



Warm weather is fast approaching, but not too many shows to attend. So some of us who live in rural (a geographical oddity) area, CoVid doesn't leave us much choices of things to do. Maybe continue with the 72 or 48 scale aircraft, or maybe finally finish that 35th scale armor piece I started a couple of years ago. Then again there is always the 1/1 scale motorcycle that REALLY needs to be tackled so when youngest takes the Jeep to collage, I'll at least have a set of wheels if I need to go somewhere. Who knows... maybe I can get a few of these marked off my list. LOL

No matter what is on your to do list, stay safe!

I am always in need of articles. Please write an article, book review, or even a list of kits that you need to sell or trade.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- *Build meeting will be held on March 11th at 7pm.*
- *Business meeting will be held on March 25th at 7pm.*
- *A vote was held at the business meeting on the future of our Region 2 show, and was decided that it was in our best interest to postpone until a later date.*
- *MDA announced the cancellation of their show due to the new COVID restrictions.*
- *Bob Rorhbach has said that he was selling some of his collection. If you are interested or have any questions, please get in touch with Bob.*

That 24 Hour Thing Again: Rocky Sink

Well, the last weekend in January not only brought a month down in the new year but also the Annual 24 Hour Build on Facebook again. Like in the past the build is the last weekend in January to coincide with the Rolex 24 Hour race in Daytona. This year the build was just like in the past, with the only exception of adding Zoom meeting to the fun. Since Zoom had become a big part of everyone's life this past year the guys that take care of over seeing the build decided to let everyone be invited to a Zoom 24-hour meeting and be able to show what you were doing as well as posting pictures like in the past on Facebook.

This year I decided to build a 1969 Ford Shelby Mustang Convertible. It seemed like it would be a fairly straight forward build with little "roadblocks" in the way. Of course, there are always those things that pop up you don't think will, especially in a quick build. With the start and end time being the same this year (noon Saturday till noon Sunday) I did my usual annual trip to Cracker Barrel early Saturday morning to get fueled up for a long day and night. A good hearty big breakfast will go a long way on something like this.

Having already had everything laid out and all the paint and supplies needed for the build it was just a matter of waiting for the start time. When noon hit, I started on the body prep and assembly of parts that would need to be sanded after gluing, like the seats, engine/transmission, etc. After body prep it was time to move forward to priming the body and painting of bigger parts like chassis, engine, some interior pieces, etc. While these parts were trying in the dry booth, I started painting of smaller detail pieces like smaller engine pieces, wheels, interior items, and lights that needed painting. After a couple hours of dry time in the dry booth I gave the body three coats of Tamiya orange and back in the dry booth it went. I also was able to start assembly of the engine and chassis at this point as well as some of the finer detail painting of the interior as well as adding seat belts. Assembly of the engine included having to add spark plug wires and battery cables which would be toward the end of the build.

After about four hours in the dry booth the body came out to get the decal stripes added and back in the dry booth for a short time before adding the clear coats. After adding the clear coats, I was at a point that the body had to dry for a couple hours and I was as far along with assemble as I could be till the body was ready. So, I grabbed a short nap and waited for the body to dry. By mid-morning Sunday I had gotten down to a couple hours to go and assemble was going well until I had to attach a front and rear body piece. I had test fitted both before assembly and thought I had made the adjustments needed to fit properly, but as luck would have it they didn't. On a normal build I would spend the time to make adjustments and fit the correct way, but with time running out I just got the fit best I could and let it go. As I got into the last hour, I saw I was going to go over the 24 hour mark a little but hopefully not by much. In the end I finished about forty-five minutes over the mark and I will have to attach the battery cables at a later time.

As always this was a fun build even with the time restraint and lack of sleep for the most part. I look forward to doing this again next year and taking on all the unknowns it brings.

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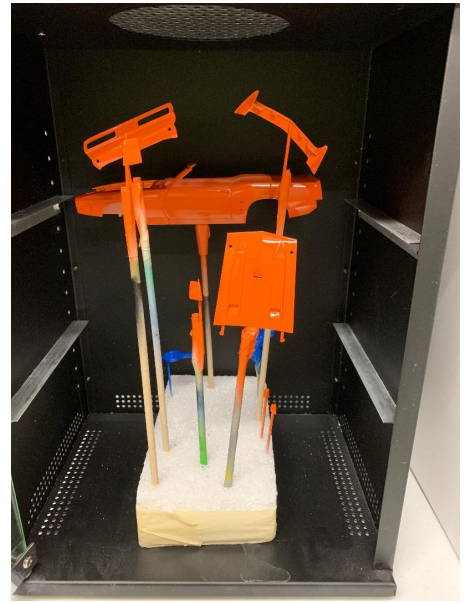
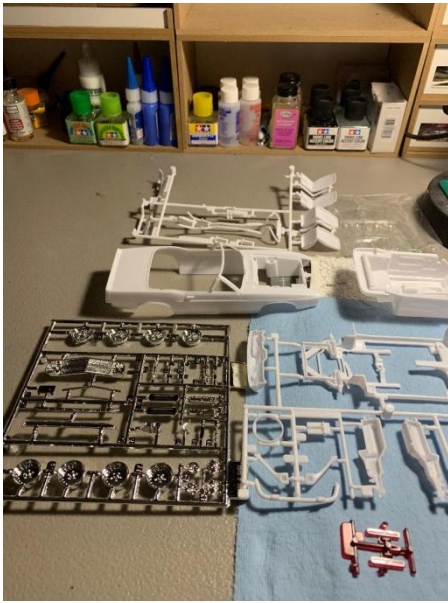
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Deadline for newsletter submissions is the second Wednesday of each month.

All submissions should be emailed to ladybuilder@outlook.com along with any photos, write up and/or kit reviews pertaining to the article you wish to submit.

That 24 Hour Thing Again: Continued



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10...9...8...7...6...5...4...3...2...1.....HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!...I think?!?!?!?

Well, we made it through 2020 finally...I was never so happy to see the ball drop on January 1. Good riddance to 2020. We can only hope that 2021 will be better but I'm not sure. I hope everyone has weathered the storm of Covid and my thoughts and prayers go out to anyone who has be affected by the pandemic. It certainly has put the old Region 2 show season on hold.

2020 started off with a bang with another successful ODO in Richmond and then the bottom dropped out with lock-downs and social distancing. Even though modeling is a solitary hobby, we missed the camaraderie of the show scene and the fellowship it brings. I was glad to see so many clubs continue with their meetings virtually and many involved contests and Zoom meetings. IPMS NJ, NOVA, CenPenn, Baltimore, and Roanoke Valley had to cancel shows due to the pandemic and it sure made for a lonely, sad year.

*Currently the pandemic is still playing havoc with the show schedule with many shows canceled or postponed until a safe environment is available to many of our demographic that is most threatened by the virus. **Unfortunately we again will need to postpone the IPMS Region 2 Convention until a later date.** The restrictions on large gatherings in the state of VA, as well as the continued unavailability of the vaccines (for our base demographic) before the month of June make the show an impossibility for 2021. We are working on possibly having a one-day show (our regular Virginia Shoot-Out) in 2022 or re-planning for the 2-day Regional. We will have to see what the vaccine response and normal life schedule allows us to do. This year's IPMS NJ "MosquitoCon" has been postponed to a later date as well as the Model Classic in Fairfax. Please check their websites for updates on these shows. Let's wish them luck!!!*

Not all of 2020 news was bad however. Please join me in congratulating Tom Henderson for 2020 Newsletter of the Year and Jay Dennis for 2020 Webmaster of the Year. I'm sorry I did not have access to a show in Region 2 to present these plaques to the guys but they are well-deserved. We did not receive any nominations for Person of the Year or Club of the Year for 2020. Remember, nominations must be sent to me for any awards to be presented. If you have a person or club that you feel needs to be recognized, please let me know. I broke my crystal ball a while back and my tarot cards are nowhere to be found, so I need to know from you.

To all Chapter Contacts/Secretaries and Presidents—club renewal is under way again for the new year. If you have already sent in your fact sheet with money for renewal, Thank You!! If you have not, please take some time to get this information together and send in the HQ to make sure you are chartered for 2021.

I hope to see you in the near future and hope you stay safe and well. Please take precautions to allow us all to get together soon and enjoy each other's company.

HAPPY MODELING!!!

*Tim Ward
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June 19, 2021	South Carolina Scale Model Mega Show - Columbia, SC	Ralph Nardone ipmsmidcarolina@gmail.com
July 31, 2021	MosquitoCon 29 - Wayne, NJ	Bill Schwarz whsch@optimum.net
August 18-21, 2021	IPMS/USA National Convention - Las Vegas, NE	www.natslv2021.com
Oct. 23, 2021	AtlantaCon 2021 - Marietta, GA	Kim Elmore kdmcelmore@gmail.com

Upcoming Shows and Events



August 18 - 21, 2021
In the Fabulous City of LAS VEGAS



Remember to check the websites and/or chapter contact for up to the date info and details on the contests.