

## Roc City Scale Modelers August 2023 meeting notes

Next meeting will be September 11 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Grant will be taking kit donations for the raffle and will run it a bit different than in the past. His ideas will hopefully speed up the process and make it smoother and more enjoyable for the participants. More details next meeting.

Ken Brate has checked on the Macedon library for a display in November. The case is 69"x 45"x 5" with two glass shelves. We will have club information at the front desk for those who inquire. More followup details at the September meeting.

The Moose Lodge in Henrietta has been secured for the September show with the IPMS National insurance form being dropped off. There is a new food crew at the lodge to cater our lunch this year.



Steve Coykendall

Star Trek Phaser - this kit was on the shelf of doom for 30 years

It was derived from the original series and came in three different colors depending on the show. It has buttons for the numerous functions for the main characters of the series. The others depicted, had painted on details, were stunt guns for the actors in the back.



This is a 3D printed kit that had a very messy support structure that left marks on the figure. It was lots of work to get it straightened out. Steve placed a piano wire in the sword blade for strength.



Phil Pucher

Dragon 1/35 Panther

This model depicts a freshly made tank from the factory, three different firms constructed them. The model itself has multiple parts for variants but the instructions don't tell what parts to use where. Phil used Friul metal tracks which were great. The base is 3/4" plywood with MDF. The wall and details were scratch built. Tamiya and Model Master paints were used and pastels were applied after the finish coat.



Jerry Rinaldi

KISS figures from Polar Lights

These were individual figure models with pre-painted faces.



Ron Levy

Minicraft 1/48 P-38J "Yippee" the 4,000 unit made / a Secret Santa gift  
Lots of nose weight needed!



Armand Miale

AMT 1/48 Tigercat "the one handed model" constructed with one hand!  
The basic kit went together well but needed tons of weight added in the nose, engine nacelles, fuel tanks and any other places. A resin cockpit was added, as well as Ultracast props (originals were posed incorrectly). Squadron clear plastic was smash molded for the rear canopy. Aeromaster gloss blue was used without a final clear coat for the finish. A gray stain was applied on top for a bit of weathering.



Jim Goodnow

1/35 Opal Blitz - Italeri kit was first used for the Blitz, then switched to Tamiya.  
Each figure is a Frankenstein kit bash with lots of slice & dicing and pins. The model is being constructed as a whole unit.



Ken Brent

MPC 1/72 Skyray - really an Airfix casting from 1983  
The fit was very rough with lots of flash. The original decals were shot and Microscale sheets from his spares bin were used. Testors 1/72 weapons were added. Both Tamiya and Testors acrylic were used.



Roger Rouse

Tamiya 1/48 Fock Wolf - outstanding kit



Itareri 1/48 Hensel S123- early war Poland

Decal for 6 versions were in the kit. Very heavy splinter painting required lots of masking. Vallejo paint was used. Wood tone paint was mixed with gloss was mixed with clear gloss for the prop. The decals were great and the model was weathered with some silver chipping and exhaust stain.



Trumpeter 1/35 T-90 - kit comes with photo etch and 1,000's of parts!

There were no markings for the unit description in the plans. The model had a two piece barrel and individual link tracks. The model was weathered using oil on the running gear with mud and highlight dry brushing.



Dave Riedel

Motion R/C Flight line kit 1/8 F4U Corsair - foam fuselage with plastic parts and 3d printed cockpit

Dave made a new 3D printed engine due to the lack of detail on the original. The figure was too small for realism and new larger wheels & tires were added. Lots of bottles of model paint was used to coat using an airbrush, AK and Vallejo colors. Dave tried his hand using salt technique to weather the aircraft. He also had to learn how to distress the vinyl decals. Having some flying experience, Dave found that most realistic paint schemes on R/C aircraft make the plane disappear in the sky. That makes it tough to fly!





Tutorial by Bill Scarbrough



#### How to determine nose weight for aircraft!

The Orange feet are actually painters triangles placed at the point for the landing gear installation. Mock up the aircraft front to back and place on the wings. Add pennies to the nose to determine the correct weight. Add the weight just forward of the center of gravity. Bill used Crossman shot with JB Weld to adhere. Dental lead film, Liquid Gravity, lead sheet or shot can be used in various places to balance the model. Amazon is a great source to order products.

Tip#1- a B-24 needs lots of weight

Tip#2- the plastic landing gear can handle the extra weight