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Preflight
Submitted by Bob Niemiec

This will be our last meeting before our annual show/contest. This should be a meeting everyone should make an attempt to attend. Everything seems to have been discussed but there are always last minute things that seem to come up.

Again, this will be a fairly short newsletter although Interesting Links is somewhat bigger than usual. In fact, I've had to start setting up April's list.

Since there were so few models displayed, I'll put them in both newsletters. The lack of models was understandable considering our guest speaker. Mr. Jendrysik gave a very interesting presentation, bringing back memories for some of us. Arthur and Douglas were great soldiers but I came away with the feeling they also had big egos. However, they both had successful military careers and both deserve our respect.

Here's to another successful show. We have a great reputation and should be able to at least meet if not exceed the quality of past shows.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at the First Congregational Church in West Springfield, starting at 7 PM. Hope to see you there.

Meeting Notes
Submitted by Ed Potkai

Seventeen members navigated slippery conditions to attend the February meeting. It was the first meeting for Paul who joined at the Air Museum show.

The meeting began with a presentation by historian Stephen Jendrysik on the topic of Arthur MacArthur who was born in Chicopee and was the father of the famous WWII/Korean War general.

The main topic of business was the upcoming ValleyCon 24. Al announced a sellout of our vendor tables. We also discussed supplies, sponsorships, the new Lego class, and the Mustang corral. The event has been listed on the FineScale and Scale Auto websites. It was also in the IPMS Journal. All members are reminded that virtually all class numbers have been changed and that they should review any documents or code to insure that obsolete references are updated.

The possibility of opening a PayPal account was discussed. It would provide an option for vendors and sponsors to pay in advance as well as a way for the club to pay for supplies purchased via the

Internet. Although the idea seemed to have support no resolution was reached.

Difficulties in navigating the club website were discussed. It was agreed that the site is deficient in many ways but that considerations of changing would be better postponed until after ValleyCon.

On The Table
Show-and-Tell from the Last Meeting

- **Walt Damon:** 90mm resin casting of Cy Young; "Boston Strong".
- **Al LaFleche:** 150mm Castle Miniatures "Game of Thrones" Tyrion Lannister – The Imp; out of box; John Jeffries base; acrylics with ModelMaster Buffing Gunmetal for the armor.
- **Jack Maynard:** 1/25 scale AMT 1933 Willys "Ohio George"; original issue; built in the 1970s.
- **Ed Potkai:** 1/24 scale Revell-Germany (ex-Monogram) 1979 Ferrari 308 GTB; Tamiya lacquer; replaced tailpipes with tubing.



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Interesting Links

Various contributors

You may have already heard about the passing of Bill Overstreet so this may be redundant. However the story in the link is interesting. I cant believe that in the 60 years I have been interested in the history of WWII, I had never heard of this mans exploits.

I saw on the national news last evening where a gentleman by the name of Bill Overstreet passed away at the age of 92. Bill Overstreet, as a Capt. assigned to the 357th Fighter Group, is one of two people to fly UNDER the Eiffel Tower. Bill did it while chasing a BF-109G. I guess you could say the other one to fly under the Tower was the Luftwaffe pilot in the BF-109. Over the years I've heard and read many stories from many different conflicts, but this is the first time I've heard of this one, and you've go to remember those aircraft were flying at probably some where around 150 to 200 MPH.

Here is a link to Bill's story and an interview.

<http://www.warbirdsnews.com/warbird-articles/wwii-veteran-aviator-bill-overstreet-p-51-mustang-berlin-express.html>

Something somewhat different for the chopper lovers among us

This is fantastic to watch...very interesting!

This is so cool. Never thought it was done like this.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=HE0HEtHFemQ

JFK/LGA Airlines Through the Years

NYC airport and airlines

<http://jonproctor.net/new-york-city-through-the-years/>

Stealth fighter taking off Aircraft Carrier Bush

www.youtube.com/embed/WC8U5_4lo2c?feature=player_embedded

1945 AIR SHOW

Here's some footage of some rare birds. As an aside, the background music was not Dorsey, but Glenn Miller. "In the Mood", "Tuxedo Junction", and "Moonlight Serenade". I'm not sure about "I'll be Seeing You". The 4 star General at the end, wearing the overseas hat, was not General Marshall, and I can't identify him. In any event, enjoy seeing these birds before they all went to the boneyard.

Some pix of rare aircraft... Turn on your sound, too.

History as many have not seen it.

Spectacular 10.5 minute piece of film...

This is just incredible! I've never seen this particular footage before! Nazi Jets and Rockets....Nazi Helicopters. Italian fighters. Flying JU-88's. Fascinating footage of captured weapons and Axis aircraft at a 1945 air show at Freeman Field in Seymour, Indiana. This footage is ONLY four months after the German surrender, and just one month after the Japanese surrender! Great Tommy Dorsey music will definitely get you in that WW II (patriotic) "Mood" to remember! Nearly a 70 year look back at a Victory celebration, at the end of the WWII.

I believe the four-star General towards the end is George C. Marshall, who had been the five-star Chief of Staff, but resigned his post after the war. He did not retire, as regulations stipulate that Generals of the Army remain on active duty for life.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=1723870789084>

Very interesting new Army Rifle....

<http://www.blogster.com/skipper12383/the-mxt135-equalizer-by-alliant-tech-systems>

The Vintage Aviator Ltd's Remembrance Day Air show, November, 2013

<http://www.network54.com/Forum/149674/message/1385149639/Photos+from+The+Vintage+Aviator+Ltd%27s+Remembrance+Day+airshow>

Seafire Restoration

ENJOY.....SWEET BIRD.....GREAT JOB!!

A really nice restoration. Click on the Youtube link below.

<https://youtube.googleapis.com/v/TneYPcyGbbY%26autoplay=1%26rel=0>



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