



2006 IPMS/USA Region VI Chapter of the Year
 2006 IPMS/USA Webmaster of the Year:
 Mike Gilsbach



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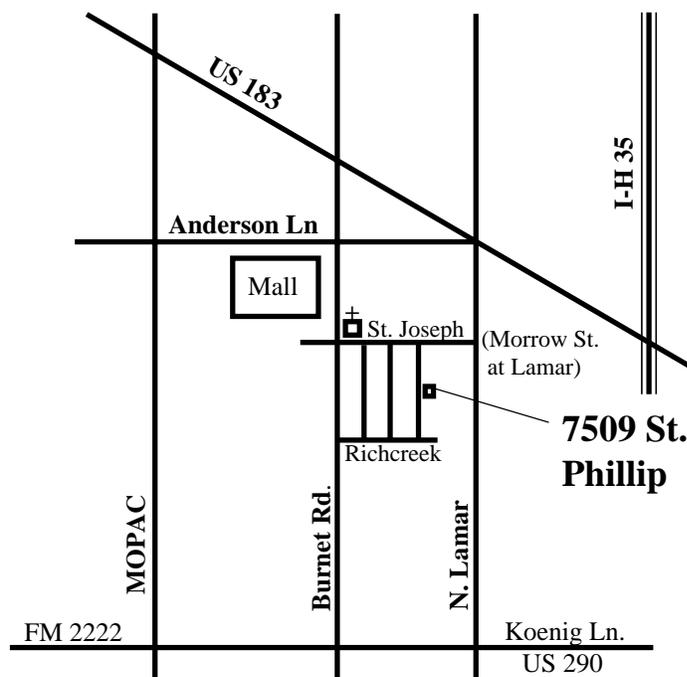


ASMS Christmas Party



SPRUE EXAMINER

- Where: **Milton and Martha Bell's house** (see map below)
- When: **Saturday, December 8, 2007 6:30pm**
- Who: ASMS members and their families.
- What to Bring: Bring your favorite snack, dessert, and something to drink. ASMS will furnish a cheese/meat tray, etc.
- Also, bring a wrapped "**white elephant**" gift. Since we are modelers, this is usually a model that we bought in a weak moment and will never build or one that didn't live up to our expectations. So, pass it on to another suc... uhh, fine modeler!
NOTE TO THE LADIES: Bring a gift not to exceed \$10 for a separate gift exchange. Guys, be sure to show this to your lady!
- Milton and Martha's street address is **7509 St. Phillip**. In case you get lost, their phone number is **454-2395**.



WARNING!
 Map is absolutely
 NOT to scale!



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Editor's Notes...

In this year-end issue of *Sprue Examiner*, I would like to mention two e-mails in addition to the usual "www" (what, when, and where) of our upcoming Christmas party. The first one came from **Ed Liscomb** regarding the passing of WWII veteran "**Tex**" **Hill**, and the other was from **Floyd Werner, Jr** on his AH-1G replacement canopy announcement. My apology to Ed and Floyd for the delay in relaying their messages.

As we approach the end of 2007, I thought an annual recap is in order here:

- The club election in January resulted in **Kenny Roady** as our president (again) and **Dave Edgerly** as our new VP. Both **Ion Tesu** and **Bill Delk** returned as our treasurer and secretary for another term.
- Although our annual model show in April received positive responses and sizable attendance, we finished up at a lost, money-wise, due to the high costs of hosting a show within Austin city limit. We are rescheduling our show next year to September at a more affordable venue, **Travis County Expo Center**.
- The annual picnic held at the **Kachoris** house in July was another success, and the kit auction yielded over \$800 for our treasury.
- ASMS gained much fame and glory in winning the **IPMS/USA Webmaster of the Year (Mike Gilsbach)** and **Region 6 Chapter of the Year** awards.

All in all, it was a good year for ASMS. I believe we all deserve a pat on the back for a job well done.

Our Christmas party this year will be back at the Bell's residence. The last time we scared Milton's cats into hiding all night was three years ago. We look forward to do it again next month on **December 8th**.

Before I sign off 2007 here, I would like to thank everyone who has made contribution to this newsletter. I look forward to your continual support in 2008. I'm also grateful to **Milton** and **Martha Bell** for their help and advice throughout the year.

Happy holidays and I'll see you all at the party, my friends.

Eric

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Renowned WWII Fighter Pilot "Tex" Hill Died

Last month on October 11th, we received this e-mail announcement from member Ed Liscomb:

TERRELL HILLS, TX David Lee "Tex" Hill, a World War Two fighter pilot who was the youngest brigadier general in the history of the Texas Air National Guard, died Thursday. He was 92.

Hill died at his home in Terrell Hills near San Antonio, longtime friend Tibaut Bowman said. "He was still alert and fabulous just up until when he died," said Bowman, who described himself as one of Hill's "hunting buddies, flying buddies and drinking buddies."

Hill graduated as a naval aviator in 1939, and in 1941, he joined the Flying Tigers, an American volunteer group based in China during World War II. He shot down 18 1/4 enemy aircraft during the war, Bowman said. The "quarter" came when four planes were involved in shooting down an enemy plane and each pilot was credited with one-fourth of the downing.

Hill emerged from the war a national hero. John Wayne portrayed him in the 1942 film, "The Flying Tigers," and Hill earned numerous medals, among them the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, the British Flying Cross and six Chinese combat decorations. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in 2002, 59 years after a dogfight in enemy-occupied territory in China. A three-member Air Force panel said Hill had been denied the medal because of a personality conflict between two Army generals and his boss, Brig. Gen. Claire Lee Chennault.

"I can say this probably on behalf of fifty people, except for my own dad who is my personal hero, "Tex" Hill was the biggest hero I ever had," Bowman said. "Unquestioning integrity and loyalty, purpose, determination, compassion."

A longtime San Antonian, Hill logged 3,500 hours, flew 150 combat sorties and later tested the first U.S. jets before joining the Air National Guard.

"Tex Hill was a genuine American hero and a Texan of the highest caliber," Gov. Rick Perry said. "Whether he was flying from the deck of a carrier as a naval aviator, fighting with the legendary Flying Tigers of the American Volunteer Group, winning a Distinguished Service Cross, or commanding the first jet unit in the Army Air Forces, he always led from the front."

Hill, who was born in Korea on July 13, 1915, is expected to be buried at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Bowman said.

Many of us recalled our fond memories of "Tex" Hill at Alamo Squadron's "Model Fiesta" every year. We send our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to the Hill family.

Editor

Vacuformed Replacement Canopy for Revell/Monogram 1/32nd AH-1G

Floyd S. Werner, Jr.
IPMS #26266

Hello, everyone! I'm happy to announce the release of my 1/32nd AH-1G Cobra canopy for the Revell/Monogram kit. They were mastered by Dave Lohead of Kiwi Resin and formed by Falcon Canopies in New Zealand. Finally, you can add a crystal clear and realistically thin canopy to your big scale Cobra that has the proper bulges and correct framework.



This is a limited edition of 400. I'm not sure if there will be a second pressing, so get yours while they last.

The cost for each is USD \$7 plus shipping. Each canopy will be securely packed in a corrugated box to ensure it arrives safely.

Domestic US & APO/FPO shipments: USD \$4 First Class Mail for any quantity up to 10 (11+ is USD \$7). Priority Mail is available at USD \$7 for each order. International shipments: First Class International rate plus USD \$1 handling (minimum shipping and handling charge of USD \$5).

You can pay by checks, money orders, or Paypal. Cash is okay but not preferred. My e-mail address for Paypal is **fwnernerjr@comcast.net**. I can answer any question that you have with this address also.

As far as what I'm working on, I'm not sure what the next model will be as we start filming the third DVD for Master Class dealing with photoetched, resin, and vacuform material. Hmm, wonder where I can find a good fitting vacuform canopy? Happy holidays!

Floyd



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Christmas



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