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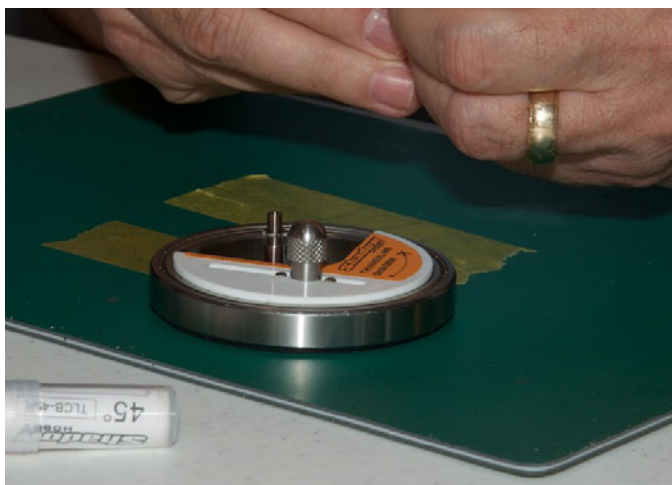
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August Meeting – As You Were

The August meeting was our second annual trek to Mississippi for a meeting at a member's house. This time we all met at Kevin Wilson's new place, and it turned out great. Kevin and Shelley had probably only been in the place for a week or so, but it was nice. Kevin has a brand new model room, and it has places to display models and room for model kit storage, as well as, of course, a place to build models. We have to say, we like our regular meeting place. But when you are meeting at the house of a member and someone says, "I use this tool (or product) to do this procedure" and another member says, "What is that?" you can generally walk ten feet or less, pick up the item in question, and say, "One of *these*." Makes things pretty clear!

We did have our club raffle, and for the first time in over two years, **Bill Von Staden** held the winning ticket. Nobody had any idea how this happened – a complete mystery!

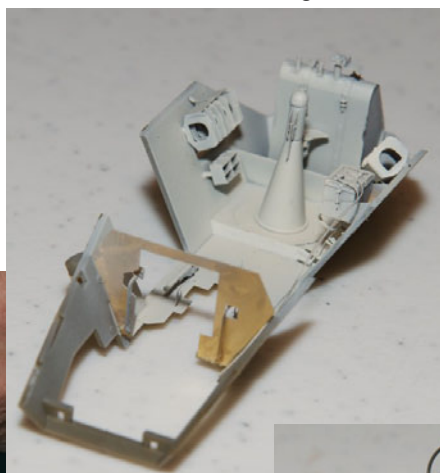
Joe Vincent had purchased one of the new circle cutting tools from Shadow Hobbies which was seen recently on *Hyperscale*. He brought it with him to give us a quick demo. This device allows one to cut masking material, decals, paper, or whatever, in diameters from 2mm up to



50mm. So, in English, that's from real small, up to right at two inches. This tool is not cheap, but we can say from first hand observation that it does not look like it would be. Joe mentioned that when using this tool, it is handy to have a pair of dividers on hand. This is assuming you are trying to match the size of the circle you want to cut with something else you have in hand..

The in progress models were led off with a 1/48 Hasegawa B5N2 Kate from **Rich Van Zandt**. The Nakajima torpedo carrier was pretty well along in construction, and Rich likes the kit. He did find that the wingtip lights needed to be corrected, so he used some red and green clear plastic to make some and faired them into the wing. The plan is to use Gunze Mr. Color on this one, and he is going to take the opportunity to mask and paint the markings on this one, and that includes the tail codes if all goes as planned.

David Bomar made the meeting, and brought along his 1/35 BA 64 Russian light armored car. We didn't note



the brand here, but we're going to guess it's the pricey kit from Vision. David didn't care for the kit door hinges, and their arrangement made opening the doors difficult. So, he's re-engineering some

of that. A bunch of photo etched parts will be used on model's interior. Vallejo paints are being used on this model.



A 1/72 Academy P-47D Bubbletop kit is **Kevin Wilson's** choice to "get back into the hobby" as he stated at the meeting. (Kevin has had a lot going on lately, including the new house, and modeling has been somewhat on the 'back burner' for a while.) This Academy kit fits well, although he cannot seem to find the kit's decal sheet. This was something bought at a show, and he believes they were not included in the box. Kevin showed that this model's wheel wells were detailed in a strange manner. The part of them in the wings has detail, while the part in the fuselage half is not detailed at all! The kit does include two props. A general discussion ensued comparing this relative merits of this kit versus those of the Tamiya version of the same subject. We won't tell you the outcome of that one!



Ron Campbell has decided to build a 1/72 AH-64A Apache for November's 'War in the Desert' contest. (Oh yeah, we're having a 'War in the Desert' contest later this year, in case we forgot to mention it... Details below.) Ron was just getting going on this one, and he decided to use multiple shades of black on the interior.

The contingent of finished models started with a 1/48 F-8 Crusader from **Stan Parker**. This was the Hasegawa kit and it was mounted on a stand. At present, the model is sans canopy, but we were told that one was already on the way from the kit importer. Stan used the 'Black Base' painted technique recently described and used by Rich Van Zandt. Testor's white and Gunze black were used on this one. The model depicts the plane carrying two 2000 lb bombs borrowed from another kit.

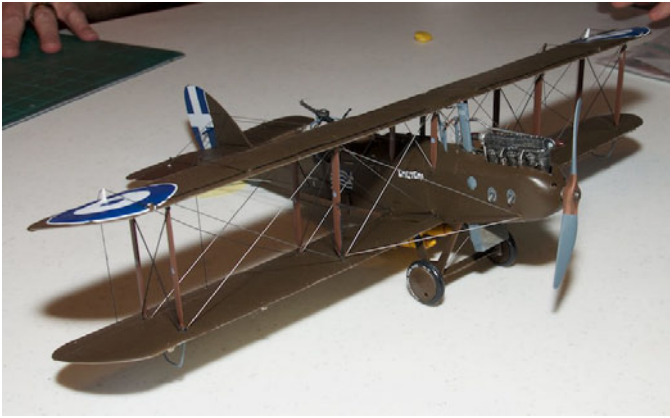


Ron Campbell had completed his second of two ESCI 1/72 F-8H Crusaders, and had brought them both to the meeting. He had started these right around the time he joined the club, and wanted to compare the finished results to each other. It was pointed out to him on the first one that the nose gear strut was quite short, and the model did not have the typical 'Crusader stance.' On the second one, he had corrected that, and did some other things differently as well, and it was pretty easy to spot which model was the original effort, and which one was 'new and improved.'



And rounding out the finished models was... Wait for it, yes, **Stan 'Wingnut' Parker** had the 1/32 Wingnut Wings kit of an AMC DH.9 in the markings of the Greek

Navy. Stan used a variety of materials for rigging on this one, including EZ line, and .015" piano wire. It turned out well, and we can't say we see things in the markings of the Greek Navy everyday!



Contest Announcement!

Our November meeting will feature a contest with the theme of 'War in the Desert.' For the purposes of this contest, the entire Mediterranean theatre will be included, so Malta, Sicily, and the boot of Italy will qualify. The models must be aircraft, but any scale or degree of modification or detailing will also fit the bill.

September Meeting Up Next

The September meeting, which will be held on **Saturday the 9th at 6:30 PM**, will feature the pictures of the models at the IPMS Nationals in Omaha in July. Of course, we will be back at our regular meeting place, Advent Presbyterian Church on Germantown Parkway in Cordova, but upstairs in the chapel where there is a projection screen. We will **not** be using our standard meeting format, so please leave any models and new stuff at home! There will not be a raffle. Feel free to bring a non-alcoholic beverage of your choice and at least a pound of some good beef jerky! See you there.

41st Huntsville Model Contest

It was a beautiful cool fall morning when we set off to Huntsville, which would be great if it still wasn't summer and August no less but the weather has been a bit screwy around here of late. David Morris and I set off for the Annual rite of early fall, along the way we ran into several other IPMS Memphis club members as well as several club friends. Stan Parker, Ron Campbell, Kevin 'Skeeter' Wilson had also made the trek to Huntsville. We also ran into Steve Nimitz along the way.

The venue was already busy when we arrived, as I had

wares to sell I busily set up my Vendor table and noticed that there were quite a few others who were also selling off their kits from the 'Never to be built' collection. There were quite a few more vendors when compared to last years show.

The contest area tables were once again set up on lengths of pipe making it easier for the aging model builder population to look at the displays without straining their bad backs or hurting their arthritic knees. There seems to have been a shift in the building preferences as it seems that more and more 48th jets are showing up and the amount of Allied & Axis SE 48th props has decreased significantly over the years. There also was a large contingent of 72nd and smaller jets. Another area that was well represented was the real and SciFi categories but maybe that should be no surprise considering that we are in NASA's backyard.

The judging got off pretty much without a hitch and this year there were enough judges so no group was burdened with having to judge too many categories. It still took a lot longer than I thought it should but some of the categories were rather tough to judge as the quality of the models in them was quite good.



This year they handed out medallions in Gold Silver or Bronze to the category winners, (much better than last years paper awards) and the Best AC/Armor etc got a very nice Lucite trophy.

Stan Parker got a 3rd for his Folker DVI and a 3rd for his DC-3 in North Central Markings.

Rich Van Zandt got 1st in 48th Jet for his F-16C Blk 40, 1st in 48th Axis SE with a B52N Kate, 1st in 48th SE Allied with a P-51D Mustang 'Yellow Jackets' and a 1st in OOB category with his Bf-109G5.

Overall it was a good show with a nice collection of models to look at, and the vendor room provided lots of shopping options for all.

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2017 Contests & Other Events

Sep 9, 2017 IPMS Gateway Contest/Swap Meet
Holiday Inn-Rt 66 Watson Rd St. Louis MO, 63127
Contact: peddocdoug@gmail.com 314-610-2429

September 23, 2017 Autumncon 2017, IPMS
Northshore Scale Modelers, Region 6 Regional
Convention, Clarion Inn 501 US 190, Covington, LA
70433 Special themes for First Responders, Best
USN/Marine Aircraft and Best USAF Aircraft
Contact the Northshore Chapter at
<http://www.northshoremodelers.net/contactus.html>

September 30, 2017 Sproo Doo 2017
"The Six Day War "
The Innovation Hub 201E Broadway St.
North Little Rock AR 72114
Contact: casmodelers@gmail.com
[Event Website/](#)

November 18, 2017 IPMS Middle Tenn Model Con
Rutherford County Agricultural Center
315 John Rice Blvb, Murfreesboro TN, 37129
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