



September's display brought out (clockwise from upper left) Paul Kopczyński's well-done 1/32 F-86E, Darryl Peter's John Milner dragster from American Graffiti II, John Stark's 1/15 M274 Mechanical Mule, and first-timer Chris Menold's clean build of the Hawk Laird Solution racer. (PHOTOS BY BOB DOEBLEY)

September Meeting Report

26 MEMBER AND GUESTS were present at the September meeting. Some of the models at the September meeting... **Art Etchells;** Flat miniature figures; The First 20 Roman Caesars, and Timbaliers **John Goschke;** Revell 1/25 '34 Ford three-window coupe. **Brad James;** Frog/Zvezda 1/72 Hawker Tempest Mk.VI (in-progress). **Paul Kopczyński;** Hasegawa 1/32 F-86E Sabre Jet. **Tommy Kortman;** Revell/Italeri 1/25 "Top Fuel Half-track." **Darryl Peters;** AMT '65 Falcon altered wheelbase dragcar, MPC 1/25 John Milner American Graffiti rail dragster, Revell 1/25 '40 Ford Standard coupe. **John Stark III;** Glencoe 1/15 U.S. Army M274 Mechanical Mule (in-progress). **Joe Vattilana;** Frog 1/72 Hawker Seahawk. **Joe Volz;** Revell 1/72 F-16CG Viper, Fujimi 1/72 A-4B Skyhawk. There were more models on display but no display cards could be collected for them. Please leave your display cards in place on the table when you leave so we can record them in the Newsletter.

During the business meeting we dealt with several obsolete by-laws in our Constitution. A \$1.50 per meeting fee for guests attending more than two meetings per year. An amendment was added permitting elected officers to serve more than two consecutive one-year terms, if approved by a vote of 3/4 majority of members present. ■

October Meeting; Friday, 10/5

Yet another open meeting! Let's talk about some programs, guys! Bring your current project complete or "in-prog." there's always plenty of display space. See you there!

Club business will include officer nominations for 2008. ■

MarauderCon 2007

Reported by Jeffrey Nase

THE 1ST MARAUDERCON, presented by the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., IPMS, was held on Saturday, September 15th, in Towson, Md. Your newsletter reporter may have been the only DVSM member to navigate the 110 miles from Philly to the Ruhl Armory.

The inaugural MarauderCon, named for the B-26 bombers built in World War II by the Glenn L. Martin Co. at a nearby plant, was a solid hit. Over 500 modelers cleared the bomb bay here, with 400 models marauding for awards in 60 categories and 11 specials.

Fighters at 12 o'clock! Quarter-inch single engine props were thick as flies- a squadron of Me-109,s swarmed a single table. Low level: The automotive aggregations towed-in all of 30 car/truck models. Two car models, a '64 Ford Cobra and a Chevy Nova, parked at the Del Val-sponsored curbside category. The several junior classes seated 20 models. Seven entries hovered over the Del Val-sponsored rotary wing table, with a UH-72 Lakota medevac looking good. The special award for best Marauder landed two quarter-inch models- which one was flak bait?

Bombs away! A clutch of 25 judges met at noon to set proximity fuses for the 12:30 entry deadline. The mandate for kit instructions with OOB's scrambled a couple of judges to legitimize their own OOB entries. We met Glen Martin, IPMS R2 himself, perched on his portable stool scrutinizing single engine props.

The vendor room was on the beam! Your reporter paid \$5 each for a Revell Germany 1/72 Tornado F.3 ADV and the Concord reference book for it. An excellent display



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explained, in word and picture, the history of the Marauder of Martin, Baltimore. A placard at the head of the room thanked supporters, including IPMS Delaware Valley.

Mission accomplished! Your reporter believes the D.C. and Baltimore clubs are on target for a can't-miss contest and show every year. MarauderCon will take wing to become a bombsight better than any other show in the region. ■

CPMCC September Showdown Reported by John Goschke



(Above left) The combined contest and vendor room at the Central PA Model Car Club September Showdown offered plenty of room in its wide aisles, and model-viewing wasn't bad once all the lights came on! (Right) The variety of vehicles on display was very impressive. One of the best was Lyle Willit's resin-bodied '33 Ford Special Roadster, set off beautifully by a great set of photo-etched wire wheels. The tri-power 389 Pontiac engine was an unusual choice, adding extra "Gotcha!" to an already terrific model. (photos by Bob Doebley)

THE CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA MODEL CAR CLUB held its annual September Showdown swap meet and model contest on Sunday the 16th. These guys do a phenomenal hosting this much anticipated contest every fall and this year's event certainly continued the tradition! The contest is by popular vote in each category and can be quite competitive in the larger ones. The well-stocked vendor tables offered a huge selection of new and old kits, aftermarket specialty items, plus a large selection of restorable builtups. Yours truly picked up several desirable items for a good bit less than they'd have brought on that auction site (plus, no shipping costs!) A large contingent of PACM/DVSM members participated in the contest, or just showed up to lend moral support. Your correspondent was pleased to take home awards for Best Replica Stock ('56 Desoto) and Best Street Rod ('32 Ford "Little Deuce"). Darryl Peters captured Best Custom with his beautiful chopped '49 Ford coupe. ■

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