



# Emerald City Modelers

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## The OZ Report

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*Recreating History in Miniature*

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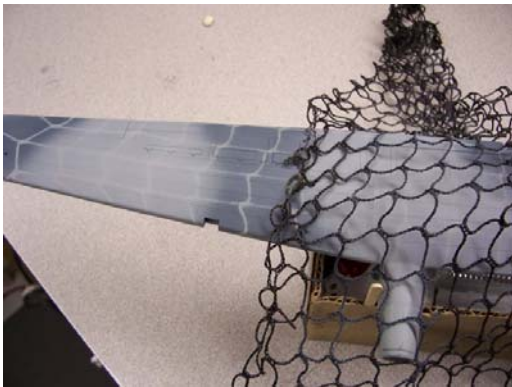
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#### A modeling tip for you:

If you ever come across a net bag, usually found holding toys or fruit in a grocery store, hang on to it as you can use it to paint a camouflage pattern on armor and aircraft. First coat the model with the base colors, allow them to dry completely, and then lay the net material over the model. Then spray on a contrasting color and gently remove the net, leaving a nice camouflage pattern.

#### Bring and Brag:

It's amazing how many kits we buy in relation too the many we actually build. There isn't enough room for me to list all the boxes of kits that showed up on the tables over the past couple of months but everyone had a grand time looking them over and discussing the relative merits of this or that kit.

Bob Tyhurst rolled in with two of his usual excellent creations. Naturally all hand carved and hand painted in 1/96 scale, complete with spinning props and wheels that turn. One was a Martin M-130 "China Clipper" and the other a Douglas M-2 Mail plane.



Troy had a family of R2D2's in various scales. "Trust the force, Luke!"



Lastly John King brought in 2 Hornets and one F5, all from Revell/Germany and Dragon. To give you an idea of the size of them, that is a penny located in the photo.



### **Christmas club competition:**

At each December meeting we have a club competition where everyone builds nearly the same thing and those who do not bring in a model for competition do the judging. This year we've opened the scope and have given everyone a wide selection of models to work with. However they must comply with the following requirement. The model must fall into the following parameter:

### **Mockup – Prototype – Experimental or Concept**

The model actually had to fall into one of the above categories and that means no pure paper designs. In other word there actually had to be been such a model. Take for example, the Boeing SST. It made it to the mockup stage, was one of a kind and went no further. The model can be any scale, any era and can be made out of any modeling medium: resin, plastic, wood or even paper. The categories negate any and all Science Fiction or fantasy subjects so Star Wars or Star Gate is not acceptable. Remember – it had to be real!

### **Last Call:**

Membership dues had to have been paid at the June meeting. I sent out (email) the updated membership list and some members were dropped because they have not paid for this year. If you are one of them please contact club treasurer Troy Downen at (316) 682-7568 or email him at [tdownen@cox.net](mailto:tdownen@cox.net). Thanks for your support

## OZCON 2007 Recap:

Each year “The best little model contest in the Midwest” just keeps getting better. Attendance was up over last year, we had vendors all over the place and the number of models out for judging gave Dave Hardin and the rest of the judges more grey hairs than they care to admit. Modelers came in from all over Kansas, parts of Oklahoma and Missouri and we even had a vendor drive all the way down from Lincoln, Nebraska. Kudos to everyone who busted butt in putting this together, without your help none of this could have been possible. However there was just one comment from everyone that needs to be addressed at OZCON 2008. August is brutally hot and so next year we are looking to schedule OZCON in the later part of September.

I can't put all the photos that I took of the models but here is a sampling of what was out for contest judging.





**Modeling Runways:**

Here's an easy way to replicate runways. Use fine grit (400-600) wet and dry sandpaper, the dark grey color. Glue a piece of it to a wood baseboard. Scribe the panel lines with an old screwdriver. For small scales a common black pen will replicate tar lines between the panels. Then one panel at a time gently rub pastel chalk at the center with your finger. Work gently if you want to keep your fingerprints!

Use brown, ochre then white chalk. The pastel chalk is trapped by the paper, creating subtle tone variations. The final touch is to use a shoe-brush (or a cheap disposable 1" paint brush) in parallel to the panel lines, in order to harmonize the finish. The advantage to this method is that the sandpaper has already got a to-scale aspect of real concrete.

**Up Coming Events:**

- September 29, 2007 Soonercon sponsored by IPMS Metro Oklahoma City. The location is at the Moore Community Center, 301 South Howard, Moore Oklahoma
- September 29, 2007 Northwest Kansas Model show and contest, 1118 Main street, Goodland, KS
- October 4, 2007 Monthly meeting at the Lakeview Community Clubhouse, 1001 East MacArthur Road. 7:30 to 9 PM.
- October 27, 2007 IPMS show Me State Oktoberfest, sponsored by the West Central Missouri – Show Me State Modelers. The location is the Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 800 SW M-150 highway in Lee's Summit, Missouri.
- November 1, 2007 Monthly meeting. Information is the same as above.
- December 6, 2007 Monthly meeting. Same location as before but at this meeting we'll have the annual Christmas club Competition.
- March 29, 2008 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Open Contest sponsored by IPMS Tulsa Modelers Forum. The location is at the European Autospecialist, 4124 South 72<sup>nd</sup> East Avenue.