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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2006

- Tuesday 3rd, 7:00pm - Craig Hewitt Chapter meeting at American Legion Post #1. The post is located at 364 N. 7th Ave., just a few blocks north of Van Buren.

February 2006

- Tuesday 7th, 7:00pm - Craig Hewitt Chapter meeting at American Legion Post #1. The post is located at 364 N. 7th Ave., just a few blocks north of Van Buren.

A Note From the Editor. . .

We had a really good crowd for the November meeting. There was an interesting assortment of models on display as well. This was our last meeting at Central United Methodist Church. The club made a nice donation of models and supplies to Girma, the custodian of the church. Hopefully there is a new modeler in the making.

The officers for the 2006-2007 term were elected at the November meeting. Our new officers are Mike Mackowski as President, Keenan Chittester as Vice President, Jim Pearsall as Treasurer, and Brian Baker as Secretary. We really appreciate all the hard work and commitment that Larry Grapentine, Ed Kucharski and Bruce Briggs have given to the club the last couple of years. Jim Pearsall enjoyed being an officer so much that he is back for more, switching from Vice President to Treasurer. Thanks, Jim.

Don't forget our new meeting day and location, which starts Tuesday, January 3rd. See the notice at the bottom of the page for more information.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to The Corsair this past year. It makes it a lot easier to put it together when I have lots of material to use. Keep it coming.

Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season!

Keenan Chittester



Brian Fisher is at it again with Santazilla. Brian used the Mad Labs kit to spread a little holiday cheer.

New Chapter Forming In Northern Arizona

If you build plastic models of aircraft, armor, ships, cars, figures or sci-fi/fantasy we want you to join us in forming a new IPMS chapter in Northern Arizona. Jack Kennedy, a Sedona resident and long-time modeler with many awards under his belt, is trying to organize a club in the area. Those modelers in northern AZ should consider getting in touch with Jack and help him get things started. Joining a local club gives you the opportunity to share ideas and meet people who enjoy building and talking about models as much as you do. If you are interested, please contact Jack at (928) 282-2347 or e-mail him at rc1ipms@aol.com. You don't have to be a member of IPMS/USA to join a local club, but membership is encouraged.

ATTENTION! NEW MEETING LOCATION AND DAY!

Starting in Jan 2006 the meeting day and location will change. The new site is the American Legion Post #1, 364 N. 7th Ave. This is just a short distance south of I-10, and a couple of blocks North of Van Buren on 7th Ave.. Look for the large flagpole. The meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. There is a restaurant on site, and we are welcome to show up early and get a bite to eat.

The first meeting at the new site will be Jan 3rd.

November 2005 Meeting



Jim Stute's 120mm Cossack from the Verlinden kit.



1/35 Italeri SAS Jeep built by Mike Pabis.



Gary Thomas did a wonderful job bringing new life to an old firebomber model.



Don Stewart is branching out into armor. Here is his 1/35 Maus built from the DML kit.



Craig Pierce did his usual outstanding job on this 1950 Chevy pick-up. He used the AMT/Ertl 1/24 scale kit.



John Brubaker brought in this United Empire 120mm Minuteman.



Jordan Ross' 1/72 Tabby. There will be an article about this model in a future issue.



Mike Mackowski made the old 1/72 Emhar F3H Demon look like a state-of-the-art kit.



This 1/72 Italeri Sdkfz 232 was built by Jim Pearsall.



Brian Baker brought in this 1/72 Fieseler Fi-167 built from the MPM kit.

Well Worth the Look: A Review of ArtsMagic's War Archive Collections on DVD

By Herb Zinn

In writing this, I am making the assumption that as an aircraft, armor or ship modeler, you do it not just because of a love or fascination with the subject, but also a passion for the historical periods these categories represent. Assuming this is so, then you will love ArtMagic's DVD series devoted to the Luftwaffe's aircraft, the Wehrmacht's armor and Kriegsmarine's U-boats in World War Two.

I do a regular weekly Tuesday visit (OK, so it is a pilgrimage) to my local Best Buy to check on new releases. As is my practice, I always skim the War/Western Section in hopes of something new (realizing the only time Hollywood really ever releases vintage World War Two movies is in advance of Memorial Day each year). Was I in for a shock.

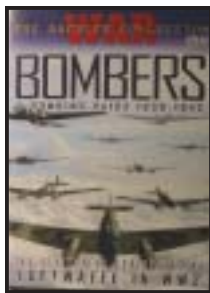
Lo and behold, there were these three DVDs on the Luftwaffe, two of which I promptly scooped up. The covers were attractive enough (see accompanying photos), but I had a premonition that they were somehow cheap computer generated treatments of the subjects – judging the DVD by its cover. Boy, was I wrong. Not only were they very high quality, but they were in-depth presentations of war footage I had never ever seen before.

Why? Because they comprise 50-minutes-plus Nazi propaganda films dealing with the subject, with a very nice explanatory voice over. What a find! And in Best Buy, no less. The overall series is called War: The Archive Collection. The particular series of the Archive we are reviewing here is referred to as The Definitive Series on the Luftwaffe in WW2. If ever there was truth in advertising, this is the case.

The first DVD I purchased - titled German Fighter Aircraft of WW2 - traces the development and adventures of the Luftwaffe's fighter force from 1942 to 1945 (there is a companion Volume 1 to this disk, but it was not on the shelves). Lots of great footage of later model BF-109's and FW-190's - all new footage I have never seen before, from German propaganda archives. I know this because if you listen to the soundtrack carefully and disregard the narrator, you can hear German music and a German narrator in the undertrack. Given the period in question, you can imagine the emphasis is on the defense of the Reich during the American strategic bombing onslaught. It pained me to watch the gun camera footage segment after segment of B-17's and B-24's being ripped apart - given that I am also a member of the Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force in Mesa, home of one of the few surviving B-17's, the Sentimental Journey - but it was informative and admittedly, it was a welcome change to see war footage from the enemy's perspective - even if it was a little adulterated.

The second disk I purchased is titled Bombers & Bombing Raids and it is also Disk One of a two Disk series. It starts with German bomber development in the period before the outbreak of war in 1939 and traces the three major families of German bombers, starting with the Dornier Do-17, through the Heinkel HE-111 and to the Junkers JU-88 Schnell Bomber. The end of the disk focuses on the Focke Wulf Condor and its role as a bomber and reconnaissance aircraft in the fight against Allied convoys in the Atlantic.

The third disk I then ran out and purchased (subsequently) is titled The Green Devils - German Paratrooper Elite, 1942-1945. It is part of the Luftwaffe series but focuses on the Luftwaffe's Fallschirmjaegers. I have not viewed it as of this writing, but if it is anything like the first two mentioned above, it will be very high quality - both in terms of information and video content. According to the back panel, the program traces the Green Devils' experience in North Africa through East Prussia, Italy and Normandy. Recall that Band of Brothers' Easy Company had



its first combat experience in Normandy at Brecourt Manor against German paratroopers. It will be interesting to see this combat from the other point of view.

Unfortunately, the series is not in color - except for U.S. footage of Mustangs and Thunderbolts wrecking havoc on German aircraft - but the quality and clarity of the German footage

is so good, it answers a lot of questions for me about Luftwaffe camouflage schemes.

Unlike most DVDs, this series has no glitzy special features, just play and scene selection. However, there is an extensive preview section and that's an intriguing part of the disks because of the overview of the entire series. Like I said at the beginning, The Archive Collection is devoted to German weaponry in World War Two, subdivided along the Luftwaffe's aircraft, the Wehrmacht's armor (and no doubt including the SS, as well) and then the U-Boats operated by the German Kriegsmarine. Here is a listing of all the disks in the three subcategories:

German Fighter Aircraft - 1939-1942

German Nightflyers of WW2

Dive Bombers

Bombers & Bombing Raids - 1942-1945

German Jets and V1 and V2 Flying Bombs of WW2

German Support Aircraft and Gliders of WW2

The Green Devils: German Paratrooper Elite, 1933-1941

On to the armor collection:

Tiger

Panther

Panzer IV

Panzer III

Panzer I & II

Stug III & IV

Hummel

German Military Vehicles

Panzer - Germany's Ultimate War Machine

Guns of the Wehrmacht, 1933-1945

The last is the Grey Wolf Series:

Greywolves - The Invisible Enemy

Greywolves - In the North Atlantic

Greywolves - End Game

Judging from the previews included on each volume, they each stick to the approach presented in the two disks I have viewed so far on the Luftwaffe: vintage, never before seen German propaganda films that overview each subject.

I did not see any parts of the series on the shelves at Best Buy other than the three DVDs reviewed above. I dropped in on three different Best Buy stores and they each had the same three. Then I went to Best Buy's website and none of the others showed up. Same for a search on Amazon and on the web in general.

Worst of all, the first place I went looking was on the ArtsMagic website (at www.artsmagicdvd.com) - figuring I could order them there. Of course, they are not listed in any product category. From the looks of ArtMagic's site, it is a Japanese production company that specializes in niche Japanese films and Anime. An e-mail to "Contact Us" has not received a response - yet. But I have high hopes.

I recommend this series to you if you want to sit back and trace the history of those planes, tanks and subs that preoccupy your waking hours - from an authoritative, different and welcome slant. At a mere \$12.99 a disk, they are certainly worth it.

And one day, no doubt, they will form a valuable part of this hobbyist's estate. Sorry to end on that note, but with three closets full of models yet to be built, I have convinced myself of the rhetoric I hand my wife when she sees what I am doing with our disposable income. And you know, from what I've heard, you could do worse in stocks.

Craig Hewitt Chapter - IPMS/USA

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If you have any questions about our club please feel free to call or e-mail one of the Officers listed to the right.

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FOR SALE

1/48 Airfix Tornado GR.1/1A complete and unassembled although some parts have fallen off the sprue. Additional details that are included are:

- 1 eduard 48-341 Tornado F.3 photo etch set
- 1 Xtraparts 1/48 resin Tornado F.3 wing pylons, aim-9 rails& chaff dispensers
- 1 Aeroclub 1/48 v139b white metal Tornado landing gear
- 1 Paragon Designs 1/48-4809 resin 2xTornado MB mk10 seats

I was going to convert this kit to an F.3 but I no longer have the time to start or complete this project. I am asking \$50.00 which will include free shipping for your Az IPMS members as this will be coming from the northern part of the state. Buyers can e-mail me at gilbert_honanie@yahoo.com.

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