

2020 CAMS New Years Challenge

Another year has come and gone and it is time for the CAMS New Years Challenge.

The Challenge was held at Sobeys on February 4, 2020 to a great turnout of both kits and members. First off, a big shout out to Gordon Barrett and Scott Milligan for supplying the trophy and gift certificate for the winner.

The meeting was attended by Bob Kerasiotis, Darren Anderson, Bill Knox, Brian Florian, Gordon Barrett, Steve Milberry, Francis Fougure, Dave Hutchison and Mike Lewis rounding out the group.

After some chit chat about modelling and other stuff, the guys got together to dish, I mean judge, Bob K's (a serious car guy) WWII US Navy Corsair. The jabs were well deserved and overall most were useful, considering this was his first aircraft build since 1975.

Once they were all warmed up it was time for the main event.

First Up was Bob K's 1970s Revell 1/25 Mazda Rx7. The kit was built basically out of the box using the racing parts and the huge flares. The color was snow with all the decals in place. The only no kit parts were some wider tires from the parts box and some screen over the openings.



Next was an entry from Gordon B, a 1/24th scale Honda Prelude, RWS. This was a model of the first new car that he owned. The kit is a curbside giving Gordon a chance to do a major job on the body. Gordon only builds once in a blue moon but when he does his kits are a fantastic example of his attention to detail and scratch building. The anticipation to see the build at the spring show is building.



A new member to the Club, Francis F, is a young soldier from Base Gagetown who has brought in a couple of fine models in the past. This kit was no exception, the German Mine Destruction tractor in 1/35 from Tamiya was just incredible. The amount of detail and attention to the special bits of the build (welding seams, grab handles) were breath taking, add to that a dead smooth paint finish and the expectation for the finished item is immense.



Scott M presented his build, a Quad 3cm German Antiaircraft gun, mounted on a trailer and deployed to fill the sky with bullets. As usual Scott brought us a fine build from all directions, all that was missing was troops on the ground to finish the build off.



Steve M showed up a little late but did not disappoint with his resurrected '69 Ford T-Bird. Steve's unique ability to take a glue bomb and find or build the parts to complete a kit to such a high standard, leaves many builders speechless.



The final model of the night was Darren A's '69 Nova Drag Car based on Revell's '69 Nova. The "Big Sneakers" rear end is from the '66 AMT Nova kit and took some doing to make it graft in smoothly. Three Testor's One Coat colours were used for the body, as well as Model Master Clear Coat lacquer. Additional touches include seat belts, removed rear bench seat, flocked carpet, wired distributed, low-pressure slicks, and aftermarket sponsor decals. And to make matters worse all the painting was done using rattle cans and rubbed out to a miles deep mirror finish.



Well after chatting each kit up, weighing the pros and cons of each model, the ballots were tabulated and Darren's Nova came out with a land slide victory, which made Darren the King of the Mountain, a reward well deserved.



As the night ended all participants received a pat on the back, and congrats to Darren for his build and wondered what the Spring show in May will bring out.

As the lights go out and the smell of paint fades, we end another New Years Challenge, see you soon and remember to share the hobby.

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