



Next Meeting: Friday, July 7

"COULD'A, SHOULD'A, WOULD'A: The ones that never made it" Ideas, good and bad, that never achieved success, will be our theme display for the July meeting. Included would be the Sgt. York, F-20, X-29, Edsel, Fiero, and other unique prototypes and developmental deadends.

"RESEARCH FOR MODELING" will be our roundtable, **presented by Gary Campbell**. While Gary's main area of interest is aircraft, the discussion will include other modeling disciplines. Gary has asked that if someone has a laptop computer available, please bring it to help out with the presentation. As always there'll be plenty of display space for your models, in-theme or out. See you there! ■

June Contest & Display Stuff by John Goschke

IT WAS A GREAT SHOWING for our Annual June Contest! Our apologies for the fact that the contest results weren't retained, just the entry slips, so we can't present the results here. Suffice it to say that the judging was tough. In the end, though, the **Best-in-Show went to Bob Cicconi** for his superb 1/700 USS Maine. The entries were— **Bob Cicconi;** 1/700 USS Maine and HMS Renown. **John Cunningham;** 1/8



Bob Cicconi's Best-in-Show Winning 1/700 USS Maine
(PHOTO BY JASON ROTHGEB)

'32 Ford Roadster and '27 Ford "T" roadster. **Bill Garner;** 2006 Ford Mustang. **John Goschke;** Aurora 1/48 "Yak 25", Johan 1956 Desoto Fireflite. **Ed Isnardi;** 1/25 1940 Ford septic truck, '61 Ford Galaxie custom, Divco Milk Truck diorama. **Keith Jones;** Monogram "Big T" 1/8 scale "rat rod". **Paul Koczynski;** Testors 1/48 XV-22 Osprey, Monogram 1/48 A-10, Hasegawa/Horizon 1/32 A6M2-N "Rufe" floatplane. **Tommy Kortman;** 1/35 Panzer II (Afrika Korps), 1/25 '29 Ford pickup, 1/24 "Boot Hill Express" show rod. Connor Levy; 1/25 Funny Car. **Mike Napoleon;** 1/25 "Monster Milk Trike" motorcycle, 1/25 '41 Chevy, and "My Playground" diorama. **Darryl Peters;** 1/25 "Black magic" '54 Corvette street gasser, "Purple Passion" '49 Ford coupe custom, "Kopper Kustom" '41 Willys roadster. **Jason Rothgeb;** 1990 Good Wrench Lumina race car, 2000 Powerteam Monte Carlo race car. **Nick Sandone;** 1/24 Toyota MR2, 1/25 '06 Roush Mustang GT, '56 Chevy BelAir. **John Stark;** 1/25 Caterpillar D8H bulldozer, 1/8 Leisure bike sprinter, Revell Yamaha 125 KMX bike.

DENNIS LEVY displayed his **spectacular 9/11 tribute** box diorama, "Liberty; We'll Never Forget". **Other fine "display only" showings** were present from **Greg Hogg** (1/25 '62 Oldsmobile, '05 Corvette, and '06 Mustang GT), **Jim Rosado** (Japanese bunker, Bougainville, 1943 1/35 diorama, 1/72 Revell/Eduard King Tiger tank, Dragon Bergetiger recovery tank) and **Joe Volz** (Hasegawa/ Academy 1/72 kitbash F-15E Strike Eagle).

Reflections on the Contest by John Goschke

IT HAD BEEN A WHILE since I judged models at our club contest (maybe it's encroaching geezerhood or selective amnesia, but I can't remember judging last year...) and I'd forgotten how tough it can be. It's never the really, really outstanding entries that are obvious gold medal pieces that are so difficult (except when it comes to picking the Best-in-Show!). It's those that are nice but have "issues". I'd like to give them say, a bronze, or even a silver, cause the builder's obviously put forth a lot of effort and the model's good BUT, as with a woman who's pretty EXCEPT for a few hairy facial moles, I just have to wince and think, sorry, *good*, just not THAT good. In a club contest the part about those models that's really painful is that the guy who built it is a fellow member. If you're lucky he can take criticism well, and if he's honest he's already intimately familiar with those "hairy moles" and will be able to say "yep, you're right, you caught me." or if not, at least "hm, I didn't notice that before." If he can't deal, well, you're likely to hear some grouching--sometimes first-hand, sometimes second or third--it comes with the territory. You have to hope that most guys will have the good sportsmanship to accept the judge's decision, or if they have questions, to calmly bring it up with the contest chairman, who, if necessary, can refer the discussion to the judges. As a judge AND a contest entrant, I try to approach these conversations as if giving or taking constructive criticism—but when our egos are involved, it ain't always easy! Trying to have respect for the other guy, in spite of one's raging ego, as an entrant and a judge, goes a long way.

As an entrant in our contest, where each model is judged on it's own merit, I expect that some judges are going to be tougher than others, and some of my models might be found wanting. And if I get three out of three tough judges--oh, brother! If I'm lucky the judges will miss the flaws I decided to let go when building the model, or see how great it is in spite of them (yeah, right... please refer to the "hairy mole" point above). Sometimes it seems like they just didn't get it and I've either got to ask questions of the judges, get a reality check from my colleagues, or (more likely) just look at my model again with an objective, critical eye. Sometimes I've just gotta "Suck it up and shut up" and hope that a couple more passes with the sandpaper and more careful paint prep on the next build will do the job. Either that, or "trim the hairs off the moles" before entering next time and hope nobody notices! ■

June Business Meeting Reported by Tony Wootson

John called our June business meeting to order at 8:15 pm. A number of upcoming shows and events were announced, including Penncon II that will take place on September 30th, the Chiller Theatre Show that is currently taking place during this weekend and the quickly approaching Willow Grove Air Show that will be held on the weekend of June 17th.

Paul Keefe announced that our friend Vince B. is back home from the hospital. He arrived home roughly 3 weeks ago. His doctors have adjusted some of his medications, which relieved some of the problems Vince was having. Vince has dropped 25 pounds and his disposition is Great!

Joe V. made an announcement that a number of our members **STILL** have not paid their dues for the year. Although Joe was initially reluctant to "name names," he did end up naming those members who **HAVE** paid their due. (Soo, if you have not yet paid your dues – and you know who **YOU** are – please do so at your earliest convenience.)

There were no visitors with us showing for the first nor second time, and the business portion of our meeting subsequently was closed.

Gary Campbell proceeded to conduct the raffle and directly afterwards the judges judging in our Gold/Silver/Bronze Contest completed their task.

A little Poem if you will...

Ok, I had been reluctant to dust off this “oldie but goodie,” (see sidebar) but Joe’s on-going request for those club members who have not yet paid their dues to do so has forced my hand here.

I originally wrote this little ditty many years ago, when I was either the Treasurer or Prez. of the Bux-Mont Modeling Club. ■

PACM Announcements

by Bob Doebley

SUMMER IS HERE and the car show season is in full swing. Hope you are enjoying them.

On Saturday August 12th the Philly club along with the Jersey Shore Model Car Club will be displaying models and having a make it and take it at the New Hope Car Show. If you would like to help out with the make it and take please contact Greg Hogg at the next few meetings.

I did not make the last meeting but heard from Tommy K that the guys did quite well. Congrats to all of you.

Tommy K and I went to a WWII weekend at the Reading airport. I had a great time, this was my 4th time there and every year it gets bigger and better.. I would recommend the show to everyone. We met DVSM’s VP Charlie Lockard there. Charlie became our personal tour guide for a few hours. Thanks Charlie. When you see Charlie ask him what nickname R. Lee Ermey gave him.

Dave Anderson currently has a display on trucks at the Cinnaminson Library. I have a variety of big rigs, pickups and monster trucks along with books on each displayed in their display case.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July! See you at the July meeting. ■

The D.M.Z. Opinion by “El’ Tanque”

WELL, HERE WE GO AGAIN. It looks like its time to spout more venom, complain about something going wrong in the modeling world and just generally espouse my cynical, curmudgeonly attitude toward everything. WELL NOT THIS TIME MATEYS!

I want to go in a slightly different direction this month.

Since this is the most patriotic period of the year, I wanted to touch on something to do with this.

On Saturday, June 3, I had the good fortune to attend the WWII weekend out at the Reading Airport. The

Ode to Del-Val Dues

(Formerly titled: “Ode to Bux-Mont Dues)

By Tony Wootson

Who, you ask who is this message geared To?

This is To You, the Del-Val Crew!

Yes, indeed it is very much True,

Another year has one again Flew.

It is now time for You, to Renew,

for your dues for this year, is now Truly Due!

If You are one of the Final Few,

Pay up next month or be badgered, Anew.

Pay up by next month so You, won’t be Blue.

(If you are Blue, you might cry “Boooo-Hooo!”)

Oh, for this rhyme, I DO, truly Rue!

This is the end, so guess what?

I’m

THROUGH!

weather was overcast and cool. I was accompanied on this excursion by our own Uncle Bobby. We had a great time even if we did get a little wet. If you are at all interested in the history of this country, then this is a must do event for you. We saw quite a few Warbirds flying around the airport. We saw a B-17, a B-24, and a P-51 Mustang, a P-40 Warhawk, and one of only two Avro Lancaster bombers still flying in the world today. For the uninitiated, this is a four-engine WWII era British bomber capable of carrying a 10,000 lb bomb.

There was also a beautiful Corsair, 2 Avengers, a pair of B25s and even a replica Japanese "Kate".

These aircraft were all gorgeous. Now before you start thinking this was a "Prop Jockey" event only, don't.

There were also a couple hundred living history reenactors at the event. The guys ...and gals, were dressed in period correct, and in some cases original 40's era clothing and uniforms. There were soldiers represented from just about every nation that fought in WWII.

From both sides. We saw American, Canadian, British, German, Russian, Italian, Japanese, and I even saw a couple of Swiss soldiers. Funny thing though, I couldn't seem to find the French. Hmmm. The "Soldiers" campsites were all correct too. There were also jeeps and trucks of almost every shape and size driving around. We heard that the Del-Val VP was spotted cruising around in a little mini jeep. There were also displays of the home front with a replica Gulf gas station and some spotless 30's and 40's autos.

While taking this time trip, Uncle Bob & I even got to see General Patton. (Who somehow managed to upset Uncle Bobby?) I had to keep an eye on Ol' Bob from that point on. It would not have looked good for Uncle Bobby to have a flashback and start running around screaming about "Gooks in the wire"...again. Been there, seen that. It's not a pretty sight, folks. Anyway, we also got to meet Gunny Sgt. R. Lee Erney. For those you who have been living in a box for the last couple of years. This is the gentleman from the History Channel show "Mail Call". He also more famously played Drill Instructor Hartmann in the movie "Full Metal Jacket". Sgt Erney is a very laid back and genuinely nice person. I asked him to sign a copy of a book from the movie and he not only signed it, but also took the time to tell us a little story from the filming.

OK, so now you're asking what all of the BS above has to do with the Patriotic stuff. Well, just keep reading dirtball, I'm getting to it. As Uncle Bobby & I wandered through history watching battle reenactments, we also got to see and meet some real life Heroes. We saw Jack Lucas. He is this country's youngest winner of the Medal of Honor. He was 19 when he jumped on two grenades to save his platoon on an island in the Pacific. Paul Tibbits (the pilot of the "Enola Gay", the plane that dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima) was there as well as some of the Tuskegee Airmen.

There was even a German Ace in attendance. Still no French though...curious.

I think what made the biggest impression on me was the gentleman sitting on the tarmac in a wheelchair. I noticed his hat first. The typical dark blue ones usually have the name of a ship on the front. This one was different. This one said 29th infantry, D-Day, Omaha Beach. I walked up to the man and introduced myself and asked him some questions. In a quiet voice he told Bob and I a short tale about how he went ashore on D-Day only about an hour after the first wave. He told us about the confusion and the struggle. I thanked him for his time, his service, and his sacrifice for this country. Upon reflection I came to realize that every man and woman that served during that war...NO WAIT... not that just served in that war, but who has ever put on a uniform to serve in combat and defend this country is a HERO! That's right, they are all heroes and they deserve our utmost respect and admiration. In this country we enjoy the God-given right of freedom and all that it entails. But, and this is a big but, Freedom ain't free! It must be paid for and most of the time that payment is blood. Freedom needs to be fought for and needs to be maintained. It also must be protected from those who would

love to suppress that freedom. So what you need to do is to thank a veteran. For they are the reason you still get to do the things you enjoy. Thank them for protecting this country. Thank them for the fact that you can sleep at night without the fear of being yanked from your beds and homes in the middle of the night and sent off to a "Re-education" camp or worse. In my not so humble opinion, to all who serve or have served this country, you are all heroes. Thank you very much for your service to this country. ■

Coming Events

IPMS/USA National Convention

- August 2-5, 2006

Hyatt Regency Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri Midway

For info, www.ipmsusa2006.org

New Hope Auto Show

- August 12-13, 2006

New Hope-Solebury High School, New Hope, PA

For show info, www.newhopeautoshow.com or 215-862-5665

Saturday August 12th, Philadelphia Area Car Modelers club with the Jersey Shore Model Car Club will be displaying models and having a "make it and take it" at the New Hope Car Show. If you would like to help out with the "make it and take it" please contact Greg Hogg at the July or August DVSM meeting or via email; ghogg24@comcast.net.

PennCon 2006 Model Show & Contest

- September 30, 2006

Hosted by the Central Pennsylvania IPMS at Temple Baptist Church, York, PA. (<http://www.cenpennipms.com/cpipms/index.htm>)

TidewaterCon 2006: IPMS Region 2

Convention & Model Contest

- October 20-21, 2006

Hosted by the IPMS Tidewater at the New Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA

• Theme: "Tidewater: A History of Innovation" Possible subject include Ironclads, Aviation Prototypes, NAS vehicles, NASCAR, etc.

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