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# The Pylon



*The newsletter of the Western Reserve Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society*

## Next Meeting:

Sunday, May 20  
Euclid Public Library  
631 E.222<sup>nd</sup> St.  
1:15PM

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Seminar:  
Canopies

## From the President

I think the Regional tuckered Joe out. I haven't heard a peep from him since the show.

Enjoy your nap Joe!

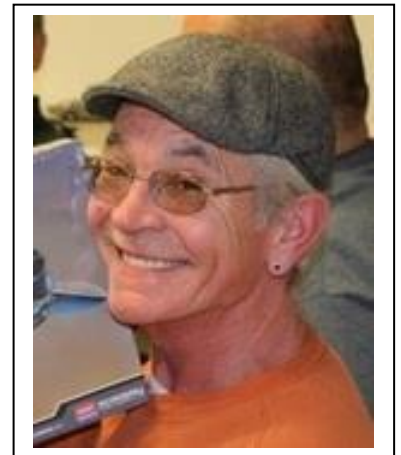
*The Editor for Joe Barteld*



## Sad News – The Passing of Bob Sistek

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of long time WR member Bob Sistek. Bob, age 62, left us on February 19<sup>th</sup> after a recently diagnosed case of cancer.

Bob was already a member of Western Reserve when I joined in the early eighties and I always admired his armor models. He had an incredible attention to detail and a beautiful style of finishing / weathering his kits. Bob served as an officer and newsletter editor over the years and was always helpful with modeling tips and fun to be around. We will miss him.



## From the Editor

We are entering into the summer months where modeling takes a back seat to yard work, cook outs, ball games and just sittin' out under the stars. At least until August when it's too hot and humid and we retreat back inside for a month. But don't forget that we have a "D-Day" themed contest in June so plan a few hours a week to get your model finished.

Kirk Ballash





*Hugo is seriously disappointed in any WR members who didn't make it to the Regional Convention.*

*Harumpff!*



*Rhonda loves a fast car – and the aging model builder who drives it*

## Meeting Minutes from April

Last month was a Build and BS meeting so all the minutes of the meeting were spent building and bs-ing.

## The Bob Sistek Collection Auction

Last month Bob's widow Johanna contacted me about his collection of unbuilt model kits. We agreed on a plan for me to pick up the kits, inventory and check them out, and then pull a couple out for the club raffle and auction the rest with the proceeds to go to the Hospice of the Western Reserve. Any kits not sold in the auction will be donated to the veteran's home for those there to build. Our goal is for his collection to benefit as many folks as we can.

I recently finished going through the more than 150 kits and accessory sets as well as some 50 books, cataloging and checking them for completeness. About a quarter of the kits are started or are missing parts (no surprise – he was a builder after all) which I'll likely leave out of the auction while another quarter have aftermarket goodies inside (also no surprise).



Many of his kits are high end and we'll be looking to get a fair price for them. The auction will be held at the club meeting in July instead of, or possibly in addition to, our Build & BS meeting. Keep watch in the newsletter for more details. Thanks.

Kirk

## Classic Auto Shows – Tis the Season

With the warm weather upon us the classic car show season revs up (see what I did there?). I've listed a couple big ones for the east side under the Upcoming Events. If antique motoring vehicles is something you enjoy get yourself out to a couple of these events, and if you know of a good one let me know and I'll post it in the newsletter.

## What the Heck is That?

Last month the *What the Heck?* was the 1966 Lincoln Continental convertible, one of only three built by Allegheny Ludlum out of stainless steel.

Back in the early 1930s the folks at the Allegheny Steel in Pittsburgh were looking for ways to showcase their new stainless steel product. Though varieties of the corrosion resistant “unstainable steel” had been around for 100 years it wasn’t until the 1910s that a good, durable and malleable version was ready for the manufacturing world. Allegheny Steel talked to Ford and agreed to produce six 1936 Deluxe Sedans. The partnership, now with Allegheny Ludlum, was renewed in the late 1950s to build two 1960 Thunderbirds and once more to build the 1966 Lincoln Continental. The Lincoln was to commemorate the 50,000<sup>th</sup> Continental produced, with an additional two for promotional purposes for Allegheny Ludlum. Some sources state that all three were titled as 1967 models though two were using the 1966 trim and only one was in the 1967 trim, other say two were in 1967 trim.

All of these cars were fully functioning models used for promotions; the 1936 Fords had over 200,000 miles each before being retired and sold to the public in 1946. The Thunderbirds each rolled more than 100,000 miles before they too were retired from the promo circuit. Four of the six 1936 Deluxe Sedans still exist, along with both Thunderbirds and all three Continentals. Allegheny Ludlum has one each of the 1936 Deluxe and the Thunderbird along with their two Continentals. The only public place to see a full set is our own Crawford Museum. In fact, R4 attendees passed by this stainless beauty on the way to the vendors. So, you’ll notice last month’s WTH was tied into our Regional Convention. Damn, I feel clever.



Congratulations to Fred H via email and Jim D, Joe B from within the WR Club for getting this one right.

This month we are soaring high above. Good luck.

## Air Shows – Also in Season

If you want to check out piston powered subjects close to home try the **Props and Pistons Festival**, Aug 18-19, at the Akron-Fulton Airport - <http://flyohio.wixsite.com/papf>

# The Region IV Convention – A photo tale

Well, the 2018 Regional Convention is now past us and though it was smaller than we had planned it was a very good show. We had a total of 344 models from 84 entrants and thanks to the attendance of many of the heavy hitters of the Region and Ontario (the really, really good builders) the quality was very high.

We had a lot of stuff in the Raffle and the vendor room was full with enough variety to satisfy most everyone. I bought stuff I on my wish list and found some other things I didn't know I needed. The seminars were well attended and I'm told quite informative and enjoyable. The food trucks proved to be less reliable than we had hoped but no show is perfect.

One aspect of the show I thought was perfect was the venue. Jackie and her team at the Crawford Museum were fantastic. To look up past the models or the vendor tables and see scores of antique cars and aircraft was a real treat, and it provided those not interested in judging or the seminars something to do during the day.

Thanks again to all those who helped plan, set up, run and tear down. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all the folks who entered or just attended the show. It would not have been a success without you. And finally, congratulations to all the winners -- Nice Job!



*The calm before the storm*



*Raffle ready for customers*





*The Contest Room early Saturday morning*



*By mid-morning the tables were filling up*



*The Vendor Room in the museum "storage" area*



*Hard to beat the venue – something to see everywhere you look*



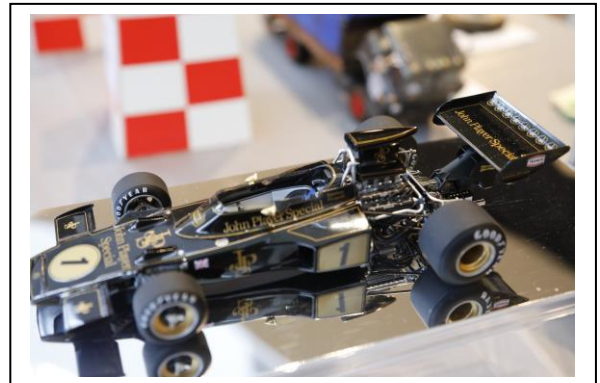
*Best Military Vehicle – Canadian L-TAV by Harvey Low*



*Best Aircraft – Spitfire Mk.IXc by Rob Lee*



*Best Ship – "Drowning Wolf" by Scott Withers*



*Best Automotive – Lotus 72E Formula 1 by Eric Larson*



*Best Figure – Pit and the Pendulum by Mark McGovern*

*Best Miscellaneous – Battlestar Galactica by Gary Cohoe*



*Ace of Aces – Albatros B.II by Mark Smith*

*Best Crawford Museum Subject and Best 4<sup>th</sup> Variant – P-51D by Mark Smith*



*Best 1918 Subject – LVG C.VI by Jack Oliver*

*Best Pre-War Automotive Subject – 1935 Alfa Romeo by Kent Hughes*



*Best Marine Corps Subject – AV-8 Harrier by Bill Dedig*

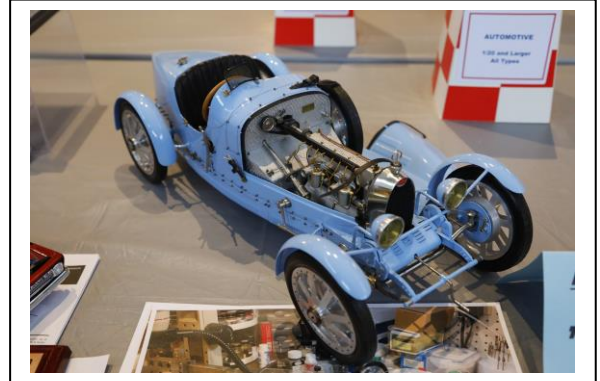
*Best Real Space Subject – Ares I-X Test Vehicle by Thomas Hartline*



People's Choice Best Junior Model: Edgar Baltazar for his Panzer II Afrika Korps  
 People's Choice Best Aircraft: Jack Oliver for his LVG C.VI  
 People's Choice Best Figure: Mark McGovern for his Pit and the Pendulum  
 People's Choice Best Ship: Scott Withers for his "Drowning Wolf" sinking U-boat diorama



Best Air Racer –  
Spitfire Mk.22  
by Kirk Ballash



People's Choice  
Automotive –  
1935 Bugatti  
Type 35 "Lyon"  
by Kent Hughes



People's Choice  
Military Vehicle –  
Mark IV Tank by  
Chris Toops



People's Choice  
Miscellaneous –  
Seaplanes  
Collection by  
The Divine Scale  
Society



Junior Best in Show –  
Panzer II Afrika Korps by  
Edgar Baltazar

People's Choice Best of  
Show – "Drowning Wolf"  
diorama by Scott Withers

Judges' Best in Show –  
Spitfire Mk. IXc by Rob Lee



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## Upcoming Events

### Western Reserve Meetings and Events - still on SUNDAYS

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|--------------|---|
| May 20, 2018 | General meeting at Euclid Library Babbitt & Erie rooms – Seminar Prepping and Masking Canopies                  |
| Jun 16, 2018 | General meeting at Euclid Library Shore room – Quarterly contest: theme of “D-Day 74 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary” |
| Jul 21, 2018 | General meeting at Euclid Library Shore room – The Bob Sisteck Collection Auction                               |
| Aug 18, 2018 | General meeting at Euclid Library Shore room –Guest Speaker – F-18 Mechanic (tentative)                         |

## IPMS and Regional Events

*For any show listed go to the IPMS/USA Upcoming Events page for more information, or if you don't have web access contact Kirk Ballash*

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|----------------------|--|
| May 19, 2018         | MMCL Annual Show – Louisville, KY                      |
| Jun 2-3, 2018        | Wonderfest – Louisville, KY                            |
| Jun 9, 2018          | Mayfield Village Cruise Night – Mayfield, OH           |
| Jun 16, 2018         | SVASM Summer Swap Meet – Sharon, PA                    |
| Jun 16, 2018         | Willoughby Cruise-In – Willoughby, OH                  |
| <b>Aug 1-4, 2018</b> | <b>IPMS/USA National Convention – Phoenix, AZ</b>      |
| Sep 8, 2018          | TOL-CON 2018 Show – Toledo, OH                         |
| Sep 15, 2018         | SVASM Annual Show – Shenango PA                        |
| Sep 22, 2018         | 2nd Annual Contest and Swap Meet – Owensboro, KY       |
| Oct 6, 2018          | CanAm Challenge – Warren, MI                           |
| Oct 7, 2018          | Fall Swap-N-Bull and Show – Westlake, OH               |
| Oct 20, 2018         | Cincinnati Scale Modelers Annual Show – Cincinnati, OH |
| Nov 4, 2018          | Cleveland Model Show 22 – Cleveland, OH                |

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