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## IPMS/Memphis Dues Reminder

If you did not make the January meeting or, for whatever reason, forgot to bring the \$30 in cash for your annual chapter dues, please bring it to the February meeting. You would not want to have our club treasurer mad at you! And just to finally put the rumor to rest, he had nothing to do with those two cars in the church parking lot with slashed tires last year...

## January Meeting in Review

The meeting kicked off with a demonstration of Bondic by **Rich Van Zandt**. This is the clear adhesive which is 'set' by the use of a small battery-powered UV light. Though it is called an adhesive, it has many



other uses, such as the creation of a clear glass covers on an instrument panel, landing lights, and other things. However, it will only set when hit with the light source, so if you put it in a place where the light can't reach it, that would not be a good application!

Our in progress models were led off by **Ron Campbell** with his first Tamiya kit. This was the excellent 1/72 P-51D Mustang. Needless to say, it's probably a better product coming out of the box that what he has been working with. So far, Ron has been pretty impressed with the assembly process. And he has been priming and checking all of the seams with Mr Surfacer 1500 Black. He will be using Alclad for the natural metal finish.



**Kevin Wilson** has not completed a model in a while,



but he is having a go at a 1/48 Dewoitine D.520, which is also a Tamiya kit. Kevin really likes this kit, which is not his first D.520. The cockpit does lack detail, so he is using some aftermarket parts in the cockpit. This one will be in French markings, but Kevin has not decided on which brand of paint he will use on it.

**Rich Van Zandt** had a 1/48 Airfix Spitfire XIX in his stash of models, and decided this would make a good candidate for our Out of the Box contest in March. The canopy is really thin, and the fit of the parts pretty good in general. The cockpit built up very nicely in three sections, and a dark brown Tamiya pin wash used. Rich said Airfix did fine job on this kit, with the main drawback being that there is really only one way to paint it – overall PRU Blue. So, he will attempt to add some visual interest by not having it in a complete monotone blue.

Rich was also working on the new 1/48 Eduard Fw 190A-4 Profipack kit. This is Eduard's attempt to go back and simplify the Fw 190A line from about five or six years ago. (Yes, they were nice, but every exhaust pipe a separate piece... ?) This new version "works well" said Rich with just a small dab of putty needed. The wing to fuselage fit is awesome, with the hinged panel for wing root gun access not cut through the middle at the wing joint. Rich mentioned that cockpit decals provided do not fit properly. Overall though, this new series from Eduard looks like a winner.



The Hasegawa Macchi C.202 in the works by **Bill Von Staden** was back for another round of in progress review. The model is assembled and painted, but currently lacks landing gear, canopy, prop and some minor attachments. The decals were the bulk of the discussion this time, with many of the AeroMaster markings being a composite of two layers. This can be good, because it lets you determine the alignment of the borders around the numbers. But multiple layers of clear areas make the probability of silvering more likely to occur.



This, in turn, led to a discussion of the gloss clear coat, and the fact that many modelers are having a hard time finding what used to be called Future, but may now be Pledge with Future Shine, or any other variation Johnsons has come up with. When asked how he handles this, Bill said he has always just used Tamiya X-22 Clear Gloss, thinned with Tamiya lacquer thinner, for a clear coat, so finding Future is not a problem. (Editors note: this became an email conversation between several members of the group and it seems that Future has once again changed its bottle appearance. The new bottle now says Pledge Revive It Floor Gloss, Ive tried ti and it's the same stuff just a new name)



A Trumpeter Nanchang Q-5C in 1/72 scale was in progress by **Joe Vincent**. This is a Chinese re-designed Mig-19. The fit of this kit is "pretty good." But from there, it is somewhat downhill, as the kit instructions are incorrect regarding drop tanks. There is no ejection seat detail and the instrument panel is plain. The decal for the instrument panel is too big to fit the

panel. And there are no provisions to mount canopy open, though it is provided in multiple pieces. Other than that, it's four stars all the way!



The finished models at the meeting started with **Anthony Stead** and his Eduard 1/72 F6F-5 Hellcat. Anthony really liked this kit, as the build went



without a hitch. The finish of the model was a bit more of a challenge, as he was pretty much going to have to do the 'dash 5' version of the F6F in Gloss Sea Blue overall. He wanted both the color and the final

finish to be right, and for the model not to look toy-like with too much gloss. He actually started with a shade of Luftwaffe black green, then put Gunze Sea Blue over that. He ended up wishing he had stopped about one coat earlier on the blue, and allowing more of the green to show through. He used Testors Dullcoat in light coats for the finish and did not use any washes or other weathering, just adding exhaust stains.

**Stan Parker** built two 1/48 F-16D Block 40 models. First you need to know that the 'D' model is a two-seater, second, you need to know that Tamiya does not make a two-seat F-16 kit. So, Stan had both a



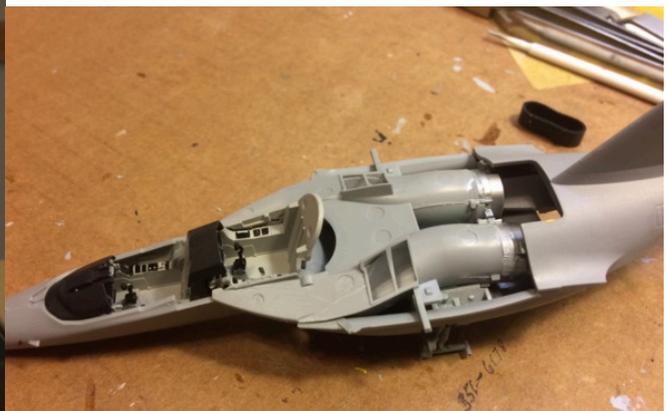
Kinetic and Hasegawa kits. He said that the Kinetic kit has been around for 5-6 years and look like a cheap copy of the Tamiya (except being a D-model, of course.) He did not like



the Kinetic kit. The fuselage is broken down as front and rear, and you have to "work with it." The Hasegawa D is based on the original A kit of many years ago. It was not designed to be either a single or two seater, so the fuselage is just an upper and a lower halves. That's nice, but it's just an old kit

lacking many details you'd see today. Both models were painted with Model Master light gray 36270, and Gunze 36118 dark gray. Stan's serial numbers

were correct for the two F-16D's he was building to give to the commander of the 8th Fighter Squadron 'Black Sheep', Lt Col Sletten.



The Zvezda 1/72 Yak 130 completed by **Joe Vincent** may have been small, but was nonetheless a complicated model, with a great many internal parts for such a small aircraft! (See photo.) The Zvezda instruction sheet really needs to be better illustrated. The kit's biggest failing is that the main canopy opens to side but they provides no parts to comprise anything like a hinge for this. The completed model does make an attractive multi-purpose aircraft though.

Rich Van Zandt completed the 1/48 Hasegawa EA-18G, which is his sixth completed FA-18. This one has been covered in progress a couple of times, so we won't repeat the particulars. But the completed model featured decals for the details on the insides of the exhaust nozzles!

presented by Bill Von Staden.

We hope to see you there!



Rich had also completed an AMK 1/48 IAI Kfir. This one featured a semi-scratch built refueling probe. He used a refueling probe for a Skyhawk as his base piece, and scratch built a new base to mount it to the fuselage of the Kfir C.7. This model features the markings of Columbian Air Force.

### February Meeting Up

The January meeting, will be held on **Saturday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** and will feature our standard meeting format, but will include the Raffle, thanks to Mid South Hobbies continuing support. The meeting will also feature a how-to on judging model contests,

### OOB Contest Reminder - March

Just a quick reminder that the March chapter meeting will feature our first contest of the year. This one is for aircraft models built conforming to IPMS Out-of-the-Box rules. But we're calling it OOB "Old School", which means we'll have models which do not feature any photo-etched or resin details, whether they come in the kit or not! And, as stated in the rules, we'll expect to see the instruction sheet that came with the kit as well.

## 2017 Contests & Other Events

February 10, 2018 **Atlanta CON 2018**

Intl Asoc. of Machinist & Aerospace Workers Lodge 709  
1032 South Mariatta Parkway  
Marietta, Georgia 30060

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April 7, 2018 **Phantom Phurball 2018: 60 Years of Phabulous Phantoms, IPMS Phantom Phlashers (Birmingham, AL)**, Anniston City Meeting Center, 1615 Noble St, Anniston AL 36201 Special themes for: Best Phantom, Best Tuskegee Airmen Aircraft, Best WWI Model, Best USMC Subject. Contact William Nichols at [phantomphocus@gmail.com](mailto:phantomphocus@gmail.com) or (205) 616-5499



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