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THE SIXTH SCALE COLLECTORS CLUB NEWSLETTER



Panzercommander's Stuart and Crew MORNING BRIEFING

CALL TO ARMS an SSCC Editorial

Creating scenes like the one above has always been what the hobby's all about... to me at least. At 58 years old, it is unlikely that I am going to haul my figures and vehicles out into the backyard and play "army" with Panzercommander or Hammer Six (though we might all wish we could). Setting my figures up in scenes, simple or elaborate and taking pictures is as close as I am going to get to the activity known as "play". So, what has happened to the

Photoshoot? I don't know about the rest of you, but it has been a while since I participated in one. There is an excellent book on the hobby of reenacting called *WAR GAMES*, written by sociologist Jenny Thompson. She makes a couple of claims in the book. First - that reenactors see themselves in the role of living history actors as the keepers or guardians of history. They present a living, breathing example of "the way it really was". Second - that realism

which is mostly achieved through the use of period reproduction photography is a very important goal for a majority of reenactors. I say all of that to say this - 1:6th collectors and hobbyists are very similar in 'mind set' to the living history folks. We see ourselves as keepers of history as well and because of miniaturization, it is all about photographic realism. In fact, that is probably our number one goal. (continued on p.2)

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(cont. from p.1) Once again, all that said, what has happened to the practice of photoshoots? The last time our club got together for the sole purpose of doing a photoshoot was when we did our big Marine Beach Invasion shoot in 2010. Yes, we did do shoots of the 2011 and 2012 club dioramas at Ft. Thomas, but that was done for the purpose of recording the diorama and other displays at the show, rather than the express purpose of recreating history in through the medium of photography.

I, for one, would like to see us get back to the club activity of doing photoshoots. I am a strong supporter of the concept that our hobby is mostly an internet hobby and our best audience is going to be found online. Photography is the only way to reach that audience and having new content to present on the SSCC website is one way that we can impact the hobby in a positive manner. We don't have to put together photoshoots that are super elaborate. We can create a quick photoshoot at a monthly meeting any time we want to. All that is necessary is to decide on a theme prior to the meeting and then everyone can bring something to fit the theme. Several of us have landscaping props that can be used to quickly set the scene before vehicles and figures are added. Of course we can also plan a specific event to do a larger shoot if we want to, like we did with the first Marine Beach shoot. Personally, I would like to see us do several shoots in 2015, especially now that the weather is warming up. There are many subjects to choose from and we are only limited by our imaginations.

-the Editor





APRIL CLUB MEETING

There are no March Club Meeting pictures because weather kept most of us at home. April, on the other hand was a target rich environment of eye candy. (1) Panzercommander's Stuart and crew. (2) Mad Dog's 1990's infantry soldier in Choc Chip pattern. (3) One of Trooper Tim's cool SciFi type figures, love the sculpt. (4) Eric's DID German Sniper with a cool wall vignette. A classic figure to be sure, both the helmet and the rifle were standout pieces. (5) Dr. Zorkon's Bride and Groom, the groom seems a little less than enthusiastic about the arrangement. Great little vignette from Dr. Zorkon, as always. (6) J.Kidd's nicely done British Falkland's figure. For whatever reason these figures weren't terribly popular in U.S., but John shows that it wasn't from lack of trying. The figure is loaded down with gear and very well done. (7) Hammer Six had this great looking U.S. Pilot and bomb, a very cool display. It was a great meeting.





GOTHAM

Cross Over

by Point Man

My big project for this year is to relaunch some of my online comic series that have been lying dormant for so long most folks assumed they were dead. Actually, it has been so long since I have worked on some of them that I thought there was a pretty good chance they were dead as well.

The first one that I want to revive is my GOTHAM JOURNAL Tales of the Dark Knight. The acquisition of a number of new Batman themed figures will make it possible for me to not only improve on what I previously worked on, but to expand it as well.

This last year I also began collecting Marvel figures

and so I plan to expand my Dark Knight Universe to include a number of Marvel heroes as well.

Those of us who follow ABC's Agents of Shield have found out in this second season that so much more actually happened behind the scenes during the downfall of Shield to Hydra (as told in Captain America: The Winter Soldier). It all leaves me with some interesting directions to go spinning off into as I let my over-active imagination go wild. I have been working on some simple sets and story ideas over the past few months and I hope that I will be able to begin shooting some pictures before too terribly long. It should be fun, imagine the rocky relationship between Bruce Wayne and Tony Stark. How about a crime syndicate in Gotham City composed of bad guys like the Riddler, Joker and Cat Woman, all led by a power crazed boss like Loki.

Personally, I can't wait to get into it, because I honestly don't know how it will turn out and that really makes it a lot of fun to work on. Be looking for it on Point Man's Privy... it will happen sometime this year. - PM