

Newsletter



*Chris Menold's fine build
of the classic Monogram
1/48 F4U-4 Corsair.*

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March Meeting Report

Reported by Jeffrey Nase

AT OUR March DVSM meeting, a blizzard of over 50 members and 3 guests hammered our display tables with a white-out of over 80 scale models and exhibits. Grab your shovel, this is gonna be a big one!

Sturm warning! *Joe Volz:* 1/35 Dragon T-34/85, w/ p/e set. 1/35 Dragon PzKfw IVG, OOB. *Wayne Borowski:* 1/35 Academy Merkava IV. 1/35 Trumpeter ASLAV 25 (Australian variant). 1/35 Hobby Boss M706E2 w/ extensive scratch-built interior, gun parapet. 1/35 Verlinden V100 (amphibious armored car). 1/35 Trumpeter M1117 Guardian (armored security vehicle). 1/35 Tamiya T-55 ('50's Soviet tank), w/ Modelkasten track. 1/35 Stryker (modern US 8-wheeled armored vehicle). *Lou Ursino:* 1/35 M-24 Chaffee, w/ Formations resin conversion, Friul tracks, Verlinden p/e. 1/35 Dragon M-26 Pershing, w/ Jordi barrel, "This is what the M-26 would look like if the US had them in Normandy, 1944," speculates Lou. 1/35 Tamiya Panzer IIC, OOB. 1/35 Dragon Tiger II (Henschel turret), w/ Cavalier zimmerit.

Salt solution! *Bob Cicconi:* 1/700 HMS Jupiter, Oct 1941, w/ p/e details, cast turrets, brass barrels, scratch-built mast, caenis line rigging. 1/700 USS Woodworth, 1944 w/ p/e details, stretched sprue rigging, Niko 40mm guns. 1/700 IJN Aoba, 1945, as sunk in Kobe harbor, w/ p/e details.

NEXT MEETING April 2

- THEME CONTEST

"Heavy Metal"

Models of large, heavy subjects; big bombers, heavy tanks, battleships, big cars, etc.



Joe Wagner has an impressive project underway with his scratchbuilt 1/96th scale Olympia. PHOTO BY BOB DOEBLEY

They plow the roads! *PACM Group Build:* 1/25 Modelhaus resin 1949 Buick Roadmaster, w/ Kitchentable straight 8, conversion to custom. *Darryl Peters:* 1/25 Revell/R&MM '32 Ford Pick-up Truck, "Hot Rod." 1/25 '40 Ford Coupe Street Rod, "Tangerine Dream," winner of 1st Award, Street Rod and Street Machine, All Scales, 1948 and older body at IPMS/USA 2009. *John Stark:* 1/24 MPC Dodge Custom Van, w/ Testors one-shot (lacquer) Revving Red over white primer. 1/24 Monogram Shaker Trike, OOB, w/ Testors one-shot Root Beer. 1/24 '53 Ford Pick-up & Trailer, OOB, w/ rust solution. 1/24 Fujimi Estima Zeus, OOB. MPC Zinger, OOB, w/ Testors one-shot Revving Red, wet-look clear. Kenworth (truck tractor), OOB. Smart Car, New Jersey State Police. *Nick Sandone:* Revell '32 Ford 5 Window, w/ MCG p/e set, kit Hemi, parts box blower & scoop, HoK Passion Pearl over custom mix lavender pearl, Phantom Vickie wheels & tires. 1/25 '41 Willys coupe. *Tommy Kortman:* 1/25 1925 Model "T" Ford Hot Rod Coupe. *Bob Doebley:* Salt Flat Racer. *Dave Anderson:* 1/12 Monogram '57 Chevy Pro-street w/ hat, mirror base and fuzzy dice display. NRHA Drag Strip diorama w/ figures. 1987 T-bird. 1985 T-Bird. 1940 Ford. 1957 Chevy. 1969 Charger. 1940 Willys. 1/12 Monogram '57 Chevy. *Keith Jones:* 1/8 Lindberg Dragster, w/automobile lacquer paint, Monogram wheels & tires. 1/25 Fiat dragster, w/ Tamiya paint. *John Goschke:* 1/25 AMT '32 Ford pickup hot rod. '32 Ford hot rod roadster. *Greg Hogg:* 1/25 Modelhaus Resin 1960 Dodge Polara Wagon w/ MCW paint. 1/25 '58 Merc Park Lane. *Joe Wagner:* 1/25 2007 Mustang. *Lou Ursino:* 1/24 Revell 2007 FedEx Chevy, (#11 Denny Hamlin). *Don Senner:* 1/24 Monogram "Cherry Bomb" (turbine engine show rod), w/ chopper and trailer.

Clear the runway! *Jerry Blosssey* (guest, 1st showing): 1/72 Airfix Hawker Hurricane Mk II. *Wayne Borowski:* 1/48 Tamiya F-16CJ. *Chris Menold:* 1/48 Monogram F4U-4 Corsair w/ Superscale

March 2010 Theme Contest

'My Favorite Build'

Reported by Jeffrey Nase

LOVEABLE LIBERATOR! *Paul Kopczynski's* quarter-inch scale B-24D wins our March theme contest, "My Favorite Build." At our April meeting, we esteem Paul with an award plaque preferred by *Mike Napoleon*.

Even more to like! *Bob Doebley:* Salt Flat Racer. *Darryl Peters:* 1/25 '40 Ford Coupe Street Rod, "Tangerine Dream." *Drew Volz:* 1/48 F-16C. *Tommy Kortman:* 1/25 1925 Model "T" Ford Hot Rod Coupe. *Nick Sandone:* 1/25 '41 Willys. *Don Senner:* 1/25 "Cherry Bomb," w/ chopper and trailer. *Greg Hogg:* 1/25 '58 Merc Park Lane. *John Goschke:* '32 Ford Hot Rod Roadster. *Chris Menold:* 1/72 Su-27. *Dave Anderson:* 1/12 '57 Chevy. *Wayne Borowski:* 1/35 Stryker. *Joe Vattilana:* Black Watch (figure). *John Stark:* Smart Car, New Jersey State Police. ■



(above) Joe Volz's 1/35 T-34. (left) One of Vince Buonfiglio's 32mm fantasy figures. (below) Howard Rifkin's 1/72 Keystone B-3 in progress. PHOTO BY BOB DOEBLEY



decals, Squadron canopy, lead foil seatbelts. 1/72 Nakotne (Latvia) Su-27 Flanker, w/ Linden Hill decals. *Drew Volz*: 1/48 F-16C. *Doug Goerke*: 1/32 Revell P-38L Lightning. *Don Senner*: 1/72 Airfix F4U-D Corsair. 1/48 Revell SBD Dauntless. 1/48 Revell: P-51 Reno Racer, "Miss America." Dick Tracy space ship. *Dave Anderson*: 1/48 Monogram SB2C Helldiver, w/ carrier deck base. 1/48 AH-64 apache attack helicopter, w/ ground base and history. *Joe Volz*: 1/72 Fujimi F-86F Sabre, w/ Superscale decals, tape seat belts. Paul Kopczynski: 1/48 B-24D Liberator.

Snowmen! *Vince Buonfiglio*: 32mm Andrea fantasy figures. *Joe Vattilana*: 54mm 12th Century Knight. Black Watch (figure). *Brad James*: 54mm Stadden Prussian Dragoon w/ wire armature & Sculpey goose, "My very first sculpting job," says Brad.

Starting to build up! The Primer Table, all in-progs. *Joe Wagner*: 1/8" = 1' (1/96 scale) USS Olympia, scratch-build. *Lou Ursino*: Panzer IVE. *Howard Rifkin*: 1/74 Curtiss B-2 Condor (US '20's bomber). 1/73 Keystone B-3A (US late '20's bomber). *Keith Jones*: 1/24 Monte Carlo, w/ de-NASCAR'ed roof flaps filled-in, roof ridge removed, 1-piece cowl hood. 1/25 AMT 1961 Thunderbird, w/ Styline parts. *No-names*: 1/25 '48 Ford, w/ Model Master lacquer. Armoured Crab. F/A-37 Talon. Dirt Racer.

Everything's closed! *Dennis Levy* displayed his shadowbox, "Faithful Unto Death: Pompeii 79 AD," depicting a member of the Praetorian guard standing at post even as Mount Vesuvius begins its catastrophic eruption. In his clinic, "Shadowboxes," he shared his accumulated experience with the art form, including design, wiring for lights, and construction. Thanks, Dennis, now we get the drift: a shadowbox is much deeper than just a boxed-in diorama!

A flurry of exhibits! *Brad James*, unbuilt kits: 1/24 Monogram Tom Daniels "Red Baron." 1/700 Trumpeter USS Saratoga CV-3. 1/700 USS Arizona BB-39, 1941. 1/48 Tamiya WWII US Navy Pilots with Moto-tug. ...and books: "Doomed at the Start: American Pursuit Pilots in the Philippines 1941-42," by William H. Bartsch. "Remembering Revell Model Kits" & "Monogram Models" by Thomas Graham.

Sweep the welcome mat! Our guests: *Brian Walter & Mike Kloppenburg*.

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President's Corner

by Bob Doebley & Tommy Kortman

Hello Fellow Styrene Junkies! We had a great turnout for the March meeting. The weather cooperated for the first time this year. We had 31 members in attendance and 3 first time visitors. We had tables full of models and work in process along with a full contest table. It looks like the monthly contest is getting bigger every month.

Club Build During the meeting we agreed on the Mustang for the club build. The Build needs to be completed for the December contest. (This is just like the club Half Track Build in 2008) There should be some interesting builds.

We had a surprise guest, who came up from Florida, at the meeting. Jim Durso, the man responsible for the influx of "car guys" in DVSM, has been living in Florida and has been doing well. He was up here on family business and wanted to stop in. He enjoyed meeting up with his old modeling buddies.

Dennis Levy did a great presentation on building shadow boxes. His presentation was very informative and everyone who was there had nothing but praise for Dennis's program. Dennis is truly an artist. Thanks Dennis!

And now a few words from our Contest Chairman and VP about the monthly theme contest.

Thanks, Bob. We had a big turnout for the March theme contest. There were 15 models on the table which beat our previous high water mark of 13 which was set during last years Japanese theme contest. Last Month's winner was Mr. Paul Kopczynski with his beautiful B-24 "Strawberry Bitch". Way to go Paul. Now that brings us to the running point's total. Here goes: In first place with 9 points is the aforementioned Mr. Paul Kopcinski. In Second place, right on his heels with 7 points is February's winner, Mr. Greg Hogg. In third place is Drew Volz. Fourth place is a massive tie at 4 points between, Wayne Borowski, Bob Doebley, John Goschke, Tommy Kortman, Charlie Lockhart, Howard Rifkin, Don Senner, and Joe Volz. And in 5th place with 3 point is also a tie between Nick Sandone and Chris Menold. As you can see, this is still a close race and it's not too late to join the party.

This month's theme is called Heavy Metal. Once again I must reiterate; this is NOT a theme about Die-Cast. Nor is it about large scale models. It is about large subject matter. For Armor that would mean Heavy Tanks, This would mean Bombers for the aircraft crew. Figure guys should bring armored figures, the Naval contingent should bring battleships and carriers, and the car guys should bring those land yachts. (Don't worry, they know what I'm talking about) Oh, and if we get a sci-fi model or 2, we should be seeing something on the order of an Imperial Star destroyer. I hope you all get the picture. Personally I hope to see a B-52 on the table. Once again, thanks to everyone who has participated in this monthly event. I hope you are all enjoying it.

We now return you to your regularly scheduled program already in progress. See you next month...Same Bat time, Same Bat Channel. ■

Monthly Theme Contests

Every month we will have an open contest for the monthly themes. Members will vote for the best Theme model of the month. A personalized award plaque will be made by Mike Napoleon and presented at the following meeting.

JANUARY:

Winner: Drew Volz

FEBRUARY:

Winner: Greg Hogg

MARCH: Winner Paul Kopczynski

"My Favorite"

APRIL:

Heavy Metal

MAY:

The Need for Speed

JUNE (NO THEME)

Gold, Silver & Bronze Contest

JULY:

Made in the USA

AUGUST

Horse of a Different Color

SEPTEMBER

Orient Express

OCTOBER:

Fall Ghoulish

NOVEMBER

That 60's Show

DECEMBER (NO THEME)

Favorite Five Contest

Coming Events

Saturday April 3rd

MosquitoCon

Wayne PAL Building • Wayne N.J. • <http://www.njipms.org/>

Friday night April 9th

Artisan Memorial VFW Post 120 has invited DVSM members to come to their meeting and display their models.

Saturday April 17th

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Friday, April 16th - Sunday April 18th

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Sunday, April 25, 2010

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Friday & Saturday, May 7th & 8th

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