



The GLUE

The El Paso Scale Model Society

September 2009

We had a very successful meeting August 2, with some 44 members, guest and family members in attendance. I have noticed that some clubs list each person that attends their meetings, and I tell myself we should list all who attended but a list of 45 to 50 names is quite a long list.

We had a number of visitors at the meeting, eight if I counted correctly. We had three visitors from Juarez, Mexico plus a wife or two of our members. Other visitors were Oscar Fraire and Jessica Tarrango. Oscar is an armor guy and brought a nice Leopard tank in 1/35th scale. Nicolas and Nathan Guzman were brought by Michael Kennedy. These youngsters also brought as some models to show. Michael Kolstad brought Dheeraz Govahoti. Daniel Hunter brought a friend Patrick Patty to the meeting. Welcome to all. Please come again.



The Bassett Place Show will be next Sunday, August 9. We will set up early (8:30) so that John Estes can go to church. If you plan to help, we will enter the Mall through the entrance next to the old Mervyn's on the I-10 side.

THE MEETING

We had a great meeting with a demonstration by Mike Boudreaux on folding, soldering, and finishing Photo Etch. He used an Eduard set for the Aichi B7A Grace. He stressed cleaning the parts to be soldered and showed how to use his Five etch Folding tool. Today, Mike used a Weller Soldering iron but I have seen him use a heat gun that some use to strip paint. The finished product was ready to paint, add some seat belts and install. Really nice work and those of the membership that watched were impressed and thank Mike for providing the seminar.

Mike Boudreaux took some pictures of the models and John Estes took some photos of the tables and the membership.

SHOW and TELL

Gary Boggs informed me that he had three pieces of art work in a Special Art Show at the downtown Library. He brought a very nice figure in 1/120th scale. This was his first attempt to use acrylics to paint a figure as he had always used oils to do his work. Gary also had an SdKfz 234/1 Puma Armored Car with a 20mm gun.

Mike King had a P-47D, A Hawker Hurricane and an F-84G all in 1/72nd scale.

The September meeting is to be a contest meeting. The same rules apply to this meeting as it did to the one in June. If we have enough models to have a contest, we will. If we have enough of one scale or type, we will divide into separate model categories.

Mike Boudreaux had a SeaFireMk.21 in 1/48th scale.

Jim Davis has two A-26 models, one in COIN colors, the other in Korea War Black with red numerals,

Howard Daily has a number of die-cast models to show.

He also brought a 1/12th scale pilot in full gear.

I sent out an enquiry about models at the meeting. Very few replied. I failed to take enough notes to write an issue of the GLUE.

Kit review

Building the Italeri Sd.Kfz. 234.2 Puma kit no. 7029

This kit comes with an option to build a war gaming model with less detail than the usual 1/72 kit which produces a more robust model that can be handled. I chose the usual 1/72 model with the more detailed under carriage, etc.

The plans are the exploded view type and are adequate for the construction process. The plan shows the wheels and tires added in the second step but I waited until the end of the construction to add them. The tires and wheels are cast as one piece so you only have to cleanup the mold lines and paint them.

The entire process is really very simple and easy to follow. The hardest part was to decide how to attach the head lights, as they are cast on a u shaped base, which I sanded off and glued them directly to the fender location. Another slight problem is that the smoke grenade launcher tubes were not as well detailed as the rest of the parts. There are no location marks or holes provided, just a printed square on the turret picture in the plans. The rest of the kit just fell into place. Some pre-shadowing and the Sand Yellow paint was applied. I then attached the tires/wheels and was ready to add the camouflage. The decals went on like a charm and all was finished, except for the poles on the fenders that determine the space needed to drive through any given area.

For my paint, I used some of the old Floquil Military Colors for German Armor. They were applied with a Bink's Wren "A-tip," single action airbrush, my choice for over 40 years. This was a pleasure to build and looks pretty good with ample detail for the scale.

I am building two other 1/72nd scale Puma armored Cars, so there will be more to follow.

john estes

The 2009 Bassett Place Show August 9

Wow, what a great bunch of club members we have. I needed to set up early for the Bassett Show so that I could go to church and sing with the choir. I arrived at the Mall about 8:10 with the tables, covers, etc. Everything was inside the mall at the area assigned to us for the event by 8:20. Some guys who came in at 8:30 to help with the set up were too late to get much action as we were ready to start placing the models on the tables by 8:35. Thank you all for your efforts in getting us off to a good start. 31 members showed models or helped with security while some guys and wives went to lunch during the event. The model count was a little low as we only had about 342 models on the tables. Bill Coster had 120 small scale Sci Fi models that he did not put out, i.e. 1/2400 or such, but were in a box that he did not open.

Mike Boudreaux took photos of the event with each modeler sitting behind his area of exhibition.

IPMS/USA Membership Incentive Program to end soon.

In an effort to recruit new members and to reward those who assist in that goal, the IPMS/USA Executive Board voted to enact a new incentive program during the Board Meeting at the 2008 National Convention in Virginia Beach.

The program is simple - we're asking our membership to help us increase our ranks. Any current member in good standing who recruits a new member will receive a free ONE YEAR membership extension. This program will be in place from October 31, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

A "new" member is defined as someone who has never before been a member of IPMS/USA, or whose last paid membership expired before September 30, 2004. This incentive is limited to one extension reward per current member, regardless of how many new members he or she brings in.

Gus Gonzalez was here from McAllen for the event. He was unable to bring anything to display but helped with everything including buying lunch for John Estes and anything that needed to be done. It was great to see Gus. Now we need him to retire and move back to El Paso.

Jens Ritter, who is with the Luftwaffe at Ft. Bliss, brought his great layout of hardstand area with some very nice 1/48th models on display. He also had a model of the MiG 29 UB that he got to ride in some years ago. This was parked in front of a hardened shelter typical to the Luftwaffe.

Jim Davis had a number of mix 1/48th scale/ 1/72nd scale Yellow Wings of the US Navy. Very Nice.

The tread heads, Bill Coster, Roy Lingle, Carl Webster, Justin Williamson, Howard Daily and Oscar Fraire, who participated in their first Bassett Place Show put on a very large selection of mostly 1/35th scale armor.

Fabian Nevarez had a great display of 1/32nd aircraft. His finishing and weathering techniques blow us away.

Mike Garcia had his ships which were displayed on the flags of the nations concerned. He also had some nice aircraft to show notably the Monogram B-29 in 1/48th scale.

Mike Drapes had about 50 1/72nd aircraft to show. A nice display of mostly WWII aircraft.

Gustav Hebrok had some nice 1/32nd scale aircraft and 1/12 scale collectors figures to show. His old rusted out car was the show stopper on that side of the table.

Mike Boudreaux had a great display of 1/48th scale models to show. He worked on a Hobbyboss MiG 19 during the day.

Joe Martinez had a display of figures including his First Place Winner at the 1995 IPMS Nationals in Albuquerque, NM.

Jack Callaway had a nice selection of models to show. Jack is the new editor of the Smoke Trails Magazine which features the F-4 Phantom.

Dixie Fisher had three dioramas on the tables. Dixie works at the Ft. Bliss museum so this is her usual format.

As Duane Velasquez had to work, he brought his models by before the shop opened. He had a very nice selection of helicopters.

Dixie kept an eye on these while Duane was at work.

Dane Alley arrived a wee bit late but spent the afternoon discussing the finer points of his models with a number of the visitors using magazines and drawing to illustrate what he had done.

Bobby Porter stopped by afternoon to offer his support to the membership and to check out the models.

Daniel Hunter had some of his cars and 1/48th B-25 to show. This was his first Bassett show, as well.

Brittany Terry came and offered her support to the event. Her models are packed waiting to be moved to new quarters on Ft. Bliss. This was her first Bassett Place show and she stated that she had a great time.

Rainer Boehme came early and set up tables and then came back to help with the take down and to help with the event while those who brought models were away from the display area.

Jonathan McAurthur, a potential member, actually he will join when he gets a job came by to support the membership.

Charlie Flores, a new member came by and checked out the display. He had a great time and was impressed with the models.

Mike King came with Charlie and spent a couple of hours visiting with the people that were viewing the models.

Joe Ureno worked about three or four hours as part of the relief squad.

Roger Gutierrez another of our newer members participated for most of the day, but did not bring any of his models

This was one of the best Bassett displays of all time and I have been to all except one.

Pictures will be added for the meeting and for the Bassett Show if I can get things to work. I have been building a B-25 for an old WW II B-25 pilot for his 86th birthday and it is just about finished. Now I should have some more time to work on getting this stuff together. Remember, I am not computer literate.

Any errors in this publication are my own. Complaints might lead to your opportunity to do the next issue.

I have not been able to add any pictures to this issue.