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2008 Theme Schedule:

February: Tamiya
May: Idaho
August: Luftwaffe
November: Carrier Related
December: CVMAC

September Meeting Minutes

For a rainy day, we had a good member turn out with 25 in attendance, even one true Mad Dog, a blue healer. Kudos to Tom V with his score at the Shocon model show with seven 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place wins. He also presented an overview of the show itself, which sounds like it was quite a let down. There were 300 or so entries. While quantity was low, the quality was OK. There were plenty of vendors, but a so-so auction and a 'lacking' dinner. Hopefully, things will turn around for the club next year. However, the Virginal Beach Nationals kicked butt with the second largest turn out with over 2500 entries. Kent will have a slide show coming soon with pictures of all the entries in the submarine category that our club sponsored. The winner was U-3 U-Boat type IIA by Richard Leininger. Also, recognition to our own Bill Bailey, who supplied the data and information for the IPMS Widgeon in 1/48th scale. It looks like quite a good kit.

For the Model of the Month, we have:

Stephen Carder
1/100 Battle Carentan 1944 tank diorama



Brian Geiger
1/48 Monogram EA-6B Prowler refinishing A JET!



Herb Arnold
1/72 AR-65 Royal Bulgarian AF



Jeff D'Andrea 1/48 Monogram F-15C
'MO' 366th bad timing when a clock fell



Cameron Severts 1/48 Italeri Tornado IDS
good praise for the kit



Darrin Bringman 1/48 Hasegawa P-47 egg plane an eggciting kit



Darrin B. with a Me-109 Otaki airbrush project



And the winner is Brian. Woo Hoo



Tom V. brought a '65 Lincoln and a '34 Ford.



There were some interesting kits for display also.

Larry Van Bussum a MadonnaBot M-401A in Mass ANG markings



His Shocon awards included:



1/12 Chopper motorcycle



1/12 Harley "Road King"
1/25 '32 Ford Coupe
1/25 Buick stock car
1/25 "Budweiser King" dragster
1/25 '34 Ford p/u
1/25 Lincoln



Museums in Oregon.

John Thirion

When I planned my vacations, I included a few must see places. They included the maritime museum in Astoria, Fort Stevens in Warrenton, The Naval Air Station Museum in Tillamook, and the Evergreen Museum in McMinnville the site of the IPMS Regional.

The Maritime Museum in Astoria is dedicated to the Coast Guards and the navigation on the Columbia river. As all Oregon's Museum it is impeccable with first degree exhibits. There is a very large assortment of ship models, all of museum quality. The entry price does include a visit to the lightship anchored nearby. The gift shop is also of first quality and affordable.

The Fort Stevens National Park is a collection of building, gun emplacements, and beaches on the inlet of the Columbia River. It was dedicated to the protection of the area from enemy naval attack. The construction begin during the civil war and was in use until 1947. The area is clean and well maintained but only one gun emplacement kept its gun. There are historical re-enactors from the Revolutionary War to the second WW. There are several vehicles in running conditions which offers tours throughout the park. A small but very well stocked museum is included. It offers an excellent overview of the fortifications in the area. A N scale diorama of the fort and its surrounding during WWII gives an idea to the visitor how extensive the area was.



The Tillamook Air Museum is housed in one of the blimp hangar. Originally there were 2 hangars, but only one remains. There is a very decent gift shop, a nice (but small) museum with some very interesting memorabilia and some very poor models! The surprise was that at our arrival a Corsair was flying overhead. The P-38 was to be flying during the afternoon. The museum has several aircrafts in flying order. Beside military aircrafts there are several interesting civilian aircraft. The volunteers are very well informed and with very little asking did let my girl friend sit inside several aircrafts, including the Crusader and Skyhawk. He Tomcat was off limit at the time. Well worth the detour.



Last but not least was the Evergreen Museum which now includes 3 buildings. One house the Spruce Goose and several aircrafts, engines, models, etc, the middle building is the Imax theater, and the last building is dedicated to the conquest of space. It does include US but also Russian space vehicles not to forget a V1 and a V2. The volunteers in the space museum were very helpful, on the aviation side they were not as knowledgeable and on Friday nobody knew anything about the IPMS Regional to be held the next day in the same building. The price appear somewhat elevated (\$60 for two person for both museum and one IMAX flick) but the museum is of first quality. The Imax was the disappointing part, we were expecting something else beside a promo for the Blue Angels. I was looking forward to see the inside of the Spruce Goose but could not part with another \$100 to see the cockpit area (this is for 2 person). There was another charge for the viewing of the inside of the B17. The usage of the bathroom was free!



The Regional Show on Saturday was very confusing at first, I found out that I was not to follow the signs "IMPS Show" which was reserved to the vendors and officials, the volunteers still had not clue about the show while at the same times vendors and officials were setting the tables. The show was well attended and the venue was perfect for such a show. As expected there were more aircrafts (and some very nice one) than all the rest of the entries put together. As with any Regional the "locals" got most of the trophies. I guess they were wearing yellow or green shirts to recognize each other, or because Oregon was playing against BSU on that same afternoon. I did not gain any popularity by yelling go BSU with each score and planning to order Peking Duck for dinner!

To any body going to McMinnville should stop and eat at the top of the Oregon hotel or make a stop at the Golden Valley Brewery which serves good food and brews.

Happy Modeling!

The Scuttlebutt

John Thirion



Kirov

Trumpeter has released the Kirov in 1/350, noteworthy is that the hull is in one piece. Some PE are included but are fairly thick and it is probably better to wait for a PE set from WEM or Gold Medal. The Trumpeter PE does not include railing (life lines to be correct) and there are lots of it on this class of ship.

Trumpeter also plan to release the Prinz Eugen in 1/350, lets hope that it will be from their A team!

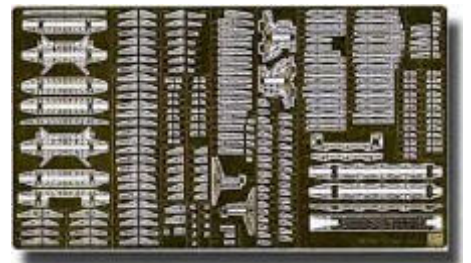


Prinz Eugen



Hasegawa Akagi box art

The Hasegawa Akagi is out in Japan, the early review are that it could be made into a museum quality model. If you decide to fork out the Hasegawa PE for the under deck girders (which are mostly invisible once the deck is in place) you will be expected to spend about \$500.



Hasegawa photo etch



Ganges class ship like the Minden fighting the French Navy

NAVAL HISTORY The first British ship to be build outside England was the Minden in 1810. It was build by the Indian shipyard in Bombay by Indian shipyard. Teak was mostly used in the construction. Another ship build at the same shipyard, the Cornwallis, survived until 1957 and had to be broken up using explosive due to the strength of the construction. A thid ship build at Bombay shipyard a year later, the Triconmalee, is still afloat.

(It also happens to be the ship Francis Scott Key was aboard when he witnessed the Bombardment of Fort Mc Henry. He was inspired to write the poem "Defence of Fort Mc Henry" which later became "The Star Spangled Banner" our nation Anthem. *And now you know the rest of the story...ED*)

Prez's Prattle

From The Desk of President Tom Gloeckle



The weather has started to change and that means time to get serious about model building. We give the mowers and all the other stuff that takes us away from our tables and get productive a rest.

We should hopefully hear a report this month from John Thirion about last month's McMinnville show, and Kent will hopefully show his slides from the Nationals. On that same vein, the recent downturn in the economy and raging gas prices have taken a toll on model contests with the first victims being the Salt Lake shows which will take a hiatus next year and hopefully return a year later. Maybe the two chapters can put aside whatever differences they have and combine into one show. Hopefully will not see this happen to the other shows around the region.

Our next theme month is coming up in November and this one is "Carrier Borne." This being any subject that is launched from or occupies the deck of an aircraft carrier both past and present, and I also suspect that would include models of carriers. It also means we should be thinking of the next series of themes to build to. The Vandervoort is also coming up in December, so get your wheeled vehicles finished. It also means that we are coming to the end of the current administration's reign of tyranny, er I meant control, no administration. So step up and be part of the difference makers for the club.

I want to finish on a sad note. Our very own Mad Dog's mother past away a few weeks ago. I, and certainly the rest of the Mad Dog Modelers, wish to pass on our deepest condolences. Take care brother Bill.

See you all at the meeting.

Tom

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