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Calendar of Events

January	MoM
February	MoM, Civil theme
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The Kurt Vandervoort Memorial Auto Contest 2006

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July Meeting Minutes

The meeting begin not so promptly at 1810, Brian presiding. Again we had an excellent summer turnout with 24 members present. Only 2 weeks away from the National in KC, I am sure who is going but I would guess that Kent, Brian, and Ian are a good bet. Being July it is the month of the Kurt Vandevort model contest featuring cars or anything with wheels.

Herb did a demonstration using the old Mattel vacuform machine..



Model Of the Month Contest

Marc Oliver Tamiya 1/35 Panzer IV

Dave Stansel 1/700 Tamiya Yamato.

1/700 Sharnhorst, also a Tamiya kit.

Herb Arnold 1/72 Arsenal D-6 223

Jim Burton Brdiging rig made by using the Tamiya M113 chassis.

A 1/700 Dallas submarine performing an emergency blow.

Ian Robertson 1/32 Macchi Folgore, radial engine version from Pacific Coast Hobby.

1/32 ASK21 Revell glider.

Tom Vogt The Starfix A6M5 Zero



George Bacon dsplayed two outstanding WW1 models, both airplane British Sopwith, the first a biplane Pup, the second the triplane. Both aircraft were flown by Canadian during WWI. George got first place in Seattle.

1st place The Panzer IV by **Marc Oliver**.

2nd place 1/700 Yamato by **Dave Stansel**

3rd place The ASK21 glider by **Ian Robertson**



Kurt Vandervoort Memorial Contest

Paul Erlandson A Porsche Carrera 996. A 1/48 Testor kit.

Tom Gloeckle A Porsche from Tamiya in 1/24.

A 1/32 Nissan by Revell.

A 1/32 BMW by Revell.

Another 1/32 Revell, a Mitsubishi.

Terry Falk A 1/6 Harley Davidson from Tamiya.

Brian Geiger The 1/24 Tamiya Fiat Abarth 695 SS, completed after much tribulations,

Derek Geiger 1/24 Fujimi Honda Civic.

1/24 Hasegawa Karman Ghia.

Lindsay Geiger 1/24 Tamiya Nissan Skyline.

Tom Vogt A 1/24 '39 Chevy Coupe from Monogram, custom mix Hemi engine.

A 1/25 AMT-ERTL '58 Edsel Pacer.

Wayne Keith A red GT-40.

A blue GT-40.

Dave Stansel A 1/24 Monogram 68' Corvette.

Jim Burton A 1/16 Academy kit of a 1886 Daimler Benz.

Jeff D'Andrea A 1/24 Revell Porsche GT Avo, the USSRC Champion.

A 1/24 Jaguar XJ220.

The winners were 1st place The Fiat Abarth by Brian Geiger.

2nd place The GT-40 by Wayne Keith

3rd place The Corvette by Dave Stansel.



Kurt Vandervoort Memorial Auto Contest Continued ...



First Place: Brian Geiger
The Fiat Abarth



Second Place: Wayne Keith
Ford GT-40



Third Place: David Stansel
The Corvette



The Scuttlebutt August 2006 Edition:

Zvezda 1/350 model of the Russian Submarine K-19.

The K-19 was the first submarine of the Hotel class which was a modification of the November class which in turn was the first class of soviet nuclear submarines. In both classes you can see some similarities with the German XXI U-boat. The Hotel carried 3 missiles placed in vertical launchers located behind the sail. It took 12 minutes of surface time before the missiles could be launched. A total of 8 hotels were build, the first one was the K-19 which was launched in 1958. The last Hotel was removed from operation in 1990. In 1961, a series of serious emergencies occurred aboard the K-19. In february a depressurization in the coolant circuit was rectified with little time to spare. During the summer, the port-side pumps of the heat exchangers gave out. Heroic efforts from the crew restored integrity of the air-tight cooling jacket. But as a result 22 crew members died. In November 1969 the K-19 had an "encounter" with a US Gato, as a result the K-19 lost his acoustic system and the bow torpedo tubes covers were inoperable. In 1972 a fire broke in the K-19 while the sub was cruising at 120 meters below the surface. The rescue, hampered by severe winter storms, lasted 40 days and involved 30 ships of the Soviet Northern Fleet. The sub was finally towed back to base but 28 crew members perished.

After seeing the movie with Harrison Ford, I could'nt resist buying this kit, at \$14.95 I did not see how I could go wrong. As a plus it is in 1/350 and would be a great and cheap addition to my growing collection of subs in that scale. The kit is fairly large at 12 inches long. The hull is split at the middle, and the deck is in 2 pieces. The joint were the 2 deck pieces meet is covered by the sail which is made of 3 parts. The rest of the parts are made up of the propellers, diving planes, periscopes, ect.. A good buy at that price. Hey Trumpeter did you read the part about the joint being covered by the sail!!!!!!!!!!!!

News

The Scale Shipyard located in Long Beach is offering a new line of kits from China. Included are a 1/144 Yamato and Iowa. What attracted my attention was the 1/36 scale S Boat. The hull and the deck are epoxy fiberglass and the deck is pre-bonded to the hull. The propeller shafts are installed, so are the rudder tubes. Cast resin fittings an weapons are included. There are several parts made of ABS plastic and several sheets of PE. The model can be converted to RC and can be purchased for \$ 325.00. The finished model is 38 inches long and compare well with the Robbe kit which is more expensive and has a vacuform hull,



When Things go Wrong

by Brian Geiger



Expletive!...Crash!! I'll never forget the sight of my older brother hurling a partially completed Battlestar Galactica into a wall. Evidently there the fit problems were too much for him to overcome and that model never



made it to completion. The ire worsened years later when that same out-of-production kit commanded premium prices on ebay.

Whether the fault lies in the model itself or mistakes by the modeler, there are simply times when, "It just doesn't work". The mark of a successful modeler is not the absence of mistakes, rather it's what they do when mistakes happen. In our own club we hear regular stories about crooked engine nacels, skewed landing gear, diamond decals that don't line up, spattered paint, and even a fatal meeting of an airplane model and the exhaust fan of a paint booth. (You know who you are.) Modeling web forums are full of horror stories told by world-renowned modelers.

A cooling-off period may be needed or perhaps a change in strategy.



After painting the steering column ... I LOST IT!! It simply vanished. I fashioned a new one from a spare underwing rocket. After gluing the body to the chassis, the steering column popped off. Were it not for the access through the sun roof, the steering wheel would have been a permanent rattle.

Sometimes model disasters can be overcome with a lot of re-work. Decals



These decals didn't fit well. They overlapped in the middle and still had visible wrinkles even after using setting solution. Masking tape was used to strip them off and send straight to the trash can!



You should have seen how bad this looked when I tried wiping excess paint off the hood and got a paper towel stuck in the mix. Dry time and sanding later, I was ready to paint...AGAIN!

Decals can be pulled off with tape. Paint can be sanded down or striped with oven cleaner. Clear parts can be sanded down and dipped in floor wax. There also comes a time when the best remedy is to lay the project to rest and focus on something else, i.e. throw the model into a wall. Knowing just when to hang in there or when to admit defeat is another part of mastering the hobby. Just don't lose sight in the ultimate goal of having fun. The end result needs to be worth the effort required to arrive at that point and it's best if you can enjoy the ride along the way. When weighing your alternatives, don't forget to consult the wealth of experience around you. Internet modeling forums are a great place to seek advice from others who may have battled the same problems. The same goes for your fellow mad dogs. Every mistake is an opportunity to learn something that

will help the next time around. This month's failure could very well be next month's winner. (Feel free to replace the word "month" with "week" or "year", whichever the case may be.) Just have fun with it.



Speaking of fun, congratulations to everyone who participated in last month's Kurt Vandervoort Memorial Auto Contest as well as the Model of the Month Contest. We had a very good turnout which was surprising during the busy summer months. Our thanks go out to Don for sponsoring the auto contest that included both attractive trophies and HobbyTown gift cards.

Congratulations are also in order for all who participated in this year's IPMS National Convention in Kansas City. Picture galleries are appearing online (IPMS.org, ipmssl.org) and it looks like another spectacular display of fine models.

This month's Photo Etched theme contest should have a lot of variety since just about anything goes, as long as it has some photo etch content. See you there!

- Brian



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