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Hector Gonzalez's 1950 Chevrolet Pickup

2024 got off to great start with twenty-eight members and guest at the meeting. All were treated to cake and ice cream by Tracy and Tomas Navar as John Estes's birthday was the following Thursday. Tracy just happens to be John's favorite daughter. Older members of the club might remember when we met at their home some years back and got a tour of the neighborhood and visited a number of folks that had neat airplanes, old cars, and such.

A little nostalgia from the editor as I worked at Jack's Texaco Station in Olton Texas while attending college from 1956 until 1959. Our 49 Chevy was not as pretty as the model above, but it was our service vehicle. Nothing like working outside in the summertime when it was over 100.



Tracy and Tomas Navar

Thanks for the cake and ice cream. Much appreciated by all that attended the meeting.



Joe Martinez's Roman Centurion Bust 1/8<sup>th</sup> scale

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degrees fixing flats and changing oil or doing the same in the winter over Christmas break from school. FYI, My pay was \$2.00 per week. The rest went to a fund for tuition, etc. Twelve plus hours per day.



Arthur Berdick's Israeli "Magach"

The Magach 7c Gimel is an Israeli Defense Force tank based off of the American M60 Patton. The kit is Academy 1/35th scale.



Zahir Vera's 1/48th scale Tamiya M1A2 Abrams



Zach Corbin's Tamiya USS Iowa 1/700<sup>th</sup> scale



Ron Franco's Airfix 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Ju87 B-1 Stuka



Carlos Delgado's AMT 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale Phantom F4-D



Zach Corbin's Tamiya 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale Panzer IV Ausf D



David Torres's Academy 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale Sturmpanzer IV "Brummbär"

David bought this kit when on a trip to Korea in 2023. The kit is painted with Vallejo acrylics. The figure is from Tamiya and the Zimmerit decals are from DEF Model.



David Torres's FineMold 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale Japanese Type 60 A.C.P.

"Fun build." Great to see David back and see his great work.



Ron Franco's 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Imperial Tie Interceptor Kit: Fine Molds



Another angle of Joe Martinez Roman Centurion

Following are the build notes from Joe Martinez:

“The figure is a 1/8<sup>th</sup> scale Castle Miniatures Roman Centurion Bust.

“It was painted with oils and acrylics. The figure was modified by cutting the shield to reflect battle damage. The shield was made from wooden coffee stirrers with a cover of fine sandpaper. I used lead strip for the damaged metal border. The bandage on the arm was made from fine medical cloth tape and I frayed the edges. I added two rings to the sword hand.”

Note: “The method used to modify this Centurion was provided to me in PDF form by Sergey Popovichenko, a well know Ukrainian figure painter.” Joe Martinez



Zahir Vera's Polar Lights 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale Green Hornet Black Beauty



Kai Garcia's 1/285<sup>th</sup> scale 3-D Print of Gears of War Coalition of Ordered Governments "Raven."





Kai Garcia 3-D printed 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Phalanx Defense System for Joseph Roper



Carlos Delgado's Italeri 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale F-16 Israeli markings



Arthur Berdick's SP Eight Inch Howitzer M110 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale AFV Club kit



Hector Gonzalez's 1966 Chevrolet Stock Car, AMT kit 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale



Hector Gonzalez's 1968 Chevrolet El Camino with Soap Box Derby Racer AMT kit and 1/25th scale.

Folks at the meeting:



Dave Torres



Ron Franco



James Howard



Gustav Hebrok



Duane Velasquez



Dixi Fischer



Zahir Vera



Zach Corbin



Joe Martinez Kai Garcia Joseph Roper



Mike Garcia

Mike Drapes



Louis Lopez III

Louis Lopez Jr



Clifford Bossie



Hector Gonzalez



John Estes

Tomas Navar



Michael Kennedy