

June 2012

# Newsletter



## “Italia!”

May Meeting  
Theme Contest  
Winner 1980  
Ducati 900S by  
Mike Turco



PHOTO BY TOMMY KORTMAN

### The Winners Circle

*By Tommy Kortman*

**If you were asked** to name an Italian sports car, most of you would probably name Ferrari. However, some of you would also answer Lamborghini, and some may even answer Alpha Romeo. But, when you think of an Italian motorcycle, the overwhelming majority will answer Ducati. And that, my friends, is what we have as the winner of our May theme contest “Italia”. This Ducati 900S Mike Hailwood replica was built out of the box in 3 weeks by Mike Turco. This is only the second bike that Mike has built. It was painted in Italian red and British Racing green from Tamiya spray cans. It is a fantastic build Mike; Congratulations.

**Now, because Mike did such a wonderful job** with a box stock build, I don't have to regale you readers with all of the modifications and scratch built items Mike put on this

bike...soooooooo. IT'S HISTORY TIME!!!

**The Ducati Company** was started in 1926 by three brothers, Adriano, Marcello and Bruno Ducati. They created Societa Scientifica Radio Brevetti Ducati and created vacuum tubes for radios. They produced their first motorized bicycle in 1950. In 1953 the company split in two with the electronics firm splitting off from the mechanical firm. The bike company upgraded and modernized and by 1954 they were producing 120 motorcycles per day. Interestingly, Ducati's chief designer Fabio Taglioni chose the prancing horse the same as Ferrari to honor Italian WWI ace Francesco Baracca. Ducati cemented its motorcycle legacy in the 60's when it produced one of the fastest 250cc road bikes then available, the Mach 1. Ducati has since gone on to win World Championships in Moto GP and World Superbike.

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## Hello Fellow Styrene Junkies!

**T**he May meeting was well attended and it was good to see Lou Ursino, Lou Isern and Drew Volz. We have not seen Drew since January 2010. He has grown into quite a young man.

**We also had a visit** by the Bux-Mont's President Joe Baxter. He was brought to the meeting by Charlie Lockard to discuss the table being provided by the MFCA for their show. Charlie has agreed to take charge of the table. This table will be for DVSM and Bux Mont members to display their model and try to recruit new members. Charlie will give us an update on how successful the table was during the show.

**The Monthly Contest** had a light turn out but there were some good models entered in the contest. Congrats to Mike Turco for winning with his Tamyia Ducatti 900S Mike Hailwood Replica motorcycle.

**Mid Atlantic NNL report:** After a one year absents Saturday May 12th marked the Mid-Atlantic NNL first show at its new location in Severna Park MD. This new location, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, is a smaller venue but it is much more show friendly with the contest and vendors all in one room. They had a good showing of models. The model count was around 400 which was about average with the last couple of shows. With 150 paid admissions. That's pretty good considering that you will usually loose a small percentage when you change a show venue.

**DVSM had a good turnout** of members for the show. Two members walked away with trophies; Nick Sandone won the Street Machine category with his 1964 Ford Falcon street machine and Bill Garner won in Commercial Vehicles with his Ford L-8000 recovery truck. Congrats to the both of them. DVSM has won in the first two NNLs this year.

**Bill Garner,** John Goschke, Nick Sandone, Greg Hogg and Tommy K all

had models photographed by *Scale Auto* magazine. Way to go guys. DVSM members have entered models in four shows this year and had winners in each one. That is a sign of a club with great builders. Keep up the great work.

**Reminder:** There is no monthly theme contest in June. It the club's annual Gold, Silver and Bronze contest. Members are allowed to enter up to three models in the contest.

**On May 12th and 13th** Joint Base MDL (McGuire AFB, Fort Dix, Lakehurst) held their annual air show from what I saw in the news it was a success. If anyone went to the show, please give us an update at the meeting.

**June 1, 2 and 3** is the annual WWII weekend at the Mid Atlantic Air Museum at the Reading Airport. Unfortunately

due to a previous commitment I cannot make it there this year. If anyone goes please take plenty of pictures and if possible contribute a little write up for the newsletter.

**If there are any other contests** or shows that you may know of please bring it up at the meeting or contact me at [rdoebley@comcast.net](mailto:rdoebley@comcast.net) so I can have it put in the newsletter.

**It is with great sadness** that I have to report that John Stark lost his father a couple of weeks ago. Our sympathies go out to John and his Family.

**Revell has the following kits** out nothing new all are re-issues. I do like the 1/35 UDT Boat with the frogmen. I remember building as a glue bomb when I was little guy. If my memories serves me right I blew it up when a group of us decided to make a realistic war scene in the plot of land across the street from where I lived. Ah, those were the days.

1/25 Big Daddy Ed Roth's '56 Ford P'up  
1/25 67 Chevelle Pro Street

1/25 29 Ford Rat Rod  
1/25 Cadillac Low Rider  
1/35 U.D.T Boat with Frogmen  
1/24 Monogram "Bad Medicine" show rod  
1/24 Lamborghini Countach LP500s  
1/48 TBF Torpedo Bomber  
1/72 F-22 Raptor

## Heeere'ss Tommy!

**T**hanks Bob. Now that's a proper column...well done. It certainly has been a busy month of May. First up was the Mid-Atlantic NNL. This was a good show. I will not bother to bore you with duplicate details, as Uncle Bobby has done a more than adequate job of filling in the blanks. Suffice it to say that a good time was had by all. Once we got the travel arrangements straightened out. This is what happens when you don't read your e-mails until almost midnight. My apologies to all those involved.

It was great to get a chance to BS with good friends from the hobby again. Even though it has only been about 3 weeks since we did it up in Wayne. I had a chance to discuss some product ideas with a vendor/manufacture at the show, and hopefully some of the brainstorming we did will result in some new and desperately needed new detail items. Photos can be seen on my Fotki site.

<http://public.fotki.com/EI-Tanque/model-shows/mid-atlantic-nnl-2012/>

### MFCA SHOW & MART.

**Then about two weeks later** I was able to fulfill my yearly quota for culture. I attended the annual Art Exhibit Extravaganza known as the 71st Annual MFCA Figure show and vendor mart. I first got there and set up the club table with Charlie. The MFCA gave us a great location in the vendor room. We were able to talk to a few people and hand out some flyers as well. We also received invites to have a club table for Jersey Fest

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### NEXT MEETING June 1

- Annual Gold-Silver-Bronze Contest

## Presidents' Corner

in August, and at the NJ figure show in November. Charlie and I liked the idea, but we'd like to do something to make the table "POP" a little. Anyway, I then spent the next two and a half hours shooting over 600 photos and burning up a set of batteries. I even received a photo tip from our own Uncle Bobby. It was a pretty good tip too. I was also able to meet with and talk to the God-father of diorama modeling, Shep Paine for about 5 minutes. He was a very personable and gracious man. I got his autograph. (Yes, I am a geek. Deal with it.) This show is filled with AMAZING works of art from around the world.

I talked with MFCA Grand Master Christian Pettite for a little while. His work with native American subjects is phenomenal, and his ground work is out of this world, especially his water. I asked him as many questions about his techniques as possible. For those of you who still don't get the scope of the quality of work at this show, I witnessed one gentleman purchase one of the figure vignettes at the show. He didn't even flinch at the \$4000.00 price. I told you this stuff was art.

**When it came time** for the awards, the crowd moved into the awards pavilion. The club had a Powerpoint presentation set up for the specialty awards and the gold medal winners.

DVSM members Vern Minkawicz, Dr. Joe Solkowicz, Paul Keefe, and myself all took home medals. Paul was awarded the show committee choice for best WWII subject. I even took home my first gold medal from the MFCA in about 10 years of trying.

**Pictures** from the show are also on my Fotki site. <http://public.fotki.com/El-Tanque/model-shows/mfca-2012/>

**Before I split**, I just want to congratulate Mike Turco for winning last month's theme contest. Please see the "Winners' circle column elsewhere in the news letter for details, and don't forget to check out the points race in the spread sheet.

**See y'all next month. ■**

## MFCA Show Highlights



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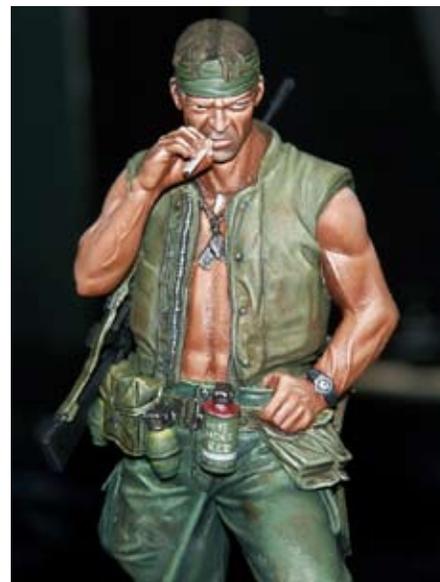


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# Mid-Atlantic NNL Highlights



'57 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser. Indy Pace Cars were one of the special theme categories. Photo by Tommy Kortman.



Willard Battery Special. Front-engine Indy Racers were one of the special theme categories. Photo by Bob Doebley.



"Starsky & Hutch" Ford Torino. Photo by Bob Doebley.



'57 Corvette mild custom. Photo by Tommy Kortman.

**More Mid-Atlantic NNL photos by Tommy Kortman** <http://public.fotki.com/El-Tanque/model-shows/mid-atlantic-nnl-2012/>

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# May Meeting **Display Highlights**



Fiat Br.20, Italeri 1/72, by Paul Tomczak. Photo by Bob Doebley.



'69 Chevy COPO 427 Nova, Revell 1/25, by Nick Sandone. Photo by Bob Doebley.



Komatsu Bulldozer, Tamiya 1/48 by Charlie Lockard. Photo by Bob Doebley.



FedEx Airbus A300, 1/200, conversion from passenger variant by Joe Volz. Photo by Tommy Kortman.

## Monthly Theme Contests

Every month we will have an open contest for the monthly themes. Members will vote for the best Theme model of the month. A personalized award plaque will be made by Mike Napoleon and presented at the following meeting.

**JANUARY Winner: Greg Hogg**

Jolly Old England

**FEBRUARY Winner: Dennis Levy**

Delivery Service

**MARCH Winner: Dennis Levy**

Der Fatherland (Germany)

**APRIL Winner: Nick Sandone**

Go Topless

**MAY Winner: Mike Turco**

Italy

**JUNE**

Gold, Silver & Bronze Contest

**JULY**

America

**AUGUST**

Land of the Rising Sun (Japan)

**SEPTEMBER**

Viva La France (France)

**OCTOBER:**

? (Prototypes, Concepts and Fantasy Figures)

**NOVEMBER**

The Tortoise and the Hare (Double theme) [PICK ONE]

**DECEMBER**

Fave 5 contest & Zombie/Zombie Killer club build due

# May Meeting Display Highlights



1956 Mazda T2000, 1/35, by John Stark. Photo by Tommy Kortman.



Bell P-39 Airacobra, Academy 1/72, by Drew Volz. Photo by Tommy Kortman.



M4A3E8 Sherman, 1/35, by Lou Ursino. Photo by Tommy Kortman.

## JUNE Happenings

**JUNE 1-3**

**Mid-Atlantic Air Museum's 22nd Annual WWII Weekend**

Reading Airport

<http://www.maam.org/maamwwii.html>

**JUNE 1-3**

**Pennypacker Mills, Schwenksville Pa. Civil War Reunion**

<http://www.civilwarreunion.org/>

**JUNE 1-3**

**NSRA Street Rod Nationals-East** at York County fairgrounds, York, Pa.

<http://nsra-usa.com/Events/#>

**MAY 31-JUNE 3**

**NHRA 43rd Annual Toyota Supernationals Championship Drag Races**, Old Bridge Twp.

Raceway Park in Englishtown NJ

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

**JUNE 2**

**War of 1812: Fort Mifflin on the Delaware**

<http://fortmifflin.us/upcoming-events/>

**JUNE 16-17**

**Wheels & Wings Expo**, The Aviation Hall of Fame, Teterboro Airport

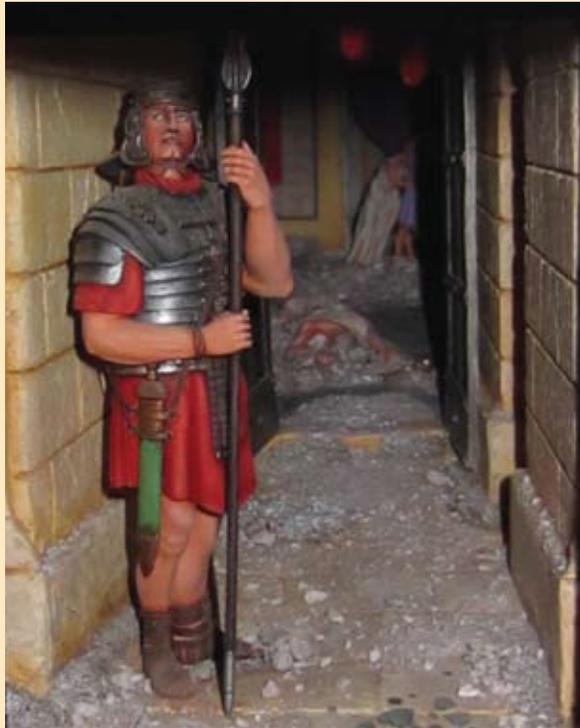
<http://www.njahof.org/>

**JUNE 23-24**

**Resintopia Plastic Model Kit & Statue Expo**, Crowne Plaza, Fairfield NJ

<http://resintopia.com/inside.html>

# May Meeting Display Highlights



*"Faithful Unto Death, Pompeii, 79AD," box diorama by Dennis Levy. Photos by Bob Doebley.*

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## 2012 Theme Contest Point Standings to Date

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Totals
Levy, Dennis		5	5		3						13
Tomczak, Paul	4	1	2	3	3						13
Turco, Mike	3	3	1		5						12
Hogg, Greg	5	1	1	1							8
Sandone, Nick			3	5							8
Kopczynski, Paul	2	1	4								7
Lockard, Charlie				4	3						7
Makin, Jamie	1		1	1	4						7
Leonetti, Joe	1	1	2	1							5
Anderson, Dave	2			3							5
Isnardi, Ed		4									4
Bonfigillo, Vince		2		2							4
Ursino, Lou	1				3						4
Goschke, John		1	2								3
Rakos, Rod		1	1	1							3
Kortman, Tommy					3						3
Ivey, Tony			2								2
Volz, Joe			2								2
Machaqueiro, John			2								2
Rifkin, Howard		1									1
Swatch, Chris		1									1
Napoleon, Mike				1							1
Rothgeb, Jason				1							1

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

# 1980 Ducati 900S by Mike Turco

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They have also taken championship titles in British Superbike and AMA Superbike racing.

**So where, you ask,** does Mike Hailwood fit into all of this? I'm glad you asked. Mike Hailwood (aka: Mike the Bike) was born in Oxfordshire England in 1940. Mike father was a motorcycle racer before the war and a successful motorcycle dealer after it. Mike learned to ride at a very early age. Mike's first race was in 1957; he finished 11th. He won his first race in 1958, and by 1961 he was racing for the up and coming Japanese factory team of Honda. In June 1961 Mike became the first man in history to win three races in one week during the grueling Isle of Mann TT. The Isle of Mann TT (for Tourist Trophy) has been held on the Isle of Mann (a small island between Britain and Ireland) since 1907. There have been many changes to the courses over the years, but the current course, the Snaefell Mountain Course, is a monster. The course measures 37 3/4 miles and has over 200 corners while climbing from sea level to an altitude of over 1,300 ft. This circuit is the epitome of the natural road course; all the roads used being ordinary public highways closed for the racing and practice sessions. The current lap record is 17:12.30 at 131.58 mph and is held by John McGuinness. There have been 237 riders killed from 1907 to 2009 during the racing and practice events.

**Mike Hailwood has 14 wins** at this event. But what makes Mike a legend is that in 1968 Mike effectively retired from motorcycle racing when Honda pulled out of the sport, and paid him not to race for anyone else. So, Mike went auto racing. He won the 1972 Formula 2 title. He competed in 50 Grand Prix and achieved two podium finishes. He also got a podium finish in the 1969 24 Hours of LeMans. Hailwood was recognized for his bravery when in the 1973 South African Grand Prix he went to pull Clay Regazzoni from his burning car after the two collided on the second lap of the race. Hailwood's driving suit caught fire, but after being extinguished by a fire marshal he returned to help rescue Regazzoni, an act for which he was awarded the George Medal, the second highest gallantry award that a British civilian can be awarded. He left Formula One after being injured badly at the 1974 German Grand Prix at the Nürburgring.

**On June 3rd 1978,** the 38 year-old made an amazing motorcycle comeback. Riding a Ducati 900SS, Hailwood was not only competitive in the event, but won the race. He raced the following year at the Isle of Man TT before retiring for good at the age of 39. In that final Isle of Mann appearance, Hailwood rode a two-stroke Suzuki RG 500 to victory in the Senior TT. He then opted to use that same 500cc bike in the Unlimited Classic and dived for the lead with Alex George (1100cc Honda) for all six laps in yet another TT epic. A minute or two apart on the road, they were rarely a few seconds apart on time each lap, Hailwood losing by just



*Mike's clean build complements the realistic detail present in this large-scale kit. (Above) The Ducati's classic racing bike profile.*



two seconds. Mike Hailwood finished his motorcycle racing career with 76 wins and 112 podiums in 152 starts. That is a 50% winning ratio.

**After Hailwood's victory** at the 1978 Isle of Man Formula One motorcycle race, Ducati offered a 900SS-based Mike Hailwood Replica for sale. Approximately 7,000 were sold.

**Mike Hailwood was killed** in an auto accident in March, 1981. Astonishingly, Mike had been told by a fortune teller, at age 18, in South Africa, that he wouldn't live to 40 and would be killed by a truck. This fact was revealed by Elizabeth McCarthy in a 1981 memoir, while recounting her relationship with Mike, whom she had met at the first Canadian GP in 1967. When he asked her hand in marriage, she replied that she was hesitant to marry someone who could die at any weekend race. He then told her his story and said; "...so you see, it won't happen on a track."

**There is no theme contest in June,** so the Winner's Circle will be back in August with another amazing story to tell. Stay tuned. See ya then. Note: Historical material for this article came primarily from Wikipedia. ■

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