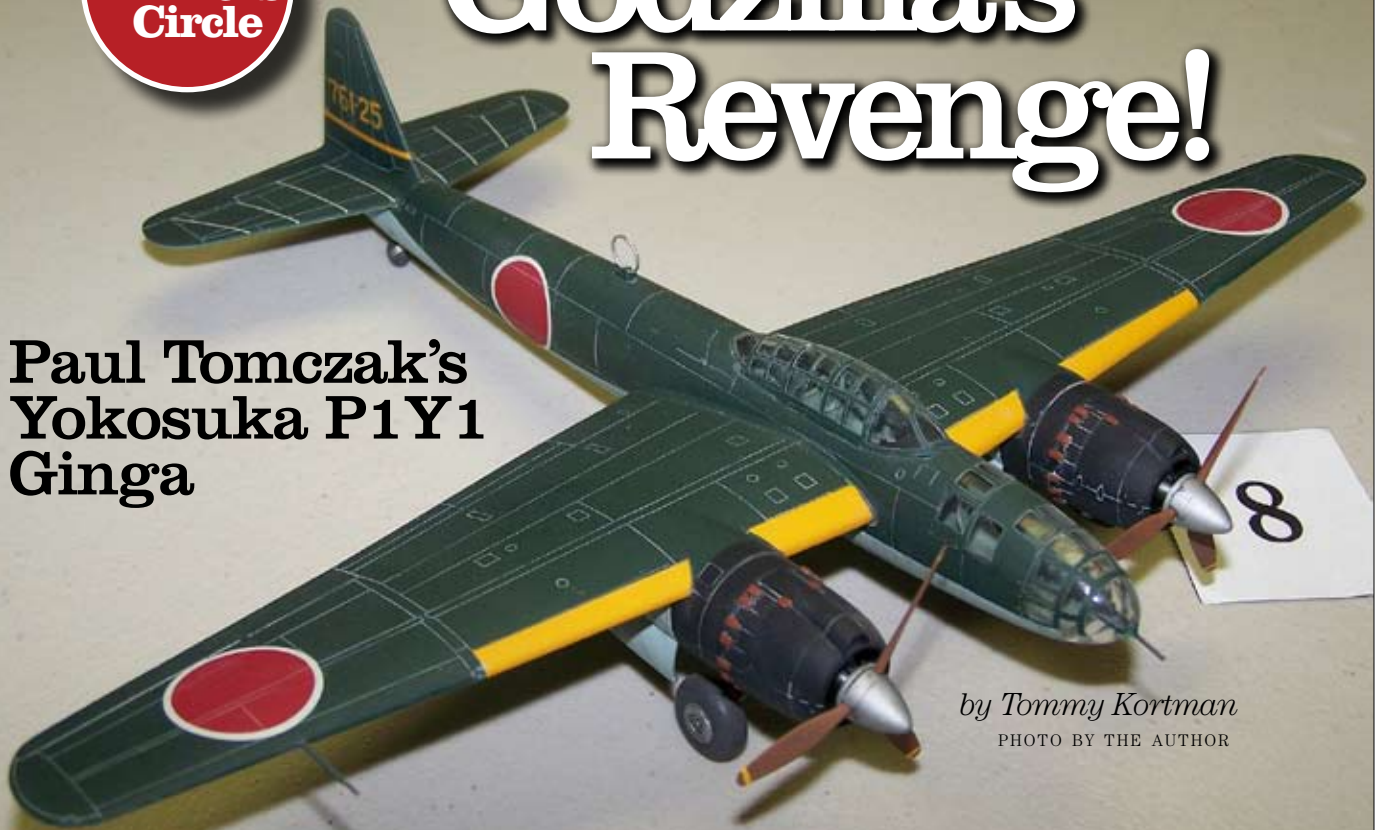




## Godzilla's Revenge!

### Paul Tomczak's Yokosuka P1Y1 Ginga



by Tommy Kortman  
PHOTO BY THE AUTHOR

**P**aul Tomczak. Don't know the name? Well you should. Paul Tomczak won last month's Theme contest with a wonderful rendition of a Yokosuka P1Y Ginga Japanese WWII Bomber. According to my notes, Paul joined DVSM back around March or April of this year. So while he may be a relatively new member, he is certainly making a big impact.

#### NEXT MEETING September 2

- **Theme Contest:**  
"Euro-Trash"

**Paul brought** a Hasagawa 1/72nd scale Yokosuka P1Y Ginga (translation: Galaxy) bomber for the August Theme contest "Godzilla's revenge II."

**The Ginga**, better known to the allies as "Frances" was a twin-engine, land-based bomber developed for the Japanese Imperial Navy in World War II.

**She was designed** in response to an Imperial Japanese navy request for a land based bomber with speed to match the venerable Zero fighter, the ability to carry a 2,000 lb bombload, and have the ability to dive-bomb as well as carry torpedos. Such requirements led to delays in design and production.

**Her first flight** was in August 1943. 1,002 examples were produced and she saw service as a land based bomber from many bases throughout the Pacific. Late in the war she was even used as a kamikaze aircraft against the United States Navy during the Okinawa Campaign.

**The Ginga (Frances)** had a crew of three, she was 49ft long with a wingspan of 65ft. Her max takeoff weight was 29,762 lbs, her top speed was 340mph @ 19,400ft, the service ceiling was 30,840ft, and her max range was 3,337 miles.

Her armament consisted of one 20mm  
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# Presidents' Corner *by Bob Doebley & Tommy Kortman*

## Hello Fellow Styrene Junkies!

**W**e are at the end of the Summer Season when our model building time re-starts.

**We had a light turn out** at the August meeting which is expected in the summer with people going on vacation.

**Our beloved member Bob Cicconi** did not make the meeting because went to the IPMS Nationals in Oklahoma. Hope he makes the meeting to tell us stories of his adventure and if he won any trophies. (ed. He did: 4 firsts and 2 seconds. Nice job, Bob.)

**Just a reminder to Mike Turco;** You promised to bring your home made Space Command control panel for use check out this month. (ed. Have seen photos. It looks pretty cool.)

**On August 13th,** Tommy K. went to the second of the custom car shows that the Simeone Museum held this summer. I hope he has a written an article about his visit? (ed. since someone was not allowed out and missed it.)

**Raffle donations needed!** The club is in need of donations of model kits for our monthly raffle so if you have any kit you do not want please bring them to the September's meeting.

**Mainline Hobbies** has closed the doors in E. Norriton and is moving into a new location at the Plymouth Meeting Mall, with a grand opening planned for September 1st. After looking at the pictures on their web site, the new place looks like a much bigger store, but we will not know if the February's Big Sit will be there next year until it opens to see if there is going to be enough room to accommodate all of us. We are still looking into alternative options.

**September** is the first month for

nominations for the club President, Treasurer, and Contest Chairman. So if anyone is interested, have someone throw your name in the hat.

**So, now lets see what Tommy has** for us this month....Tommy?

### Thanks Bob.

**O**ther than the current weather, there's not much to report on. Other than the Nat's. There were no local model events to report on. As you mentioned previously on August 13th I did drive down to the Simeone for their second Custom car show of the summer. The last one was two weeks prior on July 30th. Both shows were a little light on turnout by comparison to other more well established shows, but seeing as how these were the first two attempts, I'd say that they definitely have something to build on. Photos from both shows are available for your perusal at my Fotki site. Here's the link; <http://public.fotki.com/El-Tanque/car-shows/>

**The second show** which was geared more toward Kustoms than Hot Rods did have a higher car count. Both shows featured some great music from one of my favorite local bands, The Sharkskins.

**The show coincided** with the start of Classic Bike Month at the Museum. This year's featured marquee is Ducati and there were some 30 plus classic machines on display. The bikes will be at the museum until September 8th. For more info, please check out the Museum's link. <http://simeonemuseum.org/>

**The show was organized** by the same fellows that run one of the area's premier (in my ever so humble opinion) Hot Rod shows, The Hot Rod Reunion. Hot Rod Scot and the Pro-

fessor can be heard on 103.3fm WPRB Princeton Radio each Tuesday from 1 to 3 and sometimes til 5 spinning some great alternative music. Specifically Rock-a-billy.

**One last item** about the show is that our good friend and MAMA club president, Lyle Willits won the best Classic award at the show with his beautiful 1955 Dodge. Congratulations Lyle. I guess you can own a show winning car and drive it too.

### OK, Last month's theme contest

winner was Paul Tomczak with a very well built and neatly finished Yokosuka P1Y Ginga (means: Galaxy) bomber. Congratulations Paul. Please see my Winners Circle column for more info on this wonderful model.

**So now let's take a quick look** at the current point's race. Paul Kopczyński continues to pad his lead which is now at 20 points. He is 4 points ahead of Dave Anderson who has 16 points, 6 points ahead of Greg Hogg with 14 points. Paul Tomczak's win last month moved him to 3rd place with 13 points and John Goschke, Lou Isern, and Mike Turco are tied for 4th with 12 points.

**There are three contests left** in this season. Somebody can still step up and catch Mr. Kopczyński, but they have to hurry.

### Euro-Trash!

**This month's theme is Euro-trash.** Anything from the continent of Europe is allowed. That provides a lot of material. Think about all the subjects available from England, Germany, and Italy alone. Good luck to everyone, now let's see what's happening this month... other than hurricane clean up. (See "September Events," page 4) ■

# August Display Highlights *Photos by Tommy Kortman*



*Kawanishi N1K2 Shiden, 1/32, Paul Kopczynski*



*1981 Honda CB-750F, 1/6, by Mike Turco*



*IJNS Yamato, 1/350, by David Anderson*

## 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: Winner - LOU ISERN**

Low & Slow

**JUNE: Best of Show - BOB CICCONI**

Gold, Silver & Bronze Contest

**JULY: Winner - MIKE TURCO**

That 70's Show

**AUGUST: Winner - PAUL TOMCZEK**

Godzilla's Revenge II

**SEPTEMBER**

Euro-trash

**OCTOBER**

Never Had It, Never Will

**NOVEMBER**

Failures & Misfits

**DECEMBER (NO THEME)**

Favorite Five Contest

# August Display Highlights

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1975 AMC Matador Stock Car Racers (in-progress), 1/25, by Jamie Makin



Douglas TBD Devastator, Torpedo 8, 1/72, by Matt Elkan



McDonnell XP-67 "Moonbat" (in-progress), 1/72, by Howard Rifkin



Opel "Blitz" (in-progress), 1/24, by Keith Jones



Godzilla by Don Senner



"Flathead Frankie" by Mike Napoleon

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**Sept. 3- 4:** *Rax River Air Expo 2011* • <http://www.paxairexpo.org/Home.html>

**Sept. 10:** *SVASMCON27*, Sharon VFW Post # 1338, 439 East State St. Shenango Valley Area Scale Modelers • Davey Taylor 724-734-3667  
<http://svasm.webs.com/2011svasmcon27flyer.htm>

**Sept. 11:** *Super September Showdown XII*, Gilbertsville Pa. Fire Hall, Route 73 1456 E. Philadelphia Ave., Gilbertsville, Pa 19525. Presented by the Central PA Model Car Club. • <http://www.cpmcc.org/super-septembershowdown.htm>

**Sept. 17:** *Penncon 2011*, Silver Spring Banquet Center, 6471 Carlisle Pike, Central Pennsylvania IPMS • Frank Froment 717-350-0171  
<http://www.cenpennipms.com/penncon/penncon.html>

**Sept. 17 - 18:** *Ocean City (NJ) Airport Festival and Airshow*. Ocean City Municipal Airport. (Airshow over the Boardwalk) • <http://www.oceancitychamber.com/default.asp>

**Sept. 23 - 24:** *AMPS East 2011*, Danbury Plaza Hotel, 14 Old Ridgebury Rd., IPMS/Northeast Military Modelers Association (NMMA) • John Gazzola (860) 617-1413 <http://www.ipmsnmma.org/ampseast/ampseast.htm>

**Sept. 23 - 25:** *NAS Oceana Air Show 2011* • <http://www.oceanaairshow.com/>

**Oct 1:** Vietnam Vets Appreciation Day, Fort Mifflin on the Delaware, 10am to 4pm. See website for details • <http://www.fortmifflin.us/index.html>

## Paul Tomczak's Ginga

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nose mounted cannon and one 13mm (roughly .50 cal) machine gun in the tail. She could carry up to 2,205 lbs of bombs or 1 1,800 lb torpedo.

**Paul built his** "Frances" in about a month. It is a box stock build and is airbrushed with Aeromaster paints. Paul then applied a clear coat of Future and applied the decals. To weather the aircraft, Paul applied a sludge wash of PollyScale and finally sealed the whole thing with Testors Dull Coat. Paul uses a Paasche H and a VL airbrush. Incidentally, Paul says that it was his dad who showed him how to airbrush and that he still has his first airbrush mounted on a plaque in his work shop.

**Paul started building** at around 7 or 8 and like most of the rest of us stopped for a little while in High school. He restarted his building after getting married. (Now where have I heard this story before?)



ASV-radar equipped Gingas abandoned in a hangar at the end of World War II. (US Navy Department photo)

**Paul likes** to build 1/72 aircraft and 1/35 scale armor. He says he tends to build his subjects in a series, and the bomber was next in line in a series of about 30 Japanese planes he was doing.

**Paul says** he found DVSM through the IPMS website. Well, we are certainly glad that he did. Congratulations, Paul. We look forward to seeing more of your fantastic work. ■

## 2011 Theme Contest Point Standings to Date

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	June	July	August	Totals
Kopczynski, Paul	2	5	4		2	3	4	20
Anderson, Dave	2	2	3	2		3	4	16
Hogg, Greg	5	1	1	3	1		3	14
Tomczak, Paul				3	4	1	5	13
Goschke, John	2	4		3	3			12
Isern, Lou				5	5	2		12
Turco, Mike	2		1			5	4	12
Kortman, Tommy	4	3	1	1		1	1	11
Ursino, Lou		1	5	4				10
Rifkin, Howard	4	1		1	2	1	1	10
Cicconi, Bob		3	1		3			7
Senner, Don	1	1	1	1		1	2	7
Sandone, Nick		3	1		2			6
Leonetti, Joe	3		1		1	1		6
Napoleon, Mike	2	1				3		6
Vattilana, Joe	1			1	1	2		5
Makin, Jamie						4	1	5
Goerke, Doug	1	1	1					3
Bonfigillo, Vince						2	1	3
Borowsky, Wayne			2					2
Wootsen, Tony				2				2
Stark, John		1						1
Ivey, Tony			1					1
Rothgeb, Jason						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

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