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WarGaming.com - World of Tanks hosted a booth at the IPMS National Convention this year at Lake Buena Vista, FL. They invited people to stop by and meet with a few employees. They simply chatted with people and showed the game off. They also invited people to get together and exchange war stories with your fellow tankers!

WarGaming.com - World of Tanks is also Trophy sponsor for several categories for youth and adults alike.

They sponsored 3 special theme awards.

- Art Gerber Best Military Vehicle
- 1942: Guadalcanal
- 1942: Stalingrad

World of Tanks has been supporting our hobby with fun things like modeling contests, historical battles and historical articles. On their website, they also have the Chieftain's Hatch; Q&A with World Tank experts, Videos of vehicles, Museum reviews and images and just about anything else you can think of with regard to Armored Warfare.

For those of you that do not know, **World of Tanks** is a multiplayer

online game featuring mid-20th century era fighting vehicles. It is built upon a business model where participants have the option of playing for free or paying a small fee to advance at an accelerated rate. It is a player vs. player / Team vs. Team game with each player controlling a tank or armored vehicle and fighting in battles of up to 15 against 15.

The game models the effects of armor, terrain and cover and includes more than 140 armored vehicles from the various nations. The vehicles have been carefully detailed with historical visual accuracy but, as this is not a tank simulator, certain parameters (e.g. reduced main gun characteristics-range and penetration physics have been simplified) and in-game controls are very user friendly for game play.

WarGaming.com will also be following up this hit with 2 more new games coming soon: World of War Planes and World of Battleships. Yea More fun! Damn the torpedoes full speed ahead!



Jeff D



MODEL OF THE MONTH

meeting models



1/35 Tamiya Vietnam "Pibber"
by Thomas Worley



1/72 Dragon LCM (3) Landing Craft
by Jim Burton



1/72 Revell USS Fletcher
by Jim Burton



1/48 Trumpeter USCG HH-65A Dolphin
by Jim Burton



1/25 '57 Ford Fairlane w Station
by John Wilch

meeting models



1/144 Anigrand YAK-15 Feather
by Herb Arnold



1/144 Anigrand Tu-128 Fiddler
by Herb Arnold



90mm Pegaso Knights
by John Thirion



1/35 Dragon Neubau-fahrzeug
by Brian Geiger



Knight Templar



Knight Hospitaller



The Scuttlebutt

Byzantine Engineering a Millennium Ahead of Their Time

The "Eastern Roman" not only improved on the engineering of the Western Empire they brought it to level only achieved during the 19th century. They were the first to use alternated level of red backed bricks and white stone masonry. The effect was to evenly distribute the vibrations created during earthquakes or the impact of siege engines. Their crowning achievements are the still standing walls of Constantinople (now Istanbul) where the only damage are the area breached by the giant Turkish gun. The other is the Hagia Sophia which cost the equivalent of one year revenue for the Empire. It is a spectacular building which has endured time and earthquakes as high as 8.7. The secured being the numerous open arches and the mortar used

which included finely crushed bricks and tiles, the result is a mortar of great strength and flexibility.



Another technique used by the Byzantine engineers was to have towers structurally separate from wall fortifications. In the case that one was damaged, it did not weaken the other. Also numerous arches and semi arches were incorporated in the wall structure to minimize the effect of any breach.

The Scuttlebutt

New Releases

Trumpeter has barely announced the release of their 1/200 Bismarck and several companies have joined the bandwagon and announced their future releases to enhance, what could be, an awesome model.

Blue Ridge Model; Swastika for the deck decals.

Artwox Model; Wood decks, PE , and main gun barrels in brass.

North Star Models; 3D figures, German navy.

If my calculations are correct, the 1/200 Bismarck should be around 50 inches long.

- John Thirion



John's other two models were spotted at the show.
Photos by Phil Peterson.

Bonus Section



CONGRATULATIONS!

...to everyone who participated in this year's National Convention in Orlando, FL. Our own John King placed 3rd in the 1/144th OOB category with his [Polish MiG-21MF](#).

More New Releases

Tom pointed out that Draw Decals has a new set for [Idaho ANG F-102's](#) in 1/72 and 1/48.



Dragon has announced a couple of eagerly awaited kits due in Aug & Sept:

1/35 [German RSO/01 Type 470 Tractor](#) - Smart Kit. The old Peerless/Italeri/Testors kit that reigned for decades, will have new competition.



1/35 [Škoda RSO - Radschlepper OST](#)

This, till now, has only been available as an expensive resin kit. I don't know anything about the kit manufacturer, Ruch Models.



- Brian Geiger