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THE SIXTH SCALE COLLECTORS CLUB NEWSLETTER



AMARAL tackles VIETNAM SPECIAL FORCES & VIET CONG AMARAL STYLE!



I have always been very impressed with the attention to detail that Amaral puts into each of his figures. Up to now, most of what showed up at meetings was WWII theme subjects. Back in July Amaral showed at the meeting that he had discovered the Vietnam war and in August, he enlarged the display to what you see on this page - a beautifully done Special Forces soldier and a female Viet Cong fighter. The

centerpiece of the display is a realistic poncho with a very complete and interesting spread of Vietnam gear. I had just traded that PRC-25 radio to him, so I can't wait to see what it looks like once he has had time to detail and weather it. I was really struck by the Viet Cong female. The head is a custom piece and is one of the most life like Asian likenesses I have ever seen in 1/6th. Great job man, can't wait to see what's next.



AUG/SEP MEETINGS

TWO great nights for meetings, we had a good crowd and there was plenty to see as well.

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THE TOWN OF BROKEN SPRINGS

A look at the Old West Project that Gray Ghost and Point Man are working on

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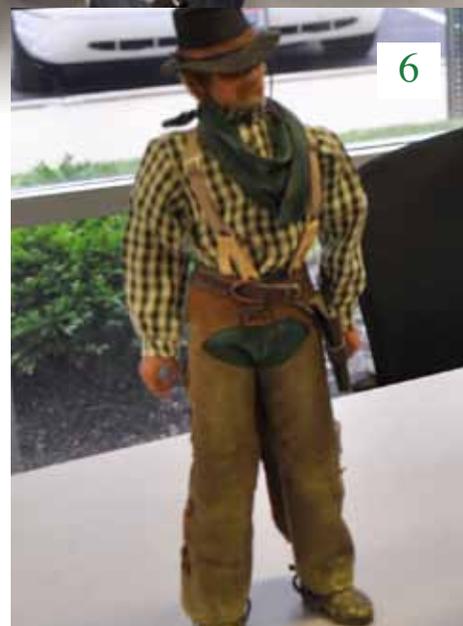
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A look at the AUGUST CLUB MEETING

Great meeting in August, lots of eye candy. You already saw Amaral's great figures on page 1. (1,2) Dr. Zorkon showed off some of his great western figures that will populate the western town at Ft. Thomas show. (3) Sorry, I don't remember who brought this Stuart, nicely weathered though, great job! (4) Pointman's blacksmith shop, part of the western town (see p. 4). (5) John Kidd had these nice looking confederate troopers on display (that looks like a Steiner head on the left?) (6) Point Man also showed a couple of new cowboy figures with custom gunbelts, chaps and suspenders. Finally, (7) Panzer Commander had this excellent German. I didn't get a chance to talk to him about it, but it looks like he is part of a vehicle crew. Interestingly enough, look at the top of the next page for another crewman.



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A look at the SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING

September didn't lack for eye candy either. (1) Dr. Zorkon, in a never ending quest to prove he is the most versatile of our group, reached back in history and presented a hoard of Vikings. These guys were really cool. Wish I could show all of the pictures here.

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(3) Maddog Corporal brought this unique Russian ski vehicle and crewman from Dragon. This thing was really cool (no pun intended). I real eye catcher in the unusual sea of kaki and olive drab. (4,5) Amaral displayed a couple of WIP pieces, Winston Churchill and Panzer Meyer - two figures that he is piecing together, rather than buying the entire sets Seems like a good plan actually when you consider the cost of figures these days. Finally, (6) Gray Ghost showed a couple of his Cavalry figures on horseback. These figures and the modified Marx Thunderbolts are really sharp looking. Nice collection of displays all around this month and a great meeting.

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BROKEN SPRINGS

Colorado Territory, 1870



by Point Man

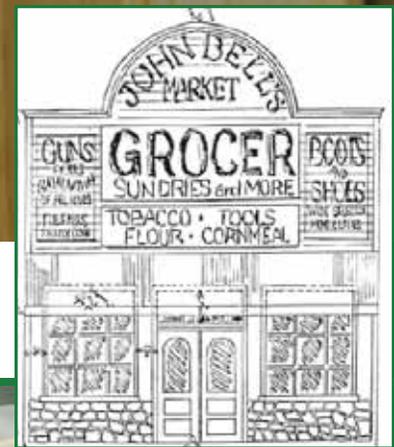
Gray Ghost and myself have been hard at work on what I have titled as the town of Broken Springs, Colorado, an imaginary western town that will provide a background to our Cavalry of the Plains display at Ft. Thomas this year. I initially came up with drawings for the four buildings that will make up the "Main St" of the town and Gray Ghost turned the drawings into reality. We decided to go with thin false fronts that are actually held up by the sidewalk boardwalk pieces. The idea behind this was to use up as little table space as possible for the buildings. There are four buildings plus the outdoor blacksmith shop that was shown on page 2 - a livery, bank, saloon and general store. Not a booming town by any stretch of the imagination, but it eats up a lot of real estate in 1:6th scale.

Step one was building the false front structures. The picture

at the top of the page shows the general store, saloon and bank. To the right are one of the original drawings and a partially completed general store.

Step two is the detailing, painting and weathering of the structures. The process is started by distressing the wood, adding wood grain, dents and worn spots. The structures then get spray painted with several layers of black, brown, tan and white to achieve a barn wood look, finally comes coats of paint and lettering.

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TOWN OF BROKEN SPRINGS, COLORADO

Main St., cir. 1874, Colorado Territory

