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February 2023

Keeping History Alive....One Model At A Time

Hobby Shop Hunting While Traveling!

By Leo Limuaco

Whenever I travel, I, like other fellow model builders, will seek out local hobby shops to see what treasures I can find and of course, to support the shop owner. This was the case for this small, hobby shop nestled in "The Red Barn" swap meet in Bradenton, Florida. I was confused at first, because I was expecting a true brick and mortar shop. What I found was a space in a swap meet! It was small, but packed with assorted model kits, some new, some old, from planes to cars and armor! Joe, the owner, had a variety of kits one of which is the Aoshima 1/25 scale Delorean from "Back to The Future". It was a good price which also included shipping. Joe said he can order otherwise kits that you're looking for and he has a source in Japan that he has access to if you need something that may not be available in your area. Joe's science fiction and RC car/ truck/ armor selection is limited, but is growing, since he's only had the store open for a month at this writing. Joe also does some RC repair! Joe also dabbles in PLA and resin 3D printing! I found this place worth the 30-minute drive from Sarasota where I was visiting, and I hope you find it worth driving too! I can only imagine what this place will look like in a year!

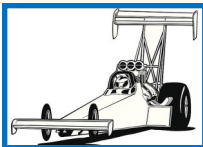


Happy modeling!



Southern Nationals!!

We will be holding the Southern Nationals at the March Meeting. This event has been absent for a few years but we are bringing it back! Two classes for you to choose, or both. Stock and Modified. Modified class can add up to 8oz of added weight. Entries must have metal axles. Get to work for this great event!!



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2023 Old Dominion Open Scale Model Show & Contest

Saturday, February 25

70+ Model Display Categories
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1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards for each category, plus these special awards:
Judges' Best In Show • Best Junior
Best Aircraft • Best Automotive • Best Diorama • Best Figure
Best Gundam • Best Maritime • Best Military Vehicle
Best Real Space & Sci-Fi

Schedule:
Doors open at 8:30 a.m.
Vendors open all day
Registration Closes at 12:00 noon
Judging Starts at 12:30 p.m.

Location:
Richmond Raceway Complex
Henric Hall
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Richmond, VA 23222

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-REMINDERS-

**February
Business Meeting
February 23 @ 7pm**

**March
Build Meeting
March 9 @ 7pm**

**March
Business Meeting
March 23 @ 7pm**

Next Club Build Off Set:

With the success of the truck build off that the club had we have decided to do another one. When asking for suggestions from the members at the last Business Meeting, Cliff spoke up and said why not a Egg subject and have it due in April! Perfect suggestion. A egg in April fits along with Easter. So anybody wanting to join in the fun please bring in a egg subject (plane, ship, etc) for show at our April Business Meeting. Lets see what kind of ideas we have out there!



WE NEED YOU!!

Starting this month we are going to be working hard to recruit new members. Start thinking of ways we can reach out and bring new members to the club. We are going to see if we can do more demo's and other events to get our name out there more. We need new members!!

Second Attempt At "The 24 Hour"

Article By Greg Clower

The 17th annual 24 hour build has just ended. This is the second year I have participated. Last year instead of 24 hours it took me 24 days to complete. This year went a little better some 3 days. My entry this year was the AMT 1940 Ford Sedan Delivery. This thing had a lot of options. Two different engine blocks for 3 engine options. Huge chrome sprue to Hot Rod her up a bit. Yellow sprue for the stock options. The plastic seemed "hard" to me. It tended to roll up a bit when sanding edges. Very little flash but some and that did clean up nicely. Lots of Coke decals to dress her up. The body was in yellow plastic. This was great as all I had to do was give her a good sand and cleaning and shoot clear. That process gave me a little nap time about 0200. That is 2 am to you land lubbers. Now this was important aspect, it has metal axles. So...that was a biggy in the decision to select this kit. I could do the 24 hour build. In addition enter it as "Stock" in our club Spring Nationals "Pine Derby" races and enter it in the MDA car show. Granted it is not of contest quality I do not expect it to make the first cut but hey....money for a good cause. I enjoyed the 24 hour build and the selection I made. Now what do I do next year? Hmmm. Submitted for your enjoyment by Greg Clower.

Auction Time Again!!



Once again we will be holding a auction to help raise money for the storage building fees. We do normally have a monthly auction but occassionly we have one of these full blown auctions to really up the stakes so to speak. Each member is ask to bring in at least two items for the auction. Our auctioneer, Tim Ward, will go around one by one to each member and auction off their items. The last time we did the auction it was more than beneficial to the cost of the storage building fee and helped cover multiple months in fact. So please remember to bring in at least two items to auction off.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the second Wednesday of each month.

All submissions should be emailed to Rocky Sink:

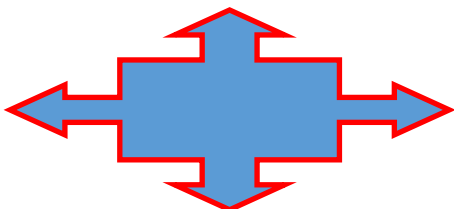
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along with any photos, write up and/or kit reviews pertaining to the article you wish to submit.

Truck Build Off A Success!!

By Rocky Sink

The January Business Meeting had the entries for the first club build off of the year. The first build off had "Trucks" as the theme and the trucks were out in force. We were hoping that the members would participate for the build off and they didn't disappoint. As you can see from the pictures there were several trucks built for the build off. We look forward to the next group of builds that will be brought in for the next build off which is in April with a egg subject theme.



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Time To Roll Up Your Sleeves And Get Busy Doing An Article For The Newsletter. Subjects Could Include Kit Review, How To, Follow Up From A Show, History Of A Particular Subject Or Types Of Glue Or Paint You Like. Let Your Imagination Run Wild!



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UPCOMING SHOW DATES:

February 25, 2023	Old Dominion Open Richmond, VA	Bob Wells robertwalls@comcast.net
March 4, 2023	MDA Model Show Roanoke, VA	Dennis Smith eastsmith1@aol.com
April 1, 2023	MosquitoCon Wayne, NJ	Bill Schwarz whsch@optmum.net
April 15, 2023	NOVA Model Classic Fairfax, VA	Tom Henderson tomhenderson51@verizon.net