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"LOST IN SPACE"-AND LOST AT WONDERFEST 2015

Headlining this year's Wonderfest" in Louisville, Ky., was Marta Kristen (left), the actor who played Judy Robinson on television's "Lost in Space" in the 1960s.

I talked to Marta for a whole 20 minutes while no one else was around, so I guess you could say this was an unofficial interview. Marta was extremely nice and laid back. She told me that it was always fun working on the set of "Lost in Space," and added that she and the surviving cast are still close friends.

Marta added to the already dizzying event that was Wonderfest. If you are into science fiction or any sci-fi television series shot over the past 40 years, then you would be in the right place. The convention combines Hollywood celebrity with a one-of-a-kind model contest and a heaping helping of movie events, cocktail parties and character costuming over a three-day period. You've never seen so many highoctane nerds in one place at one time! (I count myself among them.)

The vending room is second to none. In fact, I would put our Butch O'Hare vending room a distant

second. We take over an entire gymnasium while Wonderfest vending takes up the space of three gyms! The beautiful thing about it is that it's all sci-fi.

OK, enough about vending--it's the models I wanted to see. One of the coolest things is that while you'll see your run-of-mill Starship Enterprise or X-wing, most of the models are obscure ships and figures that never made it to mass production. Some of these starships or figures appeared for only a few seconds of an episode or only a few times in a series, but long enough for the faithful to dig up info and cast them in resin. Other famous movie starships like the one in the movie "Prometheus" or the drop ship from "Aliens" are also here.

Hollywood sculptors were here with their life-sized busts of the Bride of Frankenstein and Bela Lugosi. I'm not the biggest fan of Gundams, but there was a 2-foottall red Gundam that was exceptional! I now have more respect for this art.

It's a great show with almost 24hour parties. Can't wait till next year, and don't forget to bring your wallet!

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Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting at St. Paul's Church on:

Friday, August 14, 2015, 7:30 pm.

Special Theme Japanese Demo: Dry brushing (Steve Day)

WONDERFEST 2015 LOUISVILLE, KY









O'Hare D.E.B.R.I.E.F.

By Ihor H.

We had 32 members brave the sweltering summer heat to attend our meeting. We have Lakeview Jr. High reserved for our annual contest, scheduled for Nov. 7, 2015. We have no conflicts with other shows in IPMS Region 5, and will have an ad for the contest/show in the September/October 2015 issue of the IPMS. As John reminded everyone, three of the four current club officers (president, vice-president and secretary) will be stepping down at the end of their terms in December, and we are looking for club members to consider running for one of these officer positions. Please let any of the officers know if you are interested. Elections will be conducted during our December meeting.

We had 10 members participate in show-and-tell, and as always it was quite a mix of things. Several members brought in items for the meeting theme of "Korea," including Don G.'s pair of F4U Corsairs, an F7F-3N Tigercat by Mike F., and a Sabre F-86A and a couple of P-51Ds by Don S. The other show-and-tells ranged from Steve D.'s almost completed Dragonfly and a 1926 Mack tank truck by Dick B., to a vintage Hawk kit of the U-2 by Ronbo. Several unbuilt kits were also shown, including a "clear" Me 262 and a U.S. armored bulldozer.

Finally, we had several members who were going to Nationals in Columbus, Ohio, in July. Hope they all had great success! Our next meeting will be Aug. 14, and the theme will be "Japanese." See you there.



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THEME: KOREA



Right: Don's 1/72 Matchbox F4U-4 was definitely in Korea. Love that yellow spinner! It did manage to shoot down a MiG-15!

Left: Don Grajek's 1/72 Hasegawa F9F-5 is my favorite Korean-era aircraft. Don, do one in 1/48!



Left: Early night interdiction was this F7F-3N's claim to fame in Korea. Thanks, Mike Ferguson.



Right: Speaking of night fighters, Don's 1/72 Fujimi F4U-5N fits right in with, that strange blister on the starboard wing.

The Display Table



Right: This 1/144 DC-4 represents the colorful days of civilian air travel. Thanks, Carl Knable.



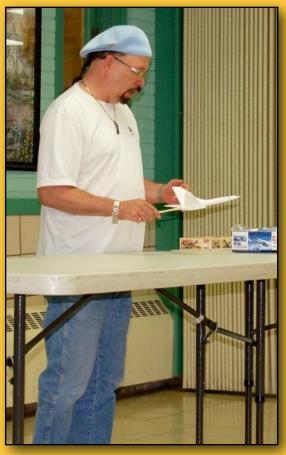
Below: I would not want to get run over by this 1926 Mack tanker truck with "hard" rubber tires. Thanks, Dick Beemer.

Above: The short-range DC-9 is still flying today, unlike its competition way back when...the Boeing 727. I think the 737 and 757 have now taken over that plane's duties. Thanks, Carl.





UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Steve Day's Dragon Fly from TV's "Johnny Quest" is still cool and huge! 1/144, I think?



Darren Herde, this Consolidated LB-30 is a design I've never seen. Radar?



Ronbo Thorne, this ancient 1/48 Hawk U-2 is coming along nicely!



DIPLOMATIC TIES

WITH LAKES IPMS

Apoxie Sculpt your way to better tarps, uniforms and sandbags

By Kevin Stover

At our last IPMS Lakes meeting we were treated to a great demo on using Apoxie Sculpting material to fashion tarps, covers, uniforms and anything that is flexible and drapes across other items.

Member Robert Raver gave an interesting seminar on mixing and applying Apoxie Sculpt. Mixing is relatively easy: Take a small amount of part A (white) and part B, then mix them together with your fingers. Knead both pieces equally, but hurry along because you have little time to work with the compound.

Once kneaded, the material is ready to be shaped into whatever your subject is. If it's a simple tarp, say one lying across a tank, then you can use a roller to flatten the kneaded ball. Be sure to have a firm work surface--the harder, the better. You also might want to use any kind of baby powder to keep the flattened material from sticking to the surface. Use a razor blade to carefully scrape it up, and a hobby knife to cut it.

Putty tools or wooden artist dowels will help you shape the tarp onto whatever it's draped over. If you want to add detail to it, wait a few minutes until the tarp is firm or you might lose the detail. The "golden time" is between 10 and 18 minutes. After that the compound becomes rock hard and stuck for good.

Uniforms are made one flat piece at a time, building up the detail from inside out, layer upon layer. Sandbags and rolled sleeping bags are pretty simple if you stick to the basic rule of not making too much at one time and having tons of patience.

What I also loved was the techno presentation via a digital camcorder and a digital TV. The top photo shows Robert checking his work on the big screen. Nothing fancy and any club can do it. Great job, Robert!













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NEW MEMBERS: Jan-Mar \$20; Apr-Jun \$17; Jul-Sept \$14; Oct-Dec \$9 / **Family**: \$25 **Juniors**: Jan-Mar \$14; Apr-Jun \$10; Jul-Sept \$7; Oct-Dec \$5



Local Hobby Shops



WHERE ONE MAN HAS GONE BEFORE

Steve Carricato

I met Steve Carricato this year at Wonderfest in Louisville, Ky., while being amazed at the whole line of starships he designs with his company, Spacecraft Creation Models. Most of these resin Star Trek-based ships are from the original series, covering the frequently seen to a whole line of rarely seen other classes of ships in that era. Steve's story of how he started Spacecraft Creation Models is in his own words.

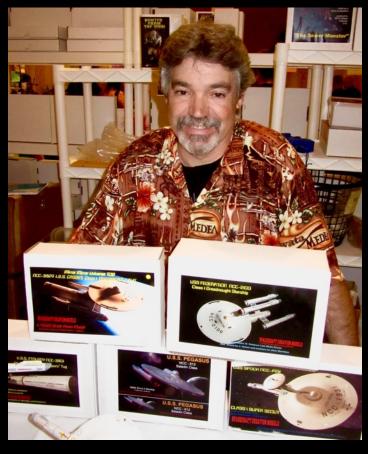
Kevin Stover



It started when I was 16--I built this scratch-built model. I called it a frogg hopper, and it was a cross between an X-wing and a snow speeder. I built it because I wanted to work for Industrial Lights & Magic when I was a kid. So I started scratch building a bunch of models, and over time they started looking really cool.



After awhile it kind of dropped off, and I got into RC boats and started scratch building RC boats. Then I took a break and got married...in a busy job...and didn't do any modeling until 2004, when a coworker told me about a hobby shop having a model contest for sci-fi models. So I



entered my frogg hopper, which I built when I was 16, and it won best of show. I entered it in another show and won again. I then got into the local hobby shop model club, and Mark Krabbnoff contacted me and said, "Why don't we cast this thing up?"







I made a new prototype and cast the Frog Hopper up. It sold over 400 copies, and that's what got me into Spacecraft Creation Models.

I started making Star Trek models and other models that people wanted, and now it's a very successful hobby business.

--Steve Carricato

Steve's website is: http://www.modelermagic.com/?cat=1436





THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

August 13, 1987: A rented Piper Cherokee airplane flies close to President Reagan's helicopter in restricted airspace over Southern California; the pilot and passenger of the plane are arrested.







August 30, 1945: A pale green Super Six coupe rolls off the Hudson Co.'s assembly line, the first post-World War II car to be produced by the auto manufacturer.







UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2, 2015
8th Annual GTR Summer NNL
Algonquin Township Building
3702 US Highway 14 Map
Crystal Lake, IL
Chuck Herrmann 847-516-0211

September 12, 2015
Region 5 Convention and Contest
Holiday Inn-Route 66
10709 Watson Road Map
St. Louis, MO
Doug Barton 314-610-2429

September 19, 2015
IPMS Prison City Model Show
The Heritage Center
109 Delaware St. Map
Leavenworth, KS
Mark Gerges 913-680-0066

October 3, 2015

Black Hills Scale Modelers Annual Contest
Central States Fair Grounds - Fine Arts Bldg
800 San Francisco St. Map
Rapid City, SD
Don Mitchell 605-716-0897

October 10, 2015
Glue Crew 2015
The Howard Johnson's Conference Center
2101 North Mountain Road Map
Wausau, WI
Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

November 7, 2015

IPMS "Butch" O'Hare Chapter Contest

Lakeview Junior High School

701 Plainfield Road Map

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Downers Grove, IL
John Bishop 630-880-4905



33rd ANNUAL- IPMS BUTCH O'HARE CHAPTER OPEN MODEL CONTEST

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9:00 AM --- DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

11:00 AM -- 1ST RAFFLE

NOON ---- REGISTRATION CLOSES

4:00 PM -- AWARDS ANNOUNCED

5:00 PM -- END OF CONTEST FOR 2015

CONTEST ENTRY FEES: \$7 ADULT (over 17 yrs old) FOR FIRST 3 MODELS, \$3 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MODEL

EVENT INFORMATION:

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(8 AM START TIME)

RAFFLE TICKETS DRAWN THROUGHOUT THE DAY

for \$1 each/6 for \$5

Far and Away SAN DIEGO FLAT TOP By Frank Ciccarella

I was in San Diego on business a few weeks ago and had some free time one afternoon, so I decided to visit the USS Midway, which is docked there as a permanent museum.

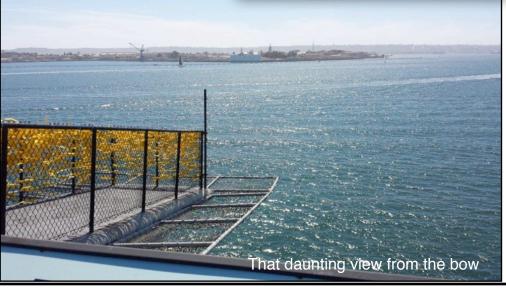
It was a beautiful day, and the ship had many visitors walking around. I started my tour in the hangar bay, where several WWII planes were stored, and they were in great shape. The ship's store was located there as well as a restaurant on the fantail.

As I walked around, it was very impressive and I thought what this must have been like when it was underway with a full complement of men and planes! Up on the flight deck were many different planes.

The F-4 with the Midway markings had a former pilot talking about carrier operations during the Vietnam War. He was using the plane as a backdrop and had many listeners.

One of the best areas, I think, was walking all the way to the front of the catapults that hung out over the water. It was a little daunting to look down at the water and realize how high up I was! If you ever get to San Diego, take the time to visit the USS Midway. It is a great museum full of history that you can model as well.





New Kits...and stuff

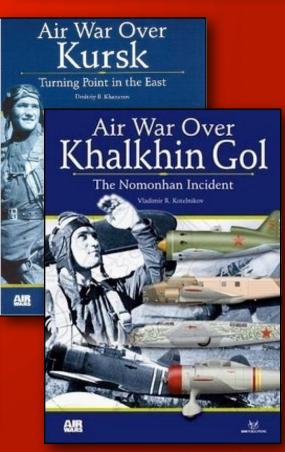
Thanks to those who brought in these new releases for us to see.









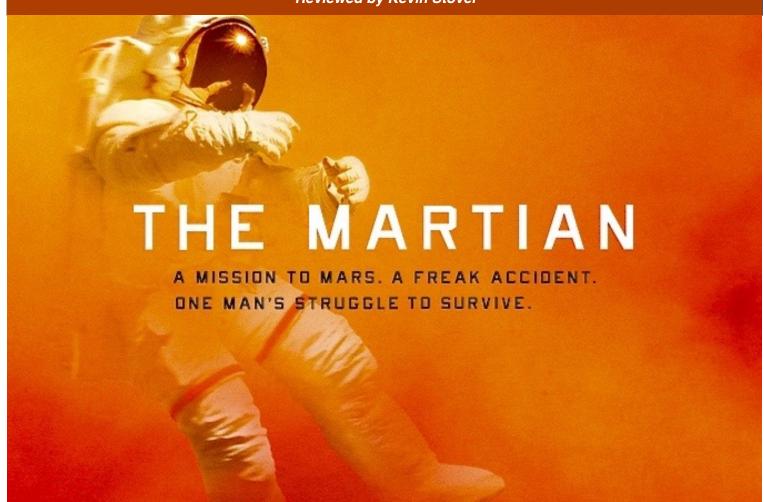




THE MARTIAN

A novel by Andy Weir

Reviewed by Kevin Stover



Most of us have seen the movies "Robinson Crusoe on Mars" (1964) and "Apollo-13" (1995). Both stories involve survival and explore the creativity that someone needs to live through and adapt to tragedy in outer space.

The book "The Martian" takes human survival to the outer limits. Marooned on Mars after a sudden dust storm forces his crew to evacuate, astronaut Mark Watney must survive and stay alive for four years until the next mission can get help to him.

Mark, while a mechanical engineer by trade and a botanist by mission, has the basic tools to survive. But he'll have to invent mostly everything that will keep him alive. Surmising that he'll run out of food years before any rescue mission is launched, Mark has to think of a way to stretch his diet to last until help arrives.

Every problem that Mark faces is basically simple but daunting. The cool thing about this book is that it's written by a real nerd for physicist/orbital mechanics. In fact, the only minor complaint one could say about this book is that it's TOO granular in the scientific details describing how Mark resolves his problems along the way, and there are plenty of them.

On the other hand, the extreme concentration on the details makes this book really hum. Techs will love this book. You almost start to believe that this book was taken from a real-life event.

This book is surprisingly funny, especially told from the perspective of a guy who, by his own admission, thinks "he's screwed." Common sense plays a big part of Mark's survival.

There's only so much a bunch of "suits" can do for you millions of miles away, or how much pushing you will take

All of the characters in the book are well fleshed out, and detail is intense and realistic.

I was actually unaware of the upcoming movie when I started the book, but now I can't wait to see it!

"The Right Stuff" was the last movie I saw that perfectly followed the book. I hope Hollywood doesn't screw this one up.

It's Still There!



Butch's Wildcat, closed up for the night, is patiently awaiting its next day visitors in Terminal 2 at O'Hare Airport.

Please note that the Glue Crew is hosting their event on Oct. 10 this year in Wisconsin. It appears that a number of chapters are still posting the contest as originally scheduled, for Oct. 24. The Glue Crew very graciously changed their date to help out another group, so please make note of this change on your websites and newsletters. Thanks!

*FYI in case you haven't heard yet: Congrats to Fort Crook--can't wait for another excellent regional convention in Omaha, Neb., July 26-29, 2017!

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Upcoming Schedule 2015

Date	Theme	Demo/guest
January 9	****	****
February 13	****	****
March 13	****	****
April 10	****	****
May 8	****	****
June 12	****	****
July 17	****	****
August 14	Japanese	Dry Brushing (Steve Day)
September 11	Display Teams	Build it Night 2
October 9	Armored Cars	Easy Gloss Work (Kevin Stover)
November 13	Anything Crawling	Blues and T's
December 11	Vietnam	Xmas Party



All meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at:

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