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MAY Not Have Met In JUNE, Yet Our JULY was On Fire !



Everything Now Back On Track With Account By This Issue

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Editor's Ravings – this month's editor, Mick Burton

“ APOLOGIES OF A SORT, BUT NOT REALLY, FOR THIS ISSUE'S COMPRESSION AND PHOTO TRUNCATION ”

With a splendid table turnout for July meeting more than making up for the missing June gig, the Editor already knew 8 pages of standard Original Styrene Sheet be a likely tight fit. Decision to go with full size coverage for at least one of each customer until this was only page left was made easy. Model of the Month awarding by President this past month was a split decision. In view of a missed June MoM, he and I agreed at meeting to rectify that here, by giving proper coverage as you see. Another Editor may have chosen a different path, but let the future decide that, as here is my way. Perhaps not an ideal situation or solution, but it's all the news and it fit to print . - mick fini

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Pat Nichols built Academy's M3A3 Stuart as a member of the 4th Marine Armored Battalion, which was unique in that it allowed names and art on its tanks. Pat said his kit is more aftermarket than Academy, with an AFV Club replacement suspension, a modified torsion bar suspension, RB Models barrels and figures from Verlinden.

Laramie Wright said that the Tamiya BT-7 is a very nice kit with delicate detail; he plans to build his as a tank that fought in the Nomonhan Incident. He also praised Tamiya's Tiger II with the Henschel turret and Tamiya's Panzer IIIN close-support vehicle with included metal barrel and photoetched engine screens; Laramie said it's nice to have some easy builds once in a while.

Chris Bucholtz has the wings on his Platz 1:72 T-33; he said he had to shim a few parts in the lower fuselage to get a good fit, then re-scribed all the panel lines. Chris also showed the instrument panel, control column, cockpit tub and nose wheel bay masters for an upcoming Obscureco F7U Cutlass detail set, and he's completed the kelp base for his 1:20 Dorudon, which features Apoxie-Sculpt starfish and kelp holdfasts.

Jordan Li thinks the Fujimi 1:72 F-86F is the best Sabre in that scale; he finished his with Alclad overall and panels masked and picked out with Tamiya flat clear. He scratch-built a cockpit for HobbyBoss's MS.406, then finished the French fighter in captured markings, and has a Hobbycraf F9F-2 primed in black in preparation for its final finish, which will be Neil Armstrong's Korean War jet. Jordan's first armor model in years is a Tamiya Panzer IV Ausf D, which will eventually wear Afrika Korps markings, and his recently finished F-15C was inspired by the Eagle he saw at the Evergreen Air Museum, plus the scrambles he saw at Portland International Airport. The Hasegawa kit was given decals from another kit to depict the Oregon Air National Guard.

Bill Ferrante used the Eduard detail set to jazz up Academy's F6F-3 Hellcat, and then he gave it a red drone scheme just to be different. Bill's Platz 1:72 T-33 is primed and will soon wear a Navy paint scheme.

Randy Ray is building Tamiya's Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force Type 16 MCV straight from the box, with the exception of the metal gun barrel, which has terrific detail at the end of the muzzle. Randy used Tamiya model paints for paint on his Tamiya model.

Eugenie Taylor's Space Shuttle is nearly done after many coats of white paint and some work-arounds to sharpen up the tiles around the tail. She's also started a Tamiya 1:35 M4 Sherman, because her grandfather test-drove new ones off the assembly line and may have driven more Shermans than anyone.

Ben Pada reports that the new Tamiya 1:48 Spitfire Mk. I is a hard kit to mess up. He used AK Interactive paints on his worn-looking example. Ben is also building a Tamiya 1:48 P-47D Thunderbolt with the express intent of using the 1998 Nationals decals for the 362nd FG's "Damon's Demon."

Mike Meek's long-term project, a conversion of the Otaki F4U Corsair into the Super Corsair racer, is nearing completion; Mike stole the horizontal stabilizers and landing gear from a Tamiya kit. Mike is also building a 1:48 P-47D razorback using the Tamiya kit; he's not sure which markings it will wear.

And the model of the month goes to....Pete Long and Ben Pada! Pete won for his new Tamiya Hummel; he says to watch out for the small parts and to follow the directions closely. Pete painted the Hummel with Tamiya paints. Ben's winner was the Eduard 1:48 Tempest Mk. V; and he says, as nice as it is, it doesn't fit together as well as a Tamiya kit.

- chris fini

August Edition Is Super Compressed With All There Was To Cover From What Held Forth In July Meet (from page 1)



At the July meeting, we received news that the Nov. 2 contest aboard the U.S.S. Hornet had been canceled because of a change in the ship's staff.

A new event was announced – the Spirit of '45 Living History Day event at the San Jose Historical Park on August 10. We've showed models at this event four times; if you have WWII models that you'd like to display, contact Chris Bucholtz at bucholtzc@aol.com and he can get you set up to be a part of it.

In model talk...

Bob Meyers combined a Sherman "Easy 8" hull from Tamiya with the hull from Dragon's kit of Creighton Abrams' "Thunderbolt." The mix was a way to avoid the notoriously difficult Dragon suspension. Bob added stowage from Black Dog and/or Legend and enhanced the weld seams on the turret.

Pete Long built Tamiya's new M10 Achilles tank destroyer out of the box; the figures were the first that Pete has ever painted.



Mark Balderrama was doing his egg plane B-17 as an Operation Crossroads test plane, but some playing around with engines led him to convert it to the Model 299Z five-engined turboprop testbed. He's nearly finished with putty and sanding.

Mark also made a neat little T-34 tank from paper, modifying the plans on his computer.





Ron Wergin used Gunze and Tamiya acrylics to finish his nifty 1:72 Aoshima Ta 152.

While building his Heller 1:72 F4U-1 Corsair, **Marv Eberhardt** learned the purpose of the tape applied ahead of the cockpit (leaky fuselage fuel tanks).

Marv also finished his Monogram 1:48 Bf 109G-6, which he said was a fun kit but took a long time to complete.



John Carr found an old Robotech/Macross kit of Queadun Rau at a swap meet and has started work on it.

He also picked up a Michael Roberts figure of a between-the-wars Marine that he says has great detail and a realistic pose.

John made a very nice base for it from one of the legs of his old couch!



Landon Carr masked off the cockpit of his KP 1:72 MiG-15 UTI and spray-painted the old bird. He plans to finish it as a Czech aircraft.

Gabriel Lee bought Italeri's 1:72 F-4 for the decals, but decided to build the model; he says it offers the modeler plenty of seams to work on! Gabriel plans to finish it as a Spanish aircraft.

He's also modifying a Heller Mirage III; he thinks it has too much anhedral, and he's making the C/J vertical tail that Latin American IIIEs use.



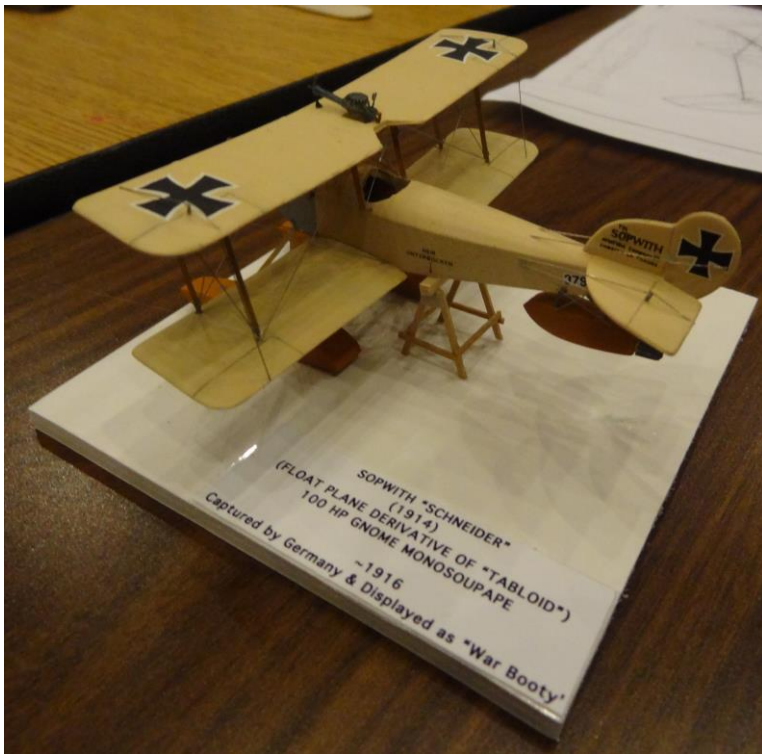


Gabriel has a Trumpeter MiG-29C under construction; he brought in his Peruvian MiG-29 SMP for comparison so the C's large dorsal hump was apparent.

Kent McClure's lunchtime models are egg planes – an MV-22 Osprey and a MiG-15. He also has a Tamiya Valentine Mk. III underway in a 1942 scheme of pink and dark brown, and his 1:76 Airfix crash tender is making progress. Kent finished his 1:72 Esci M113 in the colors of a Lebanese militia APC, swapping the M2 .50-caliber machine gun for a 12.7mm gun swiped from a IS-2. He's also doing extensive work scribing the Pioneer 1:72 Yak-15, He's completed a 1:72 Bieber miniature submarine in the gray scheme used along the Baltic coast, and had two 1:2400 Gundam kits put together. Finally, Kent built and painted a 25mm cloud giant figure, using green tones rather than blue for a change of pace.



Al Kuhn built Eduard's first kit, the 1:72 Sopwith Baby, but then dropped it and rebuilt it – but didn't like the result, so he built a second one! This one wears captured German markings; the Germans captured two and showed one at an exhibition of war booty.



Brian Geyer showed a model of the 1988 Pontiac Fiero GT, a car that he once owned; Brian modified the wheels to replicate his own car's.

Clarence Choi's first built-up car was a nice Tamiya WRX, which made a neat companion to his Tamiya M4A3E8, which featured his first try at weathering.



Clarence also had a 1:48 Ju 87 from Monogram underway.



Aaron Rhetta decanted Rustoleum colorshift paint to airbrush his Gundam, but learned that a heavy application would craze. He stripped it and gave it three light coats of paint followed by a couple of coats of Pledge Future Gloss, then enhanced some of the details with Alclad chrome and Molotow chrome pens.

His other Gundam wears space camouflage – black with pink and blue lines, and stars applied by blowing air across a paintbrush dipped in white paint.





Mark Schnyert said that Airfix's 1:72 Spitfire Mk. 22 was a deceptive kit; it dryfits just fine, but when it comes time to assemble the parts there are fit issues!

Just the same, he commends the outline of the kit.

Jim Priete is converting a Tamiya 1:72 Mosquito into the HF/NF XV, with elongated wingtips and a belly gun pack made from a Matchbox Halifax H2S radome. He made smaller wheels for it and used what parts from the Paragon conversion that were applicable.



Jim is also building an F7U Cutlass from Fujimi, and he's combining a Tamiya M36 with an M4 Sherman to build a hypothetical better medium tank.



Mike Schwarze has made some progress on his still headless AMT Dilophosaurus and Velociraptor, and he may be satisfied with his fourth re-paint of the dragon base for his Thor figure.

He converted a dollar-store Tyrannosaurus rex figure into Titanosaurus, one of Godzilla's lesser nemeses.



Mike also had a host of game figures with exotic names like the Citadel Banshee, Frost Giant and Cloaker.

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Congratulations to

Peter Long

FOR WINNING JUNE MODEL OF THE MONTH





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Ben Pada

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