



The  
Winners  
Circle

## “Jolly Old England”



**Greg Hogg's Aston-Martin DBS**

by *Tommy Kortman*

PHOTOS BY MIKE NAPOLEON

**“M**artini, shaken not stirred”. Those words have been uttered numerous times by a film icon of January’s theme country, “Jolly Old England.” James Bond, 007 has always been associated with beautiful women and fantastic cars. Of those cars, the Aston Martin is considered the ultimate Bond car. Starting with a Silver Birch-colored DB5 in Goldfinger and Thunderball all the way to the DBS in Casino Royale and Quantum of Solace. It is the DBS that Greg Hogg chose to bring out for the opening round of the 2012 DVSM Monthly theme contest series. Greg has always liked Aston Martin cars, and ordered the DBS

from Tamiya as soon as it was released. Greg built the kit out of the box, for the most part. He did add flocking for the carpet, and he also opened the windows so the wonderful interior could be more easily viewed. He then replaced the rear quarter windows with thin clear plastic that he sourced from some product packaging he had lying around. The paint is Tamiya Light Gunmetal. This is a very close approximation of the Aston color “Casino Ice”. The car was clear coated with Tamiya as well. Color and clear were both done with rattle cans.

**Greg says** that he has recently had a few bouts with Mr. Murphy in his recent builds, but he says that this kit

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• **Theme Contest:  
“Delivery Service!”**

went together very easily. And, while classic showroom replica-stock cars from the 50’s and 60’s are Greg’s forte’, he says that he found this car and the Lexus LFA that he built previous to this one, to be a breeze to build and an extremely fun diversion.

**Now let’s take a look** at the subject  
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## Hello Fellow Styrene Junkies!

**W**e had a good turnout at the January meeting. We have accepted two new members into the DVSM family. Welcome aboard guys. I would like to thank John Goschke for running the monthly contest in Tommy K's absence.

**January's theme** was "Jolly Old England" and the winner was Greg Hogg with his beautiful Aston Martin. I am continually amazed at the quality of the builds I see at our meetings. We have a group of very dedicated and talented modelers in our club.

**Only 11 months** to our Zombie club build. From talking to people there is a lot of interest this should be a great club build. I cannot see what comes out of the fertile minds of our members.

**I would like to remind** all members that you can bring a project you are working on to the meetings to do some building. Just bring your models and tools to the meeting. If you want to take pictures of your models I am bringing my photo booth to the meetings for any member to use.

**Now that it's February** we are getting close to the contest season in a few months. If any member knows of any up coming events please share them with the club. If you want it in the club newsletter contact John Goschke or me and we will put it in the newsletter.

As I am writing this column it is a Thursday afternoon and I am waiting to see my doctor. We are suppose to be getting some snow showers. So far this year we have been lucky with the weather. It has been mild without snow. If it keeps up this streak is anyone up for a road trip? To a museum (ie. Steam Town railroad museum in Scranton, Pa.) or another club who meets on Saturdays, or a hobby shop that we do not normally go too.? It would be a day out and a change from your normal routine.

**Well, as I start the column** again it is Friday afternoon. We did not get the

snow they were reporting. They are now saying the snow will start late tonight. Looks like Saturday will for model building after I finish my Honey-Do list. I received my Hemming Classic Car magazine today and there is a good article about modeling in the early sixties. I will copy it and bring some copies them to the February's meeting.

**The club is looking for members** to do seminars at our club meetings. If you would like to share a modeling skill with the club it would be greatly appreciated. (See related item on page..)

**Tony Wootson will be stepping** down as DVSM'S web master due to his hectic schedule. Paul Tomczak and Jamie Makin have volunteered to take over the web site duties for him. Tony will still be involved when he is needed. Thanks to Paul and Jamie for stepping up to help with the web site.

**Remember** this months contest theme is "Delivery Service." It's got to deliver something; freight, bombs, people or pizza, etc.

**I would like to congratulate** the winners from last years theme contest. 1st place-Paul Kopczynski, 2nd-Paul Tomzack, 3rd place (tie)-Dave Anderson and Mike Turco  
That's it for now. Remember; it is just a hobby. *Bob Doebley*

### Now...Heeere's Tommy!

**T**hanks UB. Sadly I was not able to make last month's meeting. I was feeling so bad and sick by the time I got home from work, I just needed to call it a evening. I really appreciate all the help in getting the theme contest taken care of. I would like to echo Uncle Bobby's congratulations to Greg Hogg for the January win. Nice job Greg. Please see the "Winner's Circle" column for more info on Greg's winning model.

**It is late Saturday night** as I'm writing this and listening to and

watching the late night on-line coverage of the 50th running of the Rolex 24 hours of Daytona. I am also reviewing the photos that I took at the 2012 Phila Auto Show. Uncle Bobby, Greg Hogg, and I made our way down to the Phila Convention Center this morning to check out all of the new 2012 cars and trucks. Even though it was a lot of walking, I had a pretty good time. There were a few issues however that prevented it from becoming a GREAT time. Of these issues, I will only mention the worst one.

**As I was walking around,** taking photos, and trying to get info on the cars that I liked; I constantly had to contend with inconsiderate parents who thought it was cute to watch little "Johnny" climb all over the new cars like they were his private jungle gym. This little miscreant seriously needed a swift kick in the butt when he was jumping up and down in the drivers seat of a \$70K 2012 Corvette Grand Sport Roadster, but "daddy" was too busy ogling the eye candy standing next to the new ZL-1 Camaro. Maybe I've been hanging around UB too long, but maybe the convention center could look into having a special place in the center next year so that these little beasts could be chained up. I did have one small evil pleasure though. As I went to check out a 392 Hemi Challenger, one of these little crumb snatchers came scurrying up to try and get in the driver's seat. Well this time, instead of just letting the little bugger get in there, I stepped up and gave the little rug rat a mild hip check. The Challenger is a nice car by the way. The hood looks like it's a mile long though. I was also able to check out the Transformers edition Camaro, the Cadillac CTS-V Wagon (I love this car), the GMC Acadia Denali, and a few others. There were also some stunning exotic cars on display. F.C. Kerbeck from Palmyra NJ brought out a fantastic array of uber-expensive hardware. They

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of Greg's build. The Aston Martin DBS was officially unveiled on August 16th 2007 at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, but was first seen in the 2006 James Bond film, *Casino Royale*.



*Greg's DBS is finished with Tamiya Light Gunmetal Metallic - photo by Mike Napoleon*

**Featuring technology** developed in racing, combined with luxury appointments, this coupe offers an exciting driving experience. Its aluminum space frame chassis is coupled with sleek, lightweight bodywork featuring aluminum roof and doors as well as extensive use of carbon fiber panels. The engine is a hand built 510hp

6.0l V-12 mated to a 6 speed gearbox. The car also features a carbon fiber drive shaft. The brakes are carbon ceramic and will stop on a dime and give nine cents change. The suspension is four wheel independent with adjustable Bilstein shocks that provide the driver with five different levels of handling.

**The interior** of a DBS is a blend of carbon fiber, alcantara leather, wood, stainless steel and aluminum surfaces. The seats are made from semi aniline and alcantara leather and both bear the DBS signature. The standard door panels and fascia trim are carbon fiber with an alloy and iridium silver center console with optional piano black trim and center console. For even more weight savings the carpet has a special lightweight weave. The key to start the car is the "Emotion Control Unit" which was specially developed for the DBS. The key is made from stainless steel and glass and is inserted to a special hole in the dashboard. ■

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had some Rolls Royces, Bentleys, Aston Martins, Maserattis, and Lamborghinis. I was able to get some nice photos of the brand new 700hp Lamborghini Aventador. This car is AWESOME! Its low, wide, sleek, and sexy.

**OK, so much for my tangent** there, now let's get back to business. This month's theme is "Special Delivery". This theme will be for vehicles that deliver something. This could be bombers, or tankers, delivery trucks, sedan delivery cars, prime movers for transporting artillery, support ships for the fleet, and so on. Hopefully you get the idea. Hopefully some of you have already got your Zombie killers started for the December contest, so please bring out your in-progress works so we can check them out.

**As our illustrious leader** mentioned, we are getting closer to

the start of the 2012 contest season, so why don't you come out to Main Line Hobbies, in the Plymouth Meeting Mall, on Saturday February 25th for the Annual PACM Big Sit. For those of you who don't know, the Big Sit is a non-competitive model display and get together. It is a chance to get out of the house, and hang out with fellow modelers, swapping stories, telling lies, and breaking stones. So come on out to Main Line, bring some models, and have a great time.

**The only other show** of any kind that I know of in February is the Great Scale Model Train Show on Feb 4th & 5th at the Cow Palace on the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium Md. Here's a link for more info. <http://www.gsmts.com/>

**Ok, that's all for now,** so GO BUILD SOMETHING!! Sincerely yours in styrene, *Tommy Kortman* ■

## 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: Greg Hogg**

Jolly Old England

### **FEBRUARY**

Delivery Service

### **MARCH**

Der Fatherland (Germany)

### **APRIL**

Go Topless

### **MAY**

Italy

### **JUNE**

Gold, Silver & Bronze Contest

### **JULY**

America

### **AUGUST**

Land of the Rising Sun (Japan)

### **SEPTEMBER**

Viva La France (France)

### **OCTOBER:**

? (Prototypes, Concepts and Fantasy Figures)

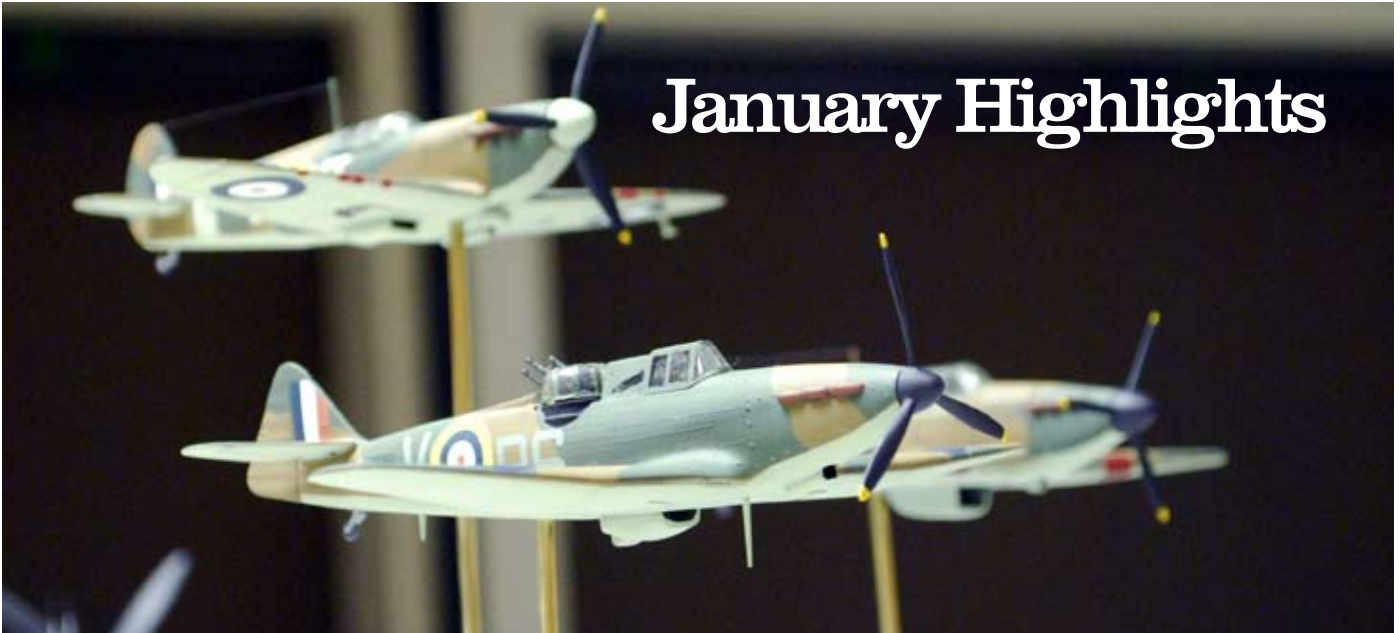
### **NOVEMBER**

The Tortise and the Hare (Double theme) [PICK ONE]

### **DECEMBER**

Fave 5 contest & Zombie/Zombie Killer club build due

# January Highlights



*Battle of Britain Fighters, Spitfire (top), Defiant (front), Hurricane (rear), 1/72, by Paul Tomczak - photo by Mike Napoleon*



*Supermarine Spitfire Mk-24, 1/32, by Paul Koczynski - photo by Bob Doebley*



*Convair XFY "Pogo," 1/72, by Howard Rifkin - photo by Bob Doebley*



*Avro Lancaster "Dambuster," 1/72, by Dave Anderson - photo by Greg Hogg*



*Grumman XF5F Skyrocket, 1/72, by Howard Rifkin - photo by Bob Doebley*

# January Highlights



## A Scratch Curtiss Wright X-19 in 1/32! Joe Vattilana Takes On a New Project



**N**ever one to shy away from a modeling challenge Joe has started another interesting scratchbuilding project, this time a 1/32 replica of the ill-fated 1960s X-19 VTOL transporter. He displayed the fuselage sections and drawings at the January meeting and it's a most impressive start. The fuselage, vacuformed from two thicknesses of .030 styrene is divided into three sections to make detailing the interior of each section easier. We look forward to following the progress!

### **X-19 VTOL Transport History (from Wikipedia)**

The X-19 had high-mounted tandem wings. Each wing mounted a 13 ft (4.0 m) propeller that could be rotated through 90 degrees allowing the aircraft to take off and land like a helicopter. The propellers were driven by twin Avco Lycoming T55-L-5 turboshaft engines mounted in the fuselage.

The first flight of the X-19 took place in November 1963 (other sources give 26 June 1964). It was intended that the X-19 would be developed into a VTOL transport aircraft. However the first X-19 was destroyed in a crash on 25 August 1965, and the program was subsequently cancelled. The second prototype is currently being stored in the restoration facilities at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. ■



# January Highlights



Jaguar XJR-9, 1/24, by Lou Ursino - photo by Greg Hogg



Jordan EJ-10, 1/24, by Jamie Makin - photo by Greg Hogg



Sherman Firefly & Transporter, 1/72, by Joe Leonetti - photo by Bob Doebley



Darth Vader Tie Fighter, 1/144, by Don Senner - photo by Greg Hogg



1995 McDonald's T-bird, 1/24 (in-prog.), by Jason Rothgeb - photo by Bob Doebley



'59 El Camino, 1/25, by Rod Rakos - photo by Bob Doebley

# There's some New Del Val Webmasters in Town

By Tony Wootson

**A**fter being the updater and maintainer of the Delaware Valley Scale Modelers Website for 10 years, yours truly has decided to step down. I made an announcement (more like a desperate plea) at our last meeting for another DVSM member to take over this duty. Thankfully, two members stepped forward.

**Paul Tomczak and Jamie Makin** agreed to take over this duty. Paul is the manager of an IT Department, and has many years experience working with computers. Back in 1998 Jamie taught herself website design. She started out creating the [www.phillyblast.com](http://www.phillyblast.com) website (now inactive), which was dedicated to building implosions. Later in 2000, she moved over to create from scratch the [www.pacms.org](http://www.pacms.org) site. From 1992 to the present, Jamie has worked as an AutoCAD designer.

**Paul and Jamie** have already begun work on giving our website a much-needed facelift and I'm really excited seeing the direction they are taking it in.

**Please join me in welcoming** Paul and Jamie on board the Website Train. ■

## Trying to Resurrect Our Del Val Seminars for 2012

By Tony Wootson

**E**arly this month, after our last Del Val meeting, I came up with an idea; in its own right a very scary thought. My idea pertains to trying to spark up and bring back to life our club's seminars & clinics.

**For the past year or two**, I have been in passive mode with respect to attempting to get members to sign up to conduct seminars. Part of this was because I was just plain worn out, with my constant badgering of folk to step up and show some how-to modeling stuff to the club.

**In addition**, I got the feeling that the club members were really busy with their own, personal schedules. Also, I frankly wasn't sure if the interest level in viewing these presentations was still there.

**Since our last seminar was conducted** at least one year ago, we have had a number of new members join the club. Back when we did have these seminars, they were always well attended, and there were only positive comments given concerning them, at least, as far as I know.

**So anyway, this is my idea.** I've written down the follow-

ing members, adding seminars that they previously conducted. Or, I've added members' names, along with areas of their modeling expertise where I feel they really excel. In order to try to be a good leader here, I have not excluded myself. I've penned myself in, listing two previous seminars I conducted.

**Tony W.** - Airbrushing Basics, and possibly Basic Model Construction.

**Joe V.** - Scratch building (to the Nth degree).

**Joe L.** - Scratch building (to the Nth degree).

**Jamie M.** - Using the Novus Finishing kit to Achieve Ultra Smooth Paint Finishes on Automobile Models.

**Mike N.** - Ultra detailing dioramas: creating your own miniature "junk."

**Nick** - Painting Ultra Clean Car Finishes.

**Brad** - Painting Small figures and bringing 'em to life).

**Dennis L.** - Shadow Boxes - (or Diorama Construction, or some related topic).

**John G.** - Bare Metal Foil Application.

**Tommy K.** - Adding Extra Details to Models.

**Paul T.** - Painting Camouflage Schemes on Aircraft, or some other topic related to painting.

**Lou U.** - Giving Your Armor an Authentic Weathered Look, or Adding extra detail to Armor, or some other topic related to painting Armor.

**Bob C.** - Creating Realistic looking "Water" in Miniature, or working with photo-etched parts on a very small scale, or something else related to miniature shipbuilding.

**Bob D.** - Modeling Photography.

**Joe T.** - Some aspect of Painting Miniature Figures; this could be something like Painting Miniature Figures with Acrylics, Techniques for Shadowing and Highlighting Miniature Figures, or similar.

**Jim R.** - Creating a Realistic Looking Diorama or Creating Realistic Looking Miniature Foliage and Trees (using common household, easy-to-find products and supplies).

**I have a number of additional thoughts here.**

First, you will notice that in some cases there appears to be somewhat of an overlap, with respect to coverage of related topics by different members. I think this is really good, since often different modelers have different ways of achieving their modeling goals. Sharing their different techniques can only be a good thing.

**Next, you will notice** that more than 10 members are listed above. If I can get all (or most) of the folks who are listed to agree to conduct a seminar, this will enable me to schedule the programs into 2013.

**What I would really like** to have is those who conduct a presentation try to come up with some way to engage their viewers, in terms of having them actually participating in the program. For example, for my airbrushing seminar, I would probably request those who are interested in viewing (and doing) bring their own airbrush and compressor, (if they have one), in order to actually do airbrushing them-

selves. Or, I would give those interested a chance to play around with airbrushing with my airbrush.

**For the Bare Metal Foil Program**, the participants would be encouraged to pick up a sheet of Bare Metal Foil, and bring it and the necessary tools and a model or model part to the presentation, and actually apply a piece themselves during the seminar.

**In other instances**, where it may not be possible to have viewers participate, it would still be helpful if the presenter actually demonstrates the technique they are discussing, as opposed to just talking about the subject.

**Lastly here**, the listed presentations are only my recommendations, based either on previous seminars, which have been conducted by those listed, or by personal observations and conversations I have had with club members. If someone who is not on the list would like to do a modeling seminar, you are very much welcome and encouraged to do so.

**As for the rest of ya'**, I'll be making the rounds at our February meeting, rounding up the usual suspects, and seeing if I can get some commitments. Thanks in advance for your support. ■

## Star Wars Armored Assault Tanks & Tradon Kit Reviews Posted to DVSM.org

*By Tony Wootson*

**Y**eah, I know... **Thrice is the charm.**

I've recently posted reviews on two Star Wars Armored Assault Tanks, which I original built and whose reviews I wrote way back in 2003.

**The first** was a pretty straightforward stock build, (which you can view at <http://www.scifantmodmadrealm.com/StarWarsAAT-1.html>). With the second, though, it was a very extensive conversion. I even added a fictitious storyline to go with it. You can view my Tradon review at: <http://www.scifantmodmadrealm.com/StarWarsTradon-1.html> ).

**Happy Reading! ■**

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## Coming Events

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### Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit and Meet & Greet at Willingboro, NJ Public Library

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### Great Scale Model Train Show, Timonium, MD

Cow Palace on the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, MD.

• **Feb 4th & 5th** • **For info.** <http://www.gsmts.com/>

### Philly Area Car Modelers "Big Sit" Model Display & Get Together at Main Line Hobbies, Plymouth Meeting Mall

• **February 25, 2012** • **10am**

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