



Next Meeting: Friday, April 7

“RESCUE ME” will be our theme for April, covering SAR helicopters, fire trucks, ambulances, field medical equipment, and Coast Guard (Joe Vatillana, are you listening!)

Our program will be on HIGH GLOSS FINISHES, presented by Nick Sandone. If you're not familiar with the great finishes on Nick's car models, check out the DVSM website for photos. Nick will describe his techniques for achieving great results in one of modeling's greatest challenges.

As usual, there'll be plenty of space for you to display your handiwork. Bring your latest project, in-prog or completed. If you don't have anything started, crack open one of those kits you've got hidden away RIGHT NOW! ■

March Meeting Displays

LOU URSINO really got the “Extreme” theme with his great ICM 1/35 T-35 Russian heavy tank, which he described as being “extremely long, extremely ugly” and having an “extreme number of turrets!” Bill Garner was also on theme with a nice Chevy S-10 “Extreme” pickup in addition to having another theme going with a '59 Caddy Hearse and a '58 Edsel funeral flower car conversion (more on the latter a little later!)



Lou Ursino's “Extreme” T-35 (photo by Bob Doebley)

David Anderson; Glencoe 1/400 SS United States, Action Diecast 1/24 “87 Bill Elliott T-Bird and Top Fuel Dragster, McFarland Marine Soldier and Army Desert Infantry Grenadier figures, 1/72 Concorde SST. Vince Buonfiglio; Tamiya 1/35 Marder II. **Bob Cicconi;** Fujimi 1/700 CL Jintsu (Battle of Java Sea, 1942). **Bob Doebley;** AMT 1/25 '29 Ford (in progress). **Bill Garner;** AMT 1/25 '58 Edsel Ranchero conversion, 1/25 Chevy Extreme pickup, 1/25 Cadillac Hearse. **Doug Goerke;** Revell 1/48 P-38 Lightnings in Dick Bong and “Bomba-Dear” markings), **John Goschke;** Aurora 1/48 P-40. **Keith Jones;** AMT 1/25 '65 Buick Wildcat (in progress), 1/25 'Cuda Modified stock car (in progress). **Paul Kopczyński;** Revell 1/32 P-51B Mustang. **Nick Sandone;** Fujimi 1/24 Veilside MR-2 (in progress), Revell 1/25 '56 Chevy Delray (inprogress). **Donald Senner;** Monogram 1/8 '82 Camaro Z-28, Heller 1/72 Lockheed Constellation. **Lou Ursino;** ICM 1/35 T-35 Heavy tank, Tamiya 1/35 Tiger I, DML 1/35 M1A1 Abrams. **Joe Volz;** Revell 1/144 Airbus A320, Hasegawa 1/48 F-16C Block 30. **Drew Volz;** Hasegawa 1/72 Bf-109. ■

March Business reported by Tony Wootson

John began our business meeting at 8:20 pm. There was no one in attendance displaying for the first nor second time.

It was announced that this year's East Coast Hobby Show has been cancelled. It is not sure whether this cancellation is just for the year or marks the end of the show.

The South Jersey Modelfest Show was to take place on Sunday, March 12th at the Air Victory Museum in Lumberton, New Jersey.

On March 11th, the IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classic was to take place in Fairfax, VA.

On March 25th, the 20th Annual NNL East was to take place in Parsippany, New Jersey.

On April 1st, the Long Island Scale Model Society was to hold RepliCon 2006 in Freeport, New Jersey.

On June 17th and 18th, The Willow Grove Air Show will take place. The Thunderbirds will be flying there. (Since the Airbase is scheduled to close, this very well may be the last airshow being held here.)

On the first weekend in June the Reading Air Show will take place.

(For more event information, you can visit the "Shows and Events" page found on our website at www.dvsm.org.)

It was also announced that the Confederate Air Force is currently working on refurbishing a Storch. It will be painted in an African Corps paint scheme.

It was announced that fellow IPMS'er Tom Castronuova was wondering if anyone from our club was planning on attending this year's IPMS National Convention. (I think he is looking to share a room with someone at the show.) Tom can be reached via email at: tcastronuova@rcn.com.

Bob Doebley is now our "official photographer."

For our April meeting, the theme will be "Rescue Me." Nick Sandone will hold a "High Gloss Finish" clinic.

For the evenings' clinic, Joe Vatillana was to talk about "Long Term Relationships in Modeling", (also known as his Scratchbuilding project on his Albatross.)

Our meeting ended with Charlie Lockard conducting our raffle. Shortly afterwards Joe conducted his Clinic. ■

MARCH PROGRAM:

Long-Term Scratchbuilding Projects

JOE VATILLANA shared some of the agonies and ecstasies of his long-term project scratchbuilding a Grumman Albatross floatplane in 1/48th scale. Joe has been working on this model for quite a few years now and it's coming along nicely. Inspired by Fred Yarema's scratchbuilt aircraft, Joe decided to jump in and try his hand at constructing a model from nothing more than dedication, drawings and photos. Building up the master from profiles and sections filled in with auto body filler he had the late John Rucks vac the basic airframe parts. Unfortunately those parts were unusable and Fred graciously remolded new parts in heavier styrene from Joe's masters. With the basic airframe components ready then came the long process engineering it into a model with complete interior detail, landing gear, and engines. Numerous references with photos and parts and assembly diagrams for the real plane were

invaluable, as was a trip to a New England museum to photograph an Albatross in and out. Joe has demonstrated amazing ingenuity incorporating the desired features and detail into his model using found materials and clever assembly techniques. We can't wait to see it finished! ■

NNL East 2006 reported by Tommy "El Tanque" Kortman

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS FELLOW STYRENE JUNKIES, El'Presidente', Senor Goschke, has asked yours truly to whip up a little show report from the 20th annual NNL East model car show, which was held on Mar 25th in Parsippany NJ.

Now for those of you who don't habla, NNL East is The PREMIER model car show, contest, and swap meet in the country...if not the world!

In fact, this show may be one of the largest model shows of any kind in the world, period. I can hear some of you tread-heads and prop-jockeys out there scoffing in disbelief, but before you declare war, check out these numbers. The attendance was 1309 people, and Uncle Bobby. Of this number, DVSM(PACM) made an extremely strong showing with 23 members making an appearance. We met modelers from all corners of the country, including Hawaii. I talked to a few guys who came down from Canada, and there were even a few "committed" gentlemen who flew up from Atlanta on Fri. afternoon, and were heading home Sat. night. Last year they tried to do it all in ONE day. Those guys are hardcore!!

There were...are you ready for this...1853 model cars on display. That's correct. One thousand, eight hundred, and fifty-three models on the display tables. There were vehicles of all makes and models and in every color conceivable. The Crayola people would have been happy.

This weekend extravaganza starts off on Fri. night with a VIP party at the Parsippany Holiday Inn. This is a great chance to get together in a relaxed environment and tell lies. The food was great. It was served buffet style and was salads and sandwiches. Dessert was monster cookies. Seriously, these things were huge. This broke up about midnight when we were thrown out of the hall. Sat. started early with breakfast. Then, it was off to stand in line for an hour. The Tri-state crew runs this show in an extremely efficient manner. It only took 10-15 min to get everyone in the building. These guys are good. First, the mad scramble to put up your models, and then you stampede to the vendor room to throw all your money at some of the 30+ vendors that come for the show. And these vendors aren't just kit sellers. In fact there are only 4 of those there. Most of these are aftermarket detail vendors with all kinds of paint, resin kits and accessories, photo etch, and reference material. One word of caution, though—If you are claustrophobic, stay out of the vendor room. Now I know what cattle feel like.

The event winds down around 3:00 with the awards presentation. For those of you who don't know, NNL is a people's choice contest, and there are usually only 4 or 5 awards given out for the show themes, best junior, and best in show. Why then do you get so many models? The real awards for most of us is to be photographed for either Model Cars magazine, or Scale Auto Magazine. And to that end, I would like to proudly announce



*From the tables at NNL. Can you feel the love?
(photo by Bob Doebley)*

that the following members had their models photographed: Bill Garner - '06 Mustang and 58 Edsel flower car which was also posted on the Scale Auto web site of the event coverage, Keith Jones - '29 Ford, Nick Sandone -'56 Chevy, Mike Napoleon - 2 dioramas and 2 trucks(show off!), and yours truly for the Boot Hill Express. Sorry if I missed anyone.

Ladies and Gentlemen, This is the must make show of the year! Why even Uncle Bobby actually finished, not 1, but 2 models to take to the show. Amazing! So all you gear heads, even you guys in the closet, mark this show on your calendars for next year and start saving your pennies. You won't be disappointed!! Until next time...Adios! ■



Bill Garner's Edsel flower car, seen here on the table at the show, is one of only 12 cars featured on the Scale Auto website (www.scaleautomag.com) in the NNL East 2006 link. (photo by Bob Doebley)

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Coming Events

MosquitoCon 2006

- *April 8*

Hosted by the NJ/IPMS,

Wayne PAL, Wayne, NJ

(<http://www.njipms.org/>)

(For more information, contact Tom Vandermark.)

Scale Model Expo CAN/AM Con

- *April 22*

Hosted by IPMS Champlain Valley

Comfort Inn Banquet and Conference Center

Plattsburgh, New York

(For more information, visit:

www.dvsm.org/ShowsandEvents.html)

AMPS International Show 2006

- *April 28 & 29*

WW II Vehicle Museum

Hubbard, Ohio

(<http://www.ampsarmor.org/ampssite/default.aspx>)

World War II Weekend

- *June 2-4*

Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum

Reading Regional Airport, Reading, PA.

For info, visit: www.maam.org/maamwwii.html.

Chiller Theatre Expo

- *June 2-4*

Sheraton Meadowlands

Route 3 East, East Rutherford, NJ

Friday - 6 - 11 p.m., Saturday - 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.,

Sunday - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For info, visit: www.chillertheatre.com/

Air Fest 2006

- *June 17-18*

Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB)

Willow Grove. With the upcoming closure of the base, this very well may be the final airshow held there.

The U.S. Airforce Thunderbirds will perform. The

NAS JRB Willow Grove is located on Route 611

(Easton Road) in Willow Grove, PA. For info, visit:

www.willowgroveairshows.com/history.htm.

IPMS/USA National Convention

- *August 2-5, 2006*

Hyatt Regency Crown Center

Kansas City, Missouri Midway

(www.ipmsusa2006.org)

PennCon 2006

- *September 30*

Hosted by the Central Pennsylvania IPMS,

Temple Baptist Church, York, PA.

(<http://www.cenpennipms.com/cpipms/index.htm>)