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CLUB INFO

With Mosquito.Con just a few weeks away, (APRIL 6TH) it's time to take a look at what-if anything-we are each bringing to put on the tables. Usually I bring most of what I built the past year. Maybe a project that had been entered, didn't get much notice, so it's been revised and is ready to try again.

Whatever the situation, let's think about our plans for that day and talk about ride shares, things to look for in case a fellow member can't attend, (I'll front anybody, the vig is only 20%!)

And other issues.

By the way, we have endowed a permanent trophy in Pete Callahan's memory for one of the Junior Awards.

In a unanimous decision, Craig Mecum has been given a new nickname for the club annals. Tagless was an insensitive and disparaging moniker for a nice guy and really good modeler. His new nickname is....SHELFMAN.

As a segue from that, we also all agreed that the folks at the TR library over-reacted to the demands of the next pushy and thoughtless group displaying just after our club. Putting our models in boxes and moving them to another room on another floor was a bit insensitive to the quality of the works we displayed.

President John Stark III did an immense job in contacting the library, speaking personally with the woman in charge (who was unfortunately off the day our models were removed and moved) and making sure the situation was understood. He, and we, were assured that such treatment of our hobby's display will not be so treated again.

Diver Dave DeNardo told us about his trip to California to see his mom. While there he managed to visit the Santa Rosa/Mt. Diablo IPMS Chapter Hobby expo, which is held annually. Dave's mom had a great time hanging out at the show and watching all the people in the area. Oh, Dave had a good time too.

To turn to somber topics, please bow your heads and say a prayer for those poor buried Spitfires in Burma.....Oh, wait...Correction! There are NO Buried Spitfires In Burma. Really, though, it would have been a pretty cool story. Sorry Scott, Err, Wing Nutz.

Just a reminder that our Club Build- "The British are Coming" is in April. Tally Ho, Lads!

TO THE TABLE (A Regular Feature Herein)

John Stark, also known as Flawed, displayed a 1/24 Scale AMT/ERTL Boyd Coddington Ford Coupe. Fearless Leader painted with AlClad Candy Apple Red over silver.



Looks like its ready to run Moonshine on a late night country road.

John also showed a US Airfix 1/24 scale Firebird Type K from 1980. Painted in Gloss White with Dupli-Color Clear Effex Glitter Topcoat. John also used red embossing powder to flock the interior. Flock? What, he's a shepherd now?



Sorry about the single picture, the other one was awful!

Bill Schroeter brought in a Revell/Matchbox 1/32 Scale Dauntless SBD-3/4. Bill added an extensive Eduard Interior PE set that included both cockpits. He also added a small Eduard PE exterior set. The following parts were scratch-built:

- Engine was wired complete and through to the cockpit and Instrument Panel. Gunner's wiring was added as well.
- Cut open cowl flap on port side of engine and added cowl flap activation system.
- Opened starboard engine access port to show main trunk line and other wiring and support structures. Added details to access port panel door.
- Scratch built pilot's sight and gun jam re-arm triggers.
- Forward guns are brass tubing.
- Drilled airframe spacers into rear of wing in front of dive flaps.
- Scratch built dive flap activators.
- Weathered with pastels and washes of Dark Grey.

Decals represent an aircraft in late April-early May of 1942, after Coral Sea but prior to Midway.

US Navy decided to keep the same markings of the white star with red circle in the middle, but made them very large. This still caused confusion for ship gunners and Army aircraft. So just prior to Midway, all of the ship-carried aircraft were changed to white star in blue circle.



Lillian Bergheimer brought in her finished Shark mask. This is made of latex, and was built on the mold that Lillian finished back in 2010. She showed us how it can be worn, and that it actually has gotten a lot of use in programs and activities. The amount of work is tremendous for the final project!



So it's on to February of 2013. Hope to see you all on Friday, March 22nd at 730 PM at the church daycare in good old Point Pleasant, New Joyzee.

One last thing...Don Cline sent me a directory of model companies from a British Magazine...I'll attach it as well. If that fails, I'll send another e-mail with that attached.

One other last thing: Hagar John Erikson says, "Ship Builders are Sick!" Yo Ho!