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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Good ole summer time, my favorite time of year. I'm enjoying a short break in this month of July from traveling to contests, car shows, races and other money spending endeavors before the mad August contest rush. For me the rush will begin on August 2nd with a trip to Charlotte, North Carolina where the Road Knights Model Car Club will hold their annual contest and show. The second weekend in August is of course the IPMS/USA National Convention in Virginia Beach and then one week after the Nationals on August 16th, the Carolina Kustom Modeler's will host the first "NNL Summer Classic" model car show and swap meet in Clemmons, North Carolina. No rest for the Mercury or the wallet next month.

For those of you who missed the June Business meeting, it was a busy one with the club swap meet monthly contest and a demo by Mike Overstreet that was fun and informative. Thanks to Mike for taking the time to set the demonstration up for the members. Congratulations to Mike for winning first place in the monthly club contest with his scratch built Sci-Fi fighter, Cliff Young placed second with his P-51 Mustang and Greg Clower placed third with his Kubelwagen.

Don't forget that Dr. Lee Anthony will be our special guest at the July business meeting on the 24th. He will be discussing his travels to Normandy and World War II battle grounds. August will be the annual RVIPMS Cookout at Tim Ward's house so plan ahead and bring a dish or de-



Cliff Young's North American P-51 Mustang

sert. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided by the club and the date is Friday August 29th instead of our usual fourth Thursday business meeting.

Just in time for the Nationals, Tim Ward has ordered and received golf shirts with the official RVIPMS club logo embroidered on the front. The colors available are of course red, white and blue at a cost of \$21.95 each up to size two x. Check with Tim for available colors and sizes.

On a final note this month, car builder and customizer Dick Dean passed away on July 10th at his home. Not many of you will recognize his name, but you'll recognize the cars that he built over the years. Dean built such cars as the original Batmobile, Munster Koach, Drag-U-La and Surf Woody while working for George Barris. While working for Dean Jeffries he help to construct the Monkee Mobile and the Green Hornet's "Black Beauty". Dean went on to open his own custom shop where he continued to cars for customers and for the movies including the Beverly Hillbillies, Flint-

stones and the remote control Fords in Jurassic Park. All of the cars listed here and many others were put into plastic model car form including his own car the "Shalako GT" in the 70's. His cars and memories will live on.

Happy Modeling,

Dennis

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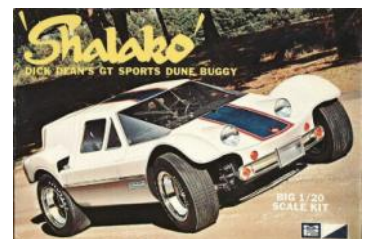
National D-Day Memorial "WWII in Miniature" Contest & Show



Terry Eastman's 1/72 Scale Morane Saulnier 406



June Business and Build Meeting photos





FROM THE CROW'S NEST

BY TIM WARD

Well, we're only a couple of weeks away now. I hope everyone has their entries ready (or at least close) to enter. If not, I hear CVS and Walgreens have plenty of No-Doze in stock for those late-night modeling sessions. I don't think they carry De-bonder or CA, so you may want to check out the Rail Yard for last minute supplies. I visited yesterday and stocked up on some much needed paint and glues, using some of my "stimulus" money that George W saw fit to send me at such an opportune time. Way to go, "W"!!! I plan on separating myself from some more of it in VA Beach. (If I see something that I can't live without?!?!?) One thing I definitely want to do while there (besides shop) is to meet and greet and learn new tips and techniques in the seminars. Seems like I always get caught doing something else and miss out on a lot of great information. Not this year, if you look for me and can't find me, I

will probably be in a seminar. Maybe I'll learn how to get off my fat butt and get some models completed....do they have a seminar for that? I hope so, I have starting models down pat. And I'm fairly good at working up 'til 75% done. But finishing and getting the result I'm looking for seems to be elusive. I guess I need to quit worrying about building for contests and just build a model. Maybe I'm most worried about building too fast and running out of models?!?!?!? I'm afraid that could happen, so I better be sure to add to the collection at the Nats. Happy buying,.....er, I mean building !!!

Tim



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IPMS/Roanoke Valley meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the science Museum located in downtown Roanoke at the "Center in the Square". The second Thursday building meetings are held in the classroom on the fifth floor and the fourth Thursday meetings are held on the same floor in the Conference room. All meetings start at 7:00pm.

If you have any questions about the club, meetings or need directions us.

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2008 RVIPMS CLUB POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP AS OF 7-18-08

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Tim Ward | 55 |
| Terry Eastman | 45 |
| Dennis Smith | 45 |
| Cliff Young | 41 |
| Greg Clower | 32 |
| Mike Overstreet | 32 |
| Ed Kennedy | 29 |
| Devin Bledsoe | 22 |
| Drew Porter | 20 |
| David Draper | 19 |
| Bob Rohrback | 19 |
| Jeff Hinchee | 16 |
| John Arfaras | 15 |
| Don Jones | 14 |
| Tim Mullins | 13 |
| Arthur Harris | 13 |
| Jay Dennis | 13 |
| Tommy Carr | 11 |
| Bob Stull | 10 |
| Ken Bowyer | 9 |
| Don Smith | 9 |
| Melvin Matthews | 9 |
| CR Casey | 5 |
| Ralph Leslie | 5 |
| Mark Crouch | 3 |
| Jerry Smallwood | 1 |

RVIPMS Club Championship points can be gathered in many different ways. Model building and other club activities will garner points. This gives everyone a chance to be a *model citizen*.

It's time again for that famous "whatisit?" contest. Take a gander at the picture to the right, fill out the ballot at the meeting and you may win a prize!!!

Prize courtesy of
SPASTIC PLASTIC



6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL WORLD WAR II IN MINIATURE MODEL CONTEST AND SHOW



On Saturday, June 14, 2008, the 6th annual "World War II in Miniature" model contest was held at the D-day Memorial in Bedford, Va. This contest is held each year by the Roanoke Valley Chapter of the International Plastic Modeler's Society as a fund raiser for the Memorial and to promote the hobby by exhibiting the completed models to the public. This year there were 14 entrants who entered 56 models into the competition. Frank Blanton, from Richmond, held his usual "build table" where the group demonstrated model building to all who were interested. The judges were from the Woodmen of the World who also promoted a Flag Day ceremony earlier in the day. Everyone received awards, with the "Best of Show" award going to Bill Herd

for his Eastern Front forced perspective diorama. Bill had driven from Baltimore for the event. For the first time, there was some swapping going on. This will remain a part of the contest in the future. A total of \$200.00 was presented to the Memorial staff for the day's work. This included entry fees, swap contributions, peoples choice voting money and a check from the RVIPMS for \$50.00. A lot of help was provided by RVIPMS members. As usual, the Memorial attracts many World II veterans. It was interesting to see one of these gentlemen pointing excitedly to one of the models on the table. Mr. Larry Holland, along with his wife Dorothy, his daughter Dorothy Richardson, son in law Rev. Mark

Richardson and two grandchildren had traveled from Virginia Beach. Mr. Holland Served with the 114th Signal Radio Intelligence Corps during the Battle of the Bulge. The mission of the unit was to decipher the German code. Later in 1945 Mr. Holland posed for a picture while sitting on a Panzer Mark IV in the town of Sontra, Germany. Here he is pointing to a model showing his grandchildren, Sylvester and Samantha Richardson, a miniature of a similar tank. This is a testimony as to how modeling keeps history alive.

Thank you Mr. Holland for your service to our country.

Ed Kennedy



D-Day Contest Continued from page 3



Morane Saulnier 406 GC III/6

Wez-Thuisy, France
April 1940

No. 597 was the M.S. 406 of Sergent Chef Pierre Le Gloan. Before the collapse of France in 1940, CG III/6 converted to the Dewoitine 520. Before converting to the D.520,

Le Gloan was credited with 4 victories. When Mussolini declared war on France, (10/06/1940), Le Gloan shot down 7 Italian aircraft.

With the armistice, GC III/6 was transferred to North Africa. During the Syrian incident, Le Gloan shot down 7 British aircraft. Following Operation Torch, the Vichy forces in North Africa joined the Allies. On 11/09/1943, Pierre Le Gloan lost his life in the crash of a P-39.



June Build Meeting Photos



A Tidbit of information from Terry Eastman

In the July issue of the "Squadron Flyer", this new product is announced. A 12 ml. tinlet is \$1.99.

The historic problem with Humbrol paints was the small tin they came in. This made paint mixing difficult, and after several uses, the lid did not seal properly.

This has been corrected with the Acrylic tinlets as they come in a sturdy plastic container with an easy to open and seal lid.

I have just finished using color 93 which is called "Desert Yellow". It is the old HI 4 from the Italian aircraft paint set. Note: This is the best match I have yet found for this commonly used color on Italian aircraft and AFV's. The sample used was on a Macchi C. 200 that I had started sometime ago, but had put aside. Touch up was by brush, and the Acrylic paint went on easily and dried brush mark free.



June Business Meeting Photos...



Melvin & Bob trade ideas!



Demo by Mike Overstreet



Bob Stull



Bob Rohrback



Greg Clower



Mike Overstreet

July _____

24 –RVIPMS Business Meeting. **Special Guest: Dr. Lee Anthony**

August _____

2 - Road Knights Summer Cruise, Charlotte, NC. www.roadknights.net

6-9 -IPMS National Convention, IPMS / Tidewater, Virginia Beach, Va. www.ipmsusa2008.org

14 - RVIPMS Build Meeting, 7:00pm,5th Floor, Center in the Square.

16 - NNL Summer Classic, Clemmons, North Carolina. carolinakustommodelers.com

22 - RVIPMS Annual Cookout, Tim Ward,

September _____

12 - RVIPMS Build Meeting, 7:00pm,5th Floor, Center in the Square.

20– PennCon, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Frank Froment, 717-791-1134

RVIPMS Business Meeting.

October _____

4 - Foothills Plastic Pro's Fall Classic. American Legion Ave Conover N.C. 704-975-6243

10 - MarauderCon Towson, MD. 410-849-2992 www.ipmsdc.org/maraudercon

RVIPMS Build Meeting, 7:00pm,5th Floor, Center in the Square.





The 2008 IPMS National Convention **GATEWAY TO THE ATLANTIC**

August 6,7,8,9, 2008 hosted by IPMS Tidewater at the Virginia Beach Convention Center

www.ipmsusa2008.org



Saturday
October 18,2008
Harry Ruhl
National Guard
Armory
1035 York Rd.
Towson, MD.

www.maraudercon.org

The July Business Meeting is Thursday the 24th at 7:00 pm, 5th Floor at the Center in the Square.

All Club Contest in 2008 will be "Open", meaning any kit subject as long as it has not been entered before.

Build it, Bring it !!

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