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Hello and welcome back. Sorry for the long interruption in the newsletter. As most of you know I had a little mishap on my dirt bike that sidelined me for a short while. Coupled with a lot of outdoor summer activity, and a fluctuating work schedule, the newsletter took a back seat for awhile. I plan to remedy that.....

I hope this finds everybody doing well and enjoying what remains of our summer here in the Rockies. Quite a bit has happened since I last wrote here. I will try and relay as much as I can recall. The first thing that comes to my mind is that we have secured the blessing to host the Region 10 convention here in the Springs next year. The event will be held over two days, June 5-6 and will be held at the Radisson Inn next to Solo's restaurant. Next year marks the 65th anniversary of the D-day landings and it just happens that 6th falls on a week end making for some great timing to hold the event! We are still planning the event to include a Friday night social at Solo's on the 5th. The e-board has been busy brainstorming for ideas and would really, really like some input from the club as to what you the club members would like to see/do. Please send/write/tell/messenger/cARRIER PIGEON/ us your suggestions so we have plenty of time to look them over and implement them.

It is shaping up to be a great event. We will have over 3000 square feet of room for display and vendors. As most of you know advertising is the key to these events. Please pass the word to your fellow modelers and have them spread the word

too. In other news, club prez Dekker Zimmerman made the trek to Virginia Beach to attend the IPMS USA national convention this month. Dekker has submitted some nice pictures that can be found in the gallery section of the newsletter. You can also look for a full report from him a little further back in the letter.

Summer Model Daze is just about in the books. This one looks to have been another great success as there were xxxx models entered by xxxx contestants. The club was well represented for clubs day on the 16th while other members made the drive north to attend the wet/rainy annual sale event at Colpar Hobbies in Aurora. Member's Matt Quiroz and Kirk Taylor did some serious damage to the inventory while there, while doing some serious damage to their credit cards!! It was a good trip despite the weather. That's about it for now. Until next time, keep your sprues empty and the glue off your fingers! Matt~



FA-18 Super-bug



USS Wisconsin



One of the almost 3000+ entries at this years National Convention

LETTERS FROM THE BOARD

Hello all. I am back from the 2008 IPMS Nationals in Virginia Beach and boy are my arms tired. The show was a great success and the registration went very smooth as they used the same computer program we did for our PPMX show. This years show was the second largest in IPMS history just behind Atlanta with almost 3000 models on the tables. The variety was amazing. The next stop I made was at the dealers room and "lost" my wallet. If you have never been to a national dealers room it is like walking through all those neat obscure hobby web sites you visit from around the world all in one place. The next stop was the NAS Oceana Naval air station tour. Can you say F-18,18,18,18,18..... There were super hornets every where, a super hornet's nest! It was very exciting to walk through a active maintenance facility full of these multi million dollar birds. The last stop was a tour of the U.S.S. Wisconsin a Iowa class, 16inch gunned battleship. Very cool! As for the model news at the show Trumpeter had test shots of the forthcoming 1/32nd scale Swordfish, Euro fighter, BB Lightning and Dragon had the Bf-110 on display. Other scales included Hasegawa's 1/72nd scale new tool E2-C Hawkeye 2000 soon to be released. Dragon had its new 1/35th scale Tauchpanzer IV (Deep fording tank). The big excitement was the conversion to make the Mobeus large Sea View sub/radio control package, with running lights I might add. Well I will talk more about it at the next meeting. It's official! We won the bid for the 2009 region 10 show and contest! June 5th and 6th. The web site has been updated with the info so check it out! This also means ALL club members need to pitch in to make it a success so speak up on what you can bring to the "table". Thanks again for all the help at the last show for those who helped. See you at the August 27th meeting!

Model on dudes
Dekker Zimmerman
President Centennial IPMS

Well, I can't really add a whole lot to what Dekker has said other than to echo how important it is going to be that **all club members** get involved with the coming R-10 convention. This is a huge undertaking that is going



to require maximum participation from everybody. We will discuss this more at the coming meetings. Enjoy your summer time while you can, ole man winter isn't too far away! On the horizon for next month is the club auction. This is always s a good time so make sure to mark your calendar to attend. Now go build something!
Matt~
VP-CIPMS

Dan, Rob and Tom were busy with other items. Look for their comments in the next issue~

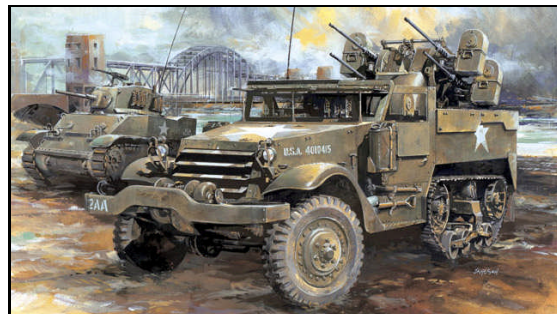


*A Graf Zeppelin grafted onto a Graf Zeppelin.
How Cool!*

A little tip

Rebuilding old models
Say you have an old glue bomb from your childhood or are given one. If it's been assembled with normal model glue wet the whole model, then place it in a plastic bag and place in the freezer over night. You may have to repeat this a few times but the glue should expand and contract enough for the parts to either fall off (hence the bag) or able to be pulled off with little effort.

Forth coming release from Dragon-



M-16 MGMC. Yeah Baby!!

TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

BY ROB SCHMITT

Now that we've all had a chance to catch our breath after PPMX and WonderFest, it's time for another installment of TIAB!

WonderFest 2008

First off, a huge "Congratulations" to the WF staff for putting together this year's show. Due to major construction activities at the Executive West hotel, the entire venue was pushed back 2 months and moved to the Louisville Expo Center across the street. Not a small task, but they pulled it off with only minor hiccups. For those of you that aren't familiar with WonderFest, it's the premiere model show for sci-fi, fantasy, horror and Anime model builders across the world (yes, I said world!). A Colorado Springs contingent made their annual 18-hr drive to Louisville, KY and arrived early Friday afternoon.

The model competition was highly competitive (think Nats), but several folks from Colorado received recognition. Our own Mark Krabbenhoft received a Merit for his *Death* kit and a Bronze for his *Gully* piece. Rob Schmitt received several Merits and a Bronze for his *California Dreaming* diorama. The big winner was Robb Merrill of the Denver-based CoMiES IPMS club. Besides receiving several Merits and a Silver for his incredible Mecha/Gundam builds, he also garnered "Best Mecha/Gundam" for his *Armor Crest* kit and "Best Out of the Box" for his *VF-0 Full Armor* kit. Congratulations to all!

This year's change of location allowed the model show and the Dealer's room to be in the same area – nice touch. This allowed folks to see what finished kits looked like before they purchased



them. Speaking of kits, there were plenty of new offerings from just about every major model company and Garage Kit manufacturer that attended the show. Here is a sampling of what was available.

Polar Lights

Yes, Polar Lights is back in business! Former owner Tom Lowe has started a new



company, Round 2, and has not only acquired the Star Trek molds from AMT/ERTL, but Polar Lights as well. Their first offering will be a re-release of the 1/1000 Enterprise. This kit allows you to build the classic Enterprise in one of three variants; 1st pilot, 2nd pilot or the production version. Following closely will be re-releases of the 1/1000 Klingon D7 and NX-01. In addition, PL will be re-releasing the famous 1966 AMT Enterprise model. The 18" model will be available with two different kinds of packaging: either a cardboard box like the 1966 edition or a deluxe limited edition with a metal tin box. The original AMT model was available from 1966 to 1996, offered in slightly differing versions as new molds were required. 2009 re-releases will include the AMT versions of Enterprise E and the Polar Lights 1/350 scale Enterprise A. The first new kit for 2009 will be a 1/1000 scale kit of the Akira class U.S.S. Thunderchild (from *Star Trek First Contact*). There are also plans in 2010 for a 1/350 scale kit of the TOS Enterprise which will be an amazing 30" long when assembled and incredibly detailed.

Moebius Models

Frank Winspur is on a roll! First, he released the beautiful 39" Seaview from *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea*. Now he has released both the Space Pod and Chariot from *Lost in Space*. Both of these kits are 1/24 scale and are chocked full of detail. After-market designers

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are already developing figures and lighting kits for both of these kits! In addition, Moebius



displayed development shots of their next three offerings; the Invisible Man, Conan, and the Mummy. Things are looking up for Moebius Models!



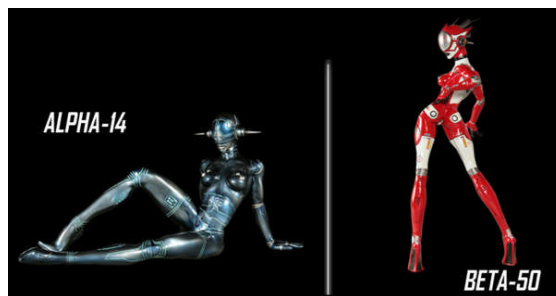
Monarch Models

Following the successful release of their *Nosferatu* kit, Scott McKillop is releasing the *Ghost of Castle Mare*. Sculpted by Jeff Yagher, this kit will be 1/8 scale and features the Ghost of *Forgotten Prisoner* fame climbing up the stairs of Castle Mare. Expect this on the hobby store shelves by late October! In addition, Monarch will be releasing a kit based upon *The Fly* as well as Sinbad from *The Seven Voyages of Sinbad*. Between Moebius and Monarch, there should be plenty of styrene kits for even the choosiest builder!



Visceral Visions

A new company on the GK market, Visceral Vision's *Platinum Dolls* line caused quite a stir at the show. Currently they have 2 offerings; Alpha-14 and Beta-50, both sculpted by Marcus Deleo. There's a fantastic review of these 2 kits by Steve Riojas in the current edi-



tion of *Amazing Figure Modeler*. Other kits under development include *Genkai* and *Smells Like Victory*. You can see more at www.visceralvision.com.

Kit Kong

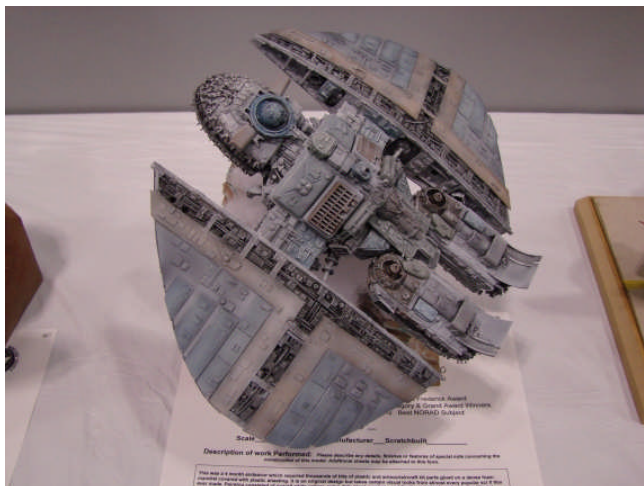
Based out of Denver, Kit Kong had a strong presence at WF this year and displayed several new kits, including the *Crypt Keeper* and the *Jack O' Lantern*. Sculpted by Chris Elizardo, the *Crypt Keeper* resin bust is 1/6 scale and based on the popular TV Show "Tales from the Crypt" whose stories/episodes were often taken straight from the early horror comic books with the same name. As one of Spiderman's many arch villains, the "Jack O' Lantern" is now most famously known as the Hobgoblin! At 1/6 Scale, this porcelain/resin bust sculpted by Chris Elizardo stands almost 6.5 inches tall and comes in 10 parts, including 6 little mini grenades that attach to his belt. Kit Kong's lineup can be viewed at www.modelmansion.com and many of their kits can be purchased pre-painted or unpainted.



Thanks for the road trip update and new kit reports Rob!

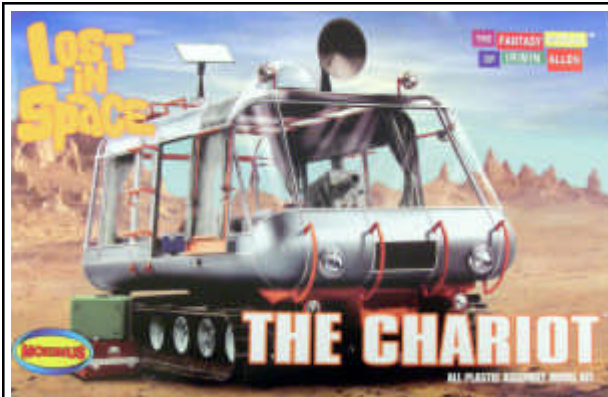
GALLERY

JUST A SAMPLING OF THE MODELS AND OTHER GOODIES FROM THE IPMS NATIONAL CONVENTION THIS YEAR!!
COURTESY OF OUR WORLD TRAVELER DEKKER~



KIT REVIEW (S)

BY TOM GROSSMAN AND MATT QUIROZ



The Chariot was the “family car” for the space colonist Robinson Family featured in the Irwin Allen 1960’s classic, *Lost in Space*. Departing Earth from the little screen in September of 1963, the Robinsons headed off towards a new future as the first colonists on Alpha Centauri. Things didn’t go well. Their trip is derailed and they crash on an unknown, hostile planet. Their terrestrial mode of transportation is the Chariot. It was alluded to that the Chariot can be disassembled for storage and deployment. It is kind of big to fit in that little space ship and pass thru that little door.

For filming, four Chariots were used. The 1:1 version was a converted Morton Thiokol snow cat. This convincing space ride drove like a tank. Left and right levers controlled speed, braking and steering. This practical vehicle could be driven right on to the set and parked beside the grounded Jupiter 2 for scenes requiring the vehicle. Also used was a 1/6 and two 1/12 models built by the special effects department at Fox. Irwin Allen had the forethought to film sequences with the miniatures in color so that the same shots could be used well into the life span of the series.

When the series was cancelled, the Chariot returned to its previous form and mundane life; hauling logs around at a ski lodge. In recent years, a collector has purchased the remaining chassis and is working on restoring the vehicle to space traveling past configuration.

The Kit

This kit is an all new tool. We will dispense with consideration of the last model version of the Chariot as it was totally lacking. The Moebius 1/24 version is quite the opposite. This kit sports oodles of detail in all the right places. Since it is also in scale with the Space Pod, dioramas and vignettes will surely be popping up. The kit is engineered very thoughtfully with over 175 parts on nine sprues along with a bog of loose parts. Looking over the instructions, the only major challenge seemed to be the handling and installation of the clear parts. But it wouldn’t be the Chariot without that. The interior is complete with seating for six with seat belts molded into each seat, control levers for the driver, front

console, the front scanner, curtains, side benches and two laser rifles! You never know when you might see a nasty Cyclopes or a giant bouncing carrot!! The exterior also sports the sliding bubble canopy so, if posed open, all that detail can be clearly visible. On the outside are all the bumpers, ladders and the luggage rack along with all the lights and the flat and dish antennae. The four door panels molded separately to allow choices in posing the kit. Great effort was also put into detailing the included Robot as it is assembled from twenty three parts, some of which are correctly clear. I can see the most adventurous and skilled modelers lighting it. Included with the interior is the Robot’s box where it sits at the rear of the Chariot. The undercarriage is designed with the same attention to detail seen in the rest of the kit. Separate PVC tires on styrene rims and the separate drive sprockets are mounted on metal axles. These are fitted with one-piece vinyl tracks. Screws are included to securely attach the chassis to the bottom bucket. The clear parts are packaged in their own plastic bags and relatively free of aberration.

Like the Space Pod, instructions are not what you may be used to seeing in other kits. They remind me a lot of what comes in old Aurora kits and others produced in that theme. An exploded diagram shows placement of all parts. An error made in the diagram is taken care of with a small correction sheet included with the kit. Major steps are separated with assembly described in text. Each step begins with a Painting Note. A color photo of the kit at completion of each major step accompanies the text at each step. The photos are mostly for paint reference but part placements are also visible. Bare Metal Foil is mentioned as an option easier than painting for achieving a more realistic metallic finish than most easily applied paints can create. Paint references are made at each step with the alpha coding defined on the full page paint chart included on the instruction sheet. Color references are for Testors Enamel, Model Master Enamel and Model Master Metalizer paints. The presentation isn’t what we see in main stream kits. It relies more on verbal than graphic instruction. This might challenge some modelers and be a strengthening experience for others.

In my estimation, the biggest challenge this kit presents is painting the framework of the clear Body Top and assembling that section of the Chariot. The exterior frames and some of the panels are painted with Metallic Grey. That should present no more challenge than a large aircraft canopy. The real hard part will be the Orange interior. The interior surface of the Body Top is largely smooth. A clever modeler may be able to use home made paint masks for the outside framing to make a set for the inside. Rumor has it that Lou “Aztek Dummy” Dalmaso will be making a set of vinyl self-adhesive masks for the Chariot. That would help a lot!

Another problem noted during photography was that the PVC tires interacted with the plastic of the Body Tub. Upon opening the bag, the tires were stuck to the bottom of the tub, leaving circular scars. These are visible in the accompanying pictures. The scars were tacky indicating that some organic compound had leached into the plastic from the tires. The tracks are capable of inflicting the same kind of damage. That did not happen with the kit I reviewed. Moebius Models has been in contact with the Chinese production plant. It is the same plant that made car kits for Polar Lights. This problem has not been encountered before. But the silver plastic used in the Chariot kit is made from clear styrene with a powdered color additive. None of the Polar Lights kits were made in that fashion so this problem may be the result of this novel combination. If you get a Chariot kit with this type of damage, Moebius Models will soon have replacement parts available. Replacement parts will be available to customers with kits that are damaged by the PVC tires and tracks. These will be available the last day of August or the first days in September. Contact Moebius Models Customer Service Department at customerservice@moebiusmodels.com and the damaged parts will be replaced at no charge. Moebius Models is also taking steps to insure that there will be such problems with future kits.

Inspect your kit immediately and separate the PVC tires and tracks into their own bag to prevent further damage. You may find that your kit is minimally damaged. My sample had a few semicircles from the tires on the bottom of the bucket and no marks from the tracks anywhere. It's possible that running wheel assembly and chassis might cover most of it.

Conclusions

I'm still very excited about the Chariot and the rest of the Irwin Allen series from Moebius Models! Yes, the tire issue is a bit disappointing but that is being addressed as quickly and efficiently as possible. Yes, the instructions are presented differently but the model is frankly not that complex. This is an opportunity to help the hobby grow. Some modelers will be challenged by the differences and that's a chance to help them grow. Some who don't model now but remember their youth could be enticed to start building again. That's what clubs are for. Back to the story, these issues are minor in comparison to the excitement and memories the Chariot and the other Irwin Allen kits from Moebius Models are generating. There may be a little extra work and some extra challenges but you'll get a highly detailed replica of something I've wanted since 1963.

I'd also be keeping my eyes peeled for after-market upgrade sets. I'm expecting to see lighting kits, perhaps photo-etch detail sets and, of course, 1/24 scale Robinsons and Major West! I suppose there could be a Dr. Smith figure, too. Oh the pain!

In short, looks like fun to me! Two thumbs up! Thanks to Frank and Dave at Moebius! Keep up the good work!

1/72 Hasegawa B-24J

By Matt Quiroz

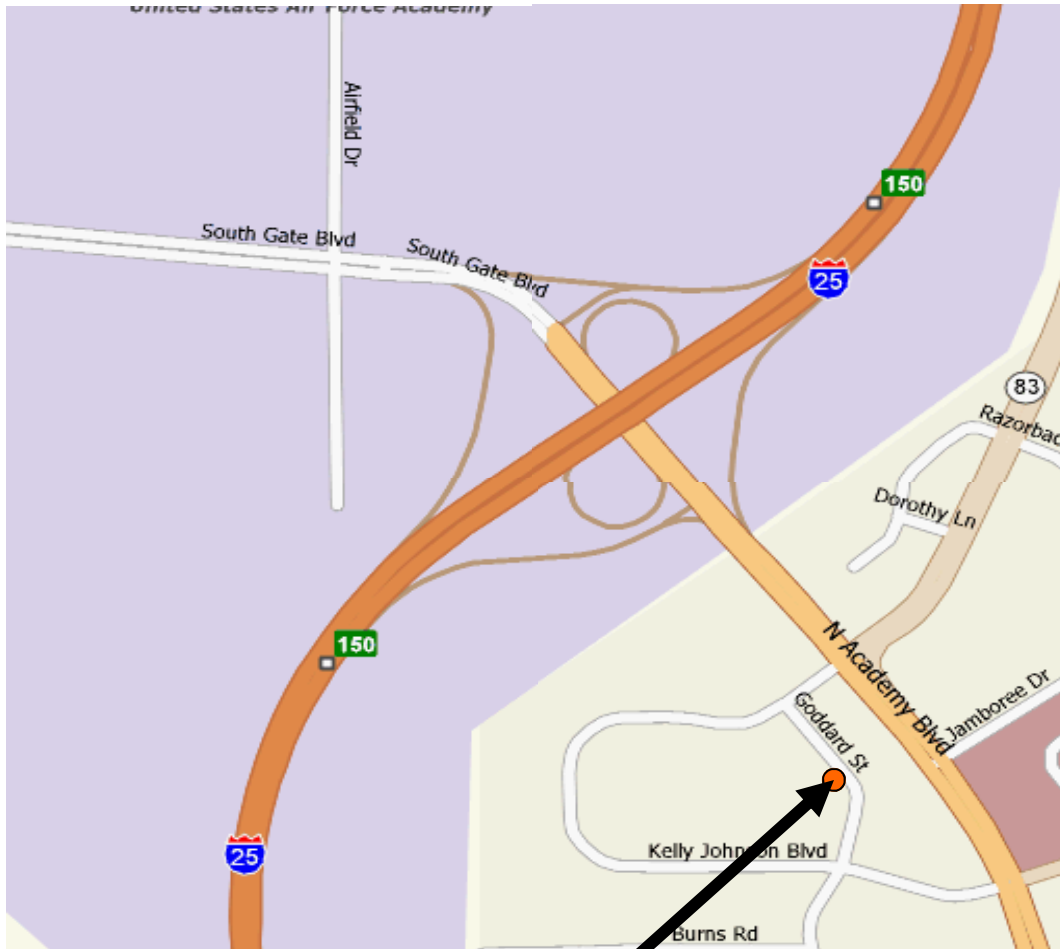
The Consolidated B-24 Liberator was an American heavy bomber that was produced in greater numbers than any other American combat aircraft of World War II, to include single seat fighter! And in fact, still holds the record as the most produced U.S. military aircraft. It was used by many Allied air forces and by every U.S. branch of service during the war, and attained a distinguished war record during operations in the Mediterranean, northern European, and Pacific theaters.

The kit itself is almost an identical copy to Hasegawa's B-24D version differing only in the nose section and those parts directly related to the "J". The kit has superbly done panel lines, and sharp, crisp overall detail throughout. It is a nicely engineered kit as all the turrets can be installed after the airframe is completed. Some options include a stowed or open ball turret, choice of an A-15 or A-6A nose turret, and the ability to pose the bomb bay doors open or closed. The kit includes a fully detailed bomb bay and a very nicely done cockpit. Two markings options are given;

- "Cocktail Hour" 64BS, USAAF, 1945 Philippines (Overall Natural Metal) (Box art)
- "Red Raiders" 33BS, USAAF (No year of operation given) (OD over gray)

If you have been waiting for a new tooled B-24, as a replacement for your old Academy kits, your wait is over. This is a superb kit of an equally superb plane. It is a bit pricey, but the quality is well worth the price of admission! Highly recommended.





Our Next meeting will be 24 Sept 2008.

6:30pm-10:00pm

Falcon Hills Police Station

7850 Goddard St, Colorado Springs, CO

The September meeting will be the annual model kit auction. Things are changed up a bit this year. The price of admission/participation is the donation of one or more models. **All proceeds** from the auction are going to the club and towards funding our regional next June. This is an easy way for the club to make some money to put towards this event. Prices will be kept low so everybody can participate. This is still a prime opportunity to acquire some of those kits you have had your eyes out for, and to unload others you won't build, don't want etc. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**