



The
Winners
Circle

Dead & Gone

Lou Isern's Emily *by Tommy Kortman*

PHOTO BY BOB DOEBLEY

This past months theme was "Dead and Gone". Modelers could bring in models from either defunct prototype (1:1) manufacturers or from defunct model kit manufacturers. This months winner seems to represent both quite well. The model is a Kawanishi H8K2 flying boat. The H8K, or "Emily" as she was referred to by the United States in WWII, was built for the Imperial Japanese Navy from 1940 to 1945. There were a total of 167 built. Of those 167, the K2 variant made up 112 of them. The K2s were produced from 43-45. The H8K featured 4 Mitsubishi 14 cylinder radial engines producing some 1850 horse power each. She was 92'4" long, stood 30' tall and had a wingspan of 124'8". The Emily carried five 20mm cannon in powered

nose, ventral, and tail turrets and three to four 7.7mm machine guns as well. She could also carry 4,400 lbs of bombs or torpedoes under her wings. With a max range of almost 4,500 miles she was considered a huge leap in flying boat technology one of the finest flying boats of the war and many years after.

Lou's model was made by the Igami Modelcraft Company of Japan. It is a wooden model made from Ho wood. Ho wood or Honoki Wood has been used for Saya or scabbards for Japanese sword for years as well a fine carpentry items for palaces and temples. It is a dense soft wood with a slight grain and very little sap that can be carved somewhat easily, it will also polish up to a high luster extremely well, but it won't damage the extremely

sharp sword blades.

Lou built or I should say carved the model when he was stationed at the Tachikawa Air Base with the 36th Air Rescue squadron while serving with the Air Force in 1962. Lou has always had a love of Japanese aircraft, (and most things Japanese, I think) and found these kits in a local hobby shop near the base. After Lou had carved and assembled the sub assemblies together, he

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NEXT MEETING

May 6

• **THEME CONTEST**
"Low & Slow"

Presidents' Corner *by Bob Doebley & Tommy Kortman*

Hello Fellow Styrene Junkies!

We had another good turn out for the April meeting.

Please help me welcome our newest member to DVSM, *Paul Tomczak*. We also had two people showing for the first time at last months meeting; *Michael Cohen* and *Len Wierzbicki*. They will likely be voted in at the May meeting. It was good to see *John Goschke* made it to the meeting even though he is still on crutches.

Congrats to *Bob Ciccone*, *Wayne Borowski* and *John Stark* for the awards they won at Mosquito-Con.

Joe Leonetti brought the 1/72 military diorama base he is working on for the JerseyCon club display. It's coming along and it should be a real eye pleaser when complete. He also reported that the NASCAR build is moving along. The only problem is that, for some of the years they want to represent, there are not any models that were made for those years.

The tables were full of models. Special thanks goes out to *Dave Anderson* for sharing his display of his father's WWII history. It was very interesting, especially his diary.

MY THOUGHTS

It seems to me that everyone is having fun at the meetings. There is a feel that the membership is enjoying coming to the monthly meetings. Our format has been business-like but also loose which I do think members like.

Remember this is not my club... it's your club. If you have any ideas on what you think might improve the club, please feel free to let either myself, Tommy Kortman, or John Goschke know. We are always willing to listen to new ideas for the club. If you have a building process or technique that you would like to share with the club please contact Tony Wootson so he can set up a date for your clinic at an upcoming meeting. You know, it may not seem like much, but maybe you do something just a little different

than another modeler. And by showing the club how you may do a particular technique, you just may help another modeler past one of his stumbling blocks.

One thing that I liked was bringing a project to work on at the meeting. This has been done at the last couple of meetings and members I've talked to seem like this idea. I have been at one of these builds and it was very productive watching and learning a new technique of mounting figures to a base.

One aspect of the hobby I like is taking pictures of models. At the April meeting I will be bringing my portable photo booth to the meeting. If anyone wants to bring a camera to take pictures of your models please feel free to do so. If you need any help with taking pictures I will be there to help answer any questions you may have.

On a slightly disappointing note, especially for the car guys, the Mid-Atlantic NNL scheduled for May 14th in Towson, Md. has been cancelled. The show has been held in the Towson Armory, and this year most of the civilian activities have been cancelled due to military training needs. Last reports are the host club, is looking into a new venue for next year and beyond.

Speaking of contests, let's check in with our VP/ contest chairman and get the latest on the monthly theme contest.

Tommy?

Thanks Bob.

Wow did April seem like a really long month to anyone else. Usually it feels like the time between meetings goes so fast, and this month it just kinda dragged a bit. The weather seems to be warming up a bit and the last vestiges of winter appear to be Dead & Gone. (Wow, a great segue if I do say so myself...which I do.)

Yup, Dead and Gone was the apparently way too confusing theme for last months contest. I guess the contest committee needs to keep in mind that most

of the club membership has been using liquid cement in unventilated rooms for way too many years to start getting cerebral with the themes. or Maybe we need to go over the members ideas a little more closely before we commit to a theme. Oh well, we'll worry about that for next year. Right now lets get a quick run down about last months deal.

There were 11 models on the table representing either defunct 1:1 manufacturers or model kit manufacturers. We had representation from the Air, Armor, Sci-Fi, and automotive fields. Over all, we have had double digit model counts at each of this year's themes. Great job guys, lets keep it up. I love seeing all the models on the tables.

Last month's winner Lou Ursino was narrowly clipped in the April balloting by another former winner (Sept 2010) *Lou Isern*. Lou brought a hand-carved Kawanishi H8K2 (Emily) Flying boat that he made years ago. It was beautifully done. Congratulations Lou! Please be sure to read more about Lou and his winning model in the Winners Circle column elsewhere in the newsletter.

The full points rundown is elsewhere in this issue, but the points are tight. Only 10 points separate the leader from last, and only two points separate the top three. *Paul Kopczynski* leads *Greg Hogg* and *Lou Ursino* 11 points to 10, and *John Goschke*, *Dave Anderson* and I have nine points. There is still plenty of time to make a run, so please bring out those models.

The May theme is "Low & Slow". Since I can't print this in crayon for some of you out there, I'll try to explain it as clearly as possible. For the car guys, this theme is for low riders, lead sleds, and boulevard crusiers. For the boat builders in the group, this theme is for transport ships, liberty ships, tenders and such. We will also accept submarines. (don't get much lower than that) Armor builders can bring out engineering vehicles and mine

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April Meeting Highlights

Photos by Bob Doebley



M4A1 Sherman & Char B1 bis, both 1/35, by Lou Ursino



1/72 Martin B-57 Canberra by Howard Riskin



1/72 Mitsubishi G3M Type 96 "Nell" by Paul Tomczek



Star Wars Tie fighter by Paul Tomczek



1/72 Hunting Tiger by Paul Tomczek



1/25 TV Batmobile by Wyatt Erb



1/25 '72 Olds Cutlass by Greg Hogg



1/25 Gas Station by Mike Napoleon



Commemorative B-24 Display by Dave Anderson



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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 - GREG HOGG

Lost in the 50's

FEBRUARY: Winner - PAUL KOPCZYNSKI

Speed Weeks

MARCH: Winner - LOU URSINO

World War II

APRIL: Winner - LOU ISERN

Dead and Gone

MAY

Low & Slow

JUNE (NO THEME)

Gold, Silver & Bronze Contest

JULY

That '70's Show

AUGUST

Godzilla's Revenge II

SEPTEMBER

Euro-trash

OCTOBER

Never had it, never will

NOVEMBER

Failures & Misfits

DECEMBER (NO THEME)

Favorite Five Contest

April Meeting Highlights

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1/6 "Steel" by Tony Wootson



1/25 '62 Mercury Monterey by Greg Hogg



'40 Ford Whiskey Runner by Tommy Kortman



1/25 '60 Dodge Dart by John Goschke



1/72 Armor Display Base (in-progress) by Joe Leonetti



1/72 U.S. Navy biplanes (vac-form) by Matt Elkan



1/25 '32 Ford Tudor Sedan by Mike Napoleon



1/48 T-6 Texan by Dave Anderson

Lou Isern's Emily

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commissioned a local Japanese artist to paint the plane. The paint is lacquer and all of the markings are hand painted.

I guess you could say that Lou's plane was built from a Japanese Ho. ...What? That was funny. No? Well, I tried.

Here are some links to some more info about the H8K:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kawanishi_H8K

http://www.militaryfactory.com/aircraft/detail.asp?aircraft_id=594

<http://www.warbirdsresourcegroup.org/IJARG/kawanishih8k.html>

...and one on Honoki or Hinoki (it's that translation thing) wood:

<http://swordforum.com/swords/nihonto/tsuka.html>

That's it for this month's winner. Can't wait to see what happens next. Stay tuned!! ■

Presidents' Corner

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clearing tank variants. For the figure guys, I'm guessing this is gonna mean foot soldiers, infantry, and dismounted knights. For Sci-fi this would be larger space craft like Star Destroyers, and freighters. Now, is there anyone I left out...hmmm...nope, guess not...oh wait... I forgot the plane guys. OK, for you guys; I'll type this slow so you don't have to read fast. Low & Slow is going to be for bombers, transport, trainers and attack aircraft (this would be planes whose designation starts with the letter "A" like the A-1 Skyraider, A-6 Intruder, A-7 Corair II, etc.) F/A designations such as the Hornet are not allowed. If you want to bring helicopters, than they should be of the cargo and transport variety. (i.e. CH53)

I hope this will clear up any questions that you might have, but if you have questions, please feel free to shoot me an e-mail and I'll help you out further. kortmatr@comcast.net

It don't look like there's too much going on in May, so if you guys know of anything, please let us know. ■

The Show Report: NNL East

by Tommy Kortman

TO A SERIOUS, and even a not so serious, model car builder this annual show is a required pilgrimage. This show, put on by the Tri-State Model Car Club, is routinely the largest model car event in the country if not the world. The annual draw averages a little more than a thousand to twelve hundred models and 800 to 1000 guests. This year the numbers were a little down, but the quality of the work sure was not. The show is held at the Wayne NJ PAL building. You Mosquito-conners will know the building well. The show floor is the width and length of 4 basket ball courts and there are 2 large vendor rooms. The show receives coverage from both of the major model car magazines and always has extensive vendor turnout. The vendors are usually the whos-who of the modeling aftermarket. There are a few kit sellers, but the majority of the shops there specialize in detail parts, decals, resin bodies and conversion items, paint, photo-etch, and high end resin kits. There are also a few guys there selling vintage kits, old build-ups, and even spare parts.

For the Philly Guyz, this event usually starts on Friday. Most of us will take the day off and head up to Wayne a day early. This is not just to avoid the 4am wake up the next day, but also to take part in the raucous debauchery of NNL EASTS. This annual pre event is usually a mix of part tail gate, and part frat party. It is held in the hotel bar/restaurant, Cheesburger in Paradies. The food is good, and the drinks are better. This year, however, things seemed to be a bit off. I don't know if it was the new management staff, the lower than usual turnout, or what it was, but something was off. It seemed to take forever to get service. A few of us are of the opinion that as our reputation has preceded us, the bar staff was instructed not to allow us to get too fueled up. So the evening was a little tamer than in the past. I could also have been the fact that a few of our rowdier partiers were not able to make the trip this time. Unfortunately there were way too many excuses. (Airfare too expensive, health issues, work issues, dog ate my homework, and of all things, a wedding...unbelievable). Anyway, for those of us who made the trip, we had a great time. From DVSM; Greg Hogg, Nick & Sharon Sandone, Fernando Roman, Keith Jones, and I made it to Mecca...I mean NNL EAST #25. We ran into friends from other area clubs MAMA, JSMCC, Silent Traffic, as well as getting to see buddies we only see once a year. I was able to meet up with friends from Ohio, Georgia, New York, Massachusetts, and even Canada.

After a pretty good nights sleep (like sleep on Christmas Eve) we met down in the hotel lobby for our complimentary breakfast, and then it was off to the show. We got in line around 8am and the doors opened promptly at 9. The Tri-State crew got the crowd in the door relatively quickly. There were a few hiccups from the usually machine like crew, but nothing too terrible. Everybody rushed to the tables to put out their stuff and the raced off to the vendor rooms. Those ladies on Black



PHOTO BY TOMMY KORTMAN

(Above) Ken Hamilton's intricate scratched 1/25 1930s lumber stacker was a highlight among the many the displays at NNL. (Below) Ken's well-executed diorama base tells the whole story of how the stacker operated.



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Friday have got nothing on a bunch of amped up car modelers with money burning a hole in their pockets. NNL East is a people's choice type of show, but while there are more than a dozen classes for your models, there are only 6 awards given out. There's one for each for the official show theme, sub-theme, and web theme. Then one for the best junior, one for the host clubs memorial award, and finally one for Best of Show. Usually the award the most everybody in attendance is after is the honor of being picked for photographs in either Scale Auto Magazine, or Model Cars Magazine. This year Nick Sandone, Greg Hogg, and I were selected for photos.

This year I was lucky enough to be chosen to win the award for the show's main theme. The theme this year was 25 to Life and was for Law Enforcement vehicles of "getaway" cars. I won with the 1940 Ford coupe that I have been working on. It was a surprise to be sure, and it gives DVSM three wins in the last four years at the show. (or is it four for five) After the awards were given out, everybody packed up and dodged giant rain drops on the way to the car, heading home...exhausted; Ready to do it all again next year. ■

Anyone interested in sculpting a figure?

by Tony Wootson

Hi Guys,

I have recently embarked into a figure sculpting adventure, and was curious if anyone else would like to come along, for the ride?

The background behind this idea is that I have started sculpting a small, 150 mm figure. Although I have never sculpted anything before, I am still nevertheless pretty knowledgeable on this subject. For years now, I have been reading books and magazine articles on this topic, along with viewing several related videos. I (finally) decided it was time to give figure sculpting a try.

Expanding on this idea, I thought that there may be other club members who might also be interested in giving figure sculpting a try. Or, there may be experienced figure sculptors in our club who are interested in rolling out their

sculpting putty and armature wire, for another go-round at creating a figure.

What I propose is that those interested will work on their own figures, in conjunction with the club. Your figure can be in any scale that you desire.

Once the figures and scales have been selected, we will all progress through the different sculpting steps together. We will all share our knowledge, along with discussing our accomplishments (and pitfalls) with each other. This will be done both remotely, (via email), and in person, (during our Del Val Meetings).

I think that it would be ideal to meet every 2 or 3 months at our Del Val meetings. This will give each of us enough time to progress through the current sculpting step, without being too restricted or rushed. (Of course, this time-frame isn't written in stone, and can be changed).

Once everyone has completed work

on their figure for the current step, we will all progress into the next step together. This will begin during our next Del Val Meeting, where we will discuss it, along with starting to apply the step's particulars to our figures. (Then, as a "homework assignment", we will complete the work in this sculpting step at home).

I'd like the group dynamics to be loose and not restricted, and I foresee everyone sharing and contributing, along with us helping each other with problems experienced. My hope is that at the end of this project, we will all be better, more knowledgeable sculptors than when we began.

Another aspect to my proposal is if you're interested in following along with us, but not able or willing or ready to commit, I can add you to the email distribution list I have established for the project. In addition, I will be periodically emailing out information I've stumbled upon, related to this topic. This will include article scans and web links.

Since I plan to document my work on my own figure by writing and posting an on-line tutorial, I can also update those interested with my latest-n-greatest postings.

If interested in participating, please let me know. - Tony ■

2011 Theme Contest Point Standings to Date

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	Totals
Kopczynski, Paul	2	5	4		11
Hogg, Greg	5	1	1	3	10
Ursino, Lou		1	5	4	10
Kortman, Tommy	4	3	1	1	9
Anderson, Dave	2	2	3	2	9
Goschke, John	2	4		3	9
Rifkin, Howard	4	1		1	6
Isern, Lou				5	5
Leonetti, Joe	3		1		4
Sandone, Nick		3	1		4
Cicconi, Bob		3	1		4
Senner, Don	1	1	1	1	4
Napoleon, Mike	2	1			3
Turco, Mike	2		1		3
Goerke, Doug	1	1	1		3
Tomczak, Paul				3	3
Borowski, Wayne			2		2
Vattilana, Joe	1			1	2
Wootsen, Tony				2	2
Stark, John		1			1
Ivey, Tony			1		1

Monthly points are awarded as such: Each person who enters a model into the theme receives 1 pt. 1st place = 4+1, 2nd = 3+1, 3rd = 2+1

Events

MAY 13-14: NORTHEASTCON 40

Hosted by IPMS/NENY, Holiday Inn Express, Schoharie, NY <http://www.aloder.freeyellow.com/>

THRU MAY 22: Franklin institute; Leonardo DiVinci This exhibit features 1:1 3-D models of his ideas. Info: <http://www.fi.edu/leonardo/?gclid=CPDah6flqKcCFQ975Qod82UqAA>

THRU JUNE 11: Wheels on America Museum: Dragsters of the Northeast. 5 North Front St., Allentown, PA 18102, Telephone: 610-432-4200, E-mail: info@americaonwheels.org, web: <http://www.americaonwheels.org>

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