



THE KOMET CHRONICLES

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Club Show Report

Well my fellow Fleasters, another Club show has come and gone. In my humble opinion, this was one of the best shows that the Lippisch Club has put on, dare I say what a wonderful Fleacon it was. As you know, it was held at the Eastern Iowa Airport in the PS Air Hanger. There was plenty of room for our show tables, vendors, make and take, and all of the other logistical support staff and equipment that was necessary for a well run show.

Steve Smith forwarded to me several pictures that he took during the show. They will be featured in this edition of the Chronicles.



This picture gives a pretty good overall view of the show venue inside the PS Air Hanger.

Charlie has provided us with an official report on the show:

We had 216 models entered this year; in 2009 we're not sure since we weren't computerized yet. In 2008, under the old "before Charlie computer system" we had 198 models entered. The following is a listing of the total entries, number of awards given in "Gold, Silver, and Bronze", and the number of models entered by club members.

- Total entries: 2010 = 216; 2009 = N/A; 2008 = 198

- Gold Awards: 2010 = 45; 2009 = 22; 2008 = 24
- Silver Awards: 2010 = 80; 2009 = 36; 2008 = 36
- Bronze Awards: 2010 = 49 2009 = 53; 2008 = 54
- No Awards: 2010 = 42; 2009 = N/A; 2008 = 84
- Club Member entries: 2010 = 59; 2009 = N/A; 2008 = ?

Best of Aircraft: Club member, Dave Pennington for his Classic Airframe 1/48th Avro Anson. Sweet.

Best of Armor: Rob Folden for his Dragon 1/35th Sdkfz 138 Marder III.

Best of Cars: Billy Roberston, for his '71 Hemi 'Cuda

Best of Ships: Anzo Lee, for his Arie 1/700th USSPHM-5 Aries

Best of Figures: Club member, Scott Raisbeck, for his 1/8th Moebius Spiderman/Green Goblin. Very Nice.

Best of Sci-Fi: Roy Olson, for his 1/72 Fine Molds Millenium Falcon.

Best Diorama: Greg Metge, for his 1/35th Tiger I.

Best of Misc.: Club member, Bill Klamerus for his 1/12 scratch built Circus Wagon. Beautiful.

Best of Theme: Carl Musselman, for his 1/700th Dragon USS Sampson, DDG 10.

People's Choice: Greg Metge, for his 1/35th Tiger I.

Best of Show: Carl Musselman, for his 1/700th Iron Shipwright USCG Bering Strait. Fantastic.

Head Judge: Mark Flickinger; thank you Mark, for a job well done.



Visitors had a great time with the “Make and Take” venue at the show.



This is another nice “Make and Take” moment.

- New floor manager to oversee Venders: Don Harker

- New floor manager to oversee Exhibitors: Scott Raisbeck

- More ideas? Want to volunteer for job while the choices are many? Let me know.

Other Important Points

We had 11 members who entered models last year, but failed to enter anything this year.

- Rough money numbers, we took in a total of nearly \$2,000 in gross revenue. Expenses were between \$1800-1900; about a wash.

- The show ended nearly on time this year. Last year, I hate to think about it.

- This year the walk through traffic was huge, last year had been our most attended show to date.

Next Year – Some early thoughts:

- Warbird fly in
- No Show Theme.
- Show date, April 30th or May 7th. Depends on the when the Red Cross wants to use the hanger.
- Parking fee?
- A real run through Friday night before the show. Club members, get your models there and sign them in.
- Only one award per entrant per category. Really, this time for sure.



This is Carl Musselman's 1/700 scale Dragon USS Sampson that won "Best of Theme."



Nice Viper!!!

Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting

At the regular club meeting on May 5 at Kliks, the main topic of discussion was the just completed show. Charlie gave a brief report followed by Larry Martinson who gave a preliminary report on the amount of money taken in. After this, an "after action" report was held by the club to begin the process of evaluation. Following this, a brief "bring and brag" session was held.

Business Meeting

By Charlie Kucera

There was a business meeting held at my home on Wednesday night May 19. We had a splendid time. Dinner was smoked pork chops, grilled chicken, BBQ beans, potato salad, cole slaw and Deb's sugar cookies, frosted of course. Attending this dinner and meeting were, Pat Slupecki, Don Harker, Mark Flickinger, Bill Kreuger, Steve Larson, Dave Pennington, Larry Martinson, Scott Raisbeck, Josh Schneider, Dave Siemer, Steve Smith, Jay Stevens, Terry Williams and Charlie Kucera.

During the business meeting it was moved and seconded to

produce another model show next year at the same location. After much lively discussion a vote was called. The motion passed unanimously. No date was set as we must first secure the date with PS Air. We are looking at April 30th, 2011.

We talked about this years show. Nearly everyone thought it was a great success. We ironed out a few of last years problems and discovered a few new ones this year. Overall it was a big improvement over last years show. The walk through traffic was unprecedented.

Next year, we hope to also include a historic war bird fly in as part of our show. People were actually approaching me at the show this year asking me if we wanted a P-51 or a Corsair, duh, let me think about it...YES!!!

If you are interested in being a leader in bringing these aircraft to our show, now is your chance. Step up and help your club.

There is more, but I'm running out of gas, I'm not much of a typist.

Meeting, June 2nd. Build a thon June 12-13. This build a thon could be a record breaker.

Lastly. I saved the most important until now. I want to personally thank every one of you

who assisted in producing this years' show. It was a huge success and it was because of your support. This show would not have happened without your help. I truly appreciate all you have done in making this show such a success.

Time to break out a new model. Remember, it is supposed to be fun!



Did I hear somebody say "Sherman?"



A small sampling of the aircraft models.

New at Box-Kar

New stuff at Box-Kar? Always new stuff, that's my job, keep em coming. Reissue of Hawks UFO, RS 1/72 Fokker XXIII, Revell 1/500 USS Chicago, reissue of Aurora's 1/132nd Bon Homme Richard. Lots of other ones too, but you really should come in and see for yourself.

Remember, Support your local hobby store, please.

Show Calendar

June 18-19: Portage, IN:
IPMS/Duneland presents the Region 5 Convention at the Willowcreek Middle School, 5962 Central Ave. Contact is Bryan Warchus at 219-929-6868 or e-mail at bryan@ipmsduneland.com.

July 9-10: Topeka, Kansas:
KC AMPS Con 2010
IPMS/KC AMPS

July 17: Crystal Lake, IL:
NIMCON/Northern Illinois Modelers Contest
IPMS/Lake Region Scale Modelers

August 4-7: Phoenix, AZ: IPMS National Convention at the Phoenix Convention Center. For additional information see: www.ipmsusa2010.org or “IPMS 2010” on Facebook.

September 11: St. Louis, MO: Gateway to the West Show and Swap Meet.
IPMS-Gateway, St. Louis.



Anybody want a Phantastic Phantom?

Club Events

June 2: Club meeting at Kliks, 7 p.m.

June 12: Club Build-a-Thon at Kliks, 10 a.m.

July 7: Club meeting at Kliks at 7 p.m.

August 4: Club meeting at Kliks at 7 p.m.

August 18: Club Barbeque at Charlie's, time to be announced.



Scott Raisbeck's 1/8 scale Moebius Spiderman/Green Goblin that won Best of Figures.

The Book Report

By Bill Kreuger

Japanese Military Aircraft: The Air Force of the Japanese Imperial Navy, Carrier-based Aircraft, 1922-1945, vol.2
by Eduardo Cea, AF. Editions, 2008

This is one volume of a total set of 5 that were originally published in Spain and have recently become available as English translations. Other volumes in the series cover Japanese Army aircraft, Japanese Navy bombers, and Japanese carrier-based aircraft. This particular book covers a portion of the Imperial Japanese Navy Airforce, specifically those aircraft deployed on seaplane carriers, battleships, cruisers, and submarines. It covers a wide time period, just after World War I when Japan was experimenting with seaplane development up through World War II. There are full color side view drawings of all the various aircraft used by the Japanese Navy during this period. The one downfall I noticed in the book is that it seems to cover the record of the various ships these aircraft were attached to, rather than the aircraft itself. A more studious modeler may want to use another book such as *Japanese Aircraft of the Pacific War* by Rene Francillon to actually get the record of the specific aircraft. The very nice features, especially for modelers of this type of book, include the tail code numbers, the change over time of those tail codes, which ships these aircraft were attached to and the nice clean color drawings of the aircraft. This book is available on line at such places as Amazon.com for around \$20. I received mine as a birthday gift a couple of years ago. I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the history and

modeling of aircraft and specifically Japanese aircraft.

Errata

Your editor made an error in the identification of one our club members who attended Surgicon back in April. Larry Clausen was our other club member who attended and he won two Bronze awards for his Tiger I Early and his MRIV “Englishmen Coming” diorama. Congratulations Larry and I’m sorry for my error.

Have a great summer everyone!