



July 2022



Carlos Delgado's B-26

We had 22 members and guest at the July meeting. Mike Boudreaux was in town from the Austin area. It was great to see Mike. Marco Gonzalez attended for the first time in about three years. Welcome back, Marco. Ron Franco made it back after missing a couple of meetings. Bill Coster was back after being out of town for a couple of meetings. It was great to see all that made it to the meeting.

Marco Gonzalez brought three models as WIP's. One was a bulldozer kit. Interesting enough, the last model he brought about three years ago, was the same identical model but he sold that kit to someone, so he started another. If I remember right, it was the Meng D9R armored bulldozer.

Our August meeting will be on August 7, 7000 Edgemere. 2:00



Jerry Richardson's F-15

Jerry Richardson's latest effort was a Hasegawa 1/48TH scale F-15C.

Jerry recently finished the Hasegawa 1/48 F-15C of the 194th FS, 144th Fighter Wing of the Calif. ANG. He used a True Details resin seat, Aries exhaust nozzles and Speed Hunter Graphics Heritage Eagle decals, otherwise the kit was built OOB.



Another view of the F-15C

Hector Gonzales brought a couple of his recently finished car kits to show. One was an AMT 1/25th scale 1965 Chevelle made into a Dirt Track racer. The other is in the following picture with the box top and plans to show the history of the model. There had been some discussion about how the car builders were finding some of the old favorites available again but basically just re-releases of the same molds. Sure enough, here is an example.



Hector Gonzalez's Woody's Pizza Super Modified

Hector built this from the DTR kit in 1/24th scale. However, the plans state that the model is a Lindberg kit known as the "Kustom Koffin."





Carlos Delgado's SBD

Carlos Delgado brought three models to the meeting. He had a 1/48th scale Revell B-26, a Monogram 1/48th scale SBD "Dauntless" and a Testor's 1/48th scale V-22 Osprey.



The V-22

A Special Thanks to Clifford Bossie for the use of his camera to take the photos for this issue of the newsletter. Thanks to Michael Kennedy for his photo work.



Ricard Macias's F-84F Thunderbirds

Richard Macias brought two F-84F “Thunderstreaks” in “Thunderbird” markings. The one on the left was built in 2011 while the one on the right was finished on June 17, 2022. Richard said that he forgot that he had built the kit on left.



Arthur Berdick's WW I Army Truck



Arthur Berdick's German WR360 C12 Locomotive

Arthur Berdick also brought two models to show. One was the Standard B "Liberty" Series 2 WWI US Army Truck in 1/35th scale. The other was a Dragon kit of the German WR360 C12 Locomotive which was used with the Leopold Railway Gun and the Morser Karl Gerat and was in 1/35th scale.



Found this while walking my dog. 1932 Ford Note: exhaust stains



A couple more.

Folks at the meeting:



Mike Garcia

Mike Drapes

Mike Boudreaux

Mike Kennedy

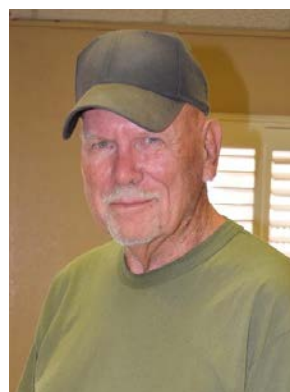
Roger the Dodger



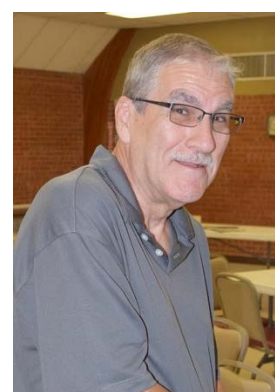
Gustav Hebrok



Carlos Delgado



Conrad Ottenhoff



Joseph Roper



Marco Gonzalez



Arthur Berdick



Dixi Fischer Jim Davis



Richard Macias



Hector Gonzalez



Duane Velasquez



Tom Delgado



Ron Franco Bill Coster



Richard Macias Bernie McCune



Joe Martinez John Estes



Hector Gonzalez's 1965 Chevelle

My apologies to Hector. I mentioned his Chevelle in the first part of the newsletter but did not place the picture into pages.

I saw Fred Gonzalez at the local hobby shop recently. He had purchased a set of tires and wheels for an older kit whose tires had deteriorated from old age. I was not aware that you could find replacement items. Interesting.

In some discussion at the meeting and at the hobby shop, it was noted that many of the older car kits are being re-released. Most have not been updated but are the same plastic, maybe with new decals and maybe not. Seems like the car guys are being ignored. The armor and aircraft folks are getting new and improved kits with multiple kits in one box, plus many great decal sheets in the box. One plus though, a car builder might be able to build one of the first models that was a favorite when the kit was first released.

Airfix and Eduard, in both 1/48th scale and 1/72nd scale, have provided many interior parts that cannot be seen when the kit is finished. Other companies have added details to parts that were just blanking pieces at one time, such as wiring, hydraulic lines, etc. Lots more can be said about these thoughts. Maybe more, later.