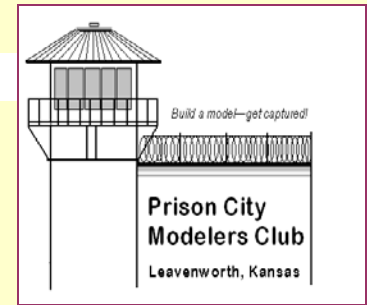


PRISON CITY MODELERS

December 2009



President's Column

Last month the club met and elected me as the president for the next year. We have a few things to do as a club. The most time-sensitive, obviously, is getting everything in place for the contest this March. March is uncomfortably close.

The other thing that's important is recognizing the good work that some of our members are doing. Chriss Harris just had one of his figures published in *Finescale Modeling*. Our web site showcases some models, and the wiki has some others. Let's get some pictures out there.

But above all: this is a hobby. It is supposed to be fun. Let's have some. Start by coming to the meeting on Wednesday, 20 January, at the Leavenworth Public Library. Bring something from your workbench.

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Research corner

Bernard Harris offers this site, dedicated to figures. It has some interesting fantasy figures, as well as some more conventional ones, that I think you will all enjoy. Recommended by one of his international students

<http://www.coolminiornot.com/>

Contest Plans Progress

Our contest will be March 27, 2010, at the Leavenworth Heritage Center, same venue as last year. Flyers are at George's and Hobby Haven and Table top, the web site has been updated, and local clubs have been alerted. Still much to do. We need to finalize the categories this week and order trophies. We need to designate a lead judge and additional judges. Also need to start gathering some raffle materials. At all the contests I have attended the raffle was the major fund-raiser, but that depends on donors. So look at your shelves for models you will never build, books (relevant books) that you are over, tools, anything related to the hobby.

Vendors

We're also looking for vendors. A few have committed but more would be better. The vendor tables are a big part of the fun. They should all look like this one from last year! If you are interested, please contact Ed Burgess. And please pass this on to anyone you know who might be interested in a table.



This Month's Assignment

This month I've been working on two models. Not as productive as I hoped over the holidays (OK, I admit I got seduced by Mafia Wars) but some progress. I've written before about the Zvezda model of a GAZ-AA, the Russian version of the Model A truck. Well, I was carrying it downstairs to the painting booth in the basement and dropped it, which is not the recommended method. Pretty much repaired now with some sheet metal additions, resin wheels, and a coat of primer. The other project is a Tamiya Hetzer, for which I'm working on the camo pattern called "ambush." Very complex three-color scheme, hard-edged and following a factory pattern. So far have primed it and sprayed the entire vehicle with Dunkelgelb. Also assembled ModelKasten workable tracks and sprockets and a small but nifty amount of Eduard photoetch. The PE schurtzen will be quite tricky. If successful it will represent a June 1944 production model. BTW, I thought Dunkelgelb, or Dark Yellow, would be a simple out-of-jar choice. Not so, as this Flames of War post explains. (http://www.flamesofwar.com/Default.aspx?tabid=110&art_id=454)

As usual, trying to stretch my envelope. So stretch yours!

Russian Hardware

Take a look at this Russian site that has a ton of workarounds, both ground vehicles and aircraft, civilian and military. Fractured English and truly awful navigation but some excellent photos, if you can find them. Reading Russian would help but isn't strictly necessary.

<http://dishmodels.ru/>



Upcoming Events

Upcoming club meetings:

20 Jan – Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm

Interesting 2009 - 2010 Events in our area:

-Feb 2010 – "Spring Maneuvers" wargame convention, new location in Overland Park.

-Mar 2010 "Recruits" war gaming convention, Lee's Summit, MO

20 Mar 2010 – Omacon, Council Bluffs, IA

-27 Mar 2010 – Our Prison City Modelers Club Model Contest at the Heritage Center in Leavenworth, KS

-3 Apr 2010 – KAMS 15th Annual Model Car Contest, Salina, KS

-17 Apr 2010 – Model Fest 2010, IPMS West Central Missouri, Liberty, MO

-22-24 Apr 2010 – Armor Modeling and Preservation Society (AMPS) 2010 International Show, Auburn, IN

-12 – 13 JUN 2010 – KC Slammers 19th Heartland Model Car Nationals, Overland Park Convention Center, KS

-8 -11 Jul 2010 – "Historicon" war gaming convention, new location Baltimore Convention Center, MD

-24 Jul 2010 – KC Slammers 5th Annual Elden Titus National Model Kemp Spectacular, Salina, KS