

Newsletter



2019 Gold Silver Bronze CONTEST

We had a fine turnout of 30 models for our annual G/S/B contest at our July meeting. At evening's end we had eight gold award winners, 10 silvers and 12 bronze awards. Dave Acker's impressive array of dinosaurs was the virtually unanimous selection for Best in Show. Sadly, our regular photographer was away for the evening so we have no photo record of the event.

NEXT MEETING

July 5

Theme: 50 Shades of Gray

President's Corner

by Rich Turner

The US weather continues to surprise me what with feet of rain, tornados and a heat wave all in the matter of days, perhaps I should be looking for as much action at the modelling bench. It was great to see so many entries last month for the Gold, Silver, Bronze theme. Take a look at the DVSM website for pictures. Let's keep it up and put more models on the table each month.

Looking back to my May article titled 'Has the IPMS had its day' and the subsequent meetings I tabled the idea that the demise of clubs is not that people are no longer interested in hobbies or wanting to join clubs, societies or group but more that clubs have failed to evolve, to keep pace with the requirements of members, but more so have failed to keep track with current methods of communication, outreach and retention. It simply is no longer good enough to accept that old "no change here" mentality. I have continued my research into the clubs that are booming and those that take up a booth in McDonalds and coupled with what the manufacturers and stores are doing it's pretty clear to me that the model hobby is still very active and buoyant but it's the clubs and some stores that are not. If a club is not active, then that's squarely on the individual club and its leaders, not the state of the hobby.

I've been sowing a few seeds at our meetings over the past few months about how we can start to be more proactive in our membership acquisition and support. I'm not going to go into detail in this article but just to let you know that Jack and myself are working closely to prepare a formal presentation of proposed vision and future strategy. This will be presented at the August Meeting so please all make the effort to attend and be willing to participate.

I also mentioned last month the "Create.Build.Share" brand that we will move forwards with when working on future brand, materials and communications. Please take a few minutes to think what this means to you and how you may be able to help support this. Again please be prepared to share positive contributions at the August meeting.

Over the past months we have been reviewing some of our existing communication methods, platforms and collaboration which are at best disjointed and in the some cases out and out divisive. In a bid to support future plans and gain better consistency and more proactive communication I'd like to welcome Martin Orlando to the DVSM officers team as Communications Manager with immediate effect. Martin is currently working through the Facebook and social media aspects but this will evolve to

include more over the coming months.

As part of the above "Create.Build.Share" brand it is my intention to help build an environment where we enable this to happen. Three events in support of this are already scheduled so please add to your calendars.

Dave Acker has kindly agreed to host a figure painting workshop at the 6th September meeting. We hope that many of you will participate and maybe have a go at a new modelling genre. This will be followed up over coming months with more sessions. Perhaps even with a DVSM display of figures at the MFCA next year.

We have booked the display /work room at AAA hobbies on the 21st September for a DVSM Open Day/ Show. We will be advertising this event so please put the date in your diaries. We will need your help and models to display and talk to prospective members.

We have a healthy membership and I have noticed that many events that hold are attending by the same small handful of volunteers and members. The future and success of DVSM is in all members hands and I would encourage you to attend and support our planned future events and activities. The club officers cannot do it all!

December theme "A model of my service" – a model of an item of equipment, ordinance, vehicle or uniform that you served, along with a small presentation (and short talk if you are comfortable) of your service.

Remember to put the August presentation meeting in your calendars!

See you all next Friday.
RichT

SAVE THE DATE!
8/2 Meeting

Presentation on Future Vision for DVSM

SAVE THE DATE!
9/6 Meeting

Dave Acker workshop on figure painting

SAVE THE DATE!
Sat.Sept. 21

"DVSM Open Day" AAA Hobbies

SAVE THE DATE!
Dec. Meeting

"Theme: A Model of My Service"

Gold Silver Bronze Contest Results

GOLD

Dave Acker *Dinosaur Busts* (Gold Award and Best-in-Show)
 Wayne Borowsky *British Husky TSV 1/35*
 John Goschke *'40 Ford Deluxe tudor 1/25*
 John Loftus *Messerschmitt Bf-109G-6 (Late) 1/48*
 Martin Orlando *Bust-Adelaide Catriona van Wallenstein*
 Martin Orlando *Lord Aquilor, Stormcast Eternals*
 Glenn Thorn *Mech Suit w/Pilot*
 Mark Webb *Bf-109G-6 1/48*

SILVER

Dave Acker *Centaur*
 Glenn Hoover *F-105F Thunderchief 1/48*
 Keith Jones *Flying Saucer Car*
 John Loftus *Focke-Wulf FW-190A8 1/48*
 John Loftus *Messerschmitt Bf-108B Taifun 1/48*
 Martin Orlando *Lord Arcanum, Stormcast Eternals*
 William Ratcliffe *F-14A Tomcat VF-41 1/48*
 Glenn Thorn *E-2T Hawkeye*
 Joe Vattilana *Centaur*
 Tony Wootson *Star Wars Converted AAT*

BRONZE

Gary Schurr *X-wing Fighter*
 Glenn Thorn *Steampunk Girl*
 Bill Bayne *T34 1941*
 Tony Wootson *Armored Crab*
 Tony Wootson *Babylon 5 Starfury*
 Brad James *PaK Ausf G Gustav 1/20*
 Keith Jones *1966 Falcon Gasser*
 Rod Rakos *Corvair Dune Buggy 1/25*
 Rod Rakos *Rolls Royce Snow Plow 1/25*
 Howard Rifkin *A/ACH-47A Chinook Gun Ship*
 Howard Rifkin *P2V-7 Neptune*
 Howard Rifkin *WV-2 Warningstar*

THEME CONTESTS 2019

January "The Vietnam War Era"

Winner: Glenn Thorn, F-8U Crusader.

February "It's Cold in Here"

Ironically, cancelled due to weather

March "The Sixties"

Winner: Jack Lynch, Batman

April "Classic Plastic"

Winner: Glenn Thorn, Chance-Vought Kingfisher

May "D-Day"

Winner: Glenn Thorn, HMS Roberts

June

No theme. Gold/Silver/Bronze judging.

July "50 Shades of Grey"

Model of any subject in any category that is/was mostly grey, either in overall color or camouflage.

August "The Axis"

Model of a subject in any category from, and/or employed by, the Axis nations in WWII.

September "That's a New Kit!"

A build of anything from a kit that was released no earlier than 2014.

October "Big Builds"

Any kit in the large end of its category's scale spectrum.

November "No Big Six"

Model in any category (auto, aircraft, armor, etc.) but one that cannot be of US, British, German, Japanese, Russian or French origin.

QUESTIONS about DVSM's Contests should be directed to **Mike Turco** at **MATurco@aol.com**

2019 Theme Contest *Point Standings to Date*

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Totals
Thorn, G.	5		4	5	5						19
Lynch, J.	4		5	3	4						16
Turco, M.	3		3	2	4						12
Anderson, D.	2		4	2	2						10
Loftus, J.	2		3	2	3						10
Tomczak, P.	1		3	1	2						7
Hoover, G.	2				4						6
Rakos, R.	2		2	1	1						6
Ratcliffe, W.			2	3							5
Bailey, E.				4							4
Kopczynski, P.	2			2							4
Leknes, J.				3							3
Rifkin, H.	1			2							3
Cicconi, B.				2							2
Lam, S.	1										1
Vattilana, J.					1						1
Wardwell, T.					1						1

Monthly points are awarded as follows: Each person who enters a model into the theme receives 1 pt. 1st place = 4+1, 2nd = 3+1, 3rd = 2+1

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