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First off, an apology to the membership for such a long delay in getting this/these newsletters out to you. A big thank you to Dave for stepping in and helping out while I was away.

To bring everybody up to speed on what happened; As many of you know I am, err, was a civilian contractor teaching combat skills to deploying troops. I loved my job as I was still in my comfort zone, and I loved teaching.

Our contract was renewed in December of '05 for two years. Well, long about 15 May, we were told in no uncertain terms to start looking for a new job as they were pulling the plug on us. The thirty days leading up to this event had been really, really slow for all of us. I can't set for very long without boredom setting in, so I decided to start my own business building fences. Initially it was to be "On the Side" until work picked back up.

Well, work as I knew it went away completely, and it was now sink or swim. After a few hard lessons in supply and demand, profit and loss, I'm holding my own. I appreciate the support I have gotten from the membership. A few of you have provided me with

leads that panned out. Thank you.

Now it is a matter of getting used to working a few days a month rather the 5 days a week for the same amount of pay. It's a little more physical, but I enjoy that side of it.

With all the pressures of trying to get things back on track in my life, I simply had to cut the newsletter out for the time being. Dave stepped forward and ran with it in my absence and I think he did a pretty good job. Unfortunately, I think the remaining months of the year are going to be my last as the Treasurer/Secretary as I don't think I am giving the position and club the amount of attention it deserves. I've enjoyed my tenure, but it is time for me to move on.

As many of you know, the Air Services Museum has closed its doors. This unfortunate event required that the club find a new location for our meetings.

Dave Kolodecik has been in talks with some folks in Glenn Eagle and it is looking like this is where our new home could possibly be. We are still waiting for final word on this issue. The E-board will make a ruling on this very soon I'm sure.

August has come and gone and with it so has the IPMS USA National Convention in Kansas City MO. Several of the membership made the trip east and brought home a fair amount of awards. Kevin "One Color" Degenkolbe brought home 8 by himself. Dekker Zimmerman A.K.A. "I'll build anything as long as it's big" brought home, as he states "**Only two firsts.**" Chris Savaglio grabbed a third with his Lloyd bi-plane and Steve Leuvane snatched a second or third with his Tie-fighter diorama. I think the only one **NOT** to receive an award was your's truly. I went mostly for the vendors and to help Billy Crisler with selling and promoting his magazine. Overall turn out for the event was over 2000 models entered by almost 800 attendee's. You can look for some of the model pictures in the back of the newsletter. Next years event is gong to be held in sunny Anaheim California. I have already made plans to attend. If you have never been to a national event, you owe it to yourself to go. It just doesn't get any better. The shopping is out of this world and the opportunity to meet new people and see the newest kits to hit the streets are just about worth the trip alone. Until next time, keep the glue off your fingers and the lid on your paint tight. Matt-

Temporary Digs/Forthcoming stuff

As our meeting place has closed up shop, we needed to find a temporary place to hold our meetings. The gang with Legacy IPMS offered us the use of their meeting hall as they have shifted their meetings themselves.

For our summer time meetings July and August were pretty well attended. We had 15 members present for each as well as a guest at the August meeting. Steve Mohlenkamp made the trip south from Denver to sit in on our gathering. Steve is a former professional motorsports photographer. He brought one of his F1 diorama's with him and it was quite impressive. Steve said he would like to join the ranks and hopes to do so in the near future. We'd be more than happy to have you on board Steve!

Dekker Zimmerman had Trumpeters 1/35 BR-52 locomotive on hand with lots of scratch built items on it. Looks to be very interesting once complete. Chesley White brought his 1/35 *scratch built* Cheyenne helicopter which is beginning to take shape and looks excellent thus far. Roger Cole was working on Tamiya's old M-8 Howitzer as a break from the norm and to get back on track with building something. Steve Leuvane had an I-16 on hand by Hobbycraft. Bob Bunch a.k.a Ahab, brought a 1/192 scale USS Sims from Classic Warships, a solid resin offering I might add. Bob also reports that his model room is soon to be complete. Do I hear party? Dave Kolodeczik was still slaving away on Monograms He-111, which hasn't seen much love due to fly fishing.

Ken Meyer had a 1/72 Hasegawa zero in tow which was a gift from his son. Ken reports that his build of the Revell Spirit of St. Louis is complete and we can expect to see/read about it in the next issue of Aerospace Modeler...hopefully. He also said his F-102 has paint on it! There is a God....finally.

Long time member Christian Anderson was able to break away from his duties at home and or work and join us for the evening. CQ said he is "unloading" his 1/48 scale collection and beginning to focus on 1/72. He had a nice Japanese bomber/night fighter (I didn't get a good look at it ...sorry) with him and also a 1/48 Classic Airframes Canberra. CQ says if you want one of these Canberra's, you had better get it when you see it as Classic Airframes is sold out! Sprue Bros. has them and they absolutely rock when it comes to shipping. Fast, fast and did I mention FAST!

Matt Quiroz brought three of his four F-104's that were part of a larger display that was bound for the nationals. Sadly the group didn't quite make it with the display, but they are locked and loaded for the R10 and next years nationals in California. Matt's F-104's included a Greek "G", Dutch "G" and German "G" in a colorful show scheme. Matt also brought a box of models that were purchased for the clubs raffle box. Some nice kits and several differing subjects. A little something for everybody. The evening drew to a close with the kit raffle. The aforementioned U-boat was fetching tickets at \$3 a piece, while the rest were the standard \$1. When all was said and done the club garnered a nice \$56 from ticket sales. Good on ya' Centennial! The lucky winner, to much hissing and booing, of the U-boat was Dan Archibeque. Now, lets just wait and see if it gets built or some body ends up with a nice Christmas gift!

Speaking of Christmas, at the August meeting some items were put to vote.

- ◆ Theme- "Open" (Same as last year) Approved-
- ◆ Pot-Luck (Same as last year) Approved-

◆ Establish a wives gift exchange. This will give the guys something to heckle this year! :o) Approved-

◆ Location is looking like the Glen Eagle country club.

Tentatively Approved-

This may change as we don't have a permanent home as yet. More info to follow on this as we get it. Stay tuned.

Also at our August meeting, the issue of hosting another LOCON was brought up. Timelines, venue, sponsor's etc. These are just some of the issues facing us should we decide to push forward with hosting one. The Eboard is in discussion on it currently, but we welcome all input from the membership. After all, it is **Your club**.

We are currently looking into venues, and at possible dates. One suggestions was to invite all the other hobby clubs in the area and make this one big event. IE. The railroad guys, Anime and Figure club, MIA, FRAM, Legacy etc. This idea is still being tossed around and hopefully we can come to some sort of agreement and go final with it.

That is about it for now. Stay tuned to your email and we'll do our best to keep you informed as to what is going on..

** Last note- The oh-so-late-misplaced awards from the February contest are complete. I will be picking them up and getting them to their rightful owners as soon as I can. I really appreciate your patience in this matter. Matt-

Places to go, things to see

Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

31001 Magnuson Ave

Pueblo, CO. 81001

(719) 948-9219

Wings over the Rockies Air/Space Museum

7711 E. Academy Blvd

Denver, CO. (303) 360-5360

Peterson Air/Space Museum **

21st Space Wing/MU

150 East ENT Ave.

Peterson AFB, CO. 80914

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**** Please call to check for entry/ access instructions as these are on military installations**

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Colorado Springs, CO. 80909

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Don's Hobbies

815 10th St.
Greeley, CO. 80631
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Colorado Springs, CO. 80918
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326 N. Tejon St.
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IPMS USA National Convention Photo's

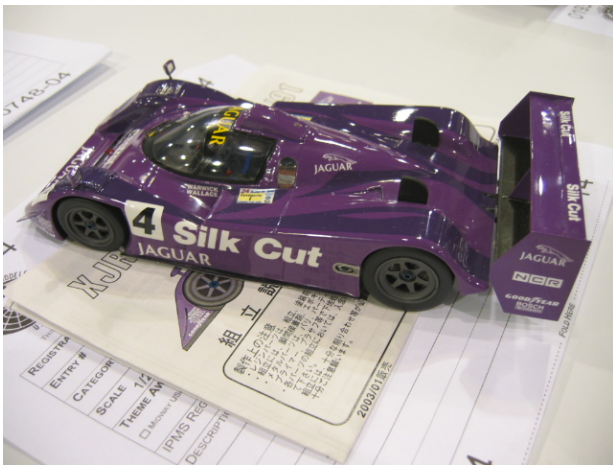


Tiger I with abandoning crew.

Panzer III– Amazing amount of work and I don't believe it even placed in it's category.



IPMS USA National Convention Photo's



While I don't have names for any of these I can tell you the name's of the kits-

Top Left- Jaguar Silkcut Le Mans racer

Top Rt- Cpt. Nemo's ride

Mid Left- T-Rex vs. Triceratops (This thing was huge!)

Mid Rt- Polar Lights/Aurora monsters display- Very cool!

Btm Left- Fire. Amazing paint job.

Btm Rt- Alex the Vampire.

Model of the Month(s)

Since I haven't gotten any submissions from the membership in regards to this column, I guess you'll have to read about another one of my builds. About 2 years ago I helped build a diorama for the 3d ACR museum for presentation to one of its veterans from WWII. The scene depicts the aftermath of an extremely lucky shot from a SGT. Joe Side that took out a German Panther. I can't recall the date or where it took place, but the gist of the story is two Panther's were part of an attack and were being faced by one or two of the US M-8 Greyhounds. One of the Panthers had shot and disabled the M-8 manned by Sgt. Shot. Unable to retreat to safety they were a sitting duck for the second shot that was about to come at any second. As the Panther lined up for another round, Shot in a last ditch-hail-mary effort, fired at the advancing Panther as he was abandoning it.

As luck would have it, Joe's tiny 37mm round found it's mark and traveled straight down the Panthers gun tube, exploding the round in the chamber and killing the crew. The tank now on fire, and burning intensely, continued to creep forward, and eventually crushed the tiny M8 and set it afire as well, before it finally stopped rolling. A dismount team with a bazooka maneuvered on the other Panther and subsequently took it out. The distances that the fight took place were a lot greater than what we could do for the diorama, but we felt that it still conveyed the story well enough. It would have been a major undertaking to model the M-8 Crushed and burning so we took a little artistic license with our build. When presented to SGT. Shot at the veterans reunion, he recognized it right off. He was very moved by our work and thanked me for showing it to him.

The 3d ACR Museum has shut its doors here at Fort Carson as the Regiment has moved to Ft. Hood. The museum still had this diorama on hand while they were packing things up. The diorama wasn't considered historical property, and as such was subject to being tossed out. Scott Hamric, the curator at the museum hated to see that happen so he returned it to me where he knew it would be safe. It has suffered a few little damages over the years, but it is still in pretty good shape considering. The guys who helped with this project were Steve Kiernan, would built and painted the Panther and Will Thorson who built and painted the figures and jeep. I handled the M-8 Greyhound and overall construction/layout of the diorama.

The base is a piece of pink Styrofoam used in insulating houses. It is light weight and very easy to cut with a hot wire or knife. The ground was made using sanded tile grout and white glue. The small retaining wall came from Michaels craft store. It was found in the Christmas decorations isle. The plants also came from Michaels. This project start to finish took less than 30 days. It was a team effort and a lot of fun to actually meet the

man who made "Joe Sides Shot". Thanks- Matt-



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This months (September) meeting will be held on the 4th Thursday, that being the 27th, at the Falcon Hills Police Station. The meeting will take place between 6:30pm and 10:00pm. Hope to see you there. Matt-

For Sale/Trade/Disposal/Wanted

Large lot of armor, and aircraft for sale. Contact Matt Quiroz for further info. Prices are negotiable.