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Jerry Richardson's F4F-3

I hope this finds all of you well and enjoying some modeling time. I read in the El Paso Times, that no meetings can be held until August 5. The Mayor's proclamation extended the shut - down of normal activities. I guess we need to hold a protest and bring our models.

Thanks again to all that have provided photos of your work so that I can continue to publish a newsletter. This month Jerry Richard from Amarillo, Rodney Rogers from Las Cruces and Jim Davis have again provided models or photos to use. Wayne Williamson also sent several photos for me to use.,

I understand that Hal's got a restocking of models but not sure if anything is the latest stuff. Jim Davis built a couple of the Douglas World Cruisers from William's Brothers kit for Conrad Ottenhoff. For your information The First Round the World Flight took place in 1924. It took 175 days and covered 27,553 miles. Three aircraft continued the journey after one crashed early in the effort. Another was lost at sea. Conrad has much more information on the flight.



Rodney Roger's F-104G

Jerry Richardson's Grumman F4F-3 is in 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale and was built from the Trumpeter kit.

Rodney Roger's effort this month was a Kinetic 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale F-104G in Taiwan Air Force markings.

Wane Williamson sent photos of several various models, including an aircraft carrier, armored trucks and several different tank models. More on these as I select which photos to use.



Variants of a Russian T-72 built by Wayne Williamson



Douglas World Cruisers by Jim Davis



Armored truck as used by Embassy Personal in the Middle East  
Built by Wayne Williamson





MRAP Cougar 6x6 built by Wayne Williamson

Wayne Williamson is the author a book detailing the attempted rescue of the Embassy hostages — [Operation Eagle Claw 1980: The disastrous bid to end the Iran hostage crisis \(Raid Book 52\)](#) Mar 19, 2020.

Some of the models in this issue were built by Wayne were from that time period.

I have one review of the book and it was recommended by the reviewer.



Rescue helicopter on carrier deck



CH-53 used by Delta Force



Sheridan M551 by Wayne Williamson



Another of Jerry Richardson's F4F-3





F-104G by Rodney Rogers



Douglas World Cruiser Number 4 by Jim Davis

This aircraft is in the Air Force Museum. It was called the "New Orleans." Floats and wheels were used as needed for the flight.



The "Chicago" is in the Smithsonian Collection.





Michael Kennedy's WIP a NASA T-38



Taped ready to add the Anti-Glare panel

Above: A couple of photos of Michael Kennedy's WIP.