



Newsletter

Coming Up at the June **DELVAL** Meeting

6/1/01

• **Club Contest:**

**No more than
TWO (2) entries
per category...**

- **Aircraft**
- **Armor**
- **Automotive**
- **Figures**
- **Ships**
- **Miscellaneous**

Coming Up at the June **BUXMONT** Meeting

6/15/01

• **Theme Display: D-DAY 6 JUNE 1944**

- **“Undisclosed prize to
the best model in inva-
sion stripes”**

DELVAL MAY MEETING REPORT

Reported by John Goschke

May Meeting - 33 members, four guests, over 50 models on display.

With many of our members over at Valley Forge for the MFCA Show, we still had a good turnout for the May meeting. Our officers and senior members being absent for the evening, Yours Truly was impressed into service to conduct the business meeting; a good example of “the inmates in charge of the asylum.” Thanks to Walt Hughes for opening up and setting up the room and to those who hung out afterwards to help break down.

There was still plenty to look at on the display tables; see the evidence below...

Dave Anderson - “Surfin USA Beach diorama” featuring seven Ford woodie station wagons from 1930 to 1950.

Nick Caccavo - Airfix 1/32 SdfKz 250/z with interior detail, weathering and antennas, plus a weathered Bowser 1/87(HO) covered two-bay cement hopper railcar.

Amadeo DelosRios - ‘66 Charger, ‘69 Charger, ‘67 Impala, “Pink Panther” showcar, plus a 1/25 Integra in progress.

Jim Durso - AMT 1/25 “Alternomad” station wagon.

Rich Egan - Italeri 1/35 105mm Howitzer, Tamiya 1/48 A6M2 Zero w/partially scratchbuilt interior

Bill Garner - 1/25 ‘41 Plymouth street rod w/Jimmy Flintstone resin body on AMT frame in orange metallic w/frenched antenna and taillights.

John Goschke - AMT 1/25 ‘60 Ford Galaxie Club Sedan conversion in progress, plus original issue Hawk 1/72 F4U-1D Corsair.

Ariel Hernandez - AMT 1/25 ‘66 Nova street machine in progress w/nail polish finish.

Walt Hughes - “CENTURY SERIES FIGHTER THEME” Monogram 1/48 McDonnell-Douglas F-101B Voodoo

Ed Kolbush - “CENTURY SERIES FIGHTER THEME” 1/72 F-100, F-101, F-102, F-104 & TF-104, and F-106. Also 1/100 F-100 and F-105s. Several aircraft featured Hank Wolanin’s metal finish.

Tommy Kortman - Monogram 1/24 NASCAR Winston Cup late-model stock car in the markings of Tommy’s racing team.

Michael La - Revell 1/24 ‘39 Sedan Delivery lowrider, Revell 1/24 ‘69 Impala lowrider, Tamiya 1/24 Toyota Supra R-2, Revell Stealth, Tamiya Yamaha

Charlie Lockard - Accurate Miniatures 1/48 TBM-3 Avenger in-progress, Tamiya 1/48 Mosquito photo-recon, Tamiya 1/48 Focke-Wulf 190.

Jason Rothgeb - Monogram 1/24 Dale Earnhardt ‘95 Monte Carlo; Jason notes, “One of my first ‘Back in the Hobby’ models, completed in 1995.”

Nick Sandone - AMT 1/25 “Street Freak” Mustang, out-of-the-box in Chezoom Teal, Revell 1/25 Saleen Speedster in Candy Cobalt Blue over Pavo Purple Metallic.

Coming Events

- **July 4-7, Chicago, IL**— 60018. For info. write IPMS 2001 National Convention, P.O. Box 377, Hazel Crest, IL 60429-0377 or on the web at www.geocities.com/ipm-susa2001
- **July 15, Runnemede, NJ**—Model-Fest Modelers' Flea Market at the Runnemede Holiday Inn, 9th Ave. off Black Horse Pike (Exit 3 NJ T'pike • Exit 28 I295). 10am -2pm. Admission \$4 (Spouses/ Juniors under 18-FREE) Early Bird Admission-\$8 from 9-10am. For info contact Sherri Radziewicz at 856-875-4651 or email; hercules@snip.net.
- **August 18, Taylor, PA**—Third Annual Model Show & Contest sponsored by IPMS/Lackawanna Valley. 9 am - 4 pm at Taylor Fire hall, 614 Union St, Taylor, PA (just South of Scranton) For info; Eric Fleisher at 570-48-5292, Frank Kranick at 570-344-6083 (after 6pm) or email francisx@usnetway.com.
- **October 12-13, Roanoke, VA**—IPMS Region II Convention & "Virginia Shootout" Model Contest sponsored by IPMS/Roanoke and the Rail Yard Hobby Shop at the Roanoke, VA Civic Center. Theme: "2001, A Space Oddity". for info contact Jeff Hinchee at 540-989-7723.

Joe Smith - "CENTURY SERIES FIGHTER THEME" 1/48 Monogram F-100, F-101, F-102, F-104, F-105, F-106 Prototype, F-106.

Andy Such - Lindberg 1/25 '63 Ford Cougar II show car built out-of-box with lacquer paint and urethane clear.

Joe Turowski - AMT 1/25 '72 Nova SS, 1/25 '69 Plymouth GTX w/mirage paint, 1/25 '70 Chevelle SS, 1/25 '79 Trans Am, 1/25 '72 Chevelle SS.

Lou Ursino - "10TH OF MAY THEME" CMK 1/35 German PzKpfw. 35(t) light tank as used in invasion of France, 10 May 1940, plus AFV Club 1/35 Australian M113 FSV, and Italeri 1/35 German SdKfz-234/2 "Puma" armored car with Jordi Rubio barrel and tank Workshop resin tires.

Scott Valentine - Halcyon 1/144 Narcissus Escape Craft "E1."

Joe Vasapollo - Monogram 1/24 '71 Plymouth Hemi 'Cuda in Panther Pink.

Joe Vattilana - "CENTURY SERIES FIGHTER THEME" Airmodel vacform 1/72 North American F-107A. (Very cool and very '50s! — Ed.)

Ron Yesner - 1/48 Japanese Army Type II fighter "Frank", Hasegawa 1/72 EA-6B Prowler, Lifelike 1/48 Gloster Gladiator, plus MPC/Airfix 1/24 P-51D Mustang.

Call for Programs - We are lining up programs for the 2001 season. If you have something to share with the club, please see Pat Kelly, your program chairman.

Call For Themes - If you have an idea for a theme, please see John Chionchio to schedule it. No idea is too crazy! ■

DELVAL CONTEST AT JUNE MEETING

Reported by John Goschke

THE JUNE MEETING WILL MARK THE UMPTEENTH ANNIVERSARY of the DVSM Spring Contest. Normally held in May, the contest was postponed to allow those who planned to attend the MFCA Show on the first weekend in May to also participate in the DVSM Contest. This event brings out some great models and the competition is always exciting.

This contest is judged by a group of experienced modeler/judges selected from within the club. Models will be examined to determine the quality of workmanship and finish, and awarded, if warranted, either a Certificate of Merit, Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal. The Judges also select a Best-in-Show winner from the Gold Medal winners.

Participants may enter up to two models per category (i.e. two cars, two planes, etc.) The categories are as follows; Aircraft, Armor, Automotive, Figures, Ships, and Miscellaneous. If you like you can enter two models in every category. Please note that the categories are very broad and will not be broken down by scale, etc. Which means you can't enter two 72nd scale planes and two 32nd scale planes, or two street machines and two race cars.

When you select models to enter, try to pick your best. They'll be judged first on basic workmanship, including; flash and mold lines cleaned up, proper parts fit, seams carefully filled and finished w/o file or sanding marks, alignment and symmetry (Does the model "sit" right? Do items that appear on the right and left sides match in alignment?). Extra details will also be judged according to the workmanship they display. Models will also be judged for the quality their finish, including; Quality of basic paint application (if a matte or semimatte finish, is it smooth w/o being grainy, if glossy is it shiny w/o "orange peel" or polishing marks?), crispness of masked edges, lack of over-spray, opacity of painted canopy bracing. Detail painting is judged according to similar standards,

with particular attention paid to care of application. Weathering, shading and highlighting is judged similarly, with attention also paid to the success of the technique employed; is it believable? Does it look "scale". Judgement of finish also includes decals, which will be examined for smoothness of application; the edges should be as invisible as possible and there shouldn't be any trapped air bubbles or "silvering".

In addition to the above, judges are also expected to take more subjective factors into account when judging a particular model. These factors are sometimes called "risk and enterprise," and take into account the difficulty and/or originality of a project, and can add to the award standing of a quality model.

Unless the piece is a diorama, displays will not be judged. Models in cases will not be judged.

So bring out your best stuff and good luck! ■

BUXMONT APRIL MEETING REPORT

Reported by Joe Baxter

The May meeting of the BuxMont chapter of the IPMS was the first of two with a decidedly military theme. The May meeting was on Armed Forces Day eve, the June meeting will have a D-Day theme, including an undisclosed prize for best model displaying invasion stripes.

At least three BuxMont members, Paul Ondeck, Gary Atlee and myself attended the Military Figure Collectors Association show. Paul reported quite favorably from a vendors perspective, Gary and I were impressed with the quality of work but felt the number of entries in the associated model show was quite small. This would be an excellent show to display your work in (hint, hint).

The Buxmont Chapter will have its own web site any day now. The URL (address) is <http://www.buxmontipms.org>. The Web page will be quite simple at first, basically a variation on our flyer with a map and updated meeting topics. Suggestions for improvements are not only welcome but requested. Once the bugs are ironed out, pictures of models displayed at each meeting can be posted.

Paul expanded the treasurer's report to review the items in last month's newsletter. As of the meeting date we are solvent. All projected expenses for this year can be covered, there will be a cushion to begin next year and some money for acquiring a few premium models for the raffle. Give the state of the economy in general, this is a pleasure to report.

Bill Nilsson reported that the plans for the summer Make It and Take It have firmed up. The sessions will be held June 14th, 20th, and 21st. Please note the last two of the three sessions are back to back. The model du jour will be a Testor's 1/48th Corsair, a step up in difficulty from the 1/72nd scale kits which are our usual fare. In addition to the normal assembly process, accurate painting and decaling will be presented. Bill is investigating the possibility of providing hard copies of a modeling course available on the internet for participants. As always, anyone who would like to show up and assist is welcome.

While on the subject of showing up, the discussion turned to the attendance at the meetings. Joe Funzi was in attendance at this meeting and a welcome addition. Several faces have been missing at the last two meetings, and, in general, it has been a while since there have been any new members. Several people have volunteered to distribute copies of the flyers to the big four hobby shops in the area, Herb's, Penn Valley, Jenkintown and Allied. With any luck, there will be copies of the flyer available at the next meeting for each member to take. As a



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Meetings are held on the third Friday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Willow Grove Bible Church, located on the corner of Everett and Division Streets in Willow Grove, PA.

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sidene, the IPMS magazine had a column discussing IPMS and selected chapter histories. BuxMont is a spinoff (with Delval) of the Philadelphia Chapter, one of the first IPMS chapters in the US. All chapters have their ups and downs and we have several indicators that we are starting an upswing, so stop by and see what's happening – and bring a friend!

A few quick notes on things to come. The July meeting will be the second contest of the year. We have enough entries to need a separate category for juniors. Categories for each age group will be discussed at the June meeting. Flyers announcing the contest will be distributed, so several non-members may be in attendance. As a follow-up on our April guest there will be an HBO miniseries on the Airborne, starting September 9th in the Soprano's time slot (which will be moving one hour later). The History Channel will be showing a series on the Pathfinders starting in November. ■

MAKE-IT, TAKE-IT UNDERWAY AGAIN IN JUNE

THE SUCCESSFUL MAKE-IT, TAKE-IT PROGRAM BEGUN BY BUXMONT will take place again in June over the course of three evenings from 7-9pm, Thursday, 6/14, Wednesday, 6/20 and Thursday, 6/21. Location is the community room of the Upper Moreland Free Public Library in Willow Grove, PA (near the Willow Grove Park Mall) The program is for kids ages seven to 12, and their parents, and will be expanded to cover detail, finishing and decalling, in addition to the historical research aspect of modelling.

The kits, supplied by Testors and IMMA specifically for this program, are the Testors (ex-Lindberg) 1/48 F4U-5N (F4U-4) Corsair. This is a good old basic kit which captures the look of the prototype, can be impressive when built, and is a step up from the old 29¢ Hawk planes previously supplied.

Volunteers are needed from both clubs to help out with this worthwhile program to ensure a healthy future for our hobby. Plus, it's the perfect antidote to Advanced Modelers Syndrome (AMS) to see the kids experiencing what we remember so fondly from our brathood. DVSMers are especially encouraged to participate to make this a joint effort of our clubs.

If you're interested, or need more info, call Bill Nilsson at 215-657-0261 or email him at wnilsson@dca.net or nilssonwilliam@epa.gov. Thanks, Bill, for all your hard work coordinating this program. ■

Travel Companion Needed for IPMS National Convention

JOHAN RUCKS, DVSM MEMBER AND PRESIDENT/CEO OF COMBAT MODELS is looking for someone to share driving and travel expenses to the IPMSUSA National Convention hosted by IPMS/Chicago at the Regency O'hare Hotel, West Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont (Chicago), IL. John has vendor tables at the show and will be taking a selection of his product to sell, and so needs to drive there. If you've always wanted to go to a National Convention Chicago is the one to go to, as attendance and participation at this central US location will be huge. If you're interested, see John at the DVSM Meeting or call him at 610-252-2255.