

Welcome back to Mars boys and girls! It's an exciting time to be around. I can't wait to see Spirit driving around and poking under some rocks. Nasa TV has been on as much as the History and SciFi channel the last two weeks on my TV.

On a slightly related topic, I haven't heard fro Doc this month, so no updates from the final frontier this time.

Well, last month was our yearly holiday show at Hobby Town. Thanks to everyone who attended. There were quite a few models on display and all were fantastic. We just seemed to have a problem with anyone knowing we were back there and open for business. So to help remedy this in the future, I made up a few signs and will have them printed and laminated so we'll have them ready to post next year.

Classifieds:

Bill Bailey would like to buy or trade for an Accurate Miniatures TBF-1C / TBM-1C. He will trade a TBM-3

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Minutes for December 13, 2003 meeting, Mad Dog Model Club

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by president, Wayne Keith

The early start was due to the annual model show that had been going on since noon at HobbyTown as a thank you for the meeting room facility.

After a brief thank you from our president for the outstanding past year of modeling and fund raising, the "fun" time began.

Show and tell;

Brian Geiger showed his 1/35 Tamiya Panzer IIg, 1/35 Tamiya Kfz. 232 8rad and matilda mk II diorama with Italeri figures.

Mike Smith (Utah Modeler) brought his 1/48 Monogram AV-8b Harrier.

Dan S. had a very nice 1/35 SS2 sam missile.

Bill Bailey showed a sweet Tamiya 1/48 Wildcat with resin wings.

Terry Faulk brought an antique bike, which won the last modeler of the month honor!

Tom Vogt had a nice 1/48 mystery ship.

Greg Mathews showed a great 1/50 tri-plane.

Mark Russell had a clean 1/48 F452 Hellcat and 1 to 1 gun camera shot.

Ian Robertson had a superb 1/48 Tamiya P51D with ultracast resin tail conversion.

The notes were transcribed and edited by Wayne Keith for your reading pleasure.

Wayne's World.

January 2004

Welcome to the new year and all the new things it will bring. My first task is to give you the update on our donation from the auction last fall. As you know, I had a ridiculous work schedule, which delayed my getting the check delivered to the Idaho Food Bank. Life has a strange way of working things out with time. This project way no different, although the outcome was.

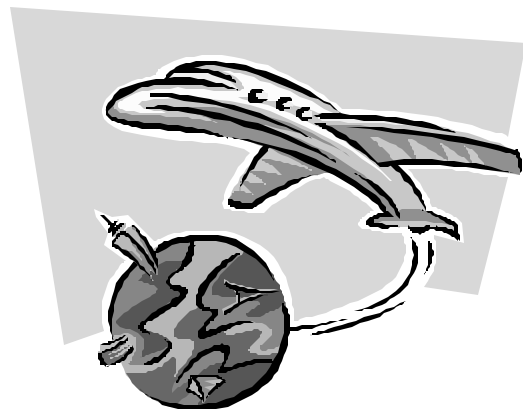
During the time it took me to finally arrange my schedule to be able to deliver our check, some political events hit the press. Specifically, that the director of the Idaho Food Bank chose to require various local agencies, i.e. the Salvation Army, El-Ada Community Action, etc., to sign a contract with the food bank stating that they, the beneficiaries, would not accept any form of donations from any other sources. In other words, he wanted to control the donations of food to all agencies helping those in need.

I phoned Bill Miller and Kent Eckhart and informed them that I felt it unwise to support such political wrangling and decided to take our check for \$514.00 directly to the Salvation Army. At that time, the press also indicated that the Salvation Army was short some 700 turkeys for their families in need. The kicker was that there were documented photos of the food bank, showing overflowing supplies of food, some being stacked in the hallways due to the excess. I felt that the direct route was best for our purposes of support.

While it is difficult to become involved with politics from our club's standpoint, this seemed the best solution to avoid involvement and yet still achieve our objective of giving to a most worthy cause. I still believe in the wonderful support our club provided and intend for us to continue with the program. Each year we will take a close look at the needs of our community and act accordingly.

Thank you again, for your donations and patience while this project was completed. I wish you all a happy new year and the best of everything.

Wayne Keith\ President



Telefonica Blue Arrives!!

Well, I was right, (that's rare!) the paint arrived the next day from our good friends at Great Models. Two cans of Tamiya Acrylic Lacquer in TS-51 Blue. I hit the body with 3 light coats and set them aside to dry.

During my wait for the paint to arrive, I decided to use up my supply of Scale Productions 1/20th scale carbon fiber and carbon Kevlar decal sheets that I had purchased some time ago. The patterns and colors make for a more interesting look than the semi-gloss black finish that is recommended in the instructions. First to contend with were the side air intakes. They were 2 piece affairs that left a visible seam along the lower facing after gluing together. A little sanding and filling, and they were ready for the Kevlar decals. This took a bit to get correct, as the intakes are 'U' shaped with tapered edges, but after a coating with Micro-Sol and a hair dryer, they looked really good. I have to keep telling myself to be patient when using Micro-Sol, because it really needs to be left alone to shrink the decal material around the part on its own. Go away, don't look at it for at least 12 hours!!

Patience is probably the one thing that I need a lot of when modeling, period! In addition to the side intakes, I also used the same Kevlar on the air box intake.

Confession: the real car uses carbon fiber here, but I like the different color accent that the Kevlar gives.....artistic interpretation!! The final step was to coat all these pieces with Tamiya Clear gloss, which not only gave a more realistic appearance, it protected the decals from any abuse when attaching the pieces to the tub.

By this time the Telefonica Blue was nice and dry so I used Carbon fiber on the leading edge where it attaches to the under tray, as well as the entire rear of the tub where it attaches to the engine. I guess I didn't realize how much CF I was going to need! The other issue with the carbon fiber pattern, is that it is a series of diagonal lines, and they should all match up to be accurate. It takes a little more of that thing, patience! All the suspension arms were decaled with the same stuff, then glossed over as well. I was becoming a decal freak!!

Next I attacked the rear wing assembly. It is made up of 5 pieces: 3 separate wings, and the end plates. Painting was interesting....the top wing is all Tele. Blue, the middle wing is T. blue on top, and white on the bottom, and the lower wing is carbon fiber, with gold metallic strips on top of that!! Wait, not done yet!!

The end plates are white on the outside, and carbon fiber on the inside...Looks pretty cool when assembled, though! The front wing is similar: 7 separate pieces not including the 2 piece support braces that attach to the nose. Painting was a little easier, only blue on the upper surfaces, and carbon fiber on the bottom. I had decided by that time that I was not going to cover the lower front wing or the under tray with decal material, just paint them with Krylon semi-gloss black.

A fair number of the kit decals were added all during the assembly process. There are a lot of them, believe me! I was a little worried that the silver stripes between the white and blue colors would be difficult to apply, but they went down really easily. My only complaint is that they are so thin, that the demarcation line shows through in some areas. I guess I could have polished it off after painting both colors, but thought they wouldn't show. Something to remember next time!

The final steps have the engine attached to the tub and then this complete piece is screwed to the under tray with 3 small screws. Remember that I forgot to add a washer to the engine block in the beginning that was to hold the 3rd screw? Well, I decided to leave out all 3, because there was no reason not to use cyano to attach the tub and engine to the under tray, and that worked out fine. I don't really know why the screws are provided. It's not a load bearing part. All that remained were the antennas, rear view mirrors, barge boards, and deflector plates to attach and I was there! I left one front wheel off to display the brakes, and glued the chassis stands to the under tray, so I can display the car in a garage setting. You will be surprised to hear that I will attach my BMW to a wood base! Another first for me! All in all, it was a really fun project. If I can find some reference photos, I may try to detail the engine compartment with some wiring..

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to build this kit, it was great fun!!!!

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