

# SSCC DISPATCHES

THE SIXTH SCALE COLLECTORS CLUB NEWSLETTER



LOOKING AHEAD...

## FT. THOMAS SHOW 2012

Thoughts about the upcoming show and some planning as well.

The 2011 Ft. Thomas show was a huge leap for us as a club. Never had we tried to put together a diorama that was nearly 60 feet long and 10 feet wide. I don't know that it was the largest club diorama ever done in a public show, but it certainly is in the running. The lesson learned was that as a group we can coordinate and execute a large diorama or display. The success of the diorama was due to the efforts and hard work of many folks.

As we begin the planning process for the 2012 show, one of the criteria that the Ft. Thomas folks have asked us to meet is making our display even more "museum-like" and more educational for the

general public. To do that, we will have to achieve an even higher level of coordination and participation by club members.

I guess the first question that comes to mind is why should we try to achieve an ever higher standard each year? What's wrong with what we are doing now? The answer is that there is nothing wrong with what we are doing now, but improvement is the force that drives our hobby. Each time I finish a project the first thing that comes into my mind is, "I could have done that better". There is, after all, an artistic

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### FEBRUARY MEETING

We had a great time Wednesday night and there was some cool stuff on display. See it on the next page.

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### PLANNING AN UPGRADE

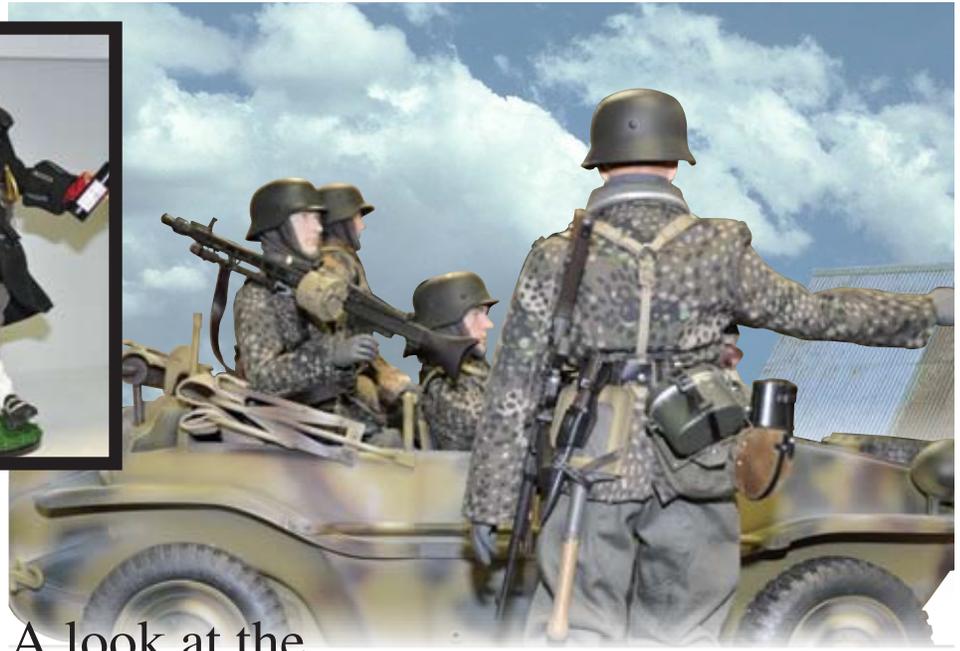
We look at a basis vehicle build and some of the detailing we can do to improve it.

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### FT. THOMAS 2012

We start looking at what we need to do to make this year's show even bigger and better than 2011.

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## A look at the February CLUB MEETING

Fred's nicely done Schwimmwagen and crew. Man, I want one!



2/8/12 - Last night, we had a great club meeting. Some cool stuff was on display, including Mark K's fabulous Pirates and Fantasy figures, some military Sci Fi figures that Tim had done and a beautiful Dragon Schwimmwagen with Waffen SS crew. Our youngest member, Molly built a display of wounded GI's being taken prisoner by tough looking German soldiers.



Columbus Airsoft/1:6th Expo. For those, who couldn't be there, we missed you, but hopefully these pictures will give you a sense of what you missed. Hope everyone can make it to our March meeting.

Discussion centered around plans for the Ft. Thomas show and the new opportunity in June at the

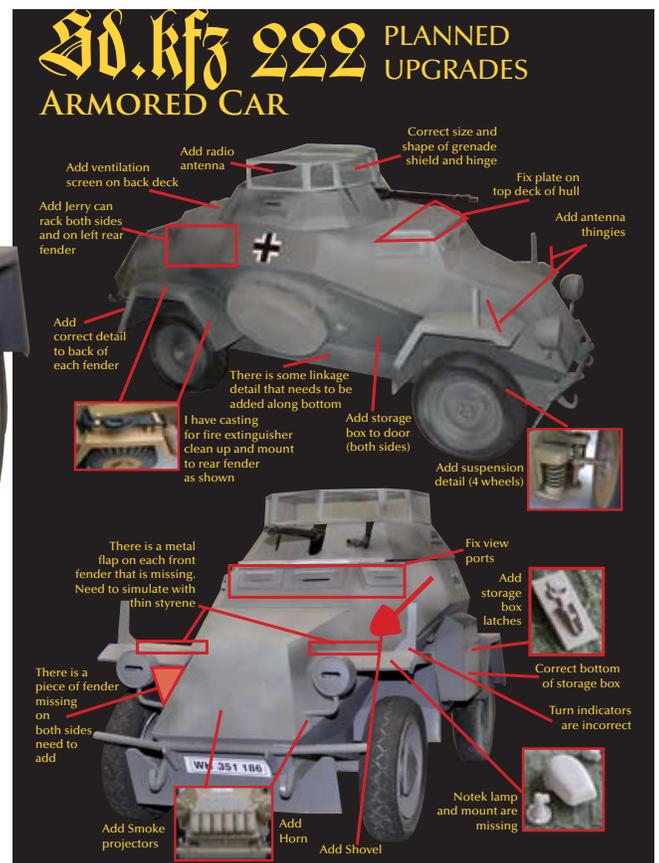




# sd.kfz 222

## ARMORED CAR

Plans for upgrades I wish to do to the PanzerJuan vehicle.



On August 10, 2011 I came into the possession of a PanzerJuan hand-built kit of a German sd.kfz 222 armored car. This particular model was built by Gary1930 from the Sixth Army Group Forum. Gary is a scratch-builder/modeler who has quite a number of 1:6th scale vehicles under his belt and his 222 is really well constructed.

The Germans stopped producing these vehicles by 1943, but the surviving ones continued to serve until the end of the war. However the greatest number of examples were used during the French Campaign, the early days of the war in Russia and in North Africa. There are plenty of examples of 222's painted in 1943 three color camouflage, but I am leaning toward Panzer Gray for the finish of my particular vehicle as that could be representative of the look up until 1943.

The 222 is a solidly built model, constructed of heavy styrene. As it is separate panels of styrene, I had some initial concerns that it might be a fragile model, but that is not the case at all. It is a solid piece. The construction is also fairly basic, with very little detail, perfect for someone like me, who enjoys adding detail. I will have the opportunity to detail the model as I see fit. I can do as little, or as much as I desire, outfitting it for the theater of operations that I choose. My ultimate goal is that the vehicle, when completed, would look as good as the metal version available from Taowan. As you all know, this is indeed a lofty goal because the Taowan 222 is a very fine model.

As I have opportunity to work on the model this coming year, I will post updates so that you can see whether or not I complete my lofty goal.



Side by side with Taowan 222



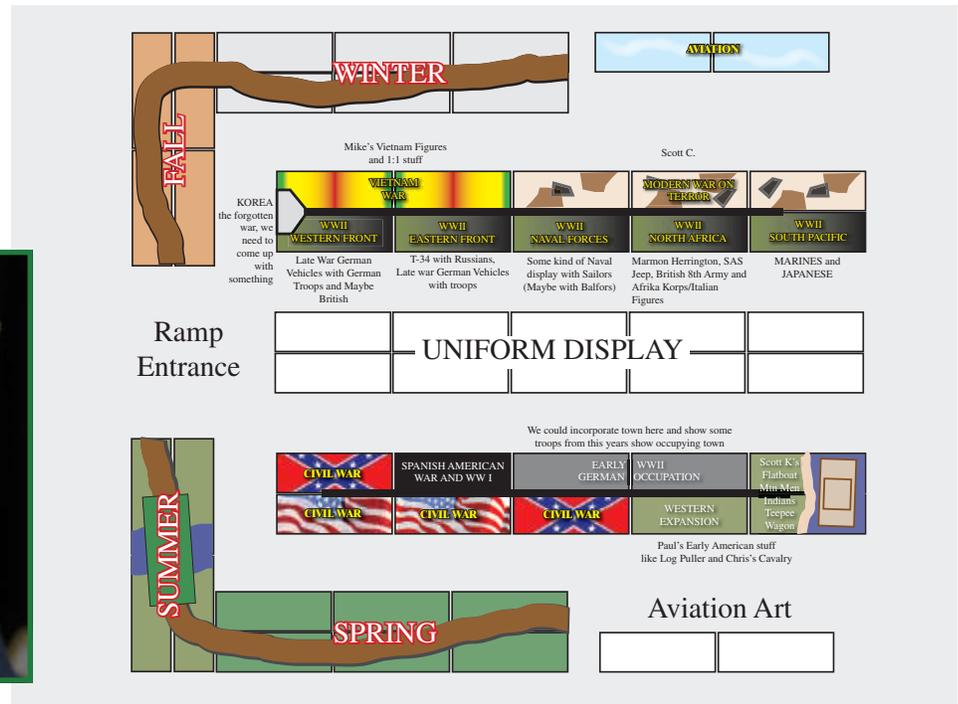
It looks like a huge project, but it's all fun stuff.

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element to our hobby and as artists, we are always trying to improve our craft. Also, our Ft. Thomas show is a FREE venue that allows us to display our artistic endeavors to a large number of people and it behooves us to try to accommodate the suggestions of our hosts so that they want us to keep coming back.

In this year's plan for the military portion of the display, we have specified the time frames and subjects we want to cover and have given them a specific location. The purpose in doing this is to lock into place a presentation that can be reproduced on paper to provide the general public with a guide to the display. This was something that both the Ft. Thomas folks and members of our club thought was important. This framework also provides some direction as we plan the displays for this show. I know it seems impossible when you think about how much stuff we have on display, but there are many areas that are talked about each year, but invariably do not make it into



Above is the plan for the military portion of the 1:6th display in 2012. Notice how the smaller displays follow a chronological progression.

the display, such as; Korea, WWI, the Spanish American War and American Naval forces. Knowing that they are part of the plan, we can figure out how we are going to do them and execute them for 2012.

The other thing that we want to do again this year is a large diorama, but one of the comments we got from the 2011 show was that there were no Americans in the main part of our display. This year we want to answer that with an American WWII display that runs from the beaches of Normandy to the forests of the Ardennes. The working title is "Seasons of Change" and it will feature an American column running down a European road in each of the four seasons. The diorama itself is simple and is one that most everyone can participate in as we have a large supply of Stuarts,

Jeeps, White Scout Cars and American soldiers throughout the club. There are even a couple of Shermans out there I believe.

In the coming months we will continue to explore different aspects of becoming more "Museum-like" in our displays. I look forward to your feedback and discussion.

