



AUGUST Meeting Report by Jeffrey Nase

AT OUR AUGUST DVSM meeting, 15 members turned the tables on the expected seasonal doldrums to display 26 models, plus a photo show!

ROAD RALLY! Bob Doebley: 1/25 Revell '49 Merc coupe w/ gold finish. **John Goschke:** '40 Ford Coupe, '58 Ford Fairlane convertible, '32

Ford High Boy Street Rod, all 1/25

in-progs. **Al Hernandez:** 1/25 resin conversion '49 Merc station wagon in-prog (Al sells the conversion kits). **Greg Hogg:**

1/25 resin conversion '70 to '71 Ford Galaxy in-prog. **Tommy**

Kortman: 1/25 resin '27 Ford Model T Hot Rod w/ House of Kolor paint and Alclad chrome, 1/25 Revell '50 Merc street rod w/ House of Kolor paint and custom decals. **Mike**

Napoleon: 1/25 '26 Mack Bulldog flatbed truck carrying a '23 Model T tow truck, in a diorama depicting a corner of old-time, rural America that, like Lake Wobegon, time forgot and even a well-rendered scale model can't improve! **Nick**

Sandone: '57 Chevy and 1/24 Revell Performance Audi R8, both in-progs. Nick previewed the 50 year-old icon and the fresh, mid-engined super-sportscar, at July DVSM. Look for a great finish!

Paul Kopczynski's Hasegawa 1/32 Ki-84 Hayate, with its well-executed JAAF camo scheme, was one of several large scale aircraft Paul showed at the August meeting. (PHOTO BY BOB DOEBLEY)

next meeting
**Friday,
September 5**

SWAP MEET:

*Bring Model-Related Stuff to
Sell and Trade*

PLUS: SEMINAR; "Basic
Gluing, Gap & Seam Filling" by
Tony Wootson



At top: Ariel Hernandez has released his first product under his Carbon Copy resin brand; this fine '49 Mercury two-door wagon body converted from and designed to fit the Revell chopped merc kit. Shown her mocked up by Tommy Kortman. This car does what every custom should; improve on the original! Above: Mike Napoleon displayed another weather-beaten masterpiece; a Mack Bulldog flatbed carrying a slightly sway-backed Model T tow truck. (PHOTOS BY BOB DOEBLEY)

Hasegawa Me-109G in winter scheme, all 1/32 w/ detailed cockpits. **Lou Ursino:** 1/48 Accurate Miniatures TBM-3 Avenger in-flight w/ figures from his spares box. Wikipedia says the M designates an Avenger made at Eastern (GM) in West Trenton, NJ! **Joe Vattilana:** 1/72 Airfix Islander (British '60's twin-engine utility aircraft) resin conversion in-prog, also shown at July DVSM.

A MODELER'S MODELER! Mike Napoleon: 1/25 figure of a modeler (car guy) and workbench diorama in-prog, w/ kit boxes, pubs, scale model cars, and even a working lamp!

SERGEANT AT ARMS! Wayne Borowski showed his full-scale replica of the US Army's M249 Squad Automatic Weapon.

GREAT IMPORT! Art Etchells presented Chuck Robinson's pictures from the World Expo, Spain, July 2008.

BUSINESS IS BOOMING! DVSM vice president **Bob Doebley** led a discussion of ideas to increase club membership and meeting attendance. Wayne Borowski suggested an open house. Members set themes for future meetings. ■

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION! Matt Elkan:

1/450 Renwal USS North Carolina (BB-55).

The prototype of this beautiful Guadalcanal veteran is on show, too, in Wilmington, NC.

Lou Ursino: 1/700 Tamiya USS Hornet (CV-8) OOB, w/ B-25 bombers for her famous April '42 launch of the Doolittle raiders. This victor of Midway was sunk in October '42 at the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands.

ARMORED BUILD-UP! Wayne Borowski:

1/35 Dragon Panzer IV w/ realistically sagged Friul tracks. Wayne will reveal the secret of his eye-stopping icy winter finish at November DVSM (Hint: Mrs. B can't find her hairspray!).

1/35 Bronco Staghound w/ Legends on-deck stowage. **Lou Ursino:** 1/35 DML M4A1 (76mm) Sherman in-prog w/ AFV club tracks, in action with the 3rd AD (Spearhead), Operation Cobra, July '44. 1/35 M4 Sherman w/ D-Day wading gear, reprised from July DVSM.

AIR CAMPAIGN! Matt Elkan:

1/72 Airfix Columbia J25-6 Duck (US Navy WW2 single-engine seaplane), 1/72 Hasegawa F4U-1A Corsair. Paul Kopczynski: Hasegawa A6M5 Zero, Revell Ki-84 Frank (Japanese fighter),

Meeting Programs for '08

(subject to change)

- September: *Basic Gluing, Gap & Seam Filling* by Tony Wootson.
- October: *Cockpit Detailing* by Joe Volz
- November: *Armor Weathering Techniques* by Wayne Borowsky
- December: *Five Favorites Contest*



Four of Bob Cicconi's fine ships were award winners at the IPMS Nat'l Convention. Clockwise from left; 1/125 U-99, 1/700 HMS Leviathan, 1/700 USS Hughes, and 1/700 IJN I-54 (IPMS/USA PHOTOS BY VLAD YABUKOV)

IPMS/USA National Convention in Va Beach

Victory At Sea! Bob Cicconi's Ships Prevail in Nationals

Son of a Bug? New Jersey IPMS Sites 2009 Region 2 Convention in Runnemede

Reported by Jeffrey Nase

AT THE 2008 IPMS/USA National Convention, "Gateway to the Atlantic," hosted by IPMS Tidewater in Virginia Beach, Virginia, August 6th to 9th, plastic modelers from across America and around the world entered over 2,500 scale models and dioramas for National Contest awards in about 150 categories. Contest winners are now posted on ipmsusa.org and will be presented in the IPMS/USA Journal later this year, probably the November/December issue.

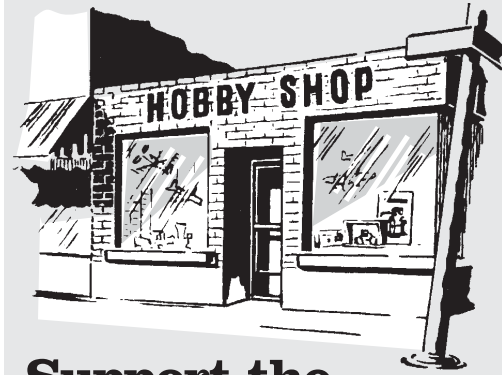
FLEET ADMIRABLE! **Bob Cicconi**, Del Val's pennant ship modeler, berthed 7 ship and submarine models in 5 categories, winning 4 awards- 1 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze. The 1/700 I-54 (Japanese 1,800 ton submarine) w/ photo-etched details won the Gold Award for Submarines: Pre-1946 1/401 and Smaller. The 1/700 USS Hughes (DD Sims class) won the Silver Award for Powered Surface Ships: Others 1/401 and Smaller. The 1/700 HMS Leviathan (British armored cruiser c 1913) w/ scratchbuilt details won the Silver Award (sponsored by New Jersey IPMS) for Powered Surface Ships: Carriers, Battleships, Cruisers, and Battlecruisers 1/401 and Smaller, Non-US Navy. The

1/125 U-84 (German WW2 U-boat class VIIB) w/ scratchbuilt details, an extensive modification of the Revell U-99 kit, won the Bronze Award for Submarines: Pre-1946 1/400 and Larger. Bob's Leviathan and Hughes won 1st and 2nd place, respectively, for Small Ships at 2008 MosquitoCon. Screening vessels were: USS Wyoming (Arkansas class monitor c 1902), Toho Maru (Japanese oiler, Pearl Harbor fleet) OOB, and the I-400 (Japanese aircraft-launching sub), all 1/700. "I thought it was an excellent show," said Bob.

TASK FORCE! With IPMS/USA Region 2 Coordinator Glen Martin absent from Friday afternoon's Region 2 business meeting for a personal reason, New Jersey IPMS'ers William Schwarz and Martin Quinn stood-to on the flag bridge to announce that the New Jersey IPMS will present the 2009 Region 2 Convention, JerseyCon, on October 16th and 17th at the Holiday Inn in Runnemede. Theme: "To the Nines – from 1939 to 2009." The New Jersey club pointed to Runnemede's centrality within IPMS/USA Regions 1 & 2 and its proximity to NJ Turnpike exit 3, Philadelphia, the USS New Jersey in Camden, the Air Victory Museum in Medford, and AAA Hobbies in Magnolia, among others, as assets that make the location desirable. With 30 of 50 vendor tables now sold, "the show is already in the black," Quinn said. The popular MosquitoCon show will not be affected by the regional affair. Our RC-2, Glen Martin, received a special award: IPMS/USA Region Coordinator of the Year. Congratulations, Glen!

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE! A quayside spy slipped your DVSM Newsletter two proposals for the 2010 IPMS/USA National Convention. The Oregon Historical Modelers Society wants the show in Portland, Oregon, on August 11th to 14th, while IPMS/Craig Hewitt, IPMS/Tuscon, and IPMS/Northern Arizona Scale Modelers want it in Phoenix, Arizona, on August 4th to 7th. Shhh! The bids were discussed in a closed-door IPMS/USA meeting. The 2009 IPMS/USA National Convention, "Making History," hosted by IPMS Eddie Rickenbacker, will be in Columbus, Ohio, August 19th to 22nd.

MAN YOUR PLANES! The Del Val-sponsored contest category, #133 Medium Jet Aircraft 1/72, accounted for 20 entries, 7 of them F-4 Phantom II's, with an F-22A Raptor in-flight looking good as gold. You could hear F/A-18 Hornets from Oceana NAS screaming overhead while viewing their scale build-ups on our table! "Bear Hunt," your Newsletter reporter's favorite contest entry, is a 1/72 aircraft in-flight diorama featuring sound, light, and motion that depicts the intercept of a Tu-95MS Bear (Soviet 4 engine turbo-prop



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bomber/missile carrier) by an F-106 Delta Dart of the New Jersey Air National Guard somewhere off the Jersey shore. The Bear's props counter-rotate and the Six's jet exhaust heats up as the afterburner kicks in! A recording of the actual air-ground radio chatter adds to the realism. Charles Heyer, of Hopewell, New Jersey, built the rotating display base and the prop mechanism, while Konstantin Degtyarev and Tory Mucaro built the aircraft models.

MEETING ENGAGEMENT! Your DVSM Newsletter reporter plied the contest and vendor rooms Friday and Saturday looking for familiar and famous faces. Del Val members: Matt Pritchett served as a judge of armor, Bob Cicconi entered ships, and Vern Minkowitz was here, but did he enter the contest? FineScale Modeler's editor Matthew Usher photographed many of the contest entries.

Matt told your Newsletter that the photos will be published in "Great Scale Modeling 2009" in January and some in FSM before that. Noted military historian and author Steve Zaloga was at the Osprey table and signed my copy of his book, "The M4 Sherman at War." We swapped stories about exploring old German bunkers in Normandy. FSM's Paul Boyer attended Dana Bell's seminar, "US Interwar Ship & Aircraft Colors." Bell is an archivist at the National Air & Space Museum. Retired airline captain, master aircraft modeler, and FSM Workbench Review contributor Walt Fink was here.

AUXILIARIES! Your reporter is an admitted tourist in the scale modeling world, and this tourist loves to shop vendor rooms. My favorite here was Pace Hobbies, of Charlottesville, Virginia, who have an e-bay store. I bought 7 kits for \$70 and found incredible bargains Saturday afternoon (Scott Turner, 50% off!) while the vendors were packing up. As for the Dragon Expo: the bad news is that the corporate mothership has descended on IPMS/USA, and the bad news is that the passengers are almost all 1/6 scale collectable figures. Hardly worth my time at the Nationals, and few scale modelers disagreed.

BOARDING PARTY? Enthused to boogie board Va Beach Saturday morning, your reporter queried former Del Valler Craig Bennett, who had just beached with spouse Karen, for the wave recce. "Wipe!" Verily, my own scope of the oceanfront realized no ride-worthy break. Sunday morning après surf, LBI New Jersey, I started work on your Newsletter story, searched the horizon for a Russian Bear- Atlantic City F-16 in hot pursuit- and imagined I saw it. ■

Coming Events

September 5-6; Geezers @ the Grove, Nostalgia Drag Racing @ Maple Grove Raceway.

September 6-7; Hot Rod Hoe Down, United German Hungarian Club, Bristol Rd. Oakford, PA. www.hotrodhoedown.com/home.html

September 6-7; Outlaws @ Atco, Atco Dragway.

September 14; Super September Showdown IX Gilbertsville, Pa.

September 20-21; Millville Airshow "Wings & Wheels", Millville Airport & T-Bolt Raceway.

September 20; PennCon 2008, Silver Spring Community Fire B 6471 Carlisle Pike IPMS Central Pennsylvania www.cenpennipms.com/PennCon/PennCon2008.htm

September 21; RONCON 29 Rochester, NY www.ipm-srochester.org

September 26-28; Goodguys 4th Annual Great American Nationals Car Show & Model car contest, Pocon Raceway, Pocon Pa.

September 27; AMPSEAST 2008, Danbury Conn. www.ampseast.org

September 27-28; ARCA Remax Series @ Thunderbolt Raceway.

October 11; NNL Nationals #29, Toledo, OH, Lucas County Rec. Center, 2901 Key St. Maume, Ohio

October 18; IPMS Marauder Con, Ruhl Armory Towson Md www.ipmsdc.org/maraudercon/ ■

SWAP MEET at September Meeting!

PRICE AND PACK UP THOSE KITS AND BOOKS AND STUFF you've been wanting to get rid of and turn it into cash or trade it with your colleagues for more stuff to build or put on your shelves. The tables in the dining room will be available for you to set up on on a first come, first served basis.

ALSO at next meeting will be officers nominations for 2009, including Treasurer and Contest Chairman held by Joe Vatillana and Tommy Koortman respectively who are welcome to serve through 2009. Charlie Lockard will be finishing his term as President at the end of 2008, so think about who you'd like to see in that office next year. ■

Theme Displays Return For '09!

AT THE AUGUST MEETING we decided on theme displays for next year with a twist. Mike Napoleon will create an award plaque for each theme and meeting attendees will vote for the model that best fits the theme. The themes will be; January-Shades of White, February-Late 1940s "The Nuclear Age," March-"Born in Europe," April-"Seen on the Screen" TV or Movies Related Models, May-"Well-Seasoned" Weathered Models, July-"Don't Mess With the US," (Red,

White, Blue), August-"GRRRRR," Models with Animal Names, September-"Godzilla's Revenge" (Japanese), October-"Halloween" (Orange & Black), November-"Can't Be, Never Was, Never Will Be!" Fictitious or Hypothetical Subjects. June & December are our regular contest months, and so will not have theme displays. ■

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