



Battlewagon



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Recon:

Patcon 2003 – Sept 14, 2003 – Lowell, MA Contact Devon Terpening 974-433-2423

Cape Cod Show 2003 – Sept 28, 2003 – W.Barnstable, MA Contact Ron 508-394-5513

Granitecon XI – Oct 19, 2003 – Nashua, NH Contact

Baycon 2003 – November 2, 2003 – So. Attleboro, MA Contact Bob Magina, 508-695-7754

***The Modeler's Bench* – Jim Hayman**



Welcome my name is Jim Hayman and I have been a member of Bay Colony for about a year and a half. I've lived in Pawtucket all my life and was raised by my father, my mother dying of polio when I was three. I am 57 years old and have been modeling since I was thirteen years old. I received my first model while in the hospital getting over back surgery for a tumor, the kit being an F80 Shooting star jet aircraft that started me off.

My father used to take me to Quonset Point every armed forces day to see all the military things and ships. I wanted to build all types of military models to have a giant collection to be able to go to war with my friends in the back yard. Well, being young and no money I built whatever was given to me and I started out with custom cars and ran the gambit on them. Ships, planes, tanks, anything military was next and it was just sheer fun and enjoyment to build all these pieces of history.

All this taper off by high school and upon graduation in 1964 entered the Navy became UDT and spent four years in Viet Nam 64-68. Upon returning home I bought a motorcycle and enjoyed the freedom it possessed just riding. Needing another outlet I got interested in Radio Controlled cars at Rattey's Raceway. While racing at Rattey's I became President of Eastern Mass Auto Races Club and we put on a show at the Budweiser World of Wheels for ten years till RC racing came to a halt and we had no track. Club disbanded, I sold my stuff. Now I had to look for another venue to occupy my time to relax at home. In the next few years I got to visit the Intrepid in New York, Massachusetts and the Quonset Air Museum because of the love of military items. Saw the models built on these museums and got interested again. Peaked my interest but just couldn't get started and wasn't sure how.

A friend mentioned the Bay Colony show in Attleboro and someone would be glad to give me ideas on how to start. Attended the show and was overwhelmed by all the great models and knew this was out of my league. They were so realistic I just wondered how it was possible. Got information about the next meeting and attended, met some great guys and felt I just had to be part of something great. Well I'm still amazed at all the great models being built and wonder if I'll ever get there too. I have gained an interest in WWII aircraft and carriers and Viet Nam era stuff. There are so many kits today plus after market things its easy to get lost and great to make something realistic. Thanks to the people I've met in the club and ideas I've slowly been building and relaxing. I'm finding out not to try to build like others but do the best you can as long as you the individual is happy with the work. What a way to start a second childhood!



Resin Aftermarket Parts

by Hal Marshman Sr.

One thing I seldom use is resin after market parts, with the exception of True Details wheels. Recently, I've found use for a few resin parts, and am here to report on them for those of you who may have interest.

The Hobbycraft P-58 Bell Airacomet, a new arrival on the scene, (promise a kit review on this one later) suffers from an inadequate cockpit interior. True Details to the rescue! At \$8.95, this package is well worth the cost. Included are floor, sides, front bulkhead, rear bulkhead, instrument panel, seat with cast on belts, new front coaming, and gun sight. All parts are heavily detailed, and crisply cast. The cockpit sides feature deeply cast raised detail. Included with the instructions is a very well done coloring sheet, providing all info necessary to detail paint the interior. Might's well go whole hog and buy the True Details wheels. They are also well detailed, and are not super flat. True Details has gone to the reduced casting gates now coming into vogue, so separation is now not as tedious as with earlier releases. If you want to dress up your P-59, here's the inexpensive and realistic way to do it.

Ultracast is an after market company fairly new on the scene. Their newest releases are P-47 wheels in both 6 spoked and hub capped varieties. Both styles can be had with diamond, block, radial, or smooth tread. 8 spoked wheels are available for P-47-N kits, again featuring the 4 different tread types. All are beautifully cast, clean with an abundance of detail, including the filling valve stems. Ultracast also believes in minimal casting gates, so again, removal problems are reduced. Ultracast also can provide about 8 different variations of P-51 wheels. Same amazing detail, same reduced casting gates.

Roll Models sells Loon Products resin parts. Again, this is a fairly new company. Of interest to me, and purchased by me are a P-47-C cowling with separate open or closed cooling flaps. Also of great interest to me are open cooling flaps to simulate p-47D-1 thru D-14 cowlings. Note that these parts are for the Tamiya kit only, and will not accomodate the Hasegawa release. These parts are also very cleanly and crisply cast, and I love this; they have already been detached from the sprue gates. Nice stuff! You want to build "Spirit of Atlantic City, N.J." you need these cooling gills to be accurate. If you want to really gild the lily, a complete set of cowling interior parts is available, including interior parts for the super charger exhausts found on the rear sides of the fuselage. You know these outlets, they get in the way of the star and bar decals, causing cursing and gnashing of the teeth plus the use of much decal set.

Well, there you go folks, another place to distribute your hobby dollars, but in my humble opinion, a very worthwhile place.

have fun, Hal
Jug; a monster, but a very beautiful monster!

Third Land & Air Show

Sponsored by the Rhode Island Military Vehicle Collectors Club and the Quonset Air Museum. This show will be held on August 23 and 24, 2003. There will be a USO Type Show and Dance on Saturday night in the QAM Hanger. There will be military vehicles, re-enactors, 40's music and vendors. Our club will also have a model armor exhibit there. Come on down. This was a great show last year. If you would like to help out on the club model exhibit contact Bob at 508-695-7754 or treadhead@comcast.net.

WANTS AND DISPOSAL

FS Tamiya 1/35h Scale Strumtiger (New in Box)
\$35. e-mail Gian PDD736@cox.net

Kit Review – 1/35th Scale T36E6 Later Type Track Link from AFV

by Robert Magina

Recently I came across this set of track link from AFV at AA Hobbies. This set of track link is for the M5 Stuart or the M8 Howitzer. It is of the late war variety, probably late 1944 through 1945. If you check Concord's book on the US self propelled artillery you can see several pictures of the M8 in Europe with these track links. Since I was in the process of building Tamiya's M8 Howitzer I decided this set might make a good replacement for the rubber band rubber block track in Tamiya's kit. My M8 was being depicted as a unit in Italy in late 1944. Well, money changed hands and I was off to home with my new track link.

Molding: Crisp, clean, no flash. Matter of fact, no registration marks. Imagine none to clean up, putty or sand. I have never seen a set of after market track link without registration marks of some kind. About the only cleanup I needed to do, was the attachment point to the sprue. That's it. I will tell you this track link set was the easiest and fastest I have ever prepared for a model. You get roughly 5 or 6 trees with the track links and the end connectors.

Assembly: Assembly went smoothly and easily for the most part. These track links assemble exactly like the DML Sherman track. Assembly instructions are pictured on the box, along side of a photo of a real M5 Stuart with the same track. This I found very convenient since when you are dealing with individual track link it is very easy to get one backwards during the assembly process. A quick glance at the picture during assembly

helps you stay your course. The only thing I noticed is that once in a while one of the mounting holes in the end connector would crack. However, this was no big problem, it still assembled fine and with a little super glue added it never became a problem.

Painting: First I painted the end connectors and the steel side of the track Testor's rubber. Then, I painted the rubber side of the track Model Master Euro Gray. Next I dry brushed Model Master Steel on the metal cleats. To complete the job, I applied a wash of Model Master Acrylic Brunt Sienna to the end connectors and steel side of the track. During this process I intermittently and randomly blotted off some of the wash.

Mounting the Track: Mounting individual track link on a model is a real art. No two modelers do it the same way. Everyone has his or her technique or edge. I assemble mine in segments and then connect them with individual links around the sprockets and return rollers. When I assemble mine I use super glue only. This has worked for me every time. The tracks fit the M8 without any major problem. The biggest problem I had was the limited space you have for fingers; tools and tracks just under the hull above the return rollers. I did a side a night and I will tell you that the M8 looks great with its new track. This track is a very big improvement over the old rubber band track included in the kit. One note here, once I had completed the track on the M8, I had roughly 12 extra links and matching end connectors left over. So if one link or connector goes airborne off your bench not to worry you have a few extra.

All in all, I highly recommend this track link set for your M5 or M8. It really will make a difference on your model. The set number is AF35020 and it is currently available from AFV for between \$12-14. You can't beat the price or end product with the more expensive Frug or Kasten track link sets which price out around \$30-40. I liked this set so much I purchased the rubber block version of the track link set from AFV for my M5. I have just seen their new set of Sherman rubber block track link that comes with separate duckbills. I definitely see a set of these coming into my possession soon. I have several M4's just waiting for this set.

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Bay Colony Historical Modelers

In Range:

June 14th Meeting – Steve Kwasny

- 1/48th Scale Me 262A-1a – Steve Kwasny
- 1/35th Scale Iraqi T55A – Steve Kwasny
- 1/35th Scale Iraqi Type 69II (WIP) – Steve Kwasny
- 1/72nd Scale Lockheed Orion/Explorer – Ray Laskorski
- 1/72nd Scale Lockheed Altair (WIP) – Ray Laskorski
- 1/5th Scale Creature of the Black Lagoon(WIP) – Neil D
- 1/5th Scale Braveheart (WIP) – Neil DeConte
- 120mm Scale Falschimjager – Ray Rosario

Raffle: None Held

In Attendance:

Ray Laskorski	Mike McDade
Steve Kwasny	John Gisetto Sr.
Brian Millette	John Nickerson
Bob Magina	Chris Libucha
Art Drummond	Stan Wright
Norm Robbie	Gian Montecalvo
Neil DeConte	Steve Manning
Javier Brown	Jim Hayman
Ray Rosario	



July 12th Meeting – U.S.S. Massachusetts

No Club Display this Month

Raffle: None Held

In Attendance:

Bob Magina	Joe McDonald Sr.
Norm Robbie	Brian Millette
Ted Conway	John Nickerson
Kevin Colburn	Bob Don
Kevin Conlon	John Gisetto
Mike McDade	Ray Laskorski
Dave Tanguay	Rob Medeiros
Ray Rosario	Chris Libucha
Gian Montecalvo	Steve Manning
Jim Hayman	Frank Knight
Ed Arnold	Hal Marshman Sr.



Up Scope:

September 13th 2003 Meeting

- Host – Del Stator -

18 Stone Street
Middleboro, MA
508-947-7939

Rte 24 or 44E turn right at lights at 44 & 58.
At fork, go left on Wall Street. Go left on
Stone Street.

*Del will be serving up some of his finger
licking special Stator Frogs legs. So come on
down and dig right in. Best eat'in around!!*

October 11th 2003 Meeting

- Host – Ted Conway -

265 Maple Valley Road
Coventry, RI 02816
(401) 392-0160

From MA and Northern RI:

Interstate 295 S to exit 4 (Plainfield Pike Rt. 14).
Take a right onto Plainfield Pike and follow to first
red light. At light (Dunkin Donut's will be on the
right) take a left onto Comstock Pkwy. Follow
Comstock to red light and take a right at the light
onto Rt. 12. A fire station will be on your right.
Follow Rt. 12 straight. You will go through a
blinking yellow light and then you will come to a
flashing red light (Rt. 116). Keep going straight.
You will go over the Scituate Reservoir and go up
a hill – stay to the right at the top of the hill. Follow
for approx. 1 – 1 ½ miles, there will be a guard rail
on the left, at the end of the guard rail take a left
onto Matteson Road. Follow Matteson Road, when
you get to the fork in the road bear left. Follow to
the end. At the stop sign take a left onto Maple
Valley Rd. Follow to the next stop sign and
take a right. House is the second driveway on
the right.

November 8th 2003 Meeting

- Host – Gian Montecalvo -

6 Dewey Ave.
North Providence, RI 02911

From the North or South:

I 295 to exit 7A (Rt. 44 Centerdale/North
Providence) Follow Rt.44 for about 2.3 miles
passing Dunkin Donuts, Walgreens, and Burger
King along the way. Go straight thru rotary. Dewey
will be on your left about .5mi after the rotary
across from a small chain of stores that include a
Chinese restauraunt and the Treasure Chest.
Turn left on Dewey. #6 is a white house about 50
yards on the left set back. Large driveway with a
tree in the middle.

From South:

Take 95 North to Rt. 146 North. 2nd exit off Rt.
146, Mineral Spring Ave. Left at light at bottom of
ramp. Follow MSA for about 2.5mi turning left at
North Providence Tire (Goodyear sign) onto
Central Ave. Right at stop sign onto Hobson.
Follow Hobson thru two stop signs. Hobson turns
into Dewey as you turn down the hill. # 6 will be set
back on your right as you reach the bottom.

**PLEASE PARK TO THE RIGHT OF THE TREE
OR ON THE STREET**

Steve Kwasny Armor Challenge for 2003

Italian Theater WWII

- 1/35th Scale Armor Only -

The President's Column FROM THE BRIDGE



Ok! We are now in the 2003-2004 membership year and it's time to renew your membership. Dues are still only \$10 per year. If you would like to pay a couple years in advance that's ok. Mail your payments to me or see me at a meeting, checks to be made payable to Bay Colony Historic Modelers.

Our meeting on the Battleship was a success. It was good to be back on board. Joe McDonald took a number of members aboard the PT boats, an exceptional treat! Bob Magina and Kevin Conlon also guided some members around the model museum explaining their goals for the near future. The new cases are in and filled. Bob and Kevin were closing them up that day. They are of a different style than many of the others and look good. There were a couple of things left to do but it looks like they completed them under budget. A letter of thanks has been sent to Capt. Jack Casey.

Just a few words on Noreastcon 06. Although Sturbridge is available for that time slot, due to the fiscal crunch Massachusetts is under, both the town and state are leaving no stone or rock unturned for taxes and fees.. Evidently the town has read the riot act to the convention center and they to Al LaFleche. If I understand the situation, the hall won't sign a contract until we get a permit, (interpret as pay some fees), from the Town. The Town won't give us a permit until we have permits from the state and licenses for all our vendors. I was not there, I do not know the facts. Only what Al wrote. A catch 22? How do we solicit vendors unless we have a hall and date. And we can't sign a contract unless we have all our vendors licensed.

BAYCON is coming up fast. As always, I will have the trophy list ready to go for Sept. 1, so that we can have the trophies ready for November 2. If you have sponsored a trophy pack in the past you will be hearing from me shortly if you haven't already. I will be looking for a commitment for this year. I especially want to thank those members that sponsor categories. They take their hard earned money and put it on the table to help diversify the expense of the show. We spend almost \$ 1000 on trophies each year and we keep adding. We have 36 categories, now 37. We have 15 vendor's tables. The fees for the table cover a trophy pack. So that's 15 business sponsors. We sell one or two more. We exchange with a few other clubs. So let's say 18 for round numbers. Leaving 19 packs to be sponsored through other means. That's where those individual sponsors come in. If you haven't sponsored before and are interested you can contact me for information if

you think you might like to try.

I've always tried to get club members to team up to sponsor trophy packs. It helps defray the cost. If you feel that \$25 is too steep for your pocket maybe you can join up with some other members. Let's say that five armor modelers get together at \$5 each and sponsor a pack as the BCHMA Armor Guys.

We have added a new category this year. We split the diorama category into two. Rather than try to define what a vignette is or define large and small dioramas we set the criterion based on base size. 80 square inches or less is the small category and over 80 square inches will be large.

It appears that the Corsair we donated funds towards for the Quonset Point Air Museum is not available. Stan promised more info on that. Speaking of Corsairs. My family has had a cottage on Sebago Lake, ME., for years. Spending my summers there growing up, there were always stories of plane crashes into the lake during WW II. C-47's , B-17's, torpedo bombers, Wildcats, P-47's, and Corsairs. Brunswick NAS is near by and during the war there were a number of satellite fields. It's a cold, deep water lake that doesn't give up it's secrets easily. Over the years some of the stories have been debunked. A few years ago there was a survey on the lake to try to find some of the planes. I never heard any positive results. There is a new crew working the lake now and they have had results. They have located a couple of wrecks and a debris field. They have photographed a Corsair in British markings, nose into the bottom. Of course now their tied up in court. The US Navy wants it. Some others have claimed it. The British want it left alone as a grave site. We'll see how it turns out. If you are interested in more info do a search on the internet for 'Sebago Corsair'. I did find a site with photos of British Corsairs including a crash on Fry's Island. There isn't as much air activity over the lake as their used to be. (Or maybe it's because I'm not there as often.) I remember the F-101's of the Maineacs, there may have been some CF-101s in that mix, and the Green Mountain Boys and their black B-57's.

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***Bob Don Challenge for
2003***

P-38 Lightning

- 1/48th Scale Only -

It appears that all of our regular vendors will be back for Baycon. Also I just found out that Bruce Johnson of Precision Enterprises Unlimited is in England. His traveling companion is 'lost sheep' Tim Crudden. They went over to catch a couple air shows.

at BAYCON. Look forward to it.

I passed this information along to those that I have email addresses for. If you are looking for a little conversion project visit this site;
http://personal2.iddeo.es/cmt/quad/quad_e41_03.html .
I'm working with the guy in the first couple of pictures.

As always, you can reach me on the web at jjnick@lycos.com
God bless America! Happy modeling and give kits to kids!
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