



# MADDOG MONTHLY

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## THEME CONTEST: IDAHO

Your mission, should you choose to accept it Mr. Phelps, will be to enter a model, any model in this months theme contest that is shaped like the state of Idaho. Preferably they be made out of something edible like coffee cake or graham crackers. Also, please make sure you bring enough for everyone so we don't run out like last time.

Disclaimer: The editor of this newsletter does not advocate the eating of member's models, edible or otherwise. This page was written at 5 am and he thought he was being clever.

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## Meeting Minutes for April 12

With Tom presiding, we had 26 members present. Randy introduced a new member, Steve Carder who has been building 1/48 planes. Having been introduced by Randy, I am certain that Steve has a passing interest in railroads.

Steve also expressed some interest in modeling figurines, I hope that he will pursue his interest in that field.

### **Vintage Military Vehicle Show**

This annual event will be held from June 5 to June 7 at the Intersection of Hwy 95 and I-84 in Fruitland. The admission is free, the events scheduled will include desert trail rides, military displays, vintage vehicles, demonstrations, etc.. Anyone interested can get more info at [SARGEDUANE@AOL.COM](mailto:SARGEDUANE@AOL.COM)

Several members were planning to attend the Seattle Spring Show or the first Salt Lake City Model Show. We hope to get some news and photos from both events.

### **Model of the month.**

**Tom Vogt** Mitsubishi FTO GPX 1/24 from Fujimi



54' Chevy Panel in 1/25 from Revell.



**Herb Arnold** Lockheed EP 3 Orion in 1/144 from LS  
Trumpeter's Shiniang F-8 also in 1/144



**Jim Burton** F-86C Scorpion by Revell in 1/48.  
a-1E 1/72 Skyraider, no manufacturer.



**John Wilsh** A Gato submarine in 1/72 from Revell.



**Gary Maslonka** The 1/48 Tamiya Mosquito in Israeli color, 1/48 scale model.



**Larry Van Bussum** The 1/48 AMT X-wing fighter.



**Rob Aveson** A tamiya model in 1/48, Douglas Skyraider.



The winner was Brian Geiger with his Panzer III.



**Brian Geiger** Dragon's Panzer III M in 1/35.



**Do not forget, next meeting is a Theme Month, the theme is IDAHO.**

# Prez's Prattle

*His Excellency Tom Gloeckle*

Greetings fellow Mad Dogs! I have two apologies to make; the first is that I missed the last month's issue with my usual drivel. The second, as you will see later on, is that I took pictures at the Spring Show and neglected to get any armor shots. I do feel bad about that. The Spring Show was terrific this year, lots of nice models and lots of great vendors on hand. Particularly Eagle Editions where I gave into weakness and bought Volume 1 of the Dora book. What an amazing volume, and I can't wait for Volume 2! Guess I better start saving now! Another vendor there was Craftwork, which makes 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale resin aircraft and, interestingly enough, classic 50's era 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale hydroplanes! They are planning on doing the late front-engine boats of the 60's and 70's and finally the current jet powered craft. This is clearly a genre that has been sorely neglected and will be very interesting to see what comes.

Back to the contest, the most staggering model wasn't even competing because it had placed in a previous show. I have enclosed numerous pictures of the model and I can tell you they do it no justice. The model is a 1/350<sup>th</sup> scale Tamiya Fletcher Class destroyer as seen during the typhoon that caught Halsey's fleet flat-footed in 1944.



This is the first 3 dimensional ship model I've ever seen, absolutely astonishing! Each individual figure has a hat and a life vest, there's so much detail it's hard to believe.



The other insane model was a 1/700<sup>th</sup> scale USS Hornet as seen just before the Doolittle raid complete with a catwalk surrounding the ship full of little tiny figures and figures huddled around the B-25s doing final pre-mission briefings! Crazy!



The category of the future has got to be 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale single prop and jet. With so many new kits out the competition is really beginning to heat up.

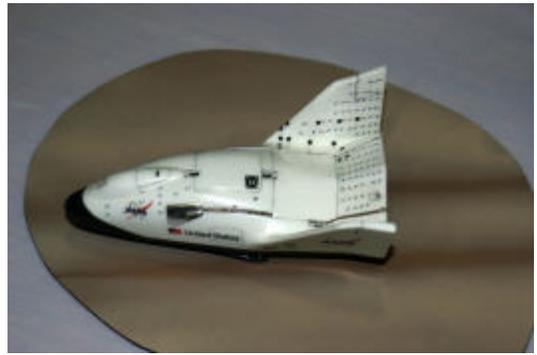


One of the nicest of the big scale planes was a lovely Hasegawa P-47D in the markings of Francis Gabreski.



I thought it would be the gold standard of the category but was reduced to honorable mention because of a misaligned wind screen, otherwise the finish was nearly flawless. That's how tight it was, but the winner of the category was a very nice Spitfire Mk V. Ah, a subject close to my heart.

A number of us did well, I apologize again for not remembering who did what, but hopefully all will bring in their placing models. Competition was good, vendor's area terrific, and the weather terrible. That pretty much sums up the Spring Show. I'm foregoing the GSL for next year in Seattle. What a blast!



# NEXT MONTH...



Brian takes aim at IPMS Region 10's latest contest, SLC-08. Stay tuned for pictures and a brief report from the contest and the private military vehicle museum tour.

Phil Peterson has graciously posted hundreds of contest photos. Check 'em out!

<http://picasaweb.google.com/phil13/SLC08Pt1>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/phil13/SLC08Pt2>



## The Scuttlebutt

By John Thirion

### New kits.

Moebius models has released a 1/128 scale model of the Seaview, the famous Submarine in the TV show Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. (See the kit review on Starshipmodeler.com; ED.) It is an injection molded styrene kit. It includes the Flying Sub, the mini sub,



diving bell, and a detailed room interior in the forward hull section. It represent the sub as he Ap-

peared in seasons 2 to 4, with 4 bow windows. The model is 39" long and Cost \$ 85.

Dragon has released their 1/350 Buchanan, a Gleaves Class destroyer. Price is expected to be around \$30.



Trumpeter's Richelieu is now available, it will set you back about \$98.



NNT of Germany has released the HMS Repulse, that kit will set you back \$ 187, it is not a 1/350 but a 1/700 scale kit.

The Japanese company Soar Art has released a 1/144 Bismark for \$1024. It is the same company that did the 1/35 Dora.

### News

It now appear, beyond doubt, the the wrecks of the Kormoran and Sidney have been located. The two wrecks were found 100 miles off the coast of Western Australia. The Kormoran was found first, the hull a shattered

hulk. The Sidney's was found in relatively good condition, the only damage was to the forward area of the hull, in line with the first gun turret. The Kormoran was an unarmored merchant ship converted into a raider by the German navy. It was armed with 5'9" guns plus an assortment of 20 and 30mm guns beside several torpedo launchers and mines. The Sidney was a Leander Class light cruiser armed with 6" and 4 " guns. Other famous Leander class Cruisers were the Achilles and Ajax. The Sidney distinguished itself earlier in the war by sinking the Italian cruiser Bartholomeo Colleoni and damaging the Giovani Dalle Bande.

After that incident, the Sidney was send back to Australia. On November 19, 1941 she was send to investigate the suspicious presence of a merchant ship off the



coast of Perth. Unable to identify the ship, the Sidney came to within a 1000 yards of the merchant ship (DKM Kormoran) which opened fire with all its guns and launched several torpedoes. The HMAS Sidney at first was overwhelmed, loosing auxiliary power to turrets, fire directors, and loss its forward turrets after the torpedo hit, also the seaplane fuel caught fire. the Sidney replied (at that distance fire control is not necessary) hitting the Kormoran several times. Most shells went through the unarmored superstructure without causing damage, but one lucky shot did disable the engine room. The Sidney now managed to distance itself from the crippled raider. Survivors from Kormoran stated that they saw the

Sidney down by the bow and on fire. It was assumed that the crew never got the fire under control and that the ship capsized. The Kormoran was scuttled by her crew. The severe damage to the ship was caused by the explosion of 300 mines that were onboard. Initially the Kormoran suffered about 20 deaths, another 40 were lost at sea due to bad weather, over 360 were rescued and became POW in Australia. The entire crew of the Sidney , 695 men, perished. Until now, the Australian never believed that a modern warship could have been sunk by a mere merchant ship. The recent discoveries reinforce the facts that indeed it is what occurred, and the testimonials of the German crew were accurate.

jZ

## Warp factor One Mr. Sulu.

Or do I have too much time on my hands?

While working on an *Enterprise* model, I was wondering how I could realize how fast warp drive is. Warp 1 is supposed to be the speed of light. Since space is essentially a whole lot of nothing, with nowhere to go, we need mind boggling speeds with ships that have fantastic mpg and fuel systems. So how fast is warp 1?

For example, I could easily visualize 12 eggs but I couldn't visualize how many 10,000 or



**A dozen eggs**

1,000,000 eggs would look like. So I decided to break down size and distance into something I could think about.

The Moon is a measly 250,000 miles around the corner. We would need to go from New York to Sydney, Australia 25 times to equal a 1-way trip to the Moon. For a visual comparison adrift in space, take a look at



The Moon

[http://www.traipse.com/earth\\_and\\_moon/index.html](http://www.traipse.com/earth_and_moon/index.html).

If the Earth is an inch in diameter, then the Moon is about 31 1/2 inches away. By comparison the Sun is 93,000,000 miles away. The Sun would be about 372 feet away. It takes light 8.3 minutes to arrive at the Earth. So, an *Enterprise* smaller than the sharpest pinpoint (totally invisible -1/43,000 of an inch) would travel 372 feet in 8.3 minutes. That's like walking 45 feet in one minute. The next closest solar system, Alpha Centari, is about 4 years away. Walking at 45 feet a minute night and day, I could walk from NY to Sydney in 9 round trips during that time. Back your bags, are you ready to start hiking?



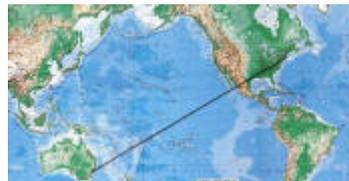
So, what about my model? If I sling shot my 1/1000 scale Polar Lights *Enterprise* to the Moon at warp 1, it would be here in roughly 22 seconds.



My AMT version would take 11 seconds.



And the 1/350 scale version would be there in just under 8 seconds.



Remember 25 trips from NY to Sydney in that same time. I don't think that enough super glue would hold the plastic together. I can't

even start to think about faster speeds because *Star Trek* warp drive becomes more than complicated and confusing. Kirk's *Enterprise* could take about 3 days to travel to Alpha Centari at warp 8. I just finished thinking about walking there in 1406 days with my invisible one. Now, do you really think intergalactic travel is possible or that there are aliens visiting us?

Bill Speece



Friendly Alien

Warp speed Calculator ; Ed.  
([http://home.att.net/~srschmitt/script\\_warpcalc.html](http://home.att.net/~srschmitt/script_warpcalc.html))

## *More photos from April's meeting.*



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