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Next meeting February 15

Cutler Real Estate

Model of the Month

Ed Kinney's Tamiya 1/32 Spitfire MK IX



January News

In news from the January meeting we learned that John Shimek has been working actively on reviving the Fame Cities website, and has been in contact with Bill Weckel to clear up some of his questions. There is a lot of work to be done yet, but we are making some progress on this front.

Dues for 2010 are now due and remain at \$12.00 per year. You can mail them to Joe Staudt at 2715 Watervale Drive, Uniontown, OH, or pay Joe at the February meeting.

The 2010 Region Four convention will be held in Livonia, Michigan, on April 30 and May 1, 2010.

At January's meeting we established the contest schedule for 2010 and got a start on a demo schedule. See page 5 for the contest events. The single demo so far scheduled is on rescribing, and will be presented at the March meeting by Bob Ulrich.

Andy Miday displayed and discussed the new Trumpeter F-14D and F-18E kits in 1/32 scale; lots of plastic, big bucks. Coming releases include a 1/48 F-5E from AFV Club, a new tool 1/72 B-17G from Revell, and a 1/32 T-33 from Special Hobby/Squadron. The big European hobby show in Nuremberg was the first week in February, and the internet is full of reports and pictures - too much stuff to get into here, so check it out online.

president's notebook

Hi Guys! Welcome to February. I want to touch base with all the guys that sponsored contests for 2010. Just a reminder that YOU are the one that's responsible for the awards for your contest, not the club. The club is responsible ONLY for the Non-Theme awards. That said, your Theme Contest award is completely up to you. It can be a plaque, a trophy, a ribbon, maybe a gift certificate. In the past the Theme Contest awards have been running about \$30 for three awards. It's completely up to you as to what and how much you spend on the awards.

I was ecstatic to see so many different "themes" for 2010 – everything from Float Planes to WW2 Pacific Theater. Nine different 'theme contests' this year. Should be interesting.

Speaking of the Theme's, I want to explain the two that I chose. First is Korea Era. You can build anything as long as it's from the 1947 to 1957 era. It does NOT have to be Korean War. It can be a 48 Ford, or a Marine Sherman tank from Korea, or a Navy blue Skyraider – or a F-100C. But there will be a special award for the Best true Korean War Subject. My second one is Vehicles. This is wide open and can be tracked or wheeled vehicles, from any era. No special awards for this one. So I want to see the car guys and the tankers build stuff that'll collapse the table. We've never had a strictly 'vehicle' theme contest so build, build, build!

That's all for now. I'l see many of you at BlizzardCon in Columbus. And if not, I'll see you guys at the meeting right after BlizzardCon.

Larry Davis

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January Models



January's Feature Model - See Page 4



Ed Kinney

Tamiya 1/32 Spitfire MK IX





Ralph Nollan

Hasegawa 1/32 Spitfire MK V



JR Bruegger

AMT 1/25 Monkee Mobile



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JR Bruegger

Academy 1/35 M151 MUTT



Larry Davis

Classic Airframes 1/48 Venom







Bob Ulrich

Trumpeter 1/32 F-8J Crusader

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FEATURE MODEL OF THE MONTH

Tamiya 1/32 Spitfire MK IXc by Ed Kinney



Spitfire MK IXc

KIT USED

Tamiya 1/32



Used Victory Productions decal sheet 'Aces of the Empire'

PAINTS Testor's Model Master















COMMENTS

As reviewed on the IPMS/USA website, in my opinion this is the finest plastic model kit ever produced in any scale. It is not often you can say that a kit went together totally without incident. Pricey, but well worth the investment based on the results.

Editor's Note: although Ed didn't mention it, I think it should be noted that he built this model out of the box except for decals. What you see, in the cockpit, engine bay and elsewhere all comes in the kit.



2010 Club Contest Schedule

APRIL Floatplanes and Amphibians sponsored by Andy Miday

MAY World War II Pacific Theater sponsored by Gary Wolfe

'Shades of Gray' sponsored by Ed Kinney

JULY The Korean War Era 1946 to 1957 sponsored by Larry Davis

AUGUST Ground Vehicles (any type and era) sponsored by Larry Davis

SEPTEMBER 'Polish a Turd' sponsored by Ed Kinney (this is the picnic contest)

OCTOBER 'Something Monstrous' sponsored by Steve Dottavio

NOVEMBER Five Bladed Props (Single Engine) sponsored by Dave Ball

DECEMBER National guard and Reserves sponsored by Ralph Nollan

Any questions regarding what is or is not eligible for the individual contests is up to the sponsor, and should be directed to that person. As each contest approaches details and reminders will be published here.