

Newsletter



“Godzilla’s Revenge!!” ...Anything Japanese



September '09 Contest

Reported by Jeffrey Nase

AH, SO! *Dave Anderson's* 1/350 Tamiya Yamato (above) wins our September theme contest, “Godzilla’s Revenge!” Anything Japanese. At our October meeting, Anderson chopsticks humble award plaque by honorable Mike Napoleon. Way to saké to ’em, Dave!

BANZAI! Other entries—*Tommy Kortman:* “Godzilla” (left). *Nick Sandone:* 1/24 Nissan 350Z. *Joe Leonetti:* 1/24 Mitsubishi Zero. *Bob Cicconi:* 1/700 Fujimi ToHo Maru. *Matt Elkan:* 1/72 LS Willow Trainer w/ rigging. 1/72

Aoshima Seiran, OOB. 1/700 IJN Haruna, OOB. *John Goshcke:* 1/48 Aurora “Jap Zero,” restored 1954 vintage kit. 1/72 LS Kawanishi Ki-109 (left bottom, *built by Joe Smith*). ■



NEXT MEETING

October 4

- Theme Contest “Halloween Colors”
- Clinic: **Scratchbuilding** with Tony Wootson & Joe Vattilana

President's Corner by Bob Doebley

Hello fellow styrene junkies, We had a great turn out at the September meeting even though it was the beginning of the Labor Day Weekend.

Fall is finally here and hopefully our building will get re-started after the long summer months of vacations and busy weekends.

On Sunday September 13th a group of us went to the September Showdown by the Central PA Model Car Club. The crowd and model count was down from last year but there was still over 400 models on the tables plus the usual vendors. Next years show will be held on September 11th. The theme is First Responder. Two of our members came away with awards. *John Goschke* won in Street Rod with his 40 Ford. *Nick Sandone* won Muscle Car with the Nova and also Resin Body with the Merc Wagon. Way to go Guyz.

Congrat's to Dave Anderson for winning the September monthly contest made in Japan theme with his Battleship Yamato

October theme is - "Halloween Colors" Anything black and orange!

Good luck to Joe Wagner's Start to Finish Group Build competing in the Group Build Category with the P-39 at up coming Jersey-Con

Stuff to do in October...

- **10/3 NNL Nationals #30** ModelCar Show & Swap Meet, 2 to 8 PM, Sylvania Exhibition Center at TAM-O- SHANTER, 7060 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania, Ohio 6 43560 Theme: Pony Cars Info: send S.A.S.E. to Glenn Marek, 512 Abbyshire Dr. Berea, OH 44017

- **10/16-17 IPMS/USA Region 2 Convention** sponsored by NJIPMS Holiday Inn, Runnemede, NJ Exit 3 off the New Jersey Turnpike Info: Bill Schwarz 732-567-3724 <http://www.njipms.org/>

If anyone has news of any events that are coming up see before the meeting. *Thanks, Bob Doebley* ■

September 19th road trip to the Udar-Hazy Air & Space Museum

DENNIS SOSNA made the trip down to the Museum. Here is his report.

I left home at 6:30am and with a 30min break I was there from opening at 10am till about 5pm. Parking was 15 bucks. I didn't get back home till ~9:30pm - a long day. Took pictures, but unfortunately I had more energy than my camera batteries. The highlight for me was a so-called survey tour that lasted 3 hours!!! The tour

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: Shades of White

Winner: Joe Leonetti

FEBRUARY: 1940'S The Nuclear Age

Winner: Nick Sandone

MARCH: Born in Europe

Winner: Bob Cicconi

APRIL: "Seen it on the Screen"

Winner: Vince Buonfiglio

MAY: "Well-Seasoned, Beaten & Weathered"

Winner: Lou Ursino

JUNE (NO THEME)

Gold, Silver & Bronze Contest

JULY: "Don't Mess with the U.S."

Winner: Tommy Kortman

AUGUST "G-R-R-R-R-R!"

Winner: Vince Buonfiglio

SEPTEMBER "GODZILLA'S REVENGE"

Winner: Dave Anderson

OCTOBER

"Halloween Colors"

NOVEMBER

"Can't Be!!!!!"
Never was! Never will be?

DECEMBER (NO THEME)

Favorite Five Contest

was free and the tour guide was named “Buzz” Carpenter. He was great! This guy was an Air Force Academy grad and flew F4 Phantoms and the SR-71. If you guys can get him for your tour you’ll really get your moneys worth. I’m not sure the other tour guides gave it this much effort. If you got “Buzz” talking - he didn’t stop. You could tell he really loves this stuff.

The highlights on the floor were the SR-71 Blackbird, The Enterprise Space Shuttle, the Concord, and of course, the Enola Gay. Fans of WWII axis aircraft will see the German FW-190F, the Do-335 Pfeil (push/pull a/c), and an Arado 234 with rocket assist. Each of these aircraft looked like it was restored to flying condition - fantastic. From Japan, you have the submarine launched Panama Canal bomber - the Serian, a Shidenkai, and a twin engined Gekko. Again, these all looked to be flyable. Partial airplanes (i.e. wingless) were a Japanese Nick, and an He-219 night fighter. From the Allies, you had a Kingfisher float plane, a Hurricane, a P-38J, a P-47 T-Bolt bubble top, P-40E, F4U-1D Corsair, F6F-3 Hellcat.

More modern combat aircraft were an F4 Phantom in Marine markings, a Mig 21F, a Thud in Nam markings (really cool), an Intruder, and a F-14 Tomcat. From the Korean conflict you had an F-86 and a Mig-15. Finally, you had an entire section devoted to space travel, and another devoted to commercial flight.

I spent all day there, yet didn’t get to the IMAX theater. I highly recommend this tour, and I could easily go back and not be bored. The gift shop was ok, but there was only one true kit - a Revell SR-71. The rest were die-cast. The book section was pretty good, but I didn’t pick anything up. The only disappointment was food. The only option was the indoor McDonalds franchise - not necessarily bad but the only game in town. If you want something else, you have to leave the facility and parking lot. ■

September Meeting Report *by Jeffrey Nase*

At our August DVSM meeting, At our September DVSM meeting, 20 members and a new kid enrolled 38 scale models on our display tables. Get ridda dat gum! We’re going back to school!

Readin’ the road! *Nick Sandone:* 1/25 Revell 1966 Shelby Mustang Resto Mod w/ HoK true blue pearl paint and platinum stripes, 95 Cobra drive train, rear tires, wheels, tubular front suspension. 1/24 Nissan 350Z. Nick’s “Japanese

trio:” 1/25 Aoshima Toyota MR2. 1/24 Fujimi Nissan Silvia. 1/24 Fujimi Mazda RX8. *Don Senner:* 1/25 AMT 2008 Challenger. 1/24 Monogram George Barris “Bathtub Buggy,” 1969 re-issue. *Jason York* (1st showing): 1/25 AMT Lincoln. 1/25 1996 Acura Integra. 1/25 PT Cruiser. 1/25 1962 Chevy Impala. 1/25 1964 Chevy Impala SS. “I built these during my high school years,” said Jason, our prospective Del Valler. *Dave Anderson:* 1/24 Danbury Mint 1958 T-bird custom, die cast, w/ mirrored rotating turntable, car show trophies and chains.

Sky writin’! *Joe Wagner:* 1/48 P-39Q Airacobra, OOB, w/ all trailing and leading edges thinned, drilled-out gun barrels and exhaust stubs. JerseyCon group build entry, showed at IPMS/USA 2009. *Joe Leonetti:* 1/72



Prospective new member Jason York had a group of fine builds on display, including this low rider-style '64 Impala.

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AMT C-47 Skytrain, OOB. 1/48 Eduard P-400 Airacobra, OOB, JerseyCon group build entry. 1/48 Mitsubishi Zero. *Don Senner*: 1/48 Monogram B-17G Flying Fortress. 1/72 Frog Me-110G night bomber. *Dave Anderson*: 1/48 Monogram F9F-5P Panther. 1/48 Monogram F-101 Voodoo. 1/48 Danbury Mint F-4 Phantom II “Blue Angels,” die cast w/ HGU 33-P “Blue Angels” pilot helmet. *Doug Goerke*: 1/72 Corgi P-38, die cast. 1/72 Forces of Valor B-26, die cast. 1/32 Forces of Valor P-51D, die cast. *Matt Elkan*: 1/72 LS Willow Trainer (IJN aircraft Yokosuka K5Y) w/ rigging. 1/72 Aoshima Seiran (IJN Aichi M6A “Mountain Haze” submarine-launched attack floatplane), OOB. 1/700 IJN Haruna (battleship), OOB. *John Goschke*: 1/48 Aurora “Jap Zero,” restored 1954 vintage kit. 1/72 LS Kawanishi Ki-109 (IJA twin engine fighter, built by *Joe Smith*).

1 + 1 = 3? *Bob Cicconi*: 1/700 Fujimi ToHo Maru (IJN oiler), OOB, w/Gold Medal ratlines, stretched sprue rigging, WEM paints, on sea base. Showed at IPMS/USA 2009. *Matt Elkan*: 1/700 IJN Haruna (battleship), OOB. *Dave Anderson*: 1/350 Tamiya Yamato (IJN battleship).

Lunch time! *Tommy Kortman*: “Godzilla,” figure.

Progress report! The Primer Table, all in-progs. *John Goschke*: 1/25 AMT '59 Pontiac, restoration w/ new roof. *Nick Sandone*: 1/25 AMT & resin '65 Chevelle Pro-Street custom, w/ HoK orange pearl paint, black and platinum accents, flame stencil airbrushed. *Brad James*: 1/48 Eduard P-39Q, JerseyCon group build entry. 1/48 Monogram P-47D Thunderbolt, “razorback.”

Show and tell! *Jeffrey Nase*: IPMS membership brochures and national convention plans. JerseyCon information and forms. 2009 MMD Squadron and Testors catalogs. 2009 kit maker catalog updates.

A, b, seas! *Bob Cicconi's* clinic, “Making Water and Sea Bases for Ships,” really taught us a

lesson: how Bob uses paper maché and acrylic paint to create display bases for his award-winning 1/700 scale waterline ships. He instructed us to use acetone to thin 3M Acryl Blue putty and how to assemble p/e railings.



Top to bottom: Joe Leonetti displayed his well-done Airacobra Mk-I, built for the Start to Finish group build. Bob Cicconi demonstrated his technique for simulating water and wakes for his award-winning ship builds.

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Thanks, Bob, now making waves is as easy as one, two, three!

Homework, yes! NJIPMS hosts JerseyCon, the IPMS/USA Region 2 Convention, October 16th & 17th at the Holiday Inn in Runnemede, New Jersey. Theme: "To the Nines- from 1939 to 2009." Crib information, registration and contest entry forms at October DVSM, or see njipms.org.

Extra credit! Join IPMS/USA. Ask *Joe Vattilana* at any DVSM meeting, use the form in this DVSM Newsletter, or see ipmsusa.org. ■

PennCon 2009

At the eleventh PennCon, presented by the IPMS Central Pennsylvania on Saturday, September 19, our handy Del Vallers Joe Wagner and Bob Cicconi repaired to Mechanicsburg, Pa, to fix nine awards for eight scale models! *Reported by Jeffrey Nase*

Joe Wagner reconditions armor and aircraft! Best of Show, Military Vehicles, and Gold Award, Military Vehicles: 1/35 Tamiya M2 Bradley IFV, w/ Eduard interior, turret interior, and exterior p/e, Friulmodel tracks, added tarps, antenna, rubber float screen, scratchbuilt rear door opening mechanism, brass rear storage door, repositioned running gear, cut and repositioned track armor, markings for war games. Showed 2009 IPMS/USA. Gold Award, Military Aircraft: Academy Hawker Typhoon Mk.1B, OOB, w/ thinned-out cockpit walls, carb intake, exhaust, seat, and gear doors, added tape seat belts and antenna. Showed August DVSM, 2009 IPMS/USA. Silver Award, Military Aircraft: 1/48 Tamiya P-47D-4-RA Thunderbolt, "razorback," w/ Eduard belts and interior p/e, scratchbuilt brake lines and antenna, Aeromaster decals. Showed October 2008 DVSM, 2009 IPMS/USA. Silver Award, Military Vehicles: 1/35 Tamiya Marder III Ausf M, w/ Aber interior and exterior p/e, Tamiya brass ammo, Friulmodel tracks, scratchbuilt antenna, tow cable and bucket. Showed in-prog October 2008 DVSM, won Gold Award June DVSM, showed 2009 IPMS/USA. Bronze Award, Military Aircraft: 1/48 Eduard P-39Q-1BE Airacobra, OOB, w/ thinned-out seat, wings, trailing edges, rudder and carb intake, drilled out gun barrels and exhaust stubs, added tape seat belts and antenna. Showed September DVSM, 2009 IPMS/USA.

Bob Cicconi overhauls ships! Gold Award, Military Ships: 1/700 Dragon USS Pennsylvania (BB-38) 1945, w/ Gold Medal Ultra railings, Niko quad twin 40mm, Paper Lab 5", Gold Medal 20mm, Trumpeter SC-1 Seahawk, Tom's and Gold Medal p/e details, catapult, crane and radar, stretched sprue rigging, A-Line anchor chain, scratchbuilt main mast, WEM Measure 21 blue paint. Won Favorite Five December 2008 DVSM, showed 2009 MosquitoCon. Silver Award, Military Ships: 1/700 Fleet Net Democratie (French BB) c 1907, w/ Gold Medal Ultra railings and ladders, scratchbuilt forward anchor chain and masts, spares box deck guns, Floquil and Testors paints. Won Theme Award, "Born in Europe!" March DVSM. Bronze Award, Dioramas & Vignettes: "Guadalcanal Rendezvous," August 7, 1942 Guadalcanal landings. 1/700 Battlefleet USS Alchiba (AKA-6, attack cargo ship), w/ Gold Medal railings, brass flag posts, antenna, stretched sprue rigging. 1/700 Midship Models USS Ralph Talbot (DD-390, Bagley-class), w/ Gold Medal railings, radar, K guns, 20mm guns, scratchbuilt masts, deck house under funnel, midships 20mm tubs, deck supports, Paper Lab enclosed 5," Corsair Armada open 5", modified funnel. The waterline ships in Bob's sea base diorama showed August DVSM and 2009 IPMS/USA. ■

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