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### April Meeting - On Location

Our April meeting was the first of two in 2019 which are held away from our usual location and at a member's house. This time it was at the Van Zandt residence in Olive Branch, MS. We have come to quite enjoy these meetings, as you are surrounded by many models and all of the stuff necessary to build, paint and finish them. So, when a question of, 'what do you use to do that?' comes up, the tool or whatever else was used, is just a few feet away and can be shown to you, along with the technique required as well. No disrespect intended, but you can't really do that at the usual meeting at the church we meet in!



As good as the meeting was, the weather was not so much. It rained so hard through most of the meeting, that occasionally someone had to go to a window to see if there was a man with a long beard gathering animals two-by-two to board on his large boat. (Not certain, but it looked to be about 300 cubits long...) Anyway, by the end of

the meeting it was still going, but had slacked off somewhat, but we were down by a few attendees this time.

The in progress efforts were led off by **Stan Parker** with his Meng 1/48 F-35A. The model was basically together, and had been painted with Mission Models 'Have Glass Grey' paint. Stan was questioning whether the Mission paint was possibly too light and needed to be darkened somewhat? This was a sticky subject, because photos of the F-35 have been taken in different lighting conditions, making it hard to determine the answer to that question.



**Rich Van Zandt** was working on a Zoukei Mura 1/48 F-4C Phantom. This model was also a basic airframe, awaiting some filling/sanding work and possibly some small corrections. A coat of black paint was on the model, but it was not yet ready for any final colors to be applied. Rich has installed the full length resin intakes from Phase Hanger Resin and has also sourced some 3D printed J-79 burner exhaust nozzles

from KA Models , but had to use some Academy burner cans as they do not yet make a set for the ZM kit and the burner cans on the ZM kit do not fit the exhaust nozzles.



last part possibly due to the kit allowing for other Mosquito variants. The 3-piece canopy (with the side pieces separate, allowing for blisters) took a lot of care to assemble so as not to look like a 3-part assembly glued together. This one will be in Ocean Grey/Dark Green over Medium Sea Grey.

Completed models included an Eduard 1/48 Bf 109G-14 by **Bill Von Staden**, built from the 109G-6 kit. This was an aircraft of JG 77 with a Green/White RVT band around the rear fuselage. Exhausts from the Eduard Brassin line were used, along with seat belts from the same source. The Eduard 109G-6 kit has loads of extra parts, so the late 'Earla haube' canopy was from the kit. Bill also brought his recently completed Tamiya Bf 109G-6, and seeing the two models together made an interesting comparison.



The Tamiya 1/72 Mosquito B Mk IV in the works from **Ron Campbell** was back for another



installation on recent progress made. The major parts of the model were together, and the fit was not quite as Tamiya-like as expected, with work being required where the engine nacelles fit the upper wings and also the forward fuselage, this

**Stan Parker** had completed a nice looking 1/32 Trumpeter A-4E Skyhawk in the last month. The fuselage on this kit was comprised of four sections, having a separate front end which allows the kitmaker to substitute different parts to make different variants. Stan made a complete nose, and a complete rear fuselage per the instructions, and said it would have been better to make two full fuselage halves, left and right, and then joined the halves. So it was more

trouble, but he got it together. The model was painted with Gunze Mr. Color 16440 and Flat White from Testors, and the decals came from Angle of Attack. Stan also noted that in this kit, Trumpeter offered only the straight refueling robe, with no option for the more commonly used cranked probe.



kit, Stan took advantage of the option to display the upper and lower cowlings in the open position to display the engine. Gunze Mr. Color paints were used for the 74 and 75 upper colors, with Testors Model Master for the 76 lower surfaces. The Aeromaster decal sheet for JG3 was used for the markings.



Stan also had two Wingnut Wings models completed this time. The first was the Pfalz D.XII, which presented no construction issues, and was painted with Tamiya acrylics. Decals from Pheon in the UK completed the model. His second WWI aircraft was a Sopwith Triplane. This one turned out well, but Stan was the victim of his own error when he broke some ribs at the front of the cockpit, making the fuselage a bit too wide. Kit decals were used on this one.

Stan had also completed a new 1/48 Tamiya Bf 109G-6 model. Unlike Bill's model of this



Last but not least with a bit of a surprise was Rich Van Zandt with a completed 1/48 AH-1Z Viper marine helicopter from Kitty Hawk. We had not seen this one in progress but it looked like it had seen long service in a harsh environment. The kit had PE instrument panels from Eduard as the only enhancement. Rich had made a custom sleeve insert so the rotor disc could be easily removed for transport.

## May Meeting Up Next

Our May club meeting will be on **Saturday, May 11th at 6:30 PM** at the Advent Presbyterian Church on Germantown Parkway in Cordova. We will be using our standard meeting format, so please bring any new stuff you have acquired recently, along with any in-progress or completed models.

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**June 15, 2019 ScottCon 2019 IPMS/Gen. Robert L. Scott**  
Museum of Aviation 1942 Heritage Blvd  
Warner Robbins, GA 31088  
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**June 22, 2019**  
**South Carolina Scale Model Mega-Show**  
SC NG Armory & SC Military Museum  
1225 Bluff Road, Columbia SC 29201  
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