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THERE WERE SHOOTING STARS & MORE IN JANUARY!



Events Recounted and Pictured ...

Minutes: Chris Bucholtz Photos/Text: Mick Burton

At the January meeting...

Lou Orselli showed off a sweet little 1:72 Opel Blitz truck from the Academy kit that he completed despite missing a couple of parts.

(yes, more minutes to come, Let's see on page 3...)



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



“ AGAIN A LATE BETTER THAN NEVER ISSUE and a SIMPLE WISH OF MORE TIME IN 2020 ”

BREAKING NEWS – IF YOU MISSED THE FEBRUARY MEETING WE ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO MEET AT Mr Jim Lund's house for the MAY 2020 SVSM MEETING with HOSTED PIZZA & SODA

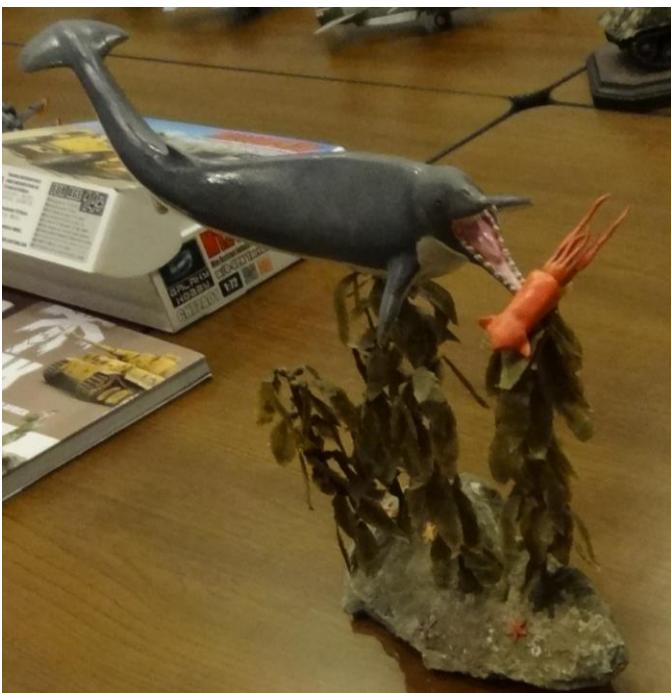
Editor made the February meeting more or less on time with newsletter here on computer at 80% complete state. Taking minutes and helping conduct meeting along with usual photo duties, along with preparing in hurry to deliver eulogy to membership for a dearly missed member taken too soon from us made sure he wasn't finishing things any faster. More unplanned life events have insured this is best and soonest the OSS February 2020 Issue would be published. We are now in our 57th year as a club and I hope to catch up with you all here !

With That Said ...

Until next newsletter then, Editor signs off, - mick fini



(JANUARY MEETING MINUTES, CONCLUDED WITH PICTURES INCLUDED) continued from page 8



Chris also has his Frog 1:72 F-16C Block 52 close to paint, having added the rear fuselage to the model on Christmas night.

Mark Van Bergen put a ton of work into Hobbycraft's CT-114 Tutor, shortening the landing gear and battling to get the windscreen blended in. The plane wears a short-lived scheme carried by the Snowbirds in 1982-83. Mark also had an Airfix Jet Provost T.3 in the colors of a plane he worked on in Hillsborough, Oregon, and a Heller Bf 108 Taifun he completed in Bulgarian colors with aftermarket decals.



And the model of the month goes to... **Pat Nichols** and his Roden 1:48 Be.2c. This was Pat's first 1:48 model after decades of building, and he picked a doozy – he had to rework almost every part to get them to fit and the model had the worst decals he's ever seen! He rigged the model with steel wire because he was concerned that EZ Line would cause the top wing to collapse! Pat used AK paints to finish the model, and placed it on a Squadron base with a couple of CMK figures to fully capture the feeling of 1914. – *chris fini*

Editor Off Actual Record (from page 1)

Ron Wergin finished the classic Revell 1:32 Hurricane Mk. II with the faux Italian nose camouflage used by several squadrons in North Africa.

He made a point of thinning down the oversized 20mm cannons, and added a pilot he suspects came from the now-defunct 21st Century Toys line.



Peter Long's finished his second Tamiya P-38, this one built out of the box and painted with Tamiya paints. Pete said no filler was required to complete his Lightning.



Also new from Pete was Tamiya's new Panzer 38t, which he said fit together like a jigsaw puzzle.



Bob Meyers tackled the Tamiya "Black Box" Panther, and complained that the individual track links each had sink marks to deal with.

He liked the model's photoetched engine screens, and added bolts to them and to the track rack. He also added weld seams on the front glacis.

Bob found that Tamiya's link-and-length track worked perfectly on their JS-I; he added all the weld seams to the turret and fuel tanks, damaged the fenders, and used masks to paint the "Berlin stripe" on the turret.





Bob also had a great time with Mini Art's new M3 Lee, which comes with two full sheets of photoetched brass, but the tracks are rough. Tamiya's Lee tracks fit this model perfectly! Bob built his as a Soviet tank at the Battle of Kursk.

Geoff Krueger jammed the RVHP 1:48 RF-8G conversion onto the Hasegawa F-8E kit and the result was a beautiful photo Crusader. Geoff cut away the rear of the RVHP resin fuselage to use the Hasegawa fuselage instead; he also used an aftermarket air brake from Wolf Pack, made his own ECM fairing for the tail, and had custom-drawn decals made – although he ultimately airbrushed the markings on instead.



While the RF-8G was a battle, Geoff had no such trouble with AFV Club's F-5E, which he finished as a VFC-111 adversary.

The kit fit well, and he says it only needs an ejection seat, which he sourced from Quickboost.

He finished the Freedom Fighter with Two Bobs Decals and MRP paints.



Geoff also finished an Academy 1:72 OV-10 Bronco; he added a CMK cockpit under the big greenhouse canopy and completed the model with Wolfpack decals.



Al Kuhn spoke to one of the test pilots of the XF5F-1 Skyrocket, and he said the plane always looked different every time he flew it. Al captured two of its later looks, in gray markings – the long-nosed version and the short-nosed version, during the later stages of its Navy test career.



Barry Bauer now has space to work on models, and he's using it to finish some of the many assembled 1:72 Spitfires he had stored away. These included a Hasegawa Mk. IXc, which Barry says has a good shape but is slightly undersized in all dimensions; a Fujimi Mk. XIV, which is close to being done; an MPM PR.XIX, which has lots of photoetched details but has useless small plastic parts; and an Airfix Mk. Vb converted to a Mk. VIHF with a four-bladed propeller and hand-carved extended wingtips. Barry also is nearing completion of a Hasegawa Hurricane IIc, although some problematic decals are slowing progress and he's knocked the same 20mm cannon off three times! Barry broke the airplane AMS by completing Academy's 1:72 Jeep as a "follow me" vehicle.





Gabriel Lee is not fond of Italeri's 1:72 F-4C Phantom II; he says the kit is badly designed, but he persevered to complete it as a Spanish Phantom. He noted that the HiDecal sheet he used for the markings was completely wrong about the colors of the camouflage, as his research revealed.

Kent McClure's lunchtime break projects right now include a KP 1:72 Avia C-2 and a Pioneer Models 1:72 Yak-15. He's also nearing the completion of his MV-22, F-4 and MiG-15 eggplanes, and is starting work on a Hughes 300 helicopter (which looks a little like an egg, too!).



Kent has also converted two Bandai 1:144 alien fighters into space racers, and he's starting a figure kit of the anime character Sgt. Frog.

He's started work on some figures, too – a couple of whiz kids, a shark and two My Little Ponies destined to become terrifying D&D game pieces.

Larry Lachowski built his M1 Abrams at about the time the original tank made its debut. He says the kits of the tank have come a long way since then.



New member **Mark Craven** used the Trumpeter 1:48 P-40 to build one of the Warhawks of No. 112 Squadron, the first unit to apply sharkmouths to their aircraft. He used Eduard photoetch, Barracuda Studios decals and Tamiya paints to complete his Curtiss.

Landon Carr's first airbrushing session gave his KP 1:72 MiG-15 UTI a nice coat of brown in advance of other camo colors.



John Carr is giving himself a break with HobbyBoss's 1:350 submarine *Sourcouf*, which goes together so well the seams vanish after a couple of swipes with sandpaper.



Ben Pada couldn't say enough about Tamiya's P-38, so he just told us his was in the painting and weathering stage. He added that it was a very nice kit.



Ben is also painting Tamiya's 1:48 Bf 109G-6, this time with MRP paints; he says he's trying to figure these paints out and cautions that they reveal all build flaws, just like natural metal paints.



Laramie Wright is taking a stroll down memory lane with Tamiya's old 1:35 Panther; he's fighting the urge to fix up the detail, and says the turret is oversized and improperly shaped to accommodate the batteries for the motorized kit.

Brian Geyer brought in a couple of diecasts of 1965 Corvettes; on one of them, he's changed the wheels and suspension to make it more stock.





Greg Plummer lost some parts from an old Gunze Alfa Romeo Sprint Julian, so he took what was left and turned it into a “domociliomobile” – a motor home with a tiny wheelbase. Sheet and strip styrene built up much of the vehicle, all inspired by a pair of small one-off Saab motor homes also built on conventional automobile chassis.

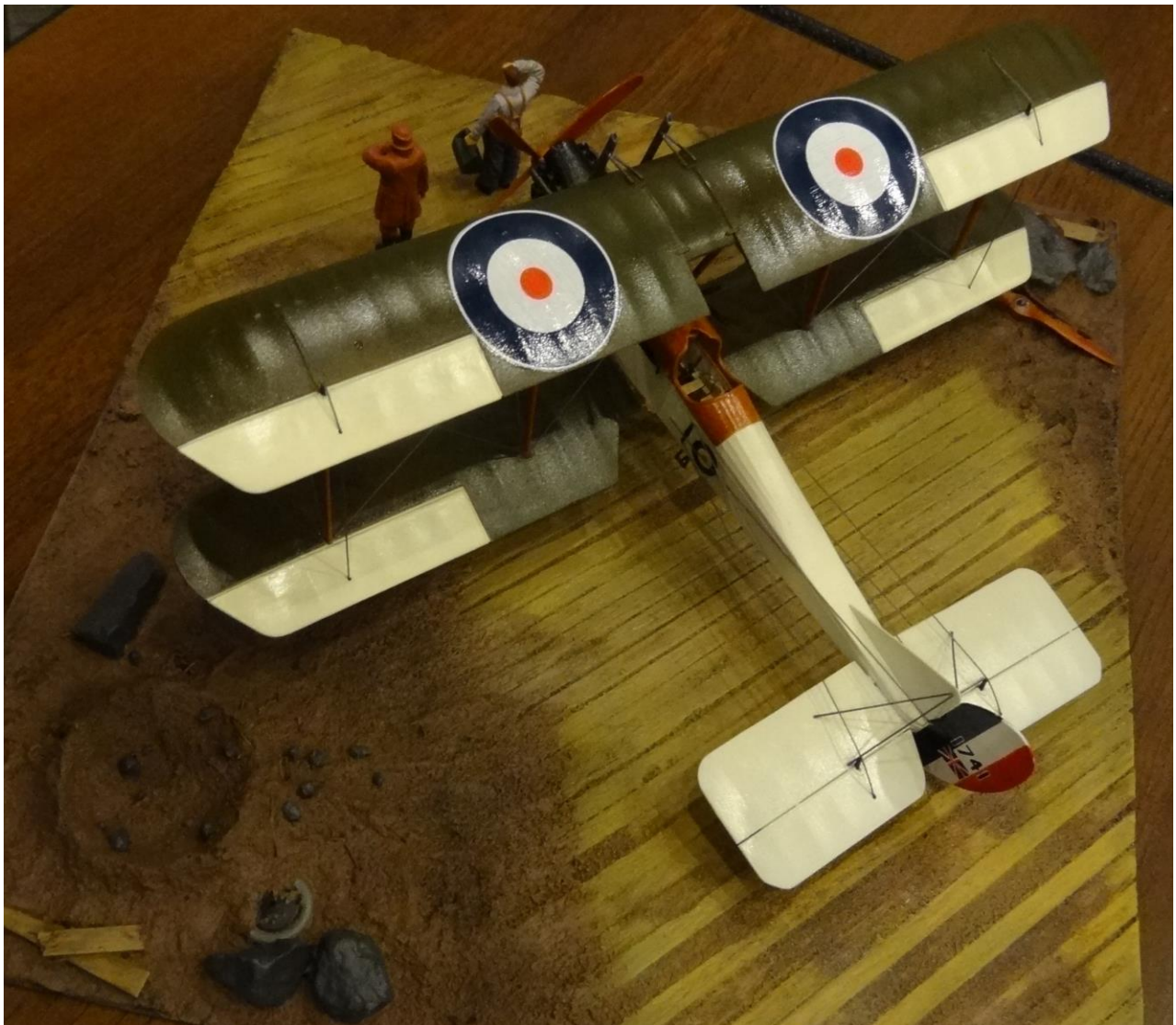


Chris Bucholtz finally finished his 1:20 Rader Productions Dorudon Atrax; he painted the whale with the aid of Master Models airbrush mottle templates and mounted it on a scratch-built kelp stand, complete with a squid made from Apoxie-Sculpt as a nice snack for the prehistoric whale.

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Congratulations to **Pat Nichols**
FOR WINNING JANUARY MODEL OF THE MONTH



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