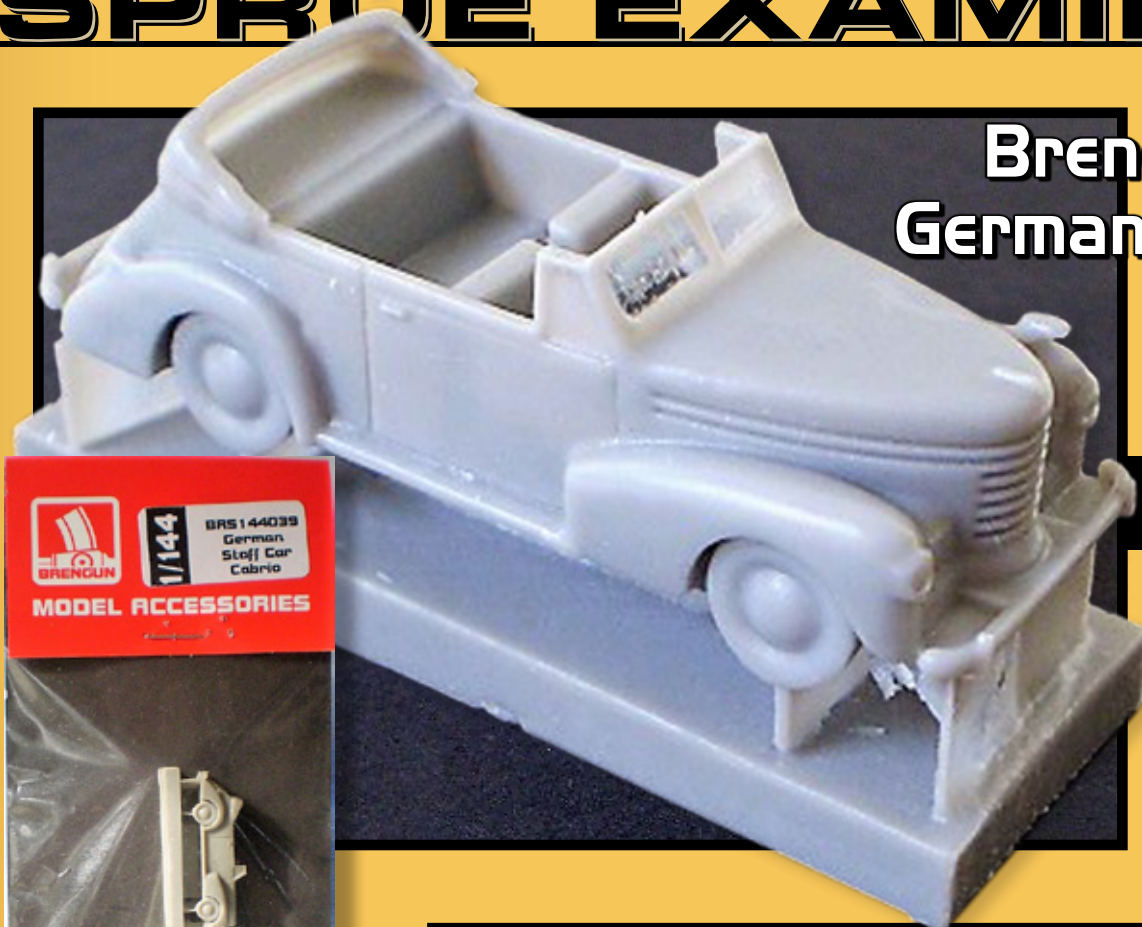


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by Ben Morton



1/48 Stowage Solved!

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PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY IAN LATHAM



Hello Everyone!

Welcome to April, this is probably the best time to be in Texas. The wildflowers are bursting everywhere and the days and evenings are simply beautiful. Come August these are the days I will reflect on. There are lots of festivals and events all over the state and even a model show or two. At the end of April we have Houston's ModelMania 2019 coming up with a 'Made in France' theme. I wonder if they will be serving up Freedom Fries with that?

I know we all wish at some time we could build models for a living, think Sheperd Paine, but mixing hobbies with work isn't always the best solution. I can tell you from experience that no matter how much you love to do something, if you have to do it by the clock for money it's still work. I have many talents and technical skills as an artist that come naturally to me and I have been blessed to use some of them to achieve an income. Over the years I've learned to detach the personal in creating and apply it to the practical, usually this works fine but sometimes it doesn't. I have to be careful about what 'Hobbies' I use for personal satisfaction and what I use to make money. I get a huge recharge from building models and always have since I held my first completed Aurora kit in my hands. It has always given me peace and satisfaction being able to look at a beautifully crafted kit.

However, I recently accepted a commission to work on a series of kits to complete an order. This is the first time I've applied by abilities as a modeler to make some extra cash, and it's something that I would normally be doing on my off time anyway. I've been working on them for a couple of weeks now and guess what, the fun has been sucked right out of it. I can only think of how Mr. Paine must have felt by the demand of Monogram to finish up a display.

What did he do for a Hobby? Did he get any joy out of walking around a model show and picking out a new kit or would he rather be out doing yard work?

I'm sure I'll complete everything I have to do by the scheduled date, but this 'Job' has made modeling less of a 'Joy' this past couple of weeks. So next time you wish you could make some extra bucks building, remember that one of the joys of the hobby is the freedom of choice to set your own pace and your own goals. So pick up that next kit, or put down your present kit and bring what makes you happy to our next meeting to share in the fun of the build.

Cheers!

Ian

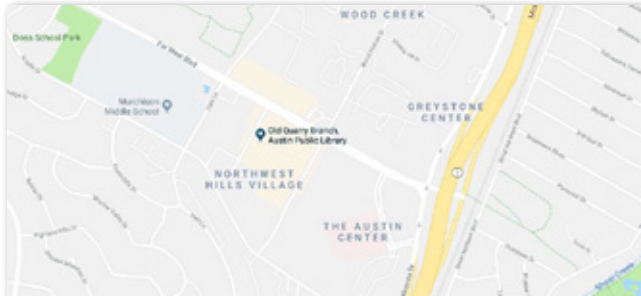




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7:00 pm - 8:45 pm
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Next meeting April 18th, 2019

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Events

- 4/27/2019 **IPMS Houston's 'ModelMania 2019'**
Stafford Centre
10505 Cash Road, Stafford, TX
Show Theme - 'Made in France'
http://www.ipms-houston.org/?page_id=11
- 5/11/2019 **Bob Bethea's next Paint Day**
- 6/01/2019 **Scalefest 2019/Region 6 convention**
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Grapevine, TX
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- 6/08/2019 **SoonerCon 2019**
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- 6/22/2019 **AutumnCon 2019**
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Randy Spurr - scalefest@gmail.com
- 7/20/2019 **HAMS 13th Annual Model Car Show and Contest**
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Club Quarterly Contests

- April: Open
- May: Open
- June: **Procrastinator Contest (Maybe)**
- July: Open
- August: Open
- September: **Bondo Contest**
- October: Open
- November: Open
- December: **White Elephant/Model of the Year**

Monthly Meeting Presentations:

- April: Ron McCracken
- May: ?
- June: ?
- July: ?
- August: ?
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- October: ?
- November: ?
- December: ?



German Staff Cars/ Cabrio(let)

By Brengun/Hauler - Scale: 1:144

By Ben Morton

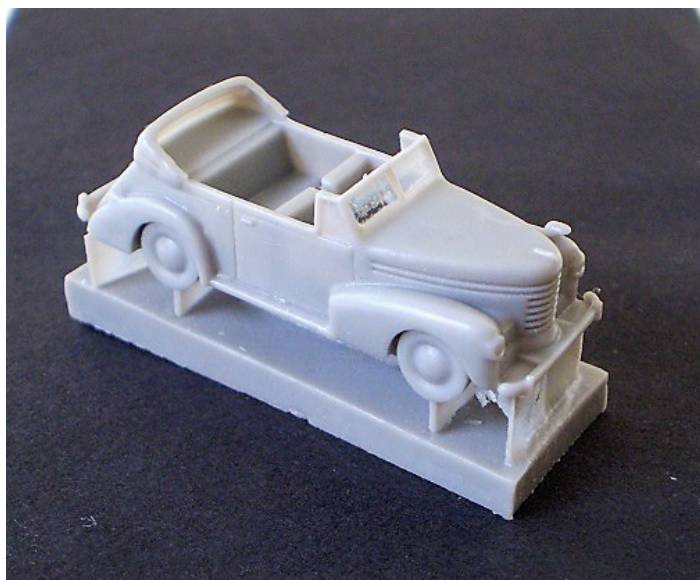


<http://www.brengun.cz/>

Readers of IPMS/USA reviews will know that I tend to prefer the tiny stuff. It shouldn't come as too big a surprise that when Brengun released some accessory items for those of us that build in a diminutive scale (1:144) that I put in my bid for this kit review. 'Kit Review' may be too strong a phrase

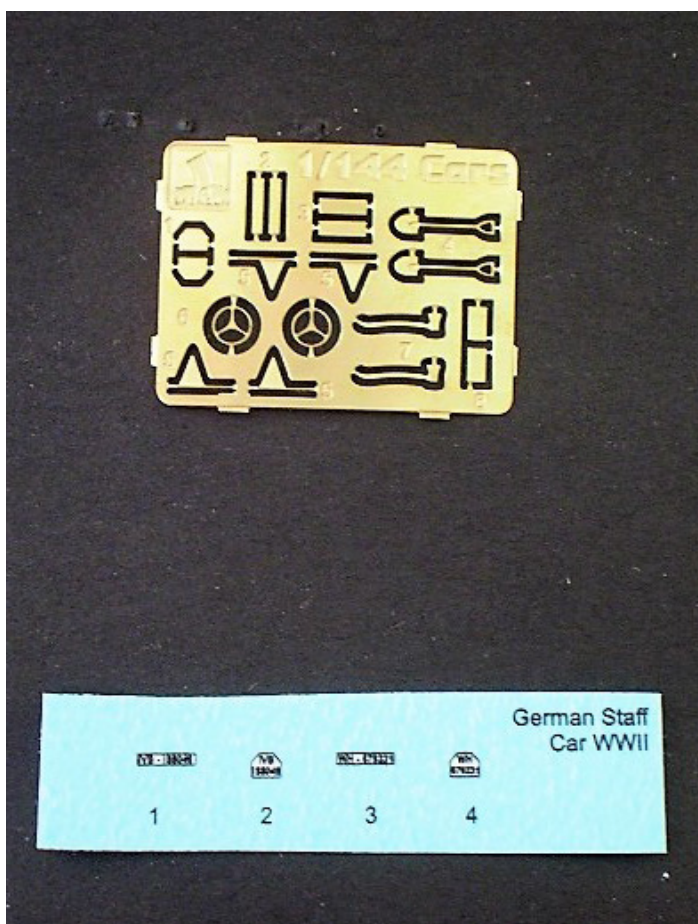
as these small German Staff Cars 3D printed, in resin, and come as one piece. The only assembly of the actual car is to remove it from the casting block. It should be noted that these cars represent an Opel Admiral Cabriolet, circa 1938.

The kit aspect kicks in when you consider that Brengun provides a fret of photo-etch for details and a small set of decals. The decal sheet has license



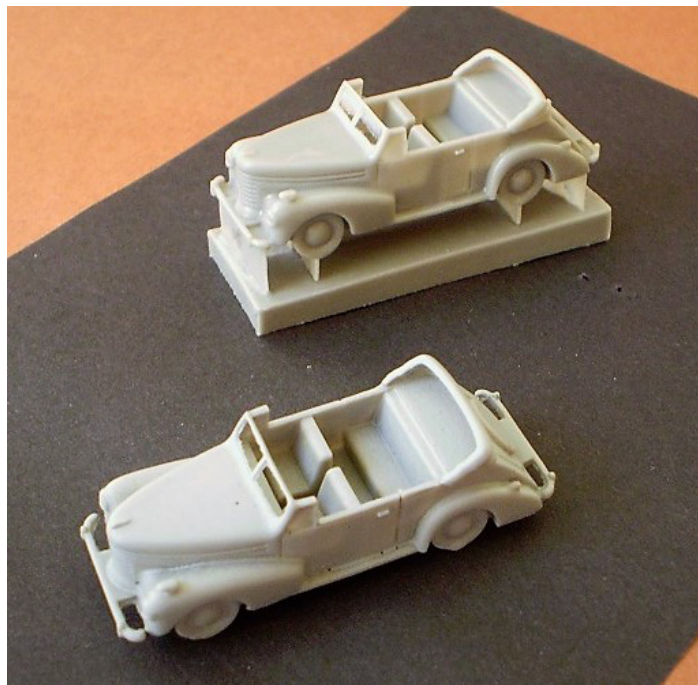


markings for two automobiles with the photo-etch fret holding detail bits for the license plates (two styles), command/rank pendant carriers (usually mounted on the front fenders), some pioneer tools, and a steering wheel. Brengun has considerably 3D printed the steering column. The assemble instructions suggest that you need to add that item yourself. (?) Interior detail of these cars is more than adequate for this scale. In fact, it is quite nice!



The front windscreen is printed open but the driver and front passenger side windows are not. You could get crafty and remove the resin from within the side window frames. Do be careful. It looks an easy thing to muck up. Nevertheless, you will need to remove the flash from the main windscreen as well as the flash from behind the front and rear bumpers. (Note the photo with the blackened areas.) The product, Kristol Clear, looks to be a good way to simulate the window glass. I chose to use some clear acetate. In lieu of removing the resin from with the side frames you might find that a little dab of clear gloss will suffice.

There has been some friendly banter between myself and Doctor Phil about how much extra time I might need to complete this review. [Technical Note: Doctor Phil is actually Phil Peterson. He is the guy that sends out the list of available review items and ships them to us IPMS/USA reviewer corps people. My petition for an extra six months to complete this difficult project is currently under review.]



Brengun provides color suggestions (silver) for the bumpers, hub caps, and some suggestions for the body color with the assembly instructions. This is where you can really shine. While most of these staff cars appeared in some shade of overall Panzer gray, they also appeared in a three-tone camo scheme (Dark Yellow with brown and green accents) as well as a lovely two-tone scheme common to the era. Those cars were generally confiscated directly from the factory early in WWII. Or, you can always go with basic black.





As you can see, I went with a three-tone camo scheme, just because. The car was painted an over-all Desert Yellow with the green and brown splotches applied with artist pastels.



While I definitely could have used additional time to complete this build there really isn't that much too it. You, as I, will probably spend more time on the paint job than on the actual assembly.



With two complete kits per package, these 1/144th scale German Staff Car Cabriolet from Brengun will make a nice addition to any appropriate diorama or vignette. It should be noted that Brengun has a companion release of 1/144th scale American Staff Cars. Stay tuned to this channel, as that review should be appearing soon.



My thanks to Brengun/Hauler and IPMS/USA for the review copy.

Ben





The Cotton Report:

Does your modeling past haunt you?

By Rick Cotton

We have all had periods in our past when we were younger. Dumber. More gullible. Not exactly quick to listen to our inner voice, or conscience, or whatever you call yours. Yes, we have all done stupid things.

Check out this picture from 1995.



Yes, that is Yours Truly standing on the left, playing Bad Guy #2 in the 1995 made-for-video-then-the-trashcan horror schlock fest “film”, *Death Metal Zombies*. It was bad. No, really, really bad. The kind of grade D cr*p film that is fun to watch if you are three sheets to the wind.

It was made by a sleazy crew, starring a bunch of amateurs, and even featured nudity by people who should never, ever get naked in front of anyone (No, at least I did not make THAT mistake). This film is torture if you are sober. It should be repeatedly shown to Guantanamo inmates to make them talk.

I was gullible. I had answered a casting call for a “feature film” (ha!), and got plucked from obscurity because of my evil-looking facial hair, my smoldering intense glare (see picture!), and my ability to, as the director put it, “sound just like f****g Pinhead!!!” I did not know who Pinhead was at the time. I had to Google him later. Oh, boy....

Being in this film was not a decision that cost me dearly, but it also wasn’t one that advanced my show business career, either. So, yes, it haunts me a bit that I never went to Hollywood on the springboard of my first speaking film role. I now make my own films, and many of you have been subjected to them. They aren’t great, but at least my production values are far better than those in *Death Metal Zombies*.

But this isn’t the only thing that haunts me.

Three kits from my modeling past haunt me. None of the three were completed. All ended up in disaster. One of them was hurled at 500 scale miles an hour against a wall, to explode in a shower of red 1/72 scale Fokker Triplane parts. That actually felt good at the time, but it still sticks in my craw now. Someday, I need to build that little red Triplane again, to a high standard, and exorcise that particular modeling demon from my past (“The Power of Tamiya compels you!”). Another ended up as a pile of spare parts, and a 2-part article. The third was just given away when half-built, in one of those “here, you &^%\$ing take it!” deals. Sometimes, it is indeed, addition by subtraction.



Yes, some kits are indeed haunted, if not outright cursed. Some refuse to be built. Some refuse to stay built, leaping off a perfectly good shelf in a suicidal death drop to a shattering, explosive finale for no good reason. Some refuse to be traded or resold – such as a 1/72 Martin Mariener that Boyd Waechter has been trying to unload for many months now. International buyers on E-bay keep trying to buy it from him, despite the fact that he has “No International Buyers” warnings all over the ads. They keep pinging him from Finland, and Vietnam, and wherever, wanting to buy the kit, and then never paying for it so he can ship it to them. One goof even gave Boyd a bad review, saying that “Boyd was “pressuring him into buying the kit” because Boyd had the audacity to expect him to pay for it. Perhaps the kit will find a US home someday, or maybe he will just donate it to the club raffle. But first, he should sprinkle some Holy Water over it, or have someone “smudge” it with sage smoke. Can’t be too careful.

I’m not putting up with it anymore. I am weeding out all the “problem children”, the old Revell, Matchbox, AND Hasegawas, the old Testors, the old everything that I once got for 5 bucks at a show. That will eliminate a lot of it, because some of those kits were unloaded at a show against the owner’s deep-down wishes – thus, there is probably some psychic negativity attached to them. They have got to go.

So does the stuff I got, simply because it was a “bargain”. No, it wasn’t, was it? I have never built them. They loll about on the shelf in my stash, luridly leering at me like so many unattractive, toothless, elderly unwashed strumpets whenever I go in there to select a new build. “Hey, Baby, fancy a roll on the workbench, he he he?” Yecch. I think not.

I’m not fighting any kits anymore. If they give me a struggle, I am going to STOP, put it back in the box, and you will see it in a “started, scratched, and sworn-at sale”. I guarantee it. The

kit had better cooperate, or else. I mean it. I’m getting older, and time’s a wastin’ to be fooling with a stinking 2,000,000 part kit when each and every part of the drivetrain is a single tiny &^%\$#@ piece. Tiny photoetch is one thing, but any brass part smaller than a millipede’s armpit will probably not be used. Individual link metal tracks with pins are, as Monty Python would say, “right out!”

My friend Boyd has come to this conclusion – let no lousy kit haunt your shop ever again. Tamiya, recent Hasegawa, new Revell, and the new Airfix (definitely not the old one) kits should be in your path. Takom, Meng should be there. Bronco? Lotsa tiny parts, pack that patience. Trumpeter... pack the patience, no matter what. But above all, take advantage of the SINGLE GREATEST BOON to MODERN-DAY MODEL BUILDING: the ONLINE REVIEW. This can save you from being haunted in the future by a model that will scare you in the wee hours of a sleepless night. Whether it’s Tom Cleaver mercilessly bashing DML’s Mustang, or someone else, these are an invaluable resource, and they are....what’s the modeler’s favorite word?....FREE!

Reviewers build, screw up, and make mistakes for you, so you do not have to repeat their pathetic failures and devilish disasters. You find out what kits should be in your stash, and what kits should be sacrificed to the Death Metal Zombies.

“How much do I get for this movie?”

“Nothing.”

“Wow! Great! Where do I sign?”

Like I said... younger and dumber.

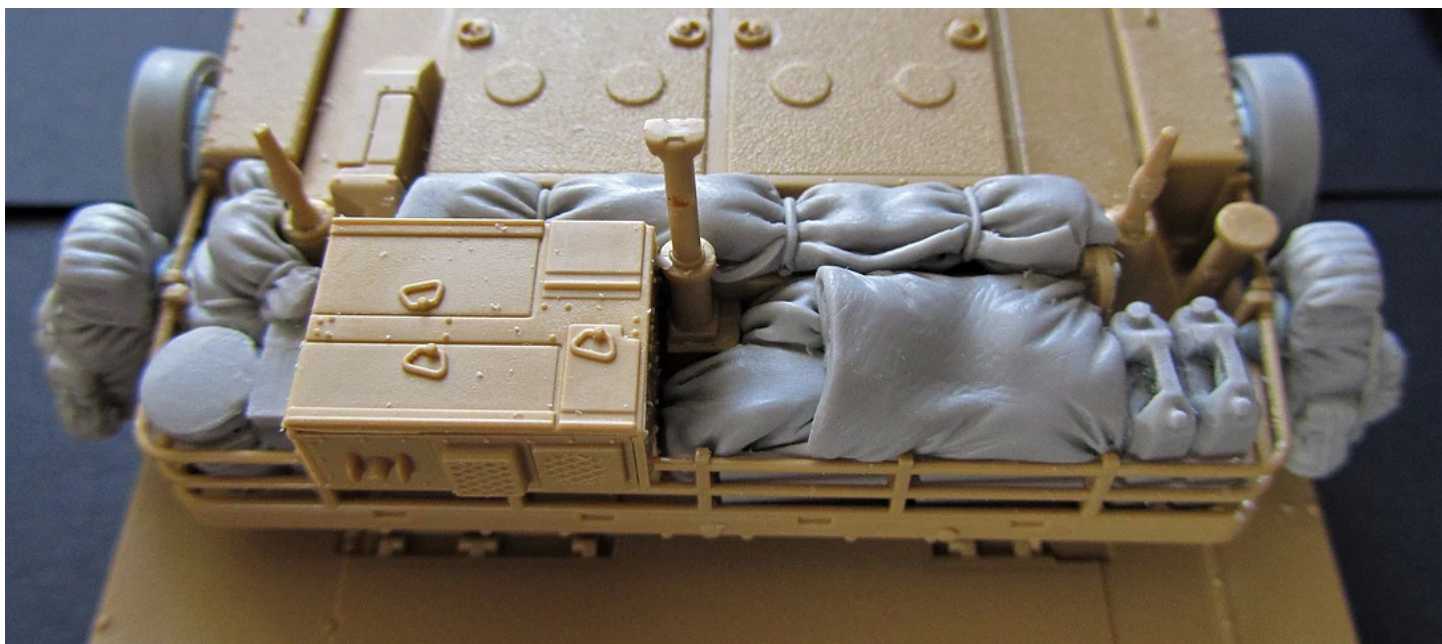
Rick





Red Zebra 1/48th M1A2 stowage and Coyote stowage Kit Review

By Rick Herrington



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1/48th M1A2 stowage = \$11.85 (9 pounds)

1/48th Coyote stowage kit \$18.44 (14 pounds)

Recently I won a door prize of a new Tamiya 1/48th M1A2 kit at one of the club meetings. I don't often build 1/48th scale armor but since I won it and it was going to be an easy build being a Tamiya kit and all, I decided to break the box open and get started.

One of the problems I ran into in building my 1/48th Airfix Coyote was my lack of stowage for the

vehicle. Fortunately Eric Choy was able to come to my rescue with some 1/48th stowage I was able to cast up duplicates of. Most of the stowage out there is for WW2 armor and soft skins.

Tamiya Model Magazine came out with an article covering the build of their M1A2 kit with a color scheme like the one I planned for my tank. They mentioned a company called Red Zebra Models in



the article that produces a stowage kit designed for the Tamiya 1/48th kit. I was sold. After all what's an M1 without a turret basket chock full of gear?



Red Zebra models, a UK company, has come to our rescue with 1/48th sets designed for Tamiya's M1A2 kit and Airfix's Coyote.



The Coyote is the larger six wheeled troop/ cargo carrying tactical vehicle used by the Brits in Afghanistan. Airfix produced a kit of this kit in their dabbling in 1/48th scale armor kits but has since halted its production. Gasline makes wheel sets and BlackDog makes a photo etch brass set for the kit but once again no stowage. Gasline is a French company and shipping takes a while and is expensive.



Red Zebra's kits are cast in gray resin and easy to clean up. The Coyote kit is necessarily larger as it has to fill a larger vehicle.





The set is clearly designed to fit the turret basket of the Tamiya kit and just slides in with very little clean up. I referred to the article in Tamiya Model magazine for placement of the parts as there are no instructions provided with the sets. Here's a photo of the Coyote stowage kit.



Let me say something about Red Zebra's service. I sent an order in and paid by PayPal. They are an English company so I was expecting at least a couple of weeks wait. I was surprised when within two weeks I received my order.

Good service and a good product.

Rick



This Month In History

April 2, 1513 - Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon sighted Florida and claimed it for the Spanish Crown after landing at the site of present day St. Augustine, now the oldest city in the continental U.S.

April 2, 1982 - The beginning of the Falkland Islands War as troops from Argentina invaded and occupied the British colony located near the tip of South America. The British retaliated and defeated the Argentinians on June 15, 1982, after ten weeks of combat, with about 1,000 lives lost.

April 6, 1917 - Following a vote by Congress approving a declaration of war, the U.S. entered World War I in Europe.

April 9, 1865 - General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House. Terms of the surrender, written by General Grant, allowed Confederates to keep their horses and return home. Officers were allowed to keep their swords and side arms.

April 12, 1961 - Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space.

April 14, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded while watching a performance of Our American Cousin at Ford's Theater in Washington. He was taken to a nearby house and died the following morning at 7:22 a.m.

April 15, 1912 - The Titanic with 2,224 persons on board sank at 2:27 a.m. after striking an iceberg just before midnight. Over 1,500 persons drowned.

April 18, 1775 - The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 18, 1942 - The first air raid on mainland Japan during World War II occurred as General James Doolittle led a squadron of B-25 bombers taking off from the carrier Hornet to bomb Tokyo and three other cities. Damage was minimal, but the raid boosted Allied morale following years of unchecked Japanese military advances.

April 21, 1918 - During World War I, the Red Baron (Manfred von Richthofen) was shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme. He was credited with 80 kills in less than two years, flying a red Fokker triplane. British pilots recovered his body and buried him with full military honors.

April 30, 1789 - George Washington became the first U.S. President as he was administered the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York City.



On The

TABLE

By **Flanged End Yoke**

Last month was a busy month for the club.

It was Randy and Ziggy Downs-Bumgardner's last meeting as they are finally headed back to California. Thanks for being members and all the time and effort you put into making the club a better one.



Bill Kulpa our resident 1/72nd expert did not disappoint this month. He brought in an F8 Bear Cat in Blue Angels colors. Bill also brought in a Monogram F7F Tigercat. Bill used card stock to build up the wheel wells and cockpit. He also added detail to the cockpit.



Last up from Bill was an Airfix De Havilland Beaver.



Bob Bethea brought in his varied, eclectic, monthly collection of projects and finished pieces. First up was his finished 1/16th Takom Japanese Type 94 with tank commander.



Bob and Ian Candler have been teaching figure painting classes for Andrea. If you're not familiar with the classes they are a great way to learn figure painting from some master painters. The classes are usually small, around 5-7 students and the subject figure of the class is included in the price of the class.

Bob brought in a 1/10 scale German WW1 Stormtrooper that he painted with the students of the class.





Bob shared two more in-progress pieces. There was an Indian Outlaw figure in 28mm and a Frontiersman in 75mm. Bob sculpted the coon skin hat for the Frontiersman figure.



Bob had a couple of more pieces on the table. Some were projects for other modelers such as a lower half of a Centaur for Dave Edgerly.



Vampirella made an appearance in two different busts that Bob was painting for Bill Delk.



Last up was a Cyber girl in progress.

Dave Edgerly was a student in Bob's WW1 German Stormtrooper class and brought in his painted 1/9th scale bust.

Dave also shared his 90mm Andrea Knight Templar.



Dave also brought in two plastic projects. The first was a 1965 vintage Monogram kit of a Porsche 904 in 1/24th scale. Dave added an interior to the kit and painted his own markings for the car.





The second was the monthly Model of the Month winner. It was Tamiya's latest offering in 1/48th, their ME-109G6.



Mike Gilsbach brought in a fine Minicraft 1/144th Boeing 757-700 airliner.



Rick Herrington, our resident ship modeler brought in two 1/700th ships. The first was an Aoshima British cruiser the HMS Dorsetshire.



The second was Tamiya's E-class destroyer painted up as HMS Endeavour.



Bob King shared two 1/48th scale gems with us, a Tamiya P-47D and a Hasegawa P40E.

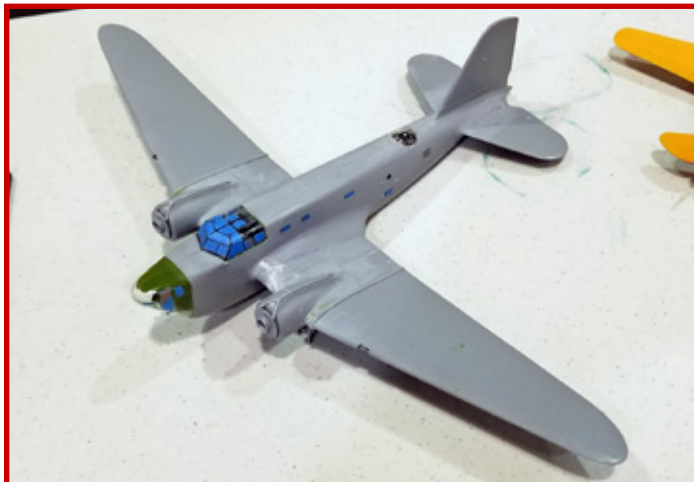




Sticking with 1/48th scale Tim Robb brought in his Hobbycraft Hawker Sea Fury in Iraqi markings.



Ron McCracken brought in a couple of 1/72nd WIP. The first was a BC-1 and the second was a Douglas B-18A. A B-18 was one of the first American aircraft to sink a German U-boat, U-654 on 22 August 1942 in the Caribbean. The BC-1 was the progenitor to the T-6 trainer.



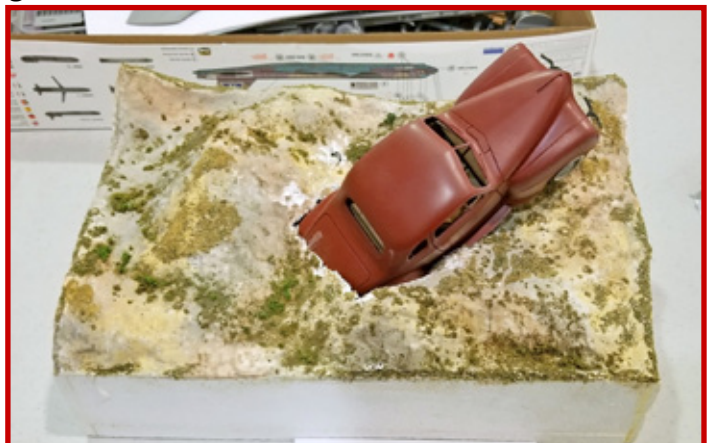
Mike Lamm brought in his Testors' 1/72 T-6 Texan.



Mike also brought in a 1/72nd Airfix Gnat.



Ben Morton brought in his 1/144th scale German Staff Car by BrenGun which is the subject of his review in this month's newsletter. Ben also brought in a Tamiya 1/48th Jagdtiger and an AMT 1/24 Plymouth which were both WIP. The Plymouth was stuck in a rock... get it?





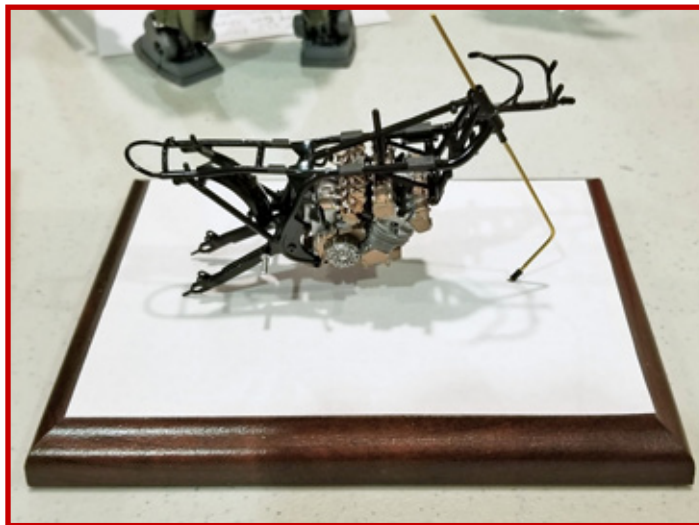
Ziggy Downs-Bumgardner brought in three parting Gundams. The first was a 1/144th scale Bandai AMX-104 R-Jarja.

The second was a Bandai RX-o Banshee Norn in 1/144th scale.



The third was a Bandai RX-79 GM Sniper Custom in 1/100th scale. Ziggy put a custom paint job on this one, extended the thrusters and scratch built both the gun and the crest on the head.

Mike Poole brought in an in-progress Honda motorcycle kit.



Last to mention is Mike Kruzan who brought in a 1/48th scale Lysander.



Randy Bumgardner gave the program for the meeting about stripping chrome parts.



Another fun meeting. Thanks to everyone who shared their work with the group

Flanged





OLD RUMORS/NEW KITS

Rick Herrington, Ron McCracken, Mike Lamm

Shipping News

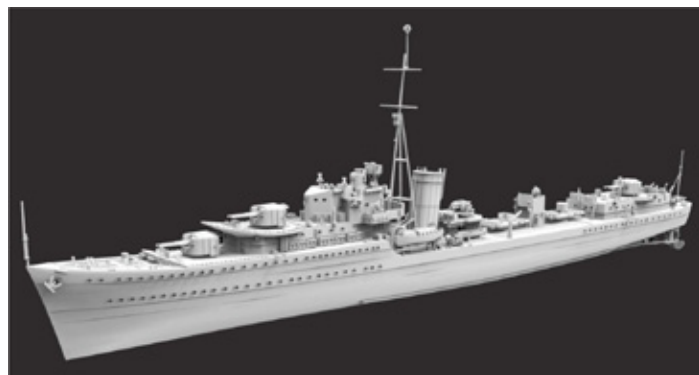
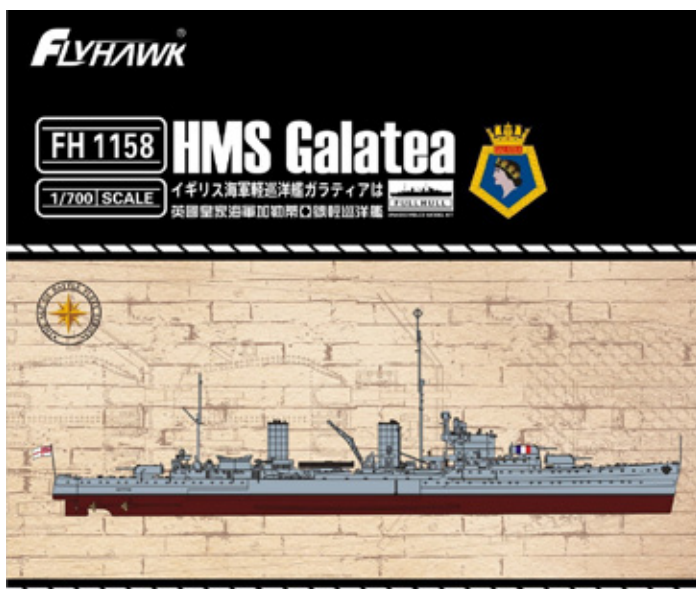
By Rick Herrington

The 1/700 'space saver' scale is up first.

Aoshima on the heels of HMS Dorsetshire has released her sister ship HMS Norfolk. HMS Norfolk survived the war and participated in the sinking of the Scharnhorst.



Flyhawk is bringing us a pair of British destroyer releases, HMS Galatea and HMS Kelly.



Hasegawa is releasing a set of IJN destroyers Asagumo and Yugumo.



夕雲/風雲(夕雲型)



朝雲(朝潮型)

Not to be out done Fujimi is releasing their own set of destroyers Yukikaze and Isokaze. Both destroyers accompanied Yamato on her final voyage. Yukikaze survived the war.



Pit Road is releasing two USN battleships. The first is BB-43 USS Tennessee (1944)





The second USN battleship is BB-46 USS Maryland (1945)



Fujimi has decided to release an inclusive IJN Battleship set. The set includes 12 ship kits, brass barrels for each and a photo etch set for each and will set you back a paltry \$699.00



Trumpeter is releasing China's latest and greatest effort at building a carrier the People's Liberation Army Navy Type 002.

Photo 10



Aoshima is releasing a Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) destroyer DD-119 Asahi SP. The kit includes two subs and a search aircraft.



Last in 1/700th Pit Road is releasing the JMSDF destroyer Shiranui.

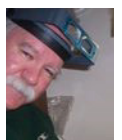


The only new 1/350th scale release this month is Aoshima's Sir Winston Churchill. Sir Winston Churchill was a sailing ship designed by Camper & Nicholson and built in 1966 to compete in the Tall Ships Race.



That's all the maritime news for this month. Grab a kit from that stash and build it!

Ricardo





New and In View Aircraft

By Ron McCracken

This month seems to be heavily weighted in the direction of re-releases, with a few new tool models sprinkled in. Let's get started with a rarely-used small scale (1/200th) and work our way up.

From the good folks at Hasegawa we have two re-boxes of oldies but goodies in the ever popular (at least with ship modelers) 1/200th scale.



First is a Boeing 777-300ER in Japanese Government markings. This kit is a re-box of 1996 kit with new decals.



Also in 1/200th is a Kawasaki C-1 in 60th Anniversary markings. This is a re-box of 1994 kit with new decals.

Moving on up to 1/144th, Revell has released a 50th Anniversary version of the 747-100 celebrating this anniversary with a gift set, which shows



the original version of the 747 in the Boeing factory painting of the first flight and contains besides the kit also base colors, glue, brushes as well as a poster.

In the One True Scale (1/72), Amodel has announced for April release both a civil and military (C-37B) boxing of the Gulfstream G550 executive jet. The G550 is a stretched Gulfstream V, distinguishable by an extra cabin window on each side.



Hasegawa has announced several re-releases of older kits. Leading off is an EF-111A Raven, which is based on their 1992 release with extra parts last added in 2009.



The next Hasegawa is a B-24D Liberator, a re-boxed 2007 release.





Hasegawa has also announced a Beaufighter Mk.VI, a re-boxed kit that received its last new-parts update in 2009.



Last of the new Hasegawa announcements is a MIG-25RBT Foxbat, a re-boxed 2018 release with new decals



Trumpeter has announced a MIG-31BM w/Kh-47M2, a re-box of a 2016 kit with new decals, some new parts.



Eduard has released a Spitfire HF Mk.VIII ProfiPACK edition kit of the British WW II fighter.



Special Hobby has released a Short Sunderland Mk. 5.

There are re-releases and brand new kits coming up in the ever-popular 1/48th scale.

Starting off with the new stuff, we have two new releases from Kitty Hawk. First is a UH-1N Twin Huey.





Next up is an FJ-2 Fury, with separate leading edge slats and other details.



In the re-releases we have two from Eduard, a Tornado F.3 ADV which is a re-release of 2014 Revell kit with new parts, decals;



and a Bf 109E-4 Weekend Edition re-box with new decals.



Revell is re-releasing their B-1B Lancer as a “Platinum Edition” with new parts and decals.



Finally, HobbyBoss announced an F-14A Tomcat ‘Persian Cat’ which appears to be a re-release with new decals, but so far I can’t find a photo of the box art.



Getting to the Big Stuff, Kitty Hawk comes through with a 1/35th scale SH-60F Ocean Hawk, a re-box with new parts.





Academy has announced a new mold AH-1Z Viper in 1/35th scale.



Last but by no means least there are two re-boxed kits in 1/32nd scale:

Revell has re-boxed the 2008 Dragon Bf 110C-7 with new decals;



and Roden has re-boxed their 2017 O-2A Skymaster kit with new USN markings.



Ron



Tracked Topics

By Rick Herrington

Some good releases this month, even some small scale stuff. Speaking of 1/72nd let's start with those releases.

ICM is up first with an ambush in the making with their 1/72nd Afghan motorcade (Convoy) circa 1979-1989. The kit includes Mujahadeen targets including a BTR-60PB eight wheeled armored car and 3 trucks, a Ural 375D, Ural 375A and an ATZ-5-375. All you need to add is a scale mountain pass.



Fujimi has a new couple of new ones in 1/72nd. First up is a Type 10 JGSDF MBT.



Second is a JGSDF Light Armored Vehicle.





FineMolds is up next with a WW2 Japanese Super Heavy 150 Ton tank. This was an actual tank of which one was built for testing. Unfortunately the testing did not go well and the prototype ended up being cut up for scrap.



Last in 1-72nd is Revell with a release of A Dutch GTX Boxer command post kit.



Moving on to 1/35th Tamiya is up first with one new release and one re-box. The re-box is a Recon Motorcycle and High Mobility Vehicle. It's a re-release of a FineMolds kit.



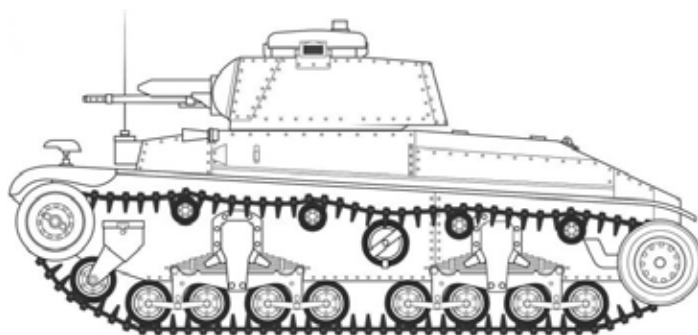
The original release is a British tank destroyer base on the M10 chassis the Achilles.



Airfix has a new series of 1-35th armor releases in store for us. These were originally announced in 1-32nd scale. The first is a Tiger 1 Early Version.



Next from Airfix is a PZKPFW 35T light tank.



Unless these kits are significantly superior to the ones already released in detail or significantly less expensive than the models that have already been released by other manufacturers in my opinion I don't see modelers lining up to buy these kits. I could be proven wrong once these kits are actually out there for us to buy.



Dragon has a new SDKFZ 166 Brummbär with zimmerit in store for us.



Dragon also is continuing with modern armor releases with an M60 Patton.



Meng has an M4a3 76mm upcoming as well as a Russian Air Defense System 96K6 Pantsir.

U.S. MEDIUM TANK M4A3 (76) W
T5-043



RUSSIAN AIR DEFENSE WEAPON SYSTEM
96K6 PANTSIR-S1
SS-016



For modern Russian modelers Panda has a TBMP T-15 with 57mm gun coming up.



Next up is Amusing Hobby with another 1946 German release of a Panther II Rheinmetall turret.



Last up is FineMolds with a Type 41 Mountain Gun including crew.



That's a wrap for this month. Grab a kit from you stash and build it!

Rick





It Figures

By Sir Ricardo Fitz-Herrington III, Esq.

I know. I know. You're probably saying OH No! Not another column by HIM!

Our intrepid regular author Michael Lamm is on a business trip sans his lap top so I'm filling in temporarily.

First up is the figure company Evolution with a slew (technical term for many) of new releases. I've painted up a few of these in the past and all have been winners as far as detail and ease of assembly. Here's the releases.

Starting off with 35176 Panzer Commander WW2. This is a nice pose and would go well with any Panzer.



I'm going to forego repeating the Panzer Commander WW2 phrase as all of the releases I will discuss by Evolution are similarly titled.



35179 is a pose I particularly like.



35180 looks like he's searching for Jabos on the horizon.



35181 is a generic sitting pose which would go well with a FAMO or a panzer.



35182 looks like a cold weather front dude as he has what looks to be one of the sheep skin vests on over his uniform.

Keeping on the theme of panzer commanders Alpine has two new releases oddly enough called Panzer Commander Summer #1 and #2. Both are in 1/35th and are of fine quality as we have come to expect from Alpine.





Model Cellar has a new release in 1/32nd scale to go with your Wingnut Wings WW1 aircraft. This one is a WW1 pilot with a mechanic helping him get ready for a mission. This kit is based on a real photo from WW1.



ICM has a 1/16th scale plastic kit of a Delta Force fighter fighting in Mogadishu circa 1993.



Life Miniatures has a zombie apocalypse bust in 1/10th scale of a girl with a puppy apparently surrounded by zombies, thus the name Surrounded.

Airborne Miniatures is releasing a 1/9th scale bust of a US Army Helicopter pilot.





Scale 75 has a set of 1-48th scale German tankers. Scale 75 puts out some well detailed figures and having searched to find a modern US tank commander in 1/48th recently I know how scarce manufacturers of quality 1/48th figures can be.



Rogan's Heroes is releasing a 1/16th scale Female NVA fighter complete with black pajamas. To me she looks more like a Viet Cong fighter than NVA.



3DArtDigital has a new release in 1/12th scale. Saito Benkei – The Standing Death.



Switching to more historical miniatures. La Mendiana is up first with a 54mm Huron Warrior.



Alexandros is releasing a 250mm bust of La Vielle Garde. La Vielle Garde (the Old Guard) were elements of Napoleon's guard.



Alexandros is also releasing a three figure set in 75mm depicting French fighters at Waterloo. It's called Last Stand at Waterloo.



Finally Chronos Miniatures is releasing a 54mm Chevalier Guard Regiment Russia circa 1804-1806.



That's it for this month. Hopefully Mike will be back next month with his regular update on the world of figures.

Ricardo



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