



February 2017



Rick Wongsing's CH-53E in 1/48th scale

Outstanding meeting on February 5. Two new members paid their dues and several folks attended that had missed several meetings. I made my usual joke about the NFL holding the Super Bowl on our meeting day and 45 folks show up to meet.

Bob Porter's sister Chris Schultz was at the meeting. She gave Bobby one of her kidneys some years ago and came to town to take care of the final arrangements for Bobby. More on Bobby in My Column.

Tom Delgado and Arthur Berdick joined our membership as first time members of the El Paso Scale Model Society. Welcome to both. They were visitors to our Bassett Pace display in November.

We now have 30 paid up members for 2017. 30 times \$15 is \$450. Rent at the church is \$480 for the year.

Thanks to Michael Kennedy for our pictures this month. I got the picture several days before I made use of them for this issue.

Steve Herren had open heart surgery and is at home. He has been up and about for a couple of weeks and had lunch with John Estes and Jim Davis a couple of times.



Jose Roldan's Green Baron

The club shirts are done. \$20.00 each. Antonio Patino, Kenyon Souflee and Jose Roldan have paid for theirs. I have a few with no names on them, if you are interested. New source had them in 5 days. The old source has had our order since October and we paid half up front. Still no joy. Time for a refund.

Some of our guys will be going TDY before the next meeting. The best to you are while away and we are looking forward to your return.



Jose Patino's M-20



Joe Martinez's F4F-4 Wildcat in 1/48th scale

On the Tables

Rick Wongsing brought an Academy 1/48th scale CH-53E from HMM 464. Very nice work with many super detailed areas by Rick. Being a helicopter guy working up close and personal helps to know your stuff. Rick also had an Eduard 1/48th scale Fw 190A8/R2. Again a very well done model.



Ron Franco's Airfix Stuka in /72 scale



Kenyou Souflee's 1/12th scale Nastro Azzurro Honda NSR 500 motorcycle

Jose Patino brought an armored Utility Car, US-M20 in 1/35th scale made from the Tamiya kit. He also had a Yokosuka P1Y "Ginga" in 1/72nd scale built from the Hasegawa kit.

Joe Martinez brought a Tamiya 1/48th scale F4F-4 Wildcat, flown by Lt. Jim Swett VMF 221 at Guadalcanal, 1943.

Lt. Swett shot down 7 Japanese "Val" aircraft on his first combat mission, 17 April 1943. He added 8 and one half more Japanese aircraft while flying the F4U Corsair.



Michael Garcia's Revell Ford Tri-Motor in 1/77th scale



Jim Davis's 1/72nd scale Fujimi Mitsubishi Type "0" Observation seaplane

Jim Davis had a 1/72nd scale Fujimi Mitsubishi Type "0" Observation seaplane, a "Pete" F1M2. Very unusual for Jim as usually builds only US aircraft. I understand that he will be building some more Japanese aircraft.

Ron Franco was back for a meeting and he brought several models to show. Ron had a 1/72nd scale Ju87B-1 Stuka built from the Airfix kit, A 1/35th scale Trumpeter 38(H) Observation vehicle. As works in progress Ron brought a Trumpeter 1/35th scale KV-1 as captured by the Germans and a 1/35th scale 8 Rd Sdkfz 232 in North African colors



Ron Franco's 1/35th scale 8 Rd Sdkfz 232

Jose Roldan brought a Monogram rerelease of the 5 winger Fokker "The Green Baron."



Ron Franco's 1/35th scale Trumpeiter 38(H) Observation vehicle

Michael Garcia brought a Revell Ford Tri-Motor in 1/77th scaled which he built for a friend. Michael flew in the Tri-Motor that was at the Santa Teresa, NM airport when in the area.

Kenyou Souflee brought a Tamiya 1/48th scale P-51B (Mustang III) in RAF markings. Nice job. He also had a 1/12th scale Nastro Azzurro Honda NSR 500 motorcycle.

Roy Lingle had in the box, a Minicraft 1/35th scale T-44 Soviet Medium Tank. The kit has 768 parts with complete interior, engine, crew area, and drivers compartment. The parts look good, according to Roy.



Rick Wongsing's Fw 190F8/R2 in 1/48th scale



Ron Franco's KV-1 WIP



Jose Patino's P1Y in 1/72nd scale



Kenyon Souflee's Mustang III in 1/48th scale

The folks at the meeting



Joe Ureno

Ken Souflee

Jim Davis

Sal Samaniego

Jose Roldan



Rick Wongsing

Chris Schultz

Crystena Dobson



Roy Lingle

Sal Samaniego



Joe Martinez

John Estes

Jack Callaway



Ron Franco

Rick Macias

My apologies for not having the photo information pages for the meeting. I found them at home in a folder after the meeting. Duh.

My Column

Jim McDaniel and Bobby Porter passed in January. Memorial Services were held for Jim in Georgetown, Texas. No services were planned for Bobby. Both were members of our club for at least 30 years. Both will be missed.

Jim lost his battle with cancer after several years. He was 70.

Jim McDaniel was one of the most generous individuals I have ever known. He donated bags of models for our door prizes, gave numerous seminars on various topics and taught us how to improve our modeling skills. The following was sent to him from me in December:

Sir James;

This is a note that should have been written 10, 20, maybe 35 years ago. Thanks for your friendship, Guidance, and encouragement, both Spiritual and worldly. I remember the first time you came to my house to look at my tax forms, etc.

You and Phyllis have meant a great deal to the Estes household for all this time. Your leadership while with the model club has also been appreciated. I am sure you kept me on the right track many times. I guess I should apologize for being part of the cause of your modeling madness. Modeling becomes a sickness instead of a hobby. I never bought a kit that I did not intend to build. I am now at least 35 years behind with no hope of even finishing those I have in the mill. Your generosity has been above and beyond any understanding. My prayers are with you. We love you and Phyllis. john

Bobby Porter had been ill for several years. As I mentioned earlier, he had kidney failure about 13 years ago and his sister gave him one of her kidneys, which was still functioning until his death.

Bobby has several models on display in the cabinet at Hal's Hobby Warehouse, but became more of a collector of kits, decals and resource materials. His favorite area of modeling was VF84 and most things Phantoms and Tomcats, thus most anything US Navy in nature.

Bobby was about 63.

Our Condolences go out to each family.



Chris Schultz

Bobby Porter



Jim McDaniel

Our next meeting is March 5, same time, same place.

Meeting Dates 2017

January 8

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

July 2

August 6

September 10

October 1

November 5

December 3

January 3, 2018



John Paul Jones

Michael Drapes



Jose C. Diaz

Sra Patino

Antonio Patino

