

# Newsletter



**NEXT MEETING, JUNE 1 ANNUAL**

## G/S/B Contest!

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING** is the occasion for our traditional Gold/Silver/Bronze contest where each entry is scored by the judges and awarded either a Gold, Silver, Bronze, Merit (or zip) based on the total score from three different judges. Select Gold Award winners are nominated for the Best in Show Award, decided by vote of the Judges. Entries are limited to three models only! (This means you!) To compete you must have your club dues paid for 2007. Models which have won awards at IPMS Regional or National Conventions are not eligible to compete. Please plan to arrive so that all your entries will be in place on the tables by 8 pm.

Contest Chairman Joe Volz will select judges on the night of the contest.

Remember your good sportsmanship, guys – No whining! If you have a question about your award you're welcome to calmly ask the Judges after the contest how your piece was scored. Be prepared to accept any criticism with an open mind.

**The best thing you can do** before you enter your model is OBJECTIVELY judge it yourself (or have a thick-skinned buddy do it!): Is the alignment where it should be? Does it "sit" properly? Have you eliminated seams, mold lines, sink marks, file and sanding marks, etc.? If you scribed lines, are they clean and consistent? Is there glue or cement showing anywhere? Bare plastic? Is there lumpy, bumpy putty showing under the paint? Is there any light coming through your canopy framing? How's the paint? Shiny and smooth, or flat and even, as it should be? Are any masked edges rough and uneven? If it's weathered, is it realistic? Do the decals lay right, without silvering? If your car has foil trim, are the edges clean and burnished down properly. Are the joints minimized and where necessary, in logical, consistent places? Remember, if you let something go, for whatever reason, don't expect the judges to ignore it! ■



# May Meeting Report

**OUR MAY MEETING** had about 30 members in attendance. As usual there was great stuff on display and the “genre-jumping” trend continues, with Joe Volz, Charlie Lockard and Nick Sandone all building armor and John Stark building Japanese robots. How long before Paul Kopczynski builds a '69 Camaro! Here's the list.... **John Goschke:** Frog 1/72 Curtiss Tomahawk, Academy 1/72 Airacobra I, Monogram 1/25 '55 Chevy BelAir, Monogram 1/24 '32 Ford. **Ed Isnardi:** AMT 1/25 Asphalt Modified. **Joe Leonetti:** Revell 1/72 Avro Lancaster Mk.-I. **Jim Rosado:** Trumpeter 1/35 KV-II, Dragon 1/35 Tiger I (Initial Prod.), AFV Club 1/48 Tiger I (Late), Tamiya 1/48 Hetzer. **Jason Rothgeb:** Revell 1/25 '32 Ford roadster, '69 Shelby Mustang GT500 (in progress). **Nick Sandone:** Revell 1/25 2006 Camaro, '32 Ford 3-Window coupe, Dragon 1/35 M1A1 Abrams. **John Stark:** Bandai 1/144 "Dawoo," AMT/ERTL 1/25 John Deere farm tractor, Monogram 1/32 '66 Plymouth Barracuda, Monogram 1/24 Dodge Charger “General Lee”. **Lou Ursino:** Banner 1/350 U.S.S Arizona, Academy 1/35 M113A3 armored personnel carrier. **Drew Volz:** AMT 1/35 Sci. fiction. **Joe Volz:** Dragon 1/35 Panther “D,” Fine Molds 1/72 Star Wars X-Wing fighter, Academy 1/72 F-8E Crusader.

## PACM Hot Rod Challenge

The May meeting was the occasion for the first

PACM Hot Rod Challenge. There was a table full of great entries, mostly '32 Fords. Definitely the wildest entry was Mike Napoleon's well-done blue-violet and rust “Bad Tease” '32 three-window with its unique straight 8 power and punk skull mascot! Nick Sandone's beautiful '32 three-window continued its winning streak, sharing the popular vote title “Best Hot Rod” with John Goschke's '32 roadster. ■



Top to bottom: *Joe Leonetti's Lanc featured a scratch cockpit. Jim Rosado's fearsome KV-II. Drew Volz's "Sci Fiction" Keith Jone's period-perfect '32 Ford entries in the PACM Hot Rod Challenge* (PHOTOS BY BOB DOEBLEY)



Above: *John Goschke's '32 roadster and Nick Sandone's '32 three-window shared the popular vote for "Best Hot Rod" at the PACM Hot Rod Challenge. Right: Mike Napoleon's crazy "Bad Tease" '32 Ford. (PHOTOS BY BOB DOEBLEY)*



## **PennCon 2007** Reported by Jeffrey Nase

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**THE NINTH PENNCON, presented by the Central Pennsylvania IPMS,** was held on Saturday, May 5th, in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Bob Cicconi was the sole member of Delaware Valley Scale Modelers to enter PennCon this year.

Bob entered four models. A salvo of three 1/700 19th century battleships, the Russian Georgii Pobedonosets c. 1895, the U.S.S. Maine c. 1898, and the French Carnot c. 1900 were among only 4 ships entered. The Russian BB won the Best Ship Award and the Gold Award in the category, Powered Military Ships, All Scales. His Hasegawa 1/72 Brewster F2A Buffalo, winged its way to an Out of the Box Award against a larger number of entries in Single Prop Aircraft, 1/72 and Smaller. (The Georgii Pobedonosets was entered in MosquitoCon, but the NJ judges didn't bite!)

PennCon drew over 150 entries for prizes in 50 categories. The theme, "May Day Parade," collectivized four Soviet aircraft, three Russian front armor dioramas, and four Soviet AFV's. Special awards were given for Best Armor Camouflage and Best Natural Finish. The Juniors' categories attracted 11 entries, more than the larger MosquitoCon. Chet Mohn's three "make and take" sessions for 5 to 14 year-olds were well attended. Unusual: judges for PennCon are recruited from the contest floor! This makes sense when you consider that Cen Penn IPMS lists 16 members.

Your DVSM Newsletter reporter was warmly welcomed by Cen Penn president Dave Kallstrom, who seemed to be disappointed with the turnout. We complimented Cen Penn for their efforts in staging a show of this magnitude every year with few members. Modelers from neighboring clubs, including DVSM, should support PennCon or risk losing it. ■



*Bob Cicconi won the Best Ship award and a Gold award for his 1/700 Russian battleship, Georgii Pebedonosets and an Out of the Box Award for his 1/72 Brewster F2A Buffalo at PennCon 2007. (PHOTO BY BOB DOEBLEY)*

## Purple Passion & Altered States

**DARYL PETERS** has sent in some detailed info on his MosquitoCon-winning vehicles. His 1/25th scale 1932 Chevy B/A "Altered States" (old MPC kit) won 1st in Competition 1/24-1/25 and Best Civilian Vehicle. His 1/25th scale 1949 Ford Custom Coupe "Purple Passion" (Jimmy Flintstone resin body/AMT kit) won 2nd in Customs 1/24-1/25 and his Revell 1/12th scale "Copper Chopper" won 1st in Trucks & Motorcycles. All three were painted with House of Kolor acrylic lacquer paints, clear coated, and rubbed out. The decals for the '32 Chevy on Daryl's Alps printer. The Chevy was detailed with metal panels (interior floor, rear bulkhead, toe

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*Daryl Peter's outstanding "Purple Passioin" '49 Ford and "Altered States" '32 Chevy (PHOTOS BY BOB DOEBLEY)*

board, and firewall) cut from aluminum roof flashing. The headers were made from solder, aluminum flashing, and his own cast resin collector. There are many scratch built items on all three models. Daryl says, "I have been fortunate enough to win Best Civilian Vehicle at MosquitoCon the past five years. This is the first one that I won with something other than a '41 Willys." ■

## Coming Events

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### June 1-3 World War II Weekend

- Reading Airport, Reading PA • Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Air Museum

For more information, visit <http://www.maam.org/maamwwii.html>

## Join IPMS/USA!

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**INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY** is the parent organization of Delaware Valley Scale Modelers. As a chapter of IPMS, we are able to maintain the necessary liability insurance to hold meeting at our current location. As an IPMS/USA member you're entitled to participate in the huge national convention and contest, which will be coming to Virginia Beach in a couple years. You'll also receive the quarterly magazine, the *IPMS Journal*, which, having recently undergone a total redesign, compares favorably with the best magazines serving our hobby. Today's IPMS is a broad-based organizations, welcoming modelers of every stripe, not just military! Give it a try, your membership will cost about the same as one new kit! Visit [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org) ■