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the president's report

Greetings Model Citizens!

The April meeting always means that the CINCINNATI CHALLENGE is just days away. 2012, of course, represents our 17th Challenge event. It will be my 6th Challenge although the first one I attended was just before I became a C.A.R. member and my only participation was as a contestant; in fact it was my very first model contest of any kind. I won a third place plaque, was tickled to death and thoroughly hooked. In the last five years I have taken on more responsibility, time and effort to help the Challenge Committee put on this great event and loved every minute of it. In the last 6 years I have been to nearly 30 other model contests and I believe that ours is one of the best, well organized shows around and that is largely due to the help and participation of so many members of our club. This year we will need the help of every member due to a change in venue and the possible confusion that a change in the routine will undoubtedly bring. We will need the help of every one of you to continue our high standards for Cincinnati Challenges.

At April's meeting we will be having a seminar on judging model entries from some of our most experienced members, Paul Snodgrass and Ray Patrick, among others. Please try to attend to learn more about this aspect of producing a quality model event.

Remember too, that we will be having the Cincinnati Club Challenge at CC17 where we members of C.A.R. put out our models in a separate contest that is judged by CC17 contest entrants with awards for the top five. See the complete rules for this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

I hope to see you all on April 9th and the 14th!

Rockne

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

As of our March meeting, I did not have an operating computer. Well, now I have a computer, but to call it 'operating' might be going too far..... It features Windows 7, rather than Windows XP, which, in truth, I had barely mastered. Among other improvements, Windows 7 doesn't support 'Outlook Express', so that's one stumbling block. For the moment, my email is < cinciautoreplicas@hotmail.com >.

Later, Robb



M110 SELF PROPELLED HOWITZER "AQUARIUS"

HOWITZER DIORAMAS

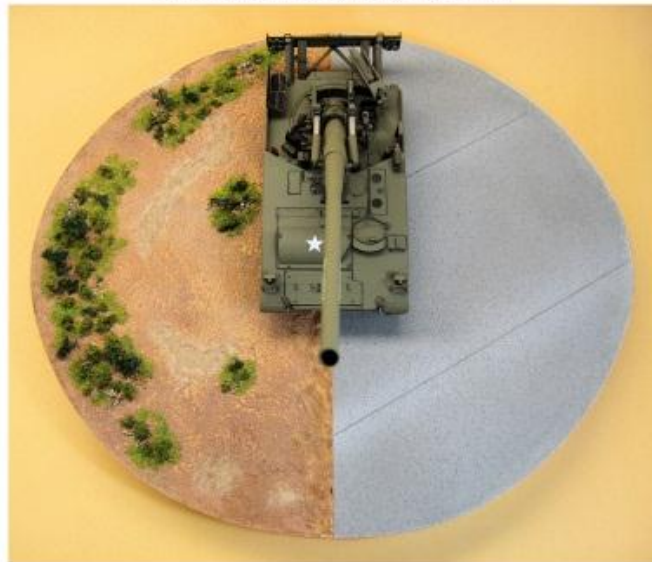
Rockne Riddlebarger

As many of you know, in February I took on two commissioned model projects. They are both Vietnam era diorama depictions of self-propelled Howitzer guns. One is a M110 and the other a M107, the difference being the size of the barrel installed on the tracked unit. These two guns, Aquarius and the Proud American were manned by soldiers of the 2nd/32nd Field Artillery in Vietnam from the mid 1960's to the early 1970's. A restored, 1:1 version of the Proud American stands on permanent display at the Artillery Museum at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the 32nd Artillery home base. These two models will also be part of a permanent display in the museum. Aquarius was commissioned to be displayed in a more in-service condition surrounded by "natural" terrain. The Proud American was asked to show both its Vietnam and Fort Sill side, with half of the diorama base being terrain and the other half the concrete of the fort. Missing from these photos are the photo backdrop panels that will wrap around the rear one third of the dioramas. They are being created and attached by Ralph Jones who commissioned these pieces and served on both of these guns in Vietnam.

As a Vietnam veteran myself, it was an honor to be part of this project. I am grateful to Ralph for entrusting me with these constructions. They are currently being installed in the Fort Sill museum.



M107 SELF PROPELLED HOWITZER "PROUD AMERICAN"





kit review:

BLACK WIDOW Ford Model T Pickup Rod

(Monogram SSP #0060; 55pcs in black, cream, chrome, clear & black vinyl; decals & instructions; 1/24 scale, several building versions, skill level 2)

This is the kind of model kit I really dig: a genuine 50's kit of a genuine 50's hot rod. It's been changed - the original tires just aren't available, any more. But it hasn't been 'updated'.

The kit presents as a 50's style hot rod based on a 1927 Ford Roadster/Pickup powered by a tri-carb Chevy V8 with lots of chrome - a pretty classy car for the day. The cab, bed, tailgate & floor are all 1pc, & from the firewall back, there is NO undercar detail whatsoever. The interior is very spartan, & much of the detail that is there, isn't separate. The only options, body-wise, are the cycle-style fenders & an up-top. Rolling stock consists of some really nicely done (especially compared to the originals) bigs & littles, simple wheel inners & big chrome 'moon' style covers, with the wheel rim molded as part of the cover. The rear axle gets trapped between the body & the frame. As I said, there is no undercar detail. The engine, an 8pc affair that consists of right & left halves of the block/head unit, a fan belt/pulley, a fan - all molded in black, & the intake/3 carb/distributor unit, the two valve covers & the generator - all chrome.

The separate frame collects the engine & the body (& as stated above), traps the rear axle. Originally, it also trapped a 1.5V electric motor, while a pair of AA batteries fit into the bed. Almost everything else that gets added to the chassis, is chrome: the front axle, the drag link, the tie rod, the radius rods, the exhaust headers, the headlight/station/splash apron unit, the grille..... OK, the headlight lenses are clear, but of the 55 pcs this kit claims, over two-thirds are chrome.....

It really is a classy, high-end hot rod.

The decal sheet, a near copy of the 1959 original, is amazing. In an era when such graphics, if included at all, consisted of a couple of ill-fitting flames & maybe a couple of numbers (to make a race version.....), this decal sheet offers enough scallops, flames, pin striping & of course, spider webbing to layout at least five complete full-car designs.

That's not to say this kit has no problems - 55pcs means a low detail level, the mold is over a half century old & it shows with a lot of flash - a special problem with the chrome, a number of pieces don't align well - like the engine halves, & some of the parts that are molded together shouldn't be. But it's my opinion that these can be readily overcome.

I highly recommend this model, especially to the builders that remember building it back in the day, & now wanna apply some 2012 building skills. Robb



CC17 NOTES

Our Own Club Challenge: Details.....

Open to C.A.R. club members with dues paid for current year. No classes, all models go "head to head". Limit three (3) models per member. (Last year the limit was 2 models, lets expand that to 3 this year.) No names visible on table, models will have assigned number. Models must be on the table by 12:00 pm (noon) and remain there until 2:00pm, although all members are encouraged to leave them until 3:00pm for display purposes. Voting will be from 12:00pm to 2:00pm by CINCINNATI CHALLENGE 17 contest participants. Top five (5) win equally placed award plaques to be given out during award ceremonies. This is an opportunity for ALL club members to display their work, please consider your participation. Rockne

OK Group, The check has been delivered, floor plan approved, insurance policies accepted - WE are ready for CINCINNATI CHALLENGE 17. The Challenge Committee met on Mar 31 to finalize the details. There IS still time to donate door prizes & raffle items, just bring 'em to the meeting on Monday, or deliver 'em in person at the show.

Our day will begin at 6:30 AM. We have several vendors that we expect to have large amounts of goods, which means we will need YOUR help. Load-in starts when YOU get there.

See you on Monday.

Randy

2012 C.A.R. THEMES

APRIL 9-Camaros (all 45 years of 'em) +Swap Meet & NGDA Gravity Drags
MAY 14-Six or More Wheels (You'll know it when you see it) + Contest Night
JUNE 11-Ac Cobras (Vroom) + Swap Meet & NGDA Gravity Drags
JULY 9-Film and TV Cars (ready for their close-up) + Contest Night
AUGUST 13-Gassers (breaking the wind) + Swap Meet & NGDA Gravity Drags
SEPTEMBER 10-Daniels vs. Roth (custom genius) + Contest Night
OCTOBER 8-Same Kit Night (to be announced) + Swap Meet & NGDA Gravity Drags
NOVEMBER 12-End of Year Contest
DECEMBER 10-EOY Awards, Election of Officers, Gift Exchange, Pizza Party

upcoming events:

Apr 14 Cincinnati Challenge 17 Clermont County Fairgrounds

info: < www.cincinnatiautoreplicas.org >

May 5, HMCA #32 9AM-4PM KofC Hall 511 Thompson Rd Indianapolis IN

Jun 21-23 13th Road Rockets Rumble Clarion Waterfront Hotel Indianapolis IN

info: < www.indyroadrockets.com >

NEXT MEETING: North-Central Branch Library

11109 Hamilton Ave Cincinnati OH 45231 visit us @ < www.cincinnatiautoreplicas.org >

The NGDA Season Opener ~ Results

Div I Eliminator: Ed Linz/Ranger

Runner-up: Robb Shelby/ZR1

Div II Eliminator: Kenny Linz/'39 Chevy Panel

Runner-up: Ed Linz/Challenger

Div III Eliminator: Robb Shelby/'72 Chevy PU

Runner-up: Ed Linz/"Grn Burb"

Congratulations to our winners & thanx to all participants & crew.

Robb



the second event of the season will be April 9th

The points chase as of April 1st

Kenny Linz/'39 Chevy Panel, Ed Linz/Ranger & Robb Shelby/'72 Chevy PU: 14pts each

Ed Linz/Challenger, Kenny Linz/Grn 'Burb & Robb Shelby/ZR1: 7pts each

Randy Wilson/'53 Ford & '68 Torino & Rockne Riddlebarger/"Holy Cheese": 2pts each

Kenny Linz/Purple 'Vette, Randy Wilson/Turbine Car & '70 Stang, &

Robb Shelby/"Suede", "Kahuna", '55 Chevy PU & '18 Ford Roadster: 1pt each

Wanted: I'm looking for the parts available only in the first few issues of Monogram's Model A Coupe/Cabriolet kits: the door tops & windshield that build the 'brio version.

Also, I'm looking for the drag slicks & rear wheels from those first few issues.

Thanx, Robb 513-312-9715 or see me at the meeting.

Robb's Garage

presents

The Riverside II Trailer Kits ~ Deck size: 175" lg x 87" wd ~ 1/25th scale

Single Axle unit includes:

- +Frame Kit with deck & ramp lumber
- +Tongue Kit with hitch & jack-stand
- +Suspension Kit with axle & springs
- +Tandem Axle units are available
- +Frame, Tongue & Suspension Kits are available separately
- +All kits are multi-media but are primarily styrene

Kits do not include wheels, tires, fenders or lights

+Skill level 3

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