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**Special Hobby's Temco Pinto
By Ron McCracken**

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Special Hobby's recent release of the Temco TT-1 "Pinto", in 1/72 scale, fills another niche in the Navy trainer category, but an unusual one-this aircraft was intended to allow Navy pilot candidates to skip prop-driven trainers altogether.

Evidently it wasn't a rousing success, as only the original service test lot of 14 aircraft was procured. Subsequently, the Navy went to the T-34 for primary training.

Another unique (so far as I have been able to discover) attribute of this airplane is its operational color-U.S. Navy primary trainer yellow. It's the only jet trainer that was painted this way (probably because it is the only known instance of a jet primary trainer). Whatever the reasons, it makes for a striking model!

The kit follows the usual pattern for limited-run kits, being cast in two sprues of light gray



plastic, with recessed panel lines, but minimal provisions for ensuring proper alignment of appendages like wings, stabilizers, etc. An injection-molded canopy and nose dome is also provided. When finished, the model is just about right on the money in length and wingspan.

The SH kit was designed to be built as either the original TT-1, with a single J-69 engine, or the later "Super Pinto", with the higher-rated J-85 engine and larger intake ducts.

Consequently the intake ducts are provided as separate, optional parts to be cemented to the fuselage sides.

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| Calmex XXVII/ IPMS Swamp, Westlake (Lake Charles), Louisiana | 1.26.13 |
| www.ipmsswamp.com | |
| Model Fiesta 32, IPMS Alamo Squadron, San Antonio Event Ctr., San Antonio, Texas | 2.16.13 |
| alamosquadron.com | |
| MCMA 2013 Showdown, Metroplex Car Modelers, Farmers Branch, Texas | 3.9.13 |
| themcma.net | |

Local Club Meetings

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| CenTex Modelers, Trinity Lutheran Church, Copperas Cove, Texas | 11.15.12 |
| www.centextmodelers.com | |
| Austin Armor Modelers Society, Old Quarry Branch APL, Austin, Texas | 12.5.12 |
| www.austinarmorbuilders.com | |
| Austin Model Cars, King's Hobby, Austin, Texas | 12.6.12 |

Other Events

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| Fall Fly-In & Picnic, Old Kingsbury Aerodrome, Kingsbury, Texas | 11.10.12 |
| www.pioneerflightmuseum.org | |
| Close Assault, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas | 11.10/11.12 |
| texasmilitarymuseum.org | |
| Veterans Day Event (display only) Bassett Place Mall, El Paso, Texas | 11.11.12 |
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IPMS Wounded Warriors Chapter

Several IPMS members have since 2009 been managing the Warrior Family Support Center in San Antonio, Texas. The center is located at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Troops are sent to BAMC for treatment and rehabilitation, some staying for up to 12 months. BAMC and the Center for the Intrepid are known as being among the elite medical facilities in the world for treatment and injuries received in combat zone.

Through the generosity of hundreds of IPMS members, IPMS chapters, and modelers the Warriors stationed at BAMC have received models, tools, books, movies and other hobby related items through the IPMS Wounded Warriors Chapter.

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Message from the Prez

Tim Robb

Greetings Fellow Modelers,

I believe we can declare victory on another great year at ASMS. We have landed another successful model show behind the leadership of Eric Choy.

We have enjoyed good presentations at our club meetings all year behind the leadership of Ron McCracken. We had a fun and successful Summer Picnic/Auction thanks to the hospitality of Jack and Lisa Johnston. We have the 2012 Christmas party planned at the home of Randy Bumgardner. And, we have landed the IPMS/USA Region 6 Regional Model Contest for 2013.

This month, remember to bring something to work on at the club meeting as our program is a build night. And also remember we need to choose a theme for next year's show.

It is also time to start thinking about moving forward into 2013. We will be having elections for club officers at our January meeting so start thinking about who you would like to have to serve us in those roles for the next two years.

I have enjoyed the last two years as president and I would also like to rotate off and give someone else the opportunity to be the honcho for the next two years.

Go build a model!

Tim



Fiddly Bits

Oodles of things to impart. First and foremost is an announcement that our Christmas party will be held at Randy Bumgardner's humble abode in Round Rock. The party is scheduled for **December 15** beginning at **6PM**. Map and driving directions will follow under separate cover. That is, just as soon as I get it put together!

Alamo Squadron's ModelFiesta 32 for 2013 has a new location. ModelFiesta 32 will be at the San Antonio Event Center on Meadow Leaf Drive. For the uninitiated, that's on the west side of San Antonio. Sort of...kind of... near where Loop 410 and I-10 intersect. Be sure to check Alamo Squadron's website for details. www.alamosquadron.com

My latest discovery, new to me at any rate, is **Greener** masking tape. This is the same stuff that we all know and love that's manufactured by our pals at 3M. The **Greener** comes from the tape being made from sustainable trees and recycled latex. (I don't really want to know where they get the latex to recycle.) The cool part is the color of the tape. It is a darker shade than regular masking tape and a better match for khaki or light tan. Now if you use masking tape for seatbelts, as I do, you'll have straight off the roll all the seat belt material you'll ever need. Just cut to the desired length and simply apply. In my preferred scale of 1/144th, I now have enough **Greener** masking tape to last a couple of lifetimes.

From Dick Montgomery comes the following: **Forward Operating Bases** in Afghanistan would really appreciate donations of model kits and supplies. You or our chapter can provide hours of enjoyment to the troops by sending a few models and supplies. Go to this link to view information about the program. www.ipmsusa3.org/gallery/v/stt/

Lest I forget, there is a complete list of the ASMS Model Contest winners for 2012 posted on our website: www.austinsms.org. I suspect that photos are forthcoming. Stay tuned!

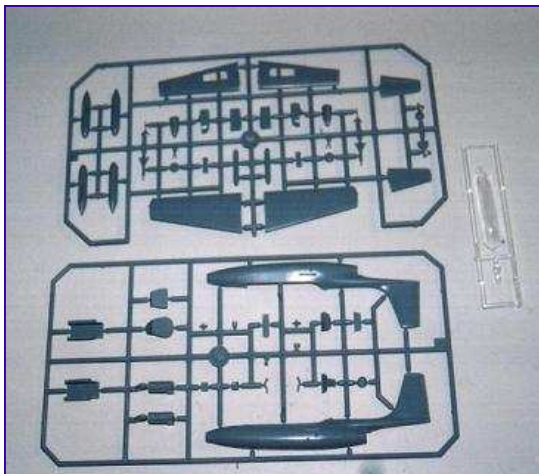
Editor

I had a bit of file-n-fit work to get a snug joint, but otherwise this worked out OK.

That's not the end of the story, however. Photos and drawings show a semi-circular intake ramp ahead of each inlet, and this is not provided. However, it is fairly easy to craft ramps out of .020" thick sheet plastic and add them ahead of the inlets. The color profiles provided with the kit show the shape and location.

Vestigial wing alignment slots and tabs are provided to assist positioning of the wings on the fuselage, and the wing tabs proved useful, but the stabilizer tabs were too large for the corresponding slots, and had to be cut down significantly.

The more difficult problem is to manage proper alignment of the wing dihedral. No drawing is provided in the kit instructions to guide you, so you'll need a set of drawings that includes a front view. The other problem will be obtaining the same dihedral angle on both wings. The upper surface of the wings make a 4.9 degree angle with the horizontal plane, according to the set of drawings I found on the web.



The front and rear cockpits are provided as separate tub type arrangements, with the sidewalls and side panels molded integral with the floor. The instrument panels are provided as separate parts.

Instrument and side panel detail is actually quite good. A control stick, rudder pedals, and ejection seat are provided for each cockpit, but the seat was not up to the standard of the rest of the cockpit. I'd recommend an after-market seat. The TT-1 supposedly used the same seat as the early A4D-1/2.

The only other embellishment I found necessary was to add throttle levers to the port side consoles. However, the fit of the cockpit tubs into the aircraft left a lot to be desired.

If anything approaching a scale-height seat is to be accommodated under the canopy, the cockpit tubs need to rest right on the fuselage bottom. This requires considerable cut-n-fit effort, and is the most troublesome part of the entire build.

The canopy, while a bit thick, is large and very clear, so it is worth the effort to get the cockpit detail right. The canopy is also, unfortunately, just a wee bit too wide, necessitating a bit of filler, as can be seen in the photo. Also just visible is the added intake ramp.



The main landing gear doors are a bit crude, but since they are also flat, it is a simple matter to use them as patterns and cut out new doors from .010 thick sheet plastic. The nose gear door is likewise thick, but since it is assembled in the closed position, that's no problem.

In fact, the extra thickness allows you to cement the door in place protruding slightly, then come back and file it to a perfectly flush fit.

When attaching the main landing gear, the side braces will need a bit of trimming to allow the gear to assume the proper alignment, perpendicular to the ground.

The clear nose dome is represented by a clear part with a flange on the rear surface that apparently was intended to fit inside the nose to help align the part. However, the fit was so bad I elected to file off the flange and just glue the part to the front. That worked quite well. Before you glue the nose dome in place, add a bit of nose weight up front, otherwise you'll have a tail-sitter.

When painting, start by priming the model with white primer. Any other color of primer, and you'll have a model with a bullet-proof paint job that will completely obscure the panel line detail.

Decals cover four different aircraft, two in NATC markings and two in operational markings. These decals are thin, almost to the point of being unusable. The proper technique is to not cut the decal paper close to the decal. Leave a bit of surplus around the edges.

Hold the decal in tweezers and dunk it in water for 3-4 seconds (they soak loose that fast!). Then, slide the decal directly off the backing onto the model using a soft brush.

These decals have no stiffness whatsoever, if you leave them unsupported they fold up on themselves and you end up with an unusable blob! The good news is, you need no setting solution to get them snuggled down tight and they stick in place very well.

The final result is a very nice, if diminutive, model.

Ron

Quarterly Contest Schedule

by Ron McCracken
Vice-President

Our clubs quarterly contests are held on the last month of each calendar quarter. Here is the date and theme for the final contest of 2012.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Theme</i>
December	<i>White Elephant Contest</i>

Monthly Program Schedule

Month	Who/Subject
November	Build Night

If you're interested in making a presentation at our club meetings please contact Ron McCracken at

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Regional Contest Theme

Our chapter has been chosen to host the 2013 Region 6 Regional Model Contest. The regional contest will be held at the Norris Conference Center in Austin on October 5, 2013.

Along with gobs of models from the 26 IPMS/USA chapters that are in our region there will also be a contest theme.

One of the early duties as host chapter is to select that theme. The Regional Model Contest theme needs to be decided upon at our November chapter meeting.

With that in mind, I submit the following ideas for the contest theme. This is only a partial list and by no means definitive. You're encouraged to bring your own ideas for a modeling theme to the meeting this Thursday.

Army/Air Force/Naval Reserve - any type/any era operated by a local reserve unit.

D-Lightful - anything starting with the letter "D". Douglas Skyraider, Desoto, etc.

Foreign Service - any US manufactured aircraft or equipment in foreign service.

Leap of Faith - prototypes: any era/any type .

Golden Anniversary (the age of IPMS/USA) - anything at least 50 years old.

Turkey Night - anything that was viewed as a failure. Edsel, Brewster Buffalo, etc.

Feet Wet - anything that operates on, near or is associated with water. Naval aircraft and ships, LVT's, etc.

1st Edition - earliest in a series or first year of production.

Winter Wonderland -anything related to winter. Ski planes, SUV's , winter camo schemes, all white schemes, etc.

Operation Night Out - anything associated with the night. Night fighters, black paint schemes, horror figures, etc.

Friend or Foe/ Adversaries - dual entries. Me109 vs. Spitfire, Sherman vs. Panzer, Ford vs. Ferrari.

Size Matters/ Small Nations - any subject less than 1/72 or anything operated by a small nation.

Editor

Setting Wing Dihedral

by Ron McCracken

One of the more difficult tasks in constructing a scale model aircraft is getting the wings attached at the correct angle.

This angle, generally referred to as the dihedral angle, is an important factor both in the final appearance of the model, and in getting all the components to line up properly. For example, too much dihedral, and your main landing gear will splay outward at the bottom. Too little, and the gear leans inward.



Some model kits solve this problem for us by providing a wing that extends tip-to-tip, others provide elaborate spar arrangements, but most simply attach port and starboard wings to the sides of the fuselage.

Fortunately, most kits divide the fuselage in half along the vertical centerline, and that provides us with a precise alignment reference, if we choose to utilize it. And the best opportunity to use this vertical line is *before* the assembly of the fuselage. So, that requires a bit of a modification to the usual assembly procedure. You have to cement the completed wings onto the *unassembled* fuselage halves.

To achieve a symmetrical alignment of the wings, you need five things:

- A good front-view drawing of the aircraft
- An ordinary protractor.
- A simple wooden jig
- A tool to measure angles relative to the horizontal plane
- Some modeling clay

The essential documentation needed for an accurate model is a good front-view drawing of the aircraft, from which you can obtain the dihedral angle of the *upper* surface of the wing. Published dihedral angles are generally not useful because they are usually measured relative to the wing chord line, which does not parallel the upper surface except in the case of an untapered wing.

The technique for obtaining the dihedral angle is to draw a line on the front view drawing that is horizontal, and intersects the upper surface line of the wing.

HINT: Don't trust that the drawing is printed on the paper with no rotation.

Pick symmetrical points on either side of the aircraft centerline, e.g. the wing tips, and draw your horizontal line between those points. Then use a protractor to measure the angle between this line and the upper wing surface line.

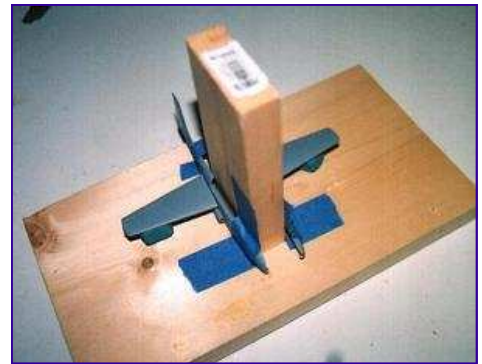
Having determined the dihedral angle, we now come to the problem of how to use the information. First, you need a simple jig consisting of two pieces of wood, glued together in a "T" configuration at a precise right angle (90 degrees) to each other. The vertical member of the "T" should be about six inches or so in length, and in width a bit less than the shortest model fuselage length you plan to work with. The horizontal member should be about as long as the longest wingspan you plan to work with.

Next, you need a tool that will allow you to measure angles relative to the horizontal. The *Wixey Digital Angle Gauge* is a neat little gadget that was developed for wood workers use in setting up their saws to precise miter angles.

So, as you might expect, you need to go to a woodworker's store to find one. Woodcraft shops carry them for a purchase price around \$40. The device itself is about two inches square and an inch deep, operates on battery power (included) and provides a digital readout of angles relative to the horizontal plane. Accurate to within one tenth of a degree.

To use the device, you set it on your "horizontal" surface (which need not be precisely horizontal, that's the beauty of it) and press the "zero" button. Once the readout stabilizes on "0.0" it is ready for use. You place the base of the device on the surface whose angle relative to horizontal you wish to measure, and after a couple of seconds of blinking it displays the angle.

To use the jig and gauge, you temporarily fasten the fuselage halves to opposite sides of the vertical member of the jig. Use tape, or rubber bands, but be careful not to apply so much pressure that you distort the fuselage halves.

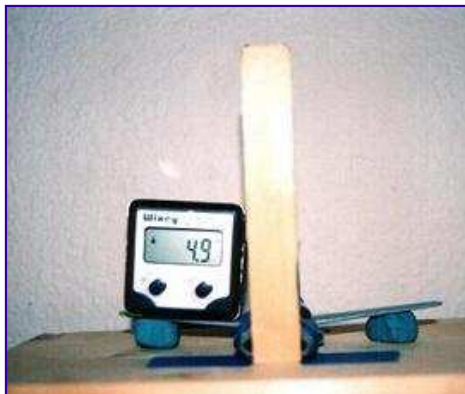


If you are constructing a model whose fuselage halves have alignment pins, you'll either need some sheet plastic shims a bit longer than the pins to insert between the fuselage half and the jig or you'll need to cut off the pins so they don't interfere with proper alignment.

Once the fuselage halves are secure you put the previously assembled wings in place and prop the tips up with a suitable sized ball of modeling clay, purposely putting a bit too much dihedral. If you're using cement for plastics it is best to apply the glue to the joint, then assemble and set the dihedral. If you're using CA glue, best to do the alignment first then add the cement because the CA glue will set up almost instantly.

Modeling clay has two properties that are helpful. First, it is slightly tacky, which helps hold the wings in place; second, it can be easily compressed to allow very fine adjustments.

Place your *Wixey* on the base of the jig and "zero" it. Then place it on the upper surface of each wing and press down on the wing, gradually compressing the ball of clay until you get the angle readout you want. If you overshoot, don't panic. Just reach in under the wing with your fingers and squeeze the sides of the clay to make the ball taller, then repeat the process.



In this photo you can see that the desired angle was 4.9 degrees. Once you have the desired angle, glue the wing and leave everything in place until the glue sets. After the wing joints cure, remove the

fuselage half/wing assemblies from the jig and complete the model assembly.

Ron

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Editor's note: I saw this photo in the Houston/IPMS chapter's most recent newsletter. I present it here for your amusement.



It 's actually a pair of crocheted house shoes. A pattern is available for a nominal fee at www.facebook.com/milgurumis.

Very stylish!

Merci Beaucoup



A special "Tip of the Hat" for the excellent work that Eric Choy did as our ASMS Model Contest show coordinator.

Eric has graciously accepted the position of show coordinator for the upcoming Regional contest to be hosted by our club next October.

**2012 Austin Scale Model Show Report
by Eric Choy**



Another annual show come and gone. Thanks to everyone's contribution and effort, the ASMS 2012 show was another good one for the books.

First and foremost, we managed not to lose money this year. This is by no means a small accomplishment as we're all aware how expensive it is to host an event in Austin.

By using coins/medallions for second and third places helped us save money substantially and by recycling plaques left over from yesteryears and thoughtfully donated by club members, we were able to acquire all first place and special awards at a bargain price.

Contestant Breakdown	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Austin area	32	37
San Antonio area	27	25
Houston	21	19
Killeen/Waco	9	9
Dallas/Fort Worth	7	3
Elsewhere (in Texas)	8	17
Out of State	2	3
International	8	0
TOTAL:	114	113

This year we lost quite a few out-of-town modelers from the Corpus Christi, Rio Grande Valley, and the Abilene areas. We gained almost the equal number back from south of the border. I was glad to see many excellent modelers from Mexico. They seldom venture beyond the San Antonio area.

They all had a good time here and I hope they can let the others know that the Austin Show is worth the extra driving time to attend.

While we only gained one more contestant from last year, those who showed up all brought more models.

Here is a breakdown comparison between 2011 and 2012:

Entry Breakdown	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Aircraft	136	136
Armor	88	63
Automotive	67	103
Watercraft	16	13
Science Fact/ Fiction	25	33
Figures	73	33
Collection	19	7
Dioramas	23	22
Miscellaneous	13	7
Juniors	22	17
TOTAL:	482	440

The sporadic appearance of the automotive modelers mystified me. Fortunately, we made that up by a great showing in the Figures categories. All the work that we did to promote the Open Judging System has finally paid off. Figure modelers are finally showing up because we pay attention to their *modus operandi*.

As usual, I would like to thank all volunteers, donors, and sponsors who are responsible for our show's success.

The Delk family deserves particular mention as Bill managed to convince his wife Pat and daughter Amy to come help out.

I was fortunate to have Mike Poole as my 'XO'. He did a fantastic job of covering for me while I was on vacation.

I look forward to working with Mike again next year on hosting the Region 6 Convention here in our fair city.

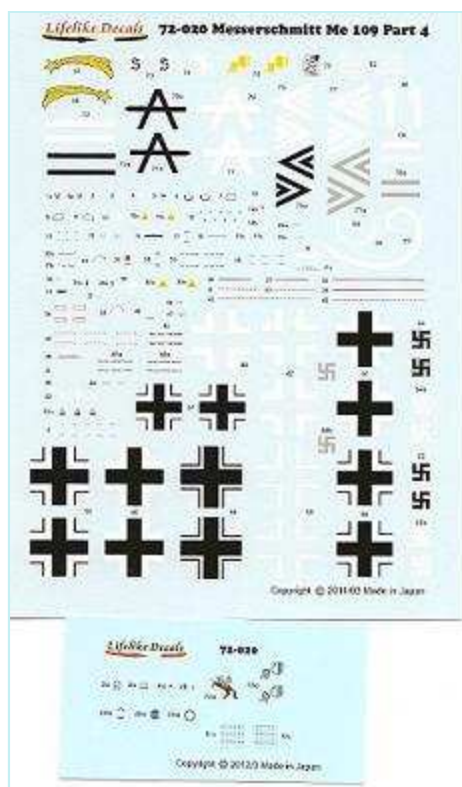
Eric

LifeLike Decals 1/48 Messerschmitt Me 109, Part 3

by Floyd S. Werner, Jr., IPMS # 26266

It comes as no surprise that the 109 is my favorite airplane and this sheet is one of the reasons why. The amount of color options for the airplane is staggering. This sheet contains markings for two G-6s, one E-1 and one F-2 so there is something there for everyone.

The instructions are printed on two single sided full color A4 sized sheets. You get a three view drawing for each aircraft. The instructions are what really help set *Lifelike Decals* apart. They are not afraid to tell you what they know and what they don't know. The other thing that you don't normally get is the history of the aircraft. The reference section shows you where Lifelike got their interpretation from. There is a half A4 sheet showing you where stencils go.

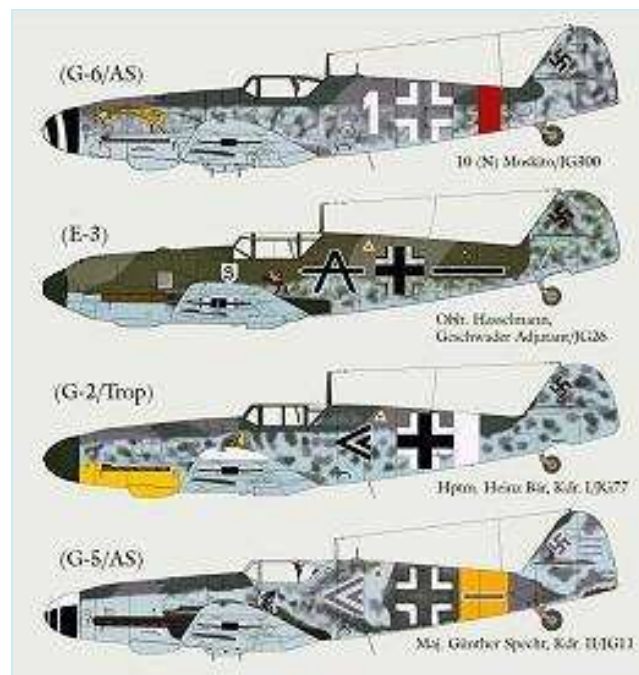


The decals are printed on two small sheets. The main sheet is 5.5 x 4 which contains most of the markings for the aircraft. The second sheet is 1.5 x 2.5 and has some very small markings and the JG54 badge.

The first aircraft was formerly flown by Ace of Aces, Erich Hartmann. Interestingly the life of the aircraft after

Hartmann's departure is little known. Typical of the aircraft of the period this aircraft is painted in RLM 74/75/76. The aircraft has Hartmann's black tulip nose. The yellow bands, outer wing panels and Hungarian theater "V" offer a splash of color. The "V" was added after Hartmann left, as was the 7th "Sense" marking on the engine cowling.

The next 109 is an E-1, "Black 13", which has been fitted with a later canopy frame. It is obvious that the aircraft was refurbished as it is also painted in RLM 74/75/76 instead of the early war colors. The unique marking of a lightning bolt on both sides adds a little bit of color to the aircraft.



Hans Phillip from JG54 provides the markings for this Bf-109F-2, "White 9". Carrying the normal RLM 74/75/76 paint scheme on the wings what sets this aircraft apart is the squiggle pattern on the fuselage sides that was tested by JG54. The colors are RLM 74 squiggle with RLM 76 and 02 in the center. The leading edge of wings and tail have yellow tape or markings on them.

The final aircraft is a G-6 with Erla Haube canopy assigned to JG300. The aircraft carries a very unique overall RLM 75 with splotches of RLM 74. This makes for a very interesting looking aircraft. The aircraft also has the broad red RVD band. I really enjoy the colorful options that *Lifelike* provides. The history is an added bonus. The quality of the decals and the usefulness of the instructions makes this, and all of *Lifelike Decals*, an exceptional value.

Highly recommended

Thanks to *Lifelike* for the review copy. You can get your copy directly from them at www.16.ocn.ne.jp/~lifelike/. Let them know you heard about it here.

Floyd

Lone Star Military Miniatures Society Modeling Day

Bob Bethea

The next Lone Star Military Miniatures Society Modeling Day is set for Saturday November 17th from 10AM until 4:45PM. It will be held the Shady Hollow Community Center on Doe Run off of Slaughter Lane in South Austin.

We would love to have anyone interested in ANY kind of modeling to show up. There are plenty of tables, chairs, and room. Bring along your own extra lighting if the fluorescents aren't enough for you.

We have a refrigerator and microwave available. You're welcome to bring any food item for yourself or others to share. However, we traditionally order pizza for lunch. Everyone throws in some money so we don't have to leave to eat.

Directions:

From MoPac: Take MoPac (Loop1) South and exit on to Slaughter Lane. Go LEFT (east) for about 1.5 miles. At the Brodie Lane traffic light turn RIGHT onto Brodie Lane. Go down into the Shady Hollow subdivision to Doe Run and turn LEFT. Go two blocks down Doe Run and the Community Center is on the right.

From Interstate 35: From either direction take Slaughter Lane exit off of I-35. Go EAST on Slaughter Lane (left if you're coming from San Antonio or right if your coming from Austin) and go about 5.5 miles to Brodie Lane. At the traffic light, turn LEFT (south) onto Brodie Lane. Go down into the Shady Hollow subdivision to Doe Run and turn LEFT. Go two blocks down Doe Run and the Community Center is on the right.

Parking is available on the side and behind the Community Center. Give me a call at 512.784.7002 if you get lost!

Bob



"I know you've been working on something!"



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Old Rumors/New Kits 2G

Aaron Smischney, Jeff Forster, Mike Poole,
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Shipping News

Not that much to report this month. I guess the manufacturer's are gearing up for Christmas?

In 1/350th scale from *Tamiya* is a re-issue of their USS Missouri BB-63 (circa 1991).



From *Trumpeter* is the HMS Dreadnought WWI British Battleship (circa 1907). This is a new issue of the design that started the battleship arms race.



Dragon brings us the USS Arizona BB-39 with IJN Type 97 Kate. The ship is in the configuration that she sported during the Pearl Harbor attack.



A kit that has been out of production but is back by popular demand is the British E-Class destroyer. From *Tamiya*, this is a

real gem. Both of these kits are in 1/700th scale.

To dress up your smaller scale (1/700) ships and to pose them in the proper setting *Voyager* has issued three separate photo etched kits of various buildings and a shipyard crane.



Rick

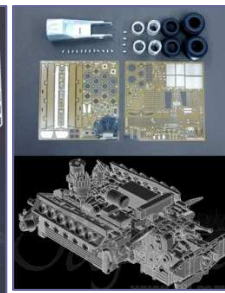
Automotive

All Hail: "Hybrid-Injection". What? Hybrid-Injection is the buzzword from *MFH* in Japan. It really just combines the low unit cost of injection molded parts with the show-stopping effects of photo-etch and white metal resulting in a hybrid plastic/garage kit.

After nearly seven years of teases and rumors *Model Factory Hiro* will be releasing a new, 1/20th Ferrari 312-T4 with injection-molded body panels.



You get all the fantastic multimedia parts the factory is



famous for now with plastic bodywork that actually fits! And by gosh, that's not even the best part! MSRP is now officially

established at a mere \$185.00.

That's **less than half** of what this kit would cost with their traditional resin body. I sure like this trend. Look for it to ship some time in December 2012.

Fujimi is coming out with another little red rocket this month. It's the new 750 horsepower Ferrari F12 in 1/24th



scale. Also, it appears *Fujimi* have heard our criticism of some of their recent kits by including a bit more.

This model has an opening hood, doors and even the rear hatch! From the sprue shots it appears there is a pretty

decent looking engine compartment in there as well. Right-on *Fujimi*! Look for it in November, quite reasonably priced at \$40.00.

Mike

Aircraft

So, we're heading into the final stretch of the year - it's Christmas Season. Well, at least as far as the retailers are concerned...

Some big news from *Academy*, their new tool F-4B is in stores now! Actually, it's in U.K. stores. Yep, the much rumored 1/48th scale F-4B is on the market and soon to be here in the States. It looks marvelous, judging by the sprue shots I've seen online. By the looks of it other versions may be in the pipeline. Perhaps another F-4 renaissance a la *Hasegawa*?

Also big news in Europe-and I mean big news literally-is the recent release of *Revell of Germany's* 1/32nd scale Heinkel He 219A-7. Apparently, one can build an A-5 as well as a late A-2 from this kit. And it's big! I'm not sure of the U.S. MSRP but if their Ju 88A and He 111P are any indication the consumer will get a lot of bang for their buck.

The aftermarket decal makers are already on top of things with Jerry Crandall of *Eagle Editions* and Pastor John of *AIMS* already releasing markings for this big nocturnal hunter. *Radu Brinzan* has also release a set of photo-etch cowl details for the kit.



Kitty Hawk Models, the rookie model company that hit homers with their new F-94, F-35B, and their soon to be released F-35A, have announce several new kits that are sure to excite those who prefer flamethrowers.

Due to be released later this year is the 1/48th scale Sepecat Jaguar A. In addition to this *Kitty Hawk* has also announced



a new Dassault Mirage F-1. They will be molding the single seat 'A' version as well as the two seat 'B' version. The last your intrepid reporter heard, they are due out early next year.

If these newly announced kits are anything like their brethren, *Kitty Hawk* will be making a splash right out of the gate like those New Zealand guys who fancy WWI kits.

Since our last issue, *Eduard* released another in their 1/72nd line of Me 110's. Newly released is the Me 110C/D, and it's just as nice as their previous Me 110E release. I believe they are also offering the "overtrees" option for this kit, as well.

Now onto more esoteric things. While I was digging up some of the new releases for this issue, I stumbled across a new kit manufacturer from Sweden. Yes, that's right, Sweden! They are named *Tarangus*, and they focus strictly on Swedish subjects. Currently, they have two released kits, and another on the way.

The first is the Saab A32A Lanser, the kit is a limited edition release. It's an injection molded kit with resin seats and some nice decals. Looking at the images of the kit on their website, it is very reminiscent of a *Pacific Coast Models* kit.

Their second kit is the Saab J32B, known as the "Lansen Sport" due to it's upgraded engine. I've not seen the layout



of this kit, although I'd wager that it is very similar to their A32A. On the drawing boards, they have a Saab, J37A Viggen that is due out during the 1st quarter of next year. Some exciting stuff.

Oh, yeah! One last thing. If you looking for a new "Ford" you might want to look at Paul Fisher's website: fishermodels.com In this case, I'm talking about his new 1/32nd scale Douglas F4D-1 Skyray that has just (finally) been released.

This brand new resin kit is up to Paul's usually high stan-



dards, as anyone that has seen or touched his previous Sea Fury, Panthers, Cougars, or his most recent release - the F7U Cutlass - can attest. There is a ton of detail packed into those resin parts, as well as some nifty markings options. So, if you're really into the Cold War jets

of the '50s and '60s, this is kit you shouldn't miss.

'til next month.

Randy

Scary and Alien

For this month's newsletter I've picked out some great kits that might get your curiosity going.

First up from *Moebius* is Battlestar Pegasus. It's release date is sometime in 2013. They are also releasing a kit of the Dark Knight Tumbler in 1/25th scale and it's release date is slated for December of this year. Also out from *Moebius* will be the Robbie the Robot and the Space Pod/Chariot. Both of these kits are from the TV series *Lost in Space*, both in 1/35th scale and both due April, 2013.



Lastly will be the Creature from the Black Lagoon who will be carrying the female star! No release date as yet but I can't wait until it comes out. It's definitely on my must have list.



Polar Lights will be releasing the following kits: C-57D *Forbidden Planet* saucer in 1/144th scale around April of next year and their Robbie the Robot with Altaira also from *Forbidden Planet*. Robbie should be available December, 2012.

Pegasus is releasing the submarine Nautilus in 1/144th scale in the future. *AMT* is releasing the USS Enterprise/Star Trek command bridge set. This will be a future new release.



Some of the 'garage kits' coming down the line will be a 1931 Frankenstein monster bust. This is a 3/4 scale resin kit which will cost \$165.00, contact earthboundstudios@yahoo.com to reserve your copy.

Another bust coming out will be 'MacReady' from the movie *The Thing*. It is solid resin and in 3/4 scale. Expected cost is \$70.00. It is available at: dehinze1965@yahoo.com. Another good kit out is called London after Midnight. It's 19" tall has 12 resin parts and should be about \$170.00. Yours is available at: www.resincrypt.com.

For those of you who were scared out of the water when *Jaws* came out, *Needful Things* has released as all new 'Quint' model. Comprising 12 resin pieces in 1/6th scale kit it stands 18" tall. You may order this at: dkcarnival@aol.com.

For all of you Creature fans a great looking new kit. The 1/9th scale 'gillman' is back in an underwater fight scene. There are 34 parts, all in resin and it is 13" tall. Contact arkdude630@yahoo.com, for your very own copy.

Well, that's it for this month. Go check out some great kit's.

Jeff

Armor

Any problem caused by a tank can be solved by a tank.

Greetings armor fans and welcome to the armor curious.

Some new stuff coming down the pipe. *DML* has a new set of French figurines and **shockingly** they are not surrendering!



French Infantry, Sudan, 1940

These look really good. Hopefully they signal some new French armor kits from *DML*. We can only hope!

Speaking of figures, *MENG Models* has just released a set of Middle Easterners that are not throwing rocks. A father, mother and two kids.



These look great and could be just the thing to add a humanizing touch to a modern Middle Eastern scene.

I have been looking for a set of Middle Eastern civilians for a while now but all of them are “insurgents” so it’s good to see a broader choice became available.

On the actual tank front, *DML* has a whole pile of new announcements, mostly based on their existing molds (Not complaining!) First up is a Sexton that looks spiffy!



Looks like you get a pretty nice interior with this one.

On the German front, we have a snow plow with gun! Wish I had this when I was clearing my driveway in Minnesota. It would have made the whole thing a lot more entertaining.



Pz.Kpfw. IV, Ausf. B mit Geländepflug.

Have you ever wanted to make a Stug...but not just any Stug...one made in July 1944 on a Wednesday?



Well, *Dragon* has come to your rescue. Stug II Ausf. G w/ zimmerit, July 1944, late production. I am sure that the Ausf. G made on Thursday at 4PM by Hans will be announced soon. (I kid!)

Bronco has just released a mouthful. Versuchsflakwagen 8.8cm flak auf sonderfahgestell (Pz. Sfl.Vc).



Looks pretty neat. No build up shots but I am sure it will have as many parts as the actual tank.

To end on a weird note, *Pit Road* has announced a neato armored car. IJN Landing Force Vickers Crosley M25 four-wheeled armored car.



These are the highlights for the month. See you next time.

Aaron

Editor’s note: The Sprue Examiner still has an opening for a correspondent or two that would be willing and able to supply this publication with thoughtful, incisive, and pertinent information on any and all new figure releases.

Please consider this position and join the excellent group of correspondents that now grace these pages



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given “ the last full measure of devotion.”
It is also a month to celebrate and give thanks for our
collective good fortune.



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