April 15, 2014 CAMS Meeting

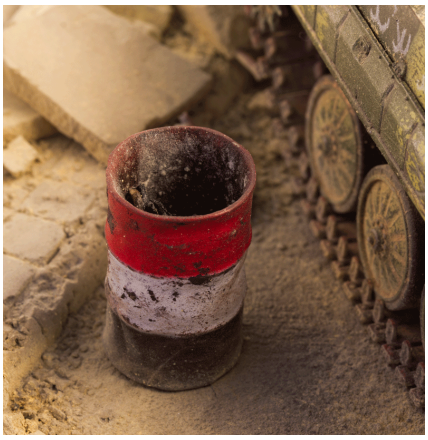
Bill and Adel Knox hosted the latest CAMS meeting at their home on 15 April 2014. There was a pretty good turn out with Bob K, Darren A, Bill, K, Bill D, Matt D, Gordon B, Quintin T, Scott M in attendance.

The meeting started with some of the offerings brought in for everyone to have a look at. Scott brought a couple new offerings that were in at Elm City Hobbies that left some of the guys drooling over detail. First up was the new Eduard 1/48 Scale Hellcat Mk I/Mk II Fighter set up to be built in the service of Britain's Fleet Air Arm. The kit was highly detailed and can be built as one of 6 Royal Navy aircraft.

Next offering was the Takom – 1/35 Scale - Canadian MBT Leopard C2 MEXAS. This is a highly detailed kit of the updated Canadian Leopard that supported our troops in Afghanistan from 2006 until their replacement in 2011 with newer equipment. The kit features plastic, vinyl and PE Parts.

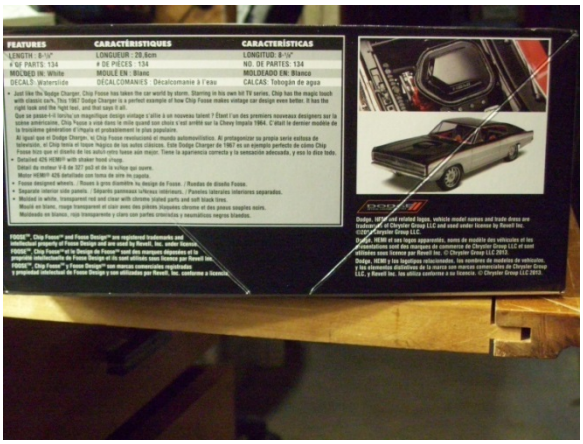
Quintin T brought out his Russian BMP as used during the early stages of the Russian war in Afghanistan. The kit showed off Quintin's attention to detail and his subtle use of colors and

textures to make the kit stand out. Special attention should be taken of the base the vehicle rests on. The bricks are made of plaster and the barrel was scratch built and detailed to look like it has been used as something to keep the body warm on the long cold nights.



Bob K brought his current build the AMT 67 Comet Cyclone GT for all to view. The kit was built out of the box with only paint and foil added to the build. The color was Testor's One Shot Italian Red that was treated to a healthy dose of One Shot Wet Look Clear. The paint was badly orange peeled so Bob started rubbing it out with 1000 grit paper and worked the finish all the way up to a 8000 polishing cloth. When all was smooth, a good coat of wax was applied to make it shine. The interior was not missed either as it was done in a red and white pattern. The kit engine, chrome, wheels were highlighted with ink washes to make them stand out.

Bob also brought in two of his future builds, Revell's 63 Impala California Wheels kit and the Foose 67 Charger. What the future holds for these kits is unknown but with most of Bob's builds they are worth the wait.



The upcoming CAMS Spring Show was the next topic of discussion, the members went over the plans covering areas such as the new tabulation system that has been put in place to generate the results and awards a little quicker. Also discussed was the make and take, which will be sponsored by Elm City Hobbies again this year. This year the kit will be the HumVee, something which will appeal to the military and car builder.

The group also discussed the show's judging and how it could be improve it; making it easier for the judges as well as the use of lights to assist in viewing the interiors of the kits on the tables.

Photography was also discussed and we are trying to find a way to feature the class and category winners in a more individual setting.

Another thing that was brought up, this time by Bill K was having a feature speaker giving a short talk at the show on the Vimy Ridge Memorial and War Memorials here in Canada; a topic which should bring a lot of interest at the show. The logistics have to be worked out but it looks promising.

These topics and much more about the show will be discussed and finalized before the show on May 31st.

Changing the subject, Quintin was up next with an idea he has been thinking about for a while. The motto of CAMS is "Share the Hobby", something the Club tries to do every year at the show with the "Make and Take" but just sits idle during the rest of the year.

Quintin has suggested that CAMS look into the possibility of possibly running a couple of beginner modeller courses during the year. One would be aimed at kids who are interested, with the other targeted for older "Adult" who is interested in learning how to start or maybe reentering the hobby after a long absence.

After much discussion it was decided that CAMS would bring this idea up at the show, specifically the Make and Take. E-mail addresses would be collected at the show and a questionnaire would be developed and sent out to determine the level of interest. Email addresses for the questionnaire could be also be collected via a signup sheet at Elm City Hobbies. Once the questionnaires were returned, the information gathered would be reviewed to determine the viability of the program: how many were interested, what types of models were of interest and what type of venue would be needed. The plan, if the program was to go ahead, would be to have an adult course (6 wks.) in the fall and a junior course in the spring before the show in May.

Some of the Members offered to assist with the mentoring of the builders and others offered assistance in the form of kits and possibly supplies. Quintin has offered to take the lead on this program and Bill D offered to assist him. Bill D was instrumental in setting up the model program a few years ago with the Air Cadets.

The germ of an idea has been planted and we'll see where it goes from here.

That pretty well ended the night. Special thanks go out to Bill and Adel again for hosting the Club and supplying tea, coffee and sweets for all. The next meeting will be on 06 May and we hope to see as many members there as possible. That day the show will only be 25 days away, my how time flies when you are having fun!

Remember, always Share the Hobby.

The Scribe