



2007 NRHSA CONVENTION

Part 1 *HM Staff*

The 14th running of the annual NRHSA Show, sponsored by the National Retail Hobby Stores Association and produced by *Hobby Merchandiser*, was held in May at the Las Vegas Hilton. The NRHSA show is always of great importance to retail store owners and other members of the hobby trade, as it is one of the industry's few dedicated, trade-only events.

HM's coverage begins here with an overview of the 2007 show, and will continue through the two following issues with more information about the event's seminars, live demonstrations, and the many exhibitors and their latest product releases. For 2008, the NRHSA Show returns to the Las Vegas Hilton from April 22nd through the 25th.

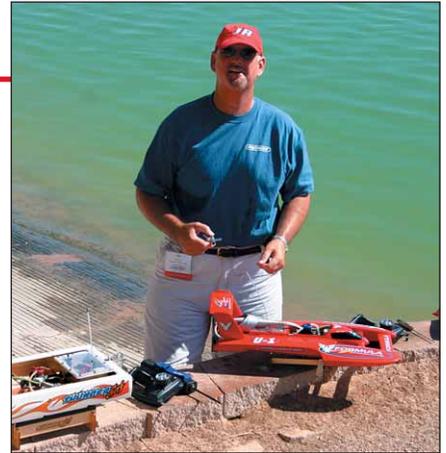
For now, enjoy the show. **HM**



Dennis McFarlane (AI's Hobby Shop, IL) handled the entertaining MC duties at the NRHSA Show's Sunset Lake boat demonstrations.



Fai Chan of airBorne Models shows off the new EP version of Jeff Troy's F-14 TAMEcat ARF.



Bill Jeric prepares to demo two ProBoat racers for Horizon Hobby.



Katherine and Darin Stratton are b2b Replicas' diecast specialists.



John Brady and Todd Wagner came to Las Vegas with excellent crossover items from Rokenbok.



Dealers get a lesson in the advantages of Purimco's new X-1 adhesive and X-1A accelerator.



Megatech International displayed a variety of RC helicopter and aircraft models from toy to Xtreme.



The NRHSA Show has a reputation for sharing categories. Here's Athearn's John Engstrom running Horizon's FS One flight simulator.



ProBoat's Mini-V RTR is a big hit for micro boat fans. Devin Troy reviews the Mini-V in this issue.



Alan Iwig showed the latest hand tools from Excel Hobby Blades.



Boca Bearing Company showed their new line of special lubricants for bearings and other applications.



Byron Fuels showed their support equipment and their many blends of car, boat, airplane and heli fuel.



Kyosho's Kelly F-1 is a magnificent model, so impressive in its design features and immaculate finish.



Cyndi Gibbs and Randi Smith had the LumiKNIFE, SquareONE, and new items from Generation Tools.



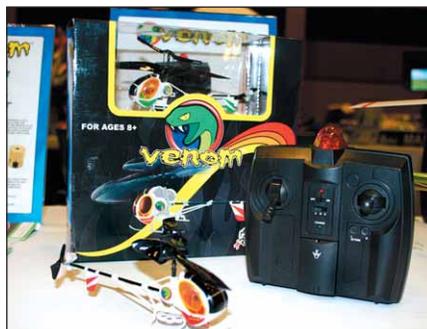
Andy Grossman answered questions and performed airbrush demonstrations for Iwata Medea.



The outdoor RC car demonstration at the "Hilton Raceway" was action packed with hot cars and trucks.



Marc Solano showed the latest in SCX Digital slot cars and accessories from Techni Toys in Spain.



Venom's new Micro Rescue RC heli has a low price and flies great.



Woodland Scenics had built-ups from their new Scene-A-Rama line.

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Henry Jezek came to the NRHSA Show for MS Composit — heli blades, foamies and AXI motors.



The Traxxas Boat Race was won by Team 6, St. Louis Blues. Each member won a new Villain RTR.



ParkZone's MicroCessna comes ready to fly with a 2.4GHz radio.



Mike Zagielski showed Zona Tools' hobby saws, specialty tools and tool holders of every description.



Action was hot and fast during the Traxxas sponsored boat race. Six teams ran the latest Villain EP.



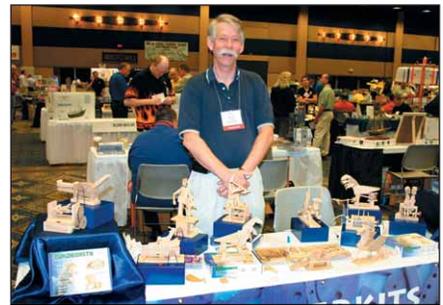
Craig Nelson of Hobby Action (Tempe AZ) accepts the 2007 NRHSA Hobby Shop of the Year award from MR editor, Hal Miller.



This Reflex iVOL flight simulator is all new technology from MRC.



Gary Kayes prepares an RC nitro racer for a Horizon Hobby demo.



Excellent crossover items were shown by Brian Ledig's Timberkits.



HPI's giant Baja off-roader showed bone-crushing power and speed at the Hilton Raceway demonstration.



Great Planes explains a few of the AXE CP heli's features to dealers.



Estes' new Highway Patrol Cessna features built-in on-board video.



ProBoat's Formula tunnel hull and BlackJack 55 are big — and fast.