



Next Meeting: Friday, March 3

“TO THE EXTREME” will be our theme for March, covering, well, *extremes*—the biggest, fastest, loudest, heaviest, ugliest, etc. Lot’s of record-setting possibilities here, even if it was later eclipsed by something even more extreme. Only problem for the “ugliest” category—no kit of the Pontiac Aztek!

Our program will be “Scratchbuilding, Part One”, presented by Joe Vattilana, about his long-term project building a super-detailed vacform 1/48 scale Grumman Albatross flying boat from scratch.

Discussion will cover the project to date, including research, scratchbuilding techniques and materials, etc. It should be an informative session!

The regular complement of display tables will be set up for all your models, so bring something old or new, as many as you like. If you haven’t shown anything in awhile, we’d particularly like to see your work again! Come early, stay late, you’ll have a great time. ■

February Meeting Displays

WE HAD SOME TERRIFIC PIECES on display at our well-attended February meeting! Of particular note were Paul Kopczynski’s eye-catching Monogram Skyraider in gloss white and international orange and Bob Cicconi’s HMS Conqueror (a real jewel!). The keenly observed details in Mike Napoleon’s garage diorama gave the viewer plenty to look at, as did the roof-off view into the intimate lives of the driver and companion in his ’66 El Camino camper! Dave Anderson did a nice job returning the Revell Henry J gasser to stock configuration by pirating parts from AMT’s ’51 Chevy. We had an excellent turnout for the theme table with cats of every stripe, from Hellcats and Tomcats to GTO “Tigers”!

David Anderson-Monogram 1/48 F-14A & D Tomcats, Revell 1/25 Henry J Vagabond, Monte Carlo/David Green Nascar racer (1/18 diecast), ’64 GTO convertible (1/24 diecast) and 1/24 Monogram ’64 GTO coupe. **Bob Cicconi**-Combrig 1/700 HMS Conqueror. **Bob Doebley**-AMT 1/25 1929 Ford roadster (work in progress). **Doug Goerke**-Monogram 1/48 Grumman F6F Hellcat. **John Goschke**-Otaki 1/48 F6F-5K Hellcat target drone, Revell 1/50 F9F-6 Cougar, Hawk 1/48 F9F-3 Panther, AMT ’59 Mercury Park Lane convertible (work in progress), ’32 Ford hot rod roadster (work in progress). **Keith Jones**-1/25 ’69 Camaro and ’70 Barracuda Modified Stock racers (works in progress). **Paul Kopczynski**-Revell 1/48 MiG-15bis, Monogram 1/48 F-86D, Monogram 1/48 Skyraider, Monogram 1/48 P-80E Shooting Star. **Tommy Kortman**-Revell(Monogram) 1/24 “Boot Hill Express” show car (work in progress). **Bill Liebold**-Dragon 1/350 USS Bunker Hill (CG-52). **Charlie Lockard**-Pro Modeler 1/48 F-86D Sabre, Hasegawa 1/48 RF-4B Phantom. **Mike Napoleon**-1/25 Garage workshop diorama, Revell 1/25 ’66 Chevy El Camino with camper, AMT(MPC) 1/25 ’32 Ford two-door sedan “rat rod”. **Nick Sandone**-Revell 1/25

'56 Chevy Delray two-door sedan "street machine" (work in progress). **Brian Spruyt**-Verlinden 120mm 101st Airborne paratrooper "England, April 1944" (work in progress), Resination 120mm 82nd Airborne Paratrooper "Loading Up for Sicily Drop". **John Stark**-Revell 1/24 Chevy Impala, Monogram 1/24 Ford F-150 Extended Cab pickup, 1/24 Mini Cooper. **Joe Vattilana**-Minicraft 1/72 F4U Corsair, Minicraft 1/72 F6F Hellcat. **Joe Volz**-Tamiya 1/48 F4F Wildcat, Hasegawa 1/72 F-14B Tomcat, Fujimi 1/72 A-6E Intruder, Hasegawa 1/48 F6F Hellcat. **Claire Wootson (age 5)**-Polar Lights(Aurora) Godzilla (in progress, with scratchbuilt building). ■

February Business

During our February meeting we were happy to welcome **John Stark III into membership**. John builds cars and is a member of the Jersey Shore club.

Due to a family member's health difficulties our long-time **newsletter editor, Dennis Sosna, will be stepping down** from his post. We thank Dennis for all the good work he's done for the club on the Newsletter and for always being ready to help. Yours truly, **John Goschke, will be picking up with the Newsletter**. The major portion of the membership will receive it via e-mail, as a PDF file, viewable and printable using Adobe Acrobat Reader, available as a free download. Those who can't receive e-mail will continue to receive it in their mailbox.

Tony Wootson has been corresponding with the organizers of the East Coast Hobby Show, and it appears that, due to a variety of complicating factors, including the sale of the show to a new promoter, they're not planning to have either a Make-It/Take-It program or a contest. Nor will we be able to have a club display at the event. It remains to be seen whether the sale of the Expo Center and its conversion to office space will end plans for future shows or move it to another venue.

2006 Dues are due! Treasurer Joe Vattilana was on hand to collect dues and distribute member cards to paid-up members. Let's try to get everyone renewed by April! ■

FEBRUARY PROGRAM:

Have Model, Will Travel

TONY WOOTSON provided some great ideas during his roundtable on ways to pack up your modeling in a tackle box and take it with you when travel so that you can fill those idle moments with productive modeling. Discussed were what tools to pack, what tasks can be practically accomplished away from your shop along with tips on approaching a long-term model project as a series of small goals, rather than a single huge mountain to climb. Each small goal, rewarding in its own right, becomes a progressive step toward the ultimate goal--completing the model. Charlie Lockard also brought along his traveling workbox to provide some additional insight into modeling on the road. Tony provided a well-written synopsis to go along with the program which will be available through dvsm.org. ■

Philly Area Car Modelers Annual Saturday Meeting

Reported by Bob Doebly

On Saturday February 25th the car guys from DVSM held our third annual club sit-down at Mainline Hobbies. There were clubs from PA, N.J. and Maryland. There were 31 people in attendance. Members came from Bux-Mont, Jersey Shore, MAMAS, PACM, and Silent Traffic clubs. Everyone had a good time talking, looking at the models and some even tried their hand at the Slot Car track.

The meeting has been growing every year since it started. There were plenty of great looking models on display. This meeting was started to get to meet modelers from other clubs who we have met at model shows over the years and put a name with a face. A lot of friendships have been made from these meetings.

I would like to thank Les, Matt and Charlie for there hospitality and use of the shop.

We have scheduled our meeting for next year on Saturday February 24th.

Picture are on my Fotki site: http://public.fotki.com/BobD/philly_area_car/pacm_mainlinie_hobbies/ ■

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11th Annual East Coast Hobby Show

- *March 11 & 12*

Fort Washington Expo Center,
Fort Washington, PA
(<http://www.hobbyshow.com/>)

IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classic, 2006

- *March 11*

Hosted by the IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers
Fairfax High School, Fairfax, VA.
(For more information, contact Tom Henderson at
703-680-9354.)

The 20th Annual NNL East

- *March 26*

Hosted by the Tri-State Scale Model Car Club
Parsippany PAL Building, Parsippany, NJ.
(<http://members.aol.com/nnleast2006/>)

RepliCon 2006

- *April 1*

Hosted by the Li Scale Model Society
Freeport Recreation Center, Freeport, New York.
(<http://www.njipms.org/images/showflyers/repli-con2006page1.jpg>)

ValleyCon 16

- *April 2*

Hosted by the IPMS Wings & Wheels,
Knights of Columbus, Chicopee, MA
(For more information, contact Al LaFleche at
413-733-9247.)

MosquitoCon 2006

- *April 22*

Hosted by the NJ/IPMS,
Wayne PAL, Wayne, NJ
(<http://www.njipms.org/>)
(For more information, contact Tom Vandermark.)

AMPS International Show 2006

- *April 28 & 29*

WW II Vehicle Museum
Hubbard, Ohio
(<http://www.ampsarmor.org/ampssite/default.aspx>)

IPMS/USA National Convention

- *August 2-5, 2006*

Hyatt Regency Crown Center
Kansas City, Missouri Midway
(www.ipmsusa2006.org)

PennCon 2006

- *September 30*

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