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HobbyBoss's 1/72nd F9F-2,-2P and - 3 Panther by Ron McCracken

HobbyBoss has issued a series of straight-wing Grumman F9F kits, by taking advantage of common features.

The F9F-2 and F9F-3 differed from each other only in the engine installation- A J42 in the -2, and a J33 in the -3. So, externally the only visual difference is the serial number. Most -3's were later re-engine with the J42 and became, in effect, -2's.

The F9F-2P was the photo-recce version of the -2. The cannon armament was removed, and replaced with a set of cameras. The obvious external difference is the camera windows in the nose.

HobbyBoss has kitted all three variants, with the -2 and -3 kits identical except for the decals. The -2P has different fuselage halves, other parts being common to the other kits. So, this review covers all three kits.

Engineering of the kits is generally quite good, with three sprues of light gray plastic and a single sprue of clear parts.



All panel lines are recessed. Molding is excellent, with almost no flash and minimal mold separation lines.

The canopy comes in two parts, which thankfully fit together well enough to allow either an open or closed cockpit.

Optional tail bumper parts are provided to allow for a correct model with the gear either retracted or extended. The bumper extended along with the landing gear.

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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.

Donations can be sent to IPMS Wounded Warriors Chapter contact person, Dick Montgomery,

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Message from the Prez...

Mike Poole

As I write this I'm just returning from Bondo's Memorial Kit Giveaway. I was fortunate to inherit some special airplanes and rare documentation I've coveted for years. Misty weather aside, the event came off flawlessly thanks to the hard work of Eric Choy, Bill Delk and other members who donated their time and talents in returning the collection to a thing of beauty.

I especially enjoyed getting to know Bondo's wife, Cindy. Hearing of all the interesting things Bondo managed to get himself into over the years. I didn't know he built hot rods in the fifties or flew Phantoms over Vietnam or that he had a fondness for Corvairs .

Bondo built great models and was always eager to share his techniques but he also had many other interests and amazing experiences that I'll never have a chance to talk with him about. With that revelation, I plan to take stock of the members that I don't yet know well and make it a point to learn a bit more about you. I also encourage everyone to sit next to someone you don't know well at the meetings, invite an unfamiliar member to an after-meeting chow, or build something new requiring help from others. It will deepen our friendships and strengthen our little society. I think Bondo would like that.

Mike

Fiddly Bits

New club officers were installed at our January meeting. Mike Poole is our new club president. Ron McCracken continues in the position of 'vice' and Jeff Forster takes over the duties of treasurer. I think we may miss Angela's 'looks'. Jeff appears to be...shall we say...rather tenacious in getting that dues money out of our clutching hands. *Word to the wise!* The remainder of the officers and chairpersons positions remain with the usual suspects.

The newsletter contest continues unabated. If you're unfamiliar, let me enlighten you. Whomever sends in the most articles, news tidbits, kit reviews, website info, newsletter indices, etc. over the coming year will have their club dues (2014) paid for by me. Any and all contributions are welcome and all count whether published or not.

Just a note about the quarterly contests that are held at our club meetings. The contest for September is the "Bondo Special". This is to be a kit that you received at the kit exchange held at Cindy and Bondo's home early in February. The contests in March and June are open categories. You know, any subject/ any era. Which is good, because it's going take me more than a few days to slap that WWII 1/72 scale submarine kit together that I had to have! As always, a specials thanks to King's Hobby Shop for providing the awards for these contests.

While I'm one that subject, there was a recent notice from an on-line retailer about a special 10% discount on orders of \$100.00 or more. I was somewhat amused as King's Hobby Shop is offering **all** ASMS members a 10% discount on **any** purchase (excluding sale priced/already discounted items). Why order out when all you have to do is show up, present your discount card and *viola!* By the way, if you haven't already gotten your discount card you can pick one up at a club meeting.

In IPMS/USA news, Tom Grossman (IPMS/USA) has invited all of us to Loveland, Colorado for the Thin Air Nationals. (No word on whether or not he's buying lunch!) The contest committee is seeking sponsorships for awards in a multitude of categories. (Go to: www.ipmsusa2013.com/index.cfm?mode=sponsors for a complete listing of available sponsorships.)



Editor



Randy Barnes has been collecting, cajoling and otherwise begging modelers at our various contests for models for a display that is under development at the USS Lexington, Museum on the Bay, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

4 1/2 years later, the scale model exhibit is targeted for opening this April. The display will include

over 350 scale model ships and aircraft from exceptional IPMS and independent modelers.

Here are some photos of the displays, in progress, soon to be on exhibit at the USS Lexington, Museum on the Bay.

A special thanks to all who have contributed their work to this endeavor. Your work will be on permanent display to thousand of visitors each year in this historic venue.

Editor



Web At Night: Rewind

by Mike Poole

I was reading some of the old newsletters Mike Gilsbach recently posted on our website and found a column called Web At Night by Rafael Power. You veterans will no doubt recall the column was a series of recommended websites complete with descriptions that the author found interesting. I'd like to see if we can restart the column but instead of being assigned to one person, I think it would be even more interesting if a different member contributed each month.

Because I'm primarily a car modeler three sites I will showcase during my "round" tend to that persuasion.

Clicking on www.flm.com/forums will take you to a forum of some 1,500 hardcore yet very friendly formula one modelers from all over the world. Though F1 is the focus there are also many sports car and endurance modelers here as well. There are all skill levels on this site from first Tamiya kit to 1/43 scratch-builders. If you post a question someone will have an answer to you quickly.

Check out the WIP section (Work-In-Progress) for the latest builds. Always peek at the classifieds as there are occasionally some smoking hot deals in the classified section too. For you people into brail-scale (1/43rd) there is a dedicated section just for you. A very rare animal known as the Tim Keily (referred to as one "waxdart" on this site) is known to stalk these environs so keep a sharp lookout.

The next website is www.fantasyjunction.com, a rare car modelers resource that masquerades as a car consignment shop called Fantasy Junction. Don't let that lingerie store name fool you. This place is full of testosterone. I met the owner while living out in the bay area years ago and recall watching both Bruce and his son Spencer slam priceless cars through the corkscrew at Laguna Seca at suicidal speeds. They are the real deal.

Their website is dedicated to selling some of the rarest passenger and vintage race cars on the planet so they naturally have nice photos of things in inventory. But what's really cool, when they sell something they leave the photo's up on their website under "Cars Sold". At last count I believe they now have well over 1000 cars documented with outstanding photos!

The list includes everything from Amilcar to Tesla and just about everything in between. When they photo a car they don't just do front, back, side either. They do the photo's

nobody else thinks to take, like pedal boxes, spare tire compartments, roof linings, door jambs, things model builders love. Go check it out. I bet your dream car is there.

The last of my recommended sites for this round is another forum dedicated to car modeling.

www.automotiveforums.com/ybulletin/forumdisplay.php?f=927

It's really a model car forum within a larger, full scale car forum but don't let that fool you into thinking these guys aren't serious. Some of the best car modelers I've ever seen post threads here. I usually begin at the automotive art page which I linked to. There you'll find general questions about techniques as well as product and event news. Then I check out the "Completed Projects/Gallery", followed by a quick look at the WIP sections of threads I'm following. There's always something new and interesting here. I learned many of my core techniques from people sharing on this site. Check it out.

While you're at it, check out some of the old newsletters on the ASMS website. We now go back 12 years. That's 144 newsletters! I hope everyone will contribute here from time to time. I'd like to hear where everyone else spends their internet modeling time.

Mike

Your Dues Is Due!

Time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their model club and pay their dues.

Dues for ASMS are \$20.00 for an individual and \$25.00 per family. Please make your check payable to ASMS and remit to Jeff Forster at 1503 Cherry Creek, Cedar Park, Texas 78613 or you may bring the monies to a club meeting.

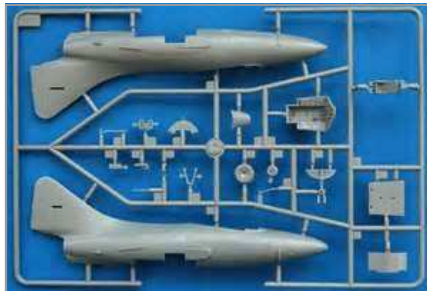


The timely payment of your dues is needed and much appreciated.

The Staff and Management

The external stores include two 500 lb. bombs for the inboard pylons, and a choice of either six 100 lb. bombs or five inch rockets for the outer stores pylons. I commend *HobbyBoss* for not going cheap on the fuselage alternatives.

The -2P kit has a properly configured full fuselage, rather than just an add-on photo-recce nose. That really helps with assembly. However, nothing's perfect and these kits are no exception.



The problems I encountered were in the cockpit, the seams in the area of the tail skid and jet exhaust, and fit issues with the main landing gear doors.

The kits come with a tub-type cockpit having separate instrument panel, control stick, and ejection seat. The instrument consoles/panel have very nice, raised detail.

However, the kit falls just short of greatness because of inaccuracies in the cockpit. The -2 and -3 Panthers had side consoles with a step up at the front, and this is missing. The side consoles being flat from end-to-end. The rather prominent throttle handle on the port side panel is also missing.

The gun sight is completely inaccurate. *Squadron's "In Action"* publication for the F9F has sketches of the -2 cockpit configuration for those that wish to correct these problems. A decal is provided for the instrument panel. The side panel detail is sufficiently raised to allow dry-brushing to bring out the switch-n-knob details. The seat appears to be the later version used in this series, but lacks any suggestion of seat belts.

Finally, the kit does a poor job of depicting the area under the canopy behind the cockpit. Although a two-piece canopy is provided, you'll have to add your own detail in this area if you choose to open it.

A more easily corrected problem with the kit is the painting instructions. Both the cockpit and landing gear instructions are inaccurate for a Korean War era Panther.

The instrument panel, side panels, cockpit sidewalls, glare shield and the area behind the cockpit opening should be black. The cockpit floor and rear bulkhead are interior green, as is the ejection seat. Oh, and should you choose to open the

canopy, the cockpit rails are interior green.

The kit instructions also err with regard to the landing gear and wheel well painting. The wells and gear door interior surfaces should be interior green, the gear struts and wheels should be gloss dark sea blue.

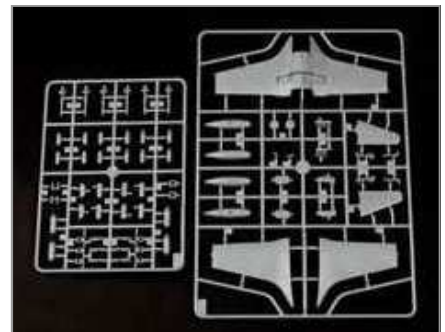
The nose gear well is provided as a bulkhead-and-roof arrangement. Note that you do need to assemble the nose gear strut, which is cast integrally with the forward bulkhead, into the well before closing up the fuselage. (My own preference is to attach the landing gear after painting the underside of a model, to simplify the masking problem).

Also, these kits will require nose weight. I found that filling the cavity ahead of the nose gear and cockpit with modeling clay served the purpose. The kit provides a tail stand, you will have to fill the hole for it in the fuselage underside.

When you assemble the fuselage halves you will discover that there are some tricky seams to fill in the tail bumper well, and the area behind and above the bumper and the tail hook. That's the only real seam problem I encountered.

The wing underside is cast as one piece, with the armament pylon mounting holes "flushed" over. I consider this a very nice feature, as it allows the modeler to vary the armament installation without having to fill a bunch of holes.

I should note here that initially, the F9F-2/3 had no provisions for external stores. These were retrofitted later. It is highly unlikely that the photo-recce variants ever carried bombs or rockets. So, do your research before deciding on armament options.



One construction note: The instructions call for opening all the holes for the six outboard hard points. However, if you intend to use the five-inch rockets, you should NOT open the rear, round holes. Just open the forward, rectangular ones.

Finally, DO NOT attach the pylons to the wings until AFTER you complete painting and decaling because The under wing markings extend across the pylon hard points.

Some deviation from the kit instructions is advisable when assembling the wing to the fuselage. The instructions call for

attaching the engine inlet walls to the wing underside before assembling the wing to the fuselage.

I recommend assembling the wing underside to the fuselage, then cementing the intake walls in place, and finally attaching the tops of the wings. Otherwise it is difficult to judge precisely where to attach the intake walls.

I encountered a fit problem with the main landing gear outer doors, which attach to the main gear struts. The top end of the door has to fit down inside the wheel well to the outside of the gear strut, and it is too thick to fit.

So, you'll have to file away the upper, outer surface of each door sufficiently to allow proper assembly (assuming you are building the kit with the gear extended, of course).

The decals provided are of excellent quality, although I found just a bit of setting solution was required to get them to snuggle down into the panel lines. Each kit provides a couple of decal options, with nicely done full-color four-views to guide decal placement.



To sum it all up, *HobbyBoss* has provided several high-quality kits of a historically important aircraft. With just a bit of effort, you can have a great looking model.

Ron

Monthly Program Schedule
by Ron McCracken, Vice President

Month	Presenter/Subject
February	Ron McCracken/ canopy masking
March	Quarterly Model Contest

If you are interested in making a presentation at our club meetings contact Ron McCracken at:

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

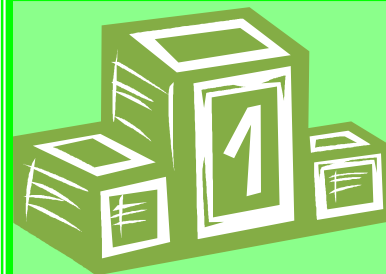


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**Quarterly
Contest
Schedule**

Our clubs quarterly contests are held on the last month of each calendar quarter. Here are the dates and themes for 2013.

Date	Theme
March	any subject/era
June	any subject/era
September	Bondo Special
December	White Elephant

Monsters in Motion's Fireball XL 5 by Jeff Forster, IPMS# 30833



This kit is a blast from my past. I remember watching Fireball XL 5 on TV when I was in my early school years and I always wanted a toy of the vehicle but could never find one. But, I was always looking for one.

Back in early December 2012, I was looking thorough Monsters In Motion's webpage when my eye beheld a beautiful sight that looked just like an XL 5! I knew I had to get one!

The story behind this rocket ship is that it's part of a fleet of interplanetary rockets protecting Sector 25 of the solar system under the supervision of the World Space Patrol. In command of the XL 5 was Steve Zodiac and his crew consisting of: Venus (a doctor), Professor Matic (the science officer) and Robert the Robot (the rocket ships mechanical co-pilot).

The model is incredibly detailed. It consists of the XL 5 with a detachable Fireball Jr.. It comes with a detailed launch ramp a nice base and interior detail. A Steve Zodiac and Robert the Robot figure are included. Along with assembly instructions there are some vacuum form canopies. All and all there are 35 parts to this 1/144th scale resin kit. The kit measures to be 16 inches long.



The main body of the kit is a nicely finished resin part with a few blemishes. There is a seam along the body which will need to be cleaned up. The mini Fireball body also has a seam and numerous molding pits that will need to be addressed. Both cockpits for the main and mini XL 5 are nicely detailed.

The main wings and rudder will have a seam to fill in, otherwise they are nice. All the small parts are good to go. The base is about 1/2" thick and is nicely molded with launch base and ground work. The kit includes a decal sheet.

This will be another kit I look forward to building in the near future.

Jeff

DefModels Replacement Wheels for Technical Pick-Up Truck by Ben Morton

Jack Johnston wrote a review of *Meng Models* Pick-up trucks for the *Sprue Examiner* way last year. I found the article fascinating. So much so, that I went out and got a copy of the kit.

One of the photos included in Jack's article was a "technical" with a Russian rocket pod mounted on the bed of the pick-up truck. My first impression was how cool would that be to have a model of?

I've been doing some research and haven't come upon a scale rocket pod to include until a few days ago. Our pals at *Voyager Models* are marketing a rocket pod with a photo-etched stand specifically for the *Meng* kit.

Jack also mentioned that *DefModels* had a 1/35th scale replacement set of 'sagged' wheels for this kit. That's the subject of this erstwhile review.

Technically, the name of this after-market goodie is: Technical Pick Up Truck Wheel Set-sagged. It's manufactured by *DefModels* out of the Republic of Korea. Actually they have been doing this sort of thing for awhile now. If you're in the market for replacement wheels for the odd bit of rolling stock you might be working on check out their website. www.defmodels.com



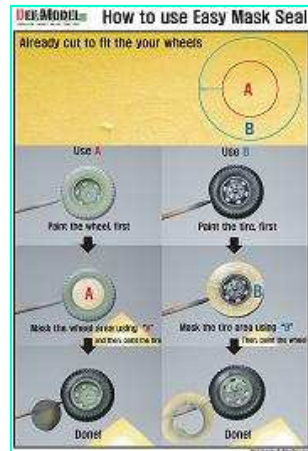
The set comes with five resin cast replacement wheels/tires for the truck kit. The pour plugs are positioned on the side of the tire where the rubber meets the road. This thoughtfulness eliminates the bothersome task of getting the plugs cut off and sanded down properly. Any blemishes that I (no doubt) will produce performing this feat will be sight unseen.

Included with the wheels is a painting mask as these are one piece replacements for the original two piece affair in the pick-up truck kit. The painting mask allows for either painting the tire first or the rim first. Although to mix it up a bit you could do two one way and three the other.

Or any combination thereof. Just a thought! The instructions for doing this are plain and straight forward. Much to my great delight.

There is a syntax error on the instructions. (It's always fun to get instructions from another country.)

When overseas manufacturers have their language transcribed into our difficult English it can produce some amusing results. In this case, the instruction sheet notes that the masks are "already cut to fit the your wheels."



The gray resin casting are top notch with great tread detail and properly spelled, raised lettering on the sidewalls.

There is one provision that you should be made aware of before purchasing this product. This is also clearly spelled out on the packing. For age 14 and over and Do Not Eat!

Go build the your model!

Ben

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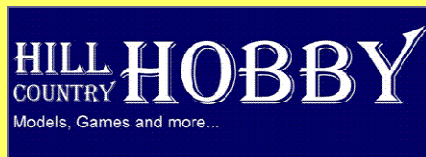
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Editor's note: volunteers are needed to compile an index for any of the remaining years ASMS newsletters. We're already down to just ten left so get one in before the 'good ones' are all gone. Compiling an index qualifies for the newsletter contest. Just follow this format and off you go!

Editor's Note: There is this guy who, I believe, drives a little red corvette. No idea if he listens to Prince. His name is Fred Horky and he resides in Georgia. He is sort of, kind of, in charge (among other things) of collecting IPMS/USA chapter newsletters from across the country and sending them out us cool newsletter editor's.

This gives us/me the opportunity to see what other modelers are doing with themselves and their respective clubs. In my case, it also gives me the opportunity to purloin the odd article for the 'Tales From The Other Side' feature.

From time to time Mr. Horky will include some pertinent information from another club, a cool website, or IPMS/USA. Such is the case here. IPMS/USA is soliciting writers to join the reviewers' corps. The details of which follow.

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Editor



IPMS/USA Reviewers' Corps

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- New releases - 2 months. For special cases, we will do

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Please include pricing and availability/ordering information in your review. It doesn't help much to tell our members about a great new product, but not how to find it. If you don't have company info let me (SC) or Dick Montgomery (DM) know and we will assist you in adding it to the review. Remember to include your name and IPMS number!

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Old Rumors/New Kits 2G

Aaron Smischney, Jeff Forster, Mike Poole, Randy Bumgardner, Rick Herrington

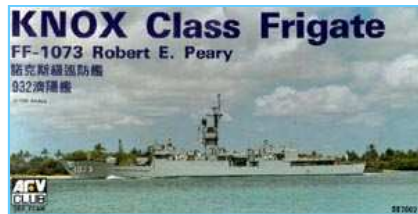
Shipping News

The new releases for this month are predominately modern subjects. In 1/350th scale from *Gallery Models* we



have the USS New York LPD-21 Amphibious Transport Dock.

Trumpeter is showing three releases. The USS Indianapolis CA-35, US WWII Heavy Cruiser, HMS War-spite, British Battleship, 1942 and HMS Montrose, Type 23 Royal Navy Frigate. Airfix has a Type 45 Royal Navy Destroyer on the 'ways'.



comes the USS Okinawa GPH-3 Amphibious Assault Ship.

In the more petite scale of 1/700 there are a couple of releases. *AFV Club* has the Knox Class Frigate FF-1073 Robert E. Perry. From *Pitroad*

That's it from the shipping desk. Happy modeling!

Rick

Armor

Greetings armor fans and welcome armor curious! Let's take a look at what's new and fancy in the world of armor.

First up, *Tasca* with



something kinda odd? It's not a Sherman, it's a 1/24 scale BRC-40 Bantam! Didn't see that one coming. Looks good and since it's *Tasca* you can almost guarantee it's going to be a good kit.

Next up the 'Big T', *Tamiya* has announced a Tiran 5. *Tamiya* is finally getting some good out of it's excellent T-55 molds. This is the second variant they have made (after the enigma).



Tamiya has announce a 1/16 scale JS-2 with full remote control.



Next up is one of my favorite kit makers, *Bronco Models*. They have a very nice looking (from the box art) Pz.kpfw. 35(t).

Finally, *Meng Models* has announced something very neat. An armored D9 bulldozer. Wow! Ever think you'd see one of these in plastic?



'til next time!

Aaron

Automotive

Some interesting things are happening in Car Land this month. The *Pocher* come-back has commenced and following a reveal at the Nuremburg Toy Fair we now know what their first new model kit will be: the Lamborghini Aventador LP-700 in Arancio Argos. I think that last bit means screaming orange but my Italian is pretty piccino.

The kit is 1/8th scale and will come unassembled in about 500 injection-molded pieces. The car will come with a pre-painted metal die-cast body and, once finished, will have working suspension and fully opening panels. In a display of engineering cleverness the scissor doors will be equipped with what appear to be damped gas struts.

At least one big-scale car model site is already taking pre-orders with a price of €600 (that's \$800 in real money) with availability in the 3rd quarter of this year. Check out this YouTube video of a finished prototype being demonstrated by an Italian super (hand) model: [pocher aventador demonstration](#).



Also available in screaming orange, our friends at *Tamiya* have announced a “new” 1/24th tool of the now famous Porsche 934RSR as raced in Jagermeister Livery.

The kit will sport a new body but borrow many parts from their 935 kit. It will have a nice amount of interior detail but alas, no engine detail whatsoever. On the bright side, grilles and other details will be rendered in genuine metal photo-etch, and the top-shelf decals will come from *Cartograph*.



I'm sure it will make an impressive model despite that “deer in the headlights” look. It's available now from your favorite dealer at around \$25.

Anyone remember the movie *Christine*? Well if you're a fan and want your own version of this Detroit sled with a “body by Plymouth, soul by Satan”, you must have this.



The word on the street however is that this is merely a reissue of the 1/25th AMT kit (with unfixed flaws) of the 1958 Plymouth Belvedere with new box art.

It's available now from your favorite retailer with an MSRP of \$25. Be different. Paint it screaming orange. There's a clip from the opening scene of the 1983 movie with music by George Thorogood and the Destroyers: [Christine Is Born](#)

Mike

Gruesome Figures / Sci-Fi

Let's start off with some new offerings from *MPC/Round 2*. Coming out soon will be two re-issues, one of the 1:100 Vostok rocket kit. The other will be the Titan Rocket IIIC. Both kits can be built as either flying or static models.

New Star Trek kits from *AMT/Round 2* will be the Movie Era Cadet series in 1/2500 scale. It consists of the NCC-1701A, A Klingon Battlecruiser and the USS Reliant. Coming out in roughly 1:537th scale will be the Klingon K'Tinga Battlecruiser.



From *Polar Lights* is the Classic Enterprise and Botany Bay Space Seed edition in 1:1000 scale. This should be a nice kit. Also from *Polar Lights* will be a new kit of the Enterprise, the NX-01, refit in 1:1000 scale. This is the kit that gave the basic shape to most of the future starships. I'm looking for this kit to hit the shelves soon.



A new kit from *Polar Lights* will be a “snap” kit of Superman. The kit will be based on the cover of Superman #233.

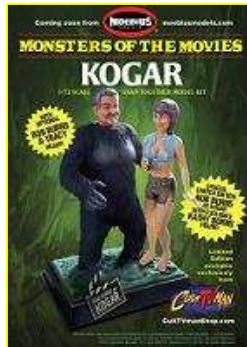
One last kit from *Polar Lights* I had not even expected to see will be The Wicked Witch from the Wizard of Oz!! The scale is unknown at this time but will run \$38.95.

Coming up from the *Graveyard Scenes* kits will be The Mutated Scientist Deluxe Figure and base set. This kit is based on the original Fly scientist. Looks nice. It will run \$52.95.

A kit from *Moebius Models* that I recently acquired is a new series. This one is called Kogar.

Described as beauty and the beast, the kit is a model of Bob Burns who dressed in the gorilla suit for many monster movies. This is the deluxe kit in 1/12th scale and is limited to 125 sets.

The kit is of the classic movie ape Kogar, played by Bob Burns. The kit also comes with heads for Tracy the Ape from TV's Ghostbusters and a head for Bob Burns. Included, as well, in this special kit, is a styrene plastic and resin figure of Kathy Burns. Order this kit from *CultTVman's Hobbyshop*. You'll spend \$44.95 for this kit.



Out on the shelves now is *Moebius* kit of The Creature from the Black Lagoon. This kit is 1/8th scale and comes with a delightful female victim. The kit looks nice and fresh and the victim looks like it will be a nice build. Cost will be \$39.95.

Another kit from *Moebius* will be Mars Attacks. This model is based on the classic trading card set and consists of an attacking Martian standing over a human figure. This will run \$39.95. The next kit is a *Moebius* Lost in Space Robot in 1/6th scale which I believe is a larger scale than the original robot kit. Cost will be \$54.95.

A surprising kit I spotted is from *Pegasus Hobbies*, Tarzan of the Apes. It will come out in 1:8th scale and is a new kit at \$35.95. For all you who missed it when it original came out here is a better one to build!

For something really interesting *Pegasus* has the Nautilus. It will be hitting the shelves soon and will cost \$65.95. This is a 1/144th scale kit with a partial interior, photo etch details and a great squid base. This is going to be a great kit.



The next kit from *Pegasus* is the Great White Shark for \$39.95. The kit is in 1/18th scale and includes 2 shark heads (open or closed mouth). It also includes a diver and cage and should look nice when finished.

Well, that's it for this month and remember to watch the skies.

Figures

While our aircraft correspondent appears to be missing

in action, I'll try to soldier on with a couple of figure releases that I found interesting.

Both releases are 1/35 scale and from *Master Box Ltd*. Both depict military personnel in some lighter moments.



In one case we have a group of 'limeys' enjoying themselves at a "friendly" boxing match.

In the interests of fairness, I suppose, the other release depicts some WWII German tankers enjoying some down time, as well. This time the fellows are having a 'go' at each other in a slightly different fashion, by playing a game of football (soccer to me).



Both kits look to be finely molded with plenty of facial expressions and positions that might be incorporated into other scenes.

What struck me about these two kits is the juxtaposition of the activity depicted. On the one hand, the 'limeys' are whiling away the time by *boxing* and the Germans are utilizing their down time to play a *game!*



I don't have any idea whether or not *Master Box*, a Ukrainian company, is trying to make some kind of cultural statement or they just

have a unique sense of humor.

Jeff This is after all, an industry that produced a plastic model kit of a machine that makes plastic models. Or produced, as evidenced at ModelFiesta 32, a plastic kit of a car wash !?

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