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July/August News

I will begin with an apology for the tardiness of this newsletter. Due to a combination of things, including personal matters, trying to finish my last model for the wing fold group build, and attending the Nationals, something had to give and the newsletter unfortunately was that something. Because it is so late I am combining the August and September newsletters into one.

At the top of the list there is, of course, the Nationals. I saw many Fame Cities members in Columbus, and our chapter did its usual fine job of snagging awards. The only disappointing thing was our group build finishing second. I would like to thank all the members who contributed to the project, and especially Jerry Royer, Larry Davis, Steve Dottavio and Ed Kinney for the terrific job on the display bases. Scale Scribblings will be publishing a special extra issue devoted to the Nationals in the coming weeks.

In club business news, our annual kit auction was another big success, and it netted the treasury \$71.12. Had it not been for Andy Miday it would probably have brought in \$1.98 (see page 8 for the photos).

At the August meeting we received news via Jerry Royer that Bill Weckel has apparently left Ohio for greener pastures and thus we do not have and likely will not get access to the Fame Cities website files. This means starting over from scratch, and makes the job of getting a website back up considerably more difficult.

Results of July's Scratch Built contest are on page 7. Congrats to all the winners and a big hand to all who brought models. Our next contest will be Ed Kinney's 'Polish a Turd', to be held in conjunction with our picnic on September 20. Details of both are just to the left of this column. Note that we will NOT be having a regular September meeting due to the picnic.

Finally, keep in mind the October (Out of the Box) and December (National Guard) contests.

Next meeting October 19

Cutler Real Estate



PICNIC!

Fame Cities annual picnic will be held on September 20, 2009 at the residence of Ed Kinney, 2011 Glenmont Dr., Canton, Ohio. Start time is 1:00 PM. We will be providing pulled pork sandwiches, dogs and burgers, and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Don't forget the raffle! Phone number if lost is 330 477-6622.

SEPTEMBER CONTEST

POLISHING A TURD

Ed Kinney's Polishing a Turd contest returns. Build the crappiest kit you can find and turn it into a gem. Special points for anyone who builds a Fonderie Miniatures kit!



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July Models



Larry Davis

Monogram 1/24 1953 Chevy



Steve Dottavio

Hobbycraft 1/32 Sea Fury



Mark Gamble

Hasegawa 1/48 BF109F-Trop



Monogram 1/72 B-36J



Andy Miday

Tamiya 1/72 P-47D

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John Shimek
Tamiya 1/35 Hanomag 251/22



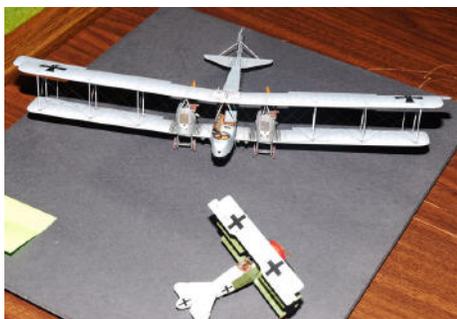
Ralph Nollan



Mark Smith
Roden 1/72 Gotha GIV



Ralph Nollan
Revell 1/48 Spirit of St. Louis



Mark Gamble
Tamiya 1/48 P-51D



Steve Reisch
Lindberg 1/25 Ford Police Car (RCMP)



Jerry Royer
Hobbycraft 1/48 F8F-1



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Ed Kinney

Trumpeter 1/32 P-51B



Gary Wolfe

Revell 1/542 USS Hornet



John Shimek

Peerless 1/35 Bedford Lorry

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John Lesnicki
AMT 1/25 1966 Chevy Nova

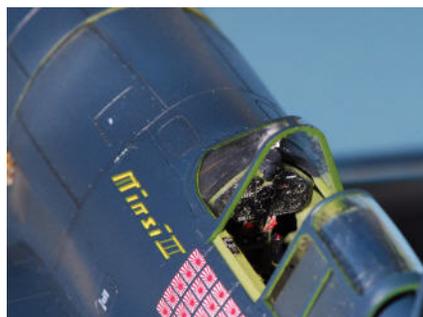


Gary Wolfe

Tamiya 1/100 A-7 Corsairs



Monogram 1/48 UH1-C



Bob Ulrich
Eduard 1/48 F6F-5 Hellcat

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Jack Norton
AMT 1/25 1967 Impala



August Models



Larry Davis
Revell 1/25 1949 Mercury



Ralph Nollan
Monogram 1/48 Skyraider



Joe Staudt
Monogram 1/24 Red Baron



Steve Reisch
Hasegawa 1/48 Sea King

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July Contest

THEME



First Place

Mark Smith



Second Place

Jack Norton



Third Place

Gary Wolfe

NON THEME



First Place

John Shimek



Second Place

Mark Gamble



Third Place

John Lesnicki

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FAME CITIES ANNUAL KIT AUCTION



Chief auctioneer John Noack at work



Andy's Nationals fund raising project



Without Joe Staudt on the computer the auction would be an organizational nightmare - thanks Joe.



Photo Credit: John Noack

A Message From the President

No, not that President.....

Hey gang. This is your leader calling. All I want to say is thanks a great deal for the help and effort you guys put into the "At Ease" project for the Nationals in Columbus. It all paid off and we took a 2nd place (although everyone feels we should have had 1st!). But it sure did look good, as did all the individual models on the decks. GREAT JOB!

I'd also like to congratulate all the Fame Cities guys that won in Columbus. For our guys to win or even place in the 2nd biggest Nationals of all time, shows the caliber of modelers we have in our chapter. From what I've heard, Bob Ulrich was the big winner with 4 awards including Best Nose Art. There were many others including Ken Patterson, Mike Meredith, and of course Mark Smith. I'm sure I probably missed someone as all my info is second hand.

The Nationals? Well the models were outstanding. We're hoping for a photo spread in an "Extra" issue of Scale Scribblings so everyone can see what they missed. Hell, I was there and missed a lot, including the USS Truman that took Best of Show! There was a bunch of minor screw-ups that shouldn't have been, not the least of which was the fact that we didn't have a place for our display until after I left on Thursday.

The vendors rooms were packed but I really didn't find a whole lot to spend my money on. Most of the major manufacturers were in attendance – Tamiya, Squadron Shop, Revell/Revell-Germany, Isradecal, Trumpeter, Italerie – but there really wasn't a whole lot to purchase from them. And the rest of the vendors were just so-so. There were plenty of bargains if you were looking for older kits. But not much brand new to buy, which is unusual for a Nationals. In fact, the only new thing I found to buy was a 1/48 Hobby Boss A-7A Corsair kit that was over at Hobbyland in Columbus.

I just wanted to say, if you missed the Nationals being so close to home, you missed a lot, especially all the super models in attendance. And next year it'll be in Phoenix, which is a long way to haul a model. See you at the picnic. And bring a model for Ed Kinney's "POS" contest. It'll be a lot of fun.

Larry Davis

A couple of pics to whet your appetite



The Fame Cities group entry



Kelly Quirk's Best of Show USS Truman - one of the most amazing models I've ever seen.

If anyone who attended the Nationals and took photographs would like to share them with the club, please send them to doubleugly@sssnet.com, and we will include them in the special Nationals edition of Scale Scribblings.