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Junkers C-79

By Ron McCracken



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While I'm sure any enthusiast for World War II military aircraft would immediately form an accurate mental picture at the mention of the Junkers Ju-52/3m, I suspect many would struggle at the mention of the C-79. Yet, they are the same basic airframe.

The one-and-only C-79 was a Brazilian-registered Junkers Ju-52/3m, registration PP-CBA, named "Aconcagua", originally owned by Sindicato Condor. The aircraft was impressed and transferred to the USAAF in May 1942, serial numbered 42-52883, and given a coat of war paint. This was not as unusual as it sounds. In the early months of World War II the U.S. government was "drafting" virtually anything with wings that could carry passengers or cargo and giving it a "C" for "Cargo" designation. The Canal Zone became home for several of these, including in addition to the Ju-52, a Stinson SM-6000

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The **NOTEPAD**

By Randy Bumgardner

Wlt's already June! We only have six months left to decide what we want for Christmas (or your holiday of choice). There are a lot of nice models hitting the shelves this year and I've already got my birthday/Father's Day gift request in. Anyway, we've got an exciting meeting this month with the Procrastinator's Contest being the star attraction. I promise I won't postpone it until next month - even though it would be the proper procrastinator thing to do!

We'll be talking about the 356th Annual ASMS Summer Picnic and Auction, which occurs on July 15th of this year. It will be at the same locale as previous years, Lisa and Jack Johnston's lovely abode in Georgetown. The times are the same as always, arrive around 11:30am, eat some BBQ, and spend some money on some models that will be new to your stash. The club will provide the BBQ, so bring a side dish to pass and some chairs.

As always, we are encouraging the members to bring some kits to donate to the auction. This is our big fundraiser for the year, so if you aren't going to build it, please donate it. I do ask, well insist, really, that all kits be complete and minimally started if at all. And remember, it's for the children!

Milton Bell is home from the hospital. He sent out an email a few days ago marking that significant event. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him at the meeting. We'll fill in the details at the meeting.

This month is the Procrastinator's Contest. Have your models ready along with your proof of procrastination for a chance to win one of three fabulous prizes! Or, if that doesn't work out, just bring in what you've completed.

As always, bring in your latest accomplishments or in-progress projects for us to admire. Show and Tell is really the heart of the meeting - the rest is just window dressing. It's a chance to catch-up with each other, share tips and tricks, and just have fun talking about models and modeling.

Let's get ready to have some fun!

Oh, yeah... and go build something.

Randy





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trimotor (C-91), a Hamilton H47 (C-89), and even a couple of two-seat Luscombe 8's (C-90). Several modifications were made to the original Brazilian civil aircraft, the visible ones being the substitution of U.S. Pratt & Whitney R-1690 engines, DC-2 style engine cowlings, and a tailwheel in place of the original tailskid. Photos also reveal that the main landing gear fairings were removed, leaving the bare struts exposed.

The model was converted from the Heller Ju-52.



This kit is actually fairly well engineered, with the four fuselage components (sides, top, and bottom) separated along discontinuities in the corrugated skinning. As a result, if you are careful with assembly there are no prominent fuselage seams to fill.

The modifications to the kit include:

- **Substitute early DC-2 cowlings for the originals and modify the exhaust stacks**
- **Modify the cabin windows to the civil configuration, in way of the cargo door.**
- **Fabricate new main gear struts from wire and/or plastic rod.**
- **The DF loop antenna is not present on the C-79, and its mounting hole must be filled in.**

Since the kit depicts a military Ju-52, which used the BMW-132 engine, that part of the conversion is easy because the BMW-132 was a license-built R-1690.

The DC-2 cowlings represent more of a challenge. Your best source (short of scratch-building) is the Special Hobby B-18A/Digby kit, which has alternate engine cowlings supplied, including the earliest DC-2 style cowlings. I was able to use the early-style



engine cowling optional parts from that kit and still be left with a buildable B-18A. (Due to the kit's provision for multiple variations of cowlings, there are actually enough spare parts for three complete cowlings.)

Photos show that the DC-2 cowling over the center engine had its chord reduced, just like the original Junkers cowling. If you are using the Special Hobby parts, you will note a circumferential panel line about halfway back on the cowling. For the center engine cowl, cut away half of the cowling length behind this panel line, or roughly 1/4 of the cowling length.

The center engine exhaust configuration is considerably different. The kit parts depict a collector ring arrangement with twin exhaust stacks that extend outward and back alongside the fuselage. On the C-79 the two stacks enter the fuselage just behind the cowling, and re-emerge just ahead of the wing leading edge on the fuselage





underside.

The two outer engines don't require such extensive exhaust modifications, with the single exhaust stack on each emerging through a cut out in the outboard side of the engine cowling.

Next, we deal with the fuselage modifications. There were several alternate passenger cabin



configurations in the civil version. Basically, they either had the large starboard-side cargo door, or they didn't. They either had a forward cabin door on the starboard side just behind the cockpit, or they didn't.

The one available photo of the starboard forward fuselage of the C-79 clearly shows the forward cabin door, so that's settled. The existence of the cargo door couldn't be confirmed from photos, so in the interest of my own sanity, I based the conversion on a Swiss civil variant that had the door, with three small rectangular windows cut in the upper half. Those windows were the only fuselage modifications required. The civil versions also had small circular windows aft of the cabin, rather than the larger ones used in the military

version, and alternate parts are supplied in the kit for these.

The Heller kit provides a cover to place over the mid-upper gunner's position, but the result leaves a lot to be desired. The fuselage top should have uninterrupted corrugations for its full length, and restoring that appearance took putty and patience.

The way I did it was to use Milliput, spreading on a layer thick enough to fill the seams to the top of the corrugations. Then, I used the back of a hobby knife blade to "indent" the putty along the bottoms of the corrugations. Once the putty cured, I cleaned things up using needle files. A similar approach was used to deal with the mounting point for the unused DF loop antenna. The final major mod is the main landing gear. The kit depicts the landing gear with its original bulky strut fairings.

These were removed from the C-79, leaving the bare, round-tube struts. These can be fabricated using .045 to .050 diameter rod. In the interest of strength I used 16 gauge brass wire, soldered





together, for the two forward struts of each landing gear, and drilled out the mounting points so the wire could be inserted through the fuselage and wing underside and glued in place with cyanoacrylate glue. The rear strut on each was fabricated from 3/64 " Evergreen plastic rod.

As for the wheels/tires, I used a razor saw to cut the outer 1/16 " of the mount from the remainder of the kit gear, Assembled the main gear wheel to it, and then drilled a mounting hole for the wire strut end.

There has been considerable debate on the "web" about both the colors and pattern of the camouflage used on this aircraft. In the available black-and-white photos, the undersurface is a very light color. Since it is well established that at the time white undersurfaces were almost universally used in the Canal Zone as anti-submarine camouflage, in place of the more usual neutral gray, I'm reasonably sure that was the color used on the C-79.



The top surface colors (and photos reveal there were at least two) are more of a puzzle. Whatever the two colors were, they don't contrast strongly with one another.

One really has to look to see where one color ends and the other begins. The colors used were most likely standard U.S. colors. That gives us, as possibilities, 41 Olive Drab, 42 Medium Green, 43

neutral gray, and sand (which is a light, pinkish tan color).



A B&W photo of 20th Transport Squadron (TS) C-47's on the ramp at Howard Field is revealing. (The 20th TS is the outfit the C-79 was assigned to) Those with visible undersurfaces all show a very light color, confirming the near universal use of white. The upper surfaces show a mixed bag of schemes with no two exactly alike. At least one has bands of dark and very light color - probably O.D. and sand. Most others show various patterns of colors with much less contrast, leading me to the conclusion that O.D. and medium green were the preferred choices in the 20th TS. And so, that is what I went with - faded O.D. and medium green topsides, over white undersides.



And there you have it—a highly unusual model of a little-known aircraft that can be kit-bashed from a readily available kit without a huge amount of trouble.

Ron



Andrea Vist!

May's Austin Scale Modeler's Society meeting had a special visitor from Andrea Depot USA.



If you are not familiar with the company they are an international model figure producer. We are fortunate to have their US main office located right here in Cedar Park, TX.

Alejandra Fernandez from Andrea came to visit and came bearing gifts and samples of merchandise. Their figures come in several different scales including 1/72nd, 1/48th, 1/35th and 1/16th. Alejandra was kind enough to share samples with our group of Andrea's latest release from their Eisernes Kreuz (Iron Cross) line.



Andrea not only sells figures but also sells paint sets and brushes. King's is their local distributor in Central Texas.



A big thank you for visiting our meeting Andrea!





On The TABLE

By Our Roving Reporter

Bob Bethea brought in some figures and busts



1/9th Pirate Bust



1/6th Mexican Imperial Guardsman



Viking Standard Bearer



The tables were full with work from our members. It never ceases to amaze me how many talented modelers we have in the Central Texas Area. It also has always impressed me how these talented folks are willing to share their knowledge.

and a nice 1/72nd scale Afrika Corps diorama.



As I said before the tables were full including Ziggy B's host of Gundams.



1/144th Zaku II High mobility type



1/144th MS-06F Zaku II



1/100 RX-O Unicorn Gundam



1/144th Try Burning Gundam

Aaron Scmischney gave us a glimpse of the bust he's painting called Fish Friar. The bust and Aaron went on to garner an award at the Tulsa model and figure show.





Armor, so often the minority at the meetings, had a wonderful turnout.



1/35th Tamiya Matilda - Eric Choy



Your Name: BEN MORTON

1/35 Rhein Tochter I and 1/72nd Flyhawk PZKPFW 1 Ben Morton



Your Name: BEN MORTON



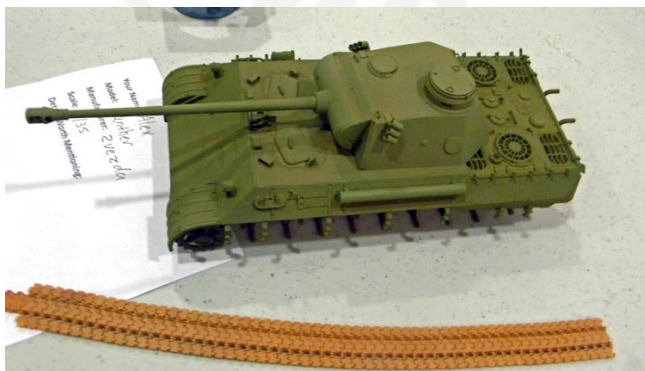
1/35th Spanish Civil War tankette - Bob Bethea



1/48th Bat SDKFZ & Flack 88 - Rick Harrington



1/72nd Type 92 - Mike Lamm



Zvesda 1/35th Pantherr D (in progress) - Alex

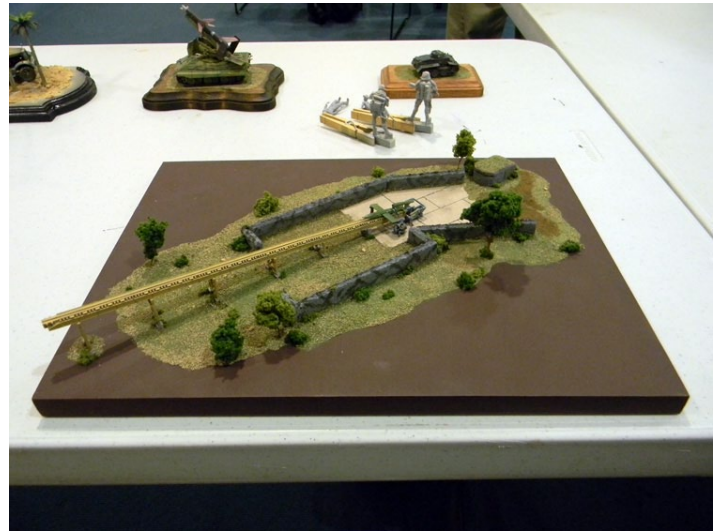


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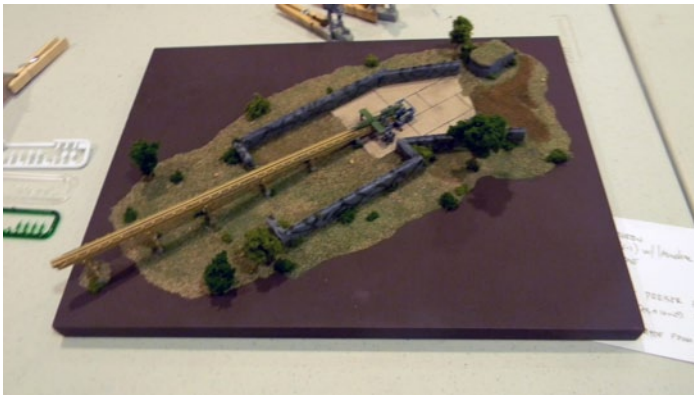
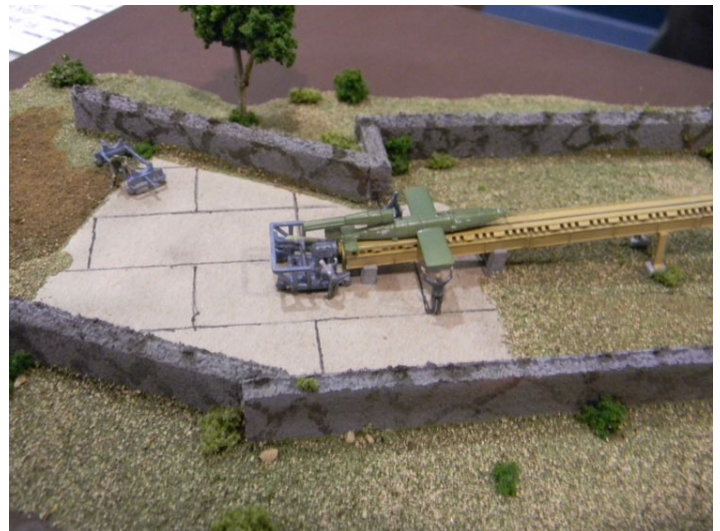
1/35th Israeli Magach - Rick Herrington



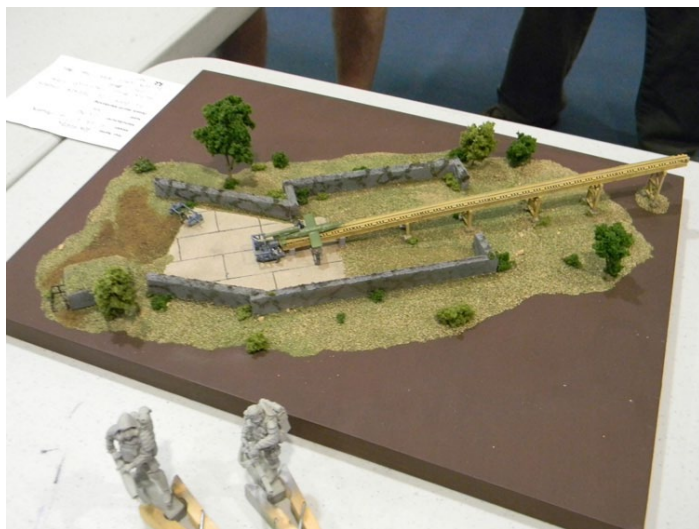
Tim Robb's 1/48th scale P-35 was the lone aircraft model at this month's meeting.



Ben Morton garnered the coveted Model of the Month spot with his V-1 launch site in 1/144th scale. This is the perfect scale to represent such a large subject matter.



We finish out the fun with a little 1/3th cafe set from ICM by Ben. As he points out, what you see is what you get.



That's all for now! - Woof

Rover





Building the Japanese Type 92 Heavy Armored Vehicle

By Mike Lamm

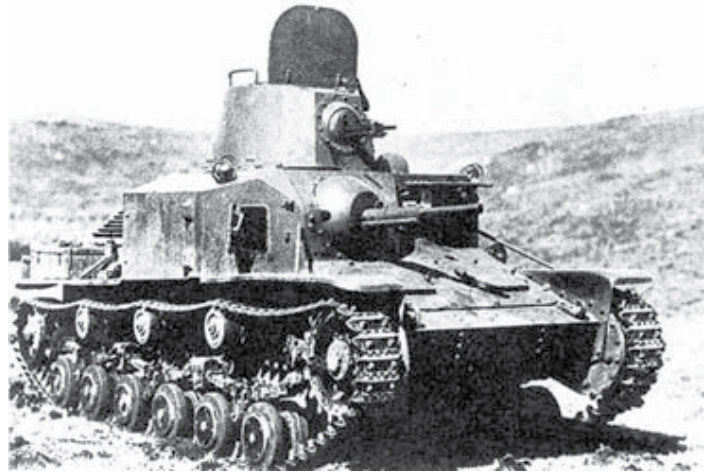
Following World War I, many European countries began investing more resources into modernizing their armies with armored cars. Japan was no different and in the early 1920s, the Japanese army began testing a various European designs. Due to the operating environments of Manchuria and the Korean peninsula, with their poor roads and extreme winter temperatures, the armored car fell out of favor. The cavalry began looking for a tracked vehicle that was light enough to operate over rough terrain and poor roads, and eventually, a decision was made to develop a new vehicle domestically.

The Type 92 Heavy Armored Vehicle was Japan's first domestically-built tracked armored vehicle. Its design was loosely based on early British tankette designs, and since this vehicle was ultimately intended for the Japanese cavalry, it was designated a "Heavy Armored Vehicle". According to Japanese political requirements, only the infantry could control "tanks" since the earliest tanks were intended to be infantry support vehicles.

The Type 92 entered service in 1932 and was manufactured by the Ishikawajima Motorcar Manufacturing Company, which would eventually become Isuzu Motors.

Over 7 years, Japan produced 167 Type 92 tankettes. This relatively small number was due in part to production problems and continual changes made to the vehicle during production. The "early version"

models featured six small road wheels, three return rollers, and a Type 91 6.5mm machine gun in both the hull, and the turret. The "later early version" models,



changed the 6.5 mm hull machine gun with a Type 92 heavy machine gun, license-built from Hotchkiss. The "late version" vehicles were armed with a Type 92 heavy machine gun in the hull, a 7.7 mm Type 97 light machine gun in the turret, three larger road wheels and two return rollers. The vehicle had a crew of 3.

The Type 92 was replaced by the Type 94 in the late 30s, early 40s; however, the last remaining versions were still operational in 1945 during the Russian campaign where they were eventually destroyed.



Until now, Pit Road Models is the only company to produce a Type 92 kit. They produced both an early and late version of the tankette in 1/35th scale. Croco Models, a small model manufacturer from the Republic of Latvia, has recently starting producing a model





of the type. As far as I can tell from a quick internet search, this is the only 1/72 kit of this tank available.

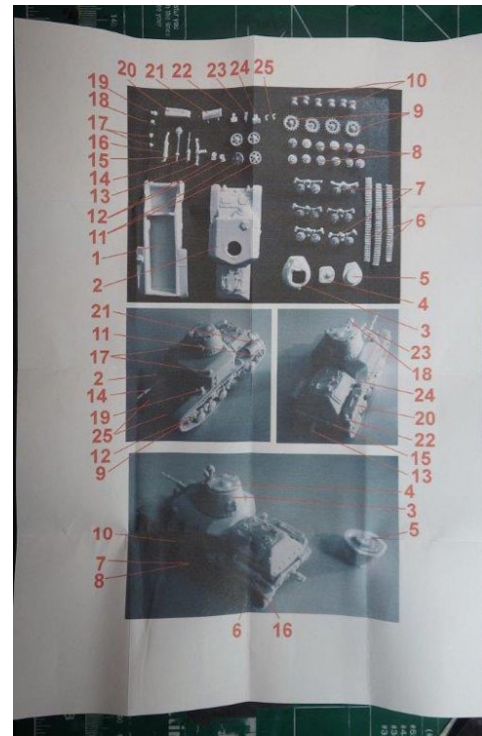
Just like the real-life tank, this 1/72 scale model is small. Very small. The tankette was just over 5 feet wide, and six feet tall, and the finished model comes



in at 9/10th of an inch wide, and just over an inch tall. The kit itself is so small, it comes packaged in two small plastic bags tucked into a top opening box no bigger than a large matchbox. The parts are molded in white resin, and typical of a short-run kit, there is a significant amount of flash.

The "instructions" are provided on one piece of paper with four photos. One photo shows all the parts, with numbers assigned to each, and the other three photos are of a completed model with lines pointing to where each numbered part goes. This leaves

it up to the modeler to figure out the best order to assemble the kit. Unfortunately, the instruction sheet is a color copy and two of the photos are too dark to tell where some of the parts should go. Using the internet and historical pictures of the real tank helped



clear up some of the confusion.

I started construction with the lower hull and assembled the road wheels and bogies. Half the road wheels are attached to the suspension, so the modeler will need to attach the back half of the road wheels before attaching them to the hull. I chose to clean up the pieces while they were still on the sprue in hopes of not losing any parts to the carpet monster. For the most part this worked well. The pieces cleaned up easily enough. The resin wasn't overly stiff which allowed for me to work with some of the bent pieces to get them straightened. Fitting the pieces to the hull was tricky and you really need to take your time and make sure everything is lined up correctly.

Once the running gear was attached, I moved on to attaching the treads. The tracks are provided in 6 straight pieces of thin resin in various lengths. The resin is thin enough that it will bend, but be careful. I successfully bent 3 of the track lengths around the driver sprockets and idler, but one piece broke during the bending process. Fortunately, there is about 2



inches of extra track length to work with if you end up breaking any pieces.

Once the lower hull and tracks were completed, I attached the upper hull and completed assembly of the various bits and pieces that attach to it. Compared to the lower hull, this part was a breeze. The parts cleaned up well, and there were no issues attaching everything.

sians, there are no surviving models, but there are a few color palettes available on-line. Basically, trial versions of the early model were painted a solid Japanese green, while units in the field were solid green, or had a 3 or 4 color hard edge camouflage pattern. Seeing how building the model had been a challenge, I decided to keep that theme and went with the 4-color camouflage.



Construction of this model is a little tricky and a lack of instructions, and having all resin parts, might put off some people, but who doesn't love a challenge? Especially, when the reward is a tank that will fit in the palm of your hand!

The finished model is quite striking for its size. The tankette has plenty of rivets, panel lines, hinges, and vent grates to make for a very interesting subject.

No painting instructions are provided with the kit, and thanks to the Rus-



Now go build your own Type 92, or any model for that matter.

Mike





OLD RUMORS/NEW KITS

Rick Herrington, Randy Bumgardner, Aaron Smischney, Golzar Shahrzad

Shipping News

By Rick Herrington

Not to many ship releases on the horizon this month.
Let's start with 1/700th scale.

1/700



Hasegawa is releasing Japan's largest post war ship build the Helicopter Destroyer JS Kaga. This is the closest JMSDF can come to building a true aircraft carrier post world war 2 due to the limitations put on the military after the war.v



Pit Road is releasing another modern Destroyer/ Helicopter ship the JMSDF Shirane DD-143. This one includes a photo etch set.



Aoshima is giving us an IJN Seaplane tender – Akitsushima



Fujimi is issuing another target ship for your Gato sub: IJN Fuel ship Nipponmaru



Pit Road is re-releasing its fine version of the Bismarck. This kit will contain parts to make both the Bismarck and the Tirpitz. Pit Road's kit was released under Trumpeter's brand here in the states and is recognized to be the best 1/700th kit of the ship to date.



Fujimi is reaching back to the tried and true WW2 IJN with an IJN Aircraft Carrier Taiho and an IJN Battleship Yamashiro (1941).



Both of the DX versions includes photo etched parts.



Finally if you were wondering if the IJN decided to get in on the KamiKaze fun toward the end of the war here's the perfect kit for you. Five Star Model has come out with a set of 4 IJN Shinyo Suicide Motorboats. These were used in combat in the Philippines and Okinawa against US naval forces.

1/350



Trumpeter hasn't released much lately in 1/350th but that's going to change. Two of the more interesting releases scheduled are the USS Baltimore CA-68 Heavy Cruiser and HMS Exeter. Trumpeter already has two 1/700th scale kits of the Baltimore out, one from 1943 and the other from 1944. Not sure which version the 1/350th is going to depict.



The release of HMS Exeter (York Class Heavy Cruiser) fills a much needed gap in British ship kits. She fought the Graf Spee and was eventually sunk in the Pacific.

That's it for this month. Pull a model from that stash and build it!

Rick



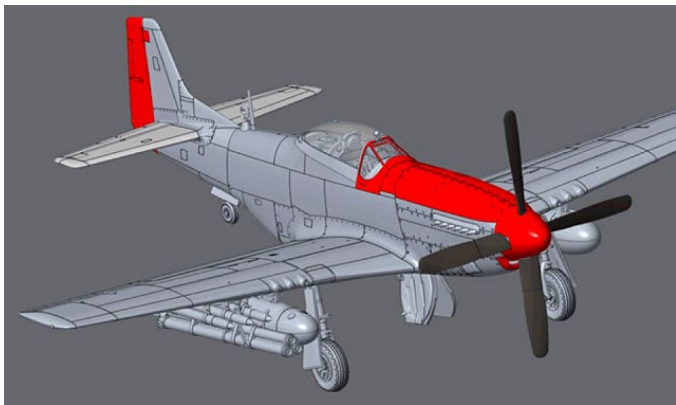


The Air Report

By Randy Baumgardner

It's already June and we still have the remaining half of our solar orbit to traverse. There is plenty of time for model building, and buying, so let's get to it.

Airfix is first out of the gate this month. I'm fairly certain that by now everyone has heard about their intent to produce a newly tooled 1/48 North American P-51D. The kit is due out in August and will include



two type of tail fillets. I would imagine that they will also issue the fillet less tail version at some point. The markings included in the kit are for two machines, one from the ETO and the other from the CBI.

Airfix is also planning on releasing a night fighter version of their nice 1/48 Defiant. The Defiant NF.I is scheduled to be released this fall and will include markings for two aircraft, the first from No.151 Sqdn, and the second from No.264 Sqdn flown by Squadron



Leader Philip James Saunders. Time to figure out just what color "Night" really is. It looks like black to me.

Kitty Hawk is up next with a couple of surprises for us. The first is a planned release of the North American FJ-3 Fury. A nice Cold War addition to any collection, and one that has been almost forgotten by the model manufacturers. Well, there have been resin kits by

North American FJ-3 Fury, US Navy, BuAer 135978, VF-154, NAS Ala



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both Collect-Aire and RVP, and Esca released a 1/48th scale injection molded kit ages ago. It's nice to see a modern kit maker bringing this aircraft to market. I don't have an idea on the release date, but perhaps by the end of the year?

Kitty Hawk is also bringing out a 1/32 F-5E/F for us to enjoy. There is no release date announced. Kitty Hawk have posted their CAD renderings on Facebook, but offered little in the way of details. So, you, gentle reader, are left to draw your own conclusions.



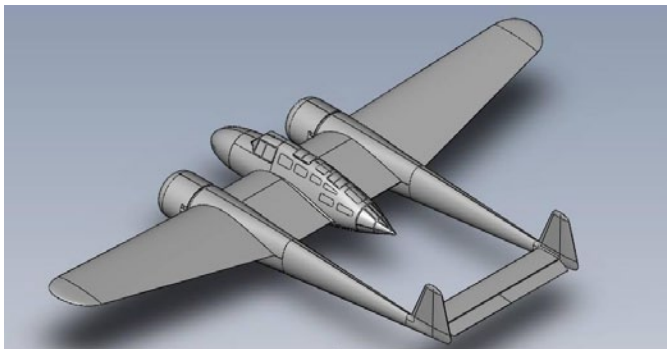


For all of the between-the-wars fans out there, Freedom Model Kits have announced their intention to release a new 1/48 Curtiss BF2C-1 Hawk III Model 68 in the future. This is the export version of the Model



67A and was supplied to Argentina, China, Thailand, and Turkey. It also retained the wood wings as the original Model 67. With a bit of work, one could also model the U.S. version Model 67A. As with Kitty Hawk, their CAD renders are out on Facebook, and really nothing else. Although, it is listed as “Coming Soon” in some of the images.

Mikromir has announced they will release a 1/48 Fokker G.1 in the near future. Well, hopefully it's the near future – it's certainly in the future. If it does see



the light of day, it's an interesting subject and should attract modelers with more esoteric tastes.

That's it for this month – short and sweet. Now go build something!

Randy



100 Years Ago Today:

[June 5th, 1917] The United States Navy's First Aeronautical Detachment disembarks from the collier USS "Jupiter" in France under the command of Kenneth Whiting. It is the first U.S. military unit to arrive in Europe.

[June 5th, 1917] Washington: When signing the Selective Services Act, President Wilson had designated 5 June as registration day. Now over nine and a half million men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty register for the draft.

[June 6th, 1917] The world's first landplane designed for use as a torpedo bomber, a Sopwith Cuckoo, is completed for the Royal Naval Air Service.



[June 7th, 1917] London: Winston Churchill returns to the government as chairman of the Air Board.

[June 7th, 1917] World War I: Battle of Messines in Flanders opens with the British Army detonating 19 ammonal mines under the German lines, killing 10,000 in the deadliest deliberate non-nuclear man-made explosion in history, which can be heard in London.

[June 14th, 1917] France: American Expeditionary Force arrives under command of General John J. Pershing; its size is expected to swell to over one million within year.

[June 12th, 1917] 18-year-old Erich Maria Remarque (All Quiet on the Western Front author) is first sent to the front

[June 14th, 1917] First aeroplane bombing hits London. The first major German bombing raid on London by fixed-wing aircraft leaves 162 dead and 432 injured in the east end.

[June 10th- 25th, 1917] Battle of Mount Ortigara. After fierce and bloody fightings the Italian 52nd Alpine Division managed to capture the top of Mount Ortigara. The Austro-Hungarian command promptly sent many trained reinforcements which retook it, the strenuous Italian resistance notwithstanding.

It Figures

By Rick Herrington?

Usually Aaron shares his knowledge with us about upcoming figure releases but this month he's been out of pocket so I'm going to try my hand at it.

A couple of new WW1 releases in 1-35th scale. From



Meng we have a set of WW1 Imperial German Storm Troopers and from ICM in the same scale we have



German WW1 infantry in gas masks (1918)

Valkyrie is releasing a set of Republic of Korea tank crew circa 2011. This set would be just right for the M60A3 that just came out by AFV.



Meng also has a set of 1-35th modern Russian tank crew.



Evolution Miniatures now has a figure in 1-35th of an Arab Rebel shooting home video.



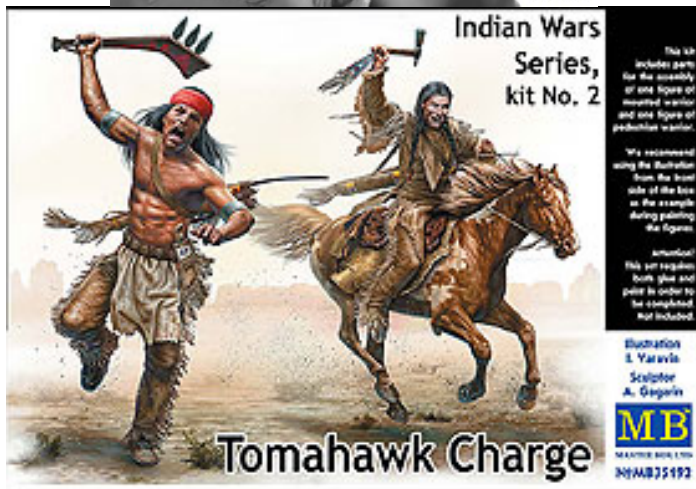
Bravo 6 known for their Vietnam related themes has come out with a two figure set of a helicopter crew called Saddlin' Up.

Masterbox has released a Vietnam themed set of figures depicting a couple of GI's negotiating price



with two ladies of the night. It's called "Somewhere in Saigon".

Masterbox has a reputation for releasing unusual figure sets in 1/35th scale. Their latest series of figures is called Indian Wars. Their latest is called Tomahawk Charge and for plastic figures the detail is not to bad. It only seems logical that they will be releasing US Cavalry or cowboys to give the indians someone to attack.



Finally MasterBox has a new release in their Dangerous Curves Series. This 1-24th scale release is meant for the car guys. It's called "Sloan-Vegas baby".

Hopefully Aaron will be back next month. Til then Ciao baby!

Aaron



"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is to try just one more time."

- Thomas Edison



Tracked Topics

By Rick Herrington

Let's start out with the 1/35th stuff. Zvesda is first up this month with their kit of the Russian 2S19



Mista-S 152mm Self Propelled gun. Trumpeter has already released this monster but it's nice to see a Russian manufacturer doing this important Russian vehicle.

If you're not familiar with Panda they are the military vehicle section of the airplane kit manufacturer Kitty Hawk. Panda is releasing an M1 MBT in 1-35th scale. Oh boy you say another M1! Hold on. This one is the M1 MBT when it was first introduced with the



105mm gun. Tamiya is the only manufacturer who has done a kit of this mark and it is very long in the tooth now. Panda has been hit or miss with their armor kits so the jury is out on this one.

Takom is keeping up their prodigious production with several new releases. Two new M47 Patton



kits. The first is the US version and the second (E/M) can be built as a Pakistani or Iranian version.

The British FV432 Mk 3 Bulldog armored personnel carrier is next. This was an up-armored Brit infantry



carrier re-designed to meet the requirements of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Finally, Takom is releasing a Russian Kamaz 63968 Typhoon K MRAP with cabin and interior.





Fine Molds is stepping up with an unusual release in 1/35th, a Type 73 JGSDF (Japanese Ground Self Defense Force) Mitsubishi Light truck with a Mobile Anti-tank system.



1/48th scale

Tamiya is releasing a JGSDF Light armored vehicle.



1/72nd scale

Hobby Boss is releasing a IDF Merkava Mark 3D.



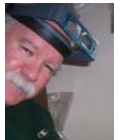
Fujimi's next two offerings are designed to work together so that you can build up your own Type 81



Surface to Air Missile site. Two different kits, one depicting the launcher and the other the fire control vehicle.

That's it for this month. Grab something from that stash and build it.

Rick



**"If you are going through hell, keep going."
- Winston Churchill**



Miscellaneous

By Golzar Shahrzād

Valom is releasing a new kit of the Heinkel He 119 V5. The maritime reconnaissance/ attack float



plane is an injected molded, 1/72nd scale kit. There are markings for the prototype. Perhaps a

small matter, but my sources note that it was the third prototype (V3) that was fitted with floats. Nevertheless, it will be an interesting addition to your collection.

If you have a spare two hundred thousand dollars lying about you can purchase a McLaren 570S. If



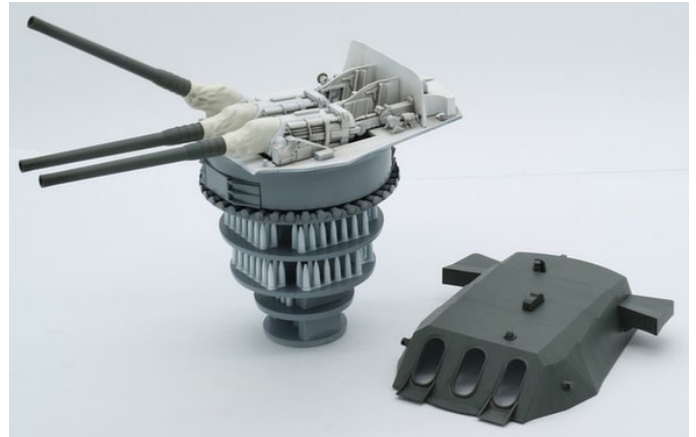
not, then you can purchase a 1/24th scale version from Revell for considerably less. This new injected molded kit features positionable doors, a right or left hand drive option, and a detailed 562 HP, 3.8 liter twin turbo V-8 engine.

If fast cars aren't your cup of tea, how about a motorcycle? Tamiya is adding to its line of 1/6th



scale big bikes with a Honda CRF 1000L Africa Twin. The kit is inspired by Honda's four time winner of the Paris-Dakar rally (off-road motorcycle race). You can get a real one for a lot less than the McLaren and with no wait time.

Fujimi is releasing a 1/200th scale model of the main gun mount from the battleship Yamato. The injected molded Type 94 gun mount features full interior detail with ammunition storage. The model



is molded in multiple colors and is designed to be a snap-fit kit. Previously Trumpeter Models has included cut away models of the main gun turret on some of their recent 1/200th scale ship models. This is the first time, to this correspondent's knowledge, that this type of model has been available as a separate item.

Aoshima is re-issuing their 1/72nd scale Kawasaki OH-1 Ninja. This is the JGSDF light observation helicopter and comes with a crew of four and towing tractor. The model features a detailed cockpit, positionable crew doors, avionics bay, and poseable flight surfaces.



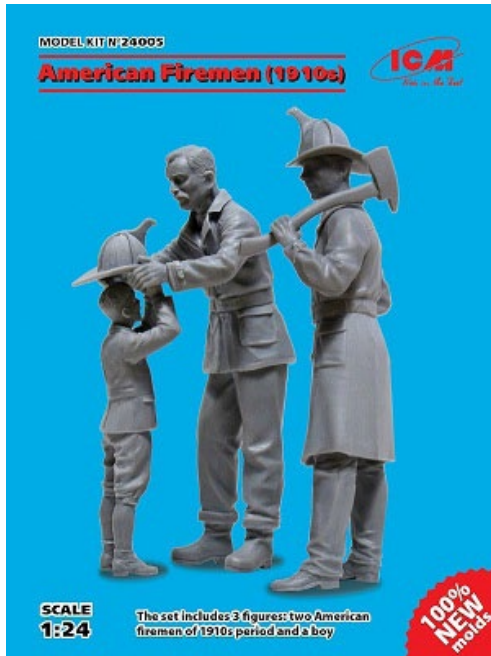
First To Fight has something that may be of interest to all you 'red-legs' out there. This 1/72nd scale

injected molded kit is of the Schneider 75mm Polish field cannon. This version features DS wheels.



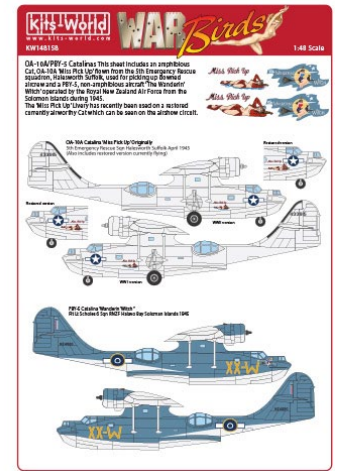
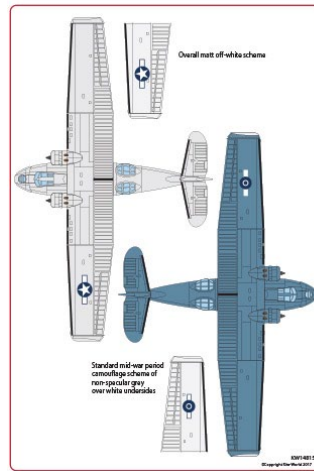
Those are the rubber tired wheels as opposed to an early version with spoked wheels.

ICM keeps adding to their excellent figures sets. This time we have a 1/24th scale, injected model set of American Fireman, circa 1910. The box contains three figures, two firemen and a small boy. As



you might expect, this will make a nice addition to ICM's Model T 1914 firetruck.

Kits World has released a large number of new decals sets. The one that caught my eye features markings for the PBY-5 Catalina. Among the releases are markings for a Black Cat from VP-11 or an OA-10A, rescue squadron, 1945. These decal sets

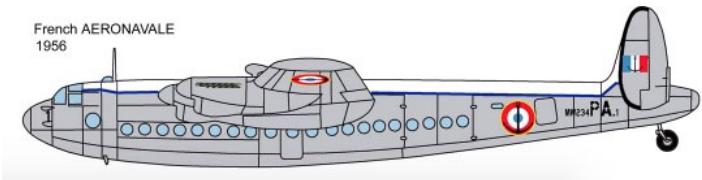
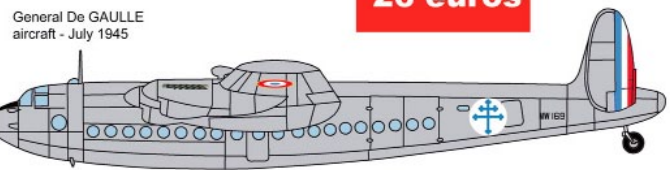


are available in either 1/48th or 1/72nd scale.

Mach 2 Models is still alive and well. They are releasing a new 1/72nd scale kit of the Avro 685 York to while away the hours. These kits are typically limited run, low pressure molded kits and as such require a tad more work than your typical model kit. There are two markings options of the Avro 685: the personal aircraft of General De Gaulle or a French Aéronavale version.



26 euros





For something else that may task your modeling patience there is a new kit from A Model. They are releasing a 1/72nd scale injected molded kit of the



VM-T Atlant. This was a Soviet transport aircraft that was developed when the Soviet Union had a space shuttle program. The Atlant was a modified M-4 Molot bomber. Not unlike the modified 747 shuttle carrier used by NASA.

Flyhawk Models produces some excellent (well molded and nicely detailed) small scale armor kits. The latest item from them is a 1/72scale injected



molded kit of the Abrams M1A2 SEP main battle tank. The kit contains nineteen parts, a one piece barrel, photo etch and simplified tracks. Flyhawk has a tendency to release multiple version of the same basic kit so one could expect to see other variant of the Abrams in the future.

With apologies to the Eagles, everybody is talking about the new kid in town. New manufacturer T Model (Hong Kong) is releasing a 1/72nd scale injected molded kit of the M1114 HMMWV. This is



the up-armored version and features 138 parts with some photo etch for the gun shields, etc. There is an out-o-the-box review by Richard Dyer on Military Modelings website.

<http://www.militarymodelling.com/news/article/t-model-us-modern-m1114-up-armored-hmmwv/25193>



AFV Club is finally releasing a 1/35th scale injected molded kit of the M113 ACAV. Rumors of this release have been bouncing around for what seems like forever. It would appear to be the older Academy kit (hull and running gear) with some new parts from AFV Club.



If your modeling interests fall more in the line with variations of the M113, Dragon has you cov-



ered. They have a 1/35th scale injected molded kit of the M752 Lance missile launcher/transporter. This newly tooled kit contains some photo etch and a detailed launcher. The only other model of this vehicle was a 1/87th scale version from ROCO Minitanks. One can hope that Dragon will come out with the transporter vehicle (M688) as well.

For Soviet/ Russian armor fans, MiniArt Models has a T-60 rumbling down the pike. The T-60 kit contains four hundred and two parts and seventy-eight bits of photo etch. With a detailed interior, turret, and driver/ engine compartment this should



model should keep you busy for a while. There is a detailed Gaz-202 engine included and the tracks are all individual links.

Wingnut Wings is adding a new 1/32nd scale aircraft kit to their already extensive line-up. This new kit is of the reconnaissance aircraft Jeannin Stahltaube.

The German Taube was developed by Igo Etrich and Franz Wels, both Austrian from a French design by Emil Jeannin. How is that for irony?



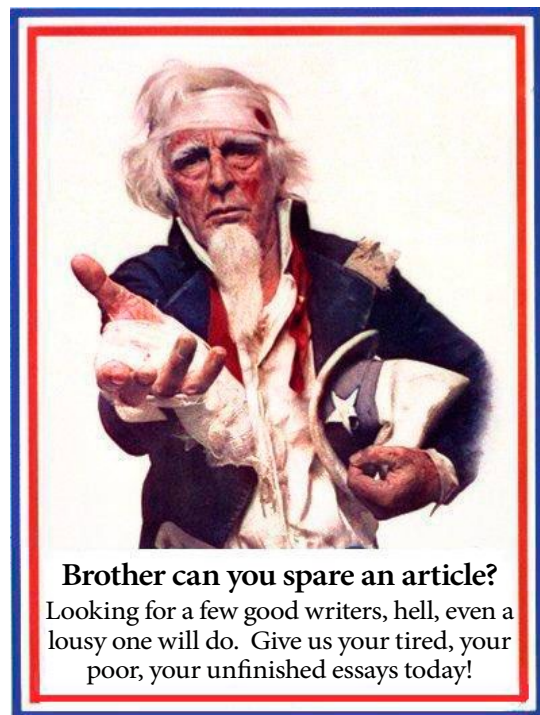
Uzun yaşamak ve gelişmek!

Golzar



“What’s right is what’s left if you do everything else wrong.”

—Robin Williams



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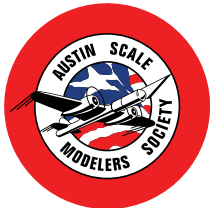
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