

Tactical Notes

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So many kits... So little time...



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Editor's Notes

How are your spring builds going? I am currently building a 1/72 Revell P-47D. It has a lot of flash but the fit is good and it has nice detail. All in all I am enjoying it.

I have also started a 1/72 3D printed M4A3E8 Sherman from Triumph Model. It is a whole new experience. Cutting out all of the resin parts from a support structure was new. I think Stu is still sweeping up pieces of resin. I hope to write a short review in the future.

On the content front: I am always looking for new items to put in the Tactical Notes. Please considering sending me any of the following items:

- Pictures of your builds (in progress or completed)
- Tips, Tricks or Tool Reviews
- Modeling Related Book reviews
- Kit reviews

None of this content has to be long, in depth, or working towards a Pulitzer Prize. This is your newsletter. It should have your content.

Thanks Bruce for your book review this month!

Jason

President's Page

“So many kits...So little time...”

Hello MMCL Members,

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Spring is in full swing with plenty of rain, which means excellent modeling time. I hope you all have been finishing your build(s) for the Motorcycle Smackdown. The smackdown will be this Thursday during our regularly scheduled meeting. We will also be determining our August Smackdown theme.

Don't forget to RENEW your 2025 MMCL membership!

In a previous President's Message, I mentioned that we are fortunate to have such an awesome club. We have over 100 members and offer a variety of events for members. The club is financially stable and has an outstanding venue for our meetings and workshop sessions. The MMCL is what it is because of the members. Terry Hill started this club in 1976, which turns 50 next year. I certainly hope it is around for another 50.

Every two years we have elections for new officers. Officer positions include; President; Vice President; Treasurer; and Secretary (Responsible for Tactical Notes newsletter). We also have Show Chair and Member at Large positions. We also need individuals to consider learning how to run the raffle. These leadership positions are important for our club to continue its reputation and offer members a quality organization. This fall, we will be voting for these positions. I encourage every member to consider running for one of the positions. We need members to step up and take the lead - we need new blood!

As I have said many times - **“There is nothing like this CLUB!”**

Thanks to all the members for their support!

Rich

The Roscoe Turner chapter of IPMS Indy Invitational Contest and Swap Meet.

I drove up on a very rainy Saturday to Lebanon, Indiana for the Roscoe Turner Contest. There were lots of models on the table, 578 entries. Great vendors at the show as always too; 120 tables!

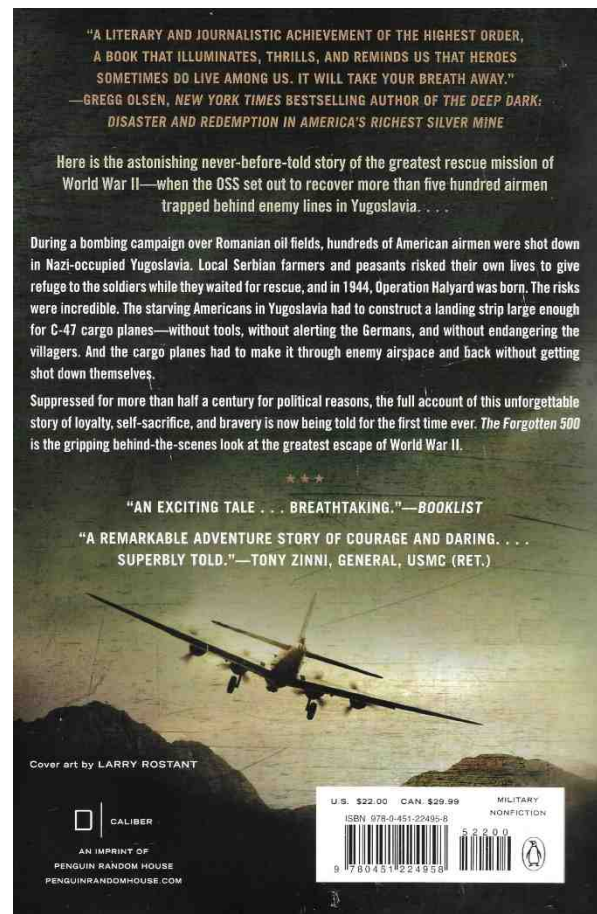
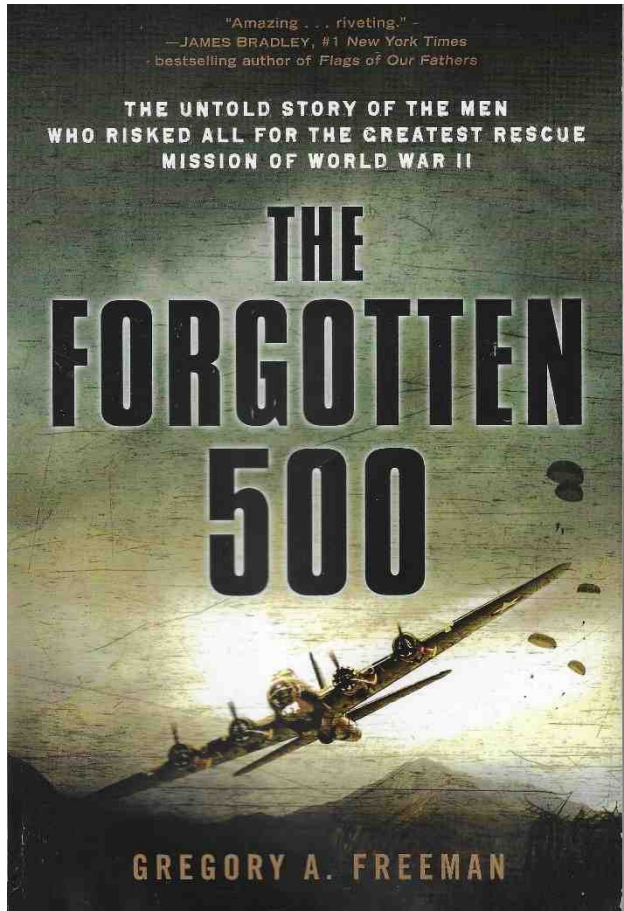
I was not able to get any pictures of the models on the table, (bad planning on my part), but I am sharing with permission photos from an online friend Jeff Groves aka "The Inch High Guy". He has a great blog, I highly recommend it: <https://inchhighguy.wordpress.com/>





A Book Review: The Forgotten 500

Here's a backstory to World War II of which I was totally unaware. It tells the true tale of survival of air crews shot down over Romania and how local Serbians kept them safe, fed, and alive for a daring rescue over the coming months. It makes *The Great Escape* seem like small potatoes. We basically flew in C47s into occupied territory and removed about 500 fliers right underneath the noses of the German army.



Also described are the political factions at the time and especially the short-sightedness of the allied powers dealing with the war as well as postwar repercussions of these decisions. Churchill in particular.

It's a short read that will keep your attention throughout. I was greatly entertained when Mrs. Goebbels unwittingly assists an American escape into Turkey! Who would believe that! Also there are tales of British sabotaging efforts to obtain information and air drop in our personnel.

I have the book if you want it...read it and pass it on!

Bruce Bunger

[Amazon link for this book here](#)

Military Modelers Club of Louisville
“Motorcycles”
SMACKDOWN



Guidelines;

1. Any Motorcycle Model (2 or 3 wheeled).
2. Any scale, any genre!
3. Aftermarket items can be used.
4. Can be incorporated in a vignette or diorama.

** Must be a NEW build and finished by May 16, 2025

** Members can have more than one entry.

** The motorcycle is the only item that will be judged.

***Questions regarding an entry, check with Richard Guetig at wolfandgang@twc.com or call 502-931-0302.

2025 MMCL LOUISVILLE INVITATIONAL

MODEL CONTEST AND SWAP MEET

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

PAROQUET SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER

395 PAROQUET SPRINGS DRIVE

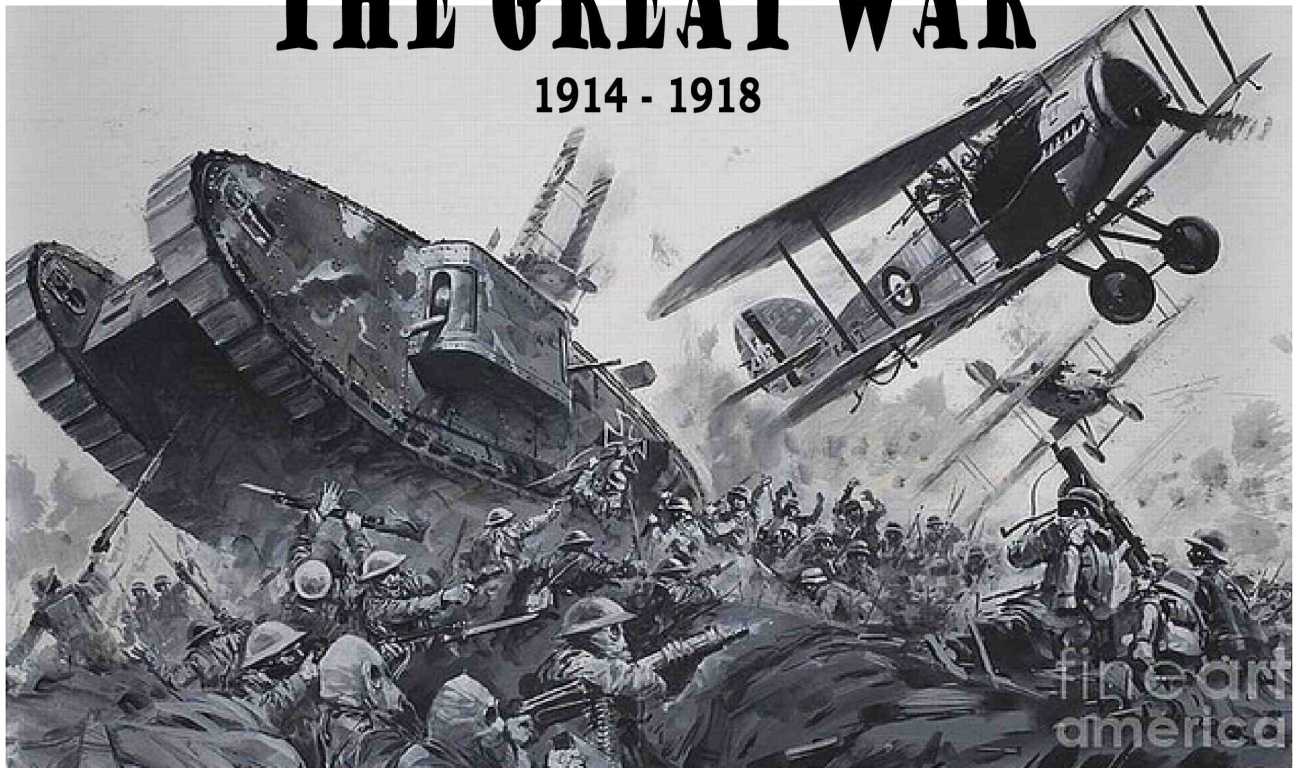
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SHOW THEME

THE GREAT WAR

1914 - 1918



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GENERAL ADMISSION : \$5.00

CONTEST ENTRY FEE : \$10.00

(\$ 8.00 FOR IPMS MEMBERS)

INCLUDES FIRST 2 MODELS

\$1.00 PER ADDITIONAL MODELS

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RAFFLE

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