

JOHN CROMARTY & BOB OLSON'S Dragon Wagon & Higgins Boat



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WITH JOHN THIRION



HERB ARNOLD'S 1/144 Mil Mi-26 Halo

HEAVY HAULER THEME CONTEST

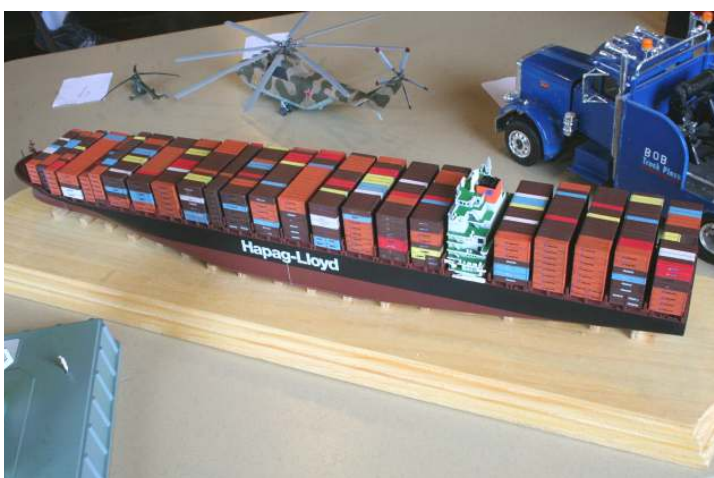


(L to R) John Thirion, Randy Hall, Herb Arnold
Winners!

meeting models



1st Place 1/144 Mil Mi-26 Halo
by Herb Arnold



2nd Place Revell 1/700 Colombo Express
by Randy Hall



3rd Place Solarwind 1/6 Winged Countess Karnstein
by John Thirion



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AMT 1/25 Ford C-600 Stake Truck
by John Wilch



AMT 1/25 Peterbilt truck w Log Crane
by John Wilch



AMT 1/25 Peterbilt Wrecker
by Bob Olson



AMT 1/25 GMC General w Container
by John Wilch



1/144 Mil Mi-1 Hare
by Herb Arnold



Trumpeter 1/32 F4F-4 Wildcat
by Ed White

MODEL OF THE MONTH



1/72 Dragon Mercury Redstone "Liberty Bell-7"
by Paul Verhage



1/48 Sword Vought V-173 Flying Pancake
by Bob Olson

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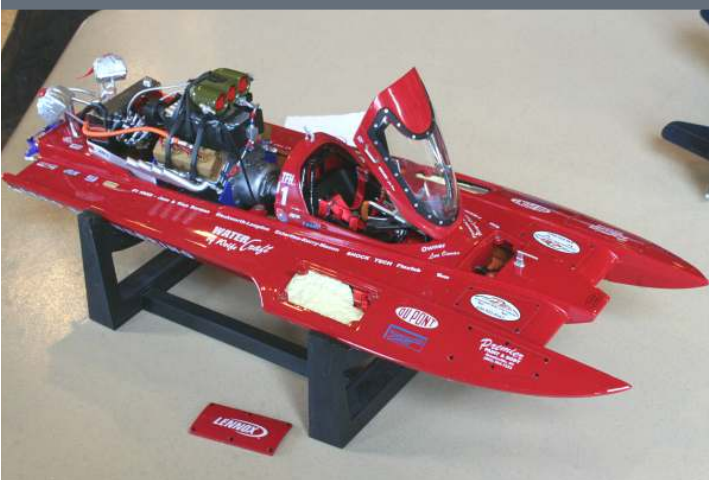


1/35 Tamiya Dragon Wagon & LM Higgins Boat
by John Cromarty & Bob Olson



1/144 Monogram Saturn V
by Terry Falk

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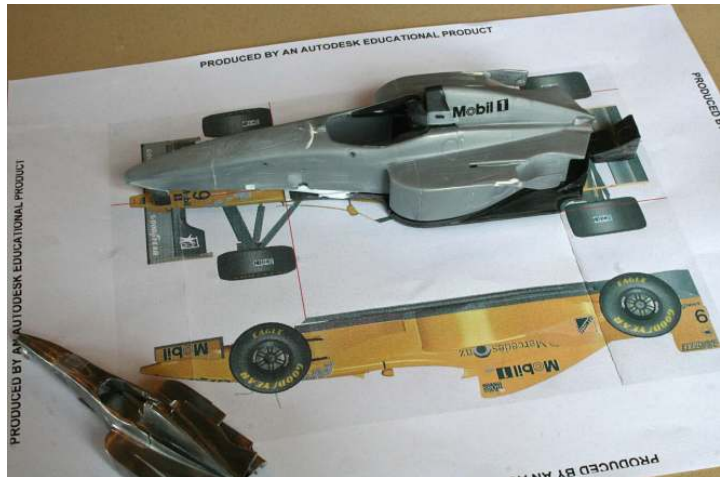
1/18 Badass Diecast Drag Boat
by John Thirion



1/48 HobbyBoss F8F-1B Bearcat
by Mark Russell



1/35 Dragon Neubau-fahrzeug
by Brian Geiger



F-1 models in progress
by Paul Erendson



1/245 Lindberg Graf Zeppelin in progress
by Bill Speece



New Releases

Alliance Modelworks 1/350 SMS Vulcan German WWI submarine tender

An extremely interesting and intricate model. The kit contains a resin hull (water line or full hull), a PE a lot of it for everything else including the superstructure. The masts are machined brass and as bonus a brass name plate is included.

This company also offers stencils for German camouflage, tropical for aircraft and ambush scheme for armor.

For those who are ready to tackle WNW rigging they offer brass tubing in 0.5mm to 1.2mm diameter.

Gallery Models

1/350 USS New York LPD-21

Styrene kit with PE, not as much as the presiding kit but still a substantial amount. This is of course the amphibious transport dock ship which was build including steel from the Twin Towers.

Blue Ridge Models 1/350 USS Albacore

Resin model of the first teardrop shaped US submarine. It was build to evaluate the underwater behavior of this type of hull shape. The propulsion was conventional using the diesel electric combination. A single prop was used and the tail was in an X shape. This submarine is now in display in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Middle Ages in Film

The middle ages being my favorite period of history I decided to look at some of the recent movies that have been made representing that period of history, and in my humble



opinion which one are worth watching. The Middle Ages are the period from 1066 (Hasting) and 1453 (Fall of Constantinople). First, a list of the ten best (not in order).

1. *Becket* (1964) Peter O'Toole, Richard Burton. Confrontation between Thomas Becket and Henry II.

2. *Lion in Winter* (1968) Peter O'Toole, Katherine Hepburn, Richard Burton. Intra-familial conflict of the Plantagenet.

3. *The Bruce* (1996) Oliver Reed, Brian Blessed. Rise to power of the real savior of Scotland, Robert the Bruce (not the other guy with the blue paint).

4. *The Name of the Rose* (1986) Sean Connery, Christian Slatter. Murder and mystery in a convent. From the story by Umberto Ecco.

5. *The War Lord* (1965) Charlton Heston, Richard Boone. Normands defending their villiage keep from unhappy locals and Frisian pirates.

6. *El Cid* (1961) Charlton Heston, Sophia Loren. Story of the famous Spanish warlord

The Scuttlebutt

Rodriguo de Bivar. Historically accurate except for his death at the end of the movie.

7. *Arn, the Knight Templar* (2007) Swedish movie retracing the life of a defrocked friar who is forced to join the Templar then return to his native country.

8. *Kingdom of Heaven* (2005) Orlando Bloom, Eva Green. Excellent portrayal of Saladin. Great battle scene, but why change the real story that is even better than the Hollywood version?

9. *Joan of Arc* (1999) Leelee Sobiesky, Peter Stauss, Jacqueline Bisset. Much better version than the Messenger with the neurotic, anorexic Milla Jovovich.

10. *The Hunchback* (1997) Salma Hayek, Mandi Patinkin. From the story by Victor Hugo. The story timeline in 1483, but I had to make an exception for the presence of Salma Hayek at her best.

A few other movie are worth watching for their entertainment value

1. *Pillar of the Earth* (2011) Made for TV miniseries from the book of the same title. Excellent made for TV production keep the spirit of the book.

2. *Ironclad* (2011) James Purefoy, Derek Jacoby. Carnage and mayhem, grim.

3. *The Black Death* (2011) Sean Bean, Eddie Redmayne, surprise ending!

4. *Tristan and Isolde* (2006) James Franco, Sophie Myles. Not set in the middle ages but a very famous romantic medieval story. Watch this one with your girlfriend on Valentine day.

Could have been great but...

1. *Robin Hood* (2010) Russel Crow, Kate Blanchett. The movie is excellent until the final battle scene. The producer must have had a seizure or succumbed to the "PC" police of Hollywood. The French landing in landing craft which resemble to the one used in Private Ryan. Then we go from the ridiculous to the ludicrous when Kate Blanchett, wearing armor, riding a donkey is attacking the French army at the head of her own army of children (medieval inner city kids !) Bad from the start.

1. *Braveheart* (1995). Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau. Terrible acting, horrific costumes (plastic sword, rubber axes, kilts, blue paint, plastic chain mail, etc.), historical fantasy at its worst. Hollywood gave Mel Gibson the best movie award, still do not get it. The only positive aspect is the presence of Sophie Marceau.

- John Thirion

