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MAY WE LOOK BACK WITH CHEER AT 5th MEET OF YEAR



NICELY RUN & DONE BY ALL The Editor manages to show so Photos/Text: Mick Burton Minutes: Chris Bucholtz

At the May meeting, President Greg Plummer reminded us of the upcoming contests – in June, “D-Day Deux,” and in July “MAGA” (a U.S.-made subject in U.S. colors from a kit made in the U.S.) and “Build Back Better” (two models – one you built in the past, and the same subject you made more recently). - *Continued Minutes @ 3*



Editor's Ravings – this month's editor, Mick Burton



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“ WRITING UP ”

Within span between the May and this the June OSS issue, I saw through another completion of a goal to write up my coverage of TriCity Classic 14 in a manner not unlike how I have done now 5 times for SV Classic (of Seven), along with getting out The AfterMarket Sheet for May (in fact, that was just before the “Special Issue for TC-14”, being more time sensitive on the content) Happily enough, still managed to make it (THANK YOU SO MUCH DAVE & Family!) to be part of the Return of the Model Show in that same span, get much necessary new documentation created, writ and published within last two weeks for launching TriCity 15. I hope to be able to keep up the pace, as there's more the merrier in coming summer weeks. Forging ahead, as the Ed. -mb

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Randy Ray completed the 1:48 DML Fokker D.VIII he received at the Christmas gift exchange after battling with the kit's weird photoetched struts and the tendency of World War I subjects to disassemble themselves as you try to build them. The model has Gaspach machine guns, 3D decal seatbelts from Quinta Studios, and a custom mix of paints on the wings and tires.



Chris Bucholtz added the radiator scoop, gunsight and windscreen to his Arma 1:72 P-51C Mustang; he was surprised at how clear the kit transparencies were, especially after they were dipped in Future.

His Airco DH.2 from Eduard in 1:72 has its top wing on for a third time – Chris dropped the previously-repaired model before last month's meeting and had to re-place and glue every strut back in place.

His work on his Eduard Fokker D.VII hit a snag when research showed the bottom of his subject aircraft was in lozenge camouflage, so he took the waiting time to sand out

the non-existent ribs on the control surfaces and make the rib effect on the tail and wings more subdued.

And the model of the month goes to... **Ben Pada's** Tamiya 1:48 Ki-61. Ben's Hien was finished as the plane of Teruhiko Kobayashi, using MRP paints. –*chris fini*



May We See How Things Turned Out ? Model Talk May 2023 Coverage Starts Here (cont'd from pg 1)



In model talk... **Cliff Kranz** had a pair of Mack truck tractors from AMT, one in yellow that is destined to have a dump bed and a snow plow attached to it and another in red that's pulling an extended three-axle trailer made from three ITC trailer kits. \

Cliff brush-painted the tractors, giving them plenty of time to dry between coats.

Ron Wergin's 1:72 J2M3 Raiden was built from the old Hasegawa kit, which he said was nice except for the decals. They behaved badly, probably because of their age. Ron added a pilot from the recent Hasegawa Japanese Navy Airmen set.



Geoff Krueger is debating which of two aces' schemes to finish his Eduard 1:48 F6F-3 Hellcat in. This is the Profipack edition with lots of doodads added, but Geoff is providing the riveting himself (with a Rosie the Riveter tool).

He's also finished a Monogram 1:48 F9F-5 Panther as Royce Williams' MiG killer, adding just Quinta Studios 3D seat belts.





Thanh Nguyen is working his way up to a 1:32 Tamiya F4U-1 Corsair by building two Tamiya 1:48 Corsairs, both done as Tom Blackburn's "Big Hog."

Thanh added paper seat belts and finished the models with Tamiya paints.

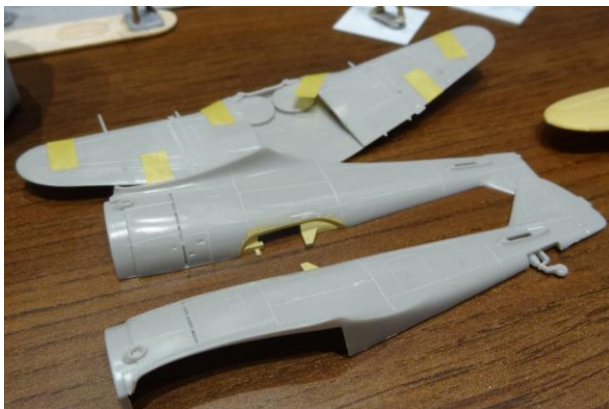


Gabriel Lee's added navigation lights to his model of "Space Battleship: *Yamato*" and is building carrying cases for it and the space cruiser *Asuka* so they can travel safely to and from the nationals in Texas this summer.





Kent McClure had a peculiar Gundam – a legless example built for use in zero gravity, whose legs were left off as an expedient! Also on the table was a Gundam RB-79 ball kit, with two in the box, and a Heller 1:35 AMX-30 tank that Kent plans to tackle soon. Kent re-scribed his Hasegawa 1:72 Ki-44 after he lost



some of the raised lines during assembly. His SuperModel Re 2000 had raised panel lines too, so it served as a practice article so Kent could brush up on his skills.



Kent's 1:72 Romans as the police officers to go with his M113 police APC in a sort of *Star Trek* "Bread and Circuses" scenario.



Kent's also working on some ancient Egyptians and Libyans and some fantasy mummy figures, he's updating his Airfix Mk. I tank to portray a real Mk. I, and he's done all the sanding to erase the seams on the head of Hawk's Freddy Flameout.





Mark Balderrama had a vast collection of 1:144 aircraft, but he declined to elucidate or engage in edification.

Frank Beltran's latest project is an Encore boxing of the Czechmaster 1:48 F3D-2 Skyknight, which he received from his wife Miriam as an anniversary present.



Ben Pada's Eduard 1:48 F4F-4 Wildcat is getting closer to completion; its decals are on and it awaits final assembly.



John Jew built Tamiya's revised SdKfz.232 kit and swapped in an Aber gun barrel set for the weapons, then painted it with Vallejo paints, followed by a weathering coat of light Africa dust from Mig to give it a dusty desert look.





At the NNL, **Greg Plummer** found a relatively rare kit of the Volvo E50 Turbo Estate, which made headlines as a rally car but Tamiya kitted with street car parts as well. He built the street version, but lowered it and swapped in wheels from a Subaru BR2, then painted it turquoise.



Eugenie Ray has the light packages installed into her *Aurora Invaders* UFO for her “Come and Take It” diorama; her next step is to paint the flying saucer with color-shifting paint. It will be lifting an old-timey cannon in its tractor beam, with a certain flag being blown away in the process. (*MAY minutes conclude on page 2*)



Congratulations to **Ben Pada**
FOR WINNING MAY MODEL OF THE MONTH



7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 10:00 PM SHARP

3rd FRIDAY of Month

JUNE 16 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

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Milpitas, CA

HOWEVER DON'T COUNT US OUT FOR THE MONTH

7:30 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 9:45 PM SHARP

4th MONDAY of Month (BUILDFEST NITE)

JUNE 26 (at ADDITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

GAME KASTLE

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