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THE SIXTH SCALE COLLECTORS CLUB NEWSLETTER



In the Ardennes...

ARMORED JEEP with GIs

Panzercommander's beautifully crewed Armored Willys was featured at the April Meeting...

In a follow up to last month's cover feature is another beautiful model from my good buddy, Panzercommander. Last month it was SS in the Ardennes, this month it is some of Patton's boys. The armored Jeep is from Dragon DML and it is a beautiful model of this unique version of the Willys Jeep. Amazingly enough as I was taking pictures I managed to

not take any from above or behind, which would have given you a better look at the crew and accessories. My Bad. The armor on the model is actually made out of real metal and the painting and weathering is really nice. Panzercommander's crew is extremely detailed and accurate. It was a real eye catcher in a meeting where there was plenty of nice eye candy, nice job buddy! -PM

APRIL MEETING

IT was a great night for a meeting, we had a good crowd and there was plenty to see as well.

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WAGONS HO!

A look at the progress on Point Man's 19th Century wagon and cavalry project.

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A look at the APRIL CLUB MEETING

The April meeting was well attended and there was a ton of eye candy available. A considerable amount of buying and selling went on as well, so I think everyone had a really great time. Dr. Zorkon and CK2 had pre-arranged to do a big "garage" diorama, featuring their cars and motorcycles. Unfortunately they changed out the featured items part way through the meeting and I didn't get any shots of the motorcycles. Pictures 1 thru 5 show just a little bit of this great diorama. The good Doctor put together the set and provided most of the props and signs. The signs really made the diorama an eye catcher, providing lots of color. I wish I had room here to show all of the details in this thing, it was just amazing. You can kind of get an idea with the coffee maker and cups sitting on a table in picture 5. If it made sense to have it in the scene, they did. Great job guys.



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Amaral had three wonderful, highly detailed and expertly weathered figures on displayed. The first was this African American GI (6), continuing are Ardennes theme. I love the way he has done the wool coat, weathered the metal parts, such as the helmet and grenades.



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The sculpt is also wonderful. Picture (7) is another one of his figures, a beautifully detailed Japanese soldier. Finally, (8) was a beautiful British soldier in a camo uniform. I loved the sculpt on this figure. Beautifully done and weathered. Next, Trooper Tim

showed some of his Sci Fi/ Fantasy figures (9, 10, 11). I particularly liked the guy that had the robe with the hood, I thought that was a very clever blend of items to create a sort of sinister looking figure. I also liked his vignette that featured part of a stone wall. I thought that it made a really nice backdrop to the figure. Finally, I showed my completed cavalry wagon and some cavalry figures and “cargo”. I still have to put together the mule team for the wagon, but the wagon itself is basically done.

Of course Panzercommander also showed his armored Jeep and crew, which was featured on page one of this newsletter. A lot of great stuff to see at this meeting, I guess I would have to say that the garage diorama pretty much stole the show simply because of the size and colorfulness of the dio. It was an amazing thing to see and it is always great to see these two guys’ hot rods and motorcycles. They are so well done that pictures really can’t do them justice.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!



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WAGONS HO!



by Point Man

Last month I featured my cavalry wagon and you may recall that it was basically unpainted, unweathered wood with no fabric cover or details. I have made significant progress on it since then. I finally got the wagon to where I was ready to paint it. The biggest thing that was tripping me up in finishing the basic construction was the ribs for the cover. I finally decided to make them out of styrene, laminating strips together to achieve a scale thickness. Crazy glue was used to mount them to the wagon body. Then I was ready for painting. The whole wagon was spray painted first. The undercarriage done separately from the body. After the paint had dried, the body received a wash of dark brown to bring out the grain. Then it was drybrushed and finally blue paint was painted on to achieve a peeling and weather paint appearance. I made a pattern for the cover and my wife did



That lantern is a metal one made by Toy City. It is a beautiful piece and I was glad that I could get my hands on one for my wagon.

the sewing. The whole cover was tea-dyed and then weathered with chalk. Finally detailed such as tools, bucket and lantern, water barrel, etc were added and tie downs were done with nylon string, which doesn't look "hairy" when painted. I am not really showing very much of my cavalry figures here, but perhaps I will do a feature on them at a later time when I have more to show. Hope you like it - Point Man

