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It's December Already!

Hard to believe we've almost got another one in the books. The year has pretty much flown by, and for us it's been a pretty good one. It seems like several member have put medical issues to rest, moved the family into another house, changed jobs and otherwise gotten things settled. Come to think of it, much of that was done by just one guy... ! Anyway, we like to take time to wish everyone **Happy Holidays**, and to be safe out there.

November Meeting in Review

The meeting started off with a discussion of the relatively new *Stynylrez* primer from Badger. This was led by **Jim Webb**, who is the only one who has tried this to date. Badger was giving away small sample bottles of this at the IPMS nationals in Phoenix in August. So far, Jim really likes this and says it can be slightly thinned with alcohol or the Tamiya Lacquer Thinner, and water can be used for clean up. Jim says it shrinks down pretty tight to surface details, and he does not recommend leaving it to sit in your airbrush for prolonged periods. We think that's likely good advice for most primers. Mid South Hobbies has a few 4 oz bottles of *Stynylrez*, which comes in white, black, gray, and sort of a flesh color, which could possibly be good for use on scale figures.



The in progress models at the meeting were started off with a 1/48 Eduard Bf 109G-14 by **Bill Von Staden**. This is actually being built from the 109G-6 kit, which has the necessary parts for the G-14 as well. Since Bill was working with the Eduard "Weekend" version of the kit, it needed a little help with aftermarket seatbelts. One irksome detail was that the kit includes the 'good' exhausts from the ProfiPack kit with the hollowed out ends, but since the photo-etched fret is omitted, you don't get the metal 'shields' which go above and below the pipes. Oh, the Weekend kit gives you alternate exhausts with the shields molded on them. But these 'Econo-pipes' don't have the open ends. So, for \$6, it's Eduard's Brassin line to the rescue. Seems like Eduard could have just given us some plastic shields molded separately and skipped the 'Weekend' version of the exhausts. Anyway, we should see this one complete with Eaglecals markings, depicting an aircraft from

JG 77, in January.



Rich Van Zandt was wasting no time getting started on a 1/48 Tamiya P-47D Razorback kit



for our December contest. (You did remember we were having a club Thunderbolt contest this month, right?) Rich was moving right along on this one, which will use decals from Thundercalcs on a natural metal scheme as seen in the Pacific theater. We look forward to seeing this one as “Slick Chick.”

An Academy 1/72 Thunderbolt P-47 Bubbletop will be the contest entry for **Ron Campbell** at the contest. Ron is using main wheels from Pavla, and a 108-gallon paper drop tank from the Italeri kit, which he thought looked better than



the kit parts. The antenna has been relocated, main gear legs shortened in a nod to accuracy. Gun barrels are drilled out. The model is finished in RAF Dark Green over Sky Gray using Model Master enamels. This aircraft will use decals from SuperScale to depict ‘No Guts –

No Glory' of the 78th FG, 84th FS in the UK. For those who are not familiar, 78th FG markings means get ready for a black and white checkerboard cow!

Our completed models in November began with an F-15C MISP II from **Rich Van Zandt**. This one was made from the Great Wall Hobby 1/48 kit. Built mostly out of the box with the exception of the Engine Exhausts and PE seatbelts. The markings come from Bullseye decals and portray it when it belonged to the Oregon National Guard, 173rd FW, but was still

in the paint scheme of its previous life as an 65th AGS Aggressor aircraft. It was pretty stunning in the two tone brown colors with the eagles on the outside of the vertical tails. The afterburner cans used were from KA Models they are 3D printed one piece units with all of the necessary details showing when the tail feathers are not used. Intake and exhaust plugs come from Phase Hanger resin.

Stan Parker had completed an Academy F-4D kit, which doesn't sound that unusual except for the fact that Academy does not offer an F-4D.



An F-4C kit was outfitted with the necessary modifications to convert it to the D model. Stan used decals from the Zoukei Mura kit for the 49th TFW markings on the tail, and the Academy kit decals for the rest. Paint from both Testors and Gunze Sangyo were used.

Stan had also completed a 1/48 Airfix Bf 109E-4 from the kit which will build an E-1, E-3 or E-4.



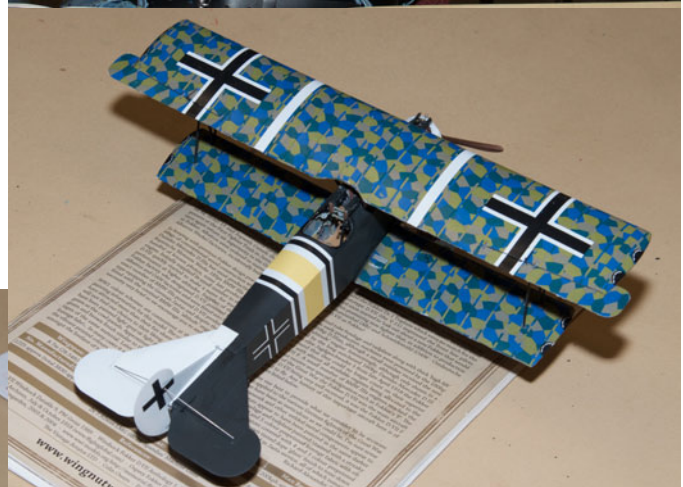
(We're not sure whether the necessary parts are in this kit for an E-4 Trop, or an E-7 with a centerline rack, but they might be.) In any event, Stan's was built as an E-4. He thought the parts alignment 'pins and sockets' as provided by Airfix needed the pins to be thinner to fit the sockets, so these were modified accordingly. Other than that, he had no fit issues with anything in the kit. Testors paints were used for the RLM 02 Gray and 65 Light Blue, and Gunze Sangyo provided the 71 Green on upper surfaces.

No IPMS-Memphis meeting would be complete without a Wingnut Wings model from Stan, either in-progress or completed form. But this month we get two! The Sopwith Camel went together OK, but Stan noted that the cabane struts (upper fuselage-to-wing) were on the delicate side and easy to break. But he got it together, and the Sopwith fighter had the double



line rigged on the flying wires to the wings.

Wingnut number two was another Fokker D.VII, this time the D.VII F with the BMW engine. He has built several of these kits in different versions, but on this one Stan had his hands full. The cabane struts were warped and got broken. He got some out of another kit (!) and ended up breaking the front engine ribbing, which threw the starboard side cabane strut out of alignment. You had to be there to hear the whole story, but it took all of three hours to get the upper wing on the model and in alignment. (As you read this, we know some of you are listening to screams



coming from your wallet...)

December Meeting & Contest Up!

Our December meeting will be on **Saturday, December 8th at 6:30 PM** in our usual location at Advent Presbyterian Church on Germantown Parkway in Cordova. We will not be using our standard meeting format, so bring your P-47 contest models only, not anything in-progress or non-Thunderbolt. You should bring any new stuff you have acquired recently, along with a few bucks to support the **RAFFLE**, which will be the last of 2018, obviously.

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