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**Reminders:**

- If you are not on the list for new shirts and you want one, get your name on the list. Charlie has the list.

**Theme of the month:**

- This month: D-Day
- Next month: Kursk

# HE CHANGED THE NEWSLETTER AGAIN?

OK, some day I will get this newsletter just the way I want it. Not! Once again I am changing the format of the newsletter and I hope this will be much nicer than what we had before. Now that the newsletter is being distributed in PDF, I can use Publisher to create the newsletter, which is way better than Word for this kind of thing. I hope that upon seeing this issue, you will agree.

As always, I am open to any suggestions that anyone has about the format or content. I think most people like the newsletter, but there is always room for improvement.

I would like to say "thanks!" to all those who have given me content to publish in the newsletter. A special thanks to Dave for his on-

going museum reviews. These are great and we have another one this month.

I was hoping that we would get more content, like kit reviews and how to articles. These could be just a brief description of a kit (whether you have built it or not) or a quick how-to on something you have figured out how to do that may interest others. Nothing beats seeing models and kits at show and tell, but I think we could get more out of the news letter by putting more into it.

This month will include a kit review of the new Morser Karl by DML to start things off. Let me know what you think.

## NEW IPMS RC

We have a new IPMS Regional Coordinator for region 11. Gil Hodges, the President of Jacksonville's First Coast club has taken on the position. No doubt, some of you already know Gil.

We have been in contact with Gil and have confirmed that our show in October of 2004 will be the Regional IPMS show for Region 11 for 2004. Gil has expressed his excitement about our show on the beach and offered any assistance we may need. It seems many people

really enjoy our shows and I am sure that our upcoming show in October of next year will be no exception.

Gil has also asked each of the clubs to consider the idea of allowing models that have won awards at the IPMS national earlier in the year to compete in the IPMS Regional latter in the year. His reasoning is that we miss seeing some very nice models when we have Regional shows late in the year because models that have won at the Nationals that year are

excluded.

We will have a brief discussion about this at the meeting and will be taking a vote. We will let Gil know how our vote turns out, so he can get an idea of how well this idea is supported and decide whether to pursue a rule change, at least for Region 11. If it is a popular enough idea, we will institute this new rule at our show in October 2004.

Give it some thought and give us your opinion at the meeting. Then we can put it to a vote.

New rule suggestion for the IPMS Regional show.

## PELIKAN MASTER TROPHY

We still have not gotten any input on what the Pelikan Master contest trophy should look like. We also need to know if anyone has suggestions for a shop to get the trophy from. This could be a good way to evaluate a business to see if we want to use them for the trophies for our

show.

If you have any input you can e-mail me or just let us know at the club meeting.

While there really is no reason to be in too much of a hurry, we had anticipated doing this contest sometime this sum-

mer, so if we can get the trophy done this month, we can have the contest in July or August. That still give you time to finish your masterpiece!

You could win the Trophy, but first we need to get it.

## HOLIDAY DINNER

It is already time to start thinking about the holiday dinner! Ed Mayday reminded me that we need to decide what we want to do quickly so we can get reservations for our group.

Ed and his wife Judi have done an outstanding job for us with the last couple of dinners we have

had. We need to decide if we want to have our dinner at the same location this year. If we want to go ahead with the same location, I will let Ed know.

Thanks again to Ed and Judi for all their efforts in the past with the holiday dinner. I have a suspicion that we will be

asking them for their help again this year, but that is up to us all to vote on.

It's never too early to think about dinner.

## DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE

We have a few folks who are interested in doing demonstrations like we discussed at our last meeting. At the June meeting we will create a schedule for the rest of the year with the demonstrations that will be

done and who will be doing them.

This should be very cool for everyone. In the next issue, the schedule will be posted. If you want to do a demonstration, or have some-

thing you really want to see a demonstration on, let us know so we can make it happen.

What is in your bag of tricks?

# THE MORSER KARL BY DML

**Company:** DML

**Scale:** 1/35

**Price:** \$60 retail

**Pros:**

- Nice tracks
- Extras, like a tuned aluminum shell and working recoil
- Good detail
- Large and interesting subject

**Cons:**

- Two piece barrel with no riffling
- Older DML style instructions

**On a Scale from  
1 –10 this kit  
rates a:**

**9**

DML, or Dragon Models, is celebrating their 10th anniversary and they are doing it in a big way. Several new releases, like a brand new Nashorn, are either already here or are on their way. This review is of the 60cm Morser Karl.

To start with, this is one of those things that no one would ever do in plastic. Right! To my knowledge there have only ever been two 1/35th scale kits of this vehicle ever made. One was my Mini Art Studio and the other was by Air Model, which is now marketed by CMK. I have both of these and neither is as nice as the new DML kit.

For those who don't know what this thing is, it is a massive self propelled mortar created by the Germans and used during WWII. Only six of these vehicles were confirmed to exist. An excellent book by Thomas Jentz is available called "Bertha's Big Brother

Karl-Geraet (60 cm) & (54 cm). It is part of the Panzer Tracts series and is available directly from Thomas Jentz.

The kit is quite large and comes in nice big box with the fine box art by Volstad that usually adorns DML's kits. The instructions have no history included and are not in new color photograph style that many of the new DML kits have. The assembly looks straight forward and there are two paint schemes shown with decals for either the vehicle named "Loki" or the vehicle named "Ziu".

The kit has six racks of parts and a lower hull. There are many pieces large and small and the lower hull is about 13 inches long.! This is going to be a big model. The detail looks excellent, as is the case with most all recent DML kits. The top of the hull is one large piece, so it looks like the main body of the vehicle

should come together without a lot of fuss. The tracks are length and link type which filled me with joy. On both of the outrageously expensive resin kits I have of this vehicle the tracks are so bad they are practically useless.

One potential issue is that the kit has a two piece barrel without any riffling. I imagine that someone will make and aftermarket fix for this.

The kit also includes a single turned aluminum projectile, which is nice. Also included are a metal rod and springs that are used to make the barrel recoil. Not that I am going to play with my model and need a recoiling barrel. I never play with my models on the work bench!

All in all, this kit looks very nice and I am still amazed that DML did it. Their next, and biggest yet, is a K5 railway gun. I will review that too.

Hermiskeil  
Aviation  
Museum,  
Germany

DAVE'S MUSEUM REVIEW

Hermiskiel Aviation Museum is a private venture begun in the mid 1980's by a few aviation minded enthusiasts as a way to display the modern European aviation experience. It is located on the A-62 autobahn right in the heart of NATO military aviation, within an hour's drive of at least 8 major NATO airbases. I visited with my office staff in May, 1997.

While the museum started out to include just European aircraft, many US aircraft were added. With the fall East Germany, a new source of surplus was available, and as the Polish Air Force reduced its size, many were sold off to collectors. Now the museum includes a good mix of many major tactical aircraft that were operated from the mid 1950's through the mid 1980's. Due to the amount of aircraft, this review is basically a list with a few notes.

AN-2/COLT possible Croatia AF mks  
Mi-1/HARE A  
F-84F Thunderstreak  
Luftwaffe  
mks  
Mi-8/HIP C  
Mig-23/FLOGGER B  
GDR mks  
Mi-2/HOPLITE A  
Mig-23/FLOGGER B  
Su-22/FITTER K  
Mig-21/FISHBED D  
AN-26/CURL B  
Mi-4/HOUND A  
Mi-14/HAZE  
GDR Navy mks  
F-104 Starfighter  
Belgian AF mks  
F-105C Thunderchief  
Georgia ANG mks  
Mi-12/HOOK A  
civilian mks  
Mi-24/HIND D  
Hunting Pembroke  
RAF mks  
Noratlas 510  
civilian mks  
C-47  
Jordan AF mks  
DH Commet  
Dan-Air London mks  
BAC Lightning Mk II  
RAF mks  
SU-22/FITTER H  
disassembled  
F-106 Delta Dart  
disassembled  
  
F-4C  
Michigan ANG mks  
F-4C

Texas ANG mks  
Super Mystere  
French AF mks  
Mirage III  
French AF mks  
RF-4C 363  
TRW Shaw AFB mks  
IL-18/COOT A  
Interflug mks  
DH Canberra  
RAF mks  
Mig-17/FRESCO C  
Polish AF mks  
SU-7/FITTER A  
Polish AF mks  
Mig-21/FISHBED J  
Mig-21/MONGOL  
IL-14/CRATE  
Polish AF mks  
L-39 Albatros  
MI-17/HIP H  
MIG-21/FISHBED L/  
N GDR mks  
B-727 United  
Arab Emirates mks  
Mirage V  
Belgian AF mks  
F-86 Sabre  
Luftwaffe mks  
G-91  
F-104 Shooting Star  
Luftwaffe mks  
Dornier transport  
About 6 U/I helicopters

He-111. 1941 Luftwaffe markings. This is probably one of the three surviving aircraft owned by the Spanish Air Force. If I recall my history, I believe these were built in Spain at some time and flown by the

Spanish Air Force as utility aircraft into the 1960's. They were use in the filming of the Battle of Britian. When I visited RAF Duxford in 1999, an He-111 was undergoing complete refurbishment. I believe

these two are the sam aircraft.

And last, there was a snack bar located inside a Concorde prototype.

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