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February In Review

We had a good club meeting in February. After a lengthy absence, Anthony Stead was back in the house, and even had a finished model with him!

The in-progress models were led off with a new 1/48 Eduard Tempest V from **Rich Van Zandt**. Despite all of the online hoopla about this kit, Rich wasn't quite over-the-moon about it. From what he said, almost everything concerning the fuselage seemed to be pretty good, well thought out and fit nicely. The wings, on the other hand, seemed to be done by a different designer. The

uppers and lowers came together leaving a gap all the way along the leading edge, where the inside edge of the mating surfaces touched first, leaving the outside edges to fend for themselves. Then there was the insert for the guns (which seem to be the main difference between the Series 1 version and the Series 2.) Yeah, they didn't really fit the wing so well. Eduard says the Series 2 kit will be better, which we're sure all of the owners of the Series 1 kit will love to hear. In the end, we're sure this particular model will have all that stuff corrected and look great. It's just that you expect more for a \$50 kit.

Ron Campbell was working on a Tamiya 1/72 Mosquito B Mk IV. The kit has fit together well as far as it's gone, and Ron is enjoying it. The backs of the radio boxes were left hollow, and since they will show, they have been filled in



with Apoxie Sculpt, smoothed and painted. Ron will be using Model Master enamels for the RAF Dark Green and Ocean Gray over Medium Sea Gray paint scheme. (Since it's British, you can change the spellings on those to 'Grey' in your mind.) Also in the works from Ron was a 1/72 Hobby Boss AH-1F Cobra helicopter. This one will use decals from Werner's Wings 72-01 Last of the Army Cobras. Model Master Acrylics will be used to paint this one as a Desert Storm aircraft.

Rich Van Zandt also led off the completed models with a Tamiya 1/48 F4U-1D. The Corsair was here last month, but we just didn't have the time to get to it. One of the reasons Rich had built this model was as kind of a 'test bed' for painting all of the markings on the model before he performed this procedure on his 1/32 Tamiya P-51D. The model was painted gloss sea blue overall, and all of the markings, save for the aircraft numbers and Nose art were painted on. The overall look was quite nice. One point Rich did mention was that the way Tamiya designed the wing fold hinges on this kit, the folded wing sections were not really in



the correct position. Photos of F4U's with folded wings show that the outer wing sections point straight up, whereas the kit has the tips leaning to the rear at the same

angle as the fuselage centerline. Correcting this would require major surgery and some fabrication work, to say the least!

Rich's second completed model took a while to figure out. From a distance, it looked like some variant of an F-16. OK, maybe it's a Japanese Mitsubishi F-2? Then you notice the lack of a chin intake. What the... ? Hey, it actually has two afterburner cans on it, though they're kinda



small. Actually, it's a Republic of China (Taiwan) AIDC F-CK-1C Hsiang Sheng IDF, and it's been around since 1989! But the 1/48 AFV kit is not that old, and it builds into a pretty cool looking jet. Think of kind of a combination of an F-16 and an F-18, using a pair of Volvo/Garrett TFE104 engines (embargos prevent their use of the F404 derivative (f-18 engine). General Dynamics consulted with the initial airframe design until US State Dept. ordered a halt to further assistance.



The kit required a minimum of filler and the fit was excellent overall. The only area that was less than satisfactory was the afterburners, which were a bit undersized for the aft end of the kit leaving a bit of a step. It was painted with MRP (Mr. Paint) and Alclad using the kit decals the settled well into the recessed details

Anthony Stead had not completed a model (or attended a meeting) in a while. So, like a lot of us who have found ourselves in that situation, he reached out for something to build made by Tamiya. In this case, it was their venerable 1/48 Bf 109E-3 kit. This one was built almost totally out of the box, with the addition of aftermarket



seatbelts and an antenna lead made from invisithread. The paint used was Gunze's Mr. Color and the kit decals were put to good use. We can say that the way it turned out, it looked just like what the doctor ordered. Welcome back!



Our local Wingnut Wings representative, er... sorry, we mean **Stan Parker**, was in attendance



with no less than three 1/32 aircraft models from the manufacturer in New Zealand. We would have said three *biplanes*, except only two of them fit that description. A Sopwith Pup led the parade. This one was from the RNAS, which gave it ropes on the upper wing so it could be winched back up on to the ship in the event of a water landing. This would have been launched off of a Royal Navy cruiser, and had a Lewis gun mounted to fire upward at a 45-degree angle for fleet defense. Paint was from Tamiya, and the kit decals were used.

Stan's second WNW kit was an Albatros D.Va, and we think this is his third model of this aircraft, though one might have been a D.V, we're not sure. Tamiya paint was used on this one as well, except for the purple on the upper wings, which was Testor's Napoleonic Violet, darkened up a bit. Decals were from the kit.



The last WNW model was the Junkers D.1, which is a corrugated metal monoplane. This is a different WWI subject, and has the advantages of avoiding a lot of technical challenges like rigging, painting woodgrain surfaces, lozenge decals and rib tapes on the wings, and also not having an upper wing! Score! Stan's model was done with a dark brown fuselage and green and purple disruptive camouflage on the upper wings. He thought it was pretty cool that WNW also gives you the option of having the wings separate so the plane can be depicted as seen 'in transport' mode. Tamiya paints were again used.



And, oh yeah, Stan also had a 1/48 Hasegawa Aichi D3A 'Val' completed. One of his pups decided to bring one down from upstairs by carrying it in his mouth, and this model was the replacement. This model was finished in a JN green over gray scheme and used kit decals to depict an aircraft flown at the Battle of Midway. Surface chipping was tried by Stan for the first time with mixed results. Areas of the model



were painted silver and had blotches of Elmer's glue applied, then overpainted with the JN green. The glue was then stripped off, taking the green with it and leaving the silver exposed. A silver pencil was also used to augment this procedure. For a first attempt, it wasn't bad. We think this is something that's going to take some practice, and never rule out trying your ideas on an old spare wing... or two... or three. Stan also reported that the dog in question would not retrieve a stick if he threw it...

First Contest of 2019 Up!

At this meeting, we will have our club contest which is for models which are **“OUT OF BOX Plus Extras”** where you are be allowed to substitute two aftermarket items to replace two kit items. For these purposes, a set of resin wheels, or exhaust stacks, metal gun barrels, etc. will count as a single item. But using a resin detail set to replace half the stuff on the model is clearly out of bounds! Of course, a totally out of the box model would also be acceptable

The March Meeting

The March club meeting will be on **Saturday, March 9th at 6:30 PM** at the Advent Presbyterian Church on Germantown Parkway in Cordova. Please do bring any new stuff you have acquired recently for review by others. **Please leave any in-progress or completed models at home until the April meeting.**

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April 13, 2019 MOSS CON 2019 Missouri Ozark Scale Specialists
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