

## Spitfire PR XIX Takes OOB Contest



**Rich Van Zandt** took first place in our March club contest with his photo-recon Spitfire. The 1/48 Airfix Spitfire PR XIX kit was used for the build, and he thought “the fit is awesome” on this model. Rich did have to use a small piece of thin plastic sheet to close a small gap where wing met the fuselage, but thought this was no big deal. While the kit has a complex cockpit, it’s very hard to see, thus the canopy is closed on the model. The exhaust pipes had the ends drilled out. Various colors used as “under colors” included grays and blues to support the PRU blue surface. All colors used were by Mr Paint.

Having the canopy closed led Rich to investigate building the model with the landing gear up and mounting it on a Plexiglas rod in the ‘in flight’

position. Ultimately he got a clear disc for the base, and found an aerial photo of the airbase the plane flew out of and glued it to the underside of the clear base.

Second place went to **Bill Von Staden** with his Tamiya 1/48 Heinkel He 162 “Volksjaeger.” This kit was a typical Tamiya engineering exercise in ‘parts fit’, which means you would have to work to screw up the assembly. The gun barrels were drilled out. The paints were mixed from Tamiya acrylics, with the exception of the natural metal areas, which are Alclad. Decals were a combination of Cutting Edge, Trimaster and Aeromaster. (The Trimaster decals were the only ones to feature a black outline to the ‘5’ numeral on each side of the forward fuselage.)



**Ron Campbell** took third place with his 1/72 Tamiya P-51D. This was Ron's first model

totally painted in natural metal. He used Alclad and gave Rich a 'thank you' for his advice on using this. Over the Alclad paint Ron used





Testors red and yellow paint, which matched the Microscale decal which were used. The model had a very colorful scheme. Discussion of the finish on this model led to a conversation on how to touch up Alcald. Nice job!

A 1/72 J-35 Draken from Hasegawa was entered by **Jim Webb**. This one was finished in Austrian markings. Jim said the kit stands well against more modern models even though it is about 25 years old. He had some construction issues with this kit, and some bits of sheet plastic came in very handy. The tail cone does not fit to the fuselage very well. And either the extra landing gear underneath the tail is somewhat "fiddly" or possibly Jim is just not accustomed to building in this scale! The vertical stab must be glued to the fuselage and the fit of that is really good, and the canopy pieces fit very well. Overall the landing gear is nice, and strong enough to support the model. Paint used was Gunze Aqueous, and the Hasegawa decals were applied.



**Stan Parker** surprised no one by showing up with a completed 1/32 Wingnut Wings model. But you really don't see many of the D.XII version of the Pfalz biplanes completed. It's likely that the D.IIIa is deemed somewhat more attractive with its sleeker nose. The D.XII actually requires more rigging than its younger sibling, with the extra pair of interplane struts. But Stan's model turned out great. He painted the prop light brown and masked off the layers of laminations before applying a darker brown. The kit lozenge decals were used on the wings. He said he enjoyed this build quite bit.

Stan also made it a point to bring a completed 1/48 P-51D built from the new Airfix kit. (Last month, he brought completed P-51D Mustangs from the Tamiya and Meng kits.) Stan reports that he does not think this kit is as good as the recent Spitfire or Hurricane kits from Airfix. As he put it, "this kit has issues." One example was the presence of a panel on one side of the model



but missing on the other side, where one also should appear. Also, the drop tanks are molded incorrectly. Luckily, there are aftermarket tanks you can use, but still... Airfix does give you three different canopy bubbles, and two different windscreens, and two tails with different styles of sheetmetal fin fillets. (So the panel lines are different.) He said it can be a fun build, but he would use a Tamiya kit for a contest build.

## April Meeting Up!

Our April meeting, will be held on **Saturday, Apr 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** at Advent Presbyterian Church on Germantown Parkway in Cordova. We will feature our standard meeting format, and will likely have some talk about how things went at the 2018 Anniston, Alabama event, hosted by the Phantom Phlashers of Birmingham went.

We will also planned have a demonstration on masking by **Anthony Stead**, but as he has had to move recently, at this point the demo may or may not happen this month!







## Phantom Phlashers 2018 Show

The annual ANNISTON, AL show put on by the Birmingham Phantom Phlashers was held last weekend 4/7/2018 at the Civic center. The morning broke to grey skies and spitting rain and generally gloomy cold weather for the long trek southeast for the show, not what we usually have for this time of year. It was a very well attended show with lots of models and modelers in attendance, after all what else was there to do on this day, you certainly were not going to get any yard work done. IPMS Memphis club members in attendance at this years show were Bill Von Staden, Jim Webb, Ron Campbell and his wife Dawn, and Rich Van Zandt and his wife Venus. The usual cast of characters were there running the show for the Phantom Phlashers.

The model table were heavily populated with a nice selection of well built kits, the 72nd prop was heavily populated however the rigged aircraft were almost nonexistent, but there were lots of jets and props in 48<sup>th</sup>. The amount of sci-fi and real space was surprising and the quality was really high. At the final count there were approximately 467 models put on the table by 93 modelers, which is a really good showing and it seemed that the club was really happy with the turnout. Judging commenced at about 1 o'clock and completed around 3 o'clock, which is pretty good considering the number of models, that had to be looked at and some of the competition was really tough in the highly contested categories, only one little glitch showed up in the judging.

The vendors were numerous although sales seemed to be a bit slow with buyers guarding their money early on but sales seemed to pick up as the hours passed. There were some bargains to be had but they were few and far between. I was vending again this year and I did better with swaps and trades than actual sales.

The raffle with over 250 items, advertised as the best in the southeast did not disappoint with many

excellent kits on the table for those wishing to test the fates. There were even better wares (WingNut Wings kits) in the special raffle. They said that there will be more WNW kits to be had at future shows so it's an incentive to attend again next year.

Our club members did very well in the contest garnering several awards:

Jim Web took second in the 72nd Jet category  
Ron Campbell took first in the Rotary wing and Commercial category with his AH-64A Apache  
Bill Von Staden took a second in the 48th SE Prop Axis category with his Fw-190 F8 and his He-162 took third in the Out of Box category



Rich Van Zandt and his small air force gathered up quite a few too

First in both splits of the 48th jet category with his F-4S and F-16C, first in 48th SE Prop Axis with his Kate and second in 48th SE prop Allied with his P-40B, first in 32nd and larger aircraft with the Bf 109 G2 Trop, second in the MultiEngine Prop category with his Bf 110E2 Trop and second in the Out of Box category with the Spitfire PR XIX. His F-4S also took Best F-4 Phantom.



## 2017 Contests & Other Events

**May 12, 2018 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Smoky Mountain Model Con, by IPMS Knoxville Scale Modelers Assn**, Jacob Building, Chilhowee Park Expo Center, 3301 East Magnolia, Knoxville, TN 37914 Go to: <http://knoxvillemodelclub.webs.com/show-info-entry-forms> for show details. The contact is Matt Keller at [kampfer1945.mk@gmail.com](mailto:kampfer1945.mk@gmail.com)

**May 19, 2018 MOSS CON, by IPMS/MOSS**, Branson Convention Center, 200 Sycamore St, Branson, MO 71171 Several theme awards are being given, see their website at <http://www.ipmsmoss.com> Contact Nate Jones at [ipmsmoss@hotmail.com](mailto:ipmsmoss@hotmail.com)

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