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December F-86 Contest Results

After some initial concern about having enough entries to hold this F-86 contest, we ended up with a pretty good model turnout for our December event.

The award for first place went to **Rich Van Zandt** with his Monogram edition of the F-86D Sabre, in



Rich Van Zandt's 1st Place Monogram 1/48th F-86D.

Photo by Rich Van Zandt

1/48th scale. He thinks this was one of the best kits produced by this manufacturer. As you might suspect, this one was in a natural metal finish, and Alclad products were used on this model. Assembly and finishing went well, with no glitches. Rich had selected a scheme he liked and applied the decals. Then when he went to put a clear overcoat on the decals, his airbrush blew a good portion of them off the model and onto the floor! As an experienced modeler, you might expect the following to be an accurate statement about the situation: A) He had no spare decal sheet of the same markings, B) Only parts of the decals were removed by the blast from the airbrush, the remainder had to be forcibly removed from the model with tape, C) When the

incident occurred, it was one week until the contest, and of course, D) Rich was about to leave on a trip just as this all happened. See, this type of thing is why most of us find this hobby so relaxing; no pressure, just something to help you unwind from the tension and anxiety caused by your job. After executing part of the repairs, Rich left things to dry and left for his trip. Upon returning, he found himself applying a different set of markings to the model the Saturday morning of the contest. Luckily, they were mostly dry by contest time, and the model took first place. We ask you, what could be simpler?

The second place model, by **Jim Webb**, was a 1/72nd scale Hasegawa F-86D, 'Dog Sabre.' Other than making sure that the cockpit tub and nose wheelwell



Jim Webb's 2nd Place Hasegawa 1/72nd F-86D.

Photo by Rich Van Zandt

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assembly is properly placed to allow the fuselage halves to fit together correctly, Jim had no trauma with this kit. Yeah, we know, no smoke or flames involved, kinda anti-climactic, huh? Alclad products were also used for the finish on this model. The kit decals were used, but a good smooth coat of Future was required to get them to lie down smoothly, and then an overcoat of Future applied as well. Quite a nifty little jet.



Ross Armstrong's Hasegawa 1/48th F-86F done in the very colorful Skyblazer's Scheme. Photo by Rich Van Zandt

The model in third was a quite colorful 'Skyblazers' F-86F built by **Ross Armstrong**. The Hasegawa 1/48 kit was used for this one. Surprisingly, this model used kit decals, which as you might think, were quite large. The Skyblazers were a flight demonstration team flown by USAF-Europe in the days when the Thunderbirds flew aircraft which were not capable of in-flight refueling and going overseas. That said, the F-86 Sabres flown by this team look pretty sharp in their red, white and blue livery. Ross was impressed by how well the kit went together. Once completed, he primed the surface with Mr. Surfacer 1500 Black. He then used Alclad's Aqua Gloss to apply the smooth finish needed for the Alclad metalizer to go over. The kit decals worked OK, but took some poking, prodding and multiple applications decal solvent to get into position and sucked down tight. Future was used as an overcoat on the decals. In the end, it was pretty hard to miss seeing this one!

David Morris was brave enough to take on the 1/32 Kinetic kit of the F-86F-30 Sabre. This one had been started long ago, then put back in the closet for a while. You know the ritual – you have to wait until the memory of how bad it is has to have time to fade, then you eventually come to ask yourself, "It wasn't

really that bad, was it?" Inevitably, yes, it was. David said the plastic used by Kinetic was very thick, and the fuselage joins were 'over-rolled' when where they meet, they have already completed more than the required 180 degrees and now form a valley at the seam. David got it together, and managed to get a natural metal finish of Floquil Bright Silver on it. He then painted the wide yellow bands with the black edges seen on Sabers in the Korean War on it. The markings included a large decal for the left side with 'Mike's Bird' and the artwork to go with it. There were also challenges getting this decal into place and making it conform to the surface of the model. The overall result was good, but we suspect we will not see David build another F-86F from this kit.



David Morris's Kinetic 1/32nd F-86F in Korean War markings. Photo by Rich Van Zandt

A 1/72 kit from Special Hobby was the entry from **Joe Vincent**. This model was the only F-86H in the contest, and probably the only one of this version of the Sabre we have ever had at a club meeting. The



Joe Vincent Special Hobby 1/72nd F-86H Sabre Hog. Photo by Rich Van Zandt

cannon-armed 'last of the line' F-86 turned out to be a nice kit, which Joe enjoyed building. Kit decals were used on the model, which served late enough to be seen in the SEA ("Vietnam") paint scheme of two greens and tan over off white used by the USAF.

Stan Parker had completed a 1/48 Hasegawa F-86 kit as a Canadair Sabre Mk V. This particular aircraft was flown in a painted silver scheme, not the natural aluminum finish seen on many other Sabre variants. Stan got a great deal on this kit, which he bought at a garage sale, only to find that a resin cockpit was also included in the box! He finished the model using a heavily thinned mix of Tamiya Flat Aluminum paint. Also with him, but not entered in the contest, Stan had brought a Hasegawa 1/48 Sabre converted to an RF-86F model. This one was painted in a combination of Tamiya Flat Aluminum and Testor's Steel. Nice model, but we have to admit the large camera bulges on the fuselage sides don't really make the sleek F-86 more attractive!



Stan Parker's Hasegawa 1/48th Canadair Sabre Mk V.
Photo by Rich Van Zandt

ADDITIONAL CONTEST MODEL IMAGES



Important Stuff – Please Read!

In January of every year, we tell you to bring money to the meeting with you. Last year, we changed from collecting dues at each meeting to taking a lump sum for an annual membership at the January meeting. At the time, we were not sure if we would like this concept or not, but we decided to give it a try. As it turned out, we found several advantages to doing this, but as it worked out, we didn't ask for enough. In previous years, we collected \$10 from everyone in January, then \$3 at each meeting. So the total came to \$10 + \$33 for a total of \$43 per year. We thought we could get by on a single shot of \$20 and leave it at that.

The main advantage of collecting it all at once in January was that the club treasurer was not busy handling money for the first fifteen minutes of every meeting. As such, Kevin Wilson actually had the time to look at the new products on the table, look at the built models, and visit with club members he had not seen in a month.

OK, so a good idea, but maybe not so good on the execution, as we fell back a step and finished the year with less than we started with. So what does all this mean to you? **It means you should show up at the January meeting with \$30, in cash, please.** And having the correct amount would be appreciated. Then you are done giving us money for all of 2014, and we are not going to bother you again until next January. Sounds good, right? Great!

The January meeting will be held on Saturday the 11th. We will use our standard meeting format, so bring any new stuff you got over the holidays (well, just model-related stuff, not just anything you got for Christmas) as well as in-progress and any finished models. We hope to see you at 6:30 PM on the 11th.



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