

Tulsa Modelers Forum Meeting February 7th 2023

Those in attendance:

Greg K	Kurt	Butch	Jim	Mark Baber	Paul
Chris	Dino	Casey	Kenny	Zach	Dave
Tom	Wes				

Good turnout for tonights meeting! The Theme for this meeting was Camo/Stealth – hiding in plain site.

Celebrating the use of camouflage and or stealth characteristics there were several builds on the tables making for a good representation! Thanks to all those that brought in their work.

Steering Committee: There were some changes/disruptions in the process of holding our show this year in Bixby. The city sold the facility to a local developer and we were given very short notice that the venue would not be available for our upcoming show in April. There was a little warning beforehand so rather than getting caught flat footed Greg and Kurt began the hunt for a new location. Several different venues were visited and ultimately the decision was made to partner with the Park Church of Christ for our show. The venue has more than enough room for our show and allows for the great possibility of growth and expansion for the club moving forward. Congrats to everyone for all their hard work in making sure we have a place to call home for the upcoming show!!

Show news: The leadership has decided to add several new categories for the upcoming show, now there will be a separate category for Gundam, additions and or splits for some of the automotive categories and the addition of “collections” allowing modelers to bring in groups of up to 5 models as long as they fit in an 18” square footprint. There was also some discussion of the theme for next years event to be based on a collection of 3 models of different types/scales that show off the builders skill sets. The Nationals had a similar category they called “The Triathlon” but Casey likes the name “ Three Ring Circus” and that received a lot of positive response from tonights audience.

There will some new trophies for this years coming event, Greg has put together some very nice art to go on our plaques and they will be a nice addition to the collections of all our winners!

Speaking of plaques and trophies if you are interested in being a sponsor for one of the categories or awards in the upcoming show please reach out to Greg Kittinger. These sponsorships help to offset the costs of the trophies and help us fund the shows we all enjoy attending.

Large Trophies are \$45 to sponsor, Medium trophies for \$30 and Categories for \$20.

As we put the finishing touches on the upcoming show there will be a Judges meeting in April, place and time be decided but there will definitely be an announcement.

Modeler of the Month went to Kurt for his exemplary Revell 1/72 Blohm and Voss BV222 V2 flying boat. The model was displayed on a very unique base that included a tug and cradle for the aircraft. Nicely done Kurt, Congratulations!!

The TMF raffle is a big hit with the club this year, lots of great models and tools/supplies to help us with our addiction 😊 David O'Sullivan was this months winner and out of the choices decided on a SciFi based aircraft, Definitely a nice add to his stash!!

Speaking of stash, the club is asking that you look at your current stash for a kit or kits you can donate for the clubs raffle at the contest. A lot of us walked away with a generous amount of extra kits from the Good collection and I am sure there are kits we can give back to the club.

Now on to show and tell!!! Lots of great models on the tables to look at and appreciate all the hard work that went into them!!

Lets start off with Kurts Blohm and Voss BV222 V2!



Wes brought in a 1/72 Emily Flying Boat as well as a 1/72 B-29 to give an idea of scale next to the BnV and they were dwarfed in size by comparison! Wes also brought in a diorama of 1/144 aircraft in a Mediterranean camouflage. He also managed to sneak in some German armor off to the side to finish off the display. Wes also brought in a Trumpeter 1/700 USS West Virginia and a destroyer escort in Navy camo, both on water bases and a very nice job!



Greg brought in several builds for the meetings theme. A beautiful 1/72 F4U in El Salvador colors representing the Soccer War. A 1/72 109F2 from Zveda (probably spelled that wrong) snap together kit that Greg said went together very well. He riveted the kit to give it a little more detail as well as hollowed out the exhaust and used clear sprue for the wingtip lights, sanding and polishing them in shape. Last but not least was a Beautiful Hasegawa 1/72 F4 in Israeli desert camo.





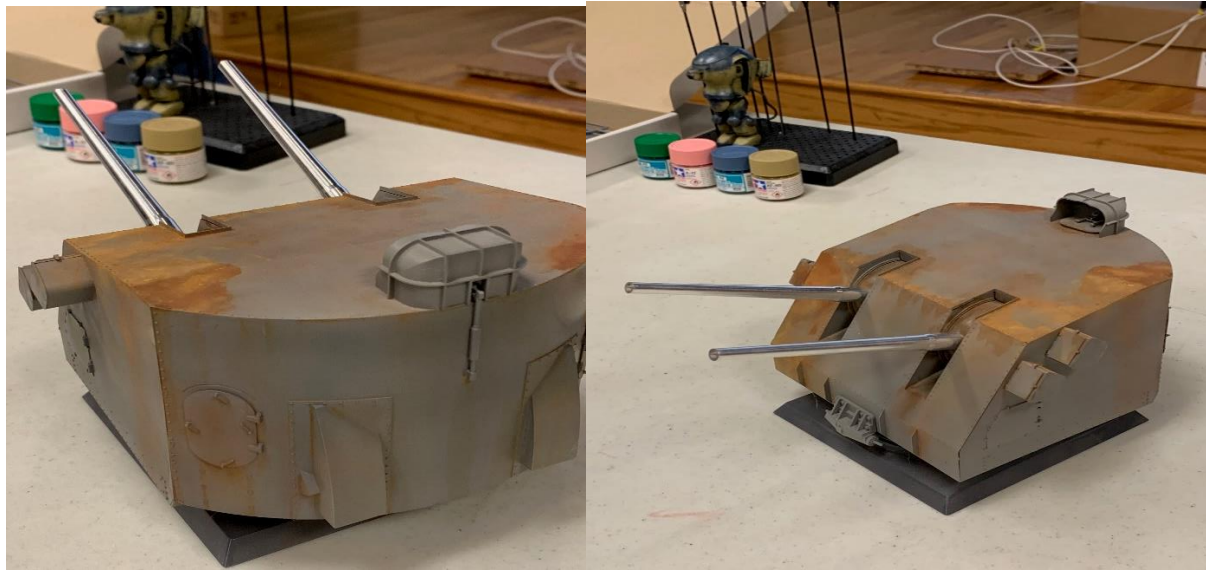
Also belonging to the meetings theme was Mark's 1/72 Testors SR-71, off to a great start but Mark admits that "its not a nice kit" and that some of the gaps were big enough to drive a truck through. That being said Mark is doing a great job to make a model of it!



Casey brought in a Machinen Krieger Raccoon Super Armored Fighting suit (and yes I am not ashamed to say I looked up the correct spelling) Casey is preshading in green and pink and the final result will no doubt be fantastic. Casey also brought in a kit of a drone currently in use by the Ukrainian military in the current conflict.



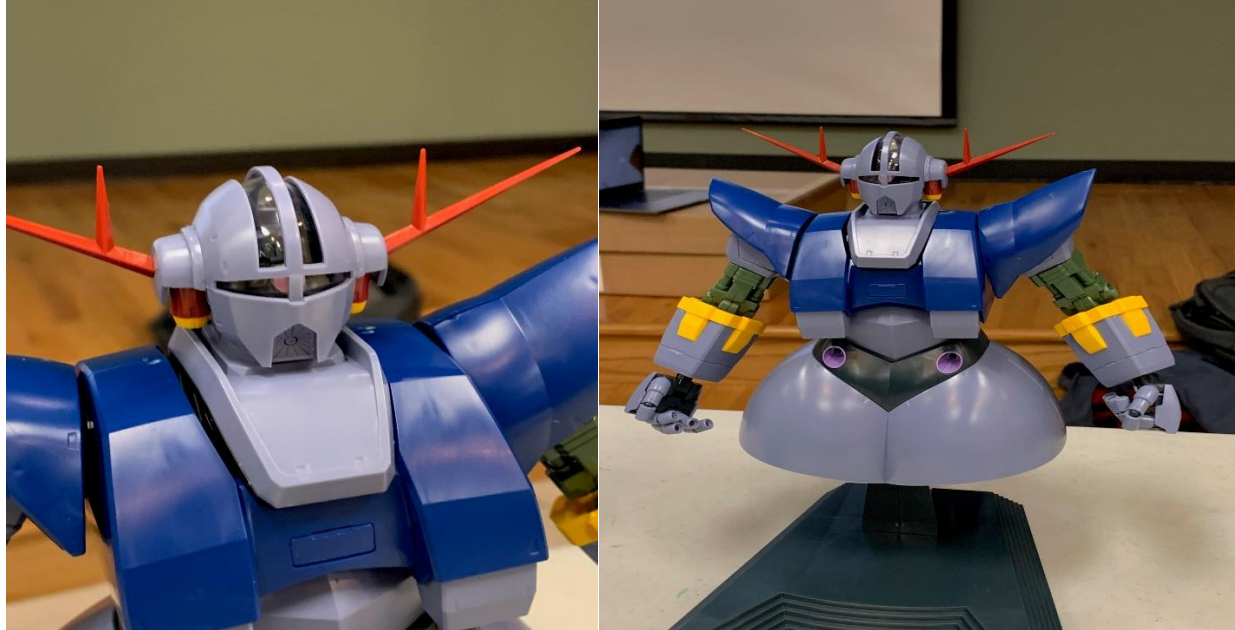
Paul brought in a Takon 1/35 5" twin gun mount that he is in the process of experimenting with rust weathering and looking fantastic.



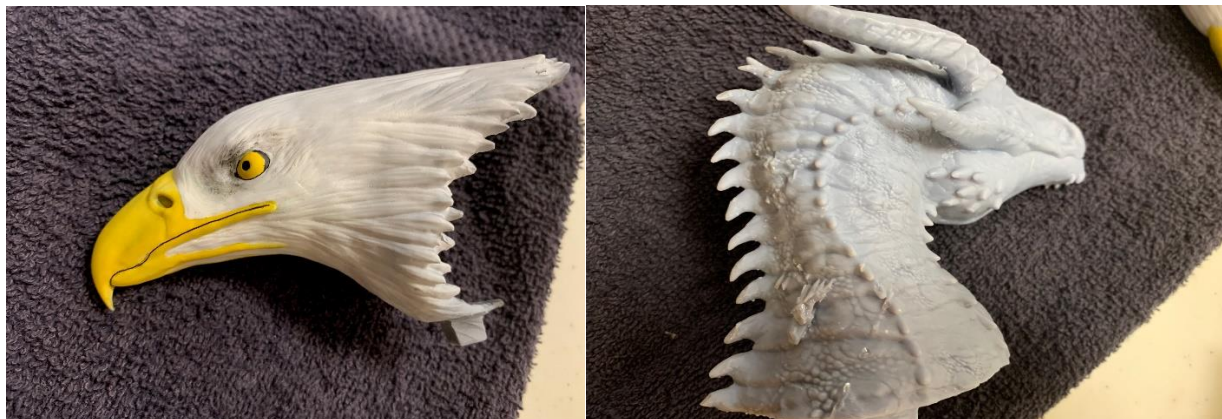
Zach showed off a fantastic Revell 1/144 CH53G that he placed "in flight". Another amazing example of Zach's skill set!



Welcome aboard to Dino! Our newest member and Gundam builder! He explained to the group the different scales and skill levels of Gundam and then showed off his work with a “Master Grade” 1/100 “Seon” from Bandai.



And finally Butch brought in a couple of 3D prints he is working on now that he has the bug and a Hasegawa 1/48 F6F-3. The kit went together well with the only drawback the canopy is meant to be in the closed position no allowing for viewing the office and all the detail. Butch used Techmod decals and was unhappy with their thickness as he couldn't get them to lay down snugly in the panel lines





Tonights meeting concluded with choosing the modeler of the month which went to Kurt for his fantastic BnV 222V2 and David O'Sullivan winning our raffle.



