

## March OOB Madness Contest

Our last meeting featured the Out-of-the-Box contest for 2020. Unlike last year, where two aftermarket items were allowed to be added to the model, this one followed current IPMS rules for OOB. **Bill Von Staden** finished in the top spot with an Eduard Bf 109G-6/AS. The model used the “Late War 109’s” decal sheet from AIMS in the UK to depict an aircraft flown by

1/NJGr. 10 in 1944. The plane was painted in a 74/75/76 scheme with the undersides overpainted in black.







In second place was **Rich Van Zandt** with a 1/48 Hasegawa A6M2 Type 11 Zero as seen at the 'Day of Infamy' in Hawaii in 1941. Rich's Zero was painted in the 'yellow gray caramel' color of the current thinking on these aircraft which replaced what used to be thought of as simply 'light gray.' It's kinda hard to describe accurately, but you can see the pictures.

The paint on the Zero was based on extensive research done by many and a friend of the club



, Will Nichols provided this base color mix using Gunze Mr. Color it is 50/50 RLM 02 and British Hemp both very similar colors. I was not entirely satisfied with this mix and thought based on both descriptions and color photos of pieces of shot down Zeros from Pearl Harbor that it needed a slightly warmer tone so I added some orange yellow to slightly brighten up the color.



Third place was taken by **Jim Webb**, who had overpowered yet another 1/48 Hasegawa Hurricane kit, this one built as a Sea Hurricane Mk IIc. (We are not kidding when we say 'overpowered' and if you have built one of these, you understand what we mean!) Jim's model was painted with mixes of Tamiya acrylics, and features quite a bit of area in white. Decals used were from Aeromaster and Techmod, and the ones from Techmod were, er... challenging!



**Kevin Wilson** had completed his 1/72 Tamiya F-51D Mustang for the contest. Kevin finished his model mostly with Alclad, with

some paint from Tamiya as well. The kit decals provided the markings. Kevin said he had no problems with the kit, but felt that the cockpit detail was a bit lacking.



**Joe Vincent** brought his 1/72 Fujimi Vought F7U-3M Cutlass to the contest. This aircraft was painted with Gunze Aqueous paints and Alclad for the metal areas. The kit, and thus the decals, had been around for a while, and the edges of the decals were brittle and broke off in some places. These areas had to be touched up with paint. But we have to say, if we hadn't been told these needed fixing, we would not have known about it. Joe said the fit of the kit was good, but the opted to leave off the missiles.





said the 17-year old kit went together without a hitch, and he painted it with Testors Model Master 76 and used the kit decals to replicate a high-altitude late war fighter. Things were probably drying or curing on the model during the drive to the meeting!



Our contest was on Saturday night. **Stan Parker** was building the new Revell 1/48 Beaufighter, which was not going along with this plan. The left fuselage half had a good twist in it at the front, which caused it to keep separating from the right fuselage half. Stan tried everything short of driving wood screws into it to hold it together, but it wasn't happening. So, he started building his Hasegawa 1/48 Bf 109G-10 on **Tuesday night!** We have to say this – we knew he built kinda fast, but this... We will say he did choose a plane which was finished in overall 76 light blue gray, and this no doubt helped to some degree. But Stan

### Future Chapter Meetings

Well, what can we say, we're in a challenging time. As of right now, chapter meetings for April and May have been canceled. If it takes place, our June meeting is scheduled for June 13. But at this time, we are not sure of the availability of the Advent Presbyterian Church on Germantown Parkway. Stay tuned for news when we get closer to this date.

In the meantime, you probably have a few model kits in the stash you could spend some time in the house with...

### December 2020 Contest Theme

As mentioned previously, we did select a theme for our December 2020 contest:

### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific

This will be open to any **Allied Aircraft** built and marked that was in service in the Pacific during 1945. (At any time during 1945.) For the purposes of this contest, China-Burma-India, Australia, and the Philippines are included.







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## 2020 Contests

At this time, all events we are aware of have been canceled or postponed due to the virus.

The Anniston contest has been rescheduled for this fall, as seen below. We hope that this date will hold up.

**Oct 3, 2020 Phantom Phurball 2019, Region 3 Regional, IPMS Phantom Phlashers**  
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 1615 Noble St, Anniston, AL  
 Contact John Cornet at (205) 283-5881 or  
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*Special Theme: 75 Years Since the End of the War in Europe.*

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