

Newsletter



May Theme Contest...



Need for Speed

Reported by Jeffrey Nase

DON'T SPARE THE HORSES! Nick Sandone's 2008 Ford (Mustang) Shelby GT500KR (above) breaks away from the pack to win our May theme contest, "The Need for Speed." At our June meeting, Nick reins-in an award plaque hustled-up by Mike Napoleon.

THEY'RE OUTA HERE! Greg Hogg: Falcon Modified. Tommy Kortman: McLaren (left, middle). Lou Ursino: Ferrari F1. John Stark: "Cop Out" funny car. Dave Anderson: 1/400 SS United States. Joe Leonetti: F-104S Starfighter (bottom left). Doug Goerke: Bell X1. Don Senner: Depth Charger. Joe Vatti-

**NEXT MEETING
June 4**

Annual Gold-Silver-Bronze Contest

Enter up to three models for judging

Presidents' Corner

by Bob Doebley & Tommy Kortman

Hello Fellow Styrene Junkies!

It's June so it must be our annual contest month. Tommy will have the details later in this letter. At the May meeting we had a potential new member Tony Ivey showing for the first time. Tony builds military models.

On Saturday May 10th a few of our club members went down to Maryland for the Mid Atlantic NNL show. Congrats to John Goschke, who won the Central Pa Model Car Clubs memorial award with his scalloped '40 Ford Coupe. Nick Sandone, Tommy K, Keith Jones, John Goschke and Bill Garner had their models photographed by *Scale Auto* and *Model Cars* magazines.

Reminder, July's meeting is on July 2nd, which is July 4th weekend.

That is all I have for this month now for contest information, HERES TOMMY!!!!!!!

Thanks Bob. Well, there's not much to add this month. As I sit here and write this I realize that I witnessed some of the greatest entertainment on the planet yesterday. I started out the day watching an amazingly entertaining Formula 1 race from Turkey. The race was close all day (sometimes unusual these days for F1) and the finish was unexpected. From there I moved to Indy and watched the greatest spectacle in motorsports. It is truly rare to see the 500 dominated in such a fashion these days. And just when you thought you knew how it was going to end...you get a curve. The fastest car all day did end up winning, but you really weren't sure how it was going to shake out. And finally, I finished out my motorsports extravaganza, by watching the longest race on the NASCAR calendar. The Coke 600. (Not sure if that's what it's called these days, but it's what I've always remembered it as.) I was not disappointed. It was a great race all the way to the end. When it was all over, I had a minute to reflect. I had just witnessed one of the greatest days a motorsports fan can have, and I owe it all to the men and women who have sacrificed everything for this wonderful country. We should never forget who it has been who have ensured our way of life. The soldiers that defend this country with their lives deserve our greatest respect and thanks. I hope that over this Memorial Day weekend, while your enjoying the picnics, and the parades, you stop and think about what it has cost someone for you to have these things.

Before I get out of here, let me give you all the latest rundown on the theme contest series. Last month's theme was the "Need for Speed" and we had another great turnout. There were 10 models on the theme table. Last months winner was Nick Sandone with his '08 Shelby GT500KR Mustang. Congratulations Nick!

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 Kopezynski

"My Favorite"

APRIL: Winner John Goschke

Heavy Metal

MAY: Winner Nick Sandone

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 Ghoul-ash

NOVEMBER

That 60's Show

DECEMBER (NO THEME)

Favorite Five Contest

Here is the points tally at the halfway point in the theme contest series. Tied in fourth with 6 points apiece are Don Senner and Drew Volz. In third with 7 points are Howard Rifkin and Tommy Kortman, Moving up to second we have a 3 way tie with 9 points each. They are Paul Kopcinski, Dave Anderson, and John Goschke, and finally there is yet another tie for the lead. With 11 points apiece are Greg Hogg, and Nick Sandone. This series is turning into a real nail biter. I can't wait to see how it turns out.

Just a reminder that there is no theme contest this month. June is our annual Gold, Silver, Bronze contest night. All members are encouraged to bring out up to 3 models for the contest. This will be a judged event and I will be tagging some of you to help with the judging.

Thank you for your time. Now, back to the show. ■

The June Gold, Silver, Bronze Contest by John Goschke

Just a few words to hopefully clarify the idea behind our long-running Gold, Silver, Bronze (GSB) contest for those who've recently joined the club or, perhaps don't quite get why "everyone gets a medal" or why the models aren't split into categories of similar subject matter.

This event is different than the typical contest where models are entered in categories by subject, scale, etc. and are judged against each other to determine which are first best, second best, and third best with the remainder left to go home as "also rans." Nor is it like an NNL-style event where the entrants vote for the popular favorite in each category or like our December "Five Favorite" contest where we vote for the five favorites among all the models entered. In our June contest all models are judged individually, so categories are not necessary, and all entries receive an award based on the level of excellence achieved by the builder in their model. Gold is the highest standard, Silver award the next highest, and Bronze one more step down. Merit awards go to models which show some promise, but have significant problems in all aspects of fit, finish, and alignment.

Think of it this way... The GSB Contest is really more akin to what happens when a class of students submits a group of essays to a teacher for grading. Instead of picking the top three papers for recognition, the teacher gives each paper a grade and in that way each student knows where they stand for that assignment.

We're very fortunate in our group in that most contest entries we see at DVSM are worthy of a Gold, Silver or Bronze award. The strength of this system has been proven by the fact that DVSM members who have entered Gold and Silver award-winning models in competition at the IPMS Regional and National level, and in IPMS Chapter-sponsored contests (such as MosquitoCon, PennCon) have been winners, or at least competitive, in their category. Often, our automotive entries winning Gold, Silver and, occasionally Bronze, awards have been successful winners in NNL-style popular vote contests.

We strongly recommend that modelers objectively and realistically assess their own work and enter this and all contests with a sportsman-like attitude, and not take personally the decision of the judges. If you have questions about an award, please direct them to courteously to the Contest Chairman. If necessary he can consult with the judges to provide an answer.

Hope to see you all on Friday! ■

May Meeting Report by Jeffrey Nase

At our May DVSM meeting, 20 members and a guest departed their workbenches with 33 models to leave on our display tables. Let's get a move on!

Three way split! *John Stark III* showed all three of his models that won 3rd Award in the Trifecta at MosquitoCon 2010: Lindberg Vietnam Veterans Memorial "Three Soldiers" statue. Revell Germany Ekranoplan (A-90 Orlyonok Russian ground effect vehicle). "Cop Out" funny car.

Slick and tired! *John Stark:* 1/24 Fujimi Estima Zeus, winner of the OOB Award for Cars, Competition, 1/24 and Larger at MosquitoCon 2010. *Nick Sandone's* 2008 Ford (Mustang) Shelby GT-500KR. Ford Lightning pick-up truck. *Dave Anderson:* 1/18 Lotus 72-D Grand Prix racecar, "John Player Special." Monogram "Long John" dragster. Kenilworth truck tractor. Flatbed trailer w/ copper pipe load (hitched to Don Senner's Peterbilt). Die cast Chevy Monte Carlo "Jimmy Spencer #1" stock car. Die cast Chevy Monte Carlo "Dale Jr. #8" stock car. *Don Senner:* Peterbilt truck tractor w/ home-made decals. Depth Charger (custom show car). *Greg Hogg:* Falcon Modified. *Tommy Kortman:* McLaren. *Lou Ursino:* Ferrari F1.

Mech division! *Lou Ursino:* 1/35 Tamiya US half track anti-tank gun motor carriage, conversion from mortar carrier. *Joe Leonetti:* 1/35 Tamiya King Tiger w/ Henschell turret.

Combat sortie! *Matt Elkan:* 1/72 Hasegawa Heinkel He-51 (German '30's biplane). 1/72 Revell Fokker Triplane. 1/72 Heller Nieuport - Delage (French 1918 biplane). *Howard Rifkin:* 1/174 Glencoe MB-2/NSB-1 Martin, in the markings of the a/c that participated in the bomber vs battleship test. *Don Senner:* Airfix original 1972 Blohm & Voss BV-141B-02, "it's unusual, I had to build it," said Don about his prototype, the asymmetrical German reconnaissance a/c. *Dave Anderson:* Martin M-130 "China Clipper." B-17 Flying Fortress. *Joe Vattilana:* British Phantom II. *Joe Leonetti:* F-104S Starfighter. *Doug Goerke:* Bell X1.



(Top to bottom) Joe Leonetti's 1/35 M4A3 Sherman by Italeri on the Primer Table meeting. Don Senner's build of Airfix's vintage Blohm & Voss BV-141. John Stark's Revell/Germany A-90 Orlyonok Ekranoplan. PHOTOS BY BOB DOEBLEY

Bon voyage! *Dave Anderson:* 1/400 SS United States.

Spaced out! *Don Senner:* Apollo Lunar Lander (LEM).

He's outgoing! *Tony Ivey* (guest, 1st showing): two rarely seen 1/72 Panzer III variants. Sturm-Infanteriegeschütz 33B (open top, 1.5 cm gun). Panzer III driver school vehicle. "I started with tubs from two kits and scratch-built conversions," imparts Tony. Look for more of Tony's original and amazingly detailed small scale armor at future DVSM meetings.

Starting off! The Primer Table, all in-progs. *Joe Leonetti:* 1/35 Italeri M-4A3 Sherman 76mm. *Ed Isnardi:* two modified stock cars. *Tony Wootson:* 1/72 F-18 Hornet prototype, "used to learn masking," said Tony. *Wayne Borowski:* 1/48 AV-8B Harrier II (USMC jump jet). 1/35 Hobby Boss AAVP-7A1 (USMC tracked amphibious assault vehicle) kit in box.

Cover story! *Mike Napoleon's* clinic, "Ground Cover," certainly did cover a lot of ground, and grassy-eyed Del Vallers were lichen it! He showed us how to use inexpensive blue board and florist's foam for bases and diluted white glue to fix low-cost materials to them for realistic results. He told us how to easily and economically create snow, bushes, roads, and runways. He even made a great looking scale tree in 60 seconds using unscented hair spray and Sedum, obtained free from Del Valler Steve's front yard. Thanks, Mike, for showing us the true meaning of dirt cheap!

Do it write! Your DVSM Newsletter wants to memorialize the models you show at our monthly meetings. Please remember to place display cards with your models and leave them for your Newsletter editor. Don't get left out!

Good buys! Renew your DVSM membership for 2010. Your membership card entitles you to discounts at our supporting hobby shops.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jeffrey Nase reports that he'll be taking a hiatus from attending and reporting on our meetings through October. Thanks to Jeffrey for doing a great job. We hope to see him back in November. ■



(At top) Tony Ivey's 1/72 Panzer III Sturm-Infanteriegeschütz 33B. (Above) Mike Napoleon instructs DVSMers in the art of diorama groundwork. PHOTOS BY BOB DOEBLEY

Coming Events

June 4, 5&6

World War II Weekend

Mid Atlantic Museum at the Reading Airport
<http://www.maam.org/maamwwii.html>

June 5 & 6

Air Show: Ocean City, MD

<http://www.ocairshow.com/>

June 4-6

NSRA Street Rod Nationals

York, PA

June 5

Funny Car Showdown

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June 10-13

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