



Marco Gonzalez' 1/48th Bulldozer.

The May meeting has come and gone. It was a show and tell meeting and a very good one with a number of models to show and with several new items to look over on the tables.

Charlie Flores and Mike Drapes will have medical procedures this week, so good luck with those and John Estes was back from surgery a couple weeks ago.

We had one new member join, Juan C. Diaz, who builds in paper and draws many of his own plans. He told me that he had been building models since he was about nine years old. Welcome to our group and he joined because he was invited to come to a meeting and check out the club at the last Bassett Place show by Mike Garcia.

IPMS/ El Paso lent our show tables to the Exchange Club of El Paso for their Spring Rummage Sale. All proceeds and un-sold items will be given to charity, specifically the La Posada Home and the Christian Men's Home.

IPMS/EI Paso gave \$100 to the local MD Association for use in the EI Paso area. Marguerite Byers from Bassett Place will be able to get out of Jail free as our contribution helped her raise her bail as a donation to the MDA. Marguerite is the person that helps us with our Bassett Place Displays and Show.



Someone asked me if I had called the roll, so I think I will list all who attended.

Those who attended the meeting were John Estes, Jim Davis, Mike Boudreaux, Clifford Bossie, Charlie Flores, Mike Drapes, Mike King, Mike Garcia, Carlos Delgado, Carl Webster and his sons, Steve Herren, Roy Lingle, Bill Coster, Joseph Schoen, Kai Garcia, Duane Velasquez, Dixi Fisher, Jack Callaway, Marco Gonzalez and his son, Michael Kennedy, Joseph Roper, Dennis Cramer, Alex Rojas and Juan C. Diaz, our newest member. I must have missed some one, as I thought there were at least 30 at the meeting.

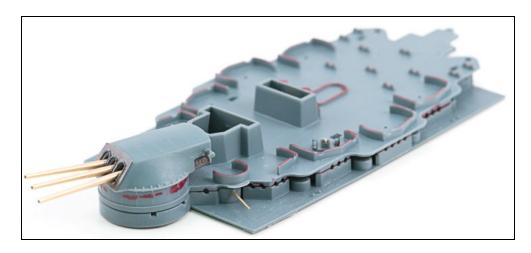
## On the tables:

Modeler	Model	scale	kit used	status
Bill Coster	M16-A1	1.1	LS	finished
Dennis Cramer	Road grader	1/12th	scratch built wood	WIP
Carlos Delgado	Challenger tank	1/35th	Lee	finished
Jose C. Diaz	Estrella Roja bus	1/32nd	scratch built paper	WIP
	Chihuahunses bus	1/32nd	scratch built paper	finished
Michael Drapes	USS Arizona, 1941	1/350th	Banner	WIP
Charlie Flores	Spitfire Mk I	1/48th	Pegasus	finished
	M.S. 406	1/72nd	HobbyBoss	finished
Michael Garcia	Me 321b Gigant	1/72nd	Italeri	finished
Marco Gonzalez	Bulldozer G50 Komatsu	1/48th	Tamiya	finished
Steve Herren	B-2	1/72nd	Testors	finished
Roy Lingle	M-41 Walker Bulldog	1/35th	AFV Club	WIP
	M-24 Chaffee	1/35th	AFV Club	WIP
Joseph Schoen	BMP-1	1/35th	Lindberg	WIP
Duane Velasquez	AF-2W Hunter	1/72nd	ACE	finished
	AF-2S Killer	1/72nd	ACE	finished
	Ryan X-13	1/72nd	Mach 2	finished
	A2D SkyShark	1/72nd	Mach 2	finished
	XFY-2 SeaDart	1/72nd	Mach 2	finished
	S2F Tracker	1/72nd	Hasegawa	finished
Carl Webster	Sniper	1/35th	kit bashed	finished
	M3 welded hull	1/35th	Tamiya	WIP
	M730A-1 Chaparral	1/35th	AFV Club	WIP
	M48A-3	1/35th	Tamiya	WIP
	M251	1/35th	Nitto	WIP
	M548	1/35th	AFV Club	WIP



#### Show and Tell.

Marco Gonzalez brought a nice Tamiya 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale Komatsu bulldozer. This little jewel in less than 3 inches long and is made up of 53 parts. A side note: this model was carried into the meeting by Marco's four year old son. Dad was really confident but Marco told me that his son is into building models. Marco had another model as a work in progress, but I did not get any info on it



Michael Drapes had as a work in progress a 1/350<sup>th</sup> scale USS Arizona in the 1941 version.. This was a Banner kit and he is using Eduard Photo etch details and some very nice turned brass barrels from Poland and all are some very delicate parts that will add much to the finished model.



Mike Garcia's Italeri 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Me 321b "Gigant"



The largest model on the tables was a working 1 to 1 scale M 16A1, brought by Bill Coster. These LS models were available back in the 70's and 80's but have since been discontinued and are no longer allowed as they are basically working replicas and could be mistaken for the real item. It was neat to see Bill use a cartridge to dis-assemble the weapon and the full clip with the copper and brass cartridges looked like the real thing. It was nice to be reminded about some of the kits that were once available or that we had built in past.

Another large model was Mike Garcia's Italeri 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Me 321b "Gigant" Glider. Next to the Gigant, Mike had an MRC pre-built1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale FW 190 for size comparison. Nicely done.



Steve Herren brought his Testor's B-2 in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale.



Our newest member, Juan Carlos Diaz had a 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scratch built in paper bus as a work in progress from the Estrella Roja Line. As a finished model he had a Chihuahuneses Coach also in 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale. The destination plate showed the bus to be El Paso Bound. These models are made from paper and he does his own design and parts layouts.





Carl Webster brought a sniper that was kit bashed from items from his spare parts box.



Joseph Schoen had a Lindberg BMP-1 built out of the box. I am not sure of the scale.

Roy Lingle had two pieces of armor, both in  $1/35^{th}$  scale as works in progress. One was an AFV Club M-41 Walker Bulldog and the other an M24 Chaffee. Both are at about 95% complete and are ready for the first coat of paint.



Carl Webster had a number of armor pieces to show. One was a 1/35<sup>th</sup> Sniper, which was a kit bash. He also had a !/35<sup>th</sup> scale M3 with a welded hull, which was a conversion from the Tamiya kit as a WIP. Other WIP's were an M730A1 Chaparral from the AFV Club kit, a Tamiya M48A3, a Nitto M251 and an AFV Club M548.

Dennis Cramer had his 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale all wood, scratch built road grader as a work in progress. Talk about a contrast in size, a1.48<sup>th</sup> scale bull dozer and a 1/12 scale road grader. Dennis will work on the wheels and tires before the next meeting. Great effort from Dennis.

Duane Velasquez was in a blue mood at the meeting. He brought 5 US Navy types, all in Gloss Sea Blue. He had an ACE A-F2 Guardian, "Hunter" and an ACE AF-2 Guardian "Killer". I had never seen these kits and was impressed with them. He had a Mach 2 A2D Douglas SkyShark and a Mach 2 Convair XF-2Y Sea Dart. An S2F Tracker built from the Hasegawa kit finished out his blue series. .From Mach 2, he had finished his Ryan X-13. All of these were in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale and were pretty impressive.



AF-2 Guardian "Killer/ Hunter Team







. An S2F Tracker built from the Hasegawa kit finished out Duane's blue series. .



Duane's Ryan X-13.



Carlos Delgado, one of our Juarez, Mexico modelers brought as Challenger tank I 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale. I am not sure what kit he used to build the model, but it was very nicely done.



Charlie Flores brought two models to show. One was a Pegasus Spitfire Mk 1 in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale. The second kit was a Hobby Boss M.S. 406 in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale.



Charlies' M.S. 406





Pegasus Spitfire Mk 1 in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale

Our next meeting is on June 5 at 2:00 PM at 7000 Edgemere Boulevard.

## **Remaining meeting dates**

June 5 Contest

July 10

August 3-6 National IPMS Convention August 7 August 14 Bassett Place

September 11 Contest

October 2

November 6

November13 Bassett Place Mall

December 4 Contest Election of officer



The IPMS Region 10 Convention and Contest will be in Albuquerque, NM on May 20 and 21, 2011.

ScaleFest 2011 will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center, Mesquite, Texas the same weekend. The Squadron Open House is the same weekend.

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I got a text message as follows:" on departing from the Houston Show". Best of Show Aircraft and First Place for an Fw 190 in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale, a third for a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale P-47 and a Kfir that placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 1.48<sup>th</sup> aircraft. "

Congratulations to Gus Gonzales. Pictures will be added to the GLUE, if available.

Then this came in an email from Gus.:

I got 3rd place for the Revell Germany 1/72 P-47 Thunderbolt "Balls out" in the single engine category

1st place for the Italeri 1/48 K-Fir, C2, in Israeli camo in the jet category. (I almost gave up on finishing it several times)

1st place for the Tamiya 1/48 FW 190 A3 in the single engine prop category, and Best Aircraft of the show for the same.

Extremely humbling and gratifying, but no one was more surprised than I. Mr. Lee Forbes made a point to come over and visit and made some very complimentary remarks about the FW model. He particularly liked the colors and finish. He was rather surprised when I told him I blended my own colors based on the Tamiya instructions with a little black added to darken them up a little. My friend Hugo said he had suggested we attend the Nationals to compete. (I don't know about that though)

Hugo Garcia and I went with three models each and brought back 4 awards each. He got 1st in ships with a 1/32 scale scratch built shrimpers boat, 1st and Best miscellaneous for a Velociraptor conversion, and 1st for an Italeri 1/25 fire truck scratch-built conversion.

I'll send photos soon, Gus