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El Presidente

By Aaron Smischney

Greetings fellow modelers!

Another hot month in Texas rolls by. How's your models coming for our upcoming show? Yup it's just around the corner!

I want to encourage everyone in the club to finish a model for the show.

I also want to send the call out for articles for our award winning newsletter. At our next meeting I will be asking for volunteers to write articles each month, and I encourage everyone to share their knowledge and talents with your fellow club members.

Don't be shy! Each of us has our own strengths and experiences we can share with others. You can write a report about a model show you went too, or even a museum.

Sky's the limit! Go build a model!

Aaron





F-55 Feuerlilie w/launching ramp

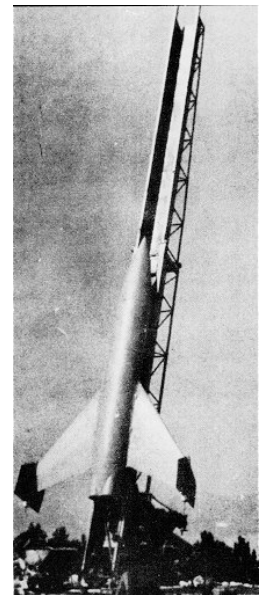
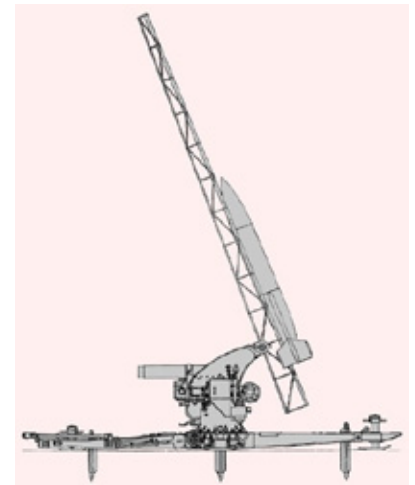
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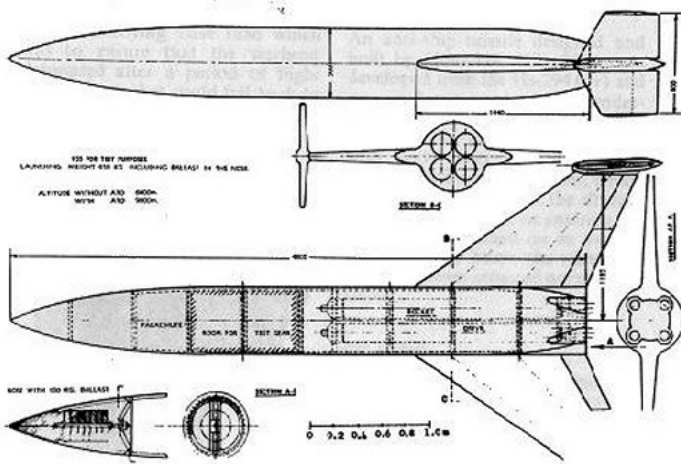


From our pals at Wikipedia: Feuerlilie (English: fire lily) was the code name of a German anti-aircraft missile, which was developed in 1940 and was shelved because of problems with the controller and the drive section at the end of January 1945 in favor of other projects. The Feuerlilie was built and tested at Rheinmetall-Borsig in two versions: the F-25 with a diameter of 25cm, and the F-55 55cm in diameter. The engines were Rheinmetall 109-505/515 solid rockets.

With the completion of the development of the F-25, the main interest in the LFA focused on the F-55. This was a remote-controlled 2-stage supersonic missile (first stage: solid and level flight: liquid). Launching the device was made from an oblique ramp, later also on a modified 88-mm anti-aircraft gun launch pad. The first production of the F-55 was completed in April 1942.

On 25 January 1943 a contract was sent to the Ardelt company in Breslau for the construction of five test samples. The construction of the units was completed in February 1943. On 9 March there was a delay to the delivery of the batch, now 30 units, due to technical problems, including with the controller and the drive section. The first launch of an F-55A1 was on 12 May 1944. It flew for 69 seconds and a distance of 7500 m. From 19 October 1944 at Greifswalder Oie three further launches of the F-55A2, which demonstrated their unstable flight behavior. The launch of the





improved F-55A3 was aborted on 21 October 1944 because of technical problems.

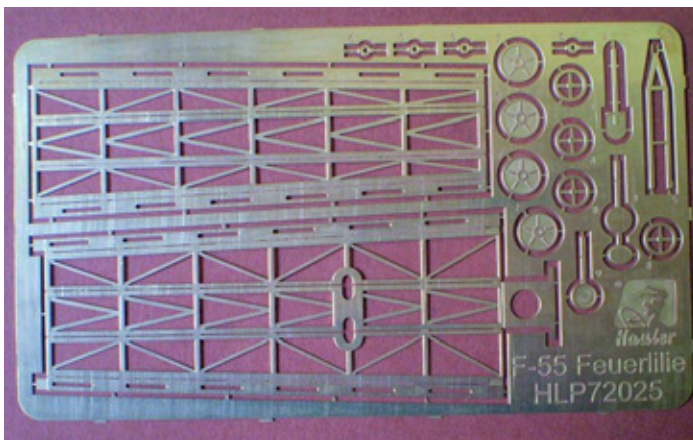
On 22 November 1944 the Technical Department of the Air Ministry cut the number of F-55s from 25 to 11 devices. There was a further cut in December 1944 to 20 sample units of the A2 and A3 models. The last documented attempt to fly an F-55A2 took place on 11 December 1944 at Greifswalder Oie.

To accelerate the development and to obtain reliable results, on 14 January 1945 it was decided to use the unmodified drive from the Henschel Hs 293 in the F-55 A2 and A3. The F-55 would have a larger tail for greater flight stability. As the development was discontinued in late January 1945 these changes were scrapped.

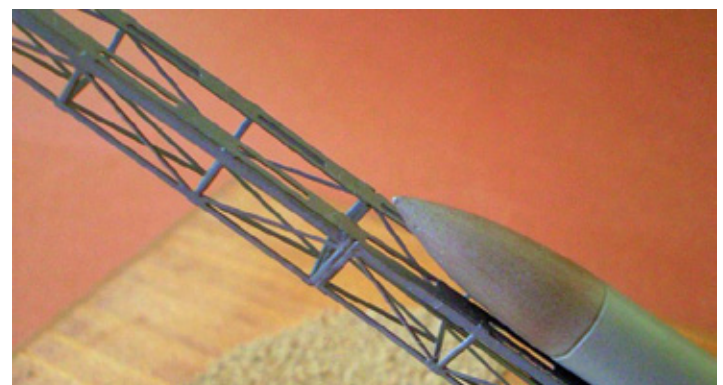
thinking that this release looks kinda familiar then you'd be right. This kit has previously been available under the Extra TECH banner.



The AA missile is comprised of seven light gray resin bits which are easily removed from the pour stubs. The missile body has some lovely engraved panel lines as well as the detail of the thrust nozzles on the aft end of the F-55.



This complete resin and photo-etch kit from Hauler represents the F-55 Feuerlilie (Fire Lily). As mentioned above, the kit also includes the modified 88mm anti-aircraft gun launch platform. If you're



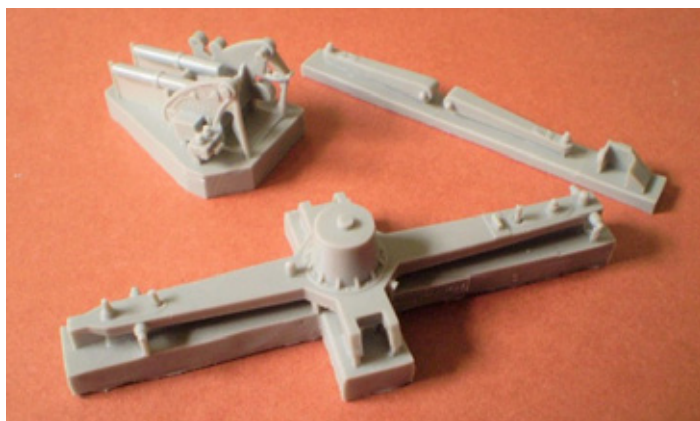
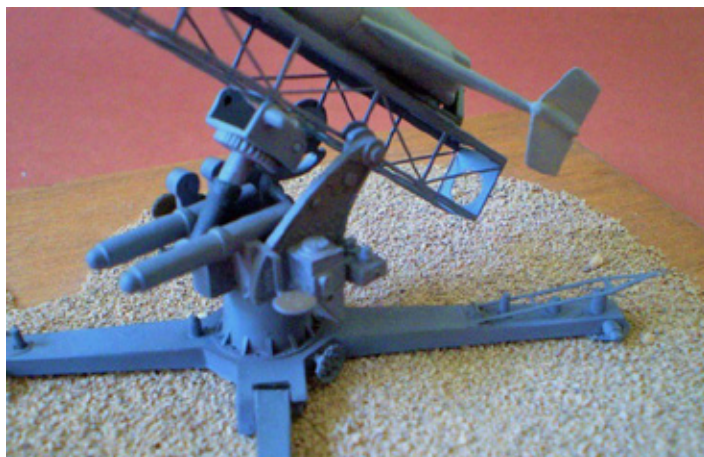
The guidance wings, which exhibit their own engraved detail, are all of two pieces to which are added two winglets per wing. After assembling the F-55 missile all that's left to do is decide what color to paint it. This was a prototype weapon, so just about any shade of gray would be accurate, as would natural metal. Let your imagination run wild.



The next step is to remove the resin bits for the launch platform from the pour stubs, clean up the edges and glue them together. The base of the launch platform is a single piece to which is added a couple of outriggers and a one-piece launch rail carriage. All of these items have appropriate detail and really look nice assembled.



both. I used some leftover HO scale Roco Minitanks parts for both.



There are a couple of omissions in the kit that might be worth mentioning. One is the lack of an elevating mechanism for the launch rail and the want of a mount for the missile upon said launch rail. Neither of these minor omissions is insurmountable as most everyone probably has the odd fiddly bits in their spare parts box to fix them



The photo-etch parts in the kit are mostly just the launch rail. This launch rail is a two piece affair so some care will need to be taken when folding to get the mating edges to line up properly. Not to fret,





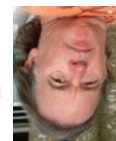
it isn't a grave task. I did it! The other photo-etch parts are for platform details such as outrigger pads, elevation wheels, and crew seats. You even get a shovel and tow bar.

This F-55 Feuerlilie kit from Hauler is excellent and, in particular, a great kit for anyone wishing to get their feet wet with either resin, photo-etch, or both. It is a simple kit to assemble and the photo-etch parts require a minimal amount of folding. Which can be done without the aid of a bending tool. However, I would recommend using a straight edge for that task...at the very least.

It's great to see this 1/72nd scale F-55 Feuerlilie available once again.



Ben





Zimmerit Made Easy

by Rick Herrington

Most armor builders have attempted modeling the anti-magnetic concrete paste (zimmerit) applied to German tanks during WW2 with varying results.

Cavalier makes zimmerit custom made for tank kits which you just cut out and glue on. Eduard and other companies make aftermarket products also to simulate zimmerit. My method is simple and with practice can give you great results.



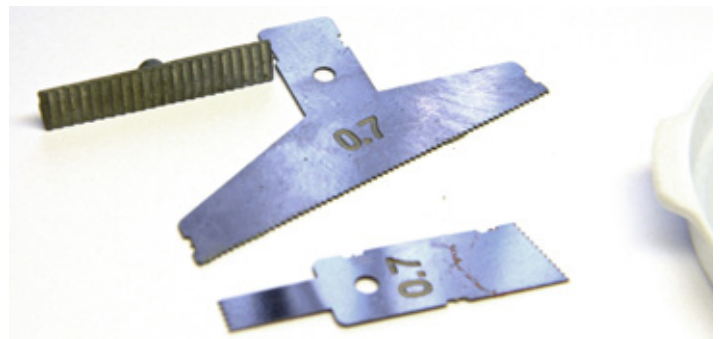
I use Bondo automotive glazing putty for the coating thinned with Testors liquid glue. You can obtain glazing putty at any parts store, just make sure it's lacquer based.

Mix the glazing putty with the Testors liquid glue until you have a semi-liquid paste. You'll have to experiment with



the consistency. Too thin and it won't hold your pattern, to thick and it won't spread well with your tool. Once you are be able to spread the paste like the picture below you're ready to apply it to your panzer.

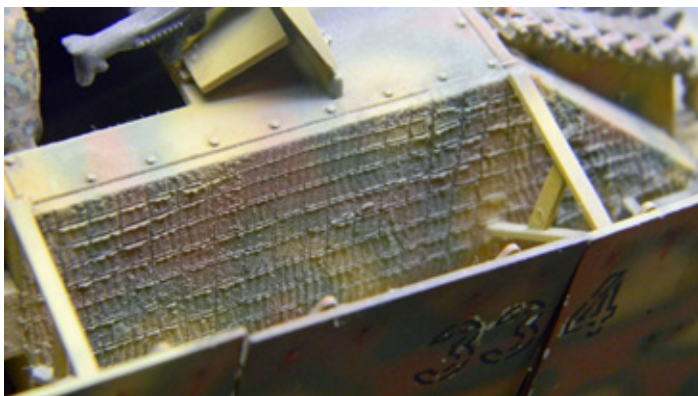
There are a number of different tools sold to apply zimmerit patterns. I've spent money on a few of them but the best tool I've found so far is Campbell Scale Models Corrugated Aluminum.



I have a set of Tamiya zimmerit tools and used these for my latest King Tiger project only because I couldn't find where I stashed my corrugated aluminum. Fortunately the Tamiya tools worked fine.

Scrape the paste up with your tool and apply. It should look like this.

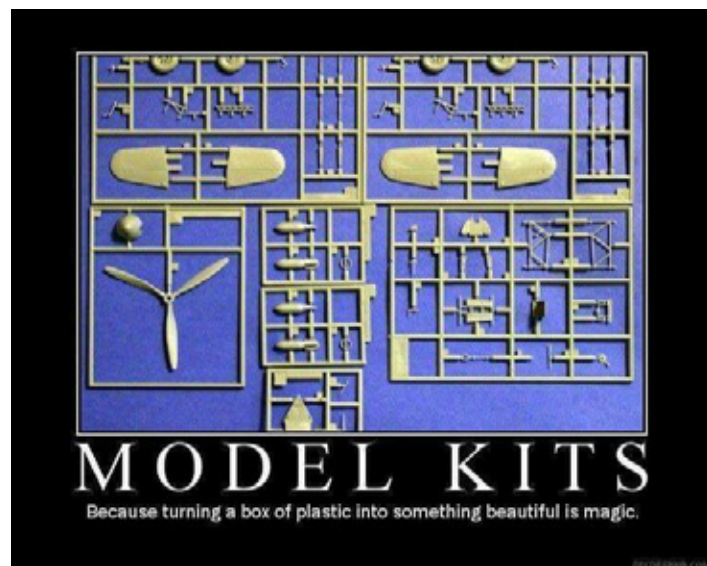




I use an exacto knife to cut the vertical lines in the zimmerit. Be sure you reference photos of your tank as patterns vary from vehicle to vehicle. If you have a picture of the tank your modeling you can use its pattern as a guide. Here's some pictures of a Sturmgeschutz, a Tiger 1 and a King Tiger I did with a different zimmerit patterns..

That's my method. It has worked well for me over the years. Hope you can use it as well.

Rick





ASMS MEETING

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7:00pm - 8:45pm
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Old Quarry Branch Library
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Next meeting July 19th, 2018

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The Cotton Report: *Back to Business*

By Rick Cotton

The boxes are mostly unpacked. The pictures are mostly up. Sweetie has organized her new kitchen, and is delighted that she still has space. The furniture is arranged, and, most importantly, the cases have all been moved and the models within them mostly arrived safely. It's a good feeling. We are moved.

I am working out of a temporary modeling space now, as the garage still has other items waiting to be sorted, weeded out, placed, or discarded. Once that is done, the new permanent shop starts going up, and I am hot-to-trot to get this done.

So, for now, I am working out of a temporary space, that was built as an office or extra sitting room. It has a nice large window, good lighting, and Sweetie has placed a desk and associated shelving and other modeling accoutrements in there. I have my old radio shows, and enough room to actually glue things together again. I have even found about 75% of my tools, paint, and materials! (More are being unearthed as the days go by). Never know what the next box will yield!

I cannot spray anything in this area, any activity like that goes out into the garage... which is a bit steamy in a Texas May. Sort of like a Bangladesh monsoon or really good Finnish sauna. No matter.

We do what we have to do for our art, don't we?

So, I am a bit limited in what I can do right now, but it's not too bad. I am actually doing something that does not require a whole lot of spraying – two 1/700th scale ships.

They are a commission job, from a fellow in the Dallas area, and are turning out to be a very enjoyable project, even for someone used to building ships in a MUCH larger scale. The joys of 1/700th scale photoetch – oh my. I have a new appreciation for guys like Rick Warring, who can pull these eeny-meeny little vessels off with such skill and panache.



It's a different ball game from my normal world of 1/350.

The parts are tiny. This can be a challenge. Those tweezers had better have clean, sharp tips, not gobbled all over with dried cyanoacrylate. Yes, I had to scrape mine clean. Even after that, one tends to feel a little like King Kong when trying to place items on these tiny vessels. Your fingers feel huge, and your movements clumsy.

There are positives – MUCH lower parts count. The whole thing can be primed quickly, and then just as quickly, the lovely light gray 507C Royal Navy paint can be BRUSHED on! Yes... brushed! Two liberal coats, and there are no brushmarks. A nice dark gray wash, and we are in business.

The subjects are two RN capital ships, HMS Malaya, and HMS Repulse, and the customer wants them depicted in the 1920's to 30's, when he had a relative that sailed on them. So be it, rip the plastic off the box, and away we go.

Malaya is no problem, we simply take the Trumpeter Queen Elizabeth, which is molded in her 1918 fit, and do some minor detail changes to make her sister. Not a problem, except for the prop shaft which fell off, got stepped on, and had to be refabricated by me. A bit of swearing there. Overall, a few weeks (instead of months) and we are done! She's a lovely little battlewagon, only 9 inches or so long. A classic tripod-masted between-the-wars monster, straight off a black-and-white British Pathe newsreel.

Here's a shot of her, nearing completion in the Cotton Shipyards.



Repulse, on the other hand... oh boy. The kit is her "as lost" configuration – 1941, and many, many changes are needed for a 20's to 30's - looking Repulse. No aircraft. Different crane. Different platforms. Some platforms just go away completely. Almost no AA. No hangars or aircraft catapult. Hmmm... this will be a bit of a project. Pictures? Yes, I have downloaded everything I can find. I used a fine chisel and scraped off all that deck catapult detail. I will probably have to cut a new after platform from stock plastic. I will scrape off a lot of AA mounts. Lots and lots of sanding where things are removed.

In short, this will be an involved sort of build. I do not fear such a build, as I have done it before, and the skills needed are the same, just on a much, much smaller scale. As long as there are pictures... it can be done.

Here she is so far....



It will be good practice for some of the things I have in mind farther down the road. 1/350th Shinano comes immediately to mind, as do several other vessels not likely to see the mainstream producers' production list. We all have subjects we wish would come out, but never do. Sometimes, we just have to take the bull by the horns, and make things happen.

But we are modelers. We can make it happen. And now, I once again have a space to make it happen. There are subjects that will require a lot of spraying, and I will eventually have to build the shop and get to them, but for now, I am in business, and am working again.

It's a good feeling.

Rick





On The TABLE

By **Flanged End Yoke**

Procrastinator Contest

Time's up! No more procrastinating. In January this year those who participated in the ASMS annual procrastinator contest had a model selected by a fellow modeler to built by last month's meeting. Five members who participated actually finished their projects. Prizes were kindly donated by King's Hobbys.

Ron McCracken garnered first place with his fine Consolidated PB2Y-5 Coronado. The kit was originally Bondo's and is a 1/74th Mach II offering. Ron scratch built the turret interiors and the cockpit among other upgrades to bring the kit up to speed.



Rick Herrington took second place with his 1/350th scale Trumpeter Admiral Hipper. Rick added the dedicated Flyhawk photo etch set and used Veteran Models weapon sets for the ships armament.



Alex Gashev took third place with his 1/35th T-34 76 by Dragon models. Alex has built a lot of T-34s and he says this is the best one yet.





Ben Morton brought in several new projects including the 1/35th MiniArt FL-282 Kolibri which graced the cover of our publication last month. The FL-282 is even more impressive in person.



Ben also brought in a 1/144th scale F4U Corsair by AFV club. Ben marked it in livery for a New Zealand aircraft.



Ben also brought in a Minicraft 1/144th B24D and a Takom Mg Ace in 1/35th scale.



Bob Bethea brought in his usual plethora of projects. His 90 mm Andrea mounted cowboy with scratch built calf was a stunner.

He also had with him his 1/48th Sturmgeschutz with Gasoline tank riders.





Last from Bob was his in progress Hanomag 251D/20 UHU from AFV club. This one has been in progress for several meetings



David Edgerly brought in a Revell Type VIID U-boat in 1/144th scale. David added photo etch stains and added the crew poop shelf on the railing. This particular version was designed to lay mines.



Ziggy Downs-Bumgardner brought in his Bandai RX-O Banshee Gundam. Ziggy also presented a program on the history of Gundam's at the meeting.



James Agay brought in his WIP 1/350th Trumpeter HMS Dreadnought.



Several other Works in Progress were brought in.

Aaron Smischney brought in 1/12th scale Russian Sniper bust.





Milton Bell brought in a 1/48th ME-109,



and Ian Candler brought in his 1/32nd Russian I-16 by ICM.



Thanks to everyone that brought in your work including you procrastinators that actually finished your projects.

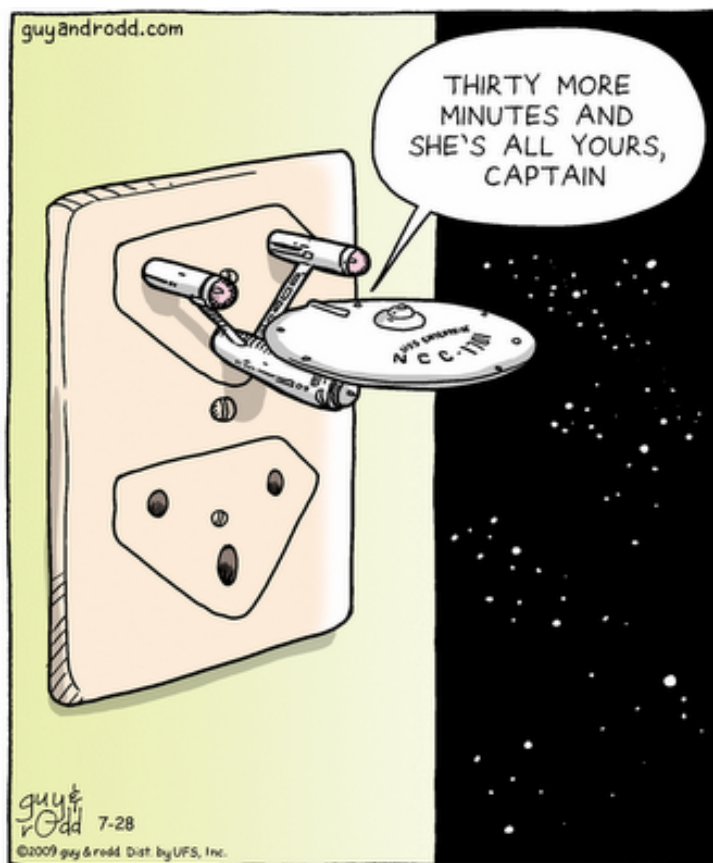
Flanged



The awkward moment you show up at the wrong rebel war reenactment



We are all here for a spell. Get all the good laughs you can.
— Will Rogers





OLD RUMORS/NEW KITS

Rick Herrington, Randy Bumgardner, Aaron Smischney, Golzar Shahrzad

Shipping News

By Rick Herrington

Some great new releases this month. Let's start off with 1/700th scale.

1/700

S-model is releasing a PLA Navy Type 052C destroyer. PLA is People's Liberation Army also read as China.



AJM models has an interesting release HMS Chitral. She was a British armed merchant cruiser. Considering the big role merchant cruisers/raiders had in WW2 there are very few of these kits out there.



Revell is back with a WW1 German battleship SMS Koenig.



Fujimi has a couple of, surprise, Japanese releases. Both kits include a bonus photo etch set. IJN Kagero Class destroyer and IJN Light Cruiser Isuzu. Both are WW2 ships.





Trumpeter is releasing a 1941 version of the Royal Navy battleship HMS Queen Elizabeth.



Pit Road has a welcome new release, a WW2 USN Light Cruiser CL-55 Cleveland.



1/350

AFV has several new 1/350th submarine kits. The first is a German Type VIID mine layer submarine. If you were at the meeting last month Dave Edgerly brought in a 1/144th scale version of this sub.



Next is the USS Guppy Type 1B. Refreshing to see a release other than the Gato class sub.



Aoshima is releasing a Chinese Junk circa 1880.



Other Scales

In an off scale, 1/196, Lindberg is releasing Fulton's Side Wheel Steamboat Clermont. This is a re-release of the old Pyro kit.





Last on the list in 1/35th scale Hobby Fan is releasing an Aircat Vietnam Era Airboat in resin. If you want to re-create your favorite episode of Swamp People and you have an extra \$100 burning up your pocket this is the kit for you.



That's it for this month. Get a kit from your stash and build it!
Til next time.

Rick



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September
Bondo Contest

December
White Elephant Contest

Monthly Meeting Presentations:

July Bob Bethea
August Dave Edgerly
September Ian Candler
October Milton Bell
November Rick Herrington
December Ian Latham

Thought for the day:

If a hydrogen atom were the size of Earth, the proton at its center would fit inside a football stadium. The electron orbiting it would be close to the size of a baseball, and a neutrino could be compared to a lone ant.



The Air Report

By Ron McCracken

This being my first shot at gathering aircraft kit news, I should perhaps comment on the amazing variety of information (and mis-information) to be found in the Wild Wild West (aka, the World Wide Web).

I regard part of my mission as weeding out the sheer speculation and hopefully offering some realistic guesses as to what is soon to be available. I intend to do that by presenting only kits I've seen mentioned in multiple locations, or advertised by the manufacturer as either available or available for pre-order, or with at least a pre-release kit review in evidence.

July-August is looking promising for the aircraft fanatics out there, in most of the popular scales. Starting at the large end, we have coming up in 1/32nd scale:

Wingnut Wings has announced an Albatros D.V "Manfred von Richthofen", available for pre-order and shipping in mid-to-late August. This is a re-release of their out-of-stock D.V, with new Cartograph decals for a D.V reputedly flown by the famous WW I ace, and a three-part resin figure sculpted by Mike Good and available only with this model. So, if you missed the boat the first time around, here's your chance to get your D.V.



Trumpeter is scheduled to release a Mig 29 Fulcrum "C" this month, but the box art is about all I've been able to find on it. Odds are good that this is more than idle speculation, since it is a continuation of a series of Mig 29's in this scale from Trumpeter.



An oldie-but-goodie helicopter is to appear (or re-appear) in 1/35th: Revell has announced a re-release of the MRC kit of the UH-1C. How the recent buy-out of Revell will impact this is unknown, but a photo of box art and a built-up example tend to indicate it is at least close to release.



In 1/48th there is cause for rejoicing as well, leading off with Revell's upcoming release (July-August, depending on who you listen to) of a Bristol Beaufighter TF.X (the one with the big, bulbous nose). Hyperscale has a build article (done from a test shot) and it looks like a pretty decent kit. The



reviewer gave it good marks, at any rate. Indeed, the review indicated it was one of the best Beaufighters available in this scale.



Special Hobby is re-releasing their 1:48 Grumman AF-2 Guardian as an AF-3S with alternate parts including resin parts for a MAD boom.



In 1/72nd there are several new offerings on the way, if you can deal with limited-run kits:

Sword has announced two boxings of what is reported as a new mold RF-84F Thunderflash and a BAC Lightning T.Mk. 4/T. Mk 5. The Lightning appears to be a re-box of the kit originally released in 2014 and extensively reviewed at that time. The Thunderflash is an especially welcome replacement for Italeri's



aging kit of this aircraft, and no less than eight markings options will be available across the two boxings. Having said that, there are rumors that this is merely an update/improvement of Italeri's aging kit. I tend to doubt that, but haven't found photos of any actual sprues, so I can't discount it entirely.



Special Hobby is releasing a kit of the C-41A (Casa 212), which is a small, boxy-shaped twin-turboprop transport used by U.S. Special Operations forces. The kit should scale out to about 10 ¼ inches in wingspan. Scalemates indicates it is an alternate-parts rebox of an earlier release of the same basic airframe, so I rate the likelihood of its appearance in the near future to be pretty good.



Ron





It Figures

By Aaron Smischney

Let's see what's new in Liliputian fake people...

Chronos Miniatures has a new model of an Orc woman that looks pretty cool, she's taking a rest after cutting off a giant's head. Very "Skrim" look to her.



She's available as a resin model in 75mm and 54mm as a limited edition, the regular edition will be in metal and 54mm.



From the kit pictures it looks like she is very nicely cast and the segments are in hidden areas so she should build up very nicely.



<http://chronos-miniatures.com>

Our friends at scale 75 have a new steampunk bust "Amelia Steam"



She looks pretty nice, and is already available!



<https://scale75usa.com>



United Empire Miniatures has a new bust in 1/9th scale by the superb sculptor Yury Serebryakov, the Oprichnik Light Cavalryman 1533-1584.



<http://www.unitedempireminiatures.com>

I'm not a huge fan of the box art, but the sculpt looks good. If I could have one wish (hobby related) it would be that every manufacturer displays their miniatures unpainted so we can see the sculpt.

Andrea miniatures has a new piece in their Eisernes Kreuz line, an honest to goodness goose-stepping Nazi! Liebstandarte Adolf Hitler SS (Body guard Adolf Hitler)



2 Heads included



This figure will be available in multiple scales, with the 1/48 and 1/72 scales coming in sets of three. It's also going to be available as a single in 1/35, 1/32, and 1/16.





Elan13 miniatures has a new figure out that looks neat, a German Jasta Pilot from WW1 in 1/32nd scale.

<http://elan13.co.uk>



He would look great next to your latest Wingnut Wings project or by himself. Oh look we also get to see the model without paint! Good on you Elan13, maybe my wish is coming true!

Those are my updates, till next time!

Aaron



Tracked Topics

By Aaron Smischney

Greetings armor fans and hello to y'all armor curious folks.

Let's start out with a new announcement from Amusing Hobby a Vietnam era LVTH-6. (Landing Vehicle Tracked, Howitzer) in 1/35th scale.



It certainly looks pretty neat, I hope they also do a LVT-5!



Next up from Bronco is a US M19A1 twin 40mm, based on the Chaffee light tank. This certainly looks detailed and would make a great Korean War piece.



Hey look, another E-100 paper panzer, this time from Amusing Hobby:

Waffenträger auf E-100 in 1/35th scale. It may be a work of fantasy but it certainly looks interesting. I wonder if we could have a paper panzer category in our show?



Panda has the newest variant of the Stryker called the Dragoon. This is an eight wheeled 30mm armed turreted vehicle. These were developed by the Army to fill the shortage in gun tanks for Nato's European front.



This has some great details!

Last up is Hobby Boss with a Delta Force Fast Attack Vehicle in 1/35th scale. Some of these were armed with 50 calibers or even TOW missile launchers. Hobby Boss has chosen not to give us any weapons.



That's the highlights for this month. See you at the meeting!

Aaron

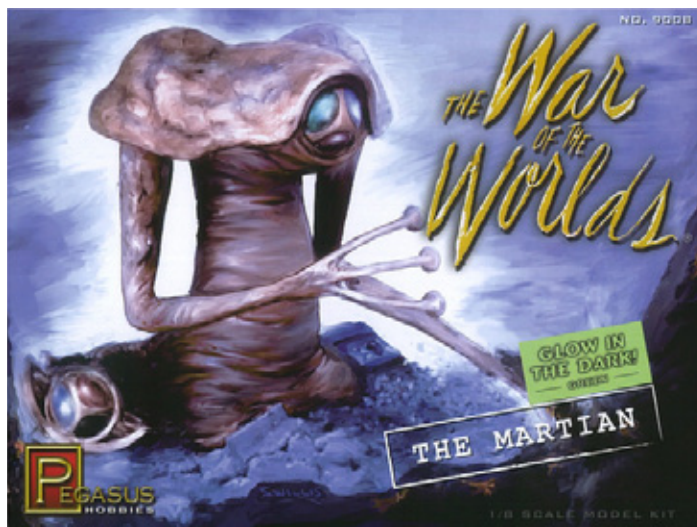




Sundries

By Golzar Shahrzād

The first item on this month's tour of the weird and wonderful of scale modeling is a bomb. Avid readers of this column will recall mention of Eduard's 1/72nd and 1/48th scale MOAB kits. The Mother Of All Bombs now has a big brother courtesy of Masterpiece Models. This all resin kit is in 1/24th scale and looks to be way easier to construct than either of the Eduard offerings, what with all the photo-etch that Eduard includes with their kits.



For something truly exciting and useful is a 1/8th scale Martian from War Of The Worlds. The cool part is that this injected molded kit is a glow in the dark model. It could also double as



a nite-lite. Just think of all the pleasant dreams your children or grandchildren will have with this beautiful 'nite-lite' beside their bed.

"Open the pod bay doors, HAL." If you remember that bit of dialogue from the film 2001: A Space Odyssey then you're gonna want this next item in

your collection. It's the EVA pod, in 1/8th scale from that movie. From Moebius, the model features a detailed interior and stands about ten inches tall when completed. The kit is also engineered to facilitate LED/ fiber optic lighting.





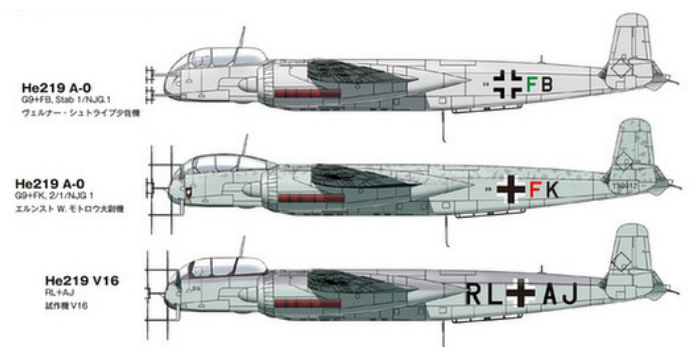
Tamiya is re-issuing one of their 1/12th scale motorbikes, this time an updated Yamaha YZF-R1M. This iteration, originally released in 1999 features some newly tooled parts and new markings. There is also a companion kit that includes metal front forks. The Yamaha YZF was the first crankshaft drive sport bike. There are several reason why I enjoy seeing kits re-issued. One it that these cool, older kits are again seeing the light of day and these re-issues kinda sticks it to some on Ebay who seem to be overly proud of their merchandise.



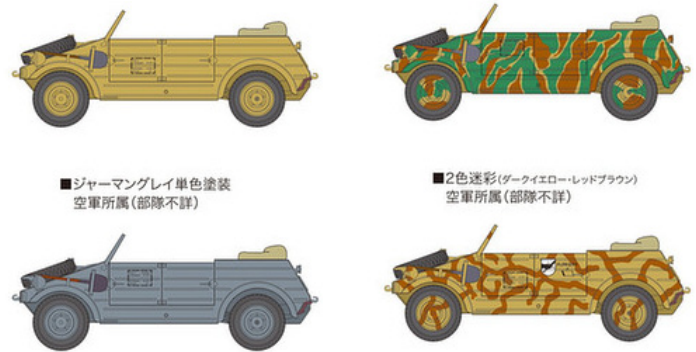
Another re-issue, of sorts, comes via Platz. They are releasing a 1/72nd scale He-219A-0 Uhu with a Kubelwagen with new decals. This injected molded



“Owl” kit is based on the older Dragon molds.



Don't let that put you off as those models were pretty neat back then and there is no reason to suspect that they'll be any less so now.



From the "thought you'd never need it" category are some 1/35th assorted shoes from Royal Models. These diorama accessories are resin and feature an assortment of shoes and boots. My first thought on seeing this item was: Wait! What? After viewing the photos, I think you'll agree that these shoes will add a finishing touch to your next diorama. You might also be asking yourself, where have these been all my life?





Most are familiar with AMMO and Mig Jimenez and that company's every expanding line of finishing products. One aspect of that empire that I was less familiar with is their line of diorama and accessory kits. A new addition to their diorama accessories line is a set of modern gas pumps. The 1/35th scale kit features two gas pumps with over forty decals/logos for just about any modern petrol outlet (foreign or domestic). Their diorama accessory kits are usually labeled as limited editions, so act accordingly.



Armory Model Group has produced some nicely detailed 1/144th scale aeroplane models. These aircraft models usually include some photo-etch details, as well. They seem to be branching out a bit with the addition of a 1/72nd scale modern Russian cargo truck. The short-bed model features 214 injected molded parts, four resin bits, seven rubber



tires, six transparent pieces, and thirty photo-etch detailing pieces. Quite the parts count for such a small model.

As with some things from Model Collect you just never really know if it will ever see the light of day. I'm still waiting on some items to make an appearance on the hobby shop shelf.... Anyhow, they have announced a new 1/72nd scale Russian A 222 130mm coastal defense gun. The "Bereg" (coast) is based on the Russian MAZ-543 8x8 wheeled chassis and will be pretty wicked looking when finished.



For fans of colossal wastes of money, Eastern Express is sending us a 1/144th scale L-1011 Tristar Stargazer with Pegasus XL rocket. The Stargazer is a modified Lockheed L-1011 airplane that acts as a mother ship for the Pegasus. The Pegasus is an air-launched payload rocket designed to insert smaller payloads into low earth orbit. The waste of money comment comes in via that programs limited





success rate. Nevertheless, this model will make an unusual addition to your collection.

“Winter is coming” ...for Game of Thrones fans. There are a couple of figure busts on the market for some of the characters from the HBO series Game of Thrones. Andrea Miniatures has a metal bust of the Warrior of the North, while Nuts Planet has a bust of “Nights Watch.” ICM is getting into



the game with a full figure, 1/16th scale, injected molded kit of the Night King. For the un-hip, The Night King was the leader of the zombie hordes from the frozen north that descended upon the kind and gentle peoples of the southern realms depicted in Game of Thrones.

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100 Years Ago This Month

[July 7, 1918] July 7, 1918: German Submarines in the Gulf of Mexico

[July 7, 1918] Hermann Göring assumes command of the “Flying Circus”, Jagdgeschwader 1.

[July 8, 1918] Ernest Hemingway, an 18-year-old ambulance ... is struck by a mortar shell while serving on the Italian front ...2 Italians standing between Hemingway and the shell's point of impact were not so lucky, however: one was killed instantly and another had both his legs blown off and died.

[July 9th, 1918] Great train wreck of 1918, Nashville, Tennessee, United States: two Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway trains collide head-on. 101 killed, 171 injured; deadliest train accident in United States history.

[July 11, 1918] Enrico Caruso “Over There” World War I song George M. Cohan LYRICS HERE WWI January 25, 1959 - An American Airlines Boeing 707 made the first scheduled transcontinental U.S. flight, traveling from California to New York.

[July 14th, 1918] Flying a Nieuport 28, the youngest son of former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, Second Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt – serving as a fighter pilot in the United States Army Air Service's 95th Aero Squadron – is shot down and killed by a German fighter over Chamery, France.

[July 16th, 1918] Aisne River. “Big Bertha” ceases firing after launching only four shells into Paris. French artillery makes the gun's new site untenable, and the Germans move it out of the area.

[July 17th, 1918] Execution of the Romanov family: By order of the Bolshevik Party, and carried out by the Cheka, former emperor Nicholas II, his wife Alexandra Feodorovna, their children, Olga, Tatiana, Maria, Anastasia, Alexei and retainers are shot at the Ipatiev House, in Ekaterinburg, Russia.



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