

CAMS 02 Mar 2010 Meeting

The Capital Area Modellers Society held our monthly meeting on Tuesday 02 Mar 2010 in the Community Room at Sobeys North Side store. At the time of the meeting the CAMS 2010 Spring Classic was 88 days away, have you started your show project yet.

We had a really good turnout this time. Present were Bob K, Scott M, Mike L, Brian F, Mike B, Bill K, Kyle K, Bruce D, Bill D, Matt D, Bryan W and Gordon B. Table space was at a premium.

We started the meeting with a bit of show and tell, Bob brought in his 1/25 AMT '60 Ford Starliner (below). The car was two toned with Testor's One Shot White Lightning and Boyd's Orange Pearl and featured a color coordinated interior. The kit is being built pretty much out of the box with the wheels & tires being the only non kit parts.



Brian F showed off his almost completed his Bandi 1/100 scale GAT-X105 Aile Strike Gundam (below). The model was completely painted using Vallejo colors and almost every piece had to be individually painted, before assembly. A very impressive piece, should give the members of the sci-fi club a run for their money at the CAMS Show.



Up next Matt D showed his in progress AMT Batwing kit (below). The AMT kit was the base for a much modified kit that features wings from an F-15 and there are even more modifications and additions coming as the kit progresses towards the show. Matt is a very creative young builder who is not afraid to think out of the box (I wonder if that could be inherited).



Some new stuff hit the table also, Scott M brought in the new AMT USS Enterprise and the Trumpeter Scania LB-141 single axle tractor. Also showing off some stash, Bryan W showed off the new 1/32 Swordfish from Trumpeter as well as some interesting reference material.



One of the discussions was started off by Kyle K when he asked for some suggestions about buying a new airbrush. Brian F went on to expound on the virtues of the new Badger 155 dual action (Left), and Scott of course went on about the virtues of the Harder & Steenbeck airbrushes. When all was said and done the consensus was that he should get a dual action brush and the brand was still up for debate.

Bill D gave us a quick outline of what has been going on with the Cadet project, more will follow in a few days on line, but according to Bill things are progressing quickly and we should have some interesting kits at the show from the Cadets.

With time winding down the discussions turned to the upcoming CAMS Spring Show.

Bob K gave a rundown on where the preparations stood and some of the changes for this year. A couple of the changes are

- The Registration will be change to 2 parts one for entrants and one for kits, hopefully this will eliminate the bottleneck we have experienced in the past
- All of the forms that the entrants need are on the CAMS website in a PDF print and fill out format but for this year we have modified the Registration and the Model information sheets so they can be filled in on the computer and printed off.

- Some of the entrants had mentioned that the modeller who had the highest score in a specific category (e.g. military light) did not received anything indication that they were the best in that category. This year we have a new award for best in category (right).
- A lot of work has been done to ensure the database and all the backups are in place for tracking the scores and medals this year so we don't have a repeat of the mess we had last year. Hopefully this year all will go smoothly and close to on time.



There was a lot of discussion about various items for getting the show ready such as sponsors, draws, food (will be available a lot earlier this year) and set up. We're not ready for the show completely but we are getting there.

That pretty well sums up what went on Tuesday, the next meeting is on March 16th at Elm City Hobbies, hope we have a good turnout then.

Remember keep on modelling and share your hobby.

The Scribe