



CSM Debrief

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Our **next meeting** will be **Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015** from 2 – 4 PM at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4600 Erie Avenue, Madisonville, Ohio 45227. The CSM regularly meets on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Officer Nominations

Elections for the 2015 year will be held in March. We will start taking nominations at the January and February meetings..

Annual Cincinnati Scale Modelers membership fees are \$15. You do not have to join the national organization to join our club. However, being a member of the IPMS/USA allows you to enter models into the national contest. In December '14 and January '15 dues start for the next year!

IPMS/USA national membership fees are \$25 a year and include the IPMS/USA Journal. See www.ipmsusa.org for details.

VA project - No report from December 12th

Wants & Disposals - If you have a want or a disposal, please call (513) 489-5387 or send email to: rschorry@cinci.rr.com

Interested in writing an article or taking photos? The *CSM Debrief* is looking for original info on models, workbench techniques, or Roadside Relics you may see. Send them to the editor for possible publication. The “Debrief” is available by post or email (to save postage, trees, and hassle, I recommend email!). It is also posted each month on the CSM club website.

Raffle & Door Prizes – Prize tickets are available for sale (\$1 each), which supports ongoing raffles and having fun! Our raffle policy, confirmed by a formal proposal of these rules and a vote by the members present on March 9, 2014: “Everyone who is a *current* member gets ONE door prize ticket for attending the meeting. Members get a 2nd door prize ticket if they bring a model. First-time visitors get ONE free door prize ticket for being with us.”

Raffle Revival / Revamp: We are asking for your input on what you would like to see in the club raffle. Let us know what you would change. Options:

- Do nothing; leave it like it is
- End the raffle

- Change it to?
- Or anything in between

Send your suggestions to any of the club officers or bring your ideas to the next meeting.

But in the meantime here is the raffle and door prize list for the January meeting:

Door Prizes	Raffle Prizes	
Tamiya Gekko	Hasegawa he111H-6	DML Panzer III J
Minicraft C-121	Hasegawa George	Revell TBD-1
AMT A-20B/C	DML panzer III H	eduard Nieuport 11
Hasegawa Bf109G-2	DML assorted figures (4 pack)	Monogram B-17G
Italeri Paladin	Books American Eagles P-47	Hasegawa P-51D

Upcoming events see <http://www.ipmsusa.org/>

The 2015 IPMS/USA National Convention will be in Columbus, Ohio from July 22 – 26th

2/6/2015 to 2/7/2015 Tennessee Chattanooga ModelCon 2015

Chattanooga Trade and Convention Center
 1150 Carter Street
 Chattanooga Scale Modelers
 Mike Moore 423-596-5130

2/7/2015 Michigan Mid-Michigan Model Makers 31st Annual Contest

Bay City Knights of Columbus Hall
 360 S. River
 Mid-Michigan Model Makers
 Jim Church 989-799-1705

2/21/2015 Ohio BLIZZCON - 2015

Columbus Aladdin Shrine
 3850 Stelzer Road
 IPMS Columbus Eddie Rickenbacker
 Graham Holmes 614-379-2549



Please try to keep your telephone and email up to date with the club. In case of severe weather or other reason, we will try to contact you if our monthly meeting is cancelled or postponed.

Thank you!

70 years ago... lest we forget by Rob Schorry

December 16th, 1944, German land and air forces assaulted US and British forces across a broad front in Belgium attack to the west thru the Ardennes Forest. Thus began the Battle of the Bulge - the largest and costliest battle every for the US Army.

'We moved into combat from METZ into the Saar Valley on Dec 10/44. Heavy casualties in regiment from Tiger tanks, pillboxes. 800 men with trenchfoot. 241 battle casualties. Col. Costello relieved by Col. Wheeler of the 35th Div. We had relieved the 26th Div. before SARREGUMINES and later the 35th in Alsace.

On Dec. 24th, we pulled rear guard action and leveled HERBITZHEIM with WP and HE. Won Combat Infantry Badge after we were left in No-Man's Land. Battle of the Bulge. Belgium. 346th has advanced 7 miles toward ST. HUBERT. Tough SS and Panzer resistance.'

In a small pocket calendar Cpl. Elmer Schorry, US 3rd Army, 87th Division, 346th Infantry Regiment, Cannon Company recorded the words above. The Cannon Company was armed with a dozen 105mm M3A1 howitzers, broken into three sections of 4 guns each. Each battery supported a battalion of the 346th.

Christmas Eve - from a verbal history (and this story I heard every Christmas Eve from age 3 until dad's death in 1992).

'On Xmas Eve, we were getting ready to "advance to the rear". The Captain asked for volunteers for a special mission. He needed a prime mover (2 1/2 ton GMC truck), a 105, and crew to man it. Ten men. Some of my gun crew and I jumped up, along with a few others and we loaded up. It was pouring rain and black as pitch. We followed the Captain's jeep out of the bivouac, and went a couple of miles EAST! We went up a small hill, along a dirt road, and stopped on top. In a little bit, a half track with an anti-aircraft unit came up too.

The jeep turned around, and the Captain gave us the low down. We had just "pulled" rear guard action. If anything came up that hill; SHOOT IT, it was the enemy! At daybreak, we were to pull out, because it was an exposed spot, and they'd pick us off. Good luck, fellows! Then they were gone.

In the darkness and rain, you couldn't tell one guy from another. We unlimbered the gun, pointing it down the road, loaded it, and turned the truck around for a quick getaway. I realized that there were eleven of us! Who was the extra man? I pulled out my flashlight and letting a little light through my fingers, took a look at the extra GI. It was one of our Medics!

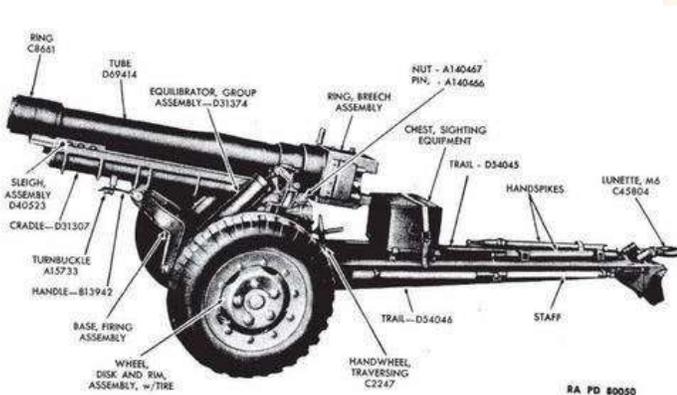
We had two Medics. One was very religious, and the other was a conscientious objector. Both were very good, and very brave. This one was the religious one. "What are you doing here? Don't you know we could killed up here?," I asked him.

He looked at me, and said, in all sincerity, "I came along in case somebody got hurt." He had even borrowed a rifle, in case we got in a tight spot and needed more firepower!

Luckily, nothing came up that road all night. About 5 am, just when it was almost light enough to see, we started getting out of there. As we pulled out the ack-ack crew was just started to load up. We drove back to our previous bivouac, and got there as our outfit was ready to leave. The Captain rushed up, all shaken up, "My God, Schorry, I just got a report that you guys were captured! An FO saw action on that hill!" We had moved out just in time. The GIs who got captured must have been the ack-ack crew. Too close!

So, like so many young men, they were immersed in combat and on their way towards Bastogne to crack the German line which had surrounded the 101st. St. Hubert is a little burg west of a lovely spot called Bastogne, where the 101st was encircled. St. Hubert and Tillet were where the 346th ran into a very tough fight...

To all the aging vets who remember that bitter struggle in the coldest recorded winter in Europe, we can only wonder how **you** did it – stayed in your foxholes with frozen feet and jammed guns, with no food and little fuel, dwindling ammo, and no reinforcements. But you **prevailed** and won that battle to go on to pierce the Siegfried line and cross Germany ending the war in Europe.



Model Musings by Rob Schorry

I have no photos from the December meeting so bear with me.

How many models did you BUILD in 2014?

One, two, five, ten?

Or better yet, how many model kits did you BUY in 2014.

Five, ten, twenty, thirty... or more?

How many did you START and NOT finish?

Or were you going the other direction and divesting yourself of kits from your stash?

Did you upgrade your airbrush or buy a spray booth?

Did St. Nick deliver that ultra-special, OTT 'daylight' lamp on the gooseneck arm which you have been lusting over for years?

Did you attend any model contests? How many?

Did you bring home any prize 'hardware' to decorate your mantle or just enjoy going to the contest, chatting with folks from across the state, or just to hit the vendor tables?

I suppose that every year I take stock. CONFESSION TIME!

I finished ZERO models, started three or maybe five, likely bought about 20, and have lusted after many many more.

If I go into a 'craft' store, like Michaels' I always see women, but in the hobby shop, only men. Why is that?

I've heard it said that women have crafts and men have hobbies... Go figure.

What draws any of us, men or women, to have hobbies? To want to make a miniature spaceship, or tank, or plane? Or build a diorama? Or paint a bust or figure? Or go to a museum and take scads of photos of a particular plane, tank, or ship? Or hit the library or Internet?

I have no idea, but I do know that when researching a particular subject I am studying HISTORY. When I start (and maybe finish) a model I am partially reliving *and* LEARNING about that event – be it armed conflict, auto race, or feat of exploration as well as honing my SKILLS to build a model. I am also having FUN (one hopes)!

To paraphrase Rick Steves, the travel guru – “Keep on modeling!”

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