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Here I sit

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Summer has come and gone and here I sit with piles of plastic surrounding me. Its time to take advantage of the cool months to get some building done. Judging by the amount of people and plastic that were at our last meeting I'd say most of us are doing just that.

We had 19 people in attendance including some visitors. Jim and Steve from Denver, and Jeff from the FRAM club sat in with us for the evenings meeting. All three of these guys are car builders. Steve and Jim love F1 cars while Jeff will build just about anything. Thanks for dropping by guys. Please do come back.

There was a good amount of plastic on the tables that the membership has been working on, or had completed. Matt brought two of his motorcycles that he has been building since taking a break from all things OD. A 1/9 scale Protar Ducati and a 1/12 Tamiya Suzuki ridden by Kenny Roberts Jr. in 99'. In Matt's words, the Ducati was "A lop of pooh, but the Suzuki was typical Tamiya, great."

Scott Stathis had Dragon's newest release of the M1A1 Aim with him along with his still in progress Tamiya M-8

Greyhound. Scott recently completed truck driving school, so we may not be seeing him as much. Stay safe on the road Scott. Roger Cole brought an in progress M4A3E8 Sherman, and SdKfz 251C (A German Half-track for those who don't speak abbreviation). Bob Bunch brought yet another resin monster tank and some small scale resin ships.

Ken Meyer was still busy working on a train for his son Derek. The painting on it looked great thus far. You can't go wrong with Red, White and Blue!

Tom Grossman was working on another paper figure model. I believe it will measure twenty plus inches in height when complete.

Chesley White brought in some of his work. One, a 1/35 scratch built Cheyenne helicopter. The other was a 1/32 scratch built XB-51 in a natural metal finish. Chesley has a fond interest in things that aren't normally found on the shelves, and also to model things in large scale, 1/32 or larger. They were very nice looking.

The hi-light of the evening was the unveiling of a new diorama by "Superdio Dave Kolodecik. The diorama titled

the Hoverstuppen Mk V. It featured the ultimate weapon design the German's had developed in the closing moments of the war.

Basically you have a flying saucer with a butt load of weapons on it, to include torpedoes. You can look for pictures in the gallery section.

Some items on the discussion table were the upcoming contest next year. Talks seem to be progressing smoothly thus far with the Pueblo Air Museum. A vote was taken on the clubs new logo. The new logo will also be featured as the contest logo. Dekker Zimmerman has been at the forefront of the whole drive for the contest, the logo and a host of other items. Way to go Dekker! Please give him your support.

I forgot this in the last issue...Aaron Thomas, who is a fantastic car and bike modeler recently joined the ranks of Centennial. Welcome aboard! Aaron does some phenomenal work. He recently took top honors at the Hobby Town model contest with a 1/12 Tamiya Ducati motorcycle. Congrats Aaron. That about covers it for this issue. Don't forget to make next months meeting to vote for next years officers! Your vote counts. Keep the glue off your fingers. Matt-



Officer Nominations

With the month of October comes the officer nominations for the coming year. The positions are an important part of the club, often requiring additional time and effort to accomplish what needs to be done for the betterment of the club. The following folks have stepped forward to take the challenge. Nominations for next year's officers are..

President– Dave Kagarise

Vice President– Jim Mesco

Vice President– Dan Archibeque

Treasurer– Dekker Zimmerman

Although not an official officer position, Kathy Dixon volunteered to stay on as the Contest Coordinator.

Matt Quiroz, the current Secretary/Treasurer, announced that he will not return as the secretary/treasurer for next year. If anybody else is interested in running for any of the positions, please send your info to Matt Quiroz as soon as possible. The election for these positions will take place at next month's meeting. If you're not happy with who's in office currently, now's your chance to do something about it.

New Logo

Dekker has been hard at work designing a new logo for the club. After all the votes were tallied, this is what we can look forward to. Keep in mind this is still a little rough according to Dekker, but he plans to clean it up. I think it looks great as is. We will also use this logo for the contest next year. Great job Dekker!



More Ft. Collins Contest entries



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
 (719) 556-4915

**** Please call to check for entry/ access instructions as this is a military installation**

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Hobby Town

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Colorado Springs, CO. 80909
(719) 637-0404

Colpar Hobbies

804 S. Havana
Aurora, CO. 80012
(303) 876-0414

Hobby Lobby

3989 Palmer Park
Colorado Springs, CO. 80909

Hobby Town

1726 East Woodmen
Colorado Springs, CO. 80920
(719) 531-0404

Don's Hobbies

815 10th St.
Greeley, CO. 80631
(970)353-3115

Hobby Lobby

6950 N. Academy Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO. 80918
(719)260-6920

Compleat Games and Hobbies

326 N. Tejon St.
Colorado Springs, CO. 80903
(719) 473-1116

Hobby Lobby

525 8th St.
Colorado Springs, CO. 80905
(719)630-1977

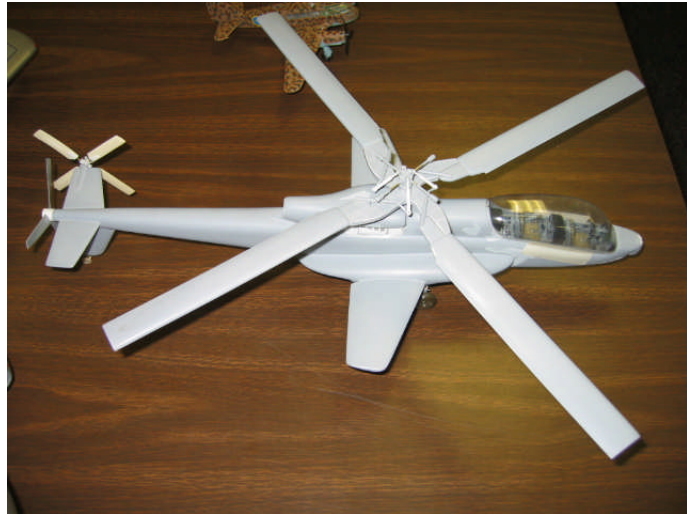
Hobby Lobby

3001 Hart Ave.
Pueblo, CO. 81008
(719)295-1154

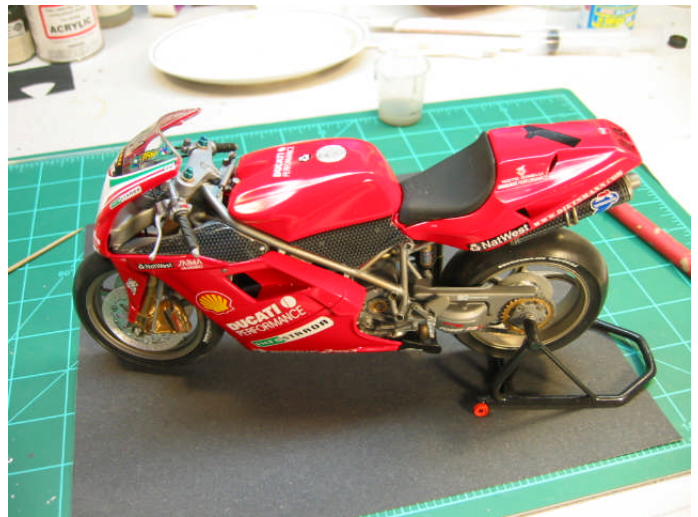


Dave "Superdiorama" Kolodecik built the dreaded Hoverstuppen MkV fro parts and left over pieces he had and brought it along for the evenings meeting. Nice work using what you had available Dave.

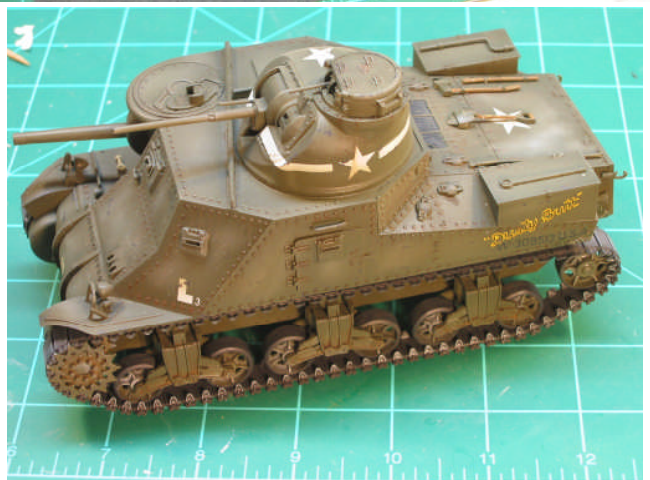
Gallery Photos



Chesley Whites Scratch built 1/32 XB-51 and 1/35 Cheyenne Helicopter and his entry for the six hour build at Compleat Games, an Italian 1/72 Caproni



Matt Quiroz' 1/12 Tamiya Suzuki and Protar aka "Lop of Poo" 1/9 Ducati, and old school Tamiya M3 Lee



Road Trip (Submitted by Robb Schmitt and Tom Grossman)

A hearty band of misfits (Tom, Gary and Andy Grossman, Mark Krabbenhoft and Rob Schmitt) loaded up Mark's trusty van and trailer and set off for our annual trip to WonderFest Thursday afternoon around 2 PM. After a grueling 18-hour nonstop drive, we arrived bleary-eyed in Louisville around 9 AM Friday morning. Once we checked into the hotel, it was time to start unloading stuff for the Dealers Room. This year we had two tables; one for TAG Services (Tom) and one for Back To The Garage models (Mark). After the displays were arranged, it was time to head off to the Lizard Lounge to meet all of our friends from around the globe. After a few beers (OK - lots of beer), it was time to head off to bed and get a good night's sleep.

Seven AM arrived way too early and we headed to the restaurant for some grub. The Dealers Room opened at 9 AM, so we needed some sustenance to get us through the day. With several pots of coffee under our belt and a belly full of bacon and eggs, it was time to greet the masses. If you've never been to WonderFest, the entrance line runs all the way down the hall and when the doors are opened, it's a madhouse. People scurry all over the place for that elusive kit or incredible deal and it doesn't stop until they close the doors at 5 PM. While all of this is going on, there are numerous "how-to" clinics and demos being held from basic sculpting and painting techniques to advanced electronics for your models. Sometimes it's hard to manage your schedule and attend everything you'd like to see. In addition, there are special guests making appearances. This year it was Yvonne Craig. She played Batgirl on the TV series and has been in numerous shows and films such as Mod Squad, Love, American Style, Star Trek, Six Million Dollar Man, and Gidget.

After-hours at WonderFest are just as busy as during the day. For starters, there was a 4-hour build called "Iron Modeler" Friday night. Teams were given an unknown kit and supplies and then had 4 hours to kitbash and come up with something totally different. This year the mystery kit was the loveable Polar Lights Scorpion. Five teams competed and after the dust had settled, there were six models on display. It was obvious that incredible amounts of creativity and ingenuity went into these creations. Team Blappy won the event with a Weed Wacker contraption that you'd have to see to believe. Saturday night Tom reserved a room and hosted the 2nd annual "Naked Resin Attack". Modelers were encouraged to bring their "mature" subjects for display

and a little friendly competition. There were over 40 entries and the work was truly amazing. Interest was so high for this that they've already lined up a sponsor for next year's competition. Also Saturday night they had a screening of "The Tingler" starring Vincent Price. Bob Burns made a special appearance and it was a great show.

Sunday was more the same; up early to get plenty of caffeine and back to the Dealers Room. Sales were brisk and people were frantically looking for those last-minute deals. At 3 PM the awards presentation for the modeling contest started. WonderFest is a national-level competition for sci-fi and figure builders. There were over 400 entries this year and the competition was fierce. Colorado was very well represented by local modelers. Mark Krabbenhoft received Bronze Awards for his "Bad Moon Rising" and "Cerebus" and a Gold Award for his "Tarascus". Rob Schmitt received Awards of Merit for his "Obi-Wan Fighter" and "NX-01" and a Silver Award for his Yoda diorama called "Size Matters Not". In addition, the Denver-based COMMIES brought home several awards for their outstanding work.

All too soon, it was time to pack up and head home. At 6 PM we hit the road for the return trip. It was a pretty uneventful trek until early Monday morning. Around 6:30 AM we hit a deer outside of Hays, Kansas. There was significant damage to Mark's van, but we all survived unscathed. Unfortunately, the same couldn't be said for the deer. Kudos to Gary for his expert driving skills and limiting the severity of the accident. With a busted headlight and crunched door, we finished the final leg of the trip and arrived in Colorado Springs around noon.

All in all, it was a fantastic weekend and was thoroughly enjoyed by all (except Mark's van). I highly encourage you to attend WonderFest at least once in your lifetime. Next year's event will be over Memorial Day weekend, so mark your calendars!



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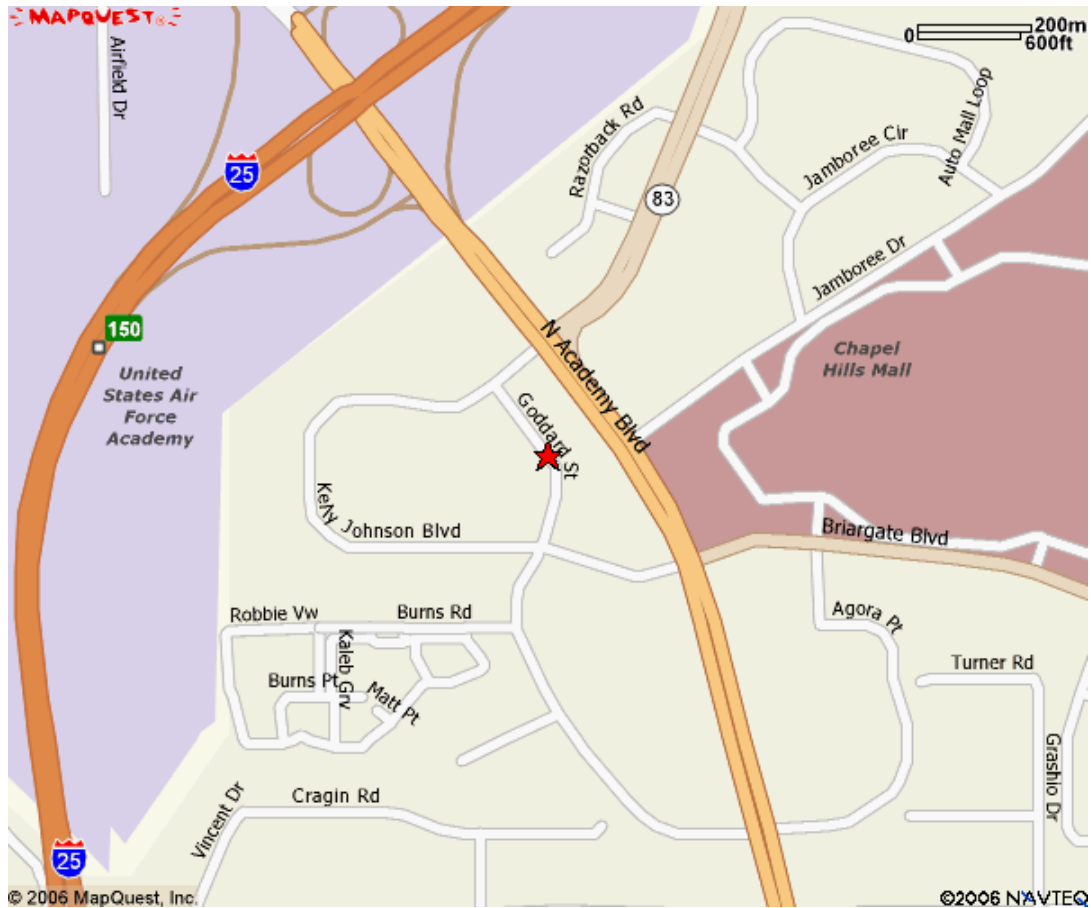
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The next meeting will be November 22 at the Falcon Police Station at 7850 Goddard St. 80920 Meeting will start at 6:30pm Bring a friend or twelve!