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## June Meeting in Review

The meeting started off with, not actually a demonstration from **Kevin Wilson**, but kind of a product review, of an item he had recently found in Hobby Lobby. They are, well, we guess “fake rocks” would be the best description. Found with the other model railroad scenic or diorama stuff they have at the store. The “rocks” are cast resin, and they are pretty much ready to go as far as the finish goes, unless you’d like to change the color of them. They might have a somewhat limited use on an aircraft display base, unless they are pushed to the background behind the aircraft. But for a figure base they would be pretty good. And we have seen a few pictures of aircraft in Greece or the Balkans where there are rocks visible.

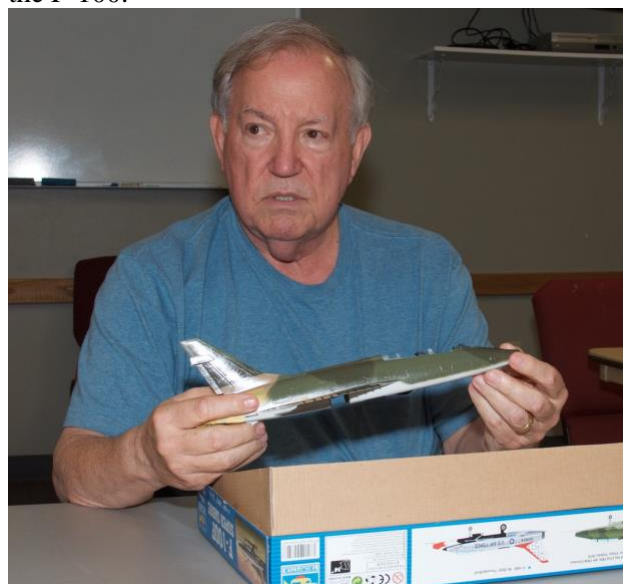
Next we had **Rich Van Zandt** give us a short



preview of a new product from Loctite called Go2Glue. This glue should be good for attaching canopies and similar to models, as it dries crystal clear and is water soluble until it dries. Rich picked this up in Home Depot, and we believe it will make a stronger bond than Gators Grip glue or the Testors stuff in the square bottle with the sideways nozzle.

Our in progress models were led off with a 1/48 two-seat F-100F from **Joe Vincent**. This model had a new resin nose from AMS which corrected the shape of the intake provided by Trumpeter.. Resin drop tank parts from the same source corrected the wing tanks, which were not sized correctly for anything carried by the Hun in Vietnam. Joe pointed

out that the instrument panel was not correct, and that the slats were given as one piece, when there are actually an inboard and outboard section of each on the F-100.



He added a RAWS antenna on the nose, and a throttle and grab handle in the cockpit. Joe fabricated his own pitot tube, and made some corrections to the ejection seat. The new acrylic paints from Hataka were used on this model. The colors look pretty good for the Southeast Asia scheme, but Joe said he was cleaning the tip of the airbrush quite often from the moment he started painting with it. Although ‘Hataka’ may sound Japanese, the paint is from Poland.

**Rich Van Zandt** was working on an Su-35 Flanker E from Kitty Hawk. It looked pretty good, but Rich said that the Great Wall model of this aircraft is a much better kit. The Kitty Hawk is the prototype or early production aircraft only. But Rich has a decal sheet and a 3-color splinter scheme chosen for this

model which requires just this airframe and not a later production version. He used MRP Sukhoi cockpit blue paint, but the kit instrument panel decal has the wrong colors. There is a prominent seam inside the nose wheel well. The nose gear strut is weak and destined to be replaced by metal piece. The join of the wings to the fuselage is good. Rich said the Kitty Hawk exhaust nozzles are quite crappy and will



be replaced by aftermarket resin units. Galaxy model paint masks will be used, and Rich figures it will take around 50 hours to paint this thing!

**Stan Parker** led off our parade of four completed models with his Hobby Boss 1/48 A-4E Skyhawk. This model has the wing leading edge slats molded shut. The canopy does not really fit the fuselage all that well, and the mainwheels are somewhat thin. Stan did a commendable job, and the finished model looked good, but the Hobby Boss version of this model does not stack up too well to the Hasegawa kit, which is apparently out of production.



Stan had also finished a Nieuport 11 "Bebe" in 1/32, built from the A-Model kit. There were no locating aids on the fuselage, just to add to the fun! But the upper and lower fuselage joins required only a bit of filling and sanding. Three of the four cabane struts (from the upper fuselage to the underside of the center section of the wing) were the correct length, but the fourth one had to have 1/16" removed from it. Tamiya paint was used on this model, and the rigging was done with 0.015" piano wire, with the wires going to the control surfaces were invisithread. The aftermarket decals were from a New Zealand company called Kiwi Decals.



Stan's last completed model was a Hobby Boss Mig

17C in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale. The fuselage was in four parts so the front and rear could be pulled apart to display the jet engine. The fit was very good with a minimal use of some putty and some light sanding. Tamiya paints were used throughout, with the cockpit and the underside of the plane being the same color. Kit decals were used to depict an East German aircraft carrying a load of bombs. Russian and North Vietnamese markings are also on the Hobby Boss sheet.



The Mig-29 SMT Fulcrum 9-19 seen in progress last month by **Rich Van Zandt** was completed and present at this meeting. It featured a four-color splinter scheme. Rich had to “eyeball” the colors to some degree to approximate the amount of contrast seen on photos of the real aircraft. MRP paints were used for this project, as Rich seems to be liking this paint line more as time goes on. The paints seem more similar to working with inks than they do traditional hobby paint. They are extremely thin, and do a good job of



not covering up all of the ‘marbling’ colors he is doing before the final colors go on over them. Not much sense spending the time to do this if you aren’t going to at least have a ‘ghost’ of it showing through the final paint scheme.

## July Meeting in Olive Branch

We will hold our annual ‘Mississippi Meeting’, which alternates between the homes of Rich Van Zandt and Kevin Wilson, at Rich’s house this month.

The meeting will be held on **Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** at 10691 Cornell in Olive Branch, MS.

We will be using our standard meeting format, so please bring any of your new recent finds in the way of kits, books, decals and accessories, as well as any current in-progress or completed models you have. There will be no raffle this month.





## 2017 Contests & Other Events

**Aug 1-4, 2018 IPMS-USA National Convention, IPMS/Craig Hewitt Chapter,** Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N. Third St, Phoenix, AZ See [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org) website for link

**August 25, 2018 42nd Annual Model Contest, IPMS Huntsville Plastic Modelers Society,** Huntsville Jaycees Community Building, 2180 Airport Rd, Huntsville, AL Contact Skip Hassler at [skiphass@comcast.net](mailto:skiphass@comcast.net)

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