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Blue-Gray Renegades - IPMS Lynchburg
Virginia

RENEGADE RAG



CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Mike Carroll recently elected club President poses after receiving the coveted BRAG award at DogCon09



Hello to all the Renegades (and guests):

As you may have heard, I was elected to the presidency of our club at last month's meeting - probably because nobody else wanted the job? Anyway, I want to start off by thanking Roy Witt for his three years of service our president. Roy has graciously offered to continue his service to the club as Quarterly Contest chairman, and we're glad to have him accept this responsibility.

Robert Doss has delivered what at first blush appears to be a successful Box Stock Rock, and we thank him for all of his efforts at pulling this undertaking together. Kip Rudge has agreed to be Dick Cheney to my George Bush, and was elected VP/Contest Chair for 2009/10.

TFL, Robert Compton, will reprise in his role as club's treasurer, and Jay Cesafsky is the new club Secretary. The "Renegade Rag" will continue with the able Brian Staples as editor in chief.

I want to say a few preliminary words about the Box Stock Rock - more detail will follow and the numbers are subject to revision pending final review. We had 60+ modelers in attendance, with some traveling from Pennsylvania, West Virginia and North Carolina. There were slightly over 300 models entered, and it appears that financially the club was on the positive side of the ledger, or at least broke even. We'll try to get the results and photos posted on the website. Speaking of photos (and awards), I want to say a big thanks to Hugh Scrogam who served as official photographer, and Jim Inman who not only secured the awards, but assembled the "Best Of's" during the event. Well done to Mike Rorer, who served as Chief Judge - by all accounts, judging was fair and went smoothly and finished on time. Finally, thanks to all who came out to assist, compete and purchase stuff before during and after the event. We're starting the preliminary plans for a bigger and better 2010 Box Stock Rock!

Next month will be a demo, and June will be the next Quarterly Contest. Remember, the club calendar (and other useful and interesting tidbits) can be downloaded and/or viewed on our website, www.bluegrayrenegades.org.

A quick word (and probably not the last) about attendance and assistance at club meetings - we need you! Both in body and spirit, and we can always use help in putting on demos - don't be shy, and don't think you need to be an expert or master modeler to provide a demo.

Enough rambling for this month - hope to see y'all at the next meeting (2nd Thursday of each month) or at the BRAG meeting (3rd Monday of each month).

Back to modeling,
Mike

QUARTERLY CONTEST

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Camaro Concept Car
2nd place Auto by
Carl Pyles



1942 Ford staff car by
Robert Doss 1st in Auto



"Panhard Spring" base
with Panhard P-178
2nd place Armor by
Jay Cesafskey



"Sherman in color" by
Jay Cesafskey 1st place
Armor



Daisy's Jeep (Dukes of
Harzard) by Tim Pyles
2nd place Auto



Imperial Guard Griffon
1st place Miscellaneous
by Brian Staples



"Sherman in Color" 1/72nd scale DML
Best-n-show by Jay Cesafskey

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Renegades will meet on Monday, May 14 at, 7:00pm.
Bentley Commons, 1604 Graves Mill Road (pretty much across from Bausch & Lomb)

CONTEST CALENDER:

Tank Museum Military Extravaganza & Model Show Danville, Va.
April 25 & 26, 2009

Full Model Jacket-09 IPMS Winston-Salem, NC
May 9, 2009

IPMS Northern Virginia Model Contest Fairfax High School Fairfax, Virginia
May 30, 2009

World War II in miniature Model Contest, swap meet & show Bedford, Va. June 20, 2009

Virginia Shootout 2009 Scale Model Show & Contest
Roanoke Civic Center
July, 18, 2009

IPMS National Convention - 2009 IPMS Eddie Rickenbacker Hyatt Regency/Battelle Hall, Columbus, OHIO
AUGUST 19, 2009 TO
AUGUST 22, 2009

REMEMBER:

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR FOR DUES, DUES, DUES.....

DogCon '09

Lynchburg Blue/Gray Renegades annual show and contest was held on March 28 at Heritage United Methodist Church in Lynchburg, Va. The event



Scurvy the Wonder Dog....

hosted 66 top scale modelers from the regional area of North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. A total of 304 scale models were entered throughout 67 categories of 9 classes ranging from automobile, aircraft, ships, armor, figures, dioramas, junior, and miscellaneous. Trophies were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the juried contest. Awards were also presented to the Best of. The Best of was selected from those entries that won first place in each category of each class.

Contestant's entries were also judged based on the DogCon theme: Dog – (Noun) any kit subject built or used that represents a poor design or execution, also any kit that is poorly designed or executed by the manufacturer:
Auto dog – we've all owned one, or more, of these.
Aircraft Dog – the ones that landed in more pieces than they than they took off with.

Armor Dog – the armor vehicle that kills with laughter.
Ship Dog – the submarine that started life as an aircraft carrier.

Space Dog – the space race that remained earthbound.
Best K9 – umm yeah, you guessed it....best actual dog.

Top Dog - representing the best entry of a dog kit.
Special awards recognized the best P-51 Mustang aircraft, the best engine/auto, the best dead guy, BRAG (Blue Ridge Armor Geeks) the best armored vehicle with a canine moniker (Whippet, Greyhound, Stag, etc.) and finally the Blue/Gray Award to the Best of Show. So....a way we go.....



Jay Cesafskey and Jerry Stokes man the registration table



Registration begins in style

SHOW STOPPERS



Harbor Tug Boat by Ron Verburg
Eagle Squadron IPMS
1st place ships
Ocean Liners / Commercial



Vignette "Encircling Sedan" by
John Kelly IPMS Tidewater
1st place



WasserFall rocket by
Spanky McFarland
Eagle Squadron IPMS
Space / Missile/ Rockets
1st place



Austin Air DC-3 by Chip Jean
IPMS Tidewater
1st place Aircraft
Civilian / Racing / Airliners



Mathew Fifer's Dodge L700
w / flatbed trailer 2nd place
Auto Semi-Trucks



Lotus Super 7 by James Green
Auto – other competition
3rd place
IPMS Winston-Salem



Kubelwagon Snowmobile by
Bill Herd Baltimore IPMS
3rd place Armor Small Scale



Rodney Jefferson's
1968 Dodge Dart
1st place Auto Street Machines



Pinewood Derby winners
Hot Dog by Emmie Summy 1st place
Reese's Car by Lilly Summy 2nd place



Volvo tractor Semi-Truck
by Hunter Selby



Revell Dodge Viper SRT-10
by Larry Landis
3rd place Auto – Out of Box
Central Pennsylvania Model Car Club



Space Marine Lander
3rd place Sci-Fi by Tracy Tuck
Blue/Gray Renegades
Lynchburg



Bf109 G-2
1st place Single Engine Prop Axis
by Wayne Davidson
IPMS Winston-Salem



1969 Z-28 Camaro
Street Machines
by Jack Bouman
Central Pennsylvania Model Car Club



AMT 1/25 Lil Stogie Dragon Wagon
Straightline Drag
by Donald Worley
Richmond IPMS



Pioneer Gatha Go 229 wing
Aircraft Jet 1/49 to 1/72
by Larry Landis
Central Pennsylvania Model Car Club

SHOW EVENTS



Before the big dance club members assembling plaques during build night



Bill Herd passes the buck at the registration desk



Reminiscing..... Hugh Scrogam and Bill Eggle talk about old times



The vendors with goodies piled high



Club members: Robert Compton Roy Witt and Robert Doss man the raffle table



Show visitor Leroy Thomas builds Nascar Championship Series cars from '49 to present



Make-it-take-it participants Bret Mayberry and Nathan O'hara



The Bonilla family Maria and Juan show off their entries with Dad, Fabio



Billy Mayberry talks the talk offering his kits for sale



Mike, Karyn and Scott Turner vendors from Norfolk Tidewater Automotive Modelers Society



Bill Brickhouse, Ed Kennedy and others during the judges meeting



Rick Summy Blue/Grey Renegades and his team as judging begins



Brian Staples, C. R. Casey, and Ed Kennedy scrutinizing the water craft entries



Judging teams in close examination of the auto entries



1955 Chevy Bel Air by Garland Farris Carolina Custom Modelers



Revell Crusader Custom Chopper another fine entry by Larry Landis Central Pennsylvania Model Car Club



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SHOW STOPPERS

DogCon '09 cont.



M4A1 (76) WWSS
by Glen Martin
Armor small scale allied 2nd place



Florian Geyer Cavalrman
by Brian Staples
1st place Figures mounted



Jagpanther Tank Destroyer
by Keith Bailey
3rd place Armor 1/48th scale



T-80 by Gary McDowell



Motorcycle w/sidecar
by James Alvis
IPMS Richmond



Armor decorated the tables



'57 Ford Blue & Gray
by Mike Rorer
Lynchburg Blue/Gray Renegades



Lunch options were great



Mike Bryant admires the autos



Make & Take continues



C. R. Casey's M88 A1 VTR
3rd place Armor half-track/recovery



"Barn Finds"
1st place Dioramas Auto/Civilian
by Robert Doss
Lynchburg Blue/Gray Renegades



Flak 36 8.8 cm gun
2nd place Armor Artillery
Mike Petty IPMS Richmond



D-Day Sherman
2nd place Armor Allied – Sherman
Jerry Stoked Blue/Gray Renegades



"Lost Cause" diorama
2nd place Military Diorama
Brian Staples Blue/Grey Renegades



Jagdtiger
1st place Armor Out of Box
Scott Bregi IPMS Tidewater

SHOW STOPPERS

DogCon '09 cont.



Mash 4077th
3rd place Miscellaneous
by Donald Worley
Richmond IPMS



"By life so sold....."
Dioramas
by Gary McDowell



"Asuka"
2nd place Figures Fantasy
by Steve Simmons
IPMS Tidewater



Owen Glendour
2nd place Figures Mounted
by Rich Maxham
Lynchburg Blue/Gray Renegades



Steel Pluckers
2nd place Humorous
Donald Worley
Richmond IPMS



Ork Wartrukk
by Tracy Tuck
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Independence Day Alien
3rd place Figures Fantasy
Larry Landis
Central Pennsylvania Model Car Club



Frankenstein Moebio
by Donald Worley
Richmond IPMS



Police cars
Gary McDowell
1st place Collections



Judges at work



4-6-2 HO train
Martin Moorefield
1st place Junior 11-17



"Barn Finds"
by Robert Doss
1st place Civilian Dioramas



Sturmtiger 38 cm mortar
by C.R. Casey



Elo P.T. Boat
by Donald Worley
1st place Ships 1/350th and larger
Richmond IPMS



Jim Inman and his judging
team make their final selections



Mike Rorer Head Judge
organizes the ballots
it's lonely at the top

DogCon AWARDS

Tossin'n The Dawgs A Bone!

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Amtronic Police Interceptor
K9 unit by Larry Landis



Ed Kennedy - Best K-9
Best Actual Dog
"The Captain's Bath" diorama



B58
By Rick Summy



Frank Blanton's
Staghound III



Ed Kennedy – TOP DOG
The best entry of a dog of a kit
"The Captain's Bath"

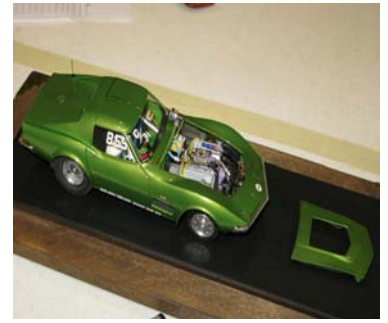
BEST OF AWARDS



J-35 Draken
Chip Jean
Aircraft
IPMS Tidewater



Napoleonic Artillery
Ed Kennedy
Armor
Roanoke Valley IPMS



'70 Corvette
Jack Bouman
Auto
Central Pennsylvania Model Car Club



Captain's Bath
Ed Kennedy
Diorama
Roanoke Valley IPMS



Woolly Mammoth
Marial Bonilla-Olmes
Junior



Firebird Funny Car
Jack Bouman
Miscellaneous
Central Penn Model Car Club

BEST-N-SHOW

**Richard Leininger receives
his award from Head Judge
Mike Rorer for his
USS Langley**

**See attachment for Richard's
review of the kit build**



USS Langley
Richard Leininger
Ship
Richmond IPMS



Wasserfall Rocket
Spanky McFarland
Space/Missile/Rocket
IPMS Eagle Squadron



'48 Woody
Steve Simmons
Out-of-Box
IPMS Tidewater



"Frankie the Giant"
Brian Staples
Figures
Lynchburg Blue/Gray Renegades



Chazz Klanian, Louise Spearman, & boxes & boxes



Just some of the many volunteers, L-R: Alex Valz, Aaron Winer, Chazz, E.L. Motley, Frank Blanton, Eric Roberts, Kristy Samper, John Kimbriel, and (front) "Lu-Lu".



...and all those great guys at Lynchburg!

If not for the super human efforts of Mark, Chazz, Aaron, John Kimbriel and others, this could not have been possible. Mark Elder, Aaron Winer and Chazz Klanian have really "championed" this cause for the Spearman family and the chapter loves these guys. It is one reason why I approached them to handle the estate for Mrs. Spearman when JD died. A lot of folks have stepped up to help with this such as Frank Blanton and others in providing transportation to show. Many went to the Spearman's house to price and label the estate to get it ready for the show. I could never say anything to thank these guys for their countless hours put into this for the Spearman's. My apologies if I've left out someone. JD loved the Lynchburg show and I think he would have been well pleased at the cooperation that you guys showed with the chapter in helping to settle his collection. I know his family should be well pleased with this. If the collection had been turned over to a "liquidation" vendor to buy the entire lot from the family, the family would have been the loser at the mercy of the vendor paying dimes on the dollar for the entire lot. This way, it honors the collection that JD spent thousands of dollars on and cherished. Believe me; he took immense enjoyment in showing us his collection of kits anytime we would come to his house for a meeting. We used to always end up in the basement in his shop "fondling" the plastic while he sat in his chair and smiled. He always had that "I've got mine, too bad you don't have that" look on his face. That was what made JD special. In the end, the collection was sold at great prices to the guys that he loved to hang out with. It's incredible to think that his legacy was passed on to those that he enjoyed to be around the most at such great prices that both the purchaser and the family could live with and be happy. To everyone that bought a "JD Kit", many thanks to you. I personally would like to see more of this happening with our IPMS Members when they pass along if practically possible. This should be encouraged especially with close ties between the chapters in the states of Virginia and North Carolina, both Region 12 and Region 2. We need to consider this going forward and I've cc'd my Region 12 counterpart Tim Darrah. This way, the family won, JD's friends won and it added excitement to the show. I can't tell you how many times I looked up while taking photos of the models to see the activity at the table while Mark and John Kimbriel were busy "hocking" these kits. Thanks sir, please pass Chazz's and my comments on to the Lynchburg chapter. I can say that when the time comes, we'll be happy to reciprocate for you guys as well. "Thank you".

Glen Martin Regional II Coordinator

Thank you very much for helping our chapter volunteers to dispose of JD Spearman's large and extensive collection of kits and related items. We raised over \$2,400, which Louise Spearman greatly appreciates. Robert Doss surprised us with 5 vendor tables, when we requested only 4, and we certainly used that additional table! Though I did not compete, I enjoyed the great entries, wonderful \$5 lunch, the 6 raffle prizes I won, and the generosity and helpfulness of your chapter members and show participants. I can't wait to compete in your show next year. Again thanks

Mark Elder

Review of the USS Langley

By: Richard Leininger, IPMS #41695

Upon attending the IPMS Nationals in Virginia Beach last year I saw this model in the competition and was very impressed. The level of detail in such a small kit was impressive. I have always wanted to build a kit of this first American aircraft carrier, but did not want to fork out the \$400 price tag for the 1/350 scale version that is available. As luck would have it, as I was salivating over this model in the contest, an individual came up to me from Loose Cannon and told me he had this kit for sale over in the vendor area. I immediately went over and

purchased it. At \$140 it seemed a bit steep, but that is a lot better than \$400, so I bit the bullet and purchased it. This is a resin kit with a very extensive sheet of photo etched



superstructure, railings and assorted other detailing pieces. After 6 months of extremely tedious work it was finished. Difficult! Yes, but worth it. The end result is well worth the effort. The easiest way for me to sum up review of this kit is to list the good points and bad points. So here they are:

Good Points

- Great subject; only one other kit available for this subject and it is very expensive.
- Good hull casting; mine was excellent, but I was able to select mine as others in the pile were not as good.
- Instructions are adequate; difficulties in construction could be better addressed, will elaborate in bad points.
- Pretty good fit on resin parts; as with all resin kits, some carving and sanding is necessary.
- Wooden Flight Deck; this is both good and bad. It is easily stained and polyurethaned, but this causes warpage. I solved this by gluing the wood deck to a sheet of plastic. This also provided a better base to glue to the top of the photoetched superstructure.
- Photoetched Brass; the entire superstructure is photoetched brass. All of the columns and beams are folded to form boxed lattice beams. The individual beams and columns go together very well, but in order to keep everything straight and square a photoetched bending tool like Etch Mate is a must for this kit. This is a very extensive set of photoetched brass and must be one of the reasons for the high cost of this kit.

Review of the USS Langley continued

Bad Points

- Airplanes; these are poorly cast and very brittle. I replaced all of the aircraft with Trumpeter airplanes detailed with Gold Medal Models photo etched struts, wheels and props. The Trumpeter planes had excessively thick wings, so they were sanded down. These planes were molded in clear plastic, which is much stiffer, so sanding was not a problem.
- Bottom of hull casting is at the water line; This is typical of most resin ships, but for me this was a bad point as I wanted to place my ship in a clear cast resin base to simulate water with some depth. To accomplish this I laminated four sheets of plastic to the bottom of the hull and then shaped the hull to match what it would look like below the waterline. This elevated the water line about ¼ inches, which enabled me to pour the casting resin to the water line elevation and provide some depth to the water. One word of caution here. The casting resin gets hot while curing. That heat transferred to the solid resin hull and caused it to expand. Guess what. All of the photoetched railings around the perimeter of the hull started buckling and popping off. What a nightmare. I had to strip them all off, clean them, re-glue, and then repaint the hull and railings with an airbrush. Who said this hobby is relaxing?
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- Photoetched superstructure doesn't fit; If you assemble the superstructure per the instructions you run out of hull length. I don't know if the superstructure is too long or the hull is too short. The solution is to cut two photoetched beams at the bow and two beams at the stern so the columns hit the hull at close to the proper positions.
- Keeping superstructure level; In order for the flight deck to be level it is imperative that the superstructure be level where the flight deck is attached. If the columns are glued directly to the ships deck, they will not form a level surface at the top. To fix this I added square plastic pedestals to the bottom of the columns where necessary. Fortunately this occurred in a symmetrical pattern and does not look out of place. Another solution would be to add shims under the flight deck, but I chose not to do this as it would create noticeable gaps between the superstructure and flight deck.
- Flight deck is too long; If you want to cut out the flight deck elevator and position it in a lowered position, as I did, the elevator opening needs to be positioned between the beams. When you do that positioning the end of the flight deck at the stern extends much too far out from the superstructure. Simply cutting off the end of the flight deck solves this. This also gives you the opportunity to lower the lip of the deck at the stern as is on the real ship.
- Instructions; It is my understanding that this kit has been available for a while now, so given the difficulties with construction it would have been nice to have been informed of ways to remedy the construction problems that are encountered.

So there you have it. There are a lot of difficulties in this build, but nothing that can't be overcome with a lot of time and patience. It is also helpful if you have a good grip on your sanity. I still do look back at it and feel that the end result was worth the effort.