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Meeting Schedule

We thought this might be a good time to remind our members where we are going to be when, so you don't show up for a meeting in the wrong city or anything...

Our upcoming **July** meeting will be at our usual location at the church, on the 13th. Nothing weird going on there.

The IPMS Nationals in Chattanooga in August will be held such that they will overlap our normal second Saturday meeting date. So our meeting is being moved to **Saturday the 17th**. But the real twist is that the meeting will be held at the **home of Kevin Wilson in Olive Branch**. So, you really don't want to be at the normal meeting location on the 10th, or you might as well be on another planet!

The week after the Olive Branch meeting is the date of the **Huntsville** contest. Come on; try to keep up, willya?

Things will return to normal, or whatever you want to call what we do, in **September**.

June in Review

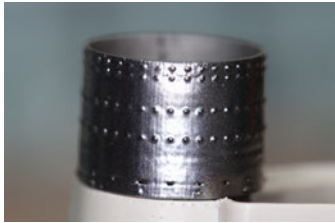
Rich Van Zandt led off meetings in progress models with his 1/48 F-35A kit from Meng. This kit is a far different from the disaster that the KH F-35B was. He said that the fit of the kit is excellent with the full length intakes being cleverly designed to hide the seam. The landing

gear doors actually fit the opening in the fuselage which is a good thing as Rich is building this one as an in flight display. He said that the weapons bay was going to be open displaying a full load of modern smart weapons and some detailing still needed to be done. There was a very nice Resin exhaust 3d printed in resin out of Korean but that the interior of the exhaust had practically no detail. He fixed this by designing and printing an exhaust interior.



Rich also had his 1/32 Kittyhawk F-5E in the works, and he had done some 3D modeling on

this kit as well to create a new set of afterburner cans and the related internals. These items were not only more detailed than the Kittyhawk plastic parts, but didn't require any work to hide seams. These were preliminary parts and we are looking forward to seeing the final version. He is still waiting for a set of full depth intakes and then he can close up the body and finish the model



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Jim Webb was working on the 1/48 Airfix P-40B. The basic airframe was assembled, and had some paint from Mission Models applied, as well as some preliminary fading and weathering. The aircraft will be finished in an AVG scheme with a sharkmouth. Jim had used the resin upper



deck guns from Quickboost, which fit better than the Airfix parts. He had also made some seat belts by sandwiching a piece of HD aluminum foil between two pieces of Tamiya yellow tape. This has the advantage of staying 'as is' when you bend it to conform to the seat, instead of being as stiff as a photo-etched belt. Good idea!

Jim had also started an Eduard Spitfire Mk IXc (Early) kit, and basically had the lower wing assembled. This contains a surprising number of parts. He said you might want to pay particular attention to the instructions on this one!

Joe Vincent continues to work on his 1/72 F-15E Strike Eagle from Great Wall. As mentioned last month, not only are the kit instructions quite sad, but the manufacturer does not seem to believe in locating pins. And, although the pylons have pins on them to locate to the wings, the wings themselves have no holes, nor any indication of where holes should



be! The kit decals are quite marginal, quite prone to silvering, and have national insignias in two different colors, one of which almost matches the color you are supposed to paint the aircraft. So, these would be somewhat beyond 'low viz' and approaching 'invisible' markings. Some Furball decals were substituted where needed. The model was painted with Gunze Aqueous and Alclad. The fun continues...

Ron Campbell had made progress on his Tamiya 1/72 Mosquito B Mk IV. The model was given a coat of Gunze Mr. Surfacer 1500 Black. This is serving the dual purposes of a primer and also the base coat for Ron's first 'black based' paint scheme. Model Master enamels were used for the Ocean Grey, Dark Green and Sea Grey Medium colors, each lightened slightly with white. Masking of the upper colors was done using Hobby Lobby's version of Blu-Tack, which apparently is 'Simply Tacky', which did leave a trace of residue that had to be removed. Tamiya and blue painter's tapes were used to mask the upper/lower demarcation. A side note here, the blue painter's tape did lift a section of the paint when the fuselage was being unmasked. So, there's another vote for using the Tamiya yellow tape.



Bill Von Staden had his Hasegawa 1/48 Focke Wulf Fw 190A-8 basically together, minus the horizontal stabilizers. The original plan was to try to leave these off, along with the entire wing, to get better access to the fuselage with the airbrush on the complex paint scheme. As it turned out, the fit of the wing was not going to make this a great idea. The fit of the wing was not bad, but a low-mounted wing does not lend itself to this approach as say, a Tamiya P-47D kit would. So Bill's current plan is to leave off the stabilizers, to give better access to painting the vertical fin, and holding the model upside down to paint the fuselage sides. Maybe aircraft modelers need an airbrush that does not require an air hose...



Our completed models were led off with a 1/72 Airfix B-25D by **Joe Vincent**. This one was done in an anti-submarine or sea search scheme of OD over flat white, which is a dramatic change to OD over the usual Neutral Gray. Joe really liked this kit and the way it went together. The fit was good overall, with the exception of the clear parts and the upper nose. The biggest problem was trying to find all of the nooks and crannies possible to locate weights to keep the nosewheel down.



Rich Van Zandt had completed his Zoukei Mura 1/48 F-4C Phantom. This one had a lot of blue trim on it to represent a commander's plane, and getting the fuselage chevron aligned on the spine of the aircraft provided some entertainment for a while! It was a good thing that the deals



Since **Stan Parker** had missed our May meeting, we think he was trying to make amends for that by bringing a trunkload of completed models. The first one was the relatively new Tamiya 1/48 F-14A Tomcat. No aftermarket parts were used or needed here. Decals from Furball were applied over the finish of Gunze Sangyo 16440 over Tamiya acrylic flat white. There were no problems with the build.



from Furball decals were printed by Cartograph as the required significant manipulation of the 2 parts to go over the multiple compound curves, a single piece would have been easier.

This was the personal mount of Col 'Boots' Blesse 'DCO' 366th TFW 390th TFS out of Da Nang in 1967, it carries the obligatory SUU-17 Gun Pod which they made famous, the paint was a combination of Mr Paint and Mr color and Alclad over a black base which was mottled with various appropriate colors before the final color application. The intent was to show a weathered but well maintained aircraft in theater as would be befitting of the CO of the squadron.

Rich's other completed model was a 1/350 USS Virginia submarine, which was quite a change of pace. This was built from the HobbyBoss kit, and finished in several dark gray shades approaching an overall black scheme in this small scale.





Next up from Stan was the venerable Hasegawa 1/48 Bf 109F-4. This one utilized decals from Eaglecals on it. Gunze 74/75 upper surfaces were applied over undersides done in Model Master enamel RLM 76.

An F-35A Lightning II in 1/48 from Meng was painted in darkened Tamiya XF-24 Gray to



replicate the Have Glass paint scheme of the original. Decals used were from the kit. Stan's final model was an Academy 1/48 F-4C done in an ADC Gray aircraft of the 57th FIS in Iceland. Model Master provided the FS 16473 enamel, and the decals were from Reid Air.



For July...

The July chapter meeting will be on **Saturday, July 13th at 6:30 PM** at 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.

For August...

See you in Chattanooga - bring money and a trailer!



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August 24, 2019 43rd Annual Model Contest, IPMS Huntsville Plastic Modelers Society, Huntsville Jaycees Community Building, 2180 Airport Rd, Huntsville, AL Contact Thomas Clark at twclark@icloud.com

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