

Newsletter



**Joe Volz • 1/72
F-8 Crusader**



**Matt Pritchett
• 1/35 SLA
Tiran 5**

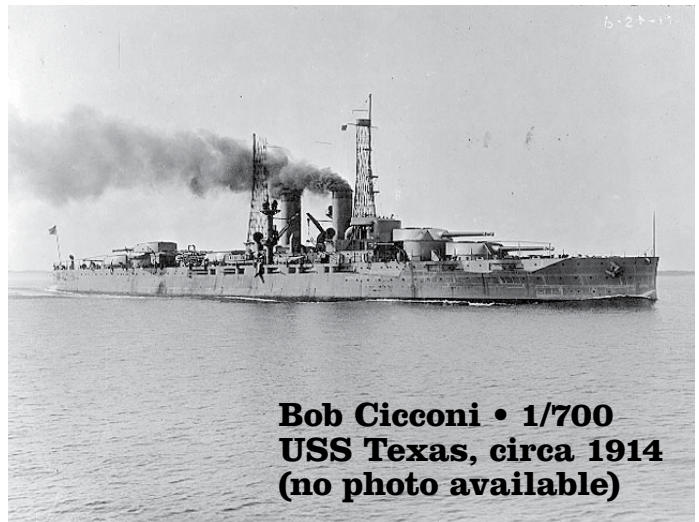
2013 Five Favorites



**Mike Turco • 1/25
'40 Ford Deluxe**



**John Goschke
• 1/25 '59 Corvette
Custom**



**Bob Cicconi • 1/700
USS Texas, circa 1914
(no photo available)**

Presidents' Corner *by Bob Doebley & Tommy Kortman*

Hello Fellow Styrene Junkies!

I'd like to start off by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

I would like to thank all of the members who came to December's meeting. You all made the Christmas party another successful event. Without your participation, we could not do this every year.

We are starting a new and exciting year in the club. Unfortunately, I am having brain freeze as I write this column. The holidays have really emptied my thoughts. I cannot wait to back to normal again. By the way, as I write this, I am trying to finish my second build of 2013.

At the December meeting we decided to have a paper bag build. This is going to be very interesting. I belong to another club who do this every year. Tommy will have the rules in his column.

Vince B's wife gave the club his last contest award. It is a resin dinosaur. We would like to raffle this off at a future meeting. I will talk about this at the meeting.

That's all for now.

Here's Tommy!

Thanks Bob, and a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year to you as well. Like Bob said, our annual Christmas party and Favorite Five contest were another hit. You guys...and ladies really make this a wonderful event every year.

Congratulations go out to the following members for taking home the Favorite Five honors this year. John Goschke for his '59 Corvette Kustom, Joe Volz for his F-8 Crusader diorama, Bob Cicconi for his USS Texas, circa 1914, Matt Pritchett for his SLA Tiran 5, and last but certainly not least, Mike Turco for his '40 Ford Coupe. Well done gentlemen, you all did a spectacular job.

As Mr. Doebley alluded to, we are going to hold a year long brown bag build. What this will be is kind of like a mystery build, in the sense that you will not know what you are going to build until you receive the kit via luck of

the draw. In January we will take the names of everyone who wants to be part of this build. The competitors will then supply one model kit for the contest. These models should all be of similar quality and build-ability. You do not have to buy a brand new kit. You can bring something from your stash, but it must meet our criteria. Everyone should have an equal chance at building a decent kit. These are to be plastic kits. **NO RESIN!** Any subject is allowed. We will then assign each kit a number, and place the numbers in a hat. The modelers will then come forward and pick their numbers. We will then hand the competitor his/her kit, and it will be logged in the record. This is the kit you will build, there will be no swapping. You will have until the December 2014 meeting to complete your builds. At the December meeting we will vote on the winner. I hope this becomes the success that the theme contest has been.

NEXT MEETING January 3

- Theme Contest
"You're an Animal"

Speaking of the theme contest; January starts another season of the Monthly Theme Contest Series. This month the theme will be "You're an Animal" This theme will be for all subject with an animal name. To clarify, this includes all types of animals such as fish, birds, and insects as well as mammals. Now I realize that this puts the ship and figure/sci-fi builders at a disadvantage, so for you swabbies, your ships should be named after a person. And the figure/sci-fi builders may bring out kits of animals. (This includes dinosaurs and movie monsters ie Godzilla) The movie monsters can not be based on a human though. So no Dracula, Frankenstein, Wolfman, and the like. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me. kortmatr@comcast.net I will be happy to answer any question you have.

OK, that's it for now. HAPPY NEW YEAR!! ■

December Display Highlights

Photos by Bob Doebley



'57 Chevy 150, 1/25, by Joe Sander



'32 Ford Three-Window Coupe, 1/25, by Joe Sander



'57 Ford Fairlane Radical Custom, 1/25, by John Dellosa



Bell MX-2276 "BoMi" Concept, by Mike Turco



'40 Willys Coupe, 1/25, by Mike Turco



M5 3in. gun, 1/35, by Lou Ursino



BTR-80, 1/35, builder not recorded



Buffalo MRAP, 1/35, builder not recorded



M46 Patton Tank, 1/35, by Lou Ursino

Monthly Theme Contests 2014

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

“You’re an Animal” (*animal names*)

FEBRUARY

“Stone Cold” (*subjects with a winter or snow theme*)

MARCH

“Going Green” (*green in color*)

APRIL

“Big Hair & Parachute Pants: Back to the 80’s”

MAY

“Nostalgic” (*the kit must be over 25 years old – straight re-issues ok too*)

JUNE

Gold, Silver & Bronze Contest

JULY

Japan

AUGUST

“End of Summer” (*The last of any series*)

SEPTEMBER

“Alternate Reality” (*Take a std. subject, and modify it some way. ie. color, markings, physical modifications...etc*)

OCTOBER

“Let’s Go Out to the Lobby” (*TV and Movie subjects*)

NOVEMBER

“Team Mates” (*yup, another 2 model event*)

DECEMBER

Favorite Five contest

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