



High Plains Gazette

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April Meeting Notes

Terry Pope, wishes us well decided to drop off. I have no idea what that means since I was late to the meeting.

Tony Wallace is now Dr. Wallace. He will be giving a free cough check at next month's meeting. I hope he remembers to bring gloves.

Mike Scotto retired from Air Force. He will be moving away, to a warmer climate. We wish

you the best Mike, don't forget those of us who are staying behind.

June 25th Cheyenne Superday Show N Shine. We hope to have a decent club commitment for this. There will be an award given for People's Choice.

September 17th (Correct Date!!!) IPMS Day at Pueblo Airport. If we can't show up as a club we at least need a few of us to go to get the word

out about our contest.

Membership Incentive program. Free kits from IPMS for becoming a member. Not a bad idea.

HPM Certificate for writing an article and holding a clinic, website post, etc. These can be used for auctions and dues. Maximum of \$5 can be earned.

Club flyers budget... Larry volunteered to print some flyers for the club.



Neither will some members of the club on road trips!

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High Plains Con XXII Update

We have the date set for our contest: October 8, 2011. a BIG thanks to Marc for getting us those rooms!

We also have a flyer! The flyer will hit the other local clubs and hobby shops this week.

We have two more special categories, but in the interest of both my sanity and the last three Best of Awards which apparently nobody wants to sponsor, the next three sponsors will not have a choice of

awards.

The Special Awards are as follows:

Best Cat Themed Model

Best Weathered Vehicle

Best Race Car

Best Star Wars Subject

Best UAV

Best Mopar Subject

Worst Model

We also have the standard Best of Show, Peo-

ple's Choice, Best Junior and the Best of for the specific categories., and the newly added Best Group/Collection. (The Longmont Club already has their Group Build done, it is Cat themed)

Tom and Larry volunteered to print some flyers for the contest. At least for this first round of getting the word out.

We need to bring some to ChileCon on May 20th and 21st.

What's New This Month:

- April's Meeting Notes
- High Plains Contest Update
- Monthly Contest Winner
- Tamiya USA Winner
- ChileCON 2 Region X Contest
- Sponsors For HPMCONXXII
- Model Gallery



Three weeks away from the Region X contest!

Contest Schedule and Fees have been posted!



Contest Schedule for Chile Con 2: Region X Contest

Friday, 20 May:

Registration 12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM

Vendors Room 12:00 Noon - 9:00 pm (Vendors can start setting up at 10:00 AM)

Model Room 12:00 Noon - 9:00 PM

Make N Take 6:00 PM start

New Mexico Military Vehicle Preservation Association vehicles on display: TBD

Saturday, 21 May:

Registration 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Vendors Room 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Model Room 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Make N Take 10:00 AM start; as long as kits last

Model Photography 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (see below)

Air Brushing Demo's Times TBD

New Mexico Military Vehicle Preservation Association vehicles on display: TBD

Judges Meeting starts at 1:30 PM

Judging 2:00- 6:00 PM

Banquet 6:00 PM

Awards ceremony 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Models will not be allowed to leave the judging room until 10:00 PM

Fees for the Contest

See Registration Form for additional info

\$22.00/person (\$20.00

pre-registration fee until April 15, 2011) for unlimited models .

IPMS members \$17.00/person until April 15, 2011; \$19.00/person after April 15.

Juniors \$10.00/person for unlimited models.

General Admission: \$2.00/person

Banquet \$30.00/person

Vendors tables \$25.00/ table per day.

Hotel Room: \$79 single/ double occupancy, \$89 triple/quad occupancy.

Rate includes full hot breakfast and 2 complimentary cocktails.

Chile Con 2 T-shirts : Cost is \$20.00 each; ordering date cut-off is April 30th

Omaha IPMS National Update

www.ipmsusa2011.org

week.

First of all registration is open and hotel rooms are going fast. Now a word about the vendors:

“Due to an overwhelming response we have added a third vendor room directly adjacent to convention registration and across from the current vendor rooms. There will be a revised vendor layout including the third room posted sometime next

If you are a vendor and plan on attending and have not reserved and paid for your tables you need to contact Vendors@ipmsusa2011.org as soon as possible...these remaining tables will not last long.

This will provide the convention with over 70 vendors and upwards of 300 tables for the convention.

We would like to thank all of the vendors who have made this possible!

Thanks to all the vendors for their support and we look forward to seeing everyone in August.”

Randy Fields

2011 IPMS National Convention Vendor Coordinator

Product Review:

By Pablo Bauleo

Manufacturer: Zvezda

**Product: 1/48 La-5 –
Boxing 4803**

This review was first published at the IPMS/USA website (<http://www.ipmsusa.org>)

When I first opened the box I was a little bit confused by not finding a cockpit tub. Then I realized that Zvezda has developed a full model of a La-5. I mean *full* because the model comes with a full interior, with engine, engine mount, complete cockpit, fuselage formers and even rear fuselage detail. You get ailerons, rudder and horizontal controls molded as independent parts too.

There was virtually no flash in my example, but there were a couple of sink marks in the wing-roots.. Easy to fix with some putty before assembly. The sprue attachment points are of reasonable size, similar to what you would expect of the mainstream manufacturers. Panel lines are engraved, very fine and

nicely defined

Transparencies are clear, and a dip in Pledge Future made them shine. For some reason, the main canopy will not seat down in the closed position, but it seats fine in the open position. Perhaps it is designed to be displayed like that. Beside all the nice interior detail is asking for an open canopy!

The kit is molded in soft plastic, so be careful when you cut the parts from the sprues. You don't want to break those delicate parts for the interior framing. Also be careful when handling the parts, as the soft plastic scratches easily.

Interior detail is given in spades, but assembly could be a little bit fiddly. Take your time and align things properly. Dry fit often and use the fuselage sides as a guide when you are assembling the interior frame. I didn't check often enough and I ended up with some seams to deal with in the back of the fuselage and the under-fuselage to wing joint. I blame it on me and not the kit.

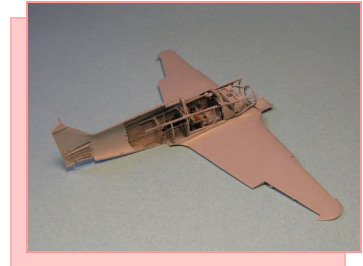
I did have some issues with the landing gear. I had some interference of the gear struts with the lower wing. I had to trim off some detail of the landing struts to get them to fit in the openings. The trimmed-off detail would have been located deep into the landing wheels well, so you wouldn't have seen it anyway.

Marking colors are for the green/black over soviet blue style of 1942. Decals have good color density and responded well to setting solutions, but the stars are a little bit out of register. There are just a few stencils provided. In my model I've used a few stencils leftover from other kits, to dress it up a little bit more.

I applaud Zvezda's rendering of the La-5 in 1/48 scale. I had a lot of fun building this kit and I look forward to build other kits of the same manufacturer

Given the high part count and elaborate interior, I recommend this kit for intermediate modelers.

I would like to thank Zvezda and DragonMod-



Tamiya USA Monthly Winner

This past month our own Jeff Brown won Tamiya USA's monthly contest.

He entered his Tamiya Komatsu Bulldozer, and was lucky enough to be

chosen as the monthly winner. As a prize he received a free model of a 1/48 Tamiya British Light Utility Car.

It is easy to enter, all you

do is go to Tamiya's website, click on Builders Showcase and follow the directions!

While there look at the March 2011 Winner!



Wespe: Mean Little Bastard



The Wespe and its nasty stinger.

The SdKfz 124 *Wespe* (German for "wasp"), also known as *Leichte Feldhaubitze 18 auf Fahrgestell Panzerkampfwagen II* ("Light field howitzer 18 on Panzer II chassis"), was a German self-propelled artillery vehicle developed and used during the Second World War. It was based on the Panzer II tank.

In 1940, during the Battle

of France, it was apparent that the main tank of the German forces, the Panzer II, was unsuitable as a tank; though mechanically sound, it was both under-gunned and under-armoured. Thus, when the need arose for a self-propelled artillery vehicle, the Panzer II was a natural choice, removing the vehicles from front line service and extending their usable lifespan.

The design for the *Wespe* was produced by Alkett, and was based on the Panzer II *Ausf. F* chassis. Production of the vehicles was carried out at various plants, mainly in Poland. The conversion process itself proved relatively simple, involving the replacement of the Panzer II turret with a 105 mm leFH 18 howitzer and a gun-shield.

Hobbytown USA Contest Review



Hobbytown USA held a model contest on April 16th at the Fort Collins location. We had a good turnout from the club.

George Slack won Best of Show. Pablo took home three firsts, I had two firsts, Marty had a first and second (not bad considering he entered only

two planes.)

We handed out club info and we also had a contest flyer printed and gave one out to each entrant.

For those of us who did enter we received a coupon from Hobbytown for \$5 off our next purchase. Not a bad deal. They also

had a nice sized Clearance table at the contest. I picked up Tamiya's 1/48 Moto Tug and Pilot set, and some F6F Hellcats for my USS Essex.

All in all not a bad day.

I hope we can keep the winning streak going next month at ChileCon!



Tom's ride!

Monthly Contest

We had a large turnout again for the monthly contest. This time we had a clear winner. Tom Menert and his T-55.

We still have a clog at the top, but I am sure things will clear up by the end of the year. At least I hope so since we did not dis-

cuss what happens in case of a tie.

Let's keep 'em coming though!

Technical Difficulties With George Slack's Part 3

George was having technical difficulties this month with his computer

and was unable to get the 3rd part of his build to me in time. George

should have it for next month's newsletter.

The underlying premise of a miniature is that it should look like a small version of a real person.

The closer the figure comes to that goal, the better the figure will appear to the judges.

Basic Construction

1. Flash, mold seams, sinks marks, and similar molding flaws eliminated.
2. Mold seams removed.
3. Construction seams filled in where appropriate (e.g., where arms meet shoulders, legs meet boots, etc.) and creases that cross these seams restored.
4. Equipment properly attached, e.g., holsters not hanging in space, canteens attached to belts.
5. Straps hanging properly. Rifle slings, horse harnesses, etc. hanging/sagging properly to depict their weight.
6. Feet touching the ground/surface properly.

Detailing

1. Straps should have proper thickness.
2. Gun barrels should be drilled/hollowed out.
3. Accessories and equipment should be in proper

scale for the figure.

4. Ground bases should show footprints.
5. Foliage should harmonize with the figure (e.g., no flowers present when figure is in winter clothes).
6. Lapels and collars should be slightly raised whenever possible.
7. Slings should be added to weapons where necessary.

Painting and Finishing

1. Cloth should have the proper sheen, e.g., a matt finish for wool.
2. Leather should have a slight sheen except for dress shoes and polished belts.
3. Finish should have an even texture. Brush marks should not be present.
4. Dry-brushing should not be apparent as such.
5. Blending of highlighted and shaded areas with the basic color should be smooth, gradual, and subtle. No demarcation lines should show.
6. Shadows should be present when two surfaces meet (e.g., belts over tunics) and on undersurfaces (e.g., between legs and under arms).

7. White should not be used in eyes in order to avoid a pop-eyed look.
8. Eyes should be symmetrical; figure should not be wall-eyed or cross-eyed.
9. Figures shown on ground should have feet/footwear slightly indented in the earth to depict weight.
10. Weathering of feet or shoes, if depicted, should be appropriate to the ground cover.
11. Equipment being worn by, or slung on, the figure should be given an appearance of weight, e.g., by indenting straps slightly into the shoulder.
12. Headgear shadows should show on the figure's face.

13. Equipment such as swords should have a shadow shown on the figure.
 14. Flesh tones should reflect the climate in which the figure is depicted.
- Note:** Additional equipment such as a desk, bar, etc., will not be judged unless such equipment is included with the original figure casting/kit.

Gun barrels should be drilled/hollowed out.



This month Mike brought figures, now learn how to judge them!

**“The Judges Are a Bunch of @#\$%# Nit-pickers.”
- From the IPMS Competition Handbook**



“You put two and two together and it comes out four - only it ain't four.” - Sgt. J.J. Sefton

The Workbench From Hell

World War II movies. Yes I love them. Most of them anyway. Sure there are a few stinkers, and a few that are overly patriotic, but the ones I love the most are the ones that honestly show the real human emotions involved in war.

Picking a favorite WWII movie is like picking a favorite food... some days you crave pizza, some days a taco, and some days you crave a nice Reuben piled high from a certain deli in Denver.

In college we played games in Psych class, the dreaded “You’re stuck on an island and you can have any five blah blah blah’s with you...” The trick was to force you to

choose. I recently sat down while watching one of my favorite WWII films and wondered what five I would want with me on that island. After 2 hours my list was down to 12... then I realized this is my game so here are my 12 must see WWII films if you get stuck on an island.

These are in no particular order it’s just how I typed them today.

1. “Kelly’s Heroes”
2. “Stalag 17”
3. “Sands of Iwo Jima”
4. “Casablanca”
5. “Mister Roberts”
6. “Saving Private Ryan”

7. “Bridge on the River Kwai”
8. “Operation Petticoat”
9. “Letters from Iwo Jima”
10. “Empire of the Sun”
11. “Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo”
12. “To Hell and Back”

Now, I know I left off some big films, and did not include TV shows like “Band of Brothers” or “The Pacific”. Yes, if TV is included those are both with me as well. In fact I have 8 or 9 more films I’d take too.

Honestly if you have not seen these movies you are missing some great films.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 BnB
15	16	17	18	19	20 ChileCon	21 ChileCon
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 HPM Meeting				

High Plains Modelers

Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month at The Ranch in Loveland. They start at 7pm and end around 9pm.

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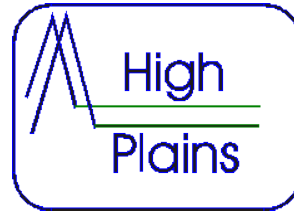
President: Pablo Bauleo
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Secretary: Jeff Brown

Our club has plastic modelers from Northern Colorado, mainly from the Fort Collins, Loveland, Longmont area. We also have a few members from Wyoming.

We build scale and plastic models of armor, airplanes, vehicles, ships and anything else that we feel like is worth a try.

Check out our meeting schedule and feel free to drop by our next meeting!

Check out the website for club information.



High Plains Modelers
An IPMS/USA chapter



Next Meeting April 26, 2011. 7pm at The Ranch.

Please visit the IPMS USA Website: www.ipmsusa.org

Ads***



For Sale or Trade:

Jeff Brown has items for sale and trade e-mail for a list and pics: jgdtiger007@yahoo.com

*** Posting Ads are free for High Plains Modelers Members to post items for sale or trade. If you are not a member of the club it cost \$2 to post an ad which goes towards our annual club contest.

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April Model Gallery

Photos by Paul Linger

