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Mike's Memo

Mike Miodonski

Hi Guys.

This month's meeting will be a build-only meeting, so this will be kind of a short Memo. We had a great club turn out at the Syracuse show. The show itself was quite a success, as their model count exceeded last year's and there were a lot of quality entries. I helped judge for about 2 hours and took photos for their CD, and everyone in the Syracuse organization was grateful for our club's help. My hat's off to the Syracuse club for putting on a good show and to our club guys who were there.

Next month's meeting will be our annual Christmas party and as always, the club will be ponying up for food. This year I thought I would change things up, so instead of the same old pizza and wings, I decided to order individual salads for everyone. Kidding, kidding, I'm just kidding. I don't think I would ever hear the end of that. Everyone feel free to bring a snack to share.

Next month is also our Toys-For-Tots donation night. This club has always been extremely generous when it comes to donating to this and I'm sure this year will be no exception. Keep in mind that older children often get overlooked with these toy drives so a toy for an older child would be a good idea. Thanks to Tom Brown for calling in the Marines to help us out.

I will be traveling on business on the 19th so Andre will be running the meeting. This month's e-board meeting will be at Chuck's house. Thanks Chuck.

Finally, I want to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving, I hope you have a good one.

See you in December!

Mike

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Dick Schulenberg

President Mike Miodonski started off the meeting with a reminder about the upcoming shows; SYRCON on October 21, the Ajax, Ontario (just east of Metro Toronto) show on October 28, and the Cleveland Model Show in Kirtland, OH on November 4. They're all excellent shows with good track records and well worth attending, though three weekends in a row might be hard on family life. Hope you made it to at least one of these shows. Look forward to some reviews.

Mike also gave us a short review of the Erie Scale Modelers show several weekends previously. It's a smallish show but it attracts entrants from areas south of Erie, so you get to see some great new models. Mike said 1/48 and 1/32 aircraft were well represented. Mike was especially taken by the realistic finishes on a 1/48 scale Ki-45 and a 1/32 SBD.

The round the room question came from Mike Miodonski's editorial in Dizpatch. He wrote about a recent experience with his cat's participation in the model building process and asked others to share their experiences. Apparently, most of us are either pet-free or have well behaved pets, however, there were some misbehavers. Among others, Ernie Yuhnke related how, many years ago, one of his cats ate his Ideal Constitution and Dave Armitage told how one of his cats decided to take a nap in one of his storage boxes containing a detailed stick and tissue model with predictable results.

Andre Thierault walked us through the models on the display tables.



Bob Conshafter started us off with his now completed late WWII German Luchs (Lynx) recon tank in 1/35 that earned him a second place award in the Out of the Box Armor category at ROCON. Congrats, Bob.

You'll remember that Andre Thierault took up a self-imposed challenge to finish his 1/350 scale USS Enterprise nuclear powered aircraft carrier model, brought it in to show us his progress. He's working on the hull now, having repainted the whole hull and fitted the hanger doors. This is one big model. Keep at it!

Seth Geller brought in some WWII memorabilia about famed AVG P-40 pilot Tex Hill, who recently passed away and a bunch of photos from the recent Gathering of Mustangs event which concentrated most of the remaining P-51's into quite an extravaganza.

Eric Hillebrand, always in search of the unusual, finished up a 1/24 scale WWI era Mack Bulldog gasoline tank truck in the multicolored Ordnance Corp. camouflage scheme, with lots of washes to blend the colors. The vehicle looked quite spiffy with some extra oil barrels found in the doll house section at Niagara Hobby.

Tim Kastner showed four of his customized street cars wearing various NASCAR colors. continued...



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He had pseudo versions of Dale Earnhart, Jr.'s green and white National Guard car, Jeff Gordon's in red and blue, Dale Sr.s in blue and Tony Stewart's in bright orange. All these cars were done with the aid of a lot of parts swapping.

Tony Gliszczynski had shoulder surgery on September 14 and is out of work for a while. To fill up his time, he set a goal of completing one of his partly finished models every week.

Like many of us, he has plenty to choose from. He's on schedule with 4 nicely finished cars and even completed a new build of a WWII Chevrolet Quad artillery tractor. Good stuff, Tony. Get well.

Frank Blonski brought in his bright yellow Ford Mustang with a new license plate. Very cool car. His current project is building a new frame from scratch to fit a car body he picked up recently. It's an interesting project that requires a lot of planning, cutting and fitting. Nice project, Frank.



Justen Hanna brought in a couple of nicely done 1/48 scale late WWII Luftwaffe FW-190 fighters, an A-3 version with red and yellow Defense of the Reich fuselage identification bands and a checker nose A-4 version, converted from an A-3.



Paul Hines showed us his 1/120 scale CSS Alabama steam/sail Civil War Confederate raider from the Mamoli kit. It features a double planked wood hull covered below the waterline with thousands of self adhesive copper foil plates. The deck fittings are now in place, the masting is done and the ratlines are fabricated, but there is still a lot to do. Paul also brought some more high end automobile reference books to sell. His prices are a real bargain, since some of the books have become relatively rare.



Brian McFee finished up a sharp 1/48 scale Monogram kit of the McDonnell F-101B cold war bomber interceptor in the "Electric Chicken" markings of the 107th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Niagara Falls AFB in 1980-81. The model brought back memories of these fighters roaring low over Lake Erie near my house and their inspiring near vertical departures from the airfield at air shows back in the day. continued...

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Dave Armitage also brought in a couple of finished models from the Civil War period. First was the famous pairing of the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia (ex-USS Merrimack) from the old Pyro compatible scale (approximately 1/243) kits. They look good when well built. A little more upscale were the 1/200 scale Verlinden models of the USS Keokuk, a double turreted monitor and the Confederate ironclad CSS Atlanta. Both feature wire rigging with scratch built davits on the Alabama. Dave also had several new Civil War figures he's finishing up for a new shadowbox diorama.

To round out the evening, Larry Osolkowski presented an excellent demo on buffing painted finishes. Larry uses a variety of fine to super fine grits in various forms to work up the lacquer paint to a high shine without a clear coat. He made it look relatively easy. Interestingly, Larry showed us that acrylic paints just don't shine without a non-acrylic clear coat.

Well, lots of good stuff again this evening. The next meeting is on November 19th. We're planning a building session, so bring in something to work on. You can also bring in a completed projects, works in progress, new kits, or a model you'd like to show off as we'll be talking about the stuff on the tables too.

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The Next Club Meeting:

The next meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter IPMS will be on Monday, November 19, 2007 at the Harlem Road Community Center, 4255 Harlem Road (near Main Street), Amherst, New York. We meet in the basement youth room from 7:00 P.M. to about 10:00 P.M. Please do not arrive before 6:45 P.M.

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