

October 2013

Newsletter



The
Winners
Circle

Lamborghini Aventador by Nick Sandone

“Pushing the Envelope”

PHOTO BY TOMMY KORTMAN

by Tommy Kortman & Nick Sandone

Ciao ragazzi e ragazze! Yup, that was Italian. Seemed fitting since the winner of last month's theme contest, “Pushing the Envelope”, was Nick Sandone's beautiful Lamborghini Aventador. If I sound a little biased, please excuse me, but I have been a Lambo fan since I was a kid. And while I am once again blessed by a wonderful write up by Nick himself, I am going to take a few moments to illuminate you about Lamborghini and this stunning supercar.

Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A. is an Italian manufacturer of luxury sports cars which is owned by Volkswagen Group through its subsidiary Audi. Lamborghini's production facility and headquarters are located in Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy. In 2011, Lamborghini's 831 employees produced 1,711 vehicles.

Manufacturing magnate Ferruccio Lamborghini founded Automobili Ferruccio Lamborghini S.p.A. in 1963 with the objective of producing a refined grand touring car

to compete with offerings from established marques such as Ferrari. The company's first models were released in the mid-1960s and were noted for their refinement, power and comfort. Lamborghini gained wide acclaim in 1966 for the Miura sports coupé, which established rear mid-engine, rear wheel drive as the standard layout for high-performance cars of the era.

Lamborghini grew rapidly during its first decade, but hard times befell the company when

sales plunged in the wake of the 1973 worldwide financial downturn and the 1973 oil crisis. The firm's ownership changed three times after 1973, including a bankruptcy

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NEXT MEETING
October 4

• **Gold, Silver,
Bronze Contest**

THEME CONTEST

• **“Black Out!”**

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Hello Fellow Styrene Junkies!

We had a good meeting in September. I do not know the count, but the room was full. You have elected your officers for another year. I would like to thank all of you for showing the confidence in us running the club. Remember it is not my club, but rather it is everyone's club.

On September 7th, I went to the September Showdown in Gilbertsville Pa. Del Val had a large turnout of members. There were over 400 models on the contest tables, and plenty of vendors to go around. I would like to thank the Central PA Model Car club for putting on a great show again. Every year it is getting better. The following DVSM members won trophies

John Goschke won the Curbside & Slammers class with his '59 Corvette.

Nick Sandone won the Muscle Car class with his 1966 Chevy Impala.

Mike Turco won the Factory Stock '49 and older class with his 1940 FORD Standard Coupe, and the Motorcycle class with his 1979 Harley Davidson.

I was thinking (I know, that can be dangerous.) that we did not do a club project in 2013. I thought that if you would like to do a club project for 2014, we could discuss it at the October meeting.

My thoughts on this are that we could pick a decade such as 1940's or 1960's. This would give all Modelers a shot at doing something from that decade. That way all of the modeling disciplines would have plenty of subject matter to choose from. Please think this over and we can discuss this at the upcoming meeting.

Now Heres Tommy!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks again **UB** for that illuminating column. Well, what can I say to follow that? Nothing I

guess, so I'll just jump in with some different stuff.

Last month's theme contest was won by Nick Sandone. The write-up on Nick's winning Lamborghini Aventador can be found elsewhere in this informative piece of literature.

Next month's theme is "Black Out". This will be a varied theme, and I hope we get a great turn-out, because there should be a lot of stuff to work with. Just to reiterate, for the car guys, this theme will be for cars and trucks that are painted black. (Wonder how many NASCAR #3s we'll get?) For the Fly-boys: this will also be for black aircraft, but I will also accept any stealth aircraft, since I know that some of the paint is not always exactly black. For the Treadheads: Since the only black armor that I know of is the rumored run of Panthers that were turned out of the factories in black primer at the end of WWII, you guys will need to bring captured armor that has been re-marked. Swab-bies: Bring out your Submarines. The figure/sci-fi/fantasy portion is another mixed bag. Since its October, we will accept any horror figures, but we will also allow any figure that either wore a predominately black uniform, such as the Prussian Cavalry during the Napoleonic Wars, or the SS panzer crews from WWII. As well as if the figure served in a unit with the word "Black" in its name (i.e. Black Watch, etc.). This should provide plenty of subject matter for you folks, so I hope to see a full table.

Remember that in order to compete in the November theme contest (Adversaries) you will need two (2) models.

Some of you guys have already been sending me theme ideas for 2014. That is GOOD! Please keep it up.

And finally, last but certainly NOT least. REMEMBER, this month will also be the re-scheduled GSB contest from June. So bring out up to three (3) models for the GSB contest if you wish to compete. (Note: This means that if want to compete in both the theme

contest and the GSB contest, you will need different models. There will be NO crossover allowed.)

As to the GSB contest, it is a judged contest, so I will be asking a few of you members to be judges in this event. So here's a big pre-emptive THANKS to those who I draft into service.

That's it for this month so remember: IT'S JUST A FREAKIN HOBBY!!! Now go build something! ■

Upcoming Events:

Saturday October 5th Toledo NNL Model Car Show & Swap

:Sylvania Exhibition Center
7060 Sylvania Ave. Sylvania., OH 4356
Contact info:Email: Rick- papaf066@yahoo.com, Glenn- ospglenn@aol.com, John- jasmaddog@earthlink.net

Oct 11, 12, 13 MMSI Figure Show "The Chicago Show"

Hyatt Regency: 1800 East Golf Rd.
Schaumburg Il. 60173
<http://www.mmsichicago.com/>

Oct 18 & 19: 2013 Virginia Shoot-out IPMS Region 2 Convention

Roanoke Civic center: 790 Williamson Rd. NE, Roanoke Va. 24016
<http://www.rvipms.com/>

Oct 19 HUDSON VALLEY HISTORICAL MINIATURES GUILD Show

Elks Club Hall: 29 Overocker Rd.
Poughkeepsie NY. 12603
<http://www.hvhmg.com/expo.html>

Nov 9 LIARS Model Car Challenge 2013: Theme - "Box Art Builds"

Freeport Rec Center: 130 E. Merrick Rd. Freeport NY. 11520
<http://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com>

September Meeting Highlights *Photos by Tommy Kortman*



Chevy Astro I, 1/32, by Rod Rakos



MX-2276 "BoMi", Mike Turco



Concord SST, 1/144, by David Anderson



Klingon Bird of Prey, by Paul Tomczak



Corvette Z-06



Bell X-1, 1/48, by Don Senner

September Meeting **Highlights** *Photos by Tommy Kortman*



North American B-1B, 1/72, by Howard Rifkin



Bf-109G, 1/72, by Richard Boyd



Me-263, 1/48, by Richard Boyd



US Airways Airbus A-321, 1/144, by Joe Volz



Delta Airlines Boeing 737-800, 1/200, by Joe Volz



Bell P-40 Airacobra, 1/48, by Richard Boyd

September Meeting **Highlights** *Photos by Tommy Kortman*



'66, '68, '71 Pontiac GTOs, 1/25, by Butch Haas



1955 Indy 500 Winner, 1/24, by Bob Cicconi



1940 Willys, 1/25, by Mike Turco

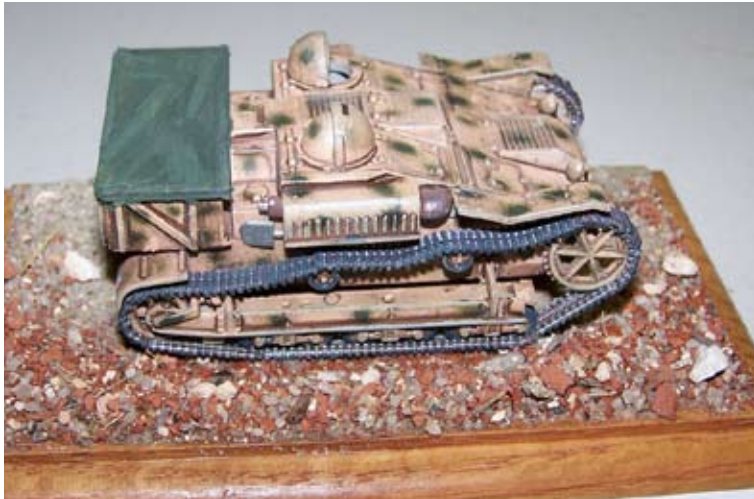


'32 Ford Tudor sedan, in-prog., 1/25, by Tommy Kortman

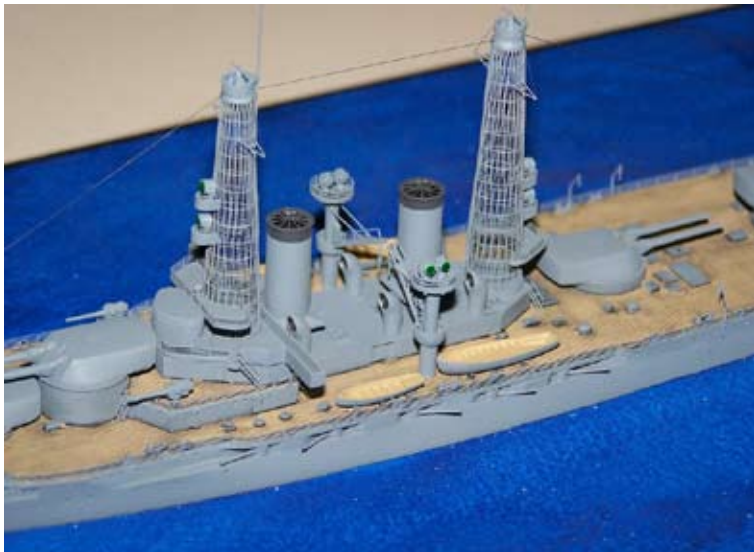
2013 Theme Contest **Point Standings to Date**

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Totals
Turco, Mike	4	4	4	3	2	4	5	3			29
Rakos, Rod	3	3	1	3	1	5	2	4			22
Anderson, Dave	2	1	1	4	3	4	3	3			21
Volz, Joe	5	2	5		3	2					17
Kopczynski, Paul	1	5	2				4	2			14
Tomczak, Paul	1	2		4	1	4		2			14
Lockard, Charlie	1	3	1		5		3				13
Hogg, Greg	1		1	3	4	3		1			13
Sandone, Nick	1	2	1	2				5			11
Bonfiglio, Vince			3	5		1					9
Rifkin, Howard	1	1		2			1	4			9
Senner, Don	1		2		1	2	1	1			8
Vattilana, Joe			1	2	1	2					6
Ursino, Lou	3			2							5
Stark, John			4								4
Cicconi, Bob	1			3							4
Leonetti, Joe				3	1						4
Goschke, John	1			2							3
Haas, Butch				3							3
Scheidemantle, Dennis			2								2
Jones, Keith				2							2
Levy, Dennis	1										1
Marciante, Steve	1										1

Monthly points are awarded as such: Each person who enters a model into the theme receives 1 pt. 1st place = 4+1, 2nd = 3+1, 3rd = 2+1



Renault UE Chenillette, 1/35, by Joe Leonetti



USS Texas, 1/700, by Bob Cicconi



Sturmgeschutz III, 1/35, by Richard Boyd

Monthly Theme Contests

Every month we will have an open contest for the monthly themes. Members will vote for the best Theme model of the month. A personalized award plaque will be made by Mike Napoleon and presented at the following meeting.

JANUARY Winner: Joe Volz

“In The Beginning”

FEBRUARY Winner: Paul Kopczynski

“Winter Woolies”

MARCH Winner: Joe Volz

“Alternative Power”

APRIL Winner: Vince Buonfiglio

“Heavyweights”

MAY Winner: Charlie Lockard

“Service With a Smile”

JUNE

G,S&B Contest postponed to October

JULY Winner: Rod Rakos

“Groovy- That 60’s show”

AUGUST Winner: Mike Turco

“Life’s a Beach”

SEPTEMBER Winner: Nick Sandone

“Pushing the Envelope”

OCTOBER:

“Black Out”

NOVEMBER:

“Adversaries” All entries must have 2 models!

DECEMBER

Favorite Five contest

The Show Formerly Known as AMPS East

ArmorCon 2013 *by Lou Ursino*

Armor-con 2013 was held on Friday, September 27, and Saturday, September 28, at the Crowne

Plaza hotel in Danbury, CT. This show was formerly known as AMPS East.

As always, this was an extremely well-run show of lots of interesting programs that spanned numerous

aspects of the hobby.

There were upwards of 300 entries submitted in thirteen different categories with skill levels ranging from basic through intermediate and up to advanced.

While primarily an armor show as the name suggests, there were several non-armor items on the display tables, mostly in the area of sci-fi figures and vignettes along with at least one 1/35 aircraft (a WWII Storch spotter plane) and one 1/35 naval vessel (a Vietnam-era PBR boat) so one might say that there was a little bit of something for everyone.

The contest was judged based on the AMPS scoring system. The overall gist of this system is that it allows more than three awards to be given per category, unlike an IPMS show which only awards the top three entries per category. (This judging system is identical to the one the MFCA uses. In your editor's opinion, it is the fairest of the "judged" systems.)

Our club was well represented by the following current and former Del Val members:

- **Jim Rosado** - two gold medals
- **Wayne Borowsky** - two silver medals
- **Matt Pritchett** - one gold and one silver
- **Lou Ursino** - two bronzes

Overall it was a fun show to attend and I would encourage any of our members to make the trip next year. ■



*Two entries from ArmorCon 2013.
Photos by Lou Ursino.*

Winner's Circle: Nick's Lamborghini *Continued from page 1*

in 1978, before Chrysler Corporation took control in 1987. Unable to operate Lamborghini profitably, Chrysler sold Lamborghini to Malaysian investment group Mycom Setdco and Indonesian group V'Power Corporation in 1994. Lack of success continued through the 1990s, until Mycom Setdco and V'Power sold Lamborghini to the AUDI AG subsidiary of Volkswagen Group on 27 July 1998. Audi's ownership marked the beginning of a period of stability and increased productivity for Lamborghini. Sales increased nearly tenfold over the course of the 2000s, peaking with record sales in 2007 and 2008. The world financial crisis in the late 2000s negatively affected all luxury car makers worldwide, and caused Lamborghini's sales to drop nearly 50 percent.

Lamborghini's Sant'Agata Bolognese production facility produces V12 engines and finished automobiles. Lamborghini's current production vehicles are the V10-powered Gallardo and the V12-powered Aventador. Both production models are available in a variety of regular and limited-edition specifications.

The Aventador was unveiled at the 2011 Geneva Auto Show. She was created to replace the aging Murciélago as the new flagship model. The name Aventador, like almost all of Lamborghini's model names comes from the world of Spanish bull fighting. Aventador was a bull that fought particularly valiantly in the bull ring of Saragossa, Spain in 1993.

Now that I've given you a bit of history, let's let Nick fill you in on the details of his build.

LAMBORGHINI AVENTADOR LP700-4 BUILD

This Italian Super car is powered by a 6.5L V12 gasoline engine that pumps out over 700 hp. It's a 2 passenger, all wheel drive super car that has a 7 speed dual-clutch transmission and all wheel drive traction. It can achieve top speeds in excess of 200 MPH (230 mph as tested by *Sport Auto* magazine), and 0 – 100 mph in 2.9 seconds and runs the ¼ mile in 10.6 seconds. With a price tag of \$400K, I don't think I'll ever have one in my driveway, so, I'll build it in scale.

When I purchased this kit from Hobby Link Japan, I could not wait to get it so I could start building this work of Italian art. The photo Etch was on back order so my wait was even longer. The kit arrived and I was immediately impressed by the parts count in the Aoshima Kit. This kit is very well engineered and features a full engine, unlike the Fujimi kit. All moving parts on the 1:1 car's body are separate pieces in this kit.

First thing I had to do was choose the color. I looked at a website that Tommy Kortman sent me, and decided on Giallo Orion, which is a pearl yellow. I ordered the paint from Scale Finishes and by the time I had all parts trimmed, primed and prepped, it was at my front door. This paint comes pre thinned for easy airbrush use. It was a base coat of yellow with a pearl top coat. The loose body parts made this a challenge to get the pearl even, so after the base coat was applied;



The Lambo in progress. Photos by Nick Sandone.

I had to temporarily assemble the body for the pearl coat. Once I was satisfied with that, it was taken apart and shot with Eastwood 2 part urethane clear.

By this time the photoetch set was in and I started the assembly of the engine and chassis. Everything on this kit fit perfectly, even with the photo etch extras. I used a lot of Tamiya masking tape on the interior to replicate the black & yellow Italian leather seats & door panels. It's topped off with really cool floor mats that came with the photo etch set.

The only fit issue I encountered in the entire build was the front windshield. But after a few light sanding passes around the edges it snapped in.

The hinges on the gull wing doors are a pre-bent thing of beauty. They slide into the opening in between the door skin and the inside door panel, and are trapped inside the body by the inner fender piece that has a slot cut in it to hold the hinge tight to the body; they open & close with ease.

I had a great time building this kit and really took my time to get it right. Well worth the time & effort. Thank you all who voted for this piece as this month's theme winner.

Thanks, Nick, for that informative write up, and congratulations once again on your win.

That's it for now kiddies. Next month's theme is "Black Out". Please see my column for more info on the October theme. Also one more reminder that you will need two (2) models to compete in the November theme.

Arrivederci!! ■

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