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January Meeting Moved!

Because we have a number of members planning to go to Chattanooga on our normal meeting weekend, the **January meeting has been moved up to Saturday, January 5th**! Yes, that's this coming Saturday as you are reading this. We'll be at the usual location at Advent Presbyterian on Germantown Parkway, at the usual 6:30 PM.

2019 Dues News and More

At the January meeting (see item above) our esteemed treasurer will be busy collecting funds, which for 2019 will be \$35 for the year. We have held the line at \$30 for the last five years, and thought it was time to step it up a bit. We plan on sponsoring **two** trophy packages for the IPMS National Convention in Chattanooga in

August, which is partially the reason for the increase. In case you are interested, prior to five years ago, the policy was to collect \$15 at the beginning of the year, then \$3 at each meeting, which means if you attended all of the monthly meetings, you were paying \$48 annually. So we don't think \$35 is still entirely reasonable. As always, please bring cash, in U.S. legal tender, and no rolls of coins, please!

In further news concerning the coming year, the April meeting will be held at the home of Rich Van Zandt, and the August meeting at the home of Kevin Wilson, both locations being in Olive Branch, MS. One additional note on that, said August meeting will be **moved back** a week to Saturday, August 17, because of the Chattanooga Nationals.

The March club contest will be for models which



are “**Almost Out of the Box**” where you’ll be allowed to substitute two aftermarket items to replace two kit items. For these purposes, a set of resin wheels, or exhaust stacks, etc. will count as a single item. (But using a single Aires Detail Set to replace half the stuff on the model is clearly out of bounds! That’s not one item.)

Our December 2019 contest will be for aircraft which are *designed* in one country, but in the service markings of another country. (We’re not looking at *country of manufacture*, so a Polish MiG-15 is OK, even if the airframe was made in Poland.)

OK, that’s all we can think of for the moment, so the main thing for right now is not to show up for a meeting on the wrong date or at the wrong location! And also to bring Kevin some cash in January...

Van Zandt Tops P-47 Contest

Rich Van Zandt took First Place in our P-47 theme contest at the December meeting. His model was based on the fine Tamiya 1/48 kit of the P-47D Razorback. The model depicted a Pacific-based aircraft, using decals from Thundercals for “Slick Chick” from their sheet 48-003, PTO Part 3. The natural metal finish

was Alclad Chrome, which was then ‘knocked down’ from a high shine to something more representative of an operational aircraft. Rivets were added to the airframe beforehand. The pilot’s seat and wheels were resin items from Ultracast, and Rich had added ignition wires to the R-2800 radial engine. Well done!

Placing second, **Bill Von Staden** also started with the Tamiya 1/48 Razorback Thunderbolt, but opted for an aircraft based in the UK in 1944. Decals from Kits World provided the markings for “Stalag Luft III, I Wanted Wings”



with an imprisoned Donald Duck on the cowling. This aircraft was painted with RAF stocks for Ocean Gray and Dark Green over Sea Gray Medium. Eduard ‘Steel’ USAAF seatbelts were used on the kit seat. Invasion Stripes were



still applied on the underside of the aircraft, but overpainted with olive drab on the upper surfaces.

Ron Campbell placed third with an Academy 1/72 Thunderbolt P-47 Bubbletop model. This was the only bubble-canopied model entered in the contest, as everyone else had opted for the Razorback version. Ron is used main wheels from Pavla, and a 108-gallon paper drop tank from the Italeri P-47N kit. The antenna has been relocated, the main gear legs and gear doors were shortened for accuracy, and the gun barrels were drilled out. The gunsight was modified, and the clear sight glass added. The model was finished in RAF Dark Green over an approximation of RAF Sky Gray using Model Master enamels. Decals from SuperScale were used to depict ‘No Guts – No Glory’ of the 78th



their customers should have to apply a lot more modeling skills and effort to arrive at a successfully completed Thunderbolt build! The fit of the wings to the fuselage was not that great on the underside of the plane. One of the horizontal stabilizers did not seem to want to be



FG, 84th FS flown by Major Benjamin Mayo, at Duxford, England in 1944.

Stan Parker entered his Tamiya 1/48 Razorback P-47D, which was built as “Daniel Boone” of the 318th Fighter Group in the Pacific. Decals on this one were from LifeLike, and paints used were Tamiya XF-16 Flat Aluminum and XF-85 Black.

For his entry, **Jim Webb** had also opted for a 1/48 P-47D Razorback, but this one was based on the Hasegawa kit. Judging from Jim’s comments, we guess Hasegawa believes that



a mirror image of its opposing partner without considerable persuading. And likewise, one of the main gear struts chose to fit differently than



the other. Jim's model depicted a Pacific-based aircraft, and was finished in Tamiya acrylics.

Joe Vincent built the 1/72 Razorback version of the Academy kit that Ron had done. On his, Joe had dropped in a True Details resin cockpit, and also used a Squadron vacuform canopy. He said the assembly of the kit went smoothly, though it lacked some of the details of the later Tamiya 1/72 kit.

January Meeting Held Early!

As mentioned above, our January meeting will be on **Saturday, January 5th at 6:30 PM** in the usual location at Advent Presbyterian Church on

Germantown Parkway in Cordova. We will be using our standard meeting format, so bring any new stuff you have acquired recently, along with any in-progress or completed models. We are looking forward to a banner year, and are quite excited that the IPMS National Convention is being held in Tennessee! Should be our opportunity to transport more than the usual number of models to enter in the contest, and several of us are looking forward to not having to go through security at the airport, and dealing with the TSA! That right there is worth the price of admission. We're also wondering of the food offered at the Saturday night awards banquet will include a 'Barbecue Option'? Could be worth looking into!





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