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Next meeting date:
Monday, September 15th
7:30 pm to 10 pm
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Well, back from the IPMS Nationals of 2014. I arrived the day before, relaxed and toured the area for eating places. It was really nice to attend but not nice on the wallet. It's hard to keep a lid on spending when there are so many vendors, but somehow seemed fewer in attendance. HobbyLink Japan was missing from the vendor room. I remember a couple of British vendors from England that were

missing. Zuki Maura made a big showing spreading out on a wall with shelves with displayed models and an area for sales. By the end of the weekend they sold almost all of their models. I came home with three of them. They advertised the Do-335 in 1/32 scale for their next release. They gave out a questionnaire for modeler's opinions on future releases. There were several off site tours planned, but all were canceled due to a lack of interested attendees. At the awards ceremony it was announced that there were 2,400 models entered. I judged two categories, one aircraft and one artillery. There were 26 models to grind down to three winners in the aircraft category. All the models looked nicely done but when you give the close up inspections the numbers start dropping to about six in the final stages. Members from our club in attendance were Nick Buro, Howie Belkin, Jim Bulokos, Bill Koppos, and me. I did not place this year but Jim earned two awards and Bill won one. Congrats to both of you! So next year the Nats will be in Columbus, Ohio. There was only one bid for the Nats host in 2016 which will be in Columbia, South Carolina. Both are placed at about a 13 hour travel time by car from Long Island. Columbia, SC is about a three hour distance West of Myrtle Beach.

At our next meeting on the 15th, I have over 400 model pictures taken at the Nats. I will bring my screen to show them. Looking ahead, October we will have a model contest. November we will plan on an Auction. Start pulling your stuff you want to dispose of. You will be the auctioneer for your own items.

Check out the show calendar for Fall events. You may think Armorcon in Danbury, CT is only to attract Armor buffs but that ain't so! There are vendors who sell all kinds of stuff and vendors with lots of accessories for large and small dioramas.

Keep on modeling!

Bob



Model: **German 88mm Gun**

Photo: **Steve Muth**



1/24 Strombecker Ferrari/Lancia D50

kit # D-53

Reviewed by Steve Muth



"Made in the USA". Remember when plastic models had this printed on the box and instruction sheet? This kit and its sister kits, the 1953 Jaguar D Type, 1956 Maserati 250F and the 1955 Mercedes Benz F.1, were produced by Strombecker, A Dowst Manufacturing Company, in the late 1950s. According to John Burns "The collectors Value Guide" 7th Edition, all the car molds were purchased by Mandrill Manufacturing but have never been re-released.

According to the short history on the instruction sheet "The Ferrari D50", one of the most unusual racers in track history, actually was not originated by Ferrari, but by a competing automobile manufacturer, the Lancia Company of Turin, Italy. It was in 1953 that the director, Gianni Lancia, initiated the Grand Prix racing program. Although Lancia sports cars had been raced and had been highly successful, this was the company's first venture into Grand Prix events. The racer was designed, built and rigorously tested and in 1954 World Champion Driver Alberto Ascari was chosen to lead the new Lancia Racing Team. The cars were holding their own in most events but unfortunately, Ascari was killed in a crash at Monza. In respect for the death of the famous driver, Lancia withdrew from racing after their tragically brief beginning and handed the whole racing team to Ferrari, who then raced the cars under his name. Ferrari did make some changes in the cars but they basically remained the same as the Lancia design. Originally the two side

sponsons were separate from the body and housed fuel tanks. These were later integrated into the body. Ferrari eliminated the fuel tanks from the sponsons and moved them to the rear of the car for better steering and handling characteristics. The tanks, although now empty, were retained

and served no purpose but to house the exhaust pipes, which terminated in a cluster of four just ahead of the rear wheel.

Construction details throughout the car were kept as light as possible. The chassis was a space frame made up of small diameter, high strength tubing. Front suspension was by equal length wishbones with ball joints, sprung by a transverse leaf spring, with an anti roll bar. Rear suspension featured a deDion axle, parallel radius rods connected to a sliding guide, sprung also by a transverse leaf spring. The rear shock absorbers were Houdaille rotaries while the fronts were telescopic.

The V-8 power plant had four chain driven overhead cams, two to each bank. It was equipped with four Solex Carburetors and a dual Morelli Magneto System. Each cylinder was fired by two spark plugs. Displacing 2490 cc with a compression ratio of 12 to 1, the engine turned out 275 BHP at 8,000 rpm which propelled the car to speeds over 175 MPH. Brakes both front and rear were Lancia drum type. The gear box was a Lancia five speed and reverse built in unit with the final drive.

Ferrari kept striving to improve the racers and made many departures from the original Lancia design. Finally, stripped of the side sponsons, the car was no longer as distinctive as its predecessors. Although the new machines were trim and mechanically improved, the original design will always remain a true, never to be

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SEEN ON THE TABLE - JULY, 2014

This month we had 12 models on the table. One of them, Ray O'Niell's G4M2 Betty, escaped from the camera and was last seen burrowing into the rug. Sorry Ray. Of the ones still in captivity there are nine aircraft, one tank and one cannon. Both Steve Andreano's WWI howitzer and Steve Muth's E.28/39 Whittle jet are works on process. 🚗
Steve Muth



Richard Ordines's 1/72 Tornado



Richard Ordines's 1/72 A-1H Skyraider



Marshall Voizard's 1/35 M4A3 Sherman



Steve Muth's 1/48 Gloster Whittle E.28/39 Squirrel



Nick Buro's 1/48 Spitfire IXc



Steve Andreano's 1/35 Italian WWI Howitzer



Rick Verriest's 1/48 Albatross D.V



SEEN ON THE TABLE - JUNE, 2014



Rick Verriest's 1/72 Albatross D.V



Rick Verriest's third 1/48 Albatross D.V



Rick Verriest's change of pace with his Fokker D.VII

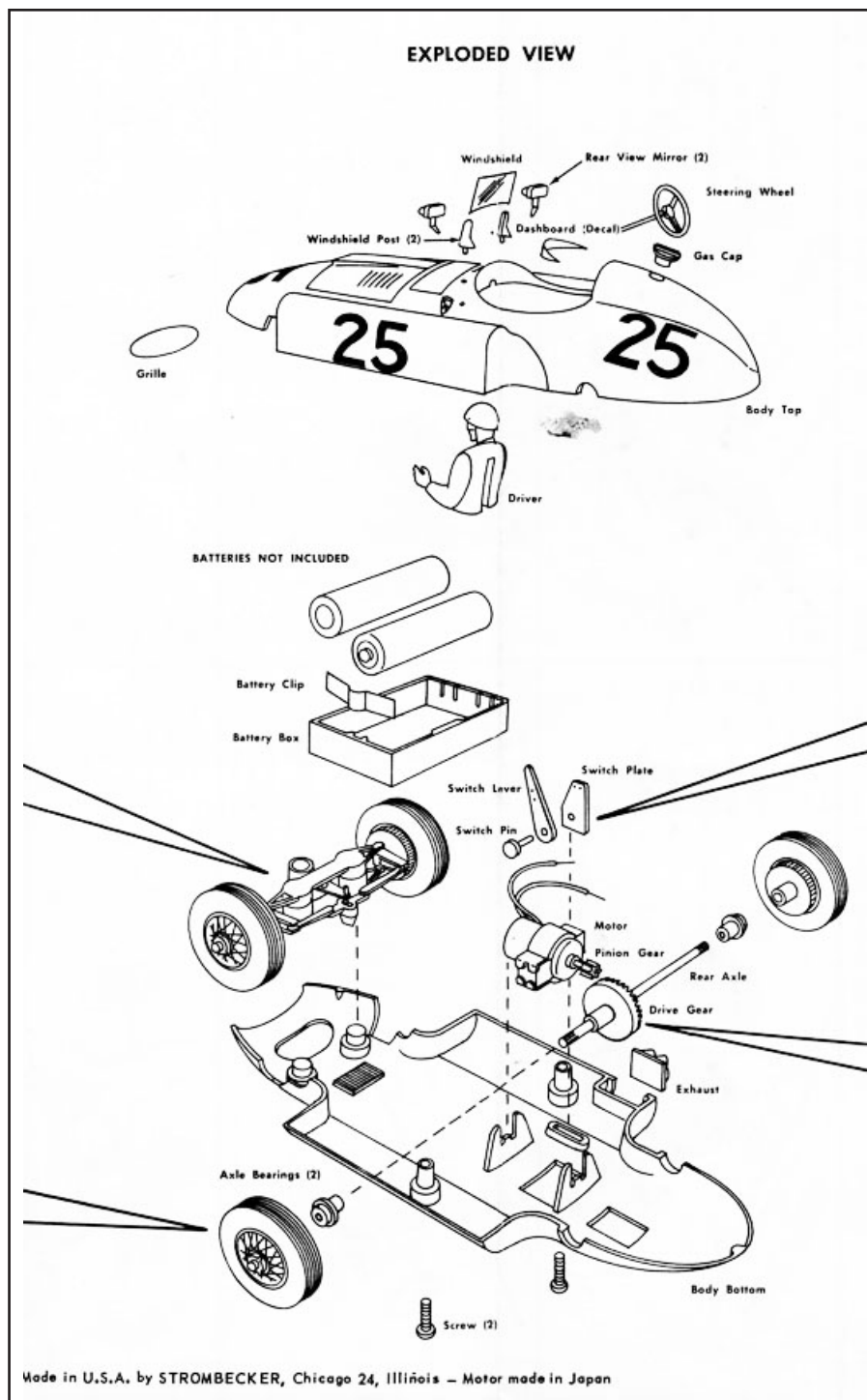


And Rick Verriest's 1/48 Fokker D.VIII

forgotten, racing classic

As you would expect from that era, the kit is molded in a bright red plastic and has a crude front suspension that can be posed. It has wire wheels that are adequate but well short of today's moldings. There is no P.E. There are 40 plastic parts for the car and driver (bust only) and an additional 6 for the motor and battery case. There is no seat; the room is taken up by the motor. It is motor driven but is not a slot car. The tires are rubber and look good except there is no side wall detail. The body is composed of two pieces – the top and a bottom pan. They attach to each other by two screws. The injection gates are rather large and there is some flash. There are sink holes along the sides of the sponsons and on the bottom of the bottom pan along with two large square holes on the bottom for the motor and its switch. None of the parts are plated. I don't know about the accuracy but it appears to capture the look of the D50 and I suspect would look quite attractive when completed.

I picked up the kit at a flea market a long time ago. It actually has a complete Maserati 250F in the box too, with an instruction sheet but no motor and, of course, no Maserati box. According to the sticker on the box I paid \$15.00 for the pair. It is probably worth upwards of \$200.00 by now. 🏎️



For the fun of it, my wife and I decided to attend Jerseyfest 2014, a model kit and statue fair, held on August 1 thru 3. It was at the Hanover Marriott (near Whippany), New Jersey. From mid Long Island, it's about a 1 1/2 to 2 hour ride, depending on the traffic. There were a few stop and go's along the way, so we made it in a shade under 2 hours.

The hotel itself was beautiful and very modern, with plenty of parking. Unfortunately, there was some trouble with the fire alarms as they went off a few times, strobe lights and all. The hotel staff assured everyone that nothing was wrong, and I guess they were right- nothing happened.

The show itself is mostly a Fantasy/Sci Fi/horror figure show, as you can see by the photos. There were a number of vehicle models, too. These were also of the Fantasy/Sci fi genre- Star Wars, Star Trek, even a Seaview and Flying Sub from the old TV show, as well as an Invaders Flying Saucer. The work we saw was simply fantastic, some of the best figure work I'd ever seen.

The contest was in a hall by itself. Also on display were the trophies. Each was a small (but beautiful) statue on a pedestal. There were quite a few categories as there were a large number of trophies, but we couldn't find a listing. Some of the trophies were labeled "Best Star Wars", so I guess that was one category.

The show featured classes conducted in other hall(s). Figure painting, bust painting, garage kits, and weathering were all mentioned as past classes.

Of course, one hall was dedicated to the vendors. There were something like 50+, and they ran the gamut of resin kits, plastic kits, garage kits, modeling tools, T-shirts, books and magazines, and a few professional (and really good!) modelers selling their work. I couldn't resist, and picked up a Revell Jacques Cousteau PBY, and a Revell/Renwal repop USS George Washington cutaway nuclear sub.

It was a great way to spend a day, and I highly recommend it. See you there next year! 🚗





Show Calendar Listing for 2014

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
Sept. 26 & 27	ARMORCON 2014 Crown Plaza Danbury, CT HYPERLINK	www.militarymodelers.org	Fri-Sat
Oct. 18	HVHMG 26 Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY	www.hvhmg.com	Sat
Nov. TBD	LIARS Freeport Recreation Center Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY	http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars	Sat
Nov. 15	Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY	http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com	Sat
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