



# CSM Debrief

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**Our February meeting and swap meet** was well attended. Our **next club meeting** will be on Sunday **March 14<sup>th</sup>** from 2 – 4 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, at 4600 Erie Avenue, Madisonville, Ohio 45227. The CSM routinely meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

**Raffle & Door Prizes** - Show up with a model and get a door prize ticket. Raffle tickets are available for sale too.

### Door Prizes:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Revell 1/72nd X-15                | ICM 1/48th Spitfire MkIX    |
| Revell 1/720 Hindenburg           | Zevzda 1/35th M-3 Scout Car |
| DML 1/35th Panzer III Flamepanzer |                             |

### Raffle Prizes:

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| 1/72nd Eduard Albatros D.V     | A/M 1/48th F3F-1               |
| P/M 1/48th F-86D               | Hasegawa 1/48th Bf 109F-4 Trop |
| Hasegawa 1/48th F-104G "JBG43" | DML 1/35th Nashorn             |
| AFV 1/35th M-10                | Tamiya 1/35th Wespe            |
| Cyberhobby 1/35th M4A4 Sherman | Tamiya 1/48th B 339 Buffalo    |



**Wants & Disposals** - If you have a want or a disposal, please call (513) 489-5387, or send email to: [rschorry@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rschorry@cinci.rr.com) Starting 2010 off on a clean slate here...

**Yahoo Group** – Cincinnati Scale Modelers has a webpage on Yahoo Groups plus our regular website [www.cincyipms.com](http://www.cincyipms.com). The group is moderated by Scott Lane ( [slane6@cinci.rr.com](mailto:slane6@cinci.rr.com) ) and co-moderated by Rob Schorry ( [rschorry@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rschorry@cinci.rr.com) ). This is a way to communicate without using your home email and might provide another channel for modeling info and tips. You have to join the group to access it. [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Cincy\\_Scale\\_Modelers](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Cincy_Scale_Modelers)

### Visitors

John Hammon and Bill Melvin paid us a visit at the February meeting. Hope you guys come back!

## 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. It is also posted each month on the CSM club website: [www.cincyipms.com](http://www.cincyipms.com) and the **Yahoo Group website**. If you desire to read the Debrief in glorious color, please send an email to the editor (Rob S.) to get onto the email list.

## Membership Renewal & New Members

Annual Cincinnati Scale Modelers membership fees are \$15. If you are a club member and have not renewed this year please see **Mike Bailey** or **Tom Bebout** and ask them if they are willing to take your money for another fun year. ☺

If you want to mail your dues to Mike: 1930 Cardinal Way Hebron, KY 41048 (859) 586-1577

IPMS/USA national membership fees are \$25 a year and include the IPMS/USA Journal. See [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org) for details.

**CSM logo items** - People may want to purchase more items to wear to the with the CSM logo in it. The company is [EmbroidMe](http://EmbroidMe.com) and they carry hats, t-shirts, sweat shirts, jackets, tote bags etc. They are at 11033 Reed Hartman Highway, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45242 ( [www.EmbroidMe-CincinnatiNE.com](http://www.EmbroidMe-CincinnatiNE.com) )

Phone is 512-791-0051 E-mail [CincinnatiNE@EmbroidMe.com](mailto:CincinnatiNE@EmbroidMe.com). Most items can be made in 10 working days. Just walk in, view items in the showroom and tell them you want the CSM logo on it - probably listed under Tom Bebout or CSM. They are very helpful.

## Tri-State Warbird Museum Exhibit – Matthew Davis [matthewdavis@insightbb.com](mailto:matthewdavis@insightbb.com)

We will do a change out of models in May or June. We will go with F4U's, AU-1's, and FG-1's. So break out those RN, Kiwi, and Central American decals and start building. Lets change things and include 1/72 scale. Sorry, but 1/32 is too large. Since the museum has a jeep, let's add WWII era jeeps to the display. Both 1/48 and 1/32 will work for the Jeep.

Early in 2011 we will go with B-25's and T-6's so plan accordingly. I expect to see you buying kits at the Columbus and Indy show! ☺



Three wise guys

**A few pictures from our February meeting** by Isaac Zelazny





Barb Owens's Birthday!



Kits for sale

## Bill Melvin – Aircraft Artist

Bill Melvin came and gave a little talk about his aircraft art. Thanks, Bill!



Bill Melvin



Painting

## WACO Air Museum – Tom Bebout

Right up I-75 and just north of Dayton one will find the Historic WACO Field as well as the WACO Museum in Troy, Ohio. The goal this organization is to preserve the legacy of the WACO Aircraft Company, which in my opinion produced some of the finest looking bi-planes in the country during the golden age of aviation in the 1920's and 1930's.

They have expanded this year by completing a new Museum-Learning Center as well as their event programs and re-established an on site active aircraft restoration program. Also new this year was the acquisition of a WACO 9 as well as a WACO 10 to their collection of aircraft. A couple of events that may be of interest to our members is their annual fly in scheduled for September 17-18, 2010.

This is their signature event featuring WACO's from all over the US and Canada that come home to Troy for a weekend of festivities as well as rides to the public. Earlier in the year the museum will sponsor the WACO Military Experience Weekend from July 9-10, 2010. A tribute to all who served their country in the armed forces. The event features military aircraft, vehicles, equipment, historical units, veterans organization's as well as vendors. To learn more about this organization, view their photos, find out their operating hours and their events just follow the link:

<http://www.wacoairmuseum.org/index.htm> You'll be amazed at what a little gem the Historic WACO Field is, and it's only a day trip away.

## Changing of the Website Guard by Rob Schorry

Linden Sims has passed the CSM website baton to Walt Schneider. Linden (who flies for Delta) has a lot of irons in the fire right now and Walt has graciously offered to flog the electrons for a while. A big thank you goes to Linden for his accomplishments and to Walt for carrying the ball forward! ☺

## **Book Reviews** by Justin Lynch

**B-24 Combat Missions: First Hand Accounts of Liberator Operations over Nazi Europe** by Martin W. Bowman Fall River \$12.98

I was at the Florence, Ky Barnes & Noble a few months back trying to decide on what model magazine I'd get (The following is an unabashed, uncompensated endorsement: I've found the Florence B&N stocks more English language model mags than any of it's competitors.) I wasn't too thrilled with what I'd chosen; no builds or reviews of anything I was truly interested in. So I wandered over to the discount section to see if I'd find anything there to trump it. Boy did I ever!

Nestled in the stacks below the display bin was this gem, B-24 Combat Missions, a 156 page hard back covered, vibrantly colored, wealth of Liberator information, pictures and tales. At this point, in the interest of full disclosure, I should say that the Liberator is my absolute favorite plane to model, read about or salivate over, and have completed no less than five of them in the last twelve months.

The book is in three parts. Part one covering history and development and preparing for a mission, part two covers in minute detail the crew and their stations in the bomber from front to back, and three shortly delves into crew recollections of rest and recreation. It also offers a hardy bibliography of all literature B-24.

The entire book is a scratch building / super detailer's dream. It contains color close-up photos of everything from the cockpit, turrets, and radio consoles etc. It has color reproductions of squadron emblems and insignias ripe for making decals if that's your bag, and assorted memorabilia like personal combat records and prayer books to reduce on your PC's printer and scatter appropriately about the interior of your Libby model.

There's also a trove of anecdotal personal accounts of the men who flew and served aboard the most produced plane of WWII. Among my personal favorites are the section on assembly ships or "Judas Goats" flown by the 2nd Air Division and the wonderful tales of a ground chaplain endearingly know as "White Flak" who stands at the take-off end of the runway, blessing the bombers as they go and warns new crewmen "None of you are going to heaven unless you see me first!"

The covers details such as the ground crew, hitting the silk, getting captured, carpetbagger operations (missions to drop agents and supplies to resistance fighters,) and aircrews raising Cain at the local dance halls. About the only think this book doesn't include is color plates of B-24 are that you may be familiar with in modeling books such as the Squadron "In Action" series. Obviously it also doesn't cover any Pacific Liberators either.

This book does have lots of color and b&w photos reproduced sharper and crisper than I've seen before. B-24 Combat Missions wasn't intentionally geared towards the modeling community yet I can't imagine a better reference for the price \$12.98 which is a couple bucks more than a British model magazine. I was told by a friend who works at a B&N, that Fall River publishes books specifically for Barnes& Noble's discount section, so I'm guessing they're going to be the only place to find it new at this price. Highest thoughts for this one, though I am biased towards this heavy bomber that, as one veteran put it, was "as ugly as a whistling 'poo' house and yet a truly magnificent lady."

**Caissons Across Europe** by Richard M. Hardison Eakin Press \$18.95

I found this interesting memoir while rifling through a small library's worth of books at an antique show in Burlington, Ky a few years ago. It goes to prove that no matter how many church charity cookbooks and Reader's Digest condensed volumes you have to wade through, there's usually something of value to the modeler-history buff.

The book recalls the military career of Capt. Richard Hardison who at the age of twenty-three was one of the "older" captains in the 399th Armored Field Artillery Battalions during WWII. His commander was a Lt. Colonel at the age of twenty-four. The 399th arrived in England in mid-November of 1944 and in France in early January of 1945. The battalion entered Germany through Holland and fought into the heartland of Germany including the area near the Elbe River. Hardison's story starts as a boy growing up in Colorado City, Tx and winds it's way quickly through his teenage years and working to save up to go to A&M for college at about the time the war starts.

Describing his experiences frankly this is an enjoyable read. It offers much information in the way an artillery battalion functions in the order of battle. It includes descriptions of how a battalion sets up it's command, fires the guns for aiming purposes, and conducts firing missions while touching on the pathos, hatred, humor and sorrow.

During his tour, Hardison genuinely likes military service and seriously considers a military career after the war. Then a series of painfully stupid misunderstandings convinces him that he isn't cut out for Army life. In one incident he's ordered court marshaled by a colonel whose staff car is run off the road by the convoy that Hardison is riding in on his way to an R&R leave simply because he's the ranking officer aboard the trucks.

After V-E day his battalion is giving occupation duty on the German-Czech border area where he and some other officers requisition and or plunder some fine European cars and repainted them as American staff cars (if you ever wanted a reason to olive drab up a sixteen cylinder Delahey, Mercedes or Alder, bingo!) One particularly humorous passage has him and a fellow officer commandeering a German police station and relieving the constables' entire supply of firearms, making sure every soldier in his command has a souvenir.

All through the book the young Captain has a healthy distaste bordering on hatred for the Germans for getting him into this global mess and it grows deeper as the atrocities and destruction they have committed becomes more evident. He has little problem displacing them from their dwellings to further his soldiers safety and comfort during the Allied advance.

Modeling help is sparse, with a few black and white photos of various equipment and scenes from the 399th's travels across the European theater. It is more an insight into life in an artillery battalion; which is nice as there is surprisingly little written about these soldiers with most WWII books focusing on Air, Armor and Infantry. I found it entertaining and informative. If you can find it; it was published in 1990 and might be out of print, I'd recommend adding it to your personal library. My copy is always available to lend out.



M1A1 105mm Howitzer

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