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WonderFest 2017: An awesome display of sci-fi modeling skill!

What can I say? It was another great year for the sci-fi builder in the house! The 2017 WonderFest USA was an unqualified success. The best lunar vehicle I've ever seen won best of pretty much everything! Its cockpit area houses a small, fully functional monitor with tiny status checks scrolling across the screen. OK, the vehicle (at right) is about 18 inches high, but I still don't know where else such a tiny working display screen could be found. Most impressive.

Then there were the usual displays of the very best forms of sculpting and modeling, among them a 4x4-foot lit Klingon bird of prey!

Roaming the halls and vendor rooms was R2-D2, who would stop, turn to you and communicate with you. If he didn't like your answers, you got the raspberry.

It's really hard to walk out of there having spent no money. Steve Day, John Bishop and I tried to buy three paint booths from a guy who makes them in Ohio, but he ran out of his supply early. Last year he left with excess, so he brought less this year and sold out. Go figure. Next year I'll bite the bullet and buy early too!



Story and pics by Kevin Stover



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Important Stuff:

**Next Club Meeting
at St. Paul's
Church on Friday,
July 14, 2017
7:30 pm**

Demonstration:
Using Wire for Detailing

Special Theme:
Patrolling Our Coast







WARD'S WORKSHOP

This 1/8 scale model of the 1939 Gulf-Miller Indianapolis race car was the most difficult of the seven scratch-builts I have made for collectors expecting high quality and accuracy regardless of cost. This model was commissioned years ago by the late Chuck Davis, who owned the actual race car (or rather what was left of the car after someone else trashed the body trying to install a Willys Jeep engine into the chassis!).

Working from excellent photos, remaining body former braces, a complete firewall, and a few crushed body parts, I came up with what I feel is an accurate set of drawings that were used by Junior Dryers' famous body fabrication shop to make new aluminum panels.

The most difficult parts for my build were the Miller engine that's covered with cooling fins to supplement the stainless steel cooling tubes in front of the car, and also an insanely complicated four-wheel streamlined suspension system.

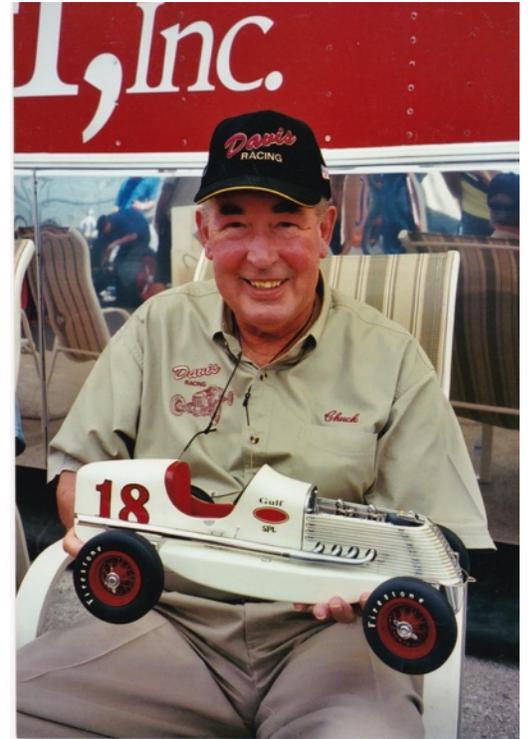
The cooling system on the real car was a complete fail, and the car was never raced. The rebuilt full-size car now has concealed fans and radiators in the two former side fuel tanks, works quite well and looks like the original race car.

An interesting thing happened while I was working on the model. I received a call from the Davis race car shop in Alsip that a Discovery Channel crew was finishing a show about Chuck Davis and his collection of restored, drivable 1920s and 1930s Indianapolis cars being driven by Dave Hentschel on the public roads of Washington Island in Door County, Wisconsin. They wanted to include me working on a miniature replica of his Gulf-Miller racer.

The three-man crew showed up an hour later with a van full of recording gear and lights plus the team leader, who was a model builder! After an enjoyable three-hour visit, I signed a release form and they left, promising a copy of the entire show when it was released. It still hasn't been released, but I did enjoy the visit! It's encouraging for all of us hobbyists to be recognized for our model-building efforts.

Someday, we old folks will use cursive writing as a secret code.

Keith Ward



The Display Table



Don Grajek's D-Day gliders--notice the one on the bottom is in a British livery. Neither plane fared very well on that June day in 1944.

Top: CG-4A assault glider from Northern France, *Italeri*, 1/72

Bottom: Avro Horsa II assault glider, *Matchbox*, 1/72

Middle: **George Bruckert's** SBD Dauntless. Skills greatly improving, George! 1/48



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Left: Bill Vinikour's Medusa is pretty big, as you can see--and intimidating! *Geo Metrics, 1/6*

Below: Don Grajek continues his D-Day theme with a Douglas C-47A-65-DL Skytrooper (*Italeri*) and a Hawker Tempest V (*Heller*). Both 1/72



THIS MONTH IN **MILITARY** HISTORY

July 12, 2003: USS Ronald Reagan, the first carrier named for a living president, is commissioned in Norfolk, Va. (tdmh)



July 27, 1995: The Korean War Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C., by President Bill Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam. (tdmh)



UPCOMING REGION V EVENTS

July 26, 2017
2017 IPMS National Convention
LaVista Conference Center
12520 Westport Pkwy.
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September 16, 2017
IPMS Prison City Modelers Annual Show
The Heritage Center
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August 26, 2017
ModelFest 2017
Liberty Christian Fellowship
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Liberty, MO
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September 30, 2017- 9 am
NordicCon 2016
Inner Grove Heights Vets Mem Com Ctr.
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Inner Grove Heights, MN
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September 9, 2017
IPMS Gateway Contest and Swap Meet
Holiday Inn-Rt. 66
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St. Louis, MO
Douglas Barton peddocdoug@gmail.com

October 14, 2017 (all day)
GLUE CREW 2016
Quality Inn
2901 Hummingbird Road
Wausau, WI
Joe Drew jdrew09@charter.net



FROM THE OVAL OFFICE



Dear Members,

Hope you all have been doing well. Sorry I have missed the past two meetings, but family matters took me out of town. In July I hope to update everyone on our show in November. I hope all of you are planning to attend the World Expo. This show is going to be a good one, and I hope that not only do you attend, but that you enter a model!

I need to send the signup sheet around for our group build. Remember, this is a model of your choice, and it has to be completed by December. It cannot be a model type that you normally build. For this month's demo, I am going to be showing everyone about wiring and the different types that I have found. After building the Hobby Boss HET tank hauler that has brake lines, hydraulic lines and air lines on it, I found a new venue to obtain the size wiring that we can use in modeling.

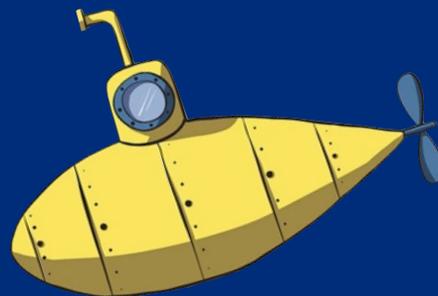
Also, I have been talking to Steve over at HobbyTown. He wants to have a build seminar on a Saturday where we can have some demos going on. I am trying to get a confirmation of the date from him so we can help out. More about this later...

See you at the meeting!

Frank C.



Hector Colon first brought his son to Butch O'Hare when TJ was in single digits. Now at the age of 18, TJ is in the U.S. Navy, currently training at Great Lakes. How times have changed! Good luck, TJ, in your training for sub duty!





LUCKY 666

By Bob Drury and Tom Clavin

Reviewed by John Kaufman

Sometimes an interesting character is in the right place at the right time to really make a difference. Jay Zeamer is one such character. He and the crew of Old 666 are the most decorated bomber crew in U.S. history for what should have been a suicide mission to photograph the coastline of Bougainville before the invasion in 1943 during World War II. Their story is told in "Lucky 666, The Impossible Mission" by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin.

Jay Zeamer was a unique character even when he was a child. He loved exploring and had a casual disregard for rules. Living in Maine, he built his own sailboat and would disappear for hours sailing in the harbor or exploring the woods.

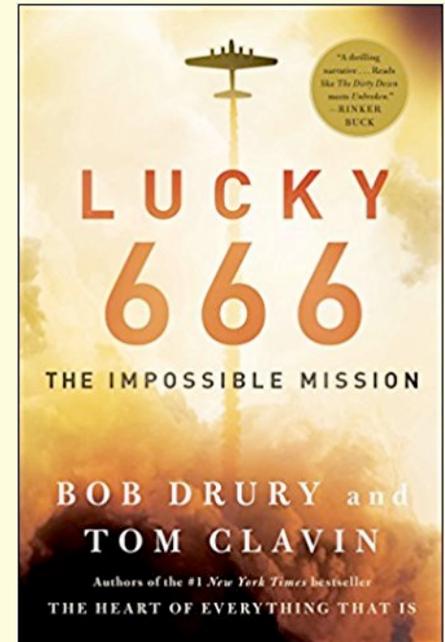
Zeamer was an Eagle Scout, attaining the rank at age 14 after being a Boy Scout for only a year, which would seem to be some sort of record. He got into Scouting so much that it was affecting his grades, so his dad sent him to a military academy, where his grades improved. But Zeamer also bought and restored a car against the school's rules and hid it in plain sight in the garage for the faculty. When the car was discovered, he argued that since he was in the engineering program anyway, it should be considered uncredited extra work. Surprisingly, the dean agreed, and the car became a school project.

Zeamer later applied to MIT for college, but he initially was rejected because of his poor grades during his freshman year in high school. He then drove to Cambridge, Mass., and so impressed the MIT admissions officer that he was allowed to attend summer school and earn admittance to the school's engineering program. There he discovered aviation and decided to become a pilot. His eyesight wasn't quite good enough for the air force, but he eventually passed the exam and earned his wings.

Once assigned to Langley field, Zeamer met the man who would eventually become the bombardier on Old 666, his close friend Joe Sarnowski. Both men fell in love with the B-17, but Zeamer's affair was delayed by several assignments to other groups and enough rule-breaking (including sleeping in the copilot's seat during a bomb run) that he never truly attained the status of aircraft commander. Assigned to Australia, Zeamer eventually worked his way back into a B-17 group. Once there, he was still looking to command a crew and through a series of events ran back into Sarnowski. They teamed up, recruited a series of misfits for the rest of the crew, and found a derelict B-17E--serial number 41-2666--that had been equipped with cameras for photo-recon missions before being abandoned and pretty much stripped. Zeamer and his crew rebuilt the plane from the ground up and added additional machine guns, including a fixed forward one fired by the pilot. Old 666 ended up with 17 .50-caliber machine guns, instead of the usual nine, with two additional .30 calibers in the nose. The plane even carried two spare .50-caliber guns in case one broke.

Zeamer and his crew then volunteered for every crazy mission they could find, eventually signing up to photograph Buka and Bougainville in Papua New Guinea in preparation for the invasion in 1943. The mission would be flown alone, with no fighter escort and no other bombers to help ward off fighters. Fighters turned into a problem, with several beating up Old 666 for almost 40 minutes. Most of the crew, including Zeamer, were wounded, and Old 666 took a beating, although they gave as good as they got. After the fighters broke off, Zeamer and the crew struggled to bring their precious pictures back to make the mission worthwhile. They barely squeaked the plane back to base, where Zeamer passed out and initially was mistaken for dead. He spent months recovering and never flew again. Sarnowski, who was on his final mission before going home, was killed.

Both men earned the Medal of Honor, while the rest of the crew earned the Distinguished Service Cross. Old 666 had more than 187 bullet holes, and at least five holes from cannon shells, one of which killed Sarnowski. Incredibly, Old 666 was repaired and ended up back in the States, where it was scrapped. The pictures taken on this mission were invaluable to the invasion of Bougainville later that year, allowing the landing craft to navigate the reefs around the island to make safe landfall.

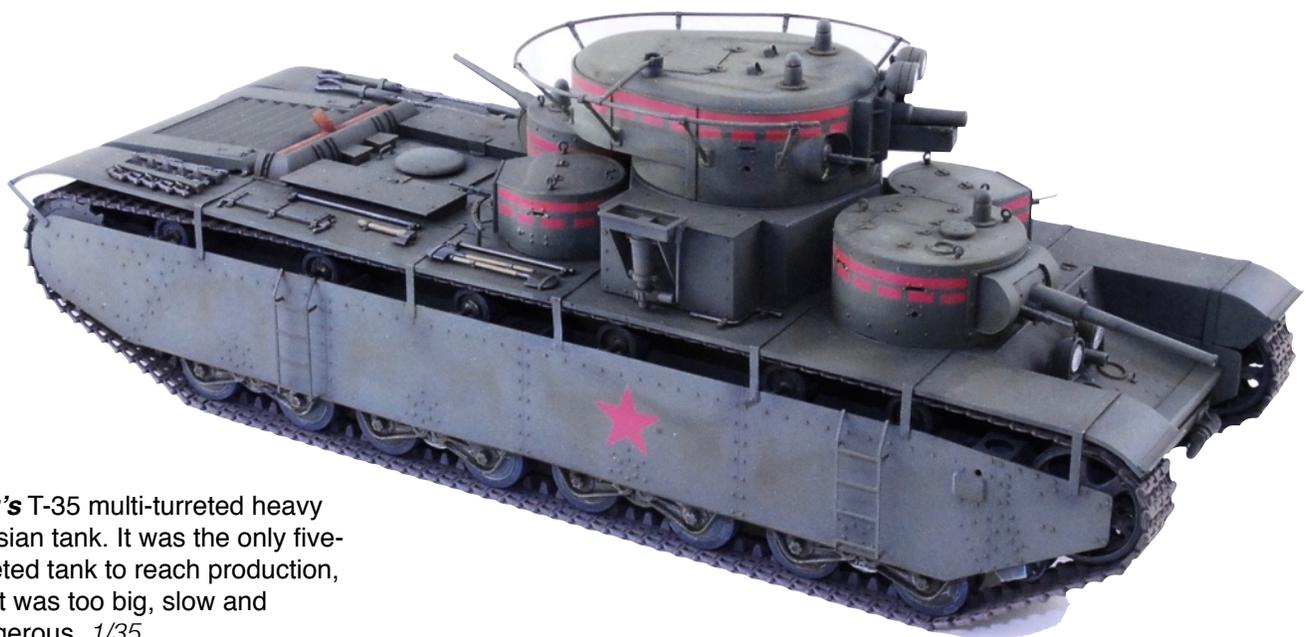


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Top: Unknown--please help identify.

Middle: Don's Hansa Brandenburg W-29 naval WWI fighter. Meikraft, 1/72



Ihor's T-35 multi-turreted heavy Russian tank. It was the only five-turreted tank to reach production, but it was too big, slow and dangerous. 1/35



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Upcoming Schedule 2017

Date	Theme	Demo/guest
January 13	****	****
February 10	****	****
March 10	****	****
April 14	****	****
May 12	****	****
June 9	****	****
July 14	<i>Patrolling Our Coast</i>	Using Wire for Detailing (Frank C.)
August 11	<i>Red Things</i>	
September 8	<i>Still Serving (old but still working)</i>	<i>Build-It Night</i>
October 13	<i>Young Upstarts (Less than 5 years' service)</i>	
November 10	<i>Contest</i>	<i>Setup</i>
December 8	<i>Club Builds</i>	<i>Party</i>

WE NEED YOUR HELP



All meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at:

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