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Van Zandt Wins Out of the Box!

The Out of the Box Contest with the ‘Old School’ theme (no metal or resin parts allowed) was won by **Rich Van Zandt** with his Accurate Miniatures Grumman TBF-1C Avenger. Before you guess, yes, this was Rich’s second completed 1/48 Avenger in two months, and no, it wasn’t the same model as he brought last month. That one was modified, not out of the box, and this one was in the Atlantic Sea Search scheme. But rather than duplicate the same subject in the same markings that we see at every contest where someone chooses this paint scheme, Rich came up with a unique subject and made his own markings for it.



Rich Van Zandt's TBF-1C in Atlantic Search Scheme I with custom decals.

photo by R Van Zandt

Rich called the Accurate Miniatures model a ‘great kit’. He said at first, the main gear legs appeared a bit weak, but when you get everything attached to them, they are anchored firmly in place. Rich said the model is a bit complicated, but if you follow the

instructions, you’ll be OK. The one exception to this was that he left the “plate” off of the rear turret, and it fit better.



A 1/48 Mania Ki 27 ‘Nate’ by **Jim Webb** took second place. This kit is still being released in new box art and markings by Hasegawa, who acquired the molds when Mania tanked in the 1980’s. But this particular model was in the Mania box, making it around 37 years old. Unlike most other kits from that era, this small fixed-gear monoplane has engraved panel lines and petite recessed rivets. The fit of the canopy, as well as its thickness, does not measure up to modern kits. Masking it proved challenging, but using a pre-cut aftermarket set helped quite a bit. Jim

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managed to do the entire model without the use of any decals – everything was done with paint.



Jim Webb's Ki-27 was probably the oldest kit on the table.

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A reconnaissance Messerschmitt Me 262A-1a/U3 built from the 1/48 Hobby Boss kit took third place for **Bill Von Staden**. This model was Bill's first experience with a Hobby Boss kit. Most of the sub-assemblies went together nicely. But when it came time to join the sub-assemblies, a bit of work was involved. All in all, it turned out nicely, and you don't see many of the /U3 camera version of this jet very often.



Bill Von Staden's Me 262A-1a/U3 recon bird took third in a very complicated squiggle pattern camo.

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A 1/48 Hasegawa Curtiss P-40E was entered by **Kevin Wilson**. The model turned out looking great in its Dark Green/Dark Earth over Light Gray scheme. But Kevin was not very happy about

Hasegawa's engineering on the kit, necessitated by all of the sections which can be substituted to make various versions of the Curtiss fighter. It's been said before, but if they were going to try to do this, you would think they would at least try to get some of the join lines between the sections to fall on existing panel joins on the real article. But we believe that Hasegawa must think we like filling and sanding. In reality, is there anything modelers dislike more? The fit of the quarter glass windows also left a lot to be desired, as the windows seem to be marginally larger than the space they are supposed to occupy. Despite the problems, Kevin said he would definitely build another one of these kits, and as we left the meeting, he was actually talking about starting one soon! See, that's what this hobby does to you.



Kevin Wilson's P-40E looked good despite his struggles with the kit's Engineering.

photo by R Van Zandt

The award for largest model at the meeting, if not the largest model we have ever had at a meeting, went to **Stan Parker** and his 1/72 replica of the Saturn V rocket from the Dragon kit. From what we can gather, Dragon's original plan was to market an assembled version of this beast. Seeing the finished product, that is a bit difficult to imagine. But it also means that Dragon didn't really have a great set of instructions for it when they decided to sell it as a kit. So there was some ingenuity required to figure everything out. Stan had to do some drilling on some of the parts to complete the construction. Each engine consists of twelve parts. There were comments made about the need for do-it-yourself fixes on a kit selling for this much money. Stan got a healthy discount off the retail price, and it was still high enough to make your bank's loan officer get that toothy grin they always have when they smell blood in the water!



Stan Parker standing next to his enormous Saturn V moon rocket.

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Sometime during construction, the metal rods that were supposed to support one of the stages kind of turned into wet noodles, and the whole thing came crashing down on the kitchen floor. Did that stop Stan? No, it did not. He came up with a better reinforcement system and started gluing parts back together. The white paint was done using Testors white in spray can(s), as using an airbrush to paint something this large could be timed with a sundial. Tamiya black was used for the trim, and that *was* applied using an airbrush. The service module was a model unto itself, and took as much time as a normal kit. The decals on the finished rocket worked very well, but took over two hours to apply. The model was a good result overall, but not something you'd want to jump into on a whim



Anniston, Alabama in April

Ahh, the traditional rites of Spring... baseball starting up, things in the yard beginning to bloom in vibrant colors, and hundreds of cars screaming east on I-20 in Alabama at highly illegal speeds "drafting" in bumper to bumper traffic, while the cops either sit by and watch, or pass us at even higher rates of speed! A place where you can be the target of many a rude gesture for traveling at less than 80 mph! What's going on, you ask? Why it's the Phantom Phlashers chapter from Birmingham, hosting their annual model show and contest sixty miles east in Anniston, Alabama. See, you have to drive past the largest NASCAR track, Talladega Speedway, to get there, which must make drivers think if you are doing anything south of 200 mph, you're probably OK. Yeee – Haw!

Four members of IPMS Memphis made the trek to the southeast. Jim Webb, Bill Von Staden, Rich Van

Zandt and David Morris attended the event this year. The turnout of models for the contest, and the vendor count seemed pretty good to us. Rich took a 1st in 1/48 jets with his McDonnell F3H-2 Demon, a 1st in Resin/Vacuform/Conversion with his 1/72 A-3B Skywarrior, and a 2nd with his 1/48 Accurate Miniatures TBM-3 Avenger in Single-Engine Prop with No Invasion Stripes. He also got the Best Vietnam Subject with his 1/48 Hobby Boss Mig-17C in NVAF markings. Bill's recon Me 262A-1a/U3 from the Hobby Boss kit took in 2nd in 1/48 jets, right behind Rich's Demon. And his 1/48 Trimaster Fw 190D-9 took a 3rd in the 1/48 Single Engine Prop-Axis category. David Morris' 1/350 Destroyer USS Gearing took a 3rd in Surface Ships.



April Meeting Coming Up

Our April meeting will be held on **Saturday the 12th**. We will be using our standard meeting format.

Please bring any in-progress and recently completed models, as well as any new kits, books, decals, and other recently acquired modeling stuff. We hope to see you at 6:30 PM this Saturday night.



Phil Hale's P-51D 'Alabama Rammer Jammer' took 1st in 48 SE Prop & the Invasion Stripes Award.

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Ken Niles Rumpler C. IV took best AC & Best in Show.

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Roger Raso's Fokker DVII took a 2nd in Rigged AC.

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