

May 2014

Newsletter



The
Winners
Circle

“The ‘80s”

Douglas A-4M Skyhawk by Joe Volz

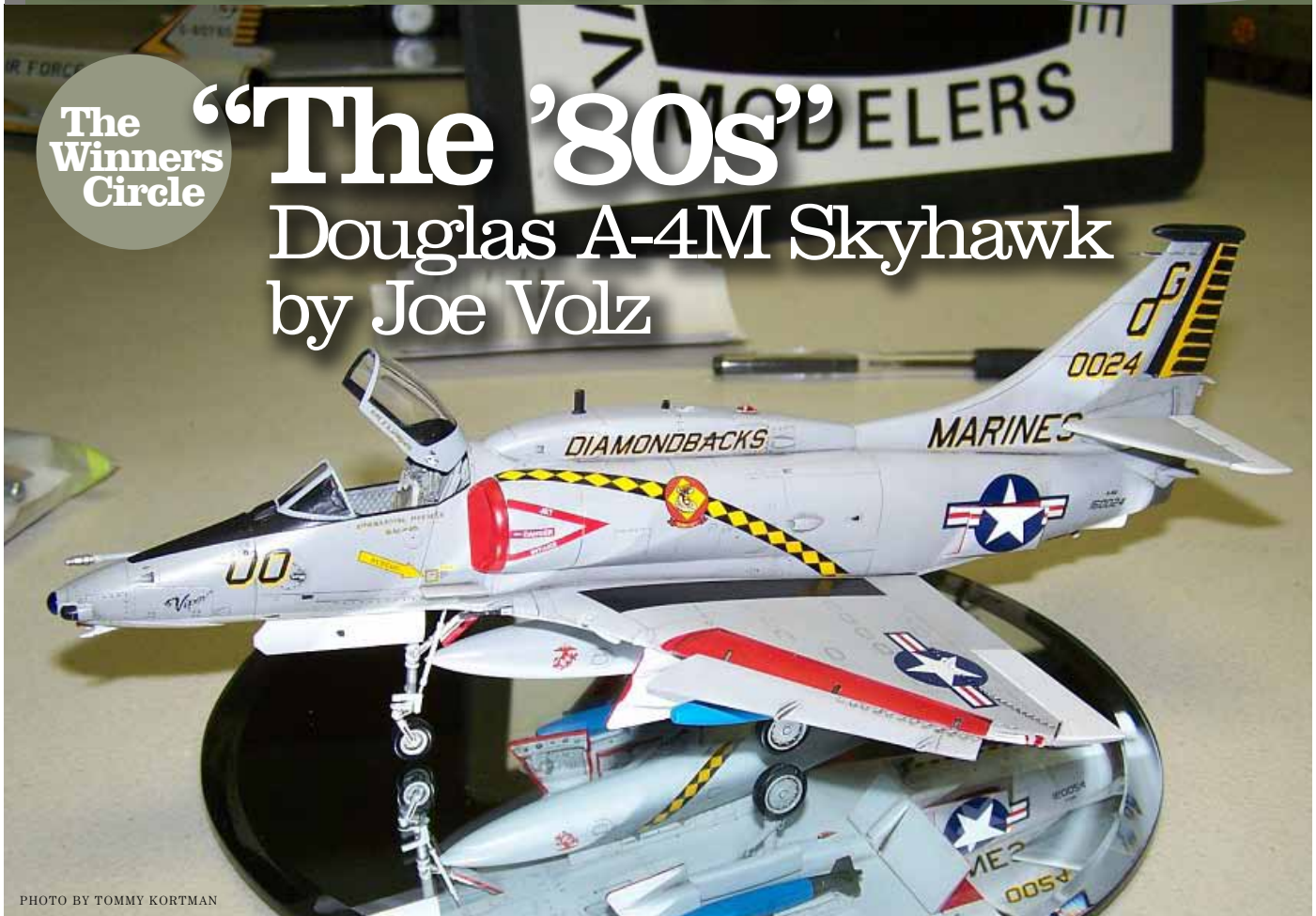


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by Tommy Kortman & Joe Volz

Last month's theme was all about the 80's. The turn out was good, and Joe Volz took home the Gold with his Marine A-4M Skyhawk. Before we get into Joe's build, here's a little background on the A-4.

The Douglas A-4 Skyhawk is a carrier-capable attack aircraft developed for the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps. The delta winged, single-engined Skyhawk was designed and produced by Douglas Aircraft Company, and later by McDonnell Douglas. It was originally designated the A4D under the U.S. Navy's pre-1962 designation system.

The Skyhawk is a light-weight aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight of 24,500 pounds (11,100 kg) and has a top speed of more than 600 miles per hour (970 km/h). The aircraft's five hardpoints support a variety of missiles,

bombs and other munitions and was capable of delivering nuclear weapons using a low altitude bombing system and a "loft" delivery technique. The A-4 was originally powered by the Wright J65 turbo-jet engine; from the A-4E onwards, the Pratt & Whitney J52 was used.

Skyhawks played key roles in the Vietnam War, the Yom Kippur War, and the Falklands War. Fifty years after the aircraft's first flight, some of the nearly 3,000 produced remain in service with several air arms around the world.

NEXT MEETING May 2

- Theme Contest: Nostalgic Kits
- Armor Weathering with Jim Rosado (see page 7 for details)

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Hello Fellow Styrene Junkies

Well spring is almost here this is the fifth meeting of the year. Mosquito Con and the NNL EAST have come and gone. I did not make Mosquito Con but I did attend the NNL EAST. A few of us went up on the day before the show. We had a good time getting together with old friends from around the country. The show was great I will talk about it at the meeting. If anyone who went to MosquitoCon would you please tell us about it?

Help Wanted: I am looking for someone to take over the soda at the club meeting. See me at the May meeting. That's all for now.

Heerrreee'ssss TommYYYYYYY!!

My report will be brief as well. Simply because for some strange reason I kept thinking I had another week to pull his all together. Guess not, NUTS! Oh well, here goes nothing.

First; Congratulations to Joe Volz for winning last month's 80's theme with his Marine Reserve A-4 Skyhawk. Please see Joe's write up elsewhere in the newsletter. (Spoiler Alert: It'll be short too.)

Second; This month's theme is Nostalgia. That means that the kit must be at least 25 years old. Re-issues are ok, but the original release must meet the original time window.

Third; will be June and the annual Gold, Silver, Bronze contest so there will be no theme for June.

Fourth; As Uncle Bobby previously stated, we, along with Greg Hogg went up to NNL East this past Friday. We met fellow club members, Nick Sandone, Keith Jones, Rod Rakos, Dennis Scheidemantle, and Frank Tiewski at the show. Bob, Greg, Nick and myself

went up on Friday and stayed overnight at the Fair Bridge Inn.

We do this because every Friday night before NNL East is a big party, usually held at the host hotel restaurant. In the past this as Cheeseburger in Paradise, but the hotel changed management over the last year, and so did the restaurant. It is now called the Tilted Kilt. Let's just say it's a Scotch-Irish version of Hooters. WOW! Talk about Catholic school girl...um..nevermind. Anyway, it was GREAT!

Bob, Greg, and I were graciously invited by the Tri-State club to come in to the show early and watch how they set up and get the show started. It was an eye-opening event. First, EVERY member of their club helps run the show. Second, none of the host club members are allowed to compete in the show, but what was most impressive was the organizational efficiency with which everything ran. It was machine-like. The old Pennsylvania Railroad bosses would have been impressed with this group. They had a schedule, and they stuck to it. When the doors opened promptly at 9am, the throng or modelers, which by that time wrapped $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around the building, was in the door in 7 minutes. You read that right...7 minutes. It was amazing. There were 2 large vendor rooms, and a huge display hall. By my count, there were 110 vendor tables, and 107 display tables.

It was great to see and get caught up with guys that you my not have seen since this show last year. Modelers come to this show from all over the country and around world. This years long distance winner was from Paris France. I met one man from Germany, and several from Canada.

There were a lot of models on the

table, and the quality was top notch. There were a few nationally known builders in attendance, and most of our club got something photographed for one of the two magazines in attendance. And Nick Sandone won the Web theme trophy with his Kustom 57 Ford. It was a great show, and I can't wait until next year.

Luckily, I may not have to wait too long to see some of those same builders again, because in 2 weeks (Sat, May 10th) is the Mid-Atlantic NNL down in Maryland.

Ok, so it went a little longer than I thought. Sorry about that. See you at the meeting. NOW GO BUILD SOMETHING!!

Upcoming Events:

May 9th & 10th

MFCA 73rd Annual Show & Mart

Valley Forge Casino Resort
King of Prussia, Pa
<http://www.mfcashow.com/current.html>

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Mid-Atlantic NNL Model Car Show & Swap Meet

Sponsored by the Maryland
Automotive Modelers Association
The Knights of Columbus
Columbian Center
335 N. Ritchie Highway (Route 2)
Severna Park, MD.
9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
<http://www.mamasboyz.org/MidNNL.html>

April Display Highlights

Photos by Tommy Kortman



By Shep Paine, 1971, displayed by Jim Goldsmith.



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'57 Ford Tractor and Car Carrier with '60 Ford promos, 1/25, by Ed Isnardi.



MiG-15, 1/32, by Paul Kopczynski.



McDonnell F-101B Voodoo, 1/72, by Howard Rifkin.



'84 DeLorean, 1/25, by Frank Tiewski.

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Miller High Life Buick Regal Stock Car, 1/25, by Tom Gill.



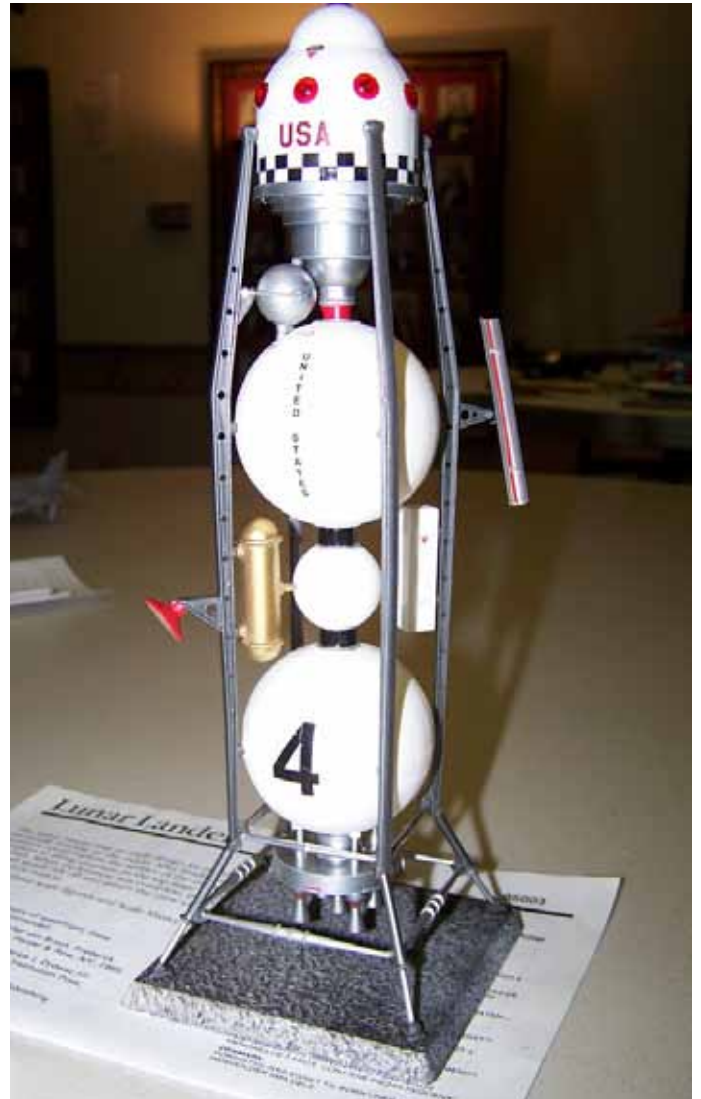
2010 Camaro, 1/25, by David Anderson.



Bradley, 1/35, by Joe Leonetti.



Hawker Seahawk, 1/72, by Joe Vattilana



Lunar Lander Concept by Mike Turco

Armor Weathering Workshop Series with Jim Rosado



At the May meeting on Friday, the 2nd, Jim Rosado will be doing the third session of his ongoing monthly Armor Weathering Clinic Series. This month's workshop will cover stains, more washes, dust, rust and grime. 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 April workshop:

- Chipping, scuffing, mapping

Materials Needed:

Oil Paints in the following colors;

- Lamp black
- Raw Sienna
- Burnt Sienna
- Burnt Umber
- Van Dyke Brown
- Titanium White
- Model Master Enamel Gloss
- AK INTERACTIVE Dark Washes
- Fuel and Oil Stain
- Fine point brushes and 1/4"-3/8" brushes
- Odorless Thinner

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: Winner - John Goschke

"Going Green" (*green in color*)

APRIL: Winner - Joe Volz

"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

DVSMers Score Big at MosquitoCon 2014

by Mike Turco

On Saturday, April 4, IPMS Northern New Jersey's MosquitoCon 23 was held at the Wayne PAL Hall, Wayne, NJ. This contest is one of the best shows held by any local chapter and it brings out some really great models. It is well run, the judging is fair, and I always seem to find something I want at the vendor tables. I even won a raffle prize. This year I estimate there were between 200 and 300 models, and about 100 entrants. The attendance was lighter than usual as the AMPS show was being held the same day in Virginia, and the armor category in particular was thinner than normal.

Four of our trusty DVSM members attended. Charlie Lockard, Joe Volz, Bobby Cicconi and yours truly. We combined for 15 awards, three 3rd Place, six 2nd Place, five 1st Place (one uncontested) and a Best Of Award. There were no "Out of Box" awards given this year.

Joe and Charlie left just before the announcement of the special awards. Joe didn't expect to win any but, sure enough, his A4M was the Best Tailhook. Not a bad showing for the DVSM guys. ■



Contest tables fill up with entries at the Wayne PAL Club



Mike Turco's modeling trifecta was the first place winner in that category.

DVSM Results: MosquitoCon 2014

CATEGORY	MODEL	PLACE	BY
Jet Aircraft, 1/72 & Smaller	Harrier	3rd	Joe Volz
Jet Aircraft, 1/48	A-4M Skyhawk	3rd	Joe Volz
Rotary Wing, all scales	CH46 Chinook	3rd	Charlie Lockard
Commercial Aircraft, (Civil & Racing) all scales	MD88	2nd	Joe Volz
Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, 1/401 & smaller	Battleship Texas	1st	Bobby Cicconi
Ships, All Others, all scales	Destroyer HMS Vanity	2nd	Bobby Cicconi
Automotive, All Types, larger than 1/24	1970 Ferrari 312B Formula 1	1st	Mike Turco
Stock, 1/24 & 1/25	1940 Ford Standard Coupe	2nd	Mike Turco
Street Rod, 1948 & earlier) , 1/24 & 1/25	1940 Willys Gasser	2nd	Mike Turco
Competition, Open Wheel, 1/24 & 1/25	Packard Cable Racer	2nd	Bobby Cicconi
Motorcycles	1991 Bimota Tesi 1D	2nd	Mike Turco
Space & Science Fiction, Factual, all scales	Martin-Boeing XMS-1 Dyna Soar	1st (uncont.)	Mike Turco
Trifecta, all types and scales	M4A3 Sherman, '48 Ford, F-89D	1st	Mike Turco
Classic Plastic (any 20+ year old kit)	Indy Racer	1st	Bobby Cicconi
Tailhook Award (Best US Navy or Marine Aircraft)	A4M Skyhawk		Joe Volz

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by Mike Turco



Charlie Lockard's CH46 took a third in Rotary Wing, All Scales.



Bob Cicconi captured first place in Ships, Battleships, and Cruisers, 1/401 and Smaller with his 1/700 Texas.



Bob Cicconi's Packard Cable Racer was the second place winner in Competition, Open Wheel, 1/24 & 1/25.



Mike Turco took home a first in Automotive, All Types, larger than 1/24 with his 1970 Ferrari 312B Formula 1.



Joe Volz was awarded a second in Commercial Aircraft, (Civil & Racing) all scales for his MD88.



Joe Volz's A-4M Skyhawk earned a third in Jet Aircraft, 1/48 along with the Tailhook Award for Best Naval Aircraft.

Winner's Circle: A-4M Skyhawk by Joe Volz *Continued from page 1*

Here's Joe to tell us about his model.

My Skyhawk was built from the terrific Hasegawa kit in 1/48th scale. I've now built about ten of these, in various markings from various countries and it has become my favorite kit. There are so many different options to choose from, as so many countries and services operated the Skyhawk over the years, including of course the United States Navy and Marines. For this build I stuck close to home with the VMA-131 "Diamondbacks" who were based out of Willow Grove NAS. Our very own Charlie Lockard served his Marine reserve duty with the squadron! Another club connection comes from the actual paint job on the real aircraft modeled, which was done by former DVSM member Gary Campbell. Cutting Edge Models, the decal manufacturer I used, consulted with Gary on the artwork for the sheet.

The build itself was fairly straightforward. Paints were my usual combination of Alclad, Tamiya and Polly Scale. The only additions made to the kit were a Cutting Edge resin seat and bombs from Hasegawa's weapons set. These were modified into the inert practice version, thus the blue color. As the gull gray/white scheme didn't weather as badly as the current tactical paint scheme, weathering was limited to a light gray panel line wash, and a bit of airbrush shading. ■



2014 Theme Contest Point Standings to Date

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Totals
Gill, Tom		5	3	2							10
Leonetti, Joe		4	4	1							9
Kopczynski, Paul		2	3	4							9
Volz, Joe			3	5							8
Rakos, Rod		3	4								7
Tomczak, Paul		3	3								6
Goschke, John			5								5
Anderson, Dave		2		3							5
Hogg, Greg		1	3								4
Kortman, Tommy			4								4
Pritchett, Matt			4								4
Turco, Mike		1	2	1							4
Tiewski, Frank		1	2	1							4
Sandone, Nick		1	2								3
Vattilana, Joe			3								3
Lockard, Charlie			2								2
Haas, Butch		1									1
Scheidemantle, Dennis		1									1
Rifkin, Howard				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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