

This issue will be a “double-issue” since I missed getting one out earlier this month. Apologies for the publication delay, but I hope you enjoy this one!

LAST MEETING

22 January: Our first meeting of 2012 started the year for us very well; we had two new members join us! We talked about some goals for this coming year, our 2012 show and also some upcoming tutorial topics. Armor was the primary subject of the show-and-tell: Mike Steenstra shared his in progress M10 Tank Destroyer and a couple of 1/35 artillery guns.



Steve McKinnon brought in a Sherman and an M113 Combat Repair Vehicle. Dwain Cunningham brought in some in-progress 1/32 and 1/35 builds – a Monogram STuG and a Tamiya Russian T-34/76. Nate Jones brought in one of his long-term projects – a Bill



Mauldin inspired vignette.



“Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.”

Thomas Jefferson

“The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will.”

Vince Lombardi

“Every artist was first an amateur.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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26 February: Our second meeting of the year was just as full as our first! This meeting started our tutorial series; Mike Staworski gave an excellent overview of the basics of photography and how to apply it to photographing models! He also brought his portable photo booth and offered to photograph other members work!



Mike's Tips for Photographing Scale Models

- Place model on stable surface.
- Use single color background, contrasting with the subject to be photographed.
 - Avoid stark colors like white or yellow.
- Good lighting is essential.
 - Use diffusers to soften the light.
 - Use light from front and back to minimize shadows.
- Use smallest f-stop allowable
- Use a tripod to stabilize camera.



"The imagination exercises a powerful influence over every act of sense, thought, reason-- over every idea."

Latin Proverb

"Your imagination is your preview of life's coming attractions."

Albert Einstein

**History In A Box:*****History of Scale Plastic Models***

The first plastic models were manufactured at the end of 1936 by Frog in the UK, with a range of 1/72nd scale model kits called 'Penguin'. In the late 1940s several American companies such as Hawk, Varney, Empire, Renwal and Lindberg began to produce plastic models. Many manufacturers began production in the 1950s and gained ascendancy in the 1960s such as Aurora, Revell, AMT, and Monogram in America, Airfix in UK and Heller SA in France. Other manufacturers included: Matchbox (UK), Italeri, ESCI, (both Italian) Novo {ex-Frog molds} (former Soviet Union), and Fujimi, Nichimo and Bandai (Japan).

American model companies who had been producing assembled promotional scale models of new automobiles each year for automobile dealers found a lucrative side business selling the unassembled parts of these "promos" to hobbyists to assemble, thus finding a new revenue stream for the injection molds which were so expensive to update each year. These early models were typically lower in detail than currently standard, with non-opening hoods and no engines, and simplified or no detail on the chassis, which attached to the body with very visible screws. Within a short time, the kit business began to overshadow the production of promos, and the level of accuracy and detail was raised to satisfy the demands of the marketplace.

In the 1960s, Tamiya manufactured aircraft kits in the peculiar (at the time) scale of 1/100.

Although the range included famous aircraft such as the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress, McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II, North American F-86 Sabre, Dassault Mirage III, Grumman A-6 Intruder and the LTV A-7 Corsair II, it never enjoyed the same success as 1/72 scale kits did. Soon, Tamiya stopped manufacturing 1/100 scale aircraft but re-issued a small selection of them in 2004.

Since the 1970s, Japanese firms such as Hasegawa and Tamiya, and since the 1990s also Chinese firms such as DML, AFV Club and Trumpeter have dominated the field and represent the highest level of technology. Brands from Russia, Central Europe, and Korea have also become prominent recently. Many smaller companies have also produced plastic models, both in the past and currently. Prior to the rise of plastic models, shaped wood models were offered to model builders. These wood model kits often required extensive work to create results easily obtained by the plastic models.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plastic_model



25 March, 6pm, Sunday at 1232 Branson Hills Parkway, Suite #106 *Partners in Healthcare*, in the *Parkway Plaza*.

TUTORIAL TOPIC: Weathering

We will be doing a tutorial on weathering—if you have a technique or multiple techniques—no matter how elaborate or simple they may be, please bring them in and share with the group! Feel free to bring in some materials or a series of in-progress pictures or samples to show how you weather your models. We can all learn from each others' methods! Don't forget to bring a model to show!

COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars with these upcoming events!

>>Please note: these dates are subject to change, but we will provide you with as much notice as possible.
Thank you for understanding! <<

- 2012 MOSS Monthly Meetings:
 - March 25th, April 29th, May 27th, June 17th July 22nd, August 19th, September 23rd, October 14th.
 - November's meeting date is To Be Determined!
- **October 20th –MOSS CON 2012!! Held at White House Theatre / Legend of Kung Fu 2255 Gretna Road, Branson, MO 65616**



TIPS & TECHNIQUES

If you have a tip or technique you'd like to share, please send it in!
E-mail: modelclubtaneymo@hotmail.com

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SHOWS & CONTESTS

A decorative graphic showing a wooden scale model with several small, rectangular buildings or structures on a base.

Here are some upcoming shows in the “local” area in case you’d like to attend!

- **31 March** -- The 25th Annual Tulsa Modelers Forum Open Contest in Tulsa, OK. <http://tulsaipms.org/>
- **7 April** – 4 State Modelers 5th Annual Charity Model Show in Joplin, MO. <http://www.facebook.com/groups/4statemodelersclub/>
- **28 April** – IPMS Alexander Lippisch is hosting Fleacon VIII in the Cedar Rapids, IA area. http://ipms-usa-lippisch-chapter.org/wordpress/?page_id=68
- **19 May** – IPMS West Central Missouri is hosting the 2012 IPMS Region 5 Convention in Overland Park, KS. <http://www.ipmswcmo.org/2012-Region5-Contest/index.htm>
- **1-2 June** – Historical Miniatures Society of Northeastern Oklahoma Show in Tulsa, OK. <http://www.hmsneo.org/tulsashow.htm>
- **9-10 June** – KC Slammers is hosting 21st Annual Heartland Model Car Nationals in Kansas City, KS. http://www.kcslammers.com/index_files/Page648.htm
- **8-11 August** – IPMS USA National Convention in Lake Buena Vista, FL (Walt Disney World). <http://www.ipms2012.org/>
- **8 September** – IPMS Gateway Gateway to the West Contest and Swap Meet in Eureka, MO. <http://ipms-gateway.com/>
- **22 September** – IPMS Prison City Modelers is having their 2012 Contest in Leavenworth, KS. <http://leavenworthmodelersclub.org/>
- **6 October** – IPMS Lt j.g. Nathan Gordon / Central Arkansas State Modelers is having their 2012 Spoo-doo Model Show. <http://casmodels.weebly.com/spoo-doo-2012.html>
- **13 October** – CONAIR 2012 in Wichita, KS <http://www.aircapitalipms.org/>
- **20 October**—MOSS CON 2012 in Branson, MO! www.ipmsmoss.com

We'll see you at the meeting on **March 25th**!
Take care, be safe and Happy Modeling!