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THE SIXTH SCALE COLLECTORS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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POINT MAN IS WORKING ON A VEHICLE
COMMISSION - A PLASTIC PANZERS PANTHER

A week ago I started on a project that I have been putting off for some time - a Panther from Plastic Panzers. I am making the vehicle for my friend Hammer Six. It is a fairly good kit, but not without issues. The hull was horribly warped and had to be repaired before I could proceed. That was accomplished by shoring it up from underneath. The road wheels

were also pretty rough as casting go and were replaced with some styrene wheels that Hammer Six found online. This is what the Panther looks like after a week of work. All the opening have been cut, the running gear and track installed and the main gun mounted. I am ready to start detailing. Look for more in progress shots here in Dispatches next month. - Point Man

**PROJECT
INTRODUCTION!**

MAY MEETING

It was a great meeting night. There was plenty of eye candy and a good crowd of folks. Got some pictures for you .

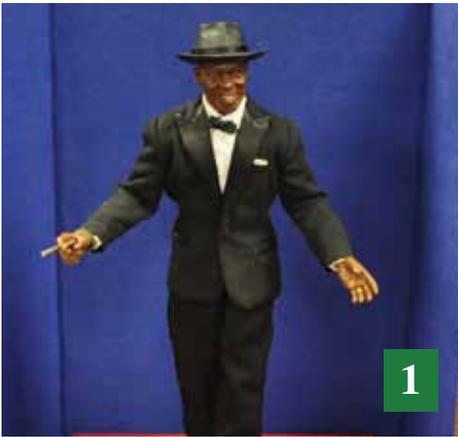
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MARDER III REDO

Number two in a series by Hammer Six on repairing a damaged MARDER III.

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COLUMBUS SHOW
A Weekend of Heroes/
Airsoft Expo
JUNE 1st and 2nd.



A look at the **MAY** CLUB MEETING

Though we were a little low in numbers Wednesday evening, it was still a really great meeting, with lots of eye candy to look at. Here are just a few of the highlights from the night. Dr. Zorkon had his usual delightful selection of amazing figures, such as Forrest and Buffy sitting on the park bench. Both were extremely well done and the bench itself was a miniature masterpiece. He also had an interesting Black Entertainer (1) with a very realistic home-made stogie. Sweeney Todd (3) as played by Johnny Depp. This figure was pieced together a piece at a time, rather than coming straight out of the box - a lot of hard work to achieve such a nice figure. Dr. Zorkon also showed a really nice period "workman" (6) with a custom built torch set. Beautiful work on both the figure and the rig. He had all of us drooling over that one. Great work!

Forrest Gump and Buffy discuss vampires and other bad things that can happen to naughty vinyl.

Nancy had a WWII Navy flier (2) and one of Eleanor's Girls, the woman test flier. Both are extremely nice looking figures, I especially like the Navy figure. Paul was showing a couple of his Marx horses with his custom saddles and harnesses. The one on the left (4) is a western saddle and the one on the right is a Civil War saddle (5). Both are very nice, well crafted pieces. You can also catch just a glimpse of a molded small rail car wheel in the corner of picture number five. These were very nice and really set the brain to thinking about the possibilities. Trooper Tim was showing some of





his nicely done Sci Fi figures (7, 8, 9). I particularly like the job he did on those Star Wars figures. Really sharp looking weathering on the armor, those guys look like they have seen some action. Finally,

Panzercommander showed off his beautiful Soldier Story German Zundapp (above). I will take a dozen. His kitbashed rider is really sharp, really like the gloves. On the whole, great meeting guys!



The continuing saga MARDER III REBUILD



A continuing series by

HAMMER SIX

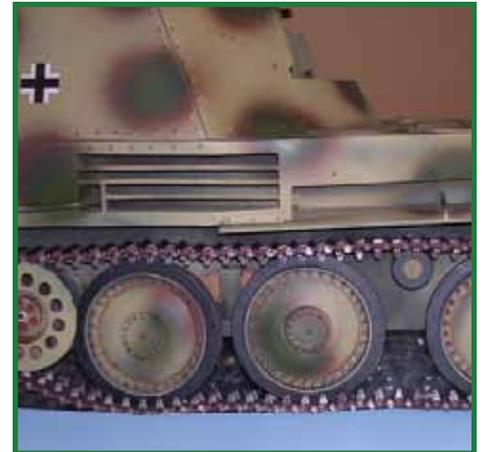
When I received the Marder III, several of the road wheels were broken off of the axles, or shortly would be. I got the running gear fixed but noticed that the previous builder had not added the return runner between the middle two road wheels. I placed an order with Panzerwerks for a suitable return roller and when it arrived installed it in the proper location.

Next, I ended up re-drilling all of the individual track pieces because I found that they had three different size 'brads' for track pins. This just didn't look good. When the track was all re-drilled, I found some nails that fit and replaced all of the brads. My poor Dremel tool was smoking after re-drilling 200 links (both sides). With the return roller in place and all of the track

re-pinned, I was able to put it on the vehicle. The upper right hand picture shows a section of the running gear on the right side of the vehicle, notice the return roller. The track was weathered with rust colored and steel colored paint as it would be after being in the field for a while.

Next, extra track was mounted on the vehicle and track holders were fashioned out of styrene, brass rod and some nut and bolt castings originally made for G Scale model trains.

Another area that was heavily damaged was the rear of the vehicle. In the last picture you can see a fairly good crack that I have been working on repairing. The muffler was completely smashed. A new one was fashioned out of PVC pipe and styrene. It will be painted black and then "rusted" to finish it off.



Re-pinned track and repaired wheels, notice the return roller that was added.



Spare track and track holders made out of styrene and brass.



New muffler made from PVC, styrene and a cardstock muffler guard.

Look for another installment next month!