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## Spring Show Special ...

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# April Meeting Minutes

The meeting begin at 1812, Brian Geiger presiding. Next week is the Seattle Spring Show, 5 members are expected to attend, we wish them good luck.

June 10 and 12 the Mustang Flying Day will be held at the Nampa Airport, we expect a large attendance from the Mad Dogs!

Some of the late Dave Ross models were displayed, some of his unbuild models also there for anybody interested at making a purchase.

## Model of the month

1. David Stansel had his diorama of two low flying Thunderbolt, and one hidden Panther, all in 1/144.
2. Schuyler, Don's grandson brought a Hummer in 1/24.
3. Brian Geiger displayed a ME-109 night fighter , a model in progress.
4. Ian Robertson also brought a model in progress, a P51 Mustang. Re-scribed panel lines and corrected wheel wells are some of the changes made to the original kit.
5. Herb Arnold : Fiat G.59, a 1/72 Supermodel conversion. After the war this aircraft was equipped with a Merlin engine. Sanders Roe S.R.53, this is an old Airfix kit that was re-boxed in Eastern Europe. A Curtiss JN -4H, an Olimp kit, also 1/72. The rigging was made with fishing monofilament used to tie flies.
6. George Bacon; a Chaffee from Italaeri in 135. This kit is the Korean War version with the rubber tracks. George did the weld beads and used lights from model railroads parts.
7. Don Vandervoort; The "Cyclop" from the Voyage of Sinbad by Ray Harryhausen, one of the master of movie animation.
8. Tom Vogt, as usual brought several nice cars A 1/25 AMT/ERTL 34 Ford Coupe, 1/24 Revell/Monogram Lamborghini Diablo from two snap kits, 1/32 Monogram Ferrari F-40 a pre-painted snap kit, 1/25 Revell Visleow Raynard from the Patrick Racing Team, 1/25 Revell 40 Coupe, 1/25 Custom made from unknown models,



## April Meeting Pictures Continued..



## The Scuttlebutt

By John Thirion

Hasegawa will release another 1/350 Japanese warship in honor of the company 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Rumors are that it will be the aircraft carrier Akagi. It would be a welcome addition as trumpeter seems to shy away from Japanese ships.

The Trumpeter's Hood has finally arrived in the US, also available is an upgrade kit containing a very substantial amount of PE, brass gun barrels for the main and secondary guns, plus brass propellers.

**Tips :** When rigging a sailing ship, work from the inside out, and from the middle. Also remember that "running" riggings are left natural color but the "stay" were tarred and therefore much darker.

**Did you know:** The Italian Navy had the only battleship named after a poet. The Dante Alaghieri was named after the poet born in Florence in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. The French named one of their Battleship the Voltaire, after the famous author and philosopher. Both ship were in use during WWI

# 2006 Seattle Spring Show

Recent reports from the fairly far north have it that the Maddogs did quite well at this years Spring Show.

With the help of attending club members and the Seattle chapter of IPMS, I've compiled the following list of Boise's winning entrees and there modelers.

Paul Erlendson: Alan Sheppard on the Moon



2nd Place: Space Fact

Tim Bradley: OV-10 Bronco



2nd Place: Aircraft-Civil, Racing  
Special Award: Best Fire Fighting Aircraft

George Bacon: Sopwith Triplane



3rd Place: Aircraft-Biplanes, Vintage  
Special Award: Best Canadian

:Sopwith Camel



2nd Place: Aircraft-Biplanes, Vintage

:Sopwith Pup



4th Place: Aircraft-Biplanes, Vintage

:Chaffee Tank

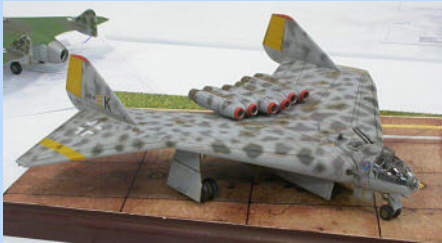


3rd Place: Armor 1/35 Closed Top after '45

# The Model Reich

by Brian Geiger

Why are WWII German subjects so popular to model? You see them on-line, in magazines, and at every contest. It's hard to find a hobby store display case that doesn't have at least one panzer or



aircraft sporting the distinctive Balkankreuz. There is even a line of sci-fi models that merges WWII German weapons and uniforms with futuristic fantasy war gear. Some may wonder, "What's the big attraction?" Does modeling affinity to German subjects represent a Neo-Nazi resurgence? To this question I categorically say, "Nein!" Having built many German subjects, let me offer some ideas.



To the contrary of glorifying the Third Reich, WWII models exemplify the level of sacrifice and ingenuity necessary to bring about its defeat. The Nazis perpetrated some of the most heinous atrocities of modern times. Sadly, they have not been the last. It's been said that a "good vs. bad" movie is only as good as its villain. "If your black uniform has an insignia with a skull on it, doesn't that tell you that you just might be on the wrong side?"<sup>1</sup> The Nazis certainly were bad guys and they threw everything into



the fight. The German war machine came up with some of the most wild innovations. Massive tanks, helicopters, manned and unmanned rockets, jets, ballistic and air-to-air guided missiles, night vision, RPGs and JATO rockets were all used by Hitler's forces. In the 1940's, many such devices were not far removed from science fiction.



From an artistic perspective, German war machinery displays a myriad of colorful paint schemes due to their advanced use of camouflage in a wide variety of theatres. A modeler could dedicate himself to building exclusively Me109's and still build dozens of distinctly finished aircraft.

I am eternally grateful to those who paid such a high price for victory against the Nazis. The scars of WWII should remind us of the need for constant vigilance against tyranny. The machinery of the day still inspires awe and wonder. You may have your own



personal reasons but the fact is that WWII German subjects continue to be among the most popular scale model subjects in the world. ✘



1. Glenn Beck

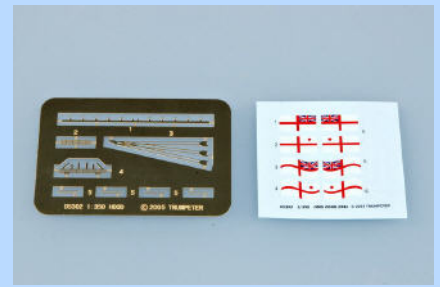




# HMS Hood

A 1/350 scale model

# By Trumpeter



At long last a model company has released an injected molded plastic kit of the famous British battlecruiser. Until now there have been several odd scale kits of dubious quality and one very rare, very expensive resin kit.

Now Trumpeter has released what is expected to be the most accurate and modern kit of the Hood available. Designed in cooperation of the Hood Association, the kit includes all new tooling, a four piece deck that appears to hide seams under bulkheads and a small sheet of photoetch. The photoetch includes a halyard for the mainmast and several radars. Also an aftermarket brass set from Trumpeter is available that includes four brass propellers, six main rifle barrels and secondary battery gun barrels.

Stevens International says the kits are shipping from Trumpeter now and should be in the States by the end Of the month. They should retail for \$150. Less from Hobby Town hopefully.



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