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# September 2005 meeting minutes

The meeting officially begin at 1800, Brian Geiger officiating.

There were 25 members present , a smaller amount than usual due to the Mountain Home Airshow and the McMinnville model show.

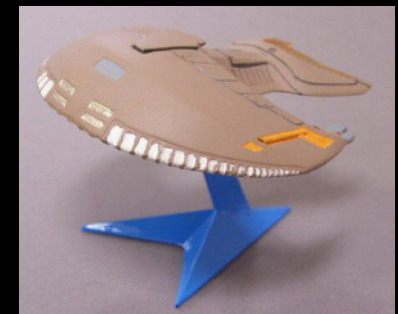
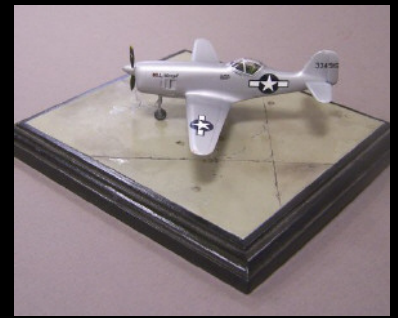
On October 1st there will be a model show in Moscow Idaho , it will be held at the Moose Lodge on Main Street. If you plan to attend please remove your any BSU logos on your vehicle !!

Next week the Ontario Air Fair will be held, apparently there will be an A-10 and F-111 on display.

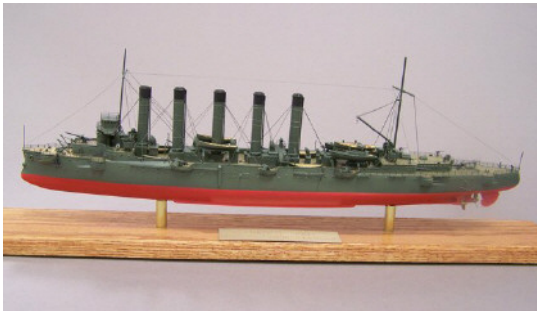
It was decided that the October Auction will be held as usual. The money going to local charities plus the Red Cross . The charity having yet to be decided.

## Model of the month

- ♦ Bell XP-77 by Herb Arnold. A Special Hobby kit in 1/72.
- ♦ Macchi C.200 Saetta by Ian Robertson. A Pacific Coast Model kit in 1/32.
- ♦ Spitfire Mk Ia by Tom Gloeckle. The Tamiya kit in 1/48.
- ♦ Fairy Barracuda by Tom Gloeckle. A Special Hobby kit in 1/48.
- ♦ F-16A/B by Tom Vogt. An Airfix kit in 1/72.
- ♦ The Interstate Monte Carlo Nascar car in 1/25. An AMT model by Tom Vogt.
- ♦ A Romulan War Bird. Model by Tom Vogt of a 1/3230 AMT kit.
- ♦ A Ferengi Marauder, another model by Tom Vogt of an AMT kit.
- ♦ A Klingon Bird of Prey by Tom Vogt. AMT kit. Scale 1/3730.
- ♦ A couple of North American FJ-2 with Sapphire engines and 20mm guns. !/72 scale heller kits by Ray Sweet.
- ♦ A MiG-3 in 1/32 , kit by Trumpeter. Model by Brian Geiger.
- ♦ The Russian cruiser Askold in 1/350, a Combrig kit by John Thirion.







### Model of the Month winners

- 1st John Thirion with the Askold.
- 2nd Tom Gloeckle and the Barracuda.
- 3rd Brian Geiger and his MiG 3.





## I got kicked right in the Shocon-es!

By Brian Geiger

Ok, that title doesn't really work but it didn't stop me before. The time; Sept 23-24. The place: Layton, UT. The event; the 20th annual model contest known for the first time as "Shocon"! It still carries "The Gathering" name as an addendum for recognition. Some people scoffed at the new moniker. Come on people. It's called progress. Get over it. Than's no "joke-con". (Sorry.) It's my understanding that the new name describes both the "show" and "contest" aspects of the event. The plush new venue is certainly deserving of a new face.



For the first time in a couple years I actually finished my models with time to spare and was able to arrive early Friday afternoon. That was the good news.

The bad news was that there were few Friday attendees. For that matter, attendance was down in general this year. That made some of us a bit uneasy, wondering whether the contest would lose money and possibly alter plans for next year. However, that doesn't seem to be the case. There were just under 400 entries with over 400 models on the tables. Planning for next year's contest is already underway.



Those who did attend were treated to a streamlined entry system and free admission for the general public. All of the paperwork was simplified and made checking in a breeze. The contest volunteers did a great job handling all the necessary tasks. Both judging and picture taking for the program were completed before the planned deadline.



In spite of the lower numbers, there were some fine models and the maddogs had a very good showing. I believe that we were the largest out-of-state contingent. We brought home a lot of awards, including a good share of sponsored awards. As if that wasn't lucky enough, Kent won a 1/32 Trumpeter A-10 kit in the raffle. Niiice!





On the way home, we stopped off at the Hill AFB Museum. It had been a long time since my last visit and I was surprised to see a big ol' B-1B there. The B-24 is still being shipped piece by piece. There was also a MiG-15 that was new to me.



All in all, it was a fun contest and we came home with enough goodies from the vendor room to make my wife roll her eyes.



You can see picture galleries on the web at:  
<http://www.ipmssl.com/gallery/Shocon2005>  
<http://bgeiger.delta-v.org/shocon>



Just one more way to get your kicks,  
Brian



### October Meeting Reminder

**Kit Auction!** Don't forget that this month's meeting will be a kit auction. We will begin the evening by voting on which of the four local charities the funds will go toward:

- Idaho Food Bank
- Rescue Mission
- Salvation Army
- Red Cross

If you have any other models you'd like to donate, they're welcome. If not, just bring plenty o' cash.



# British Experimental Cruiser Submarine X-1

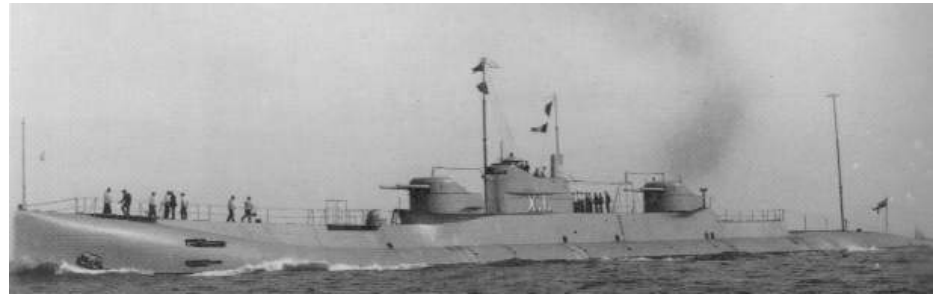
by John Thirion

As a weapon of war the submarine reached maturity during WW1, the most dramatic use was made by the Imperial German navy. Their main task was to seek and destroy enemy warships and merchant shipping. This type of submarine was called patrol or overseas boats.

After the war new possibilities were studied, the hunter/killer concept was born (but not called yet as such). On a limited scale, during the war, the German had introduced the idea of a cruiser submarine armed with two 5.9 inches guns (U-151), their task was to conduct very long range patrol and dissipate the enemy's anti-submarine assets. The idea of having those lone wolf roaming the world sea lanes attacking enemy shipping was attractive to the Royal Navy. The operational requirement stated that this sub. Should be able to destroy merchant vessels by gunfire and to be able to take on a destroyer if the need did arise. Another motive was to study the underwater behavior of a very large submarine, and gain experience with the operation of heavy armament on a submarine. The X-1 concept was born.

The boat was lay down in 1921 and completed in 1925. It was 363 feet long, 30 feet wide, had a crew of 109. The speed on surface was 20 knots, and 9 knots underwater. The maximum operational diving dept was 350 feet (about its own length). The armament consisted of four 5.2 inches guns installed in twin turrets and six 21 inches torpedo

tubes. In service the X-1 proved to be an excellent boat very manoeuvrable, good underwater speed, and excellent guns. Nevertheless, some problem arose such incurable leaks in the fuel tanks leaving a tell tale mark on the surface. Also the engines did not provide their cited Hp,



Submarine Cruiser X 1 World Ship Society Photograph

more problems were caused by the secondary diesels, two German build MAN.

Soon submariners in the Royal Navy had some doubts about engaging in a gun duel with a destroyer, which was regarded as hazardous at least! The remaining role was to be commerce-raiding, a very unlikely role for the RN that would be more likely occupied in protecting its own substantial merchant marine throughout the world. After several years in service the X-1 was scrapped in 1936.

The 1/350 scale model of the X-1 is by the Japanese company Sea Wolf. The mold is in a very hard resin, almost no mold lines are visible. The instruction are in Japanese, because of the very few parts this is no a problem. Most of the main

parts are in resin (hull, coning tower, turrets, ect.) some of the smaller parts are in white metal of very good quality. The picture of a completed model show a very doubtful paint scheme. I painted the model in a two tone grey, darker for the bottom of the hull and lighter on the top.

Gun metal was used for the gun barrels and gun breaches. The kit does not come with the wireless mast or the handrails. Those were provided by my spare parts box.

Some light weathering was done using pastels. Light rust area around the hull, grimy black at the engine exhaust areas, and some black in recessed area of the hull and coning tower.

This was a quick, but very enjoyable build of an unusual subject. Would be interesting to display this boat next to the other "big boat", the French Surcouf, and the Japanese STo. ✘