



MosquitoCon 2007

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The gymnasium at the Wayne, NJ PAL building was the location for the contest at MosquitoCon (PHOTOS BY BOB DOEBLEY)

DVSMers Win at MosquitoCon!

Darryl Peters won the Special Award for Best Civilian Vehicle at the MosquitoCon 2007 Model Contest on April 7th for his 1/24 1932 Chevy Gasser (shown at right). The model also won 1st place in the Competition Cars 1/24 & Larger category. **Joe Volz** won 1st place in the Jet Aircraft 1/48 category for his New Zealand A-4 Skyhawk (shown at right). **John Stark** won two Special Awards for Best "Out Of the Box" Models for his BAWOL Transformer and John Deere tractor. (See the full report, including all the winners, page 4)



April Meeting Report

IN SPITE OF LIGHT MEMBER TURNOUT there was a lot of great stuff to look at on the display tables last meeting. **Joe Vattilana** jumped genres with a nicely done Ferrari. Other genre-jumpers included **Joe Volz** and **Charlie Lockard**, who've apparently discovered the Joy of Armor with Tamiya's new 1/48th scale tanks. Here's the list.... **Bob Doebley:** Tamiya 1/48 F4U1-D Corsair (in progress). **Bill Garner:** Monogram 1/25 1937 Ford Panel delivery, AMT 1/25 1951 Chevy Fleetline. **John Goschke:** Monogram 1/72 Curtiss P-36A Hawk, Hawk 1/48 P-84B thunderjet, Monogram 1/24 '27 Ford T Pickup Hot Rod "Black Widow." **Greg Hogg:** Modelhaus 1/25 '61 Olds convertible, '56 Pontiac Sedan delivery, AMT 1/25 '60 Lincoln Continental Mk-V convertible. **Ed Isnardi:** AMT/Big Donkey 1/25 Maynard Troyer Modified Stock Car. **Paul Kopczyński:** Hobbycraft 1/32 MiG-15bis, Hobbycraft 1/48 DeHavilland Vampire Vb. Tommy Kortman: AMT 1/25 '69 Chevelle SS396, '70 Chevelle SS454. **Joe Leonetti:** Academy 1/35 Panzer on scratch bridge diorama, In-progress scratchbuilt cockpit for Revell 1/72 Avro Lancaster. **Connor Levy:** Revell 1/72 Kawasaki Ki-61 "Tony." **Charlie Lockard:** Tamiya 1/48 M-10 Tank Destroyer, M-26 Pershing. **John Stark:** 1/144 "Transformer," Monogram 1/32 '66 Plymouth Barracuda. **Joe Vattilana:** Revell 1/24 Enzo Ferrari. **Drew Volz:** AMT 1/48 Tiger I, Revell 1/24 Dupont #24 Lumina Stock Car. **Joe Volz:** Tamiya 1/48 Tiger I, Fujimi 1/72 F-14A Tomcat, Hasegawa 1/48 A4K Skyhawk (RNZAF markings). **Tony Wootson:** Revell 1/72 Babylon 5 Starfury (in progress), Horizon /16 "Carnage" Marvel comic book character (in progress). ■



Clockwise from top left: *Bob Doebley's in-progress Tamiya 1/48 Corsair. Tony Wootson's in-progress 1/6 "Carnage" comic character. Ed Isnardi's Ford Falcon-bodied Maynard Troyer modified. See more photos from DVSM meetings at Bob Doebley's Fotki site via the link at www.dvsm.org. (PHOTOS BY BOB DOEBLEY)*

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THE 15TH MOSQUITOCON, presented by the New Jersey IPMS, was held on Saturday, April 7th, at the Wayne, New Jersey, Police Athletic League Hall with an estimated 1,000 modeling enthusiasts in attendance, including about one dozen DVSM members. The display tables were filled with several hundred entries— great models of aircraft, military vehicles, ships, civilian vehicles (mosquitospeak for cars and trucks), space & science fiction, figures, dioramas, and miscellaneous subjects. The Junior category attracted too few entries. At the 4 p.m. awards ceremony, DVSM members drove, flew, sailed, and clanked away with thirteen awards— so many that this reporter couldn't write them down quickly enough.

Darryl Peters led Del Val's insecticide at MosquitoCon 2007 with his 1932 Chevy winning the Special Award for Best Civilian Vehicle and 1st place for Competition Cars 1/24 & Larger. Another of Darryl's models won Second in its category.

Joe Volz called-in close-air support with his A-4 Skyhawk in New Zealand service (shown at DVSM on MosquitoCon eve) winning 1st place in 1/48 Jet

Aircraft and his Star Wars X-wing taking 3rd place in Fictional Vehicles. Drew Volz's 1/48 F-16 swatted 3rd place in the Junior's. Father and son also entered a 1/72 F-8E Crusader and a 1/72 MIG 29, respectively.

Jim Rosado's 1/35 Tiger I scored a kill on 2nd place in AFV, Tracked & Wheeled, Pre 1945 1/35 & Larger. The exceptional finish of the treads, Jim said, was created with lime juice. The cobblestone street display base also made Jim's Tiger stand out among the several cats in the category.

John Stark's 1/32nd Plymouth 'Cuda (shown above) won 3rd place in 1/32 & Smaller Cars. John won two Special Awards for Best "Out Of the Box" Models: a Bandai BAWOL Transformer on the Robots table and a John Deere tractor on the Miscellaneous. John's paint job made everyone think the tractor was cast metal! A note for future MosquitoCon entrants: kit instruction sheets must be displayed with your model to qualify for an OOB award.

Bob Cicconi's mosquito boat, 1/35 PT 596, torpedoed 3rd place in Ships All Others 1/400 & Larger. His 1/700 IJM Tokiwa cruiser anchored 3rd place in Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, & Carriers 1/401 & Smaller. Bob also entered his 1/700 battleship Gergii Pebodonesets. He showed us how he stretches sprue for rigging his small scale ships at March DVSM.

Bill Liebold's 1/256 DDG 98 Forrest Sherman cruised to 3rd place in Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, & Carriers 1/400 & Larger.

DVSM president Charlie Lockard buzzed the Prop Aircraft table with his 1/48 P-51 Mustang in Israeli markings. Judges found it kosher for Passover.

Buggy tourists! Four Del Valer's attended MosquitoCon and did not enter models. Sean Volz was busy



John Stark's sharp 32nd Plymouth Barracuda won a third place award in its category.

(PHOTO BY BOB DOEBLEY)

at the “Make and Take” table with dad Joe and bro Drew. PACM president Bob Doebly, a first-timer at M’Con, snapped photos while Craig Bennett and your reporter, Jeffrey Nase, shopped the vendor tables. I saw Craig with at least one ship model and I found a bargain on the 1/72 Fujimi A-7D “Sluff” I’d been looking for.

The large vendor room at MosquitoCon is among the best this avid kit shopper has browsed. Rare-Plane Detective Jeff Garrity, a vendor, said that his popular ModelFest shows couldn’t be done in South Jersey this spring because of the recent move to Las Vegas. “There’ll definitely be something before the holiday,” Jeff said, “possibly linked to the IPMS Region 2 show (October) or in December.” ■

Next Meeting Friday, May 4



The Best Hot Rod Plaque, designed by Mike Napoleon will be awarded at the Hot Rod Challenge

PACM HOT ROD CHALLENGE. Members are invited to participate in the Philadelphia Area Car Modeler’s Hot Rod Challenge 2007. The challenge is open to newly built hot rod models and will be awarded at the May meeting.

THE PROGRAM will be a roundtable discussion by Charlie Lockard on “Working With Clear Parts.” Charlie will offer

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