



On display at the October meeting... (clockwise from upper left) Joe Vattilana's Matchbox 1/72 HH-65 Dauphin helicopter USCG Cape May, Bob Doebley's Revell chopped '49 Mercury, Lou Ursino's Academy 1/35 M3 Stuart, and Tommy Kortman's 30mm "Chaos Space Marine".

(PHOTOS BY BOB DOEBLEY)

October Meeting Report Reported by Jeffrey Nase

24 MEMBERS AND GUESTS were present at the October meeting, with over 30 models and works-in-progress on display. Armored assault! **Lou Ursino;** Academy M3 Stuart, M4A2 Sherman USMC, Tamiya Panzer IV H, and M3 half-track GMC, all 1/35. **Matt Pritchett;** Tamiya 1/35 Type 90 (Japanese tank). **Wayne Borowski;** M-36 B1 (Sherman chassis), King Tiger, Panther G steel wheel, and Panzer III L, all 1/35. **Mark Hannigan;** 1/24 Hasegawa Willys MB jeep in-prog. Car lot! **Nick Sandone;** Chevy Camaro, and '56 Chevy Nomad wagon in-prog. **Tommy K.;** AMT 1/25 '37 Chevy Dirt Modified. **Ed Isnardi;** Kurtis Midget. 2 tables of partially assembled car models had no display cards. Air mobility! **Joe Vattilana;** Matchbox 1/72 HH-65 Dauphin helicopter USCG Cape May. **John Stark;** Aurora C-141A Starlifter in-prog. Fantastic! **Matt Pritchett;** 2 Bandai Starblazers, **Tommy K.;** 30mm Warhammer Dark Lord, Chaos Space Marine in-prog. Apply CA+ and stick with it! Please don't forget to fill out display cards for each build-up and in-prog you show, then leave them on the table for your DVSM Newsletter writer.

BUSINESS MEETING: Welcome, Mark! **Mark Hannigan** was voted-in to DVSM membership. President Lockard urged members who want club shirts to see Bob Doebley and members who have comments about the meetings not to e-mail him about it. Call him? Your newsletter reporter was queried about MarauderCon. ■

Next Meeting; Friday, 11/2

HALFTRACK CHALLENGE! November's meeting is the deadline for completion of your entry for this popular vote contest. Entries are limited to halftrack vehicles of any type, real or imaginary! Be there! ■

IPMS 2007 Region II Convention

Reported by Joe Vattilana

THIS YEAR'S IPMS REGION II CONVENTION was held in the lovely, although distant, city of Roanoke, Virginia. In recognition of the year 2007, the theme of the convention was based around Bond, James Bond, "A License to Build." The convention was located in the lower level of the Roanoke Civic Center, which was conveniently located no more than a five minute drive from the Holiday Inn. The model and vendor areas were located in one large room—I thought enough space for both venues. There were the usual number of vendors (about 15 or so) selling the usual items. Nothing really stands out, like vendors selling Tamiya kits for \$5.00. One interesting variation on their contest raffle was that, after you purchase your raffle tickets, you can select which "raffle box" to put your tickets in (airplanes, tanks, ships, cars, tools). That way, if you want to put two tickets in each box, you can. I opted to put all of my 13 tickets in the airplane box (naturally), and hit on 5 of them, one of them a one year's subscription to Fine Scale Modeler!

Model wise, there were 774 models entered by 126 contestants. I entered my HU-16 Albatross in the Scratchbuilt category, and my 1/72 Super Entenard in single engine jet. A number of categories had a large number of entries: 1/35 closed top AFV, both pre and post WWII (22 each category), Sci-Fi and Fantasy foot and mounted (21), to name a few. The most impressive was the submarine category, where there were three 1/72 Revell WWII submarines, which was at least twice as big as the Revell U-Boat (same scale).

The Business Meeting was conducted by Glen Martin, the Region II Coordinator. So far there have been no chapters



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interested in hosting the Regional convention next year, probably due to the Nationals that will be held in Virginia Beach. On a separate issue, I offered as our Chapter Contact to email the other IPMS chapter contacts in the region our newsletter. A number of other clubs complimented our chapter on the quality of DVSM's website.

Contest time: DVSM sponsored two trophy packages: Showroom stock automotive- 1/20 scale and smaller, and 1/48 and smaller closed top AFV. DVSM members consisted of Darryl Peters and myself. The results: Darryl Peters: First place-custom, all scales: 49 Ford Coupe. Second Place-Curbside, all scales: AMT Super Coupe. Second Place- Competition, Straightline - '32 Chevy Altered. Second Place- Street Machine: 49 Olds Rocket 88. Third Place- Street Rod: 1941 Willys. Joe Vattilana: First Place- Scratchbuilt aircraft-1/48 scale HU-16 Grumman Albatross

In sum, it was a good convention, well run and organized. Excuse me, I think 'M' is calling. . . . ■

IPMS Stratford Model Festival

Reported by Jeffrey Nase

THE 16TH ANNUAL MODEL FESTIVAL, sponsored by IPMS Stratford, Igor Sikorski Chapter, was held on Sunday, October 7th, in Milford Connecticut. Del Val's marquee shipwright, Bob Cicconi, and your newsletter reporter cruised the 150 miles from Philly to attend this popular model contest and vendor market.

Small model, big name! Bob docked his 1/700 Cambrig HMS Leviathan, circa 1913, at the "Ships, Surface, All Types All Scales" category. Bob's replica featured scratch-built hawse covers, ratlines, sternwalk, and masts. He added photo-etched railings and ladders, as well as his specialty-- stretched sprue rigging. The HMS Leviathan was a Drake class armored cruiser named for a ship that fought at Trafalgar. The leviathan was a huge sea monster mentioned in the Book of Job.

The HMS Leviathan didn't prevail against the fleet of other entries concentrated into this one of only three Ship categories. Undaunted, Bob says he'll sortie to the Model Festival again next year. ■

Coming Events

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 • LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICA SOCIETY (LIARS) 2007 Model Car Challenge at Freeport Recreation Center, 130 East Merrick Rd., Freeport, NY 11520. For info visit members.aol.com/liarsccc, e-mail R.ARGUS@juno.com or call 516-884-2270.

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