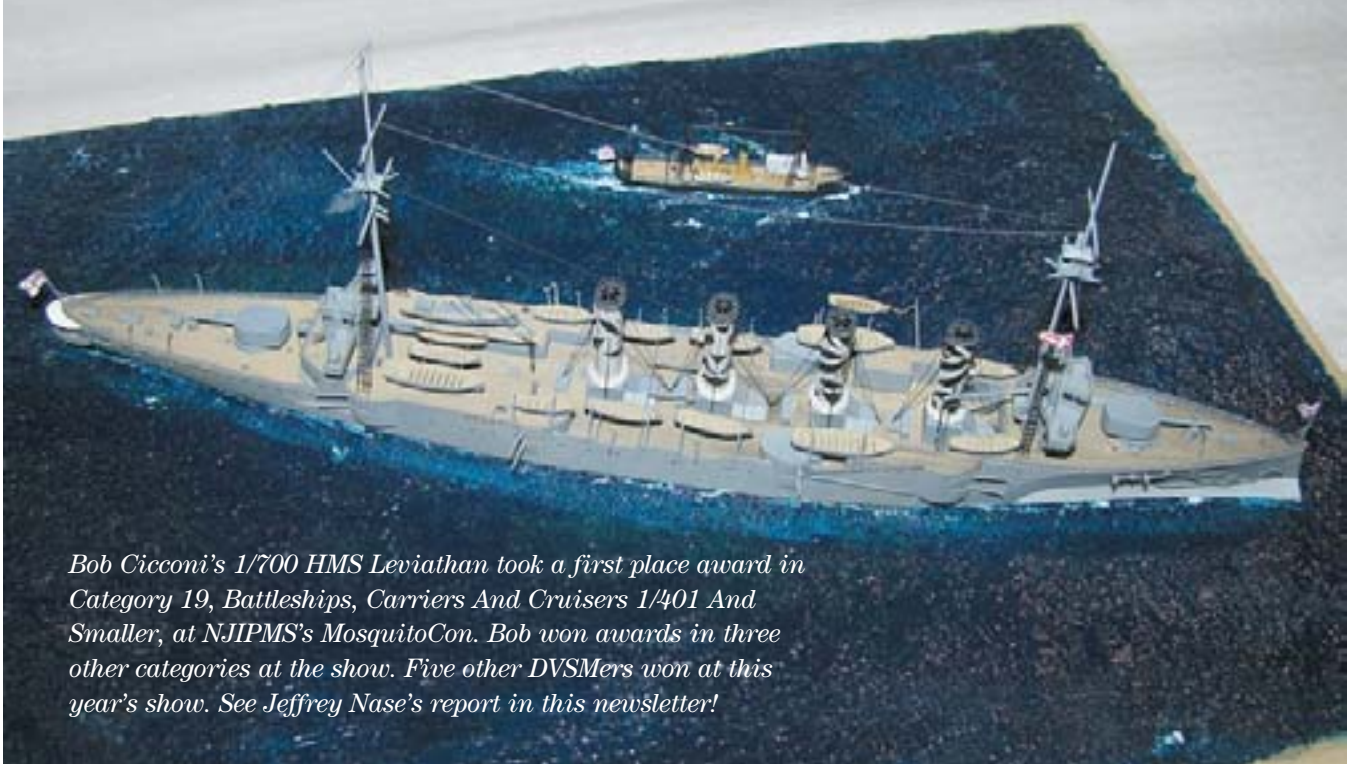


# Newsletter



*Bob Cicconi's 1/700 HMS Leviathan took a first place award in Category 19, Battleships, Carriers And Cruisers 1/401 And Smaller, at NJIPMS's MosquitoCon. Bob won awards in three other categories at the show. Five other DVSMers won at this year's show. See Jeffrey Nase's report in this newsletter!*

## APRIL Meeting Report

**APRIL'S MEETING** featured one of the largest display turnout we've had in a long time, including... **David Anderson:** 21st Century 1/18 Corsair and P-51/Me-262, Racing Champion 1/24 die-cast Top Fuel dragsters, 1/24 die-cast '50 mercury custom, Danbury Mint die-cast '57 Chevy and '69 Charger. **Wayne Borowsky:** Tamiya 1/35 Panzer III, Trumpeter 1/35 KV-1 (captured), Academy 1/48 CH-53E w/scratch 50 cal. **Gary Campbell:** Sky Pilot 1/60 screw-together die-cast HH-65 Sting Ray, "Mr. Potato Head" clay over toy sculpture, Revell 1/72 Millennium Falcon, **John Goschke:** Ertl 1/25 die-cast '50 Olds 88 club coupe modified rebuild as mild custom, AMT 1/25 '32 Ford hot rod roadster. **Greg Hogg:** Modelhaus 1/25 '57 Olds 98 Holiday coupe, Revell 1/25 '49 Mercury custom. **Ed Isnardi:** Monogram 1/24 Kurtis Kraft Midget racer, AMT 1/25 '36 Chevy modified stock car (in-progress), AMT 1/25 '60 Falcon modified stock car. **Keith Jones:** AMT 1/25 '32 Ford Tudor sedan hot rod, Monogram 1/24 "Stinger rear-engine dragster. **Tommy Kortman:** Revell 1/25 '50 Mercury "Gold Rush" custom (in progress). **Joe Leonetti:** Hobby Craft 1/48 Hawker Sea Fury Mk.III. **Mike Napoleon:** "Chicken Ranch" roadside sign diorama. **Matt Pritchett:** Tamiya 1/35 M1A1, Bandai 1/100 "Destroid Phelak" (sp.?) **Nick Sandone:** Revell 1/25 '49 Mercury custom, Revell 1/25 '05 "Eleanor" Mustang (in progress conversion), Hasegawa 1/24 VW Beetle (in progress). **Don**

next meeting  
**Friday, May 2**

*Program: Joe Volz on  
Detailing Aircraft Cockpits*

**Semmer:** Monogram 1/24 Tom Daniels “Garbage Truck” 1967 show rod, and “Fast Buck” armored car show rod, Jada 1/25 ’39 Dodge Airflow tanker truck. **John Stark:** Polar Light “Hemi Hauler,” and “Manglia” “zingers,” Tamiya 1/24 Yamaha Traxx. **Lou Ursino:** Italeri 1/35 LVT(A)-1 Alligator, Tamiya 1/24 Mercedes Benz CLK-GTR. Joe Vattilana: Glencoe 1/72 Bristol Sycamore helicopter (in-progress). **Drew Volz:** Academy 1/72 P-51D Mustang, Premiere 1/72 Shorts Tuccano. **Joe Volz:** Revell 1/72 GR-4 Tornado, Tamiya 1/72 P-51D Mustang. ■

## Meeting Programs for '08

(subject to change)

- May: *Joe Volz on Detailing Cockpits*
- June: *Annual Contest*
- July: *Gary Campbell on The Creative Process in Modeling*
- August: *Open*
- September: *Swap Meet.*

# MosquitoCon 2008

## So many positive waves! Del Val's Heroes liberate first place awards in four major categories! • Reported by Jeffrey Nase

**T**HE 16TH MOSQUITOCON, presented by the New Jersey IPMS, was held on Saturday, April 5th, at the Wayne, New Jersey, Police Athletic League Hall. While the DVD, “Kelly’s Heroes,” played at the raffle table, eight DVSM members infiltrated some three dozen entries onto contest tables for several of the 34 categories, confronting the New Jersey club’s head judge at the awards ceremony to split with their share of thirteen awards.

**Bob Cicconi** put to sea with four 1/700 ships that looted three awards. His HMS Leviathan (British cruiser), 1st place, Small Ships; USS Hughes (DD Sims class), 2nd place, Small Ships; I-400 (Japanese aircraft-launching sub), 2nd place Submarines; and USS Stevens (DD Fletcher class). Bob’s combined-arms entry of the 1/700 IJN Furutaka (high-speed Japanese cruiser), 1/72 Macchi MC.202 Folgore (Italian WWII fighter), and 1/72 Sturmtiger (assault mortar), triumphed with 3rd place in the Trifecta, a new M’Con category.

**Wayne Borowsky** rolled a column of seven 1/35 AFV’s that seized 2 awards: M3 half-track with detailed interior, 1st place, 1/35 Wheeled Military Vehicles; M60A1 Patton, 2nd place, 1/35 Post 1945 Military Vehicles; while his 1/48 CH-46 helicopter choppered-in OOB and 2nd place awards, Rotary Wing. In reserve were: Panzer III with detailed turret interior, Panther G with individual track links, Tiger II with Cavalier zimmerit and Bill Horan commander figure, M1A1 Abrams with plow, and M48A3 Patton, all with Wayne’s trademark on-deck stowage. You could probably use some armor!



*Joe Volz's sharp FA-18 took a third place award in 1/72 Jet at MosquitoCon '08. (PHOTO BY BOB DOEBLEY)*

**John Stark** dominated Civilian Trucks & Motorcycles: 1/24 seriously weathered Ford pick-up, 1st place; Yamaha T-Max scooter OOB, 3rd place. John's truck was supposed to be a piece of junk. Don't let the dirt and the rust hang you up!

**Joe Volz**, Del Val's ace aircraft modeler and wingman Drew flew top cover against targets in five categories and each scored one victory. Drew: 1/72 P-51D Mustang with great panel lines and weathering, 1st place, Juniors; 1/72 F2H Banshee. Joe: 1/72 F/A-18F Hornet in-flight with pilot figures (unusual for this modeler), 3rd place, 1/72 Jet Aircraft; 1/48 A4G Skyhawk in Australian markings with the detailed cockpit, scribed panel lines, decaling, and weathering Joe is known for; 1/72 P-51D Mustang OOB; 1/35 SdKfz 251 Ausf D (German halftrack).

**Jim Rosado** fielded five tracks and captured one award: 1/35 Char B1 bis (French tank), OOB award, 1/35 Pre 1945 Military Vehicles; 1/35 KV-2 (Russian heavy tank) with realistically-sagged tracks; 1/48 Tiger I, 1/48 Hetzer OOB; 1/48 Sturmgeschutz III OOB. Jim's armor features realistic metal finishes and attention-grabbing details.

**Lou Ursino**, our heavy tanker, cranked-up two entries: 1/35 LVT(A)-1 Alligator (US amphibious tractor), Saipan, June 1944, with Warriors resin crew and realistic tracks and weathering; 1/35 Panther A with Friul tracks and ATAK zimmerit. We saw the tree branch-camouflaged Panther at April DVSM.

DVSM president **Charlie Lockard** drove a support platoon of 1/48 armor: SU-22 (Russian self-propelled gun); KV-1 (Russian heavy tank); M26 Pershing; Flakpanzer IV Wirbelwind; M8 Greyhound. Charlie's Russian armor features realistic weathering and tracks, while the Flakpanzer's turret interior detail drew a lot of attention.

Attendance at MosquitoCon 2008 seemed lower than last year, but 121 modelers entered over 400 scale models. The Junior category saw ten entries, two of them ours. The "Make & Take" table put snap-together Spitfires into the hands of fourteen kids.

Your newsletter reporter shopped the incomparable MosquitoCon vendor room, I'm a tourist, O.K?, and picked up a deal, a real deal, on a 1/72 Fujimi Tomcat from vendor George Boghossian, who sold me the 1/72 "Sluff" last year. Mrs. B., memorable for her beautiful western boots, told me that they have many more kits still in storage. Stay lucky! ■

## MosquitoCon Awards

### JET AIRCRAFT 1/72 & Smaller

- **Joe Volz:** Third Place, F/A-18F Super Hornet

### ROTARYWINGED Aircraft, All Scales

- **Wayne Borowsky:** Second Place & Out Of The Box, CH-46E TRACKED & WHEELED AFVs, Pre-1945, 1/35 & Larger (Allied)

- **Jim Rosado:** Out Of The Box, French Char B1 Bis TRACKED & WHEELED AFVs, Post 1945, 1/35 & Larger

- **Wayne Borowsky:** Second Place, M60A1 Patton WHEELED SOFT SKIN Military Vehicles 1/35 & Larger

- **Wayne Borowsky:** First Place, M3 Halftrack BATTLESHIPS, Carriers And Cruisers 1/401 And Smaller

- **Bob Cicconi:** First Place, HMS Leviathan SHIPS, All Other Types 1/400 & Larger (Split - Destroyers)

- **Bob Cicconi:** Second Place, USS Hughes DD-410 SHIPS, Submarines, All Scales

- **Bob Cicconi:** Second Place, I-400

### TRUCKS, All Scales

- **John Stark:** First Place, Junker Pick Up

### MOTORCYCLES, All Scales

- **John Stark:** Third Place, Yamaha T Max

### TRIFECTA: 3 Different Types, All Scales

- **Bob Cicconi:** Third Place, Macchi 202, Sturmtiger & IJN Furutaka

### JUNIORS, All Types & Scales

- **Drew Volz:** First Place, P-51D Mustang

*(for full contest results and photos visit [www.njipms.org](http://www.njipms.org))*



*Mike Napoleon's Model "T" Ford snowmobile was the popular award-winner in the "To a T" display, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Tin Lizzie.*

# NNL East '08

**T**HE WEEK AFTER MOSQUITOCON, the Wayne, NJ, PAL building was the site for an even larger model event. Sponsored by the Tri-State Scale Model Car Club, this was the 22nd NNL East, and the first at this venue. With approximately 1,290 model on display it's a huge show, and it nearly impossible to see it all. The theme displays this year were "To a T" display, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Tin Lizzie, and "Beetle-May Nea" in tribute to another world-altering vehicle. As always in an NNL event, award winners are selected by popular vote, a format that has been adopted by the majority of model car events. NNL East is covered by both *Model Cars* and *Scale Auto* magazines, who select models to be photographed for features in their magazines and on their websites. Of the hundreds of pieces photographed by *Scale Auto*, Tommy Kortman's "Road Warrior" Interceptor is one of eight models featured on the magazine's website ([www.scaleautomag.com](http://www.scaleautomag.com)) in their coverage! Congrats, Tommy! Congratulations also to Mike Napoleon, who's Model T was voted the favorite among the many "T's" on display! To view comprehensive photos from the show, visit Tri-State's NNL East website at <http://members.aol.com.nnleast2008.html>. ■



*The show floor at NNL East. The Wayne PAL is offers plenty of for the show, and is also the home of MosquitoCon.*

## Coming Events

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**May 10, 2008 • Mid-Atlantic NNL** model car show and swap, hosted by Maryland Automotive Modelers Association at Ruhl Armory, 1035 York Rd., Towson MD. Themes: Shoebox Fords ('49-'51) and Nostalgia Race Cars (1989 & Older). Info; call Lyle Willits, 410-796-2768 or email [mamaprez@aol.com](mailto:mamaprez@aol.com). Website: [www.mamasboyz.org/MidNNL.html](http://www.mamasboyz.org/MidNNL.html) ■

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