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Wunderbar "Wonderfest" 2013



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Well, 2013 was a good year for the sci-fi crowd and for Wonderfest in Louisville, Ky., on May 17-19. This was my second Wonderfest, and it was more subdued this year. The models were great, as usual, and the atmosphere was electric, but there were not many hard-charging, after-hours nerdfests when the sun fell.

However, a few of us did get into an all-consuming discussion about whether DC Comics' Justice League has fallen behind Marvel's Avengers in getting its story told. Nothing was resolved, but we did conclude that the latest reboot of Superman is the first

shot in a long line of DC-related movies. Myself, I never got into DC.

One of the coolest things I saw was what looked like a 1:300 scale model of the "Star Wars" Rebel Blockade Runner. This hand-built model was at least 6 feet long and highly detailed.

The picture above provides a glimpse of the model, but a separate article about it is coming soon. Also, a totally lit Star Destroyer was cool to see as well. In dim lighting, it was "most impressive."

Any resin starship from any movie was available here. If you're into sci-fi, this is the place for you!

Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting at St. Paul's Church on Friday, **June 14**, 7:30 pm.

Special Theme:
"Islamic Republics"

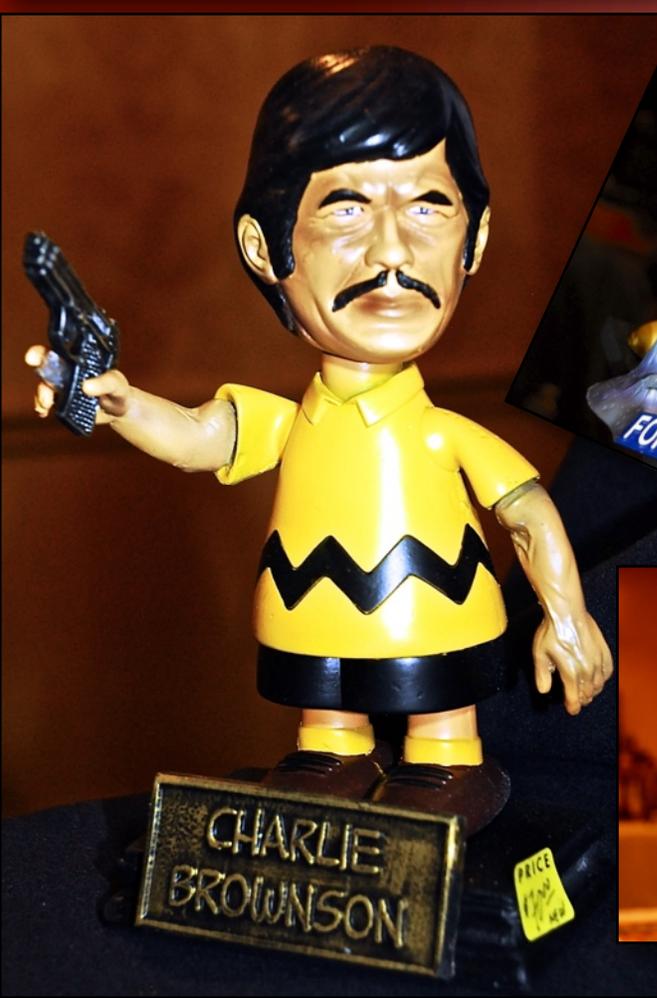
Demo:
Resin Casting, by Bill Soppet



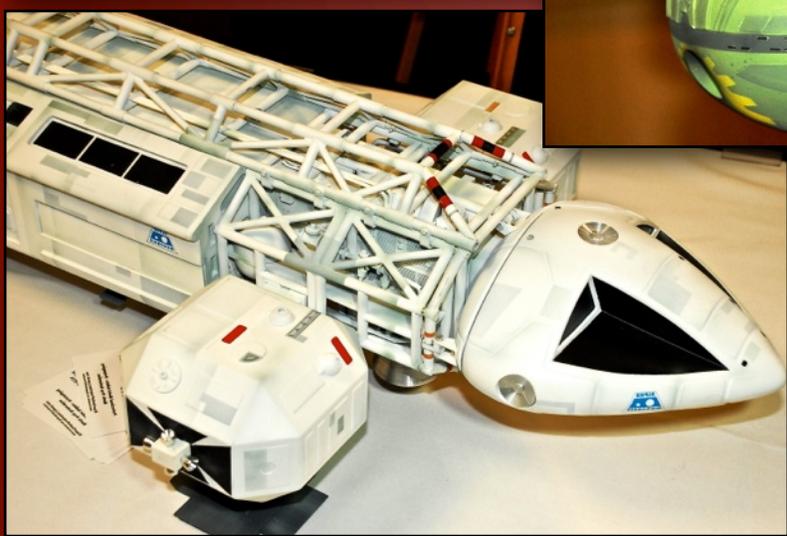


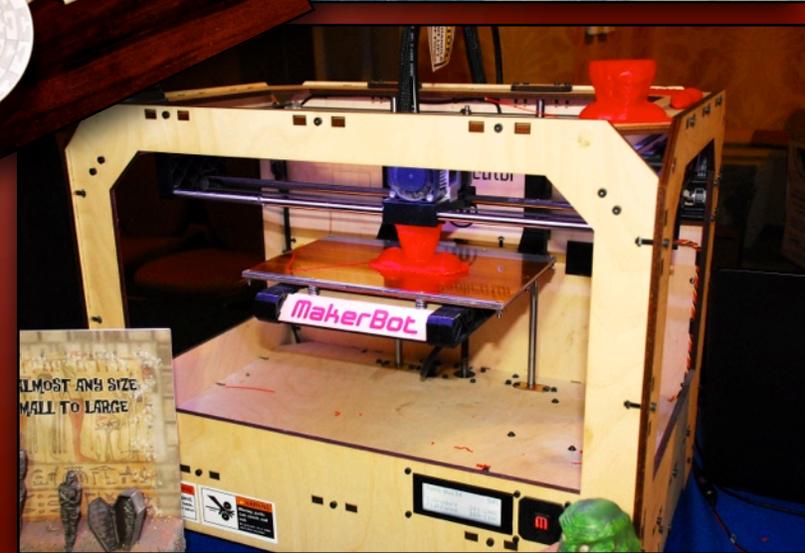
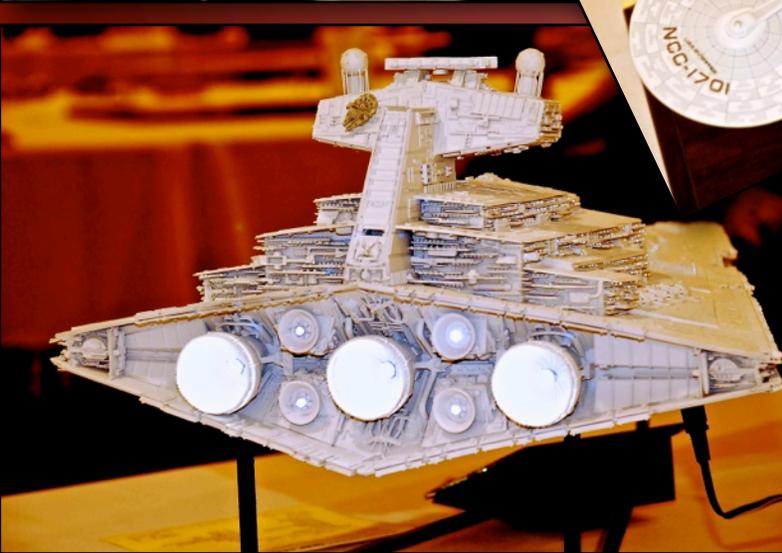
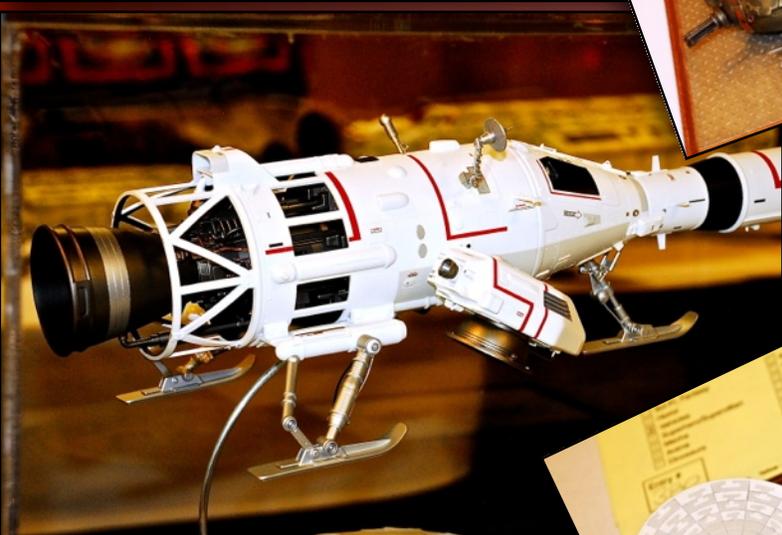
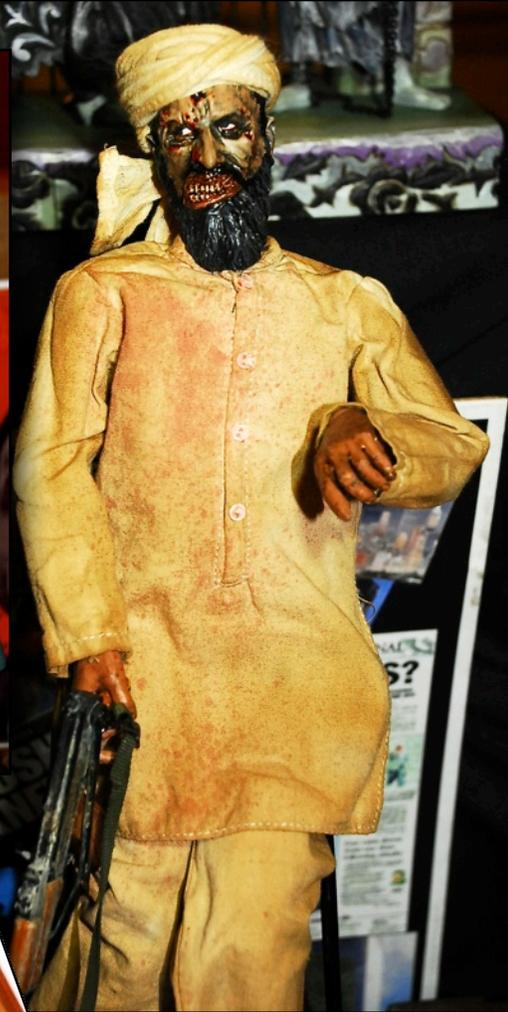


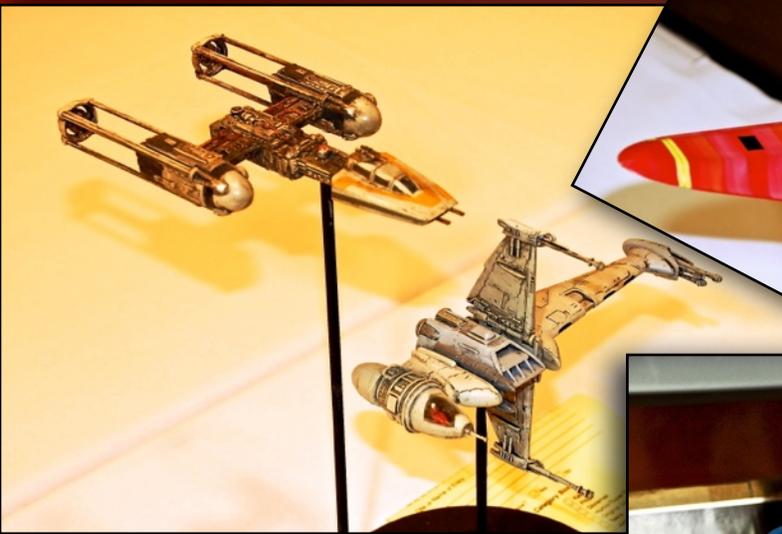














With the wealth of kits available, there was no show and tell at the May meeting. We went right into the auction after club business. Although things started a bit slowly, it was a rousing success and everyone had a good time! We even had a visitor listening in from Argentina, thanks to Marco.

Now, how about building one or two of those treasures and bringing them to a meeting? See you all next month.

**IPMS/USA**

Membership

IPMS/USA is dedicated to the hobby (and fun) of scale modeling. It was started by Jim Sage of Dallas, Texas, in 1964. There are now branches of IPMS all over the world. Our local regions and chapters sponsor model shows and contests every year, but you needn't be a member to visit the shows or attend the club meetings!

With **IPMS/USA** membership, you will receive the outstanding *IPMS/USA Journal* six times a year. It includes features on all modeling subjects such as aircraft, armor, automotive, ships, figures--you name it! You will also find listings of IPMS contests, swap meets, hints and tips, and reviews.

Membership also qualifies you to participate in **IPMS/USA** sanctioned contests, particularly our world-famous **National Convention**, held each summer. As a member, you'll also be able to access our online discussion board, where a wide variety of modeling topics are discussed, and enjoy interaction with other serious modelers for help with questions about modeling techniques or IPMS in general. Many hobby shops and model vendors around the country offer discounts to **IPMS/USA** members.

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The Display Table



Nice
Grumman S-2
Tracker



What does a
“Mass Effect
Fighter” do
anyway, **Steve**?

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Great Albatross with a head start, Marco.



ASSEMBLY:
Recommended for inexperienced modelers 14 years of age and older. Read instructions thoroughly.
1. Photo-etch parts carefully using photo-etch parts carefully using all parts.
2. Photo etch parts in order to apply to photo etch parts where necessary.
• Tools recommended included in kit: Plastic putty, cement, glue, small files, hand saw, hobby knife, sandpaper, and a hobby knife. Also included in kit: Cement and hobby paints only. Color guide for reference.
• Keep out of reach of small children. They must not be allowed to ingest small parts or launch packages in any way.
DECAL APPLICATION:
1. Cut decals from sheet as needed.
2. Dip the decal in warm water for about 10 seconds and then place on a soft clean cloth.
3. Hold the decal backing sheet edge and gently slide the decal onto the model in its proper position.
4. While still wet, the decal can be adjusted for position by rubbing with a soft cloth.
5. When dry, the proper position only press down with a soft cloth.
6. Excess water from the decal can be removed with a soft cloth.

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THE VAB BY HELLER

Reviewed by Steve Day

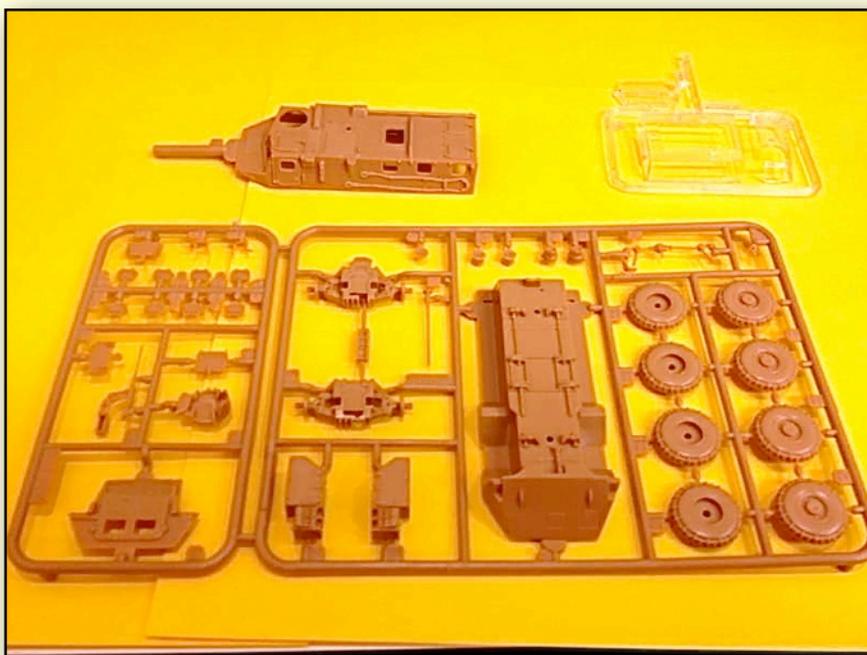
I have a bunch of models in different stages of completion, and I don't have to write my prez post anymore, so I decided to put together a little ditty on my build of the Renault VAB 4x4.

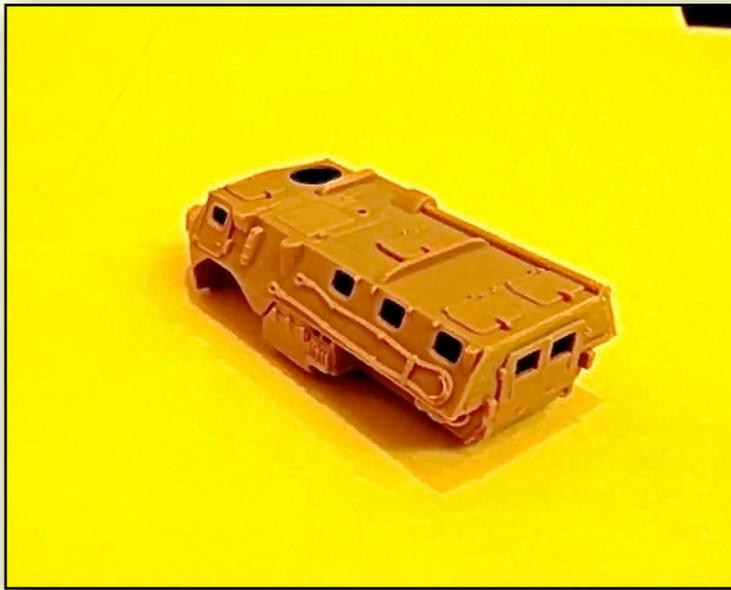
First, let me give you a brief history of my project. (I hate to research models, by the way--I'd rather build them.) My little APC was manufactured by The Renault Company. It first saw service in 1976 in the French army and found a home in more than 16 different countries over its lifetime.

The VAB has a crew of two and can carry up to 10 soldiers. The VAB is powered by a 6-cylinder gas-powered engine and has a top speed of 57 mph (what a pig). The VAB came in 17 different variants, blah, blah, blah . . . enough history! On to the fun part--building!

I saw my little APC at Al's Hobbies on one of my many trips there and said to myself, "Cool lookin' little kit, I'll pick it up next time." When "next time" came, I couldn't find my little APC and I went into a panic. I made one more sweep of the shelves and there she was, just waitin' on Big Daddy to take her home! And I did.

When I got home and opened the box for the first time ("Hmm, new plastic smell"), I got a nice simple little kit. There are only four trees of parts, so we're talking quick build. Sweet!



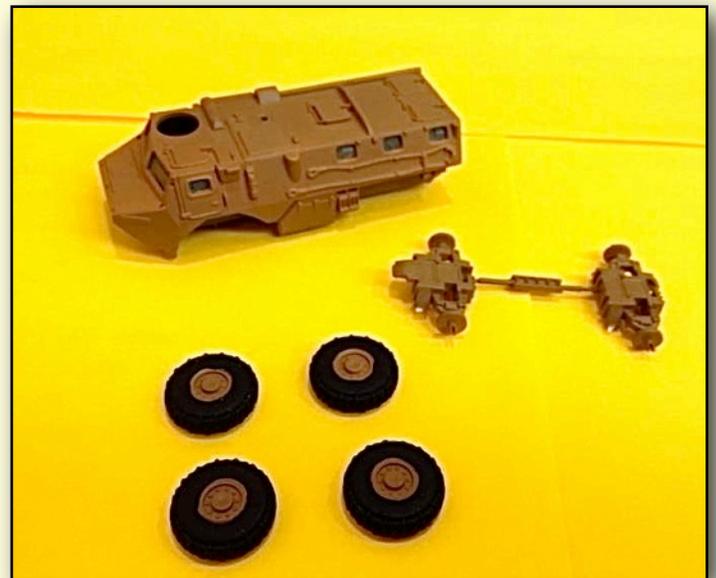


The detail is OK but out of scale. The parts are too bulky and thick. The 50 caliber machine gun has almost no detail, as does the mount the 50 caliber mounts to. The tires leave much to be desired as well. I will be looking for aftermarket parts.

The windshield was scarred so bad that it couldn't be repaired, so I just sanded it smooth and painted it gloss black on the outside--problem solved. I did the same to the rest of the clear parts so they would all match. I had to install the clear parts into the upper hull before gluing the upper and

lower halves of the hull together, which meant I would have to mask the windows before painting, which would be a pain in the paints, but that's modeling, right?

After gluing the tires together, I stuck small wooden sticks into the backs of the rims to hold them as I spray painted them. The stick holders also made it easy to brush paint the tires by loading up the brush with paint and putting the brush on the tire, then spinning the tire stick combo with my fingers. This way, I could easily paint the tire without getting any black paint on the rim.



I then turned my attention to painting the body and parts still on the parts trees. I used Velaho paints for the first time, and they worked as advertised. No mixing needed--I poured the paint from the bottle right into my airbrush and started painting. I took my time painting my APC. I made light passes with the airbrush, letting the color build up and not trying to paint the model in just one pass. You will get a much better finish taking your time, and you won't block out any detail due to too much paint.

This Month in *Military* History

June 3, 1969 – The Australian aircraft carrier Melbourne sliced the destroyer USS Frank E. Evans in half off the shore of South Vietnam in the South China Sea, with 74 people were killed. The Melbourne skipper was later exonerated of any fault in the disaster. The Evans was completely to blame for the incident.



June 18, 1965 – Twenty-eight B-52s fly from Guam to the Binh Duong province, northwest of Saigon. Such flights were called Operation Arc Light. In total, 17 B-52s were shot down by enemy fire in the Vietnam War.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8-9, 2013

Heartland Model Car Nationals

Overland Park Convention Center

6000 College Boulevard [Map](#)

Overland Park, KS

[Vern Lyon](#) 913-782-0996

August 14-17, 2013

2013 IPMS/USA National Convention

J Q Hammons Conference Center

4705 Clydesdale Parkway [Map](#)

Loveland, CO

[Chuck Holte](#) 719-590-6270

July 13, 2013

NIMCON 2

McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

8900 US Highway 14 [Map](#)

Crystal Lake, IL

[PHIL PIGNATARO](#) 847-658-9920

September 14, 2013

Gateway to the West Contest / Swap Meet

Viking Conference Center, Holiday Inn

10709 Watson Road [Map](#)

Sunset Hills, MO

[Doug Barton](#) 636-332-9960

August 4, 2013

6th Annual GTR Summer NNL

Algonquin Township Building

3702 US Highway 14 [Map](#)

Crystal Lake, IL

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IPMS Prison City Model show

The Heritage Center

109 Delaware Street [Map](#)

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New Kits...and stuff



SRS prototype of the Star Wars MC80 Liberty Cruiser--sometime this year, hopefully

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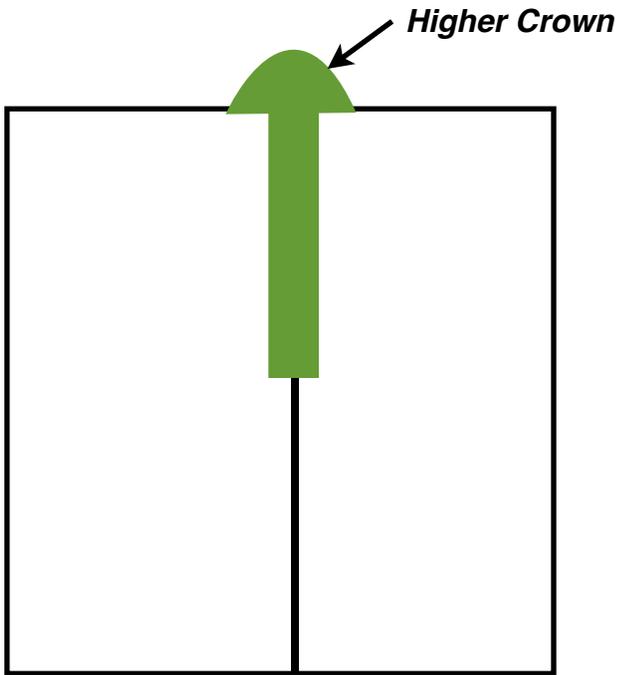
“Thattaboy, Buck!”



Seam-Lines Part II

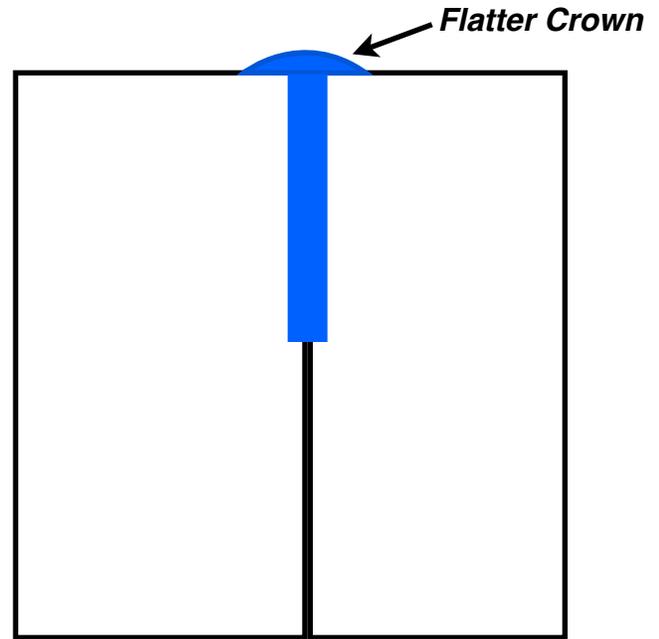
Putty

- Soft
- Easy to sand
- Must cure completely**
- Putty will shrink!**
- Color doesn't matter



Super Glue

- Comes thin, medium or thick
- Super hard
- Cures faster with accelerator
- Crown is closer to model**
- Sands to a glass smooth finish
- Can be sanded before totally curing



- Protect outer detail with masking tape
- Apply evenly
- **ALLOW TO CURE COMPLETELY!**
- 400 grade paper or sanding stick
- Rotate sanding stick continuously
- Finish with polishing compound if needed
- Re-scribe

- Apply to inside seam for strength if possible
- Watch your overflow
- **Protect outer detail before sanding**
- May want to start sanding with curved mini-file (rotating continuously)
- Finish with 400 grade sanding stick or higher
- Polish with sanding stick
- **APPLY EVEN PRESSURE!**
- Re-scribe

TOOLS: Putty
Super Glue
Sandpaper
Sanding sticks
Masking tape
Polishing compound
Mini-file



FROM THE OVAL OFFICE



We had a great raffle last month--\$781 made it into the club's coffers due to the hard work of many people. I'd like to thank all who donated stored kits and to specifically mention the Lake Michigan Model Car Club (Tom Beauchamp) that made available all those nice Revell Monogram kits, and to Minicraft for supporting the club.

Thanks also to Kevin for another stellar auctioneering job!

I know we've barely gotten past spring, but the November contest is fast approaching and prep work is starting. Please think about how you might be able to contribute this year!

Take care, *John*

REGION 5 NEWS WITH KELLY QUIRK

I'll jump right in with the news a lot of you are waiting for -- the 2012 Region 5 "Of The Year" awards. Thanks to all who nominated, and once again it was a very tough choice. Here are the winners:

Newsletter of the Year: IPMS/Butch O'Hare

Web Site of the Year: IPMS/Fort Crook

Chapter of the Year: IPMS/Alexander Lippisch

Congrats to the winners, and thanks again to all for the nominations. You guys are doing some great work out there-- I'm very proud of our region! The winners have been forwarded to the DLC for overall IPMS winners, which will be announced at the IPMS Nationals this summer in Colorado.

We have a new chapter to welcome to the Region 5 family: **Northwoods Scale Model Phanatics**, from Eagle River, Wis. Welcome aboard, guys! Region 5 is now up to an even 40 clubs!

I would like for you all to be thinking about hosting the Regional for 2014. I should have mentioned this earlier. If anybody has any questions about hosting a Regional, let me know.

That's it for now -- happy modeling!

Kelly Quirk
Region 5 RC



NIMCON 2

Saturday, July 13, 2013

HOURS: 9:00AM TO 4:00PM

McHenry County College

8900 US Hwy 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012

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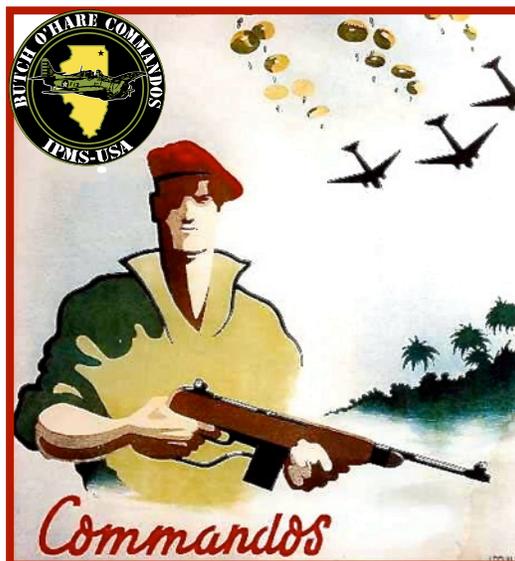
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Upcoming Schedule 2013

Date	Theme	Demo/guest
January 11	*****	*****
February 8	*****	*****
March 8	*****	*****
April 12	*****	*****
May 10	*****	*****
June 14	<i>Islamic Republics</i>	Resin Casting Bill Soppet
July 12	**Gone Hollywood	Paint and Finish Keith Ward
August 9	<i>Tanks-a-Million</i>	Build-it Night #2
September 13	<i>Famous Aircraft</i>	Dry Brushing Steve Day
October 11	**Police Vehicles	Photoetch Tools John Bishop
November 9	*****	CONTEST!
December 13	**Fire Fighters	Xmas Party



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