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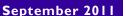
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As comedienne Judy Tenuta might say, "Hey, it could happened!"...

North American N.R.-349 by "Bondo" Phil Brandt IPMS #14091

So three years ago, give or take, I'm looking at my newly acquired Trumpeter 1/48th RA-5 Vigilante injected kit. Next to it on the shelf is its obsolete predecessor, the (now) essentially worthless \$189 Collect-Aire resin release which for years had been the only 1/48th Vigilante kit extant, especially since the ballyhooed-in-advance Meteor Products Vigilante release of the Nineties turned out to be "vaporware."

Usually this curmudgeon bows to the inexorable march of modeling science and willingly consigns such obsolete kits to the Bondo Industries Reclamation and Part Repository, but \$189 is \$189, and that dollar outlay edged me closer to doing something

useful with the big chunk of resin, ie. "dance-with-the-one-that-brung ya."

The old but still excellent Aerofax Vigilante book had a brief paragraph or two and a couple of artist's renderings, including an airframe "see-through" of a Fifties/Sixties North American design study, the N.R.-349, aimed toward selling converted three-engined Vigilantes to the Air Force as Phoenix missile-carrying replacement interceptors for Convair's long in the tooth Deuces and Darts, and even in place of the F-108, then also in development. Three proven J79s would have produced a goin' machine; the two-engine airframe development work had already been done, produced and was operational in the Navy.

But, in the heat of DOD bidding wars and developmental turbulence of the time, the design study never made it to the mockup stage and, as we all know, the Seventies

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IPMS/NSM, AutumnCon 2011, Hammond, LA

September 17

IPMS/ASMS, Austin Scale Model Show

September 24

IPMS/CASM, 11th Annual Sproo-Doo Model Show, Jacksonville, AR

October 1

IPMS/Air Capital Modelers, ConAir 2011, Wichita, KA

October 15

Austin Armor Builders Society, Centex Regional 2011, Austin, TX

October 22

Local Club Meetings

Lone Star Military Miniatures Society, Shady Hollow Community Center September 10
Centex Modelers, Trinity Lutheran Church, Copperas Cove, TX September 15
Austin Armor Builders Society, APL Old Quarry Branch October 5

Other Events

Wings Over Houston Airshow, Ellington Field, Houston ,TX October 15-16



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Message from the Prez...

Tim Robb President

S eptember is here and besides football that also means the 2011 Austin Scale Model Show has arrived. Yee-Haw!

I thank all of you who have already put in much time and effort into this year's show. I also thank all who helped the show financially including but not limited to sponsoring trophy packages and participating in our annual model auction.

And most important right now I urge all of us to attend the show and help out with the work of putting on the show on show day itself. We need everyone's help!

Lastly, I urge all of us to enter and enter lots of models – as many as you have that are eligible and don't forget to enter your car models!

See you at the September meeting and our show. Bring your models and bring your friends.





Quarterly Contest Schedule

by Ron McCracken, Vice-President

Just a reminder our club's quarterly contests will be held on the last month of each calendar quarter. Here are the dates and themes for the rest of 2011:

Date Theme
September 8 None

December (Date TBA) White Elephant

Monthly Program Schedule

Month

Who/Subject

September

Ron McCracken

Panel Line Shading

October

Jeff Forester

History of the Nike Missile System

November

Bruce Burden

T.B.A

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Princess' Hunt is the title of this vignette done by Bill Delk a while back using two Phoenix figures. Bill used artist oils exclusively to create the realistic skin tones of the girls.

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produced a hands-down winner of the interceptor sweepstakes for the succeeding three decades, the venerable F-15.



The Build

Much of the model's USAF conversion occurs on the resin fuselage top, where two smaller horizontally arranged jet intakes had to be fashioned out of plastic sheet, translating into a large empennage hump housing the third J79. Interlocked plastic formers outlined the new profile, and the spaces were filled with A&B epoxy putty which is fairly easy to mold with wetted fingers. An injected Trumpeter jet exhaust outlet was used as a master for an RTV mold, which, in turn, enabled the casting of the third engine outlet.





Initially, I planned on using the Collect-Aire forward fuselage assembly en toto, but there were just too many nitnoys with which to deal (such as a vac'ed canopy) plus Eduard PE was readily available for the CHICOM Vigilante cockpit. So, it was time to mate the entire Trumpeter forward fuselage to the slightly-larger-in-diameter Collect-Aire mid-aft assembly; not exactly a Tamiyagawa-grade fit!

Additionally, the prominent recce sensor "canoe" on the RA-5C underside had to be significantly lengthened forward to provide a launching surface for up to six

Phoenix missiles shown in the Aerofax artwork and was altered to allow nesting of the nosegear. The Collect-Aire canoe was used as a master to cast additional lengths of canoe.



Cockpit



Straightforward Trumpeter injected components were used with color-etch Eduard seatbelt harnesses/instrument panels. The Collect-Aire kit included resin inner surfaces for each canopy to give needed

thickness to the thin vac'ed outer surfaces. Photos of the

real deal reveal that, much like the hatches on a B-58, the canopies are substantially thick assemblies. Accordingly, I adapted the Collect-Aire inner resin pieces to the injected clear Trumpeter canopies.



Landing Gear

Initially, I was concerned with the significant weight, not only of the original Collect-Aire resin castings, but of the added A&B monolithic fuselage top. A close examination of the Trumpeter injected struts led me to believe that they could indeed carry the weight without long term deformation. Each main gear strut has two large horizontal locating pins, and I drilled holes for these in the already substantial sidewall of the resin fuselage. The nose gear,



of course, needed no adaptation, since it would be Trumpeter mounted in Trumpeter gear well. The better detailed Trumpeter gear doors have been slightly trimmed to match the Collect-Aire gear well openings.

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Wings

Once again I originally considered adapting the multipiece injected wings with their individual leading edge and main flaps but the engineering difficulties and fit to the Collect-Aire fuselage and intake area didn't, in my elderly mind, justify the overall effect, which to me, at least is governed not by wings but by the three large engines. The nicely engraved Collect-Aire wings are one piece and fit perfectly. Regarding extra fuel tanks: I reasoned that a third J79—you oughta see those fuel flow meters spin, as I have, when the Romeo Fox Four is in full blower--would definitely require externals, and what better ones to use than those already on a supersonic F-106 which the 349 was supposedly intended to replace? Monogram to zee rescue!

Weapons

The Phoenix missiles are from the venerable Hasegawa Weapon Set series. I portrayed this model with only four due to esthetics—two forward missiles jutting out just behind the radome simply didn't look attractive.



Finishing



Many iterations of auto primer and Blue Acryl lacquer putty followed by laborious wet sanding (up to 8000 grit) eventually provided a decent base for Tamiya Haze Gray spraycan lacquer. I would

have chosen "F-15 Gray", but Tamiya doesn't make that color in lacquer or in a spraycan. My preferred painting technique for larger models having just one or two colors. Decals are from various Aeromaster sheets; the tail logo is, appropriately, from a 106 outfit.



Conclusion

One of our senior ASMS members (a longtime Nats judge) joked with me that the N.R.-349 was a modern day American equivalent to Luftwaffe '46 dream schemes, to which I offered a smiling rejoinder that the BIG difference is that "we're" still here!





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Your newsletter is always on the lookout for new and exciting articles. If you have a finished piece or not so finished work please submit same to your erstwhile editor-intraining at benmorton@grandecom.net. Assistance with writing your article is available!

If I can do it, so can you!

Ben

P.S. I just want to add my thanks to The Johnston's for hosting the club picnic and auction. Although I believe that in the future, Ion and Milton should sit further apart.

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From the Tips File No.1 By Milton Bell, IPMS #16702

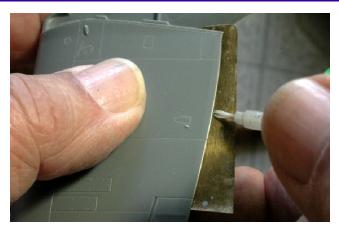
Here is a good way to glue two surfaces together when either needs to be clear of glue or solvent. I've demonstrated the technique for gluing wing halves together and the same idea will work on photo etch instrument panels as well. A single edged razor blade works well or you can cut a thin strip of brass from a PE fret. Just be sure it's about the same thickness as a #11 hobby knife blade.



If you have a wing, be sure you have filed down the trailing edge from the inside until it is as thin as you want. Dry fit the parts. Always, dry fit!. If it's not a perfect fit, use a sanding stick to correct the problem And **DRY FIT** again. When you are satisfied with the fit, hold the two pieces together and add a bit of liquid cement to the inside of the leading edge. Squeeze it a bit and let it set. Then move down the leading edge to be sure it all fits. Just paint a little cement along the joint and capillary action will draw the cement in.

Now it's time for the trailing edge. Align it the way you need and insert the razor blade between the halves. Just hold it loosely and add some cement to the razor blade so





that it runs down the blade and into the joint. Remove the blade and give the edge a little squeeze to seal it.

Now move down a bit and insert the blade again and keep repeating the process until the trailing edge and wing tip are joined.



If you are gluing two pieces of photo-etch together, such as an instrument panel, first paint the instrument faces part with two good coats of Future Floor Finish. Paint it all, not just the instrument faces. Let dry. Now, carefully align the part with the holes over the instrument faces and clamp one edge with clamping tweezers or small plastic clamps. Stick the two surfaces together with Future using the razor blade or brass strip inserted between the two. With a brush add a bit of Future to the blade away from the front of the instrument panel. This will prevent the Future from spoiling the printed on detail. Just work your way around the panel and clamp with more tweezers or even clothes pins. Just be careful not to mar the printed finish. After the Future has dried the parts are glued together. You can also use a bit of diluted white glue if you prefer.

Remember, modeling is supposed to be fun.

Milton

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Blackhawks: Workhorse of the Army By Floyd S. Werner, Jr.

werner's Wings is proud to announce the release of their new decals, UH-60 Blackhawk-Workhorse of the Army" are now available in all three major scales, 1/72nd, 1/48th and 1/35th scale.

Designed by Mason Doupnik, you get markings for 18 different aircraft plus three extra markings for aircraft that we didn't have all the information for. The history of the Blackhawk can be followed from



Operation Urgent Fury (the Invasion of Grenada) through modern day Afghanistan, including Ft. Rucker.

Of course there are a bunch of Medevac aircraft to go with the new Werner's Wings UH-60 Medevac interior set. The decal themselves are printed by Cartograf so they are literally the best decals in the world.



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For those of you who want to build more than one Blackhawk, we also provide stencils in 1/35th and 1/48th scales.

Pricing is as follows:

1/35th scale: \$16.00 1/48th scale: \$14.00 1/72nd scale: \$12.00

Stencils pricing is:

1/35th scale: \$6.00 1/48th scale: \$5.00

Look for the Night Stalker decal sheet covering the MH-60's as well as the A/MH-6's and MH-47's of Task Force 16+0th soon.

You can buy direct from me by contacting me at **fwernerjr@comcast.net**. Special thanks to Mason, for without him these decals would not have come about!

Floyd

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Andrea Miniatures Is In Town... (Well, Close by Anyway)

Text by Bob Bethea Photos by Anders Heintz

few of us heard the rumor about Andrea Miniatures starting their own distributorship in the United States for their fabulous figures and great books and paints. That rumor was validated when we learned that they had established **Andrea Depot USA** in Corpus Christi, Texas, just down the road from us. A fact confirmed by **Keith Townsend** who was the first of our group to make the pilgrimage. In fact, several of us approached their representative at the Miniature Figure Collectors ASSM show in Philadelphia about cooperating with us on a potential figure show in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in the spring of 2012. He responded very positively and we are in negotiations with Andrea at this time for just such an event. During the conversation, we were invited to visit their facilities in Corpus.



Anders, Henry, Blanca, Bob, and Gilbert outside Andrea Depot USA in Corpus Christi, TX.

As time went by, the figure junkie in several of us took over and we scheduled a trip. On July 8, 2011, Anders Heintz came down from Dallas and met Henry Núňez, Gilbert Moreno and me in San Antonio for a day trip to check out the new Figure Mecca. We hopped into Anders'

car and in three short hours of figure chatter, made it to the coast. After a nice seafood lunch, we cut across town to the Andrea Depot USA.

Upon arrival, we were met by our gracious hosts, **Blanca** and **Alejandra**, who Anders had warned of our coming visit. We were treated as VIP's and they dropped everything they were doing to show us around. They are both from Spain and this is their first trip to the United States and they are experiencing a bit of culture shock I'm sure.



Inside the warehouse of Andrea Depot USA.

The facilities include their office, several other smaller rooms, one used for storing the paint in air conditioning, and a garage/warehouse where the treasures are stored. By treasures, I mean their book selection and their very complete inventory of figure kits and pre-painted figures. It was like Christmas morning. Luckily, I had been to their website and had my shopping list already made out. Henry, on the other hand, went into sensory overload and looked at everything twice. Gilbert and I bought our figures and Henry his paint and a figure.

The ladies were very interested to know that there is a figure club in Texas and are excited about the possibility of a show in 2012. They were extremely personable and I recommend that anyone going to Corpus make a side trip and visit with them. You'll end up buying too much but it will be a very interesting and enjoyable experience, and the stuff will be great.

In fact, we mentioned our visit to fellow member **Eric Choy**, and he stopped by there on the way to the Valley on business and experienced the same hospitality. Andrea's wonderful attitude fits perfectly with Texas, and I hope that they are able to stay around for a long time.

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Old Rumors & New Kits

Milton Bell IPMS #16702

By now, you've all heard about the IPMS Nationals. Several of us went and I was fortunate to actually win a trophy in 1/48th scale armor. Not my usual subject but I was quite happy with the win.

The club scored big-time however, thanks to our Webmaster and Secretary, **Mike Gilsbach**. Mike was named webmaster of the year, a much deserved honor. We can all be proud of him and our website (www.austinsms.com).

One of the most anticipated features of any National Convention are the announcements of new kits and accessories. This one was a little shy on new kits but there were some good ones.



First stop was the Revell-Monogram booth where new and "just released" kits were featured. The new 1/48th PV-1 Ventura was shown and I've got to say I hope to build a couple This kit has the usual

construction treatment and the build-up model looked really good. The parts on the runners were very clean, as you would expect from a new tool, and the detail is sharp and crisp. There is some nice box-art but the model looks a lot better.

Also at the booth were the runners of the new 1/32nd He.111P-1. This is a big kit, no doubt about it and I'm pretty sure it will be a big seller. From what I hear, it will be priced somewhat reasonably for a



big scale twin. Details are really nice and the clear nose is big and very clear so you can appreciate some extra work around the "front office." It features a bomb bay and bombs to fit the cells. The kit has been delayed but it is expected to go into full production by Fall of this year.

There were a number of "new" cars on hand, with many popular marks from previous years that will appeal to car modelers. There were even some old Renwal tools in evidence.

Revell/Germany was also on hand with several runners of new kits, including some new armor subjects. Unfortunately for me, there were no names of the subjects; just box art. I have to say, I really liked that $1/35^{th}$ 8-wheeled MRAV as well as the 1/72 MBT.

Also shown was a new 1/72nd Ju-88 in what appears to be BoB markings. No idea of release dates pr prices on any of these.

Look for some re-releases of some of Monogram's better (Pro-Modeler) kits such as the 1/48th OS2U Kingfisher, F-100, F-8 Crusader, and the P-47D Razorback. Look for the Kingfisher and Razorback very soon in your LHS.

Moving on down the line, I came to the Zoukei-Mura table where the brand new 1/32nd A1-H Skyraider was on view. This is a big and impressive kit that a lot of big scale modelers will want. As usual with Z-M, the kit is a barebones airplane. If you want to load it up, the under wing stores are sold separately and I have to say they are about as impressive as the kit.



Also available are a deck tractor, a deck crew loading a bomb, and other figures. Hey, it's not a cheap hobby anymore!

Also shown was Z-M's new 1/48th P-51D Mustang. A lot of modelers were surprised that Z-M would go head-to-head with Tamiya's already released 1/32nd kit. Tamiya's kit is perhaps the best ever 1/32nd kit and certainly the most accurate P-51D on the market. At least that's what the Mustang experten say!

Z-M's kit shows about the same degree of visible detail that Tamiya's kit does but goes a bit better in the "unseen" details, just in case you want to do a cutaway. For instance the radiator and tail wheel well are detailed as is the engine. That engine goes so far as to have pistons and connecting rods that will be hidden once the parts are glued together! So, it appears that we will have two choices on well detailed 'Stangs. As for accuracy we'll have to wait for the experten's judgment.

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Hobby Boss is about to release a couple of new 1/48th kits that should get some attention. First is the Yak-38/38M Forger, a Russian shipboard fighter with VTOL capabilities. This is the first injected kit of this type. I built the 1/72nd Revell kit years ago and it's still on the display shelf at King's Hobby Shop. Along with the Forger, HB has an F3H-2 Demon. This USN Carrier fighter comes from the Navy's more colorful era and should be a hit with a lot of modern jet fighter modelers.





The Omaha Nationals were lots of fun. But for me there was some disappointment; my camera died so all I was able to get were some wide-angle shots of some of the tables and the new products you've seen above. I borrowed my wife's point-and-shoot camera for a quick

walk-through on the last day but managed to miss many of the winners.

ASMS had a semi-successful auction, IMO, at Jack and Lisa Johnston's place. The BBQ was good, the sides brought by members were just right and there was some good buys. However, I notice a distinct lack of "enthusiasm" in the bidding. I guess people are more reluctant to spend their hard earned cash in these uncertain times so those that did bid often got some outstanding bargains. Thanks to all who donated kits from their stash and to the bidders.

Hope to see you all Thursday evening at the library. Bring something to show if you can. Remember to volunteer for those very necessary jobs at our annual model show. If it make you feel better (cooler), September 24 will be the first full day of Fall! Feel better now?

Summer Picnic & Auction Recap by Eric Choy

The turn-out for this year's Summer Picnic and Auction was light (15 members plus family members) but we all had fun anyway. While many of us took our time showing up, Pat and Melissa Rourke arrived early so she could spend some time with our host's horse *Rookie*. For a few hours we conveniently forgot the record high temperatures outside (109°F!) and enjoyed our BBQ and plastic bidding war.

Many thanks to Jack and Lisa Johnston for hosting our summer event.









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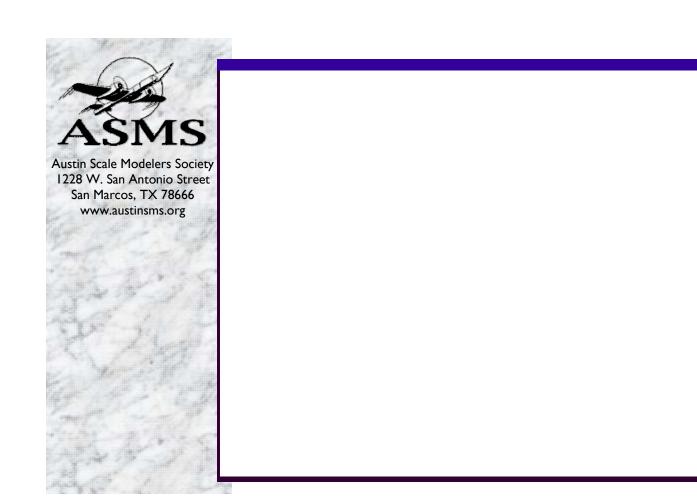
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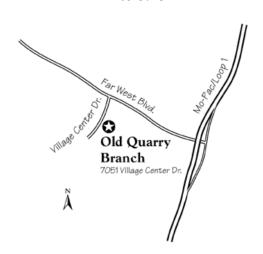
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September 8th, 2011

Austin Old Quarry Library

(7051 Village Center Drive)

7PM to 8:45PM





2011 Austin Scale Model Show

Saturday Sept. 24, 2011

Norris Conference Center

2525 West Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas

Show Theme: Any subject that existed in 1941!

