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Viva Italia!

On your marks..... Get set..... BUILD!

Well it's official. The Italian Military contest is on. Vince Tassone at *Stormo Magazine* has graciously offered to sponsor this club only contest where the subjects relate to the "old country."

The guidelines are very straight forward.

- 1) Each model must be of an Italian military subject. These subjects can be from any era, (WW1 through to the present), and can be either air, army, or navy related. Furthermore, these subjects can be either equipment used by Italy in Italian markings (ie. an MC.200 or Leopard tank), or they can be of Italian origin but in someone else's markings (ie. an Hungarian Fiat CR. 42 or Australian MB 326).
- 2) Each model must be a new build as March 2007. No recycling or half started projects.
- 3) The deadline is the September meeting, September 8th.

And fear not, there will be prizes. Yes, prizes plural, one each for first, second, and third place. These modeling awards consist of a Classic Airframes model kit, Eduard PE, and a set of limited run decals.

If you have any questions, you can post them on the discussion board, or feel free to ask Massimo when you see him at the next club meeting. If you want in but aren't quite sure what you could build, check out Vince's web site, www.stormomagazine.com for some inspiration.

Good luck and happy building!

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Show N' Tell

March this year had a bit of a different theme than most months, "Bring Out Your Dead." We all have models in our stash of kits that we purchased with the full intent of building them up. Perhaps the kit was on sale, we might have been inspired by a magazine article, or maybe it was just something that caught our eye. Time passed, however, and that kit is still unbuilt and the more we look at it the more we come to realize that it will never get finished. It has become a "dead" end kit.

The "Bring Out Your Dead" month afforded us the opportunity to bring out some of these kits to see if they might find a new home. Club members were encouraged to go through their collection to find one or two kits that they knew wouldn't get built and then bring them to the club meeting. A market place type atmosphere prevailed as members tried to swap kits to find that elusive next build. I don't know exactly how much commerce was done on this day, but one thing is for certain, it made for noise meeting as members haggled over deals or just reminisced about some of the kits they had dug up. Hopefully in the not too distant future we will see some of these recycled models show up on the club's display table.

Even though March didn't have a build theme, some members did bring out a few completed kits for us to look over. Jon Baniak made the trip down from Edmonton with two kits in tow. His DML T-34 represents a Soviet tank from 1940. Jon built this kit right out of the box using MM paints and weathered it with ballast, static grass and pastels. This 6 week build went together fairly well, though he said that the older resin individual link tracks were a bit tricky to assemble. Jon's other model was Tamiya's M-8, dressed out in captured Germans markings. Jon really went to town on this kit, employing Eduard and Lion Roar PE, Accurate Armour antennas, and a new upper hull from New Connections. He says it took him 2 months to build the kit, and another month to paint and weather it, once again with MM paints and various pastels and pigments.



Flinder Lo always brings something new to each meeting, and for March he brought out a 1/72 F-4 Phantom. He built this Revell AG kit right out of the box in only 15-20 hours. He calls this kit an average build, finishing it with Superscale decals, and painting the red and orange tail and wing stripes.



Scott McTavish had a work in progress to show us. His 1/48 Hasegawa A6M2B-21 Zero is built right out of the box, and in only 4 days. The painting is taking him longer, however, including the painting of the Japanese *hinomaru* markings. He calls this a good quality kit with only a little putty needed.

Massimo Santarossa's 1/144 CP-140 Aurora was another out of the box build. He custom mixed the grey paint and completed this Micro Ace kit using both CanMilAir decals and some kit supplied markings. The only additions he made were the HF antennas, which he made out of smoke coloured quilting thread.

