



The Plastic Whittler



Our Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, Sept 12 at 7:00 pm**, at East Brainerd Church of Christ. 7745 East Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

This is our annual IPMS Nationals slide show. This year Mike Moore and Tom Gaston made the trip and will be presenting the photos they took. This as always is a good time!

The News and This Issue

Well here we go..... Last month's meeting was again quite a deal! Dave Wells presented his slide show of the final Shuttle launch, in the Fantasy of Flight in Polk City, and the big Oshkosh air show. His stories were also entertaining. There were several models on display at the meeting. Steve has been continuing to practice his airbrush skills



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as evident with his Ju-87. Horton entertained us with his tales of woe and the horrible fit of the old AMT mold for his flying wing models. Dave Wells is seriously into the MC.72 which was an Italian contender (almost anyway) in the Schneider trophy race. It sat a speed record shortly after the Schneider race anyway. He told us about the unique radiators on the wings. His resin kit suffers from a warping issue. That fact sparked a lot of discussion on how to best resolve it. You know you put a problem like that in front of 5 modelers you'll likely get 7 different answers!!!! Phil Chandler brought a SU-85 in the small scale. See the photos on the following pages. Enjoy!

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE
IPMS/Huntsville	10/01/2011
IPMS/Murfreesboro	11/05/2011
IPMS/CHATTANOOGA	1/21/2012
Anniston Al	4/12/2012
IPMS Warner Robins	6/9/2012
IPMS Nationals 2012 Orlando	8/8-11/2012



Phillip is continuing to add to his collection of military headgear. Phil it is time to get a flying helmet and flying goggles to match your IPMS Chattanooga shirt!



Horton brought his Flying Wing. He reported that the old AMT kit was a real pig requiring pounds of putty to complete. He worked hard to get an acceptable fit.



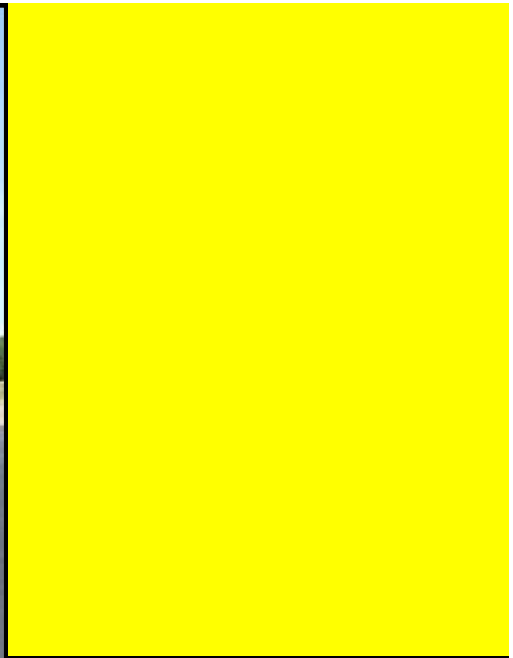
Phil brought in this SU-85 (or is it a SU-100?) Cool base!!!



Steve is continuing to build his experience with painting in 1/72 scale. Looking good Steve! The wear on the wing walks was particularly impressive.

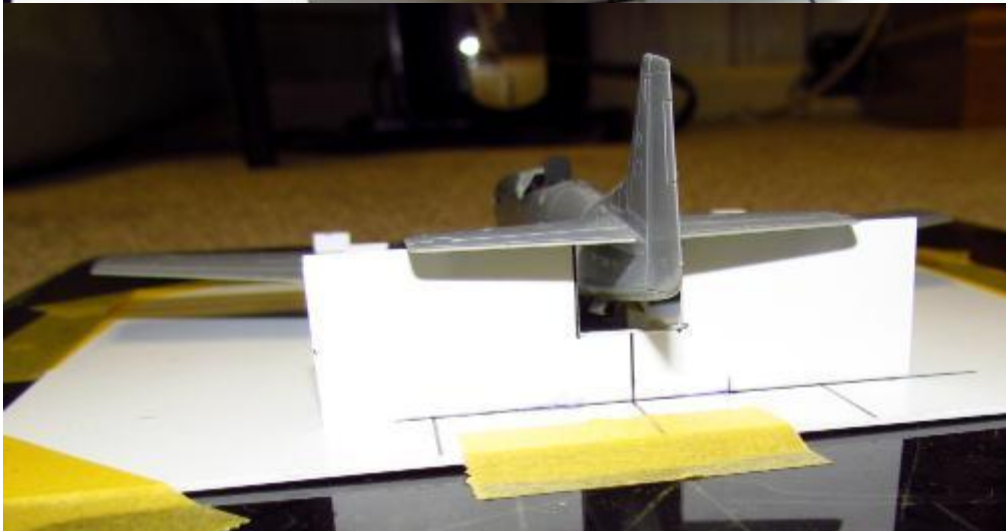
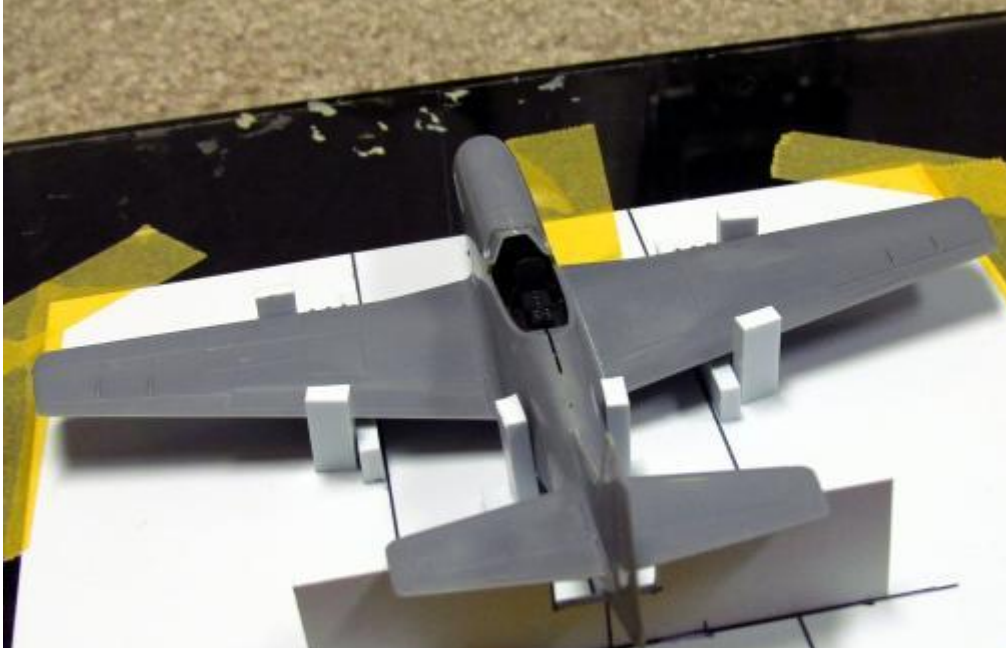
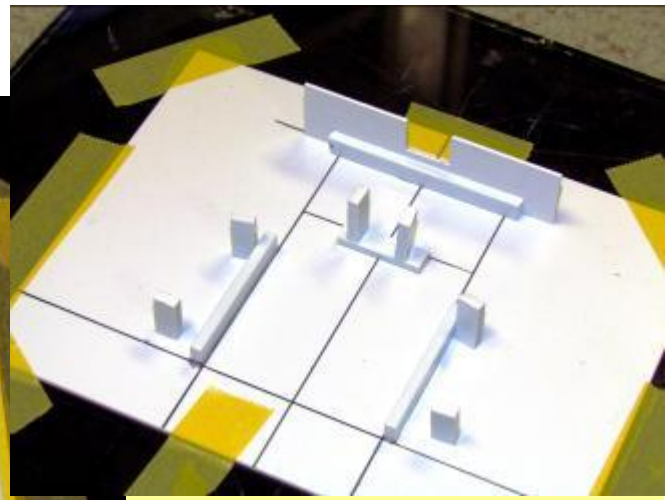
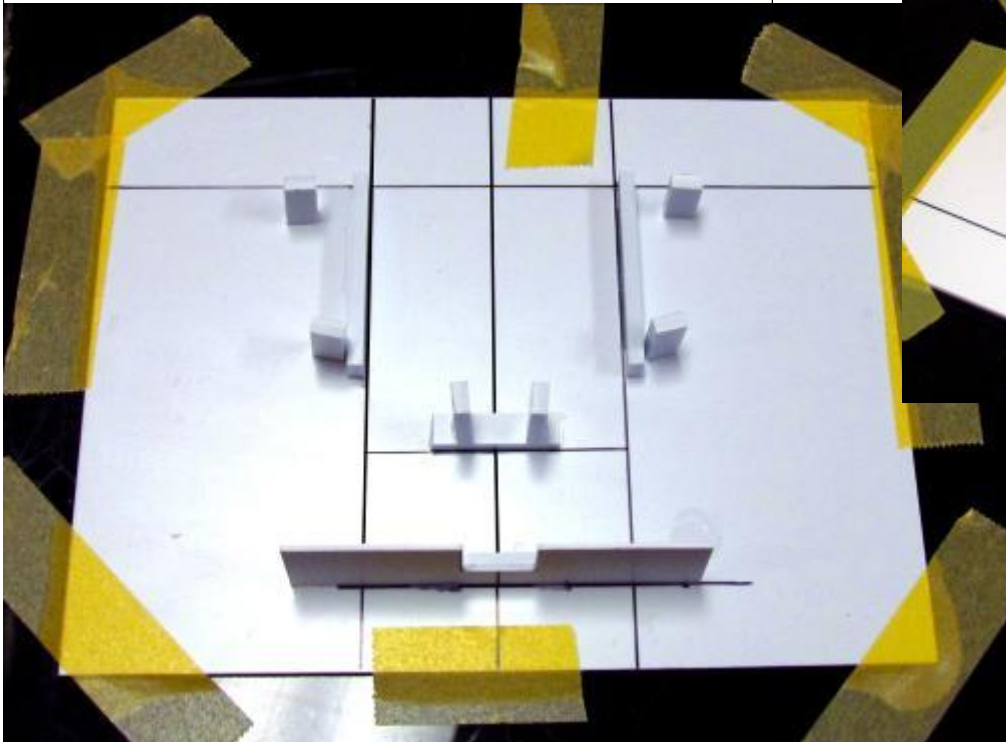


Dave Wells shared with us his magnificent obsession with the equally magnificent MC.72. He has collected a resin kit from Italy in 1/32 to complement his previous build of the same airplane.



Bob Colbert shared some of his recent vacation photos with me. When I saw his smiling face I just knew I had to share with the group. The simply gorgeous red Biplane sealed the deal. During his trip to the Outer banks he popped for a ride in a 1942 Waco biplane trainer. The smile says it all!

Mustang Jig



As part of the great All The King's Horses group build I'm in the middle of building two Tamiya P-51K's. (Mustang IVa's to be exact) In the past I've relied on the Mk I eyeball or equal stacks of pennies to get the stabilizers in alignment on my builds. I found the stabilizers on the Tamiya kit are particularly loose during a dry fitting. With the immediate prospect of building two now and the possibility of building more in the future I decided to try putting together a simple, reusable jig. I found the process to be very simple and not take a lot of time. I started with a piece of sheet plastic and used my drafting tools and a Sharpie to mark a centerline. Successive marks with a divider and my drafting tools I was able to mark and glue in two parallel sticks of sheet rod (1/4 in by 3/8 inch) to place the basic model on in such a way to make the wings in the proper dihedral. I glued additional uprights to be able to replace (or place) the model at the correct perpendicular alignment. Going for me was the fact that the stabilizers on the P51 are perfectly flat. Using my same drafting tools I was able to cut the final support for the stabilizers after measuring with some dividers to get the height correct. It was short order to glue that final piece in using some more styrene rod for support and to get the sheet upright and perpendicular. I taped the basic affair to a sheet of plate glass to keep it from warping out of shape. In the end I believe it paid off as the time to build the jig was made up for in speeding up the basic build process with less stress.

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A Different Kind of Model Show....

Presented By Chattanooga Scale Modelers

- Gold, Silver, Bronze Judging—**Check our website for judging guidelines**
- Revised display format—grouped by genre**
- Vendors & Raffle!!!!
- Models eligible for entry: If we ain't seen it at a Chattanooga show...**BRING IT** In other words, if it wasn't entered last Year, bring it this year!

**January
21, 2012**

Last year we had nearly 500 models on display. There is no doubt that was great to see, and we'd like to see it again, and we suspect so would you! However, judging 500 models in the time allotted clearly wasn't feasible. We are working on ideas to make thing work more smoothly, and will get details posted on our website as we develop them, but rest assured we are working hard to assure that we can stay on schedule for our sophomore effort. But plan on bringing any model you didn't bring last year. Lots of models = Lots of fun!

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