPMS Atlanta and Marietta Scale Modelers
 Model Show & Contest

*IAM Local
 Union Hall
 1032 S.
 Marietta Pkwy
 Marietta, GA*

Information and Forms <https://www.ipms-atlanta.org/annual-contest>

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CALENDAR

- Mar 18:** PDK Airport Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm
- Mar 21:** **AtlantaCon 2020**
Marietta, GA
<https://www.ipms-atlanta.org/annual-contest>
- Mar 28:** HobbyTown Model Build Q&A 1-3 pm
- Apr 4:** HobbyTown Build Session 1-3 pm
- Apr 15:** PDK Airport Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm
- Apr 25:** HobbyTown Model Build Q&A 1-3 pm
- May 2:** HobbyTown Build Session 1-3 pm
- May 20:** PDK Airport Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm
- May 30:** HobbyTown Model Build Q&A 1-3 pm

PDK Meeting Notes

02/19/2020 Club business meeting (Club Secretary was absent.)

1. **Marietta Visitors:** Buz Pezold, new President, and Larry Beam, Treasurer were on hand.
2. **AtlantaCon 2020 Update:** Kim Elmore covered progress/status of show prep.
3. **Usual Presenter Selection:** All the compromising or otherwise abusive slides our Leader could assemble for our benefit.

Following club business, members discussed an excellent group of models on the table this month.

The "**Model of the Month**" Award went to: **Jim Elmore**.

The February meeting **Raffle** winner was **Bill Johnston**.

Models for the Gwinnett Veterans Memorial Museum

<http://vetmemorialmuseum.tripod.com/index.html>

COMPLETED:

MiG-21, Bill Wofford

F-4, Brian Speer

MiG-17, Bill Johnston

B-58, (1/48), 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, Brian Mason (Lost In Action) 

A-10 (Replacement), Ed Hulseley

B-52, (1/48), Ed Sveum

B-1B, (1/48), Ed Sveum

B-17F, (1/48), Ed Sveum

USS Skipjack (1/72), Dave Lockhart

IN PROCESS:

F-100, Art Murray

Berlin Airlift 3-Plane Set (1/144)

Jose Morales Jr, Ray Wheeler, Bill Easton

UNASSIGNED:

A-4 Skyhawk

A-6

F-106

F-86

Please consider building one of these models. The museum folks are always glad to receive a new model for the museum ceiling display.

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

CHOA

*Childrens' Healthcare of Atlanta
at Egleston Hospital*



Upcoming Build Sessions:

Look for updates on any future build session opportunities from Jim Elmore.

Thank you Jim for your continued efforts for the kids at CHOA.

IPMS Atlanta member Chuck Swann passes ...

Charles Edward Swann "Chuck", 87 of Tucker, Georgia died February 17, 2020. He proudly served in the Marine Corp and later in the Naval Reserves. He was ordained Presbyterian minister at churches in Tennessee and Georgia. He also served as Vice President of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He was a devoted and loving husband and father. (Published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Feb. 20, 2020)

Fellow club members recall Chuck being an active artillery modeler and involved club volunteer in the 90's and early 2000's before his health began to restrict his club involvement. Former club president, Jim Elmore said, "Chuck was our dour/jolly Scot artillery builder, quick with a compliment or a joke. That is the way I remember him."

Many fond memories of Chuck are forwarded along with our condolences to Chuck's family for their loss.

On the Table in February ...



Dave Lockhart

1/48

Monogram

TBD-1 Devastator

Paint: Model Master

Background: Shown as used
at the Battle of Coral Sea

Stew Swartz

1/32

Hasegawa

**J2M2 Type II Raiden
(Jack)**



Built Out Of Box

Paint: Krylon, Tamiya,

Vallejo chipping

Techniques: Weathering,
chipping, post-shading

Background: Mainly used
for local defense against

B-29's. It was fast, and
climbed well but was bad at
maneuvering.



1:72
Sword

F3H Demon

Three Builds from
Jose Morales, Jr.

Scale:?
Bandai

Great Mazinger



1/144
Zoukei Mura

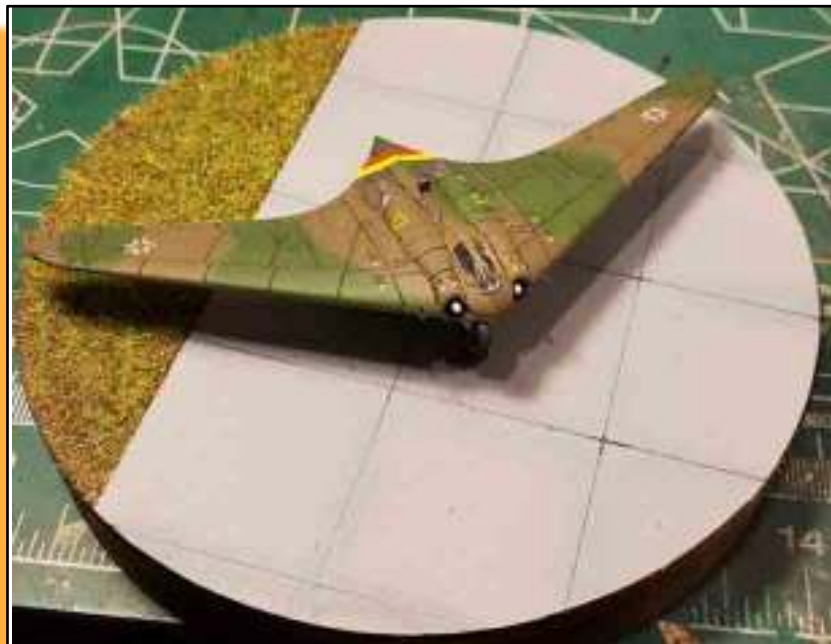
Horten HO-229

Paint: Vallejo acrylics,
Alclad II

Add on: Base &
figures, seat belts

Finish: Pre-shading,
weathering

Background: One
actually flew and shot
down a plane, but it
crashed before
landing. One is
displayed at the
Smithsonian.





Art Murray

1/48

Kitty Hawk

F-94C

Paint: Alclad-various shades

Background: 60th FIS

Fernando

Sanchez

1/35

Tamiya

**Sd.Kfz. 251 (as a
Medical Unit)**



Paint: Tamiya and Model Master

Add on: Inside scaffold for hanging stretchers, IV's, etc., tarps, flags, door lockers

Techniques: Weathering, scratch building (metal)

Background: Model shown as it appeared in France in 1943



Bill Johnston

1/25

Lindberg

1959 Cabin Cruiser

Paint: Tamiya, Model Master

Add on: Scratch built forward cabin

Jim Elmore

1/8

Aurora

Blue Knight of Milan

Paint: Citadel, Reaper

Add on: Re-engineered shoulders, sword belt

Background: Kit was one of several 1956 issues of Knights. This boxing seems to be 1968.





Bill Wofford

1/48

Monogram

Convair F-102

Paint: Testors enamel

Built Out Of Box

Ed Hulse

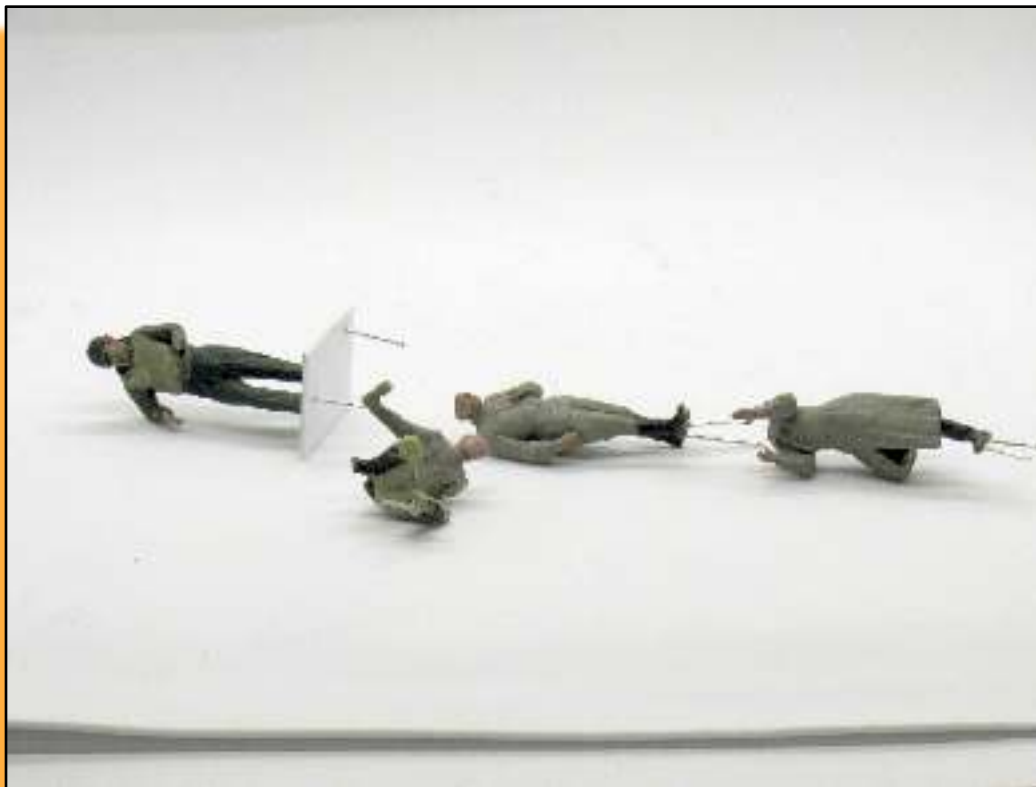
1/32

Trumpeter

A-10 Warthog

Paint: Model Master enamels
Background: The model will be contributed to the Gwinnett Veterans Memorial Museum





1/35
Tamiya M-10 & MiniArt

**Assorted Assembled
Figures**

Paint: Assorted
Add on: Wire

**Two From
Michael Blackwood**



Figure subject on the ...

Rathcore V3 figure holder

The club can never say "Thanks!" enough for Bill Wofford's great camera shots of the models on the table each month.

Another excellent job!

Model of the Month



For February ...

**Jim Elmore's Blue
Knight of Milan**

**CONGRATULATIONS
JIM!**

Raffle Winner

**Bill Johnston was the
February Raffle Winner!**

Congratulations Bill!

Reminder: Get a free raffle ticket for each model you bring to the monthly meeting.

Build 'em and Bring 'em!

HobbyTown USA

FEBRUARY/MARCH BUILD SESSIONS



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 ...

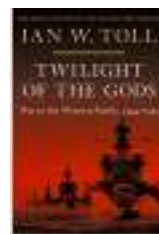
From Bill Aicklen:

New WW II Movie coming ... Greyhound with Tom Hanks -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-Y97yfYwRQ>

Also,

Toll's Final Book on the Pacific - Twilight of the Gods looks like it will be coming out in July.



Bill Wofford sent along a couple of excellent links ...

The following site lists all the new and upcoming 1/72 aircraft kits.

<https://www.72news.eu>

Here is one for Hobbyterra. It has a mind blowing number of eastern block manufacturers making aircraft, ships and armor.

<https://hobbyterra.com/>

Ed Hulse sent along the very interesting story of

"Zeamer's Eager Beavers"

Take a look at the following link for more information. It is a great read.

<http://zeamerseagerbeavers.com/>

Paul Budzik site recommended by Jim Elmore:

Don't know if this has been recommended before, but this site and the accompanying videos (highly recommended!) are terrific. It is informative and concise and very well produced. And yes, his work makes me want to take a hammer to anything I call a model.

Paul Budzik Scale Model Workshop:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9UUZIFvHRQPfDoCP-bTB7A>

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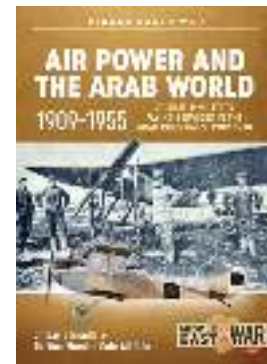
by Jim Pernikoff



Kalmbach has given us **Modeling Aircraft**, a 144-page softcover that tells how to do it in 15 kit builds. The first one covers basics using the 1/48 Airfix B.P. Defiant as the subject, with sidebars covering airbrushing basics, working with photo-etch and working with resin. The other articles cover a variety of aircraft, from WW1 biplanes to modern jetliners in various scales, in articles generally ranging from 6 to 10 pages, with usually 6-8 photos per page, extensively captioned. Highlights include the 1/8 Hasegawa Fokker Dr. I and the 1/32 Tamiya F-15, the latter an 18-page article with 92 photos! And an article about creating the first Presidential 707 using the Heller

E-3 and AMT KC-135 kits includes color side views of all the color schemes carried by Presidential 707s. While most of the material may not be new, having it all in one place can be worth a purchase.

The fine series *Middle East @War* from **Helion & Co** continues with #20, **Air Power and the Arab World 1909-1955, Vol. 1: Military Flying Services in the Arab Countries, 1909-1918**. This is the first in a four (or five) part series which will explore how Arab air power got started, a story which has really never been told. Most of the early aircraft used were French, and there was actually fighting in the form of Italy's 1911 invasion of Ottoman Tripolitania, which became known as Libya, and which saw the first use of aerial bombs, small things dropped over the side by hand! Later, the book describes the aerial side of WW1 in the Arab lands, which mainly involved Ottoman Turkey but there was some activity in Palestine. The photos, naturally, are largely of the nbp (never before published) variety and there are 5 pages of color side-views, 2 pages of color photos and artwork and one color map. This should be an interesting series-within-a-series.



I have always been a fan of the Su-27 Flanker series, maybe because of its similarity to the F-14 and F-15. In their *TopDrawings* series, **Kagero** has published **The Sukhoi Su-27/Su-33** as #83. Included are the following: 1 page of history in English & Polish, 12 pages of multi-view b&w line drawings of a half-dozen different variants in 1/72 & 1/144 scale, including the air-to-air missiles, 5 pages (including the back cover) of color side-view drawings, and 2 pages of walk-around photos of a single Ukrainian Su-27. The drawings are all excellent, but is the book worth the price asked? I've told you what's in it; only you can decide.

After some excellent books about modern Chinese airpower, **Harpia Publishing** has gone back in time with **Chinese Air Power in the 20th Century, Rise of the Red Dragon**. Although the text goes back to 1911, the only illustrations from before 1949 are the insignia that the various air forces used; no photos of aircraft, which is disappointing. The book mainly covers the PLAAF from 1949 onward, and some of the aircraft the Reds used at first included some surprises, like the Mosquito and P-51! There are listings of all the batches of aircraft the Chinese received from the USSR, and good coverage of all the indigenous designs, including a few not built, as well as all the air units. Many of the photos are rather small, limiting their value to modelers, but this is still a well-written and valuable resource, along with extensive notes and a good index.

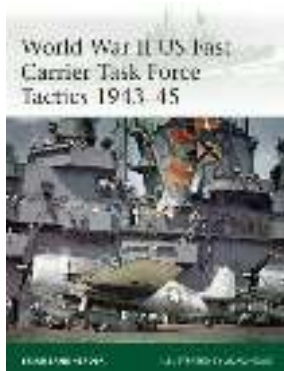


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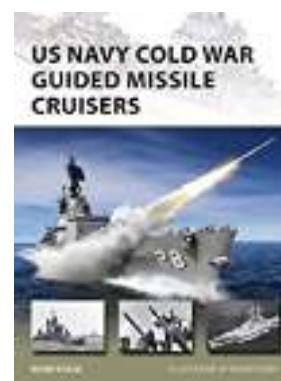
When one thinks of WWII tank warfare, it's usually about the Germans and their opposition, but there was another theater. The newest in the *Casemate Illustrated* series, **American Armor in the Pacific**, closes that gap. A timeline is followed by articles about the evolution of Japanese and American armor, and the bulk of the book that follows is chronological, starting with the loss of the Philippines and then the appropriate parts of the island-hopping campaign that followed. Lots of good photos and some excellent maps, plus some "In Profile" sidebars detailing some of the vehicles in greater detail, with color side-views. A decent bibliography and index make this a fine summary of a campaign not often written about.

Three books from **Osprey** this month, starting with *Air Campaign* #15, **Battle of the Atlantic 1939-41**, the first of a two-part series. In these years, RAF Coastal Command was by themselves against the U-boat scourge (and Fw 200s), and used a variety of resources, including Ansons, Hudsons and Sunderlands, to try and keep the convoys alive. Tactics were slow to develop, but a turning point was marked by the sinking of U-451 off of Morocco in December 1941. As usual, the illustrations in the book, particularly some fine maps, are a high point. Another excellent book in this series.



Elite series #232 is **World War II US Fast Carrier Task Force Tactics 1943-45**, a surprisingly technical book on how the concept of the carrier-centered task force was developed and used to devastating effect against the Imperial Japanese Navy. There are lists of the carriers, the fast battleships that supported them and the aircraft utilized, and lots of diagrams, showing such things as the typical task force cruising formation, how aircraft were spotted on the deck for maximum efficiency, dive-bombing and torpedo-bombing tactics, fighter tactics and anti-aircraft defense tactics. A few specific examples are noted, but for the most part, the book deals with generalities. (Surprisingly, the author states that more gun duels between fast battleships on both sides were expected, but the reasons that never happened are described.) This is an interesting and thought-provoking book.

New Vanguard #278 is **US Navy Cold War Guided Missile Cruisers**, which describes 38 ships in 18 classes (those some of these were classes of one). The development of the missiles and the ships in general precede the specifics about each class of ship. These included both heavy and light cruisers; the early classes were modest conversions of WWII-vintage ships, most of which retained their original guns forward and only replaced the aft turrets with the "3-T" missiles: Talos, Tartar and Terrier. (I toured the very first of these, USS *Boston*, when she visited P.R. in the mid-60s.) However, the *Albany* class effectively removed everything above the main deck and created ships unrecognizable from their original configuration, and this pointed the way to the future. The later ships were built as missile ships from scratch, and a number were nuclear-powered, starting with the famous *Long Beach*. (Eventually, the expense of nuclear power in cruisers could not be justified, and today's cruisers are



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conventionally powered.) Sometimes the 48-page limit in this series is insufficient to adequately cover the topic, but in this case I'd say that author Mark Stille has done a pretty good job of squeezing everything in. (I would have liked side-views of a few more classes of ships, but a nice isometric cutaway of *Long Beach* is useful.)



Here are two new titles in the *Tank Craft* series from **Pen & Sword**. #17 is **M1 Abrams**, *The US's Main Battle Tank, 1981-2019*, which does a decent job of telling the whole story. Five pages are devoted to the tank's development, six pages to all the variants, including the IP, HA and SEP, 14 pages to the M1's service history, five pages to the tank today, including future developments, and three pages to foreign users. The color section starts with eight pages of color side views, including Iraqi and Australian examples, then come 12 pages showing some excellent built-up models, and 10 pages reviewing kits and accessories. Like other books in the series, this is a fine reference to anyone building a model of the Abrams.

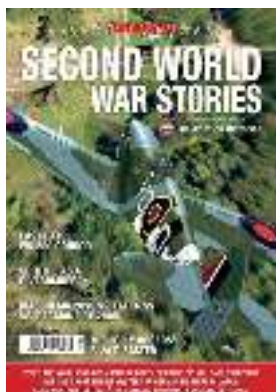
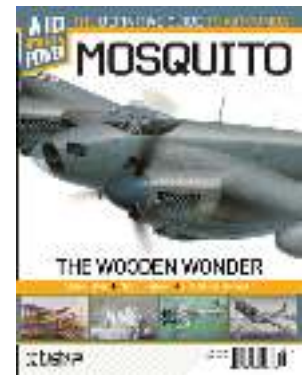
#20 in the series is **Tiger I**, *German Army Heavy Tank, Eastern Front, Summer 1943*, which is the fourth book in the series devoted to the Panzer VI, but the second one from a chronological standpoint. There is no technical development info, as that is covered in the previous volumes on the Tiger; similarly the section on kits and accessories is limited to six pages, which is just a summary. There is a six-page timeline of that summer in Russia, along with two maps, and no fewer than 21 pages devoted to the units deployed, along with diagrams of each unit's companies, with individual tank numbers provided! There are three pages devoted to technical mods made to the tanks, 10 pages of colors & markings and 16 pages of some very fine built-up models. The coverage in the four books may seem like overkill, but then this is the Tiger we're talking about! If you have the other three, you're going to want this one as well.



A book I am recommending with reservations is **The Blohm & Voss Bv 155**, #2 in a new series of Osprey-sized softcovers called *Secret Projects of the Luftwaffe* from **Tempest**, which is the book-publishing division of *Mortons Media*. This book is superbly researched and very detailed but has little application to modelers, since most of the illustrations are from German documents showing the progressive development of the design, which started out as a high-altitude development of the Bf 109G but was passed to B&V because of Messerschmitt's work load. Only one aircraft was ever built and flown and there are a few photos of it, along with color drawings of both the Bv 155 and some of its unbuilt Bf 109-based predecessors. While a fascinating book for engineers, it is really only recommended to fans of the 155. #1 on the He 162 and its unbuilt developments was delayed and should be out in May, along with #3, similarly on the Me 262.

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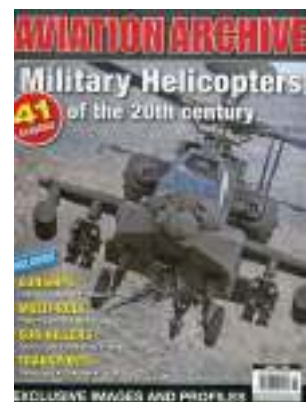
Since the last time I reviewed one of the *Air Power* series of bookazines from **Hachette Partworks**, they have done volumes on the F-4, Stuka, Lancaster and B-17. #9 is on the **Mosquito**, *The Wooden Wonder*, and you knew I wasn't going to miss this one. First comes the development section, which has some good photos showing Mosquitos in production; the bulk of the book describes the aircraft by roles, rather than by version which has been usual in this series. Along with the expected sections on night fighters, fighter-bombers (listed as "intruders") and photo-reconnaissance are sections on tropical operations, USAAF operations (a surprisingly long chapter!) and ship-busting, with some dramatic photos. Color side-views are scattered throughout. The technical section has some good close-up photos, along with chapters on carrier-based Mossies, the aircraft's weapons and the foreign users. Maybe not the best single-volume publication on the Wooden Wonder, but it is a good one. Next in the series will be the F-86 Sabre.



Second World War Stories is the fourth in a series of bookazines from **Mortons Media** done in conjunction with *The Aviation Historian* magazine. As with the others, the editors have come up with 17 stories of remarkable variety, some of which read like fiction. Curiously, the early Liberator, the LB-30, appears in several, and you'll also read about late war use of the Fw 200, the Spitfire in the dive-bombing role, and a nice comparison of the three "five-series" fighters which marked the pinnacle of Italian design during the war. There is also a thought-provoking story about cooperation between Germany and Japan regarding fighter design, and why there wasn't more commonality. As usual, the photos and maps are exceptional, and one hopes for more volumes of this type from this

collaboration.

Finally, another *Aviation Archive* from **Key Publishing**, this one, #47, is on **Military Helicopters of the 20th Century**. There are 41 here, from the pioneering Sikorsky R-4 to the Kamov Ka-50 gunship. The selection is quite complete, and in those cases where Westland developed Sikorsky designs (like the Wessex from the H-34), there are chapters on both versions. The strength of this series is big photos, some on foldouts, and this issue doesn't disappoint. If you like helos/choppers/eggbeaters or whatever you like to call them, this is a nice collection. Next in the series will be a Luftwaffe retrospective in the year of its 85th anniversary.



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: _____

Modeler's Name: _____

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To get this application in online "editable" form, go to

http://www.ipmsusa3.org/uploads/ipms_application_form_2019.pdf

Enter your information, print out the form and mail.



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