



.. Bill Coster's Trumpeter M1126 ICV in 1/35th scale.

My apologies to Kai Garcia as I missed him in the roll call at the April meeting. I looked at the pictures and bingo, there he was with his Dad.

Steve Herren is home from William Beaumont Hospital with a new stint. I hope that this will take care of his heart problems.

The May meeting got off to a good start with several folks returning after some months or so absence. Jose C Diaz was back, as was Jack Callaway and Gehard Gotzmann. Sergio Morales, Mike Drapes and Charlie Flores also joined us. It was great to see all of you. A quick run down of the roster and it appears about 32 folks attended the meeting.

Richard Macias, one of our newer members has under gone a heart procedure also since the meeting. Keep Richard in your thoughts and hope for a good outcome.

Our Special Thanks to Steve Herren for taking the photos at the May meeting. Steve worked for Kodak back in the film in a camera days. Taking the photos gave him an opportunity to check out his new digital camera. The pictures were taken out side in natural light. Fabian Nevarez did the needed photo work.

John Estes painted a face for Steve Herren at the meeting. It was a resin figure from an old Verlinden set piece. John used Vallejo acrylics on the face.



David Guzman's AMT 1968 Plymouth Roadrunner

On the tables:

Vice President Bill Coster brought a finished model to show. He stated that he could not remember the last time he had done so. Bill had a Trumpeter M1126 ICV in 1/35th scale.

Jim Davis brought a couple of B-25's, both in 1/48th scale to show. . Jim has been on a B-25 building mission the last few months. Using the Revell kit, Jim had "Vikin's Vicious Virgin" flown by Capt Henry Vikin assigned o the 82 BS of the 12th BG based in Gaudo, Italy, 30 December, 1943. His second B-25 was a B-25J "Sunday Punch" flown by Capt. Richard Robinson also of the 82 BS of he 12h BG, but based in Foggia, Italy, 24 October 1943. Several good comments were made about the OD color which was spray can Model Master. The Aluminum finish was spray can Krylon.



"Vikin's Vicious Virgin" done by Jim Davis



"Sunday Punch" by Jim Davis

Carlos Delgado had an ESCI 1/48th scale F-104 Starfighter to show.



Carlos Delgado's ESCI 1/48th scale F-104 Starfighter

Jose C. Diaz was back and brought three new buses in progress, which gave the folks a chance to see inside. He had a Mercedes Benz MP-120, a Dina Marco Polo Viaggio version and a Dina Marco Polo Paradiso version; all in his usual 1/32nd scale and all are scratch built using paper.





Tamiya 1/35th scale Pzkw MK II by David Guzman

David Guzman brought an AMT 1968 Plymouth Roadrunner. He also had a Tamiya 1/35th scale Panzerkampfwagen MK II. David is one of our newer members and really likes being a part of our membership.

Mike Garcia had a new Japanese battle ship still in the box in 1/350th scale. The Kongo, if I remember right. Some one asked if he would have it ready for the June meeting. I am not sure of the company that released this kit but I do not remember ever seeing the box style before. I will give more on it when we can get the info.



Gerhard Gotzmann's 1/32nd scale Tornado GR.1

Gerhard Gotzmann brought a 1/32nd scale Tornado GR.1 finished in RAF Desert Pink as flown during Desert Storm. The aircraft is shown in the "high speed-low level configuration, wings swept back when flying at Mach .92 at 200 feet altitude or less. Six aircraft were lost in the first days of the Desert Storm. This was a big kit and a fun build. Quote Gerhard: "A very good kit with parts that almost snap together.. He used no after market products and did a clay wash for the panel lines.



Su-17M3

His other kit was a 1/48th scale KoPro Su-22M3 which is actually an Su-17M3, the designation -22 being the export version. The model was marked in Soviet Air Force markings used during the Afghanistan Invasion. The decals were from Linden Hill which are very well researched. This set was titled "Fitters over Panjshir Valley."

This is a very basic kit and the parts do not always fit as they should. However, the wings sweep and this was Gerhard's first attempt at a four color camouflage scheme. He used a clay wash and tried some paint chipping by using silver as the primer coat and covering the areas to be chipped with some masking fluid. The aircraft was marked as the last unit to leave and covered the withdrawal of the Russians. Thanks for the nice info provided.

Michael King brought an Italeri A-4F built straight out of the box,. His Fujimi TA-4J was marked Hams 12 CO's aircraft. Mike also had a Cyber Hobby Meteor Mk I which has a ton of detail and interior parts. Nice work on a really nice kit. All of Mike's models were in 1/72nd scale.





Joe Martinez, our master figure painter returned with something new, Joe brought a Hasegawa P-40E in 1/48th scale. The aircraft represented "Old Exterminator", flown by Colonel Robert L. Scott. Joe added an Aires Resin Cockpit with photo etch and Ultracast tubular exhaust pipes. He primed the kit with Mr. Surfacer 1500 black and covered that with Tamiya Olive Drab lightened with a bit of desert yellow. The undersurface of the aircraft was finished in neutral gray for that time frame. Joe used Vallejo, Andres, ModelMaster and Tamiya paints for the other details on the model. Joe used a silver Prisma color pencil and Mig pigments to simulate wear and dust on the P-40. Neat stuff.



Sal's "Elephant"

Sal Samaneigo our junior modeler by age but certainly not by ability brought a nice 1/35th scale "Elephant" Assault tank.





Julio Sanchez brought a scratch built AN-70 in 1/144th scale and a 1/32nd scale T-6 finished with custom made decals.

David Torres had several kits to show but I do not find any info on them I remember a WWI German tank with at least two WWI German figures. All were in 1/35th scale. Nice work and I wish I had more information to give you on these items. Pictures not available.

My Column:

On my way home this morning from setting up the Fellowship Hall for a reception after church tomorrow, I realized how much a model club is like my church. Set up time was 8:00 AM as usual. I went a little early and there was one guy waiting for someone to come and open the church. When we go to Bassett Place Mall for one of our shows, no matter what time I show up with the tables, I will find Roy Lingle, Bill Coster, and Joseph Roper waiting for me to arrive. Mike Garcia, Jim Davis, Mike Kennedy and Carl Webster usually arrive within a few minutes and with that crew, we are set up by 8:15 or so.

Same thing happens at church, by the time the guys that stopped to get doughnuts arrives, the other two or three guys have shown up and we get through setting everything up and I am home by 8:20. At Bassett, the usual group arrives and begins placing models on the tables and we are ready to show by a little after nine. At church, the decorating group will finish we started early and all is set for tomorrow.

The funny thing, it is always the same group doing the set up. When the food is served at church then the rest usually show up to enjoy the event. At Bassett, the same thing happens, the usual group sets up, shows, and takes down the layout. Odd, huh?

What have you done for your model club lately? Brought a model to the meeting, written a kit review or a build article, did a seminar for the club? Fabian takes pictures, Mike Kennedy covers for Fabian at times. Steve Herren steps up to take pictures, Mike Garcia and Roy Lingle takes pictures at some events. Fabian does the layout for the GLUE; I write the text and print copies for those without web capabilities.

Thanks to those that participate by bringing models, in the box, built or as WIP's. You make all of this worth the effort. Our next meeting is June 5. Bring a Model, bring a Friend.

Another odd thing that I have noticed is now that we are only putting out a two page flyer at the local hobby shop, few are being picked up and a surplus from this year is in the slot. When it was the full ten to twelve page edition, all were gone within the week.

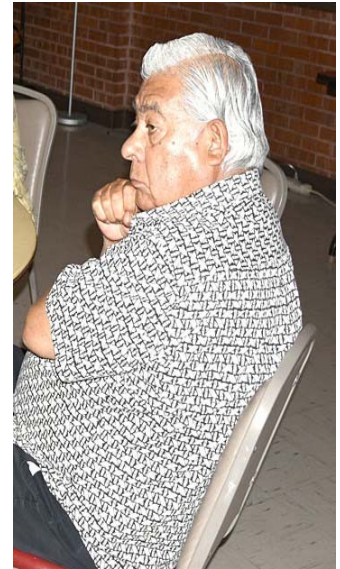
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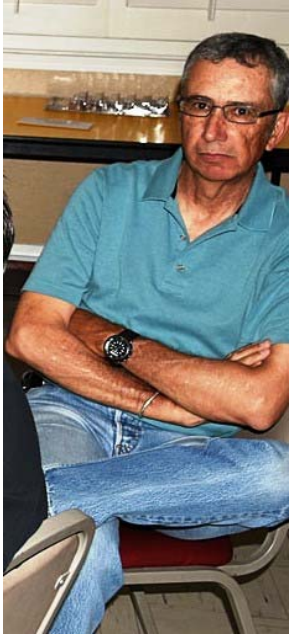
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