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FROM THE IRON WORKS

By

BIG BILL SCHWARZ, President

Hi all. Just a few words this month. #1 Mcon32 is shaping up nicely! By what I'm seeing from vendors, phone calls and the turnout from a few other shows, we are going to do well. Maybe not like some record setters but maybe! We will see! The E board has been working to get everything right and I'm sure it will be. I'm waiting for the always last minute table sales, and the other guys are getting giveaways, and selling sponsorships etc,etc etc, ! SOS for us!

With that said, We brought the show to third base for y'all, now it's time for you guys to bring it home. !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Just do your part for the few hours we are there and then its PARTY TIME MEETING NIGHT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Most of you guys are old pro's at this so few words will be needed. That's enough on that subject and for everything else this month! There will be a pre- show Iron Works and updates from those involved but nothing else. That will be in the regular NL for April! That's it from my desk. I will see you guys at the meeting Friday night. If anything changes, I'll let you know! Be well, be happy and make the most of time on this planet! as you know it goes very very fast!

BIG BILL, PRES.

THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



MosquitoCon is right around the corner, so just another reminder that there are quite a few trophy sponsorships still available. Several other clubs and friends of our club have generously sponsored packages so far. We are so grateful for our members who have already sponsored for this year's show, but there is still a ways to go till sponsor in memory of someone if you choose to. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Please also remember to bring to the show those kits from your stash that you'd like to donate to the raffle. See Vince or John B. on show day with your kind donations.

See you at the meeting!

Best Wishes,

Mike P.

Our Librarian John Bucholz has a bit about creating tools from old paintbrushes.

Low Budget Modeling-

Re-purposing old paint brushes...

If you have been at this game for any length of time you probably have a collection of well-used paintbrushes. I'm talking about the kind that look like a clump of crab grass or even worse the ones with three bristles left in the ferrule. Well, let's put those eyesores to good use. Follow the picture from left to right. First i cut off any remaining bristles with a craft knife or razor blade. Next, I use a small drill bit to hollow out the inside of the ferrule. The next step is using a file to make sure the metal is even. I also use the file to smooth the outside of the metal. Now you can decide what to make of your brush. If you take a knife blade and thin down



the inside of the ferrule you can use the brush to make circular indents in plastic (think portholes in a ship or flush rivets on aircraft or armor). If you use a file to make a 45-degree angle on the ferrule you have a plastic gouge you can use to remove circular strips of plastic (think of a very big scribe). If you flatten the round edge of the ferrule, you have a chisel-type tool that can be used to remove unwanted details from any model kit. I realize you can purchase tools just like this from most hobby sites but why buy something you can make for free!

Happy Modeling- John B.

And here's a Product Review from...ME!

I've been working on a 1/48 T-34/76 from HobbyBoss, with a full interior. There were no rubber tracks, only glue together, and they were awful. So I went on-line and searched for replacements. The first I found (and bought) were made in China by a new 3-D printing company called SSModel. The cost was \$19.99, and with shipping, it came to about \$25.00. They are well detailed. The problem was they were the traditional type, with holes drilled in each track, and small plastic rods to insert and hold them together. There's no way my sorry eyes and shaky hands were going to be able to do that. So back to Google.

I found a company in Poland named QuickWheelStore, featuring what they call QuickTracks, and they are great! They simply snap together and are moveable, can be curled up, and do not come apart.



These are pretty impressive, and the cost is 19.99 plus shipping and they arrived in a week. I was very pleased. I had also started an Italeri 1/35 Hellcat, so ordered those tracks as well. Whereas the T-34 in 1/48 were a simple push-n-snap, the 1/35 Hellcat were more delicate, and I was breaking the small outside bead on some of them. I e-mailed the company, and they sent me a link to a video showing that I needed to angle the new track to the ones put together, coming down into the next track. A great help! I'd recommend these if you'd like to try.

Bill Schroeter

Since I missed the last meeting,

I hope I can find the pictures on the web site, or on FB!

Success!!





Eric Schroeter brought in a Takom 1/72 Bismark Turret B “Bruno”. Eric added metal barrels and railings.





Dave DeNardo built Dragon's 1/35 Sherman as seen in the Pacific Theater with the US Marines. Wood plank armor was modified and weathered. Track applique armor was modified from a 2nd set o tracks that came with the kit.





Marc Rocca built Kotare's 1/32 Spitfire Mk I. All o the markings are masked and painted. Marc added after-market seatbelt, tires and exhausts.





Bill Connolly brought in a Tamiya 1/72 Spitfire Mk Vb. This is the aircraft of Buzz Bourling, Britain's leading ace of WW II, (he was Canadian!). The unusual paint scheme is the 'three blue' scheme while en route to Malta on USS Wasp. These are actually US Navy colors; 1942 medium blue/grey, and an experimental dark blue that was issued only to US Carriers. Underside RAF sky blue was as the aircraft appeared when loaded onto the Wasp.





Patrick O'Connor built Meng's 1/48 J-20.





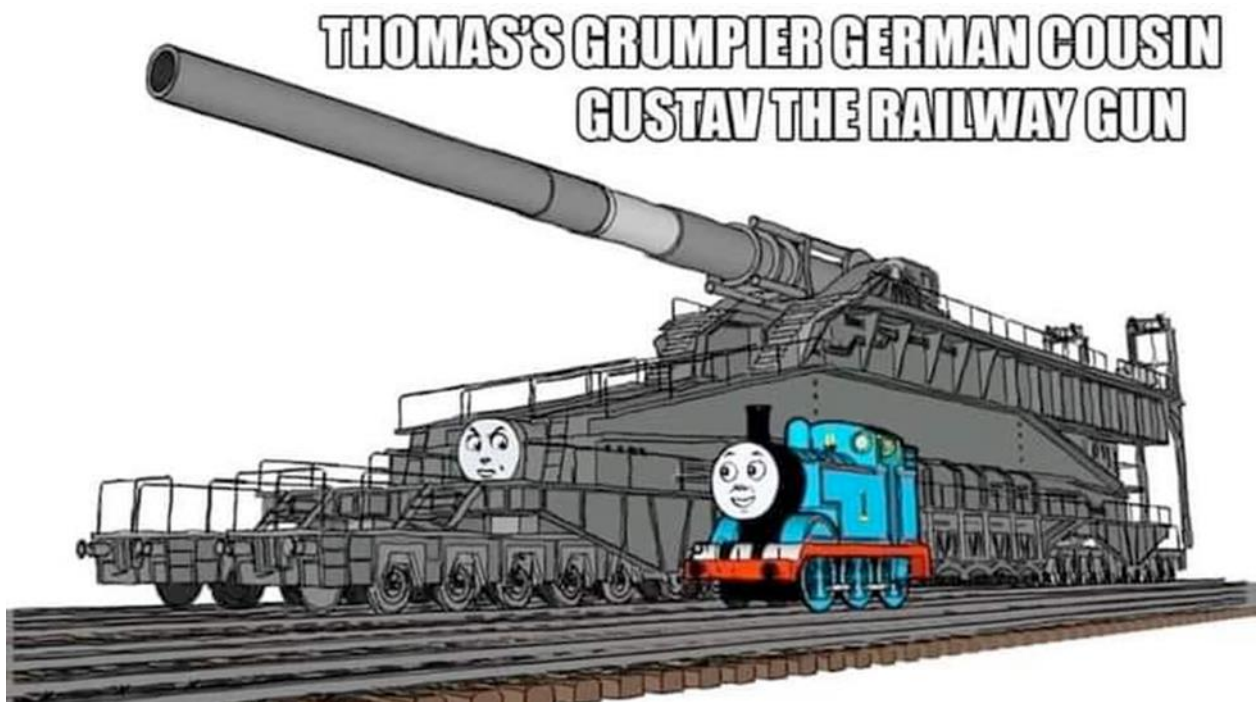
Dr. Simon Vichnevetsky brought in a small dio-rama o the Polish Air Force 1946.
The plane is resin, from Croco models, 1/72 Sherbakov SnCH-2. The truck is plastic from PTS Models.





Our favorite “Car Guy” Dave Goldman built AMT’s 1/24 scale Ford Lotus.

Dave added all the necessary wires!



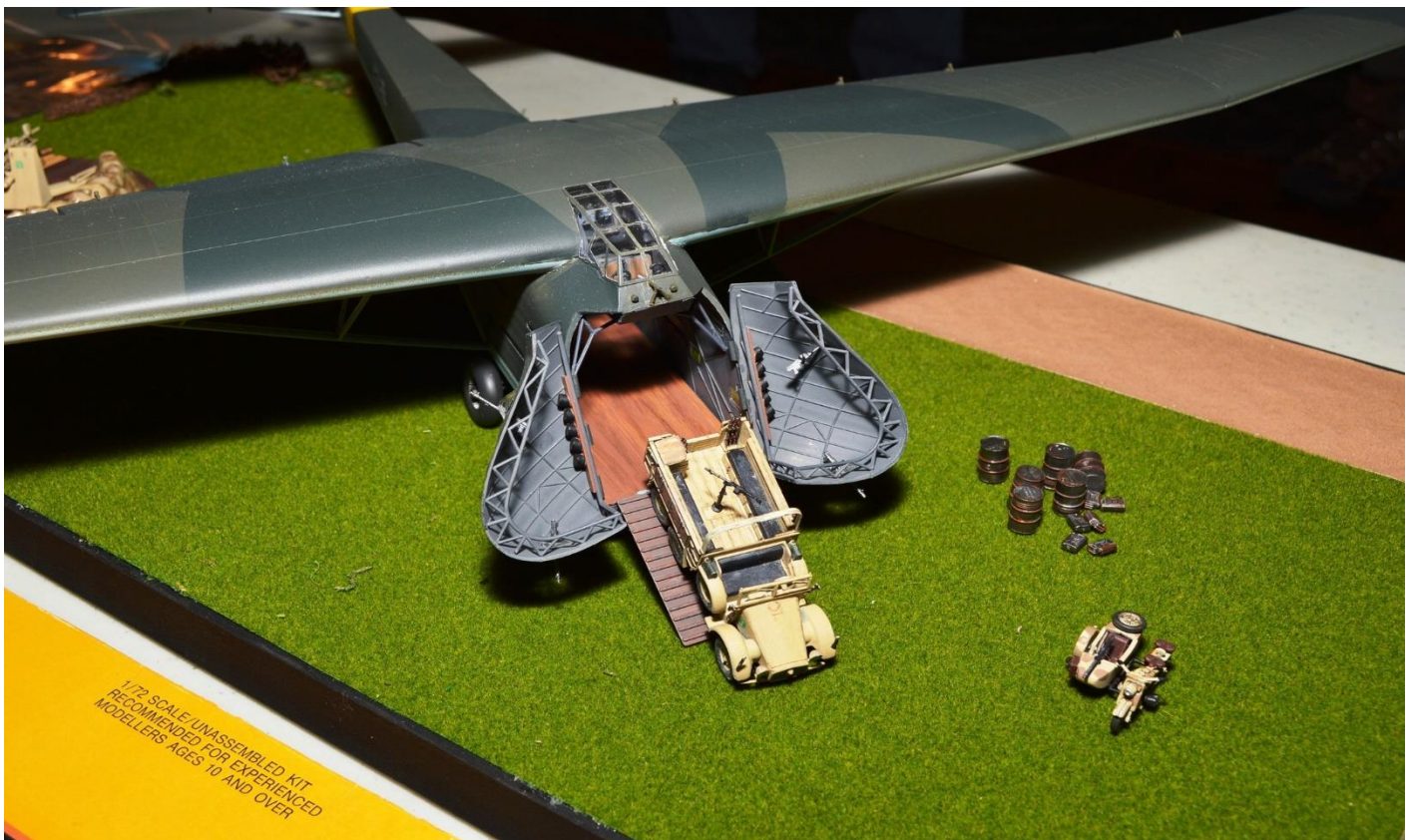


Antonio Merolli built Airfix 1/72 DH Vampire T.11. Antonio painted the ejection pulls and some brighter controls in an otherwise black cockpit.



Next up is a HUUUGGGE diorama from Bill Joel. Featuring 1n Italerie 1/72 Me321and it's toer, the Me Zwilling, a combination o 2 He-111's. No info on the other pieces.





That's it. Hope to see everyone on Friday, March 8th! Bill Schroeter, Ed.