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LAST MEETING

July 15: *Editor's Note: Since I was not able to attend, thanks to Gary Sanders for taking the lead on the meeting, Brian Lloyd for taking notes, and Steve McKinnon for taking pictures. ~NJ*

16 members met at Godfather's Pizza in Ozark for our July meeting. The meeting theme was "Shelved." Once again, we had good participation as many of the members brought their shelved kits to show off and discuss!

Steve McKinnon brought a 1:32 scale Revell F4U Corsair from 1967. Missing parts and it is hard to find them because the kit is so old. Also, Steve brought in an in-progress Academy 1:35 M113 Israeli Defense Force (IDF) "Zelda" which he plans to build out to represent a Fitter repair vehicle.



Bob Grenier provided us with a history lesson on diesel locomotives. He brought in two brass locomotives for passing around.



Brian Taylor brought in a '53 Studebaker Funny Car 1:35 scale. It is a kit bashed car he started but never finished.



John Nottestad brought in a 1:35 M1 Panther II Mine Detector from Dragon. Many assembly problems and a mistake cementing a major part caused frustration and a lack of motivation to continue.



Paul Drinkall brought in a resin kit from the devil....it is a '65 Ford Sedan. The hood was not fitting right. Other projects seemed more urgent to work on and a lack of motivation caused it to sit on the shelf.

Mike Mangan brought in his in-progress Studebaker, which he is in the middle of wiring the engine. He also brought in a Double Whammy '53 Hemi AMT and a '60 Dodge Dart body with lots of scratches he is working on fixing. On a side note he was looking for something on the internet then wham - Squirrel! - he went off on a tangent and found a Dodge '59 Jo-Han kit.



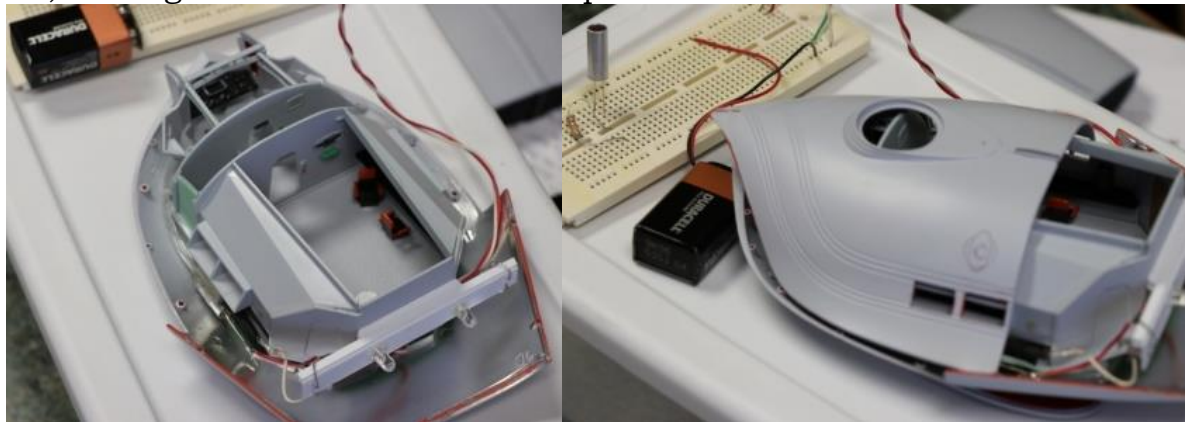
Bill Loden is building a Dirt Car as a gift for his father-in-law, to represent a car that his father-in-law raced years ago. It is a '72 Chevelle with lots of custom and cutting and finagling with multiple kits to get it together. Bill will be making his own racing decals to match his father-in-law's car.



Nick Kimes brought an Academy 1:30 Starcraft Terran Marine figure. Nick indicated he decided to paint the face but since he sucks at face painting he is rethinking his plans. With Nate's tutorial and instruction from YouTube videos, Nick was able to paint the face and get a satisfactory result!



Brian Lloyd brought a Polar Lights Spindrift kit. Brian added lots of extra equipment in the ship and added a light kit. Unfortunately, the LED fiber optic cans stopped working and the effort became too great. Brian shelved this kit, waiting for more motivation. He plans to turn it into a diorama.



Gary Sanders brought an MPC 1929 Ford Station Wagon 1:25 scale he started building in 1968!

He also brought a Polar Lights *USS Enterprise* model with a poor paint job and poor decals. Looking for motivation to continue it.





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WHERE HAS YOUR SHIRT BEEN

Michael Steenstra

After vacationing in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, my daughter, Jennifer asked if we would cancel the Friday plans and head to Pensacola, Florida. Going against my usual "stick to the plan" of doing things and still reeling from a virus of some kind, I said okay. On the way, we stopped by the *USS Alabama* Battleship Memorial Park - one of Jennifer's selling points to go to Pensacola she used on me plus the Blue Angels home base is there.

Now I have been on the aircraft carriers *USS Yorktown* CV-10 in Charleston and the *USS Lexington* CV-16 in Corpus Christi but I was really impressed with the size of the *USS Alabama*. "Wow" was my first thought when I saw the size of this battleship.



Now there were other things to look at too. A B-25 in 345th BG markings parked outside, quite a bit of armor parked outside, a Gato-class WWII submarine - the *USS Drum* (SS-228) and an Aircraft Pavilion housing quite a few aircraft including an A-12 Oxcart (I never knew!)- very similar to the SR-71 Blackbird. The A-12 only had a pilot while the SR-71 had a pilot and a reconnaissance systems officer (RSO). I went all over the battleship, but still did not

manage to get everywhere possible. Then the rain came and the only place to go was the submarine which you can go through - you can actually go in the conning tower and view through the



periscope. Not a very clear view after all these years but still can manage to see the ocean through it. Then we went into the Aircraft Pavilion which had WWII aircraft, the A-12 and various jets. That was it for there.

Now I could not wear my MOSS shirt due to it needed to be washed (that Alabama humidity!) but my wife, Connie and I went to the National Naval Aviation Museum the next day. This is a museum worth going to and it is also free. It is filled with all kinds of aircraft and it is on the home base for the Blue Angels. There are so many aircraft in this museum it has the wow factor also. Connie loved it - believe it or not! My main focus was to find the Dauntless that was used at Midway after I seen the information online. I did not know one existed but there it was. Not one used off of the carriers but one that took off from Midway Island, a SBD-2 flown by the Marines. Here is a condensed story on the plane:

U.S. Marine Corps Douglas SBD-2 *Dauntless* of Marine scout bombing squadron VMSB-241 on Midway Atoll, 4 June 1942.

SBD-2 *Dauntless* (Bu No 2106) Transferred to Marine scout bombing squadron VMSB-241 on Midway Atoll, arriving there with eighteen other SBD-2s on 26 May 1942, on board the aircraft transport *USS Kitty Hawk* (APV-1). On the morning of 4 June 1942, with 1st Lt Daniel Iverson as pilot and PF1c Wallace Reid as rear gunner, the aircraft was one of sixteen SBD-2s of VMSB-241 launched to attack Japanese aircraft carriers to the west of Midway.

After unsuccessfully attacking the carrier *Hiryu*, enemy fire holed the plane 219 times. It was one of only eight SBD-2s of VMSB-241 to return from the attack against the Japanese fleet.

Returned to the US, it was repaired and eventually assigned to the Carrier Qualification Training Unit (CQTU) at NAS Glenview, Illinois. On the morning of 11 June 1943 Marine 2nd Lt Donald A. Douglas Jr. ditched the aircraft in the waters of Lake Michigan during an errant approach to the training carrier *USS Sable* (IX-81).

Recovered in 1994, the aircraft underwent extensive restoration at the U.S. National Museum of Naval Aviation at Pensacola, Florida (USA), before being placed on public display in 2001.

Elements of its original paint scheme when delivered to the fleet are still visible on its wings and tail surfaces."



NEXT MEETING

August 26, 2018 – Sunday, 6pm at Branson Hobby Center.

The Shop opens at 5pm and the meeting starts at 6pm.

Meeting Theme: “50s” – bring in a model (or a few) that you can relate to 50’s -- .50 caliber machine guns, 1950’s era, etc.

As always you are welcome to bring a model, tip or technique to share and discuss! Remember to bring a chair!

Happy Modeling!



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