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2009 THEME CONTESTS

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May's Meeting Minutes

Tommy G.

Bill Speece talked about his experiences of the Seattle Spring Show. He also will not be at this meeting so it will probably fall upon your humble scribe to conduct things.

I reported on the Greater Salt Lake Car Contest and found out from Tom that there seems to be some dissention amongst the contest board. For those interested, or not, it was disappointing and probably the last I and Paul will attend. Bring on the Spring Show!

It was also discussed that there was a presence of B-17 in Boise as "Aluminum Overcast" was in town for a short time.

Models of the Month were-

Tom Vogt – Revell 1/25th Crusader Custom Motorcycle, 69 Chevy Nova SS



Ray Sweet- Hobby Boss 1/72nd Scale P-40E, FW-190D9, LA-5, P-39Q, LA-7, and P-47D.





Jim Burton- AMT Robot from the Lost in Space movie



John Wilch- Dragon 1/35th Scale UH-1N,
Tamiya 1/35th Scale M-41



Modeler of the Month was Jim's UH-1N

Display models-

John Thirion- Hasegawa 1/350th Scale Mikasa
Japanese Battleship

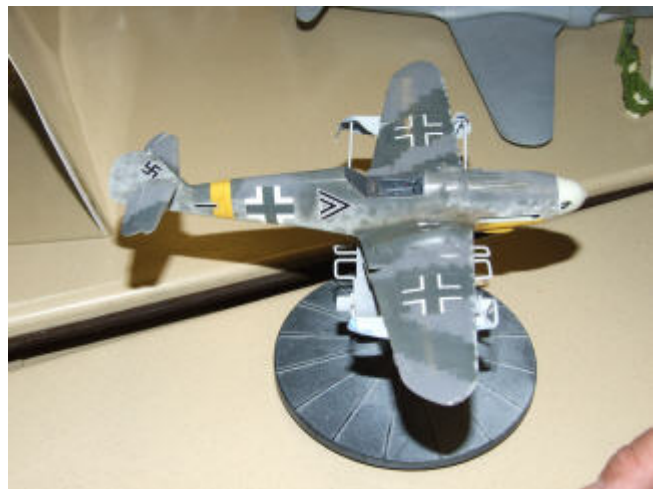


Jim Burton- Tamiya 1/6th Scale Harley Police Bike



Darrin- Hasegawa 1/48th Scale Bf-109G6.

Bill Speece- Czech Model 1/32nd Scale P-80



Stephen- Battlefront Miniature 1/100th Scale 105MM Howitzer, Gun Tractor



Randy- Dragon 1/35th Scale E-100



Remember, this is the month for the theme Canada.

A Note From The Office Of The President

Can you believe it; half the year has already come and gone. It went by too fast. What will the next half bring? Yes, at that speed, we will need to live till we are 172 years old to finish the kits we have stashed away, let alone all the new ones will be buying in the future. Of course someone will print a new decal sheet to go with the kits we have, some company will market a kit in a scale we have always been wanting to do, and our original plan to scratchbuild/kitbash an elusive subject will be derailed when the it becomes available in resin or plastic. So keep on modeling and show what you have finished and what's in progress.

With the summer fast approaching, it will be a little more difficult to complete a kit. I want to enjoy the outside weather, travel more, and do more around town while the weather is good. Unfortunately, I won't be at this months meeting. I will be spending time in Montana with family. This is the best time to visit the state if you haven't been there yet. It s green, animals are abundant, and the temperature is just right. I will also be in Reno the weekend before having fun. Montana doesn't have many hobby shops and Reno, as I remember, wasn't too bad. I'll check to see if anything has changed.

One thing about modeling that I have found is that it increases one interest in other subjects. At one time, I had only been interested in jet aircraft models; over the years I now build many different subjects. Because of this, I check out the attractions at different places I visit. Back in 2000, I went to Harrah's auto museum. What a fantastic collection of history. Those cars on display were maybe half what is in the collection. I'll go again and snap plenty of photos for references. Sorry, I don't think I will be able to take photos of the strippers for any one who wants to model a nude figure.

This month's theme subject is 'Oh Canada'. So bring your kits, make lan proud. Hope the meeting has a good turn out and when I'm back we'll get started on the group photo shoot.



Bill Speece

The Scuttlebutt

By John Thirion

Placement of the “Island” on aircraft carrier.

First lets review that starboard is right and port is left when looking at a ship from the stern. The first aircraft carriers had the island placed starboard because of the rotation of the early aircraft propellers (counter-clockwise) resulting in the torque effect that would make a wave-off easier, the island would be out of the way.

Once the system was in place it became difficult to change, pilots became used to the starboard island. To change would make things confusing, also with the advent of angle decks and jets the location of the island was not important anymore.

There were two aircraft carriers that were build with the island on the port side. The Japanese Hiryu and Akagi. They were build to work in concert with the Kaga and Soryu who had their islands on the starboard side. The idea was to have the carriers navigating in a box type formation with the four carriers at the corners. The Kaga and Soryu on the left and Hiryu and Akagi on the right, so the aircraft taking off would be doing so to the left and to the right improving the congestion in the flight pattern. The idea was proved to be too confusing and was never repeated.

Some products that could be used by modelers.

- 3M Acry Blue glazing putty, the 21oz tube (05964) .
- Shurtape, Razor Edge Gold (CP-60) premium masking tape, same as the large size Tamiya tape at a fraction of the cost.

Wings of Freedom Tour

The Collins Foundation will be at the Nampa airport June 24-26. They will have their B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator, and the world's only dual control P-51C Mustang patrolling the skies over the Treasure Valley. You can hitch a half-hour flight in one of the bombers for \$425 that is tax deductible. If you would like some stick time in the Mustang, is \$2,200 for a half-hour or \$3,200 for one hour. The B-17 is painted as "Nine-O-Nine", while the Liberator is now painted as "Witchcraft". If you feel like flying a F-4D Phantom or TA-4J Skyhawk, there is a two day training program at Ellington Field in Houston. Call for reservation at 800-568-8924. Check out the Collins Foundation website at www.cfdn.org.

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