



CSM Debrief

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Our **next meeting** will be **Sunday, June 1, 2014** 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.

Membership / Renewal - Annual Cincinnati Scale Modelers membership fees are \$15. IPMS/USA national membership fees are \$25 a year and include the IPMS/USA Journal. See www.ipmsusa.org for details.

Club News - Our May meeting was cancelled due to church repair and construction. Sorry.

Tri-State Warbird Museum The 70th anniversary of D-Day is June 6th. We will be changing out our current display for aircraft with invasion stripes. All scales are welcome provided they will fit in the display case. The date for the change out is Saturday May 31st at 10 am. If you can not make it please let me know and I can meet you over there on another date. If you don 't have a model, no problem, come over and look at the a/c in the shop. - Matt Davis matthewdavis1@twc.com

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

Isaac Zelazny is back in the city after a three year stint in Japan. He plans to thin his pile of kits and books. Contact him at: cizelazny@gmail.com (513) 235-6253

CSM and VA - David Reed davereed_314@yahoo.com Update on the VA project.

Model Kit Donations: In May I delivered a second set of kits to the Cincinnati VA. This brings your total VA donation to about 90 kits this year (60 kits to Cincinnati and 30 to West Virginia). They are extremely grateful for the donations as they are in desperate need of all types of craft donations. Plastic models seem to be the biggest demand.

Hands-On Volunteer Opportunities: The VA is extremely interested to work with us. After our initial meetings, the VA staff (social workers, nurses and volunteer coordinators) have been discussing options. While we need to start slowly, the plan is to work with one or more of the Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in the local area (Hamilton OH, Clermont OH, Florence KY, Bellevue KY). The current idea is to try a 1-2 hour session at one clinic, say 3-4 club members working with a similar number of vets that the staff invites to attend.

Action Needed: If you are interested in working with the vets, we need to get some info to help with planning: 1) VA locations that would be most convenient and 2) Days/Times during the week that you would be available to help Veterans who are using the local VA hospital and clinic network. Thanks.

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.

Door Prizes	Raffle prizes	
DML 1/48th Fokker Dr.1, "bagged kit" Hasegawa 1/72nd Jaguar Gr.1 Academy 1/72nd Super Etendard Tamiya 1/35th Panther D	ICM 1/144th U-Boat Type IIB Tamiya 1/48th Me262A-1a Italeri 1/72nd Junkers Ju-52 Tamiya 1/35th "Kommandeurwagen"	Cybermodeler 1/35th "Brummbär" DML 1/35th Stug III F Hasegawa 1/48th Fw.190A-3 Hasegawa 1/48th F-16A "IDF"

Some photos from the April meeting – photos by Rob Schorry







Kelly's Korner of History - WWII at a glance (by Kelly Blankenship)

- May 30 1943 – US forces secure Attu in the Aleutian Islands.
- June 1 1940 - USS Washington, first new US battleship since 1921 is launched.

- June 4 1942 - The decisive three day Battle of Midway begins, it ends in a US victory.
- June 6 1944 - D-day, this year celebrates the 70th anniversary of the allied landings in Normandy, and is a well-represented battle among modelers, We have all seen numerous aircraft, amour, and dioramas depicting this legendary landing. Plus our own Rob Schorry recently took a trip to the French coast, bringing back some very nice pics. Thanks Rob.
- June 7 1942 - Japan seizes the islands of Attu and Kiska in the Aleutians. This was the only and high tide of Japanese invasion toward North America.

A nation that forgets its veterans will itself be forgotten.

At low tide, at the time of the Normandy assault on 6 June, 1944, the beach was 400 yards wide, facing a 150 foot high bluff packed with defensive positions, men, and arms. Omaha Beach, along with Utah, Gold, and Sword became Hells on Earth at the height of the battle. None was more violent than on this now quiet strip of sand – called Omaha. Seagulls soar, sunbathers relax and kids frolic, where fighting men once struggled for Western Civilization and the civil liberties of people to be free. Luckily *right* prevailed. – Rob S.



Omaha Beach today



Pillboxes on the bluff



Mulberry bridge



German gun emplacement near Arromanches



American military cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach



Invasion monument on Omaha Beach

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.

Sun 12:00-5:00 Mon 10:00-7:30 Tues-Sat 10:00-6:00

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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!

Upcoming (and nearby) events see <http://www.ipmsusa.org/>

5/31 & 6/1 [Wonderfest](#) Louisville, KY

<http://www.ipmsusa2014.com/> National Convention August 6 – 9, 2014 Hampton, VA

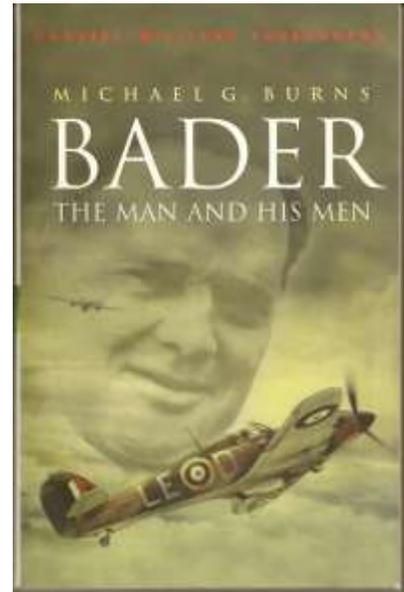
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The 2014 CSM Show/Contest is set for Saturday October 11, 2014. ☺ Get building!!!

The 2015 IPMS/USA National Convention will be in Columbus, OH (dates tbd)

BADER, A MAN AND HIS MEN
(A review by Randy Dozier)

Every few years I enter another Battle of Britain phase. I recently read the book BADER, A MAN AND HIS MEN by Michael G. Burns. This is in the Cassell Military Paperback series. A recent Amazon search showed it available for less than a tenner. I have read quite a few books on the Battle of Britain and I really found this one to be a superb read.



This book is divided into two parts. Part one is action packed. It begins with Douglas Bader and his career with the RAF and ends with him being shot down and captured by the Germans. We are introduced to several men that later become key players in the Allied victory. The reader is given ample description of Bader's leadership style and how he took care of the men under his command. No book about Bader would be complete without a discussion on the BIG Wing theory. The political and tactical sides to this argument are well presented. The meat of this book is about the air operations of the various squadrons. Evolution of tactics takes front and center in several chapters. The defensive struggles during the battle of Britain and the cross channel operations and the difficulties encountered are covered in detail.

Part two tells the tale of the men under Bader's command as they become the new leaders of the RAF. We follow several of these men to their new assignments. The author explains, through these men, how Douglas Bader put the future of the RAF in motion. His ideas on tactics and leadership helped the Allies win the air war while he was a POW. Many of the men under his leadership would go on to play significant roles in all theatres of the war. The Fleet Air Arm was influenced by Douglas Bader as several FAA pilots ended up under his command during the Battle of Britain. The author details several of these pilots as they get their own commands. Part II is full of Sea Hurricanes, Fulmars, Spitfires, and the mighty Typhoon.

I found this book to be excellent reading. I highly recommend it to anyone with an interest in the RAF and its operations during WWII. I was reading this book when I got the idea for a series of modeling articles for the CSM Debrief. I am planning to make it a monthly contribution but offer no guarantee. Each article will provide historic background, aircraft details, and modeling thoughts on one of the pilots that was heavily influenced by Douglas Bader. My research library is limited so I may call on the help of some CSM'ers.

Modeling some of their aircraft and offering them in pictorial form as well as at our meetings is in the works and I hope this proves interesting to some of you and will prompt modeling of your own. Until then, build something, anything, and bring it to the meeting! ☺

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