



## September 2022



Art Berdick's Police Car

We had a great meeting this month. Michael Williamson became our newest member. Welcome, Michael. His modeling interest tends to be toward armor, and he has another of his models in the photo section.

Another item of interest, for me, was Bruce Grinstead, a former member attended the meeting after returning to the area a couple months ago. He now lives in Alamogordo.

David Hassler was back as well. Nice to see David. Joe Martinez and his wife Yvonne were at the meeting. Ron Franco brought his son Luke to the meeting. Luke has been building some armor models but chose some aircraft models from the club stash.

Charlie Flores donated several boxes of kits to be used as door prizes, auctioned, or given to the younger modelers that are interested. More on that item later. Thanks, Charlie for your generosity. Thanks also to Art Berdick that helped Tommy Delgado get the models to the meeting.



Michael Williamson's M4A3E2 "Jumbo" Sherman tank

The meeting was well attended with 27 members, visitors, and family. I am not sure how many might have gone to the venue on the first Sunday as we usually meet the first Sunday of the month in all months except July and September.

John Estes did a follow up on the airbrushing seminar from last month and as requested did a program on the filling of seams and the types of fillers available for use. Thanks to those that added to the presentation with your questions and your comments about your experiences with some types of fillers, etc.

If you happened to notice that the model on the first page last month had a decaling error, Michael Garcia corrected the swastika on the tail of the G-38.

Michael also brought a MAS 1/144<sup>th</sup> scale H8K3 "Emily" to be photographed.

Ed note: Looks a lot like the old L and S or L/S kit of the Emily.

Michael Kennedy brought a MiniCraft 1/144<sup>th</sup> scale C-118B. Custom made decals, Some kit decals and some decals from the stash were used.

**Our next meeting will be October 2, 7000 Edgemere at 2:00**

Anyone want to take the photos for the October meeting?



Michael Garcia's H8K "Emily"

Hector Gonzalez brought three models to show. One was a 1937 Ford Pick-up in 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale. This model was built from the Revell kit. Hector stated that this was his first attempt to weather a model using rust as the method of weathering. His second effort was a 1949 Ford Shoe Box drag racer made from the AMT kit in 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale. It seemed to a Ford Day as his third model was 1934 Ford Coupe built as a dirt modified also in 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale and was another AMT kit.

Michael Williamson brought a Tamiya 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale M4A3E2 "Jumbo" Sherman tank to show.

Joe Martinez brought a 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale Dragons Models M4A1 Sherman tank. Joe's model had a commander figure from Alpine Miniatures, a M2 .50 cal. Machine gun from Asuka Models and spare track from Miniart located in Kiev Ukraine. Joe added a wood box and tarp from Value Gear. The pack, oil can, tow cables and the K Ration box came from his spare parts box.

Arthur Berdick brought five models to show and have photographed. In

1/24<sup>th</sup> scale, Art had an AMT 1927 Police Car and a Revell Citroen Charleston. In 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale Art brought an AMT 1932 Ford Three Window Coupe. His efforts in 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale were military in nature. One was a Trumpeter M984A2 HEMATT Wrecker. The other was an IMC G717 ton and a half truck.

**Thanks to Michael Kennedy for the photos this month.**



Michael Kennedy's C-118B

This model represents a C-118B Liftmaster belonging to Squadron VR-21 of the U. S. Navy, which flew out of Barber's Point, Hawaii during the 1970s. The crews flew all kinds of cargo far and wide around the globe and rather proudly referred to their C-118s as Coal Haulers. Aircraft 131604, more often referred to as "604", was one of those pieces of machinery that seemed too often have something go a bit wrong; thus, the rather dubious nickname — SICK OLD WHORE.

Members might want to bring some cash to the meeting. It is rumored that there will be some more models for sale. Monies to benefit the club.



Arthur Berdick's Revell Citroen Charleston



SIX-O-4, a.k.a., SICK OLD WHORE

From Michael Kennedy

A very good friend of mine crewed on these Coal Haulers in VR-21 as a radioman and introduced me to this particular experience on board 604: The crew were approaching Kadena Air Force Base on Okinawa for a landing, the pilot hit the handle to lower the gear and got the indication that the main gear retracted (**editor note: extended**) and locked but the nose gear had not. The crew notified the tower and flew by the tower for a visual confirmation – the nose gear was indeed half way down. An in-flight emergency was declared.

Various things were tried to coax the nose gear down to full extension, but none worked. One of the flight engineers aboard took the crash axe, (a standard piece of equipment), chopped a hole in the flight deck to expose the nose gear from above and saw that a safety pin that should have been removed had not been. He was able to remove the pin with a broom handle, which allowed the gear to lower and lock and allowed the plane to land safely on all three gears.

SICK OLD WHORE survived her NAVY career and eventually flew with Air Cargo Express out of Fairbanks, Alaska with the civil registration of N810CS from 1991 to 2008. After that she was in storage and likely a spares parts donor to other aircraft.



Hector Gonzalez's 1937 Ford Pickup



Arthur Berdick's M984A2 HEMTT Wrecker



Michael Garcia's Corrected decal on the G-38



Hector Gonzalez's 1949 Ford



Joe Martinez's M4A1 Sherman tank



Art Berdick's 1932 Ford Coupe



Hector Gonzalez's 1934 Ford Coupe Dirt Modified



Art Berdick's G717 Truck

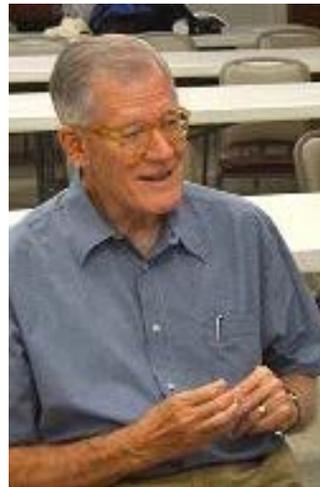
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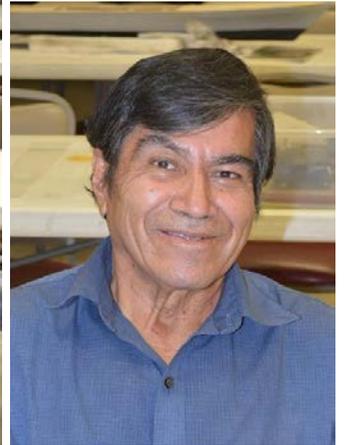
Michal Williamson



Bruce Grinstead



David Hassler



Jose C. Diaz



Joe Martinez



Hector Gonzalez



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Michael Kennedy



Tommy Delgado Unpacking kits