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APRIL 's MEETING FULL OF ACTION AND WONDER



A MORE STANDARD ISSUE FOR THIS MONTH, PLENTY OF NEWS INSIDE

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Minutes: Chris Bucholtz

With this edition of OSS, Editor ecstatic to report his publishing mechanic back where he likes it to be. Now, Minutes:

At the April meeting, we received news from Aaron Rhetta that GTC, our local Gundam/Anime shop, is celebrating its one-year anniversary on May 11 with pizza and a raffle. All are invited! (cont'd on page 3)

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



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“ NICE TO BE BACK HERE IN THIS YEAR ”

With that headliner I merely mean this: After crowing mightily up here in editorial etherland in December and January OSS, on how excited I was at outlook for encouraging year upcoming, so much has gone on all at once besides that, I've no time to think ! Editing and Presiding for TWO R-9 clubs isn't an unfamiliar schedule for me, but I have learned anew how life challenges you.

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(APRIL's FIRST LOOK From page 8)

Cliff built an assortment of R-series Mack fire trucks, including a blue one and a red one with a black roof, the customary colors of the Chicago fire department.

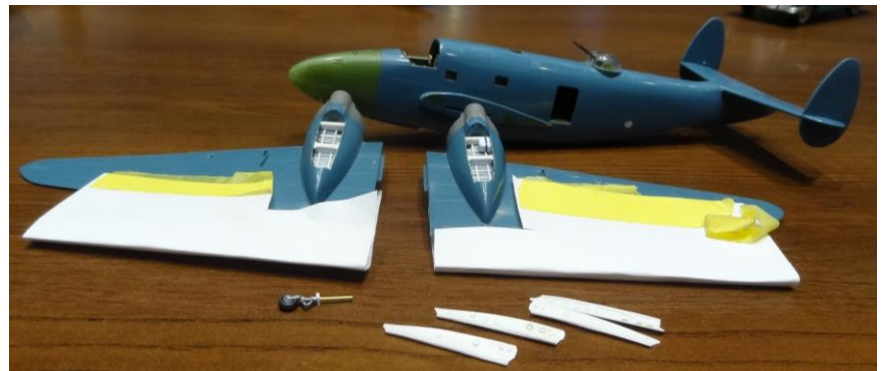
Cliff's Diamond T tractor that he bought in a mystery bag of parts was finished with a metallic coat and a brush-pointed coat of Testors No. 24 green.

Cliff's Mack dump truck conversion has the snow plow off AMT's Ford plow kit; as a reference, he watched reruns of *Heavy Rescue 911* on the Weather Channel!



Chris Bucholtz has the fuselage joined on his detailed PV-1 Ventura build, and he added the tail, lining up the horizontal and vertical element by sighting them against the right angles of a picture frame.

Chris added the Plus Models nacelle/cowling replacements and scratch-built a new tail wheel for the 1986-vintage kit.



And the model of the month went to...

Aaron Rhetta kit bashed multiple kits into a Gundam all his own, arming it with weapons sourced from 30-Minute Missions and detailing it with fluorescent paints and panel liners that make it glow under a black light! Aaron's next additions will be twin Gatling guns.

Our club contest was “120-day wonders” or models received during our holiday gift exchange. We had four winners — all first place! In the first first place was **Ron Wergin**, who has just a few things to add to finish off Tamiya's M18 Hellcat in 1:35 scale. He says it's a beautiful kit, although he was a little peeved at having to assemble 384 parts! Ron used decanted Rustoleum paints for the interior and exterior of his tank destroyer.

The second first place went to **Bob Meyers**, who built the Revell 1951 “Henry J” as a hot rod in just one week. The model had lots of sink marks, and Bob dropped the painted rear deck on the carpet (so it was fixed and finished in black primer!), but he wired the engine and did a terrific job on the paint and decals. In the third first place, we had **Geoff Krueger** and his Tamiya 1:48 F4U-1D Corsair! Geoff used Quinta cockpit decals, Bren Gun wheels and MRP paints, which he applied in metal, primer and camouflage color order so they could be realistically chipped. His markings came from Fündekals. And the fourth first went to **Kent McClure** and the four starships he built from the three-ship AMT *Star Trek* adversaries kit, which he says doesn't fit well at all.

The Klingon D-7 cruiser became a Romulan-operated ship as seen on the cartoon series; the Roman Bird of Prey became an Ferengi reclamation project; the *Enterprise* was worked into a Federation destroyer; and the rest of the *Enterprise* was combined to create a Federation research ship. *-chris fini*

Yes, there are pictures for the Club Contest, and a full article coming to you in the MAY 2024 TAMS, on the way very shortly -Editor



In model talk... **Mark Balderrama** is taking on the challenge of the Contrail Latecoere 631, an enormous flying boat vacuform kit in 1:72. Mark says 90 percent of the effort of these kits is scratch-building, and he plans to replace the kit's awful nacelles with 3D replacements of his own design.





Mark's also started building the radomes, tip tanks and other protuberances of a Rareplanes L1049 Constellation, which can be built as several variants.

Kent McClure has assembled (get it?) the crew of a starship in 28mm, using the Star Trek uniform colors to help define whose role is what (except for the captain, who looks like he escaped from a British man-of-war in 1820).



Landon Carr talked his father into buying him a 1:6 U.S. infantryman figure, and took about five weeks to put all the gear on him. The model comes with a rifle and pistol that are very detailed and even have moving parts like the real ones.



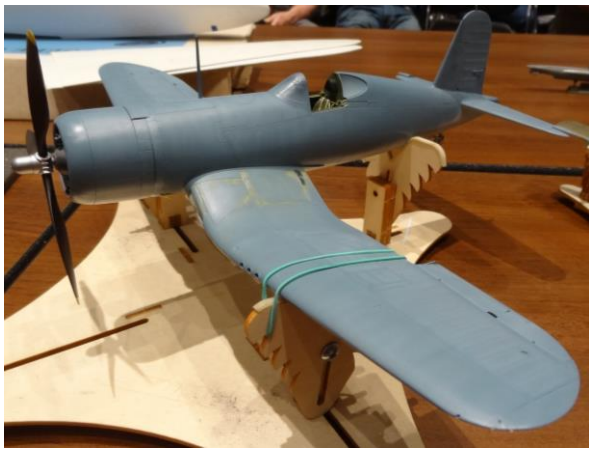


John Carr's Queen's Guardsman came from the MiniArt kit; the 1:16 model uses decals for the medals but John used white tape to replace the trim decals.



John's also working on a Michael Roberts Ltd. figure of a Marine sniper in WWII, and he's cleaning up the resin parts. John also improved the scope on the figure's 1916 Springfield with brass tubing in place of the body on the rifle's scope.

Ben Pada plans on having his 1:48 AFV Club F-5E Tiger II finished for the Nationals, even though it's not a great fitting kit. He added a resin cockpit and it now wears an aggressor scheme using the decals from the 2021 Nationals



Ben is also layering colors on his 1:32 F4U-1 Corsair from Tamiya to build up an interesting weathered finish, and he's reworked the windscreen on his Tamiya P-51B Mustang, which he wants to get done before the Eduard kit arrives!



Gabriel Lee continued work on his surprisingly small AFV Club 1:350 Type VIIC U-boat, which he's building for his collection of "reel" submarines as U-95 from *Das Boot*. He painted the ship flat gull gray, instead of the shade called out in the instructions.





Ron (XXXX) brought in a trio of 1:32 Revell and AMT cars, built almost 60 years ago when they came out



— a 1955 Ford Fairlane, a 1956 Buick Century, and a 1955 Buick Century, each with its own figures.

Steve Hays is building an F-15, so the 1:48 3D-printed kit of the dolly to support the engines when they're removed made a great addition and changed his display options.



Steve also built Tamiya's birdcage F4U-1 Corsair out of the box as a challenge, working hard with his airbrush to achieve a realistic faded finish.



Bob Meyers' Tamiya 1:48 Me 262 marked his first attempt at re-scribing panel lines! He added a Red Box cockpit to the model — and plenty of weight in the nose — before applying a beautiful camouflage scheme



Geoff Krueger received the Sword RF-8G Crusader in 1:72 in December, and it gently nudged his other projects out of the way. He liked the model, although the landing gear is a little spindly.



It has canopy masks and a resin bang seat, and the camera bays even have cameras inside them. The model includes antennas for a late RF-8G, which Geoff built, using Wolf Pack Decals markings for one of the last RF-8Gs at Andrews Air Force Base in 1988.

Laramie Wright has a Tasca 1:35 M4A4 underway that he may build as a Sherman V, since the British received many of them.

His Tamiya Churchill Mk. VII from Tamiya came with some post-war additions that Laramie took off to make a Normandy Churchill.



Laramie is also at work on a Tasca M4A1 Composite, and he said the running gear on this tank is a pain to assemble.



Cliff Kranz has Clear Prop's new 1:48 D-21 drone mostly built and ready for paint, and now he's trying to figure out how to mount it on an M-21 Blackbird mother ship.

He found the placement for the pylon in the Eagles' Talon vacuformed kit. *(continues on page 2)*



Congratulations to
Aaron Rhetta
FOR WINNING
APRIL MODEL OF THE MONTH



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

3rd FRIDAY of Month

MAY 17 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

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