

March 2014

Newsletter



The
Winners
Circle

“Stone Cold”

**Aerosan RF-8
by Tom Gill**

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by Tommy Kortman

Stone Cold: The words can conjure a few images. A beer swilling pro wrestler creating havoc in the middle of the ring, or perhaps the images of an old actor soap boxing for a certain Second Amendment protection group springs to mind, or maybe it's just an all too real reminder of what we are all experiencing this very winter here in the City of Brotherly Love. Either way, that was the theme for February. And, on another frigid night here in the land of snow shovels, rock salt, and lawn chairs, we had a very good turn out. Not only for the meeting in General, but for the theme as well. 12 models were entered in the February theme contest, and the Aerosan by club new comer Tom Gill emerged victorious. Congratulations Tom. If this is any indication of what this new member can bring to the table, the rest of us had better step up our game.

Tom entered a Soviet made Aerosan RF-8 made by Trumpeter into the contest. For those of you who may not

know what an Aerosan, or Aerosani is, let me enlighten you.

An aerosani (Russian: аэросани, aerosani, literally 'aero sled') is a type of propeller-driven snowmobile, running on skis, used for communications, mail deliveries, medical aid, emergency recovery and border patrolling in northern Russia, as well as for recreation.

Aerosanis were used by the Soviet Red Army during the Winter War and World War II.

The first aerosanis may have been built in 1903-05

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NEXT MEETING March 7

- **Theme Contest: Going Green**
- **Armor Weathering with Jim Rosado**
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Hello Fellow Styrene Junkies!

Well we finally had our first meeting of the year. The turnout was great. I guess everyone else had cabin fever as well. As I am writing this we're recovering from Snowmageddon 4 of the 2103/2014 season and are awaiting Snowmageddon 5.

Spring is only a few weeks away. I personally cannot wait until it starts to warm up and I will be able to get out of the house. It is also the beginning of the contest season and I know our members are ready to start competing.

The Big Sit at Mainline Hobbies was held on Saturday February 22nd. We had a good turnout of club members. Everyone had a good time. Next year's Big Sit will be on February 28th.

On March 1st a couple our members went by train to the Atlantic City Antique Car Show. This was my first train ride to AC. I now think the train is the only way to get to AC. The show was alright, though I thought it was a bit disorganized. Driving cars thru an indoor venue is not very smart, but I had a great time with my group of friends. I asked the girl give the Caesars comps how far to the casino and she said one block away. She had her blocks wrong – it was four blocks – but the walk was good for me.

At the February meeting we discussed a few things:

- We voted on naming the Gold, Silver, Bronze best of contest winner plaque the Vince Bounfigilo memorial award.
- We voted to continue the Better Half raffle drawing at the December Christmas party meeting.

Remember: If you have not put a model in the Paper bag contest you still can enter it at the March meeting.

...um hello?

What? **No intro?** I guess you must be all tuckered out from your long train ride yesterday. Suck it up cupcake! Ok folks as usual this is your friendly neighborhood club VP, and as usual I am finishing up our vaunted president's column with some minor additional details. So here goes.

Last month's meeting turn out was good, as was the turnout or the theme contest. We had a dozen pieces on the table for the "Stone Cold" theme. Last month's theme was won by Tom Gill with his Soviet Aerosan RF-8. Please see the write up about this wonderful model elsewhere in this month's newsletter.

The annual Big Sit was another big success. We had a good turnout at Main Line Hobbies. I figure we had probably 30 or 40 guys at the store. Everybody seemed to have a good time. I'd particularly like to thank Tri-State Club Pres. Tom Geiger and former MAMA club Pres. Lyle Willits for taking time out from the event to sit down with Uncle Bobby and me to answer a few questions for us. I will have more on this issue in the future.

Next month's theme is "Going Green". This theme will be for subjects that are predominately green in color. Now I know this theme doesn't leave a lot of room for the Swabbies, so for the ship builders, you guys should bring vessels that belong to the Riverine forces of the "Brown Water Navy" as well as landing craft.

That's it for now. See you all at the meeting. ■

Upcoming Events:

April 5th, 2014

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March Display Highlights

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B-17G Flying Fortress, 1/48, by David Anderson



The display stand for Dave's B-17 featured a piston from a B-17 engine.



Sikorsky SH-3H Sea King, 1/72, by Joe Volz



Scandinavian Airlines McDonnell-Douglas MD-82, 1/144, by Joe Volz



Junkers Ju-87G Stuka, 1/32, by Paul Kopczynski



USMC 6x6, 1/35, by Tom Gill

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HMS Queen Elizabeth, 1918, 1/700, by Bob Cicconi



Chevy Drag Team: '65 Pickup & '56 210 Delray two-door sedan, 1/25, by Butch Haas



Buick Skylark GXS, 1/25, by Mike Turco



'72 'Cuda Pro Torring Custom, 1/25, by Nick Sandone

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Monkeemobile, '65 Falcon drag car, Tom Daniel's "Garbage Truck" show rod, "Night Rider", '73 Duster, 1/25, by Don Senner



Subaru Impreza, 1/24, by Frank Tiewski



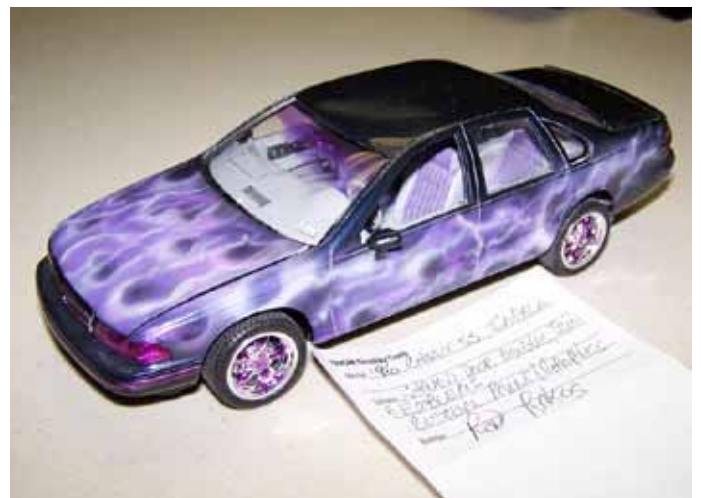
'57 Buick Special, '72 Buick Riviera, 1/25, by Greg Hogg



Chevy 4x4 Pickup with snow plow, 1/25, by Rod Rakos



Star Wars "Snow Speeder", by Joe Leonetti



Flame-painted '96 Impala SS custom, 1/25, by Rod Rakos

Armor Weathering Workshop Series with Jim Rosado



At the March meeting on Friday, the 7th, Jim Rosado will be doing the second session of his ongoing monthly Armor Weathering Clinic Series. This month's workshop will cover Chipping, scuffing, and mapping, etc. Jim's weathering clinics have always been very informative and the techniques learned may be applied to any modeling genre.

Jim also strongly encourages other modelers to bring any in-progress models that they have and apply these same techniques at the time of the clinic. In doing so, there will be live, in-progress feedback should anyone have any questions.

To be covered at the March workshop:

- Chipping, scuffing, mapping

Materials Needed:

- Vallejo Model Color Acrylics paints in following colors (Vallejo paints are preferred due to their high quality, opacity, and flowability):

Dark grey	Black
Burnt Umber	Tank Brown
Hull Red	White
- Plus any colors which are shades of your vehicle base color
- Various Earthtone Enamels
- Enamel thinner
- Acrylic thinner
- Spring or distilled water
- Fine point brushes
- Scissors
- Scotchbrite pad

If you have any questions email Jim at gallerynoir@icloud.com

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

cancelled

FEBRUARY: Winner - Tom Gill

“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

“You're an Animal” (*animal names*)

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

Favorite Five contest

Winner's Circle: Aerosan RF-8

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by Sergei Nezhdanovsky. In 1909–10 young Igor Sikorsky tested self designed aerosani, before he built multi-engine airplanes and helicopters. They were very light plywood vehicles on skis, propelled by old airplane engines and propellers.

Military use of the aerosani goes back to at least the 1910s. During WWI, aerosanis were found to be useful for reconnaissance, communicating and light raiding in northern areas. During the 1939–40 Winter War against Finland, some were equipped with a machine-gun ring mount on the roof. They could carry four to five men, and tow four more on skis. The aerosanis were initially used for transport, liaison, and medical evacuation in deep snow, and mostly used in open country and on frozen lakes and rivers because of their poor hill-climbing ability and limited maneuverability on winding forest roads.

During WWII, aerosanis were found to be useful for reconnaissance and light raiding in northern areas, thanks to their high mobility in deep snow (25–35 km/h, where many vehicles couldn't move at all). Responsibility for aerosanis was transferred to the Soviet Armored Forces (GABTU) and orders were submitted for design and fabrication of lightly armored versions, protected by ten millimeters of steel plate on front. They were organized into

transport or combat battalions of 45 vehicles, in three companies, often employed in co-operation with ski infantry. Troops were usually carried or towed by transport aerosanis, while fire support was provided by the heavier machine gun-armed, armored models. Aerosanis were not used for direct assault because of their vulnerability to explosives such as mortar rounds.

The ANT-I through ANT-V were a successful series of aerosanis of the 1920s and '30s, designed by aircraft engineer Andrei Tupolev. However, there is reason to believe that in 1924 the Soviets obtained plans and specifications for 'air sleighs' from Chester B. Wing, an aviator, automobile dealer and former mayor of St. Ignace, Michigan, U.S.A. He had built practical aerosleds to aid transportation across the ice between St. Ignace and Mackinac Island, and for use by fishermen. The Spring 1943 issue of the magazine *Science & Mechanics* states that "from his aerosleds the Russians developed their present battle sled." The claim though has to be viewed in the context of a picture of an Igor Sikorsky machine in Kiev pre-WWI.

The first military aerosanis used in Finland, the KM-5 and OSGA-6 (later called NKL-6), were initially built at the Narkomles Factory in Moscow. During WWII, improved NKL-16/41 and NKL-16/42 models were built, and production started at the ZiS and GAZ car factories, and at smaller industries such as the Stalingrad Bekietovskiy Wood Works. In 1941 the armored NKL-26,

designed by M. Andreyev, started production at Narkomles. The following year, Gorki Narkorechflota developed the smaller, unarmored GAZ-98, or RF-8, powered by a GAZ-M1 truck engine and durable metal propeller. There was also an ASD-400 heavy assault sled used in WWII.

Tom built his kit straight out of the box, but did add a photo-etch gun site. The sled is painted Arctic White from a Dupli-color rattle can. The weathering is accomplished with Tamiya weathering kits, and Vallejo acrylic paints. This was Tom's first attempt at weathering, and his first attempt at a diorama. The dio base is wood, and is covered with "snow" from Michaels. It was brushed on in layers.

Tom is 39, and is retired from the Fire Department. He is a veteran of Op Desert Shield, where he proudly served with the Marine Corps. Tom started building models around the age of 10. He said he usually builds cars, (NASCAR mainly) but has started branching out into armor.

Tom, if this is your first foray into armor, I'm sure we can't wait to see where it takes you. Once again, congratulations on your victory.

Ok folks, that's it for this month. Next month's theme is "Going Green". This subject is for models that are predominately green in color. Now I understand that there are very few "green" painted ships, so for you swabbys out there, you guys should look at subjects relating to the "Brown Water Navy". Those riverine forces, as well as landing craft, will work for this month.

See you all at the meeting. ■

2014 Theme Contest Point Standings to Date

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Totals
Gill, Tom		5									5
Leonetti, Joe		4									4
Rakos, Rod		3									3
Tomczak, Paul		3									3
Anderson, Dave		2									2
Kopczynski, Paul		2									2
Turco, Mike		1									1
Hogg, Greg		1									1
Sandone, Nick		1									1
Tiewski, Frank		1									1
Haas, Butch		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

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