



Meeting notes from the January 3rd, 2023



PETER ZALESAK
1953-2022

It is with great sadness we must inform you of the passing of Peter Zalesak.

Peter passed away on December 21st from ongoing health issues. Peter was a valued member who filled many roles in the club. Peter was the club secretary and webmaster. He also ran the raffle at our show every year.

Peter was an accomplished modeler, having built many models across multiple genres. Initially from Canada, he was often drawn to subjects from his home country. Please take a moment to remember Peter and view his work in his gallery on the TMF website.

Our hearts go out to his family during this difficult time; please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Attendees for this evening:

Vernon	Casey	Dave	Paul
Mike	Wes	Jim	Zach
Butch	Jerry	Greg	Chris
Joe	Jody	Tom	Kenny
	Dave	Jerry	Rick

Club Business: Greg had a very detailed report on the clubs finances that he shared copies of to the attendees. The club is healthy both in the terms of membership and financially. Well prepared for our show this year.

Dues are due now and are only \$15 for the year. If dues are paid by the February meeting there will be a nice gift to reward you for your timeliness so even more incentive to pay up!

With the new kick off time for the meeting being at 7:00 pm this year there were very few people running behind to attend putting a little pressure off of needing to bolt straight from work to get to our room. Speaking of our room we will be using several different rooms during the first half of the year and the last half we will be back in our regular room. Tonights meeting was in the auditorium and we were able to set it up and break it down quickly and the room worked well!

Speaking of new things for this year the Theme was "Fight like Cats and Dogs" so you could bring in any model that was associated with cats/dogs...Tomcat, Bulldog, etc. Next months theme will be "Hiding in Plain Site" and your models should focus on camouflage and stealth, this one should be fun!

And we kicked the year off with a new feature that will be at all upcoming meetings and that was our first club raffle! With all the models/items placed on the stage it looked more like Christmas, the only thing we were missing was the

tree. Casey sweetened the pot by contributing a couple of kits out of his stash and a couple of them found new homes! Vernon Jenkins won the first pick and took home a beautiful Hobby Boss 1/32 F-84E Thunderjet complete with aftermarket goodies! Mark was the lucky 2nd chance winner and took home a beautiful Italeri 1/48 TBM Avenger. Congrats guys!!

And last but not least we are announcing a “Modeler of the Month where the modeler is nominated by the attending group and receives a nice plaque to recognize their accomplishment. This month Dave Horn brought in beautiful EA6B Prowler he is building for a friend of a friend. Greg Kittinger gave him a run for his money with his own Prowler in desert camo. Both builds were amazing! At the end of the year there will be a modeler of the year chosen from the monthly winners.

And now off to Show and Tell, another amazing collection of some great works and works in process so enjoy!

We kicked off Show and Tell with 4 beauties from Greg, a 1/72 Kfir (Means Lion Cub) so it fit in with the monthly theme. It was an Italeri kit and a nice one at that. Greg also had a 1/72 Jaguar by Hasegawa, a 1/72 P-40K converted to the “L” model in Operation Torch colors, kit by Smir. And a magnificent 1/72 Prowler in rare Desert Storm desert camo!





Paul Wilford brought in his Revell 1/48 PBY Catalina in “Black Cat” dress and it was very nicely done. Paul also brought in a shadow box memorial filled with memories of an uncle of his who flew with VMF 211 in WW@ and was killed at Wake Island. Thanks Paul for sharing that with the group!



Dave O’Sullivan brought in two 1/72 scale German armor kits from Dragon, a King Tiger and a Jagtiger, both beautifully built and painted.



Chris brought in a beautiful little Meng “Toon” Tiger to share with the group. Great camo job and looks like it was a fun build!



Butch brought in 2 models to share with the group. The first was a 1/537 AMT Star Trek Enterprise kit being kitbashed into a Federation timeship. Butch has created a unique "Aztec" pattern using Frog tape and taxidermy paints for the various colors. In addition Butch had a 1/48 Hasegawa F6F Hellcat he was hoping to have for tonight's theme but couldn't get it done.



Joe added a Mizo Diecast kit of a prototype of a Lamborghini that did see production but not for retail.



Dave Horn wowed the group with a magnificent Kinetic 1/48 Prowler EA6B that he is building as favor for a friend of friend. The build had upgrades with Aries seats, a wing folding kit and resin wheels. Dave also mentioned a fantastic way of tinting canopy glass by using Liquitex ink to tint Future before dipping the canopy. In addition to the Prowler Dave had a beautiful Hasegawa F-16 in 1/48 scale he is building out of the box.



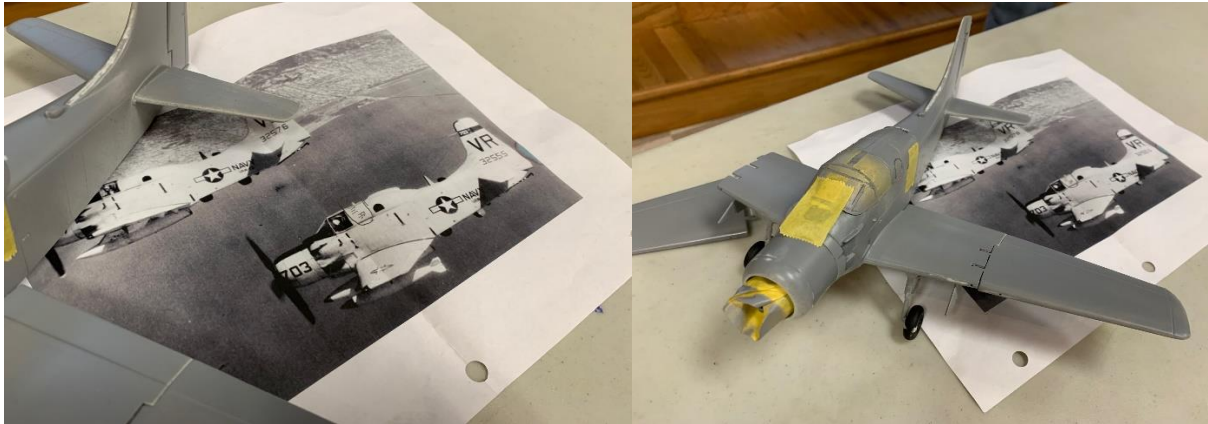
Jim's contribution this evening was a Formula 1 Tamiya in 1/24 scale and a Lamborghini that Zach did the engine work on....when he was 15!



Zach continues to go through the recent additions to his stash from our club raffle. This months included a German V-2, very well done and on a great base!



Wes brought in several models to share, some that you could hold with your hand and others requiring a magnifying glass to see, and all amazingly done! First off was an Academy 1/72 F6F Hellcat, then a 1/72 F4F from Hobby Boss and then a collection of 1/700 tanks and aircraft. And last but not least Wes is building a 1/48 Revell AD5Q Skyraider for someone in their markings, well done!!



And last but not least Mike brought back in his Tamiya 1/12 Yamaha YZR F1 for us to enjoy again. Mike drilled out the holes in the rotors and noted that the kit came with all the wiring, beautiful build!



Thanks for taking a look, hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Butch