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Fair Warning!

If you are coming to the September meeting on the 8th and will be driving north on Germantown Parkway and will be passing the Shelby Farms Arena (at Timber Creek), please be advised it's time for the annual **Delta Fair**. On the evening of the 8th, they've still got one day to go before it ends, so traffic will be backed up, mostly in the left lane, as you head north.

August Meeting – As You Were

The August meeting started off with some discussions of some things which were brought back from the national convention in Phoenix. Notably, **Jim Webb** had purchased some paint from Mission Models in British WWII colors. He was pretty happy with how they sprayed and the colors themselves. Jim also picked up one of the free samples of Stynylrez from Badger. This is a primer which is thinned with water. It comes in several shades, but the free giveaway was sort of a dark flesh color. In any event, it sprays well and may prove quite useful.

Not from the Nationals, but introduced several meeting ago by **Rich Van Zandt** was a new glue from Loctite called GO2 glue. Some of our members picked up some of this, and it seems to be a good way to attach canopies. It's a hybrid product which involves no cyanoacrylate, dries crystal clear and will not fog clear plastic. It also cures but does not get rock hard, remaining a bit flexible. Some of us are starting to use it to

attach things other than canopies, miscellaneous small parts and also antenna masts. The theory with the antennas is that you might be able to touch one without it snapping off the model as it undoubtedly does when attached with super glue.

In progress models were led off with an Eduard 1/48 Bf 109G-6 from **Bill Von Staden**. Coming off the completion of the Tamiya version of this aircraft, Bill wanted to build Eduard's rendition back-to-back with Tamiya's to compare the two. So far, Bill has assembled the wings and used a .010" x .040" strip of Evergreen plastic to fill in the rear edge of the slat wells. The thickness is just right, and although the width of the strip does not reach the leading edge of the wing, it does not need to, as the open slat will hide the forward edge of the strip. The Eduard is going to be a bit more complicated than the Tamiya, but includes enough extra parts to allow this model to be built as a Bf 109G-14 with the 'Erla' canopy without all of the frames in it.





Joe Vincent was there with his Academy 1/72 F-16C, which is well under way. The model fit together very well. Joe is using MRP and Gunze acrylics to do this one in a blue splinter scheme. The original plan was to make his own masks for the camouflage pattern, but that didn't quite work out. It ended up being easier to get the pattern right using tape. The decals on this one will be from Two Bobs 'Alaskan Splinters' sheet 72-107.



The second of two Hasegawa 1/72 F/A-18-C Hornets was there from **Ron Campbell**. This one used a True Details ejection seat, and weapons from the Hasegawa weapons set and some spares. Ron was trying the 'black basing'



painting technique on this one, and learned that one challenge is to stop putting on your top coat before you totally lose the effect of the 'marbled' coat underneath it. Model Master enamels were used for this. The decals were from Eagle Strike and CAM Decals. At this point a panel wash had been used on the model.



There were no completed models at the August meeting, but we will say that **Stan Parker** was not in attendance, due to several simultaneous home disasters. So look for local representative Stan from Wingnut Wings to return next month!

Huntsville Happenings

This year's Huntsville event was somewhat of a surprise. Coming just three weeks after the IPMS National Convention in Phoenix, one

might have expected a somewhat lower turnout than usual. But in fact, the opposite proved to be the case. There were a total of 528 entries, which is roughly twice the usual turnout! The host club ran out of entry forms twice, and had to scramble to print more!

Chapter members Stan Parker, Kevin Wilson, Rich Van Zandt, Jim Webb, Ron Campbell and Bill Von Staden all made the trek to Alabama. When we arrived, Jorge Barnard (club member in the 1990's, until he left Memphis) was there to greet us. David Morris and George Mohr were also on hand. The Chattanooga chapter had a table at the entrance, with a contingent led by Lynn Petty to promote the 2019 Nationals, and answer any questions people had about the event.

Awards for the contest were medals this year were Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Rich Van Zandt took Best Aircraft with his 1/48 Zoukei Mura F-4J Phantom in a Ferris scheme. Ron Campbell took a 2nd in 1/72 and Smaller Prop and a 3rd in

1/72 and Smaller Jet with his F-18C. In addition to the We did not get any information on other scores, but we do know Stan Parker had a quantity of entries in the WWI category, so we suspect he got something there.

Contest Notice!

This is just a note to tell you that this year's theme contest for P-47 Thunderbolts of all types will be held at the December meeting. Since our meeting will fall on December 8th, we thought it would be early enough in the month to avoid most of the Christmas parties people might be invited to attend.

September Meeting Up!

Our September meeting will be on **Saturday, September 8th at 6:30 PM** in our usual location at Advent Presbyterian Church on Germantown Parkway in Cordova. Please remember the warning about traffic in the Delta Fair area!

We will be using our standard meeting format, so please bring any current in-progress or completed models you have.

There will be a raffle this month, so scour the couch cushions and the floor of your car to see what spare change you can come up with!



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2017 Contests & Other Events

Sept 8, 2018 13th Annual Model Contest & Swap Meet, Holiday Inn Route 66, 10709 Watson Rd, St. Louis, MO Contact Chris Merseal at crm@inlink.com

Sept 29, 2018 Central Arkansas Sproo-Doo The Innovation Hub
201E Broadway St,
North Little Rock, AR 72114.
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<http://www.casmodels.org/index.html>

November 10, 2018 Middle Tennessee Model-Con – Rutherford County Ag Center
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