



The Meeting

Our club is something else. The Super Bowl guys forgot to check with us concerning meeting dates and they held the game on our meeting date, once again, the same as the last three or four years. So what did we do?, We have one of the best meetings in some months with more visitors, models and new kits, WIP's and on and on. In fact, I had told my wife I would probably be home about 4:00. We were still cooking right along at 4:30, local. We finally cleared the building close to 5:15, for a meeting that normally runs from 2 until 4.

We had about 40 members, guests and family at the meeting. The church had asked us to meet in the smaller of the rooms that we use instead of the large Fellowship Hall so we were packed into the available space, not a problem. Great.

A number of our members paid their dues today for 2012 so we now can boast 36 paid up members. The states of Colorado, Flordia, Nebraska, plus members from several towns in Texas and Juarez, Mexico are included as paid up members, in good standing, yet we still have a number of local guys that need to pay.

Our visitors today were, **Dave Rubacalva**, who builds Sci-Fi, Aircraft and cars and most anything. He is returning to modeling after some years off. Dave told me that he will be back and that he had a great time at the meeting.

Another visitor was **Mike MacCarty's brother Dan**, who had visited with us before. **Marco Landero**, from Juarez, Mexico came today and brought some really nice armor dioramas. I think he will return as he was one of the guys that was still there at 5:00.

Dennis Creamer returned again after some month's absence. Denis was feel-

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ing better and looked pretty good. He brought a Santa sleigh filled with chocolate to share.

Jose Roldan has retired and returned to El Paso from Ft. Sill, OK. Welcome back, Jose.

No business was conducted.

Show and Tell

This was a Show and Tell meeting and there was much to show and to discuss.

Our photographer, **Mike Boudreaux** brought his great looking Yak-3 built from the Eduard Profipak kit.

Mike dropped the control surfaces and used Humbrol paints on this masterpiece. He also had an Accurate Miniature's F-6A Mustang with an Ultracast prop, exhaust, seat and wheels. Mike used Gunze, Mr. Color paints on this model. Nice. The Yak will appear on our web site under the gallery in the near future.



Mike submitted pictures of his Yak to the Hyperscale Plastic Pics web site some days ago. These kits were in 1/48th scale, of course.

Fabian Nevarez brought a 1/48th scale MiniHobby Models, Mi-24P which he had converted into a Peruvian Air Force Mi-

35P. Fabian spent several weeks on this model as it was a bit of a bear to work with. This model will appear in the Gallery in the near future.

Fabian also had his Revell 1/48th scale PV-1 Ventura as a Work in Progress, which will be finished in the markings of





the Brazilian Air Force. This kit is all that has been said about it on many of the modeling web sites.

Duane Velasquez brought a HobbyBoss Ka-38 "" in 1/72nd scale, a nice model of a third or fourth generation Kamov Helicopter.

Mike King brought four different models to show. He had the new Airfix1/72nd A6M2 Type 21, late production "Zero"." This was in Pearl Harbor markings. Mike had an Acadeny TBF-1 Avenger that he had back date to the -1 standard. He had the new Predator Drone and the PQ-4B drone, both models in 1/72nd scale and built from the respective Platz

kits. Neat models all around.













Jerry Wells had the Anagram 1/72nd scale XF10-1 Jaguar in resin. Jerry added a cockpit, cut out the leading edge and built new leading edge slats with plastic sheet. Looking good in Gloss Sea Blue. Jerry had an Airfix Kingfisher in 1/72nd scale as a WIP.

Our visitor, **Marco Landero** had a T-34 built from the 1/35th scale Tamiya kit with Master Box figures in a variety of poses. The Sun Flowers on the based were scratch built using foil for the petals. A variety of modeling skills involved in the great ground work and some really great looking figures and an excellent introduction to our club by a prospective new member. Welcome, Marco.

Marco Gonzalez had as work in progress an M-3 Prime mover in 1/35th scale.





Roy Lingle had in the box, a Hobby Boss 1/35th M1070 Truck Tractor and M1000 Heavy Equipment Transport Semi-Trailer. Man, talk about a lot pieces in a huge box. Roy claimed that it was a birthday present from his wife, Lucky guy. Also in the Box, Roy had a Tamiya 1/35th Israeli M51 tank, a birthday present from his daughter. Look like Roy had a great birthday.

Gus Gonzales did quite well at the San Antonio ModelFiesta this past weekend of Feb.18. He took a First and Second in 1/48th Aircraft with a couple of Fw-190's. Gus did not say, bur they usually split the categories into Allied an Axis as the number of entries warrant the splitting of

the category. His Welding rig, which was scratch built got a third Place Award. Not bad, as Gus only took four models to enter. Congratulations, Gus.

John Estes brought an Italeri F-5E to compare with the new Hobby Boss F-5E. Seems that Hobby Boss pretty much copied the Italeri kit, but engraved many, if not all the panel lines that were raised on the Italeri kit. If engraved lines are your bag, the Hobby Boss kit is well worth the price. Another change was the instrument panel in the Hobby Boss kit. This kit was of course 1/72nd scale.

John also brought an old Academy PV-1 Ventura that he found in a box while looking through his pile of junk for the Italeri F-5E kit. Maybe he will get around to finishing it now that he knows that the kit is well under way. A nice effort kit wise, but no where near as nice nor as detailed as the new Revell kit in 1/48th scale.

There will be a contest at the March meeting if the membership brings models to be judged. Same old rules will apply. Categories will be determined by the number and types of entries.

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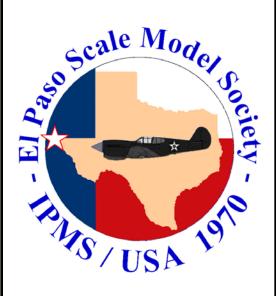








Meeting dates for 2012 (Bassett dates subject to Change) January 8 February 5 March 4 April 1 (Palm Sunday) May 6 June3 July 1 August 5 August 12 Bassett Show No. 1 September 9 October 7 November 4 November 11 Bassett Show No. 2 December 2



Our next meeting will be on February 5, same time and same venue.

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