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**FEBRUARY 2019 IPMS/ McKinstry  
meeting**

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## FEBRUARY MEETING

### P-51D Presentation Model For Chet Diolanti



After Chet Diolanti talked to the club about his WW II wartime experiences, he and Mike Hanlon were in a conversation. That's when Mike decided to finish his Meng P-51D as a presentation model for Chet. Mike's already started model was coincidentally using the same group markings as needed. He would finish it in markings from a photo Chet displayed of the aircraft he flew during the war. It was decided it would need to be attached to a display base with clear acrylic top to protect it from dust and damage. So Frank Ress offered to take care of procuring the display and finishing a better base.

There were few modifications necessary to portray Chet's a/c. Mike found the useable markings on an Aeromaster decal set but they were not exact. Enter Dave Kopielski who does some great work with homemade decals. Dave provided the correct serials, side numbers and personal markings to match the image. It wasn't very long before the model was finished, Frank affixed the model to the base and made plans to bring Chet back to the January meeting for the presentation.

Unfortunately, Chet wasn't feeling well enough to attend as he suffered a stroke in December. As a result, Frank went to see Chet on February 15<sup>th</sup> and presented the model to him in his residence.

Here is Frank's report after visiting Chet.

I dropped off the '51 yesterday and Chet asked me to thank everyone. He was very happy to have it. He has 3 of the painted wood models, including a P-51, but they do leave a lot to be desired in the detail and accuracy departments. And the folks who clean for him occasionally separate the odd piece, so putting it in a case was definitely a good idea. We visited for over an hour. He told me that he had a stroke in December, but I didn't really see much, if any, impairment from where he was at our meeting in November. I'm pretty sure that, barring any further incidents, I can get him to join us again once the weather improves a little.

~ Frank





Frank Ress and Mike Hanlon with the presentation model for Chet Diolanti. Mike built the 1/48<sup>th</sup> Meng P-51D 325thFG Markings. Chet displayed an 8x10 in flight of this Mustang at the November 2018 meeting. Frank Ress built the base to fit the acrylic display cover this was a major improvement over the plain black plastic base that came with the display box. In addition to major markings from an AeroMaster decal set, Dave Koplinski made several personal markings custom decals to make the P-51 an accurate replica of the P-51D in the photograph. Nice job, guys!

#### **VA DONATION NOTES:**

PAUL Gasiorowski reported that the VA Hospitals In Hines and Lovell sent thank you letters for club model donations for the Vets. Special thanks to Brian Gardner and Frank Ress for the number of kits and paints they donated. 114 kits plus supplies were donated in November 2018. Brian and Paul delivered to Hines, Paul made the trip to Lovell in N. Chicago.

James Batchelder



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Tamiya F4U-1 Corsair Markings are kit decals for VMF-213



Jim used Vallejo paints for the interior with some Eduard PE. Exterior colors are Testors paints for this heavily weathered Corsair.

Dave Kopielski



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Tamiya F4U-1A Corsair. Sky Decals 48042 for VMF-214 a/C #740 BuNo 17740 assigned to Maj. Greg Boyington on Vella Levella, December, 1943



Dave added Eduard PE and used Model Master paints for tri color scheme of Sea Blue, Int. Blue and White

Paul Gasiorowski



1/144<sup>th</sup> Scale Minicraft EC-135 Kit decals representing a squadron based at Offut AFB, Omaha, Nebraska.



Wing decals were a bit difficult to apply because of the length and thin width

Mike Hanlon



1/48t Scale Eduard F6F-3 Hellcat. Kit markings for the decals. Mike used Polly S paints for the Tri color scheme of Sea Blue, Int. Blue and White.



Photo Etched straps used on the centerline tank. Wheels were swapped out for Utracast. The kit prop is oversized so Mike used one from a Hasegawa F6F.



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Hasegawa P-40K



Markings for the 64th Fighter Squadron/57<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group based in North Africa from an AeroMaster decal set. Painted in Desert Pink with Poly S paints



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Accurate Miniatures F-6A = 111<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron known as the "Snoopers." Kit decals. Gunze Sangyo paints.



Paul Gasiorowski



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Tamiya Ki-84 Hayate (Frank)



An older release for Tamiya, and although a nice build, no paint call outs were on the instructions. Paul mixed several RLM colors to get the desired effect. Kit decals.



For his presentation, Brian Gardner brought the old Hawk model co. U-2 in 1/48 scale and the Testors kit of the U-2 and laid them out side by side for comparison of how the molds were changed and enhanced with the ground handling cart.

He did the same with the Monogram 1/48 Curtiss SB2C-5 Helldiver and what Monogram did to make a -4 variant by changing the prop and pilots sliding cockpit cover.



IPMS McKinstry 1984 Chapter of The Year. Missing from the picture is Walt Fink. There are two remaining McK members that are in his picture; do you recognize either of them?



