

SPRUE EXAMINER



Capitol Classic 2019

A contest to remember



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PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY IAN LATHAM



Dear Members,

Welcome to the newest version of the ASMS Sprue Examiner. Starting this month our own Rick Herrington , ASMS secretary, has graciously donned the mantle of both Editor and Designer of the newsletter. Let's all wish him luck, as this monthly contribution often takes many hours of volunteered time to compile.

Our yearly show, 'The Capitol Classic' was a success once again. Thank you everyone who stepped up and offered their time and labor to make it such a wonderful event, it could not be accomplished without our member's contributions. We will be having another show next October so look forward more information coming in the New Year.

November's meeting will be an open competition, so bring whatever you have completed and we can enjoy the diversity of our member's skills. December is right around the corner and offers the next chance to compete for prizes. So break out those Christmas kits from last year and slap a coat of paint on 'em and get ready for our annual White Elephant contest.

That's all for now, so enjoy the return of The Sprue Examiner

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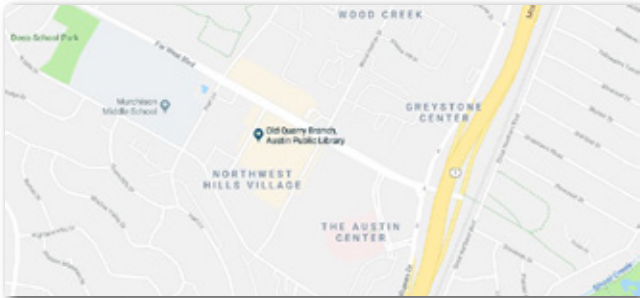




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Events

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SHOW THEME: "Snap-Tite/Snap-Together"

Club Quarterly Contests

- **November:** Open
- **December:** White Elephant/Model of the Year

Monthly Meeting Presentations:

- **October:** Ron and Milton
- **November:** ?
- **December:** ?



CAPITOL CLASSIC 2019

By Rick Herrington



Austin Scale Modeler's Capitol Classic was a big success. We had lots of attendees, vendors and models.

Here's Ben Morton and Bill Delk enjoying the calm before the storm at registration. Fortunately registration ran pretty smoothly this year. Thanks guys!



Lots of models to buy this year. The vendor area was full of bargains.



Marc Hobbes from King's Hobby and Dave Orloff were just a few of the vendors selling their wares



When the doors opened there were plenty of buyers for the vendors to cater to.



The model categories were well represented this year although aircraft was a little lighter than usual.



With all the new releases in 1/32nd scale aircraft that category was well represented.



Aircraft had some outstanding entries this year. This beautiful HE-177A5 garnered Best Aircraft.





The figure entries did not disappoint. Ian Candler's Gamer Girl and Bob Bethea's Monkey on his back were outstanding.





Sci fi, Gundam and Warhammer also had some great entries..

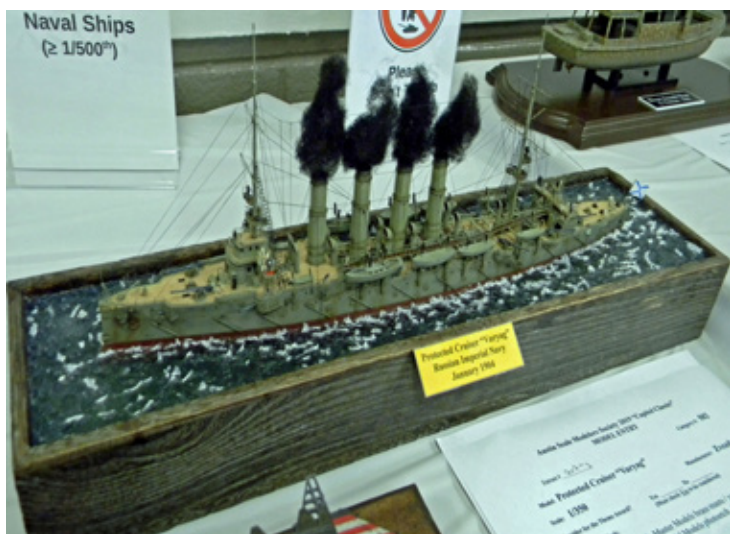




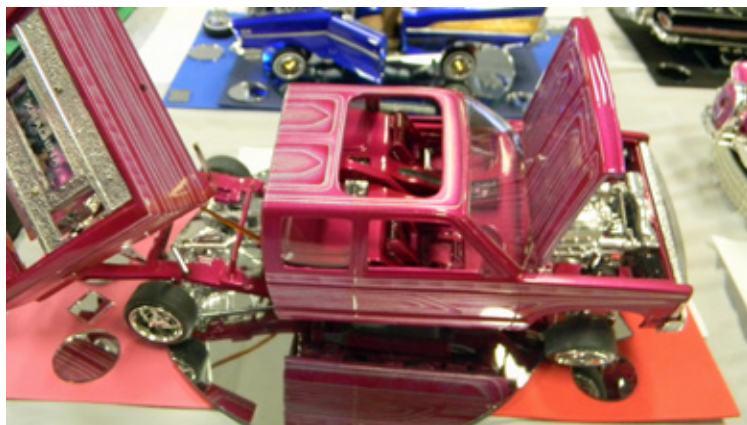
The armor guys did not disappoint this year.



Excellent ships including Ed Rains' Protected Cruiser Varyag which garnered Best of Show.



Car modelers really wowed us this year with Customs and Curbsides.



A real blast from the past! A Volkswagen Camper bus in concert with the show's theme, "Summer of Love".





There were some very imaginative and creative models this year. One depicted a trash can and another a scene out of a 50's science fiction movie, a huge alligator attack.



Richard Kern did the award announcing this year and with the help of a few volunteers the ceremony was conducted.



Thanks to everyone who worked to make this show the success that it was, and to those modelers and vendors that attended.

Hope everyone had a good time and see you next year.

Rick Herrington





Table Talk

Our last meeting the much vaunted Bondo Contest was held where contestants vie to get their names engraved on the coveted Bondo commemorative plaque.



Let's cover the rest of the models members brought in before we get to the contest.

Bob King brought in three 1-48th scale beauties. There was a theme to what Bob brought in as the first of the models, an F6-C which was modelled after a plane that shot down five Japanese Oscars in one day.





Strangely enough the next two models Bob had on the table were Japanese Ki-43 Oscars.



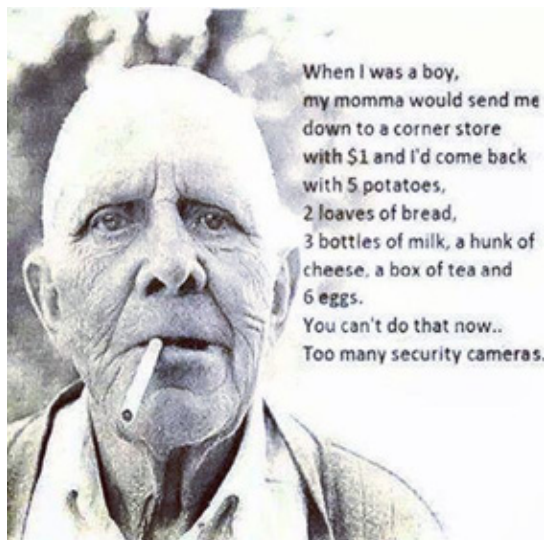
Don Brett brought in another of his string bags. This one was a SMER 1/48th scale Fokker D7



Ron McCracken is back from his travels and brought in a 1/72nd scale F89C.



Rick Herrington finally finished up his MPC 1/72nd HE-177A5.





There were three entries in the Bondo Contest which was great as there were three prize gift certificates kindly donated by our favorite hobby shop King's Hobby.

The third place model was Dave Edgerly's Mini Craft/Academy 1-144th RB-47.



Second place was Rick Herrington's 1/48th DML HO-229.



First Place Winner

First place was garnered by Dave Edgerly's

F4U-Z Corsair. The kit is a Tamiya 1/48th one and features a cat whisker antenna.



First Place

Thanks to everyone that shared their work with the group.



Rick Cotton Report

At last night's model club meeting, an older gentleman brought in a huge pile of boxes, crammed full of older kits and such, and announced that he was "cleaning out some space", and that the models were free for the taking.

Later, after the bodies were cleared from the initial stampede's carnage, I walked over and surveyed what was left: several small-scale aircraft, a few trucks, some science-type stuff...nothing I really wanted.

Then I saw the HO scale train set.

It was just a little starter set, an engine, four cars, and a little oval of track. Simple, fun, and free and also the first dose of an insidious addiction.

Back in the ancient days of leisure suits and disco...the 70's....yours truly worked at a hobby shop in Pasadena, Texas. As an employee, I got a 10% discount on all purchases. Consequently, I rarely got home with any money on payday. I was a lousy armor builder back then, but I always wanted an HO train set.

One day, a set came in with damaged packaging, and I got it at cost. I took it home and my father and I immediately starting playing with it.

It's amazing how quickly that oval track became too small. I started buying new track. Then my father did, too. He liked the Santa Fe colors, so he bought a second engine. Then some more cars.

Fast-forward to a few weeks later: My horrified mother watches as my father and I are installing waist-high plywood platforms around the entire perimeter of what had been my brother's room before he moved out. There is much electric saw noise, and hammering, and my father's incessant swearing as the construction proceeds at a fine pace. HO-Ville is popping up before my delighted high-school eyes, and now there is grass paper to lay, and mountains to build, and there are buildings to construct.

The engine fleet has grown to twelve (Christmas was particularly fruitful), and there are dozens of freight cars. Freight? Why not passengers? Sure! A nice Amtrak unit joins the fun, and it even lights up at night, so I can sit there with the lights off, and

watch my happy travelers go whizzing through the forest at night. It's WAY COOL.

Being an armor builder at the time, I quickly switch from 1/35 to 1/76 armor (close enough), and populate one corner of the layout with a small-scale war. My universe, my rules. An airport pops up on the other side of the room, seemingly overnight. Oddly enough, there are no Cessnas, only Mustangs and Messerschmitts, and one lonely Phantom. Imagine that. Guess it was an air show.

There are working streetlights, and lighted buildings.

There is a turntable that swaps the engines around at will. There are working streetlights, and lighted buildings. There is a turntable that swaps the engines around at will. There is a tunnel, and there are lots of bridges. I can sit in there for hours and hours, and have a blast, in my happy little HO-scale (most of it) world that I have created. All is good...for a season.

"Nothing is so good it lasts eternally

Perfect situations must go wrong...."

-from the musical "Chess"

One night, near the end of my Senior Year, my father walks in at the end of a workday, and announces to me that the house is going to be sold, and he and my mother will be moving to West Houston. I'm going off to college soon, and that will be that. I can move in with my sister. I am devastated. My happy little HO-scale world, my universe of peace, quiet, and teeny little people is going to be destroyed.

One by one, the buildings come off, and go into a box. The plywood gets wrenched out. The engines and cars get sold at a flea market. I go off to school, and wish I still could hear the scale roar and clickety-clack. Life moves on.

Fast-forward to today:

I put the train box back down on the counter at the back of the meeting room. No, can't go back there. Can't invest that much time and money, and.....love.....into that aspect of modeling. I have too much plastic already.

It's not that you can't go back. I found my high-school sweetheart again after thirty years apart, and married her, and have been blissfully happy ever since. I DID go back, in that case, and it's wonderful.



New and In View

By Ron McCracken

1/144 Scale:

Leading off in ultra-braille scale, Big Planes Kits (yes, that's the name, shortened to BPK on the box art) has released two variants of the Bombardier CRJ-900 regional jet, one in American Eagle markings (illustrated), the other in European airlines markings. This is a new tool.



Revell has re-released their 2018 new-mold An-225 Mriya with new parts and markings. Even in 1/144th, this will be a big beast, so make sure you have lots of display space.



1/72 Scale:

Moving up to the One True Scale, Great Wall Hobby has announced a new-mold F-14D Tomcat in markings of VF-2. It includes options for swept or extended wings, extended or retracted refueling probe, and open or closed airbrakes, among other goodies. Decals include both low-visibility or earlier, colorful markings.



They have also re-released their 2017 F-15E with new D-Day anniversary markings.



Italeri has re-released their SH-3 Sea King in Apollo Recovery markings. Although not a new kit it hasn't been re-released since 2008, so for those looking for an SH-3 here's your opportunity.



LF Models has released the first of a promised series of kits of H-5/S-51 helicopters. The first out is a Sikorski H-5F/G.




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SCALE 1/72

Plastic edition

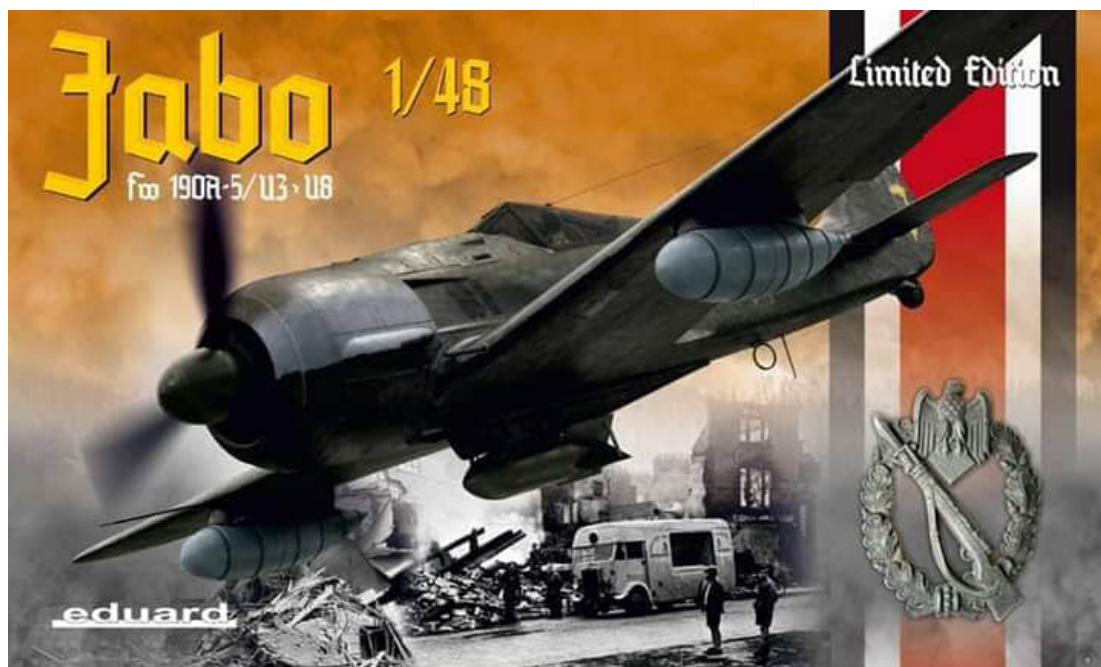
SIKORSKY H-5F/G





1/48th Scale:

Eduard is re-releasing an Fw 190A 'Jabo' with updated parts and new decals.



Eduard is also re-releasing a Profipack edition of its Bell P-400 Airacobra, with five markings options. Although not a new kit, it is worth mentioning here as the original run is apparently no longer available, so if you missed the first go-around, here's your chance.





Dora Wings has announced a new-tool kit of the Bloch MB-151. Photos of test sprues found on the web show good detail and engraved panel lines.



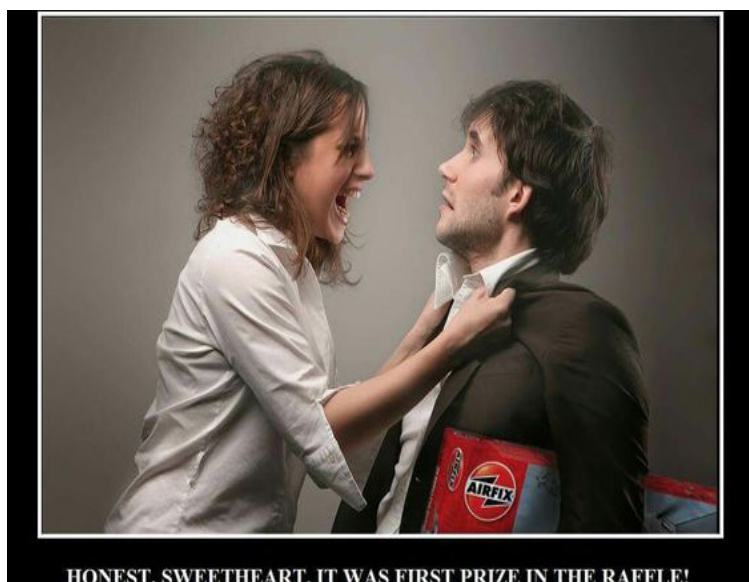
1/32nd Scale:

Kitty Hawk has announced a new tool Mirage 2000C. It is available for pre-order from various sources, no kit reviews as yet that I could locate.



1/24th scale

Finally, Trumpeter is about to release a Junkers Ju-87B-2, consisting of 370 parts including photo-etched parts, a detailed engine and cockpit, and rubber wheels.



HONEST, SWEETHEART, IT WAS FIRST PRIZE IN THE RAFFLE!



Shipping News

By Rick Herrington

Let's start off with 1/700th scale.

Fujimi is up first with a release of the IJN Heavy Cruiser Mogami as she looked in 1944.



Pit Road has several releases in 1/700th. First up is a USN battlewagon the USS Tennessee BB-43.



Next up from Pit Road is a pair of USN destroyers. First up is the Greaves class destroyer Monssen DD-436. Monssen was sunk at the Battle of Guadalcanal.



SCALE 1/700
Fujimi

アメリカ海軍
リヴァモア級駆逐艦

DD-436 モンセン

US Navy
Destroyer
DD-436 "MONSEN"

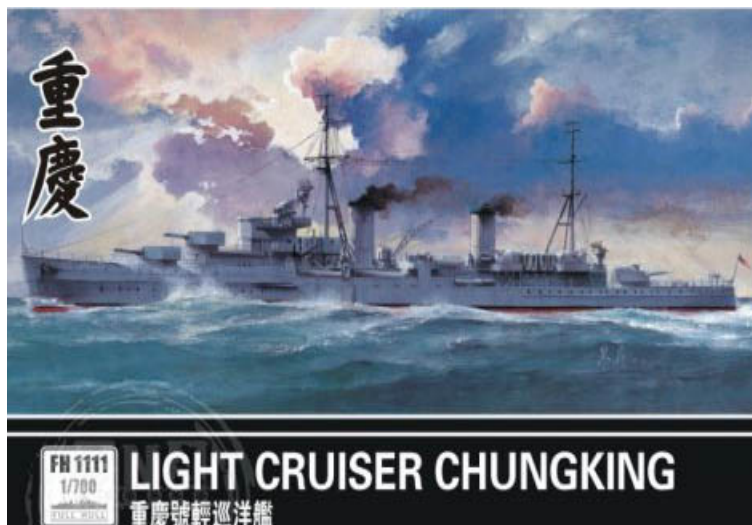
The second destroyer release is the USS Callaghan which was sunk by a Kamikaze attack.



Trumpeter is releasing a US carrier the USS John F Kennedy CV-97. Kennedy was the last conventionally powered aircraft carrier built.



Flyhawk is releasing the Light Cruiser Chung King. The kit also includes an S-7 torpedo boat. The Chungking has an interesting history. She started out as HMS Aurora and after serving honorably in WW2 was sold to the Chinese and served as the Chinese navy's flagship renamed as the Chung King. In 1949 the crew mutinied and defected to Communist China. In March of that same year Republic of China aircraft sunk her.



FH 1111
1/700

LIGHT CRUISER CHUNGKING

重慶號輕巡洋艦



Aoshima is last up in 700th with the JMSDF DD-120 Shiranui.

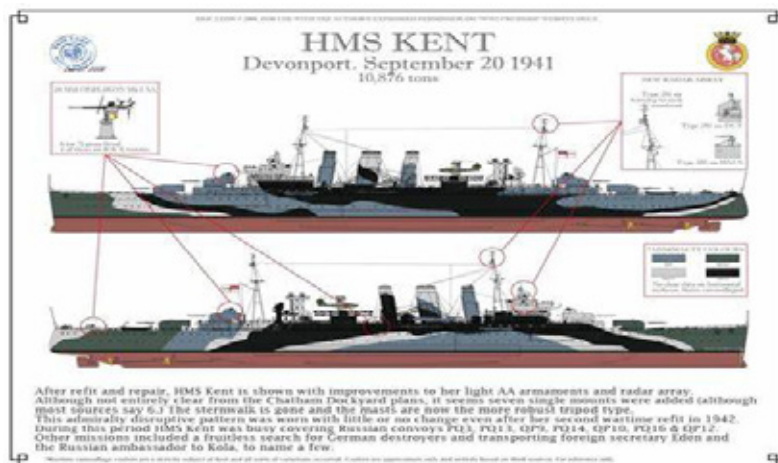


Moving on to 1/350th the first releases we have are from Trumpeter:

First is the USN Langley CV-1. This was the USN's first aircraft carrier. The Langley was a converted collier ship.



Second is a County Class cruiser HMS Kent. I've mentioned this release previously in my column but we should actually see it released in soon.



Dragon is releasing a 1/350th ballistic missile submarine the USS Ohio.



Last up in shelf-buster scale 1/200th is the battleship Missouri BB-63. This release is also from Trumpeter.



TRACKED TOPICS

By - Panzer Lehr

All the releases are in 1/35th this month with one exception so let's get started.

¹MiniArt has three new releases coming. The first is something we've all been waiting for (?) a Romanian tank destroyer, the Tacam T-60.



Next up from them is a US Grant with interior.



Last from MiniArt is an essential diorama accessory a German Beer Delivery Truck.



Rye Field Models has been busy. They have three this month also. The first is a T-34 with a D30 122mm gun mounted on it. This one is marked as a Syrian machine.



RFM's next release is a Jagdpanser G2.





Last from them is a US MRAP M1240 A-1 with full



Tamiya has two releases in this month's news. The first is a Pzkw 38T.



Their next release is their Panther D kit shrunk to 1/48th scale.



Hobby Boss has two this month also. The first is an Israeli Merkava 4 with Trophy system. Hopefully they've fixed the road wheel problem design flaw that they had with their earlier Merkavas.



Next from Hobby Boss is a PLA Type 59.



Panda has two new ones coming out. The first is a German 10.5cm LeFH-18-4 auf Geschutzwagen.





Not to be left out of the modern market Panda's next new release is an M109 A7 Paladin



Takom has a new tooled 1/4 ton utility truck (Jeep). This is a welcome release.



Trumpeter is up next with an MLRS a Russian 9A53 Uragan-1M



Last up is from ICM, a WW1 Standard B "Liberty" truck with US infantry.



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





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