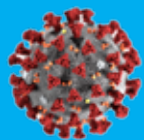


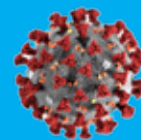
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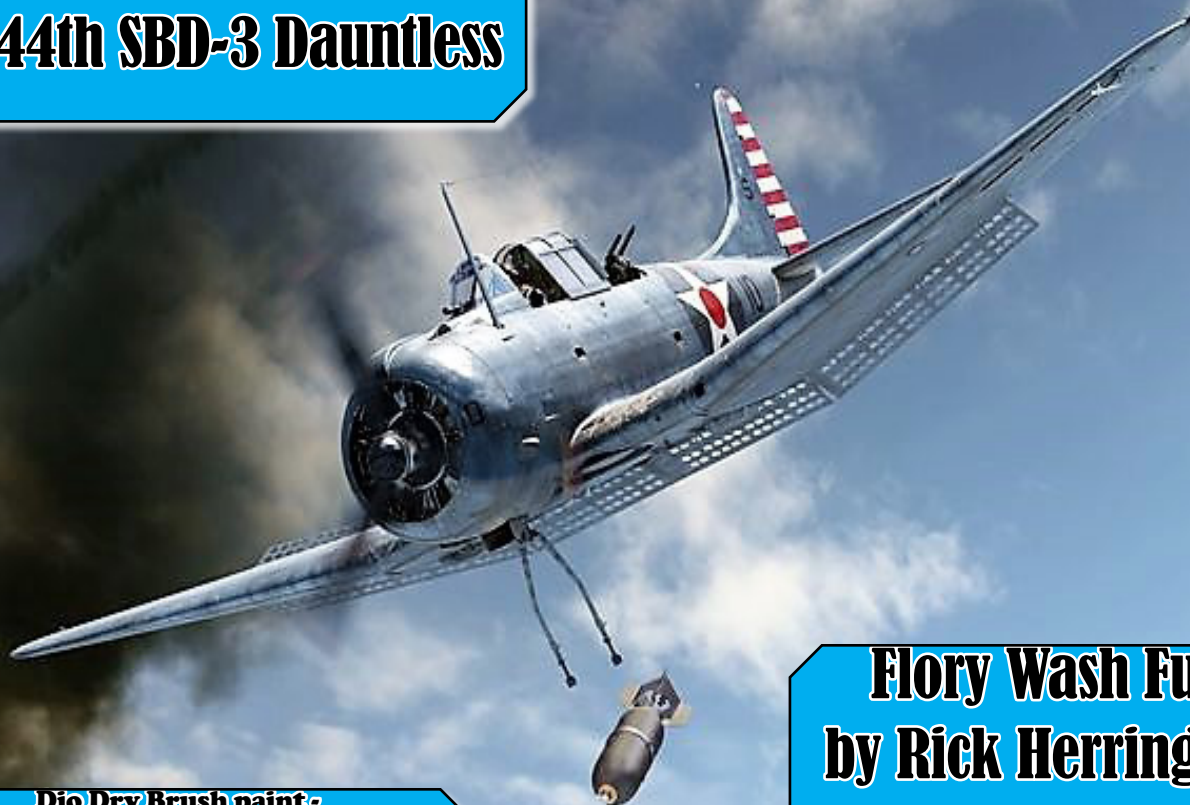
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# PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY IAN LATHAM



Ho, Ho, Ho!

It looks like the end of 2020 is finally around the corner. Talk about a year that will live in infamy! Thanks to the release of several vaccines, I'm sure 2021 will be a lot more lively.

I'm certainly missing the ASMS Christmas party and the White Elephant contest this year. I was looking forward to passing on one of my funky models to some poor sucker and let them try and hack their way through it. I guess I'm stuck with hacking through my own stuff. I'm sure I deserve it. Maybe Santa will bring me that O/S Wingnuts kit I've been dreaming about.

I am looking forward to attending some model shows next year starting with the launching of San Antonio's Model Fiesta. The SA group knows how to do it right and it's always a great way to start the year. Until then, please remember to join the ASMS Zoom meeting every Sunday at 4 PM to get your share of model trivia and brotherly love.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy Wookie Life Day!

Editor's note.

I want to thank Ron McCracken, Rick Cotton, Ben Morton, Ian Latham and Michael Lamm for all their help in producing what I like to think is one of the best newsletters in the country.

And to all those other contributors that have offered advice and articles my heartfelt thanks.

Next year will be even better.

Merry Christmas!

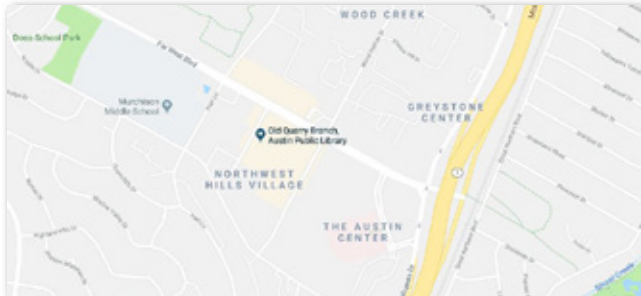




# HOUSE CLEANING



## ASMS MEETING



**Third Thursday each month  
7:00 pm - 8:45 pm  
at the  
Old Quarry Branch Library  
7051 Village Center Dr.**

***Meetings suspended due to Covid-19***

**No Reservations Neccessary!**



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### ***ASMS Club Dues Are Due!***

Annual ASMS club dues are \$25.00/individual  
or \$30.00/family.

You may bring your dues to a club meeting or remit  
same to ASMS, 111620 Via Grande Drive, Austin, TX  
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until further  
notice.

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further notice.



# Brengun's 1/144th SBD-3 Dauntless

by Ben Morton

I think it is safe to assume that many of us troll the inter-web for the latest news about forthcoming kits. 'Cause as we all know, model kits are like toilet paper; you can't have too much (or many). That being said, as I was perusing the latest about new kits I stumbled upon this soon to be available item from Brengun of Czech Republic fame.

The new offering is a 1/144th scale SBD-3 Dauntless. Brengun is making this particular model available in two separate offerings. One is designated as MIDWAY the other is entitled CORAL SEA, which is the subject of this review.

The difference between the two boxings appears to be just the inclusion of different decals.

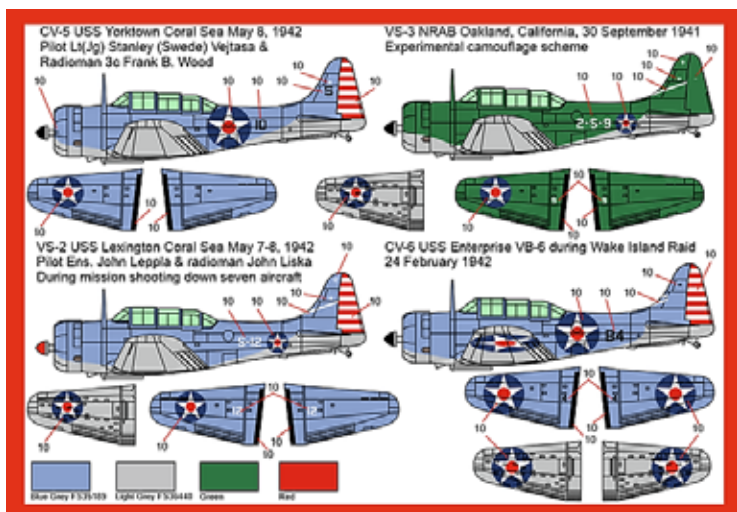


The CORAL SEA version of this release contains thirty-three light, grey plastic bits, a clear canopy, and a small decal sheet with markings for four examples of the Dauntless. The marking options include:

- CV-5 USS Yorktown, May 1942
- VS-2 USS Lexington, May 1942
- CV-6 USS Enterprise, February 1942
- VS-3 NRAB Oakland, September 1941



With the exception of the VS-3 aircraft (in an experimental Green camo scheme) the paint schemes are Blue Gray upper surfaces and Light Gray under surfaces. Experimental Green camouflage scheme might be overstating it a bit as the VS-3 aircraft simply exchanged the Blue Grey paint for Green. Nevertheless, the decals are thin and in excellent register and all the parts exhibit nice, petite engraved panel lines.



The kit has bits for the interior with cockpit floor, pilot's seat and instrument panel as well as the radioman/rear gunner's station with twin 30 caliber guns. You will need to source your own decals or facsimile for the instrument panel but in this scale lots of minute detail won't be visible through the single piece, clear canopy.

Sadly you can only show the rear guns in the stowed position as the clear canopy is a single piece. That clear canopy does have appropriately scaled framing which added in painting. As this is a Brengun kit it isn't beyond the realm of possibility that a vacuum formed canopy might be on the horizon. The fuselage sides went together without effort. I did attempt to enhance the dive brakes flaps with the aid of a red, fine tipped sharpie.



Separate exterior detail is provided with two separate style engine cowls that surround the single bank of cylinders for the Wright R-1820 engine. (I did add a wiring harness via an HO scale vinyl brake wheel.) I managed to lose the plastic antenna piece during assembly and replaced it with a bit of steel wire. Additionally, an arresting hook and under wing pylons, plus bombs, are provided as is the center line bomb trapeze with bomb. All are separate parts. Purists will delight in the proper propeller spinner (part # 15) being included with this release. Curiously the assembly instructions skip adding it to the model. (?)







Something also missing from the assembly instructions is what to do with several 'extra' parts; specifically parts # 6 (tail wheel) and #11 (engine cowling). I don't know this for a fact but those parts look suspiciously like they might belong on an A-24 'Banshee'.

The A-24 'Banshee' was the Army Air Corps designation for the Dauntless. You decide. But if you go that route you might have an additional color scheme to choose from...olive drab over neutral gray.

The model went together with only a modicum of fuss and painting this beast is beyond simple. Remember the color schemes provided are for light gray undersides and either blue gray or green on top.

The SBD-3 Dauntless CORAL SEA from Brengun is a welcome sight and is fun and enjoyable to build. The quality of the petite, molded detail is commiserate with Brengun's other small scale aircraft kits and it ranks right up there with other, quality manufacturers of aircraft kits 'in this one true scale'.

Děkuji to Brengun and my thanks to IPMS/USA for the review copy.

P.S. The carrier flight deck is from Sweet and is sold separately



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## DIO Drybrush Paint - Light Blue

by Ben Morton



There is somewhat of a recent trend in home furnishing circles that gives renewed life to older furniture and kitchen cabinets. The painting technique of which I speak is dry brushing. The trend has even caught the eye of Bob Vila, once and former host of the PBS series 'This Old House'. Bob is no longer affiliated with the program after lambasting (allegedly) a home owner for being a lazy twit, but that's a story for another time.

This dry brush technique involves dousing your paint brush into the paint of choice, removing almost all of it from the paint brush bristles and applying the minute amount of remaining paint onto the selected object. In the case of a home improvement project that might be cabinet doors or the odd table top but for our purposes this missive will focus solely on scale models.



Dauntless prior to application



Dauntless after application.





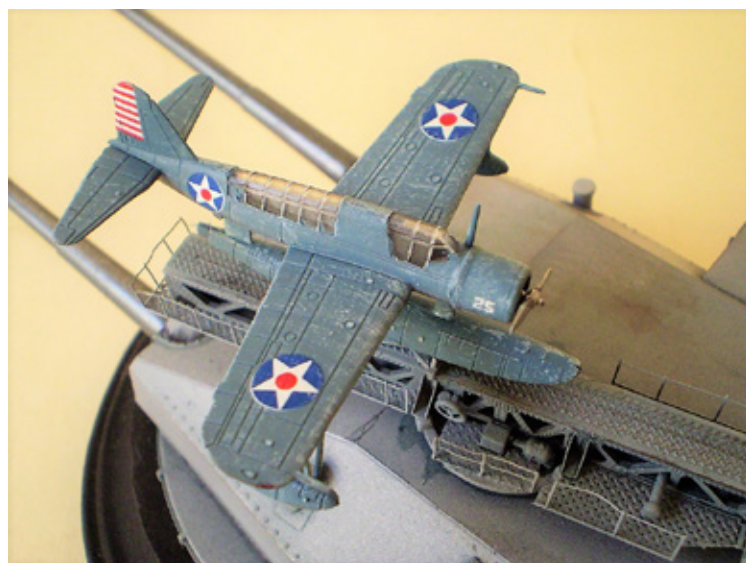
This technique highlights the raised aspects of whatever surface you apply the paint to, giving the object added depth. I suspect that many of you may already be familiar with this technique and have been for years. For those that are 'new to the game' of scale modeling there are any number of YouTube videos that go into detail about this finishing technique. I have included a link to the one produced by our sponsor, AMMO/ Mig Jimenez:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMdleUGfPiQ>

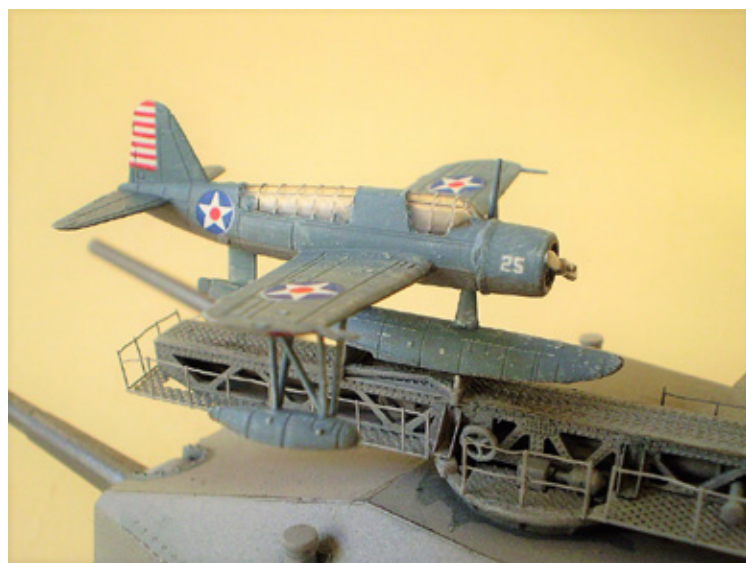
Although you may already be well on your way to mastering this finishing technique what you may have overlooked is that AMMO/Mig Jimenez have come out with a line of DIO Dry Brush paints. Currently AMMO/Mig Jimenez has twenty-seven shades of DIO Dry Brush paint for your modeling pleasure. The shades range from white and gray to several metal finishes as well as sand, yellow, flesh and brick among others. These paints are formulated a bit differently and are way thicker than normal run-of-the-mill model paints. (Thicker than normal means that these paints have the consistency of, say, ketchup or hand cream.) The thickness of this dry brush paint is thought to allow for better control of the dry brush technique and may allow for less waste of paint when initially applying the paint to your brush. I can testify to the fact the both proved to be true, in my case



Kingfisher prior to application



Kingfisher after application.



I've included two examples (aircraft) that I utilized this DIO Dry Brush paint on and the process was painless and pretty carefree. In the case of the Kingfisher, using this dry brush paint eliminated the need to actually paint the canopy framing. This stuff is my new best friend, paint wise that is....

My thanks to AMMO/Mig Jimenez and IPMS/USA for the review sample.

P.S. If you get the Carly Simon reference give yourself an extra point.

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## Fun with Flory Washes

by Rick Herrington

Most of you know that I am an armor builder and occasionally dabble in other subject matter. Lately it seems I am an aeroplane modeler and occasionally dabble in armor.

As some of you know I have been involved in a Panavia Tornado building spree including 1/144th, 1/72nd and 1/48th kits. I have an affinity for modern Luftwaffe jets and the Tornado is one of my favorites.



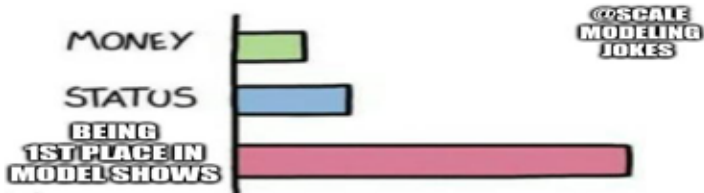
Norm 83 color scheme German Bundesluft. Illustration courtesy Harald Hensel decals.

What started me off on this journey was a build series of Revell's 1/48th Tornado IDS kit by some British folks called Flory Models on YouTube.

<https://www.florymodels.org/vlog/2020/6/10/revell-148-tornado-ids-video-build>

In their five part series they walked you through a build of Revell's 1/48th IDS Tornado kit. What hooked me was the Bundesluft Norm 83 color scheme he painted the model in. I wanted to replicate his build.

### WHAT GIVES PEOPLE FEELINGS OF POWER



In Flory Model's tutorials he uses a clay based wash Flory Models Weathering Wash to accent the panel lines. He used Dark Dirt.

I have spent hours accenting panel lines with thinned oil paints. Although this allows you a lot of control and is somewhat forgiving it takes a great deal of time.

From Flory's video this looked simple to use with super results. I was all in. I went to their model shop (UK based of course, couldn't be based in the US, could it?) I ordered the Dark Dirt and the Black washes for about \$8.00 a bottle.

Waiting on the over taxed US Postal system gave me time to work on the actual construction of the model and review other Youtube tutorials regarding the use of the washes.

It looked like you slop it on your painted, decaled and flat coated model, let it dry, and wipe it off with a moistened paper towel.

Simple, right?





First slops. Scary...scary...scary.



After drying a couple of hours.



Samples of the black and Dark Dirt washes. The manufacturer recommends that the wash not be applied directly from the bottle by dipping with a brush to avoid contamination.



When I received the washes and had painted and acrylic flat coated my Tornado it was with some trepidation that I began slopping the Dark Dirt wash on my Jabo.

It had taken me a while to mask and paint the camouflage scheme and I really didn't want to ruin it especially since I had joined a Luftwaffe group build on Facebook and was expected to produce a completed build.





I re-watched the Flory Models video how-to and decided to take the plunge. Here's the process step by step.

1. Slop it on all over the model. I used it pretty much everywhere with the exception of the canopy. I also used it on the drop tanks, flare dispenser and ECM pod. Use a soft brush to work it into the recessed panel lines.

2. Let it dry several hours.

3. Remove it with a wet, soft, paper towel. Remove the wash in the direction of the air flow over the aircraft. I used Q-tips to get into tight areas to remove the excess.

That's the process. If you're unhappy with the first application wipe it all off and start again. I applied two applications and was very happy with the result and the well-worn look it gave my Tornado



Prior to application of the wash.



After two applications and wipe downs





# What's Up wid You?



ASMS/Bill Delk sponsors an on-line ZOOM meeting with whoever wants to join us to talk about models and life. It happens almost every Sunday at 4:00.

Contact Bill Delk to have him send you a link to be able to get into the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Adam Coleman is up first with two projects. The first is an Italian tankette in 1/72nd scale a CV-35 by DOC models circa 1940 North Africa.







Second up from Adam is a FROG 1/72nd Sea Venom.



Bob Bethea joins us this month with eight new completed projects. The first is a Takom 1/16th scale Panzer 1B.



Second from Bob is a Dragon 1/35th Sdkfz 234/4.



Next from Bob is a Takom 1/35th Jagdpanther with interior.



Fourth from Bob is Tamiya's brand new Marder 1 release in 1/35th scale.



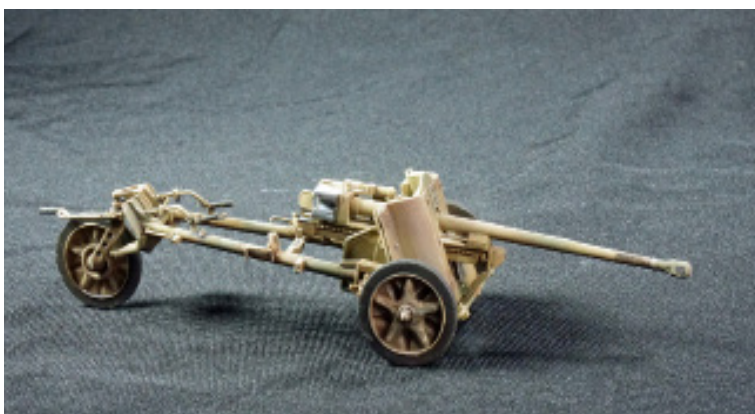




Fifth is an Amazing Hobby 1/35th Imperial Japanese Army Ho-Ri Type 5 Experimental Gun Tank.



Numero Six from Bob is a DML Pak 38 50mm German anti-tank gun in 1/35th scale.



Seven from Bob is a 1/35th Pzkwf 4 Ausf B in a snow scene.



Last but not least is a 1/35th Minenraumer



Douglas Brown is checking in this month with his completed Airfix 1/72nd Phantom FG.1.





Ben Morton is in this month with three projects. The first is a 1/350th scale M1 (Yes, that small..with photo etch)



Next is another 1/350th scale jewel, a Saunders-Roe flying boat. I may be mistaken but I think the make is AMG.



Third is a Riich 1/200th scale Kingfisher with catapult.



Eric Choy is checking in with a Meng Toon Tank. This one is a Jagdpanther.







Rick Cotton has another commission peice, the IJN Light Cruiser Isuzu.



Randy Bumgardner shared a few pictures of his in-progress Gundam.







Dave Edgerly has a completed Tamiya P-47.  
This was his first ever P-47 kit.



Dave also included some in progress shots of  
his 1/32nd PZL.





Last up from Dave is an in-progress O scale freight house.



Rick Herrington finally finished up his 1/48th scale Revell Tornado IDS. Rick also added a couple of Eduard Paveway 2 bomb kits to his model.



Ron McCracken has 4 new completed projects he's sharing with us this month all in 1/72nd scale. The first is an Airfix P-40B.

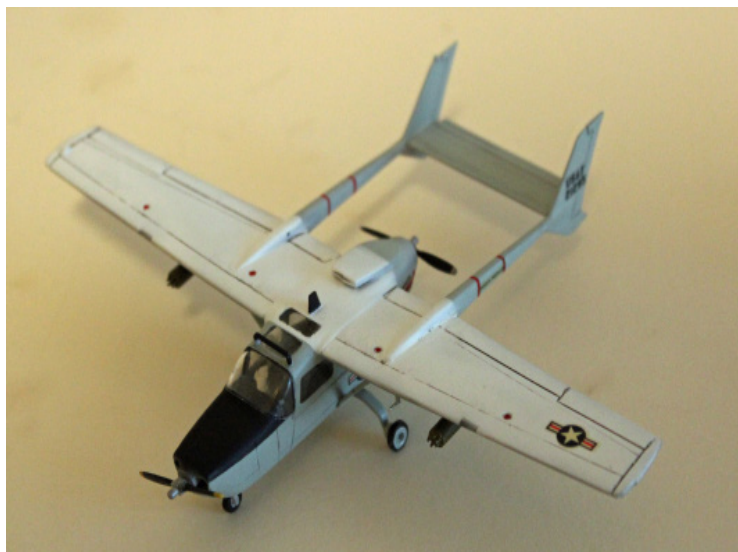


Next is a Dora Wings P-63A.





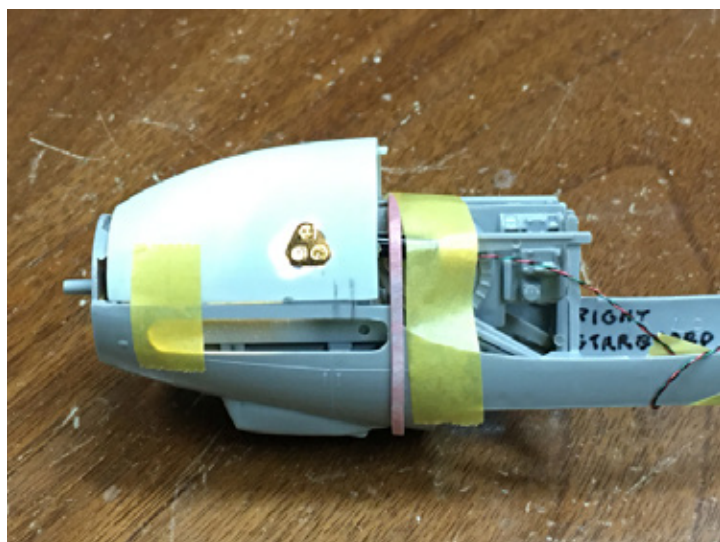
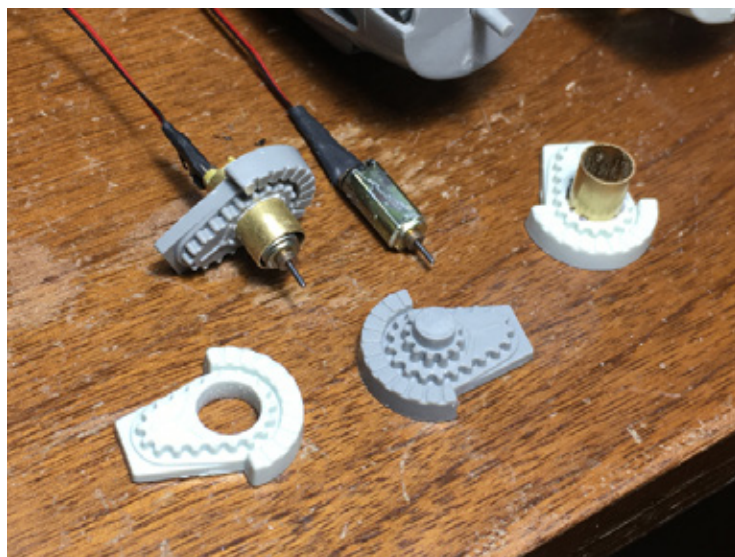
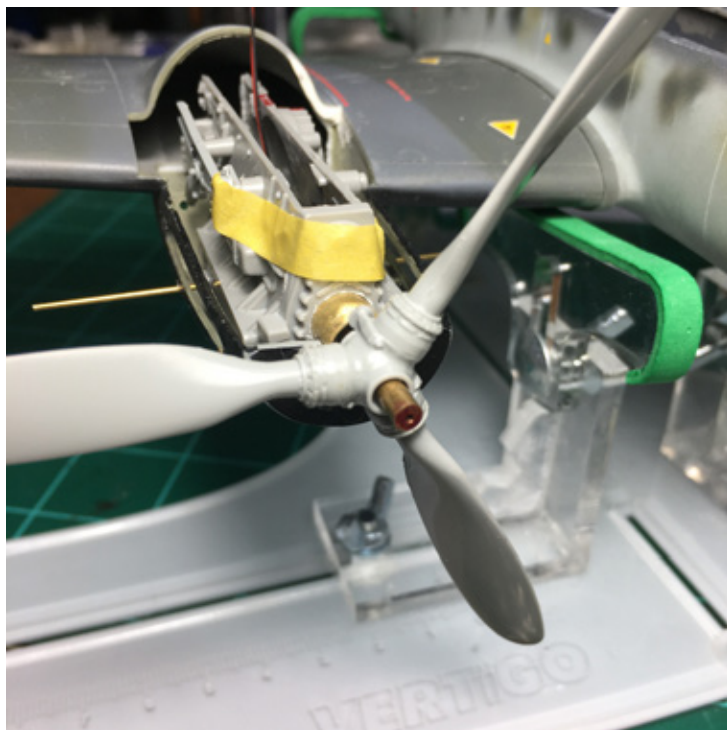
Third from Ron is an O2 Skymaster from Airfix.



Last from Ron is a Special Hobby Lockheed Electra.



Last up from James Fillingham is an update on his ongoing 1/32nd Revell Me-110G. When this project is finished this model will sport working engines and sound.







That's all the models that'll fit in the column this month and fortunately all that were submitted. Thanks to all the members that shared their work.

Have a merry Christmas and happy modeling.

## The Scrapper's Torch

by Rick Cotton



There it sits in the back of my display case, leering at me, a disgusting, old, second-rate, way-beyond-its-time F4U Corsair. In this case, the old Trumpeter F4U-1 kit, but with a twist – it was converted to a birdcage version using an aftermarket set made by a fellow who calls himself “the Resin Prince” on the web. Some of you may know him – his name rhymes with Like Vest. The new Tamiya kit I recently built made the old Trumpeter one as superfluous as the even older Revell one, and once I finished the new kit, this old one's days were indeed numbered.

It was never a great build, but I had fun with it. I replaced the wheels, cockpit and canopy with the aforementioned person's parts, and painted it in a half-wit Guadalcanal-type scheme. It came out....OK. Not a big winner...in fact, never a winner. It was retired in ignominy to the rear of the case, behind more successful builds, to wait. And while it has been waiting, it has been gnawing at my gut, and taking up valuable real estate in this 1/32-scale builder's display area. I would look at it, then at the new Tamiya bird, and my mind would start to put two and two together....I waited, and waited.



Well, Bucko, the waiting is over. I just now today popped open the case, moved the “keepers” out of the way, and grabbed the offending bent-wing bird. Yes, I snapped the antenna wire in the process. So what!

CRACK! Off came the resin wheels.  
CRACK! Off came the prop.  
CRACK! Out came the resin seat.

I took one long, last look at it, and unceremoniously heaved the rest of the wreckage into the trash. There. It’s done. It’s gone. I shut the lid to the can, and walked away, glancing at the newly available space in the case. I smiled, at last at peace, knowing some of the boxes still in my collection might actually get built one day. What do you do with your old builds, you know, the ones that sit in the back of the shelf? The ones you allow to gather dust, because they just don’t seem to be worth the effort of cleaning?

Your options are, unfortunately, few. Museums? No, not so much. Museums are full of crappy models, with few exceptions. Most don’t want any more.

Give them to your kids? That’s one way to assure certain death for the model. It should last an hour or two...maybe.

Strip it for usable parts? Makes sense, and it will help with that awful memory of how much you spent on aftermarket for that otherwise-lame kit when you bought it. Those parts may well find life elsewhere someday. Comfort yourself with the notion that you are being fiscally responsible. It’s total BS, but you’ll feel better.

Or....you can do what I do sometimes. I save the old builds in a box, and when the holidays come around, well, those neighborhood fireworks stands begin to open! Get the idea? My boys come over for New Year’s or Fourth of July, we stock up, and then the carnage fun begins! As a teenage modeler with a little money and easy-to-acquire black powder in the 1970’s I sent many an old model to its Viking funeral – with a bang.

Or several bangs. Or a long hiss as the powder lights inside, only to build enough pressure a moment later to disassemble that sucker in a blaze of glory, and the smell of burning styrene!

Wa Hoo!

I know, I know, many of these old builds hold sweet and precious memories for you. But, that’s what photography is for....as Kansas once said (or sang) “nothing lasts forever but the earth and sky”.

Take pictures of ALL your builds. Then....  
Send the undeserving, underperforming, non-winning builds to the SCRAPPER’S TORCH!  
Ha HA!

Now, please remember, fireworks are dangerous, use precautions and supervise the kiddies, blah, blah blah. Keep the garden hose handy, and wear eye protection. You’re on your own for this one, buddy.

“FIRE IN THE HOLE!”



**HER: DO YOU LIKE MY SHORT SKIRT?  
ME: NO I'VE SEEN BETTER  
THE BETTER:**







## Old Rumors and New Kits

### New and In View Aircraft

by Ron McCracken

December is, as usual, mostly re-pops of familiar subjects, but with a couple of new-tool surprises thrown in at both ends of the scale spectrum.

#### 1/32nd Scale

Leading off Italeri is releasing a new-tool Tornado GR.4. I know there are some Tornado fans that will be glad to see this new kit.



Dora Wings is re-releasing their Dewoitine D.510 with some new parts and Japanese markings.



#### 1/48th Scale

Dora Wings is re-releasing their Republic P-43 kit as a P-43A-1 Lancer as used in China.



Eduard has announced release of their Bf 110C/D as an Adlertag (Eagle Day, i.e. invasion of Britain) Limited Edition kit with new decals.



Eduard has also announced a re-release of their F-6D/K photo recon version of the Mustang in a ProfiPACK edition. The only difference between the D and K was the place of manufacture, they are basically the same.

**F-6D/K****ProfiPACK**  
edition

1/48 scale

eduard

Hasegawa has announced a re-release of their 1990s-vintage Bf 109E as a Bf 109E-4N accompanied by a figure of the ace Galland. This seems to be an on-going theme with Hasegawa to spice up older kits by adding figures. It would be good to hear from one of our figure enthusiasts as to the quality of these figures, as they form such an important part of the updated appeal of these re-releases.



Revell has announced a Ju 188A-1 'Raecher' with new decals. This kit has previously been seen under the Dragon and DML brands.

**1/72nd Scale**

BPK has announced a Bombardier CRJ-900 regional jetliner. As their name implies (Big Plane Kit), this outfit specializes in large kits of various jet airliners.



Eduard is re-releasing a MiG-21PF Fishbed D in a Weekend Edition, with some new parts/decals.

**MiG-21PF**



Eduard has announced a Bf 110C/D Adlertag Limited Edition featuring 12 markings options, color photo-etch, masks, and a resin MK 101 30mm cannon used in Bf 110C-6.



Hasegawa has announced a re-release of their MU-2A in 'Air Rescue Wing' markings w/ tractor.



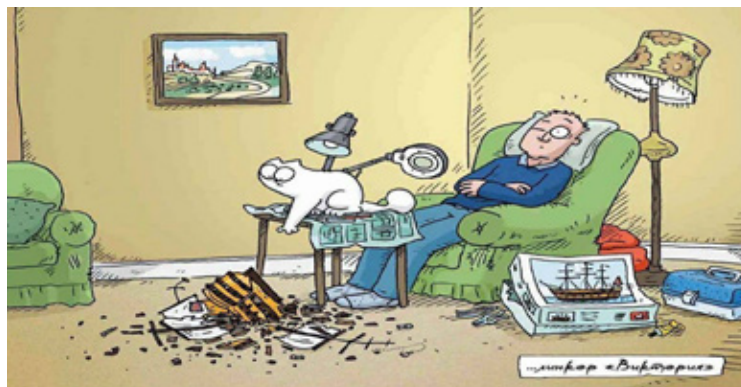
Hasegawa is also re-releasing their aging Shinmeiwa PS-1 flying boat as a US-1 in 'Rescue Ivory' markings. The kit includes some new/revised parts and new decals.



Modelsvit has announced release of an updated Mirage IIIB with new markings and other updates.



Finally, Zvezda has announced a new-tool C-130H Hercules, which a review in Cybermodeler gives very high marks compared to the next-best option, Italeri's aging (and somewhat inaccurate) kit.







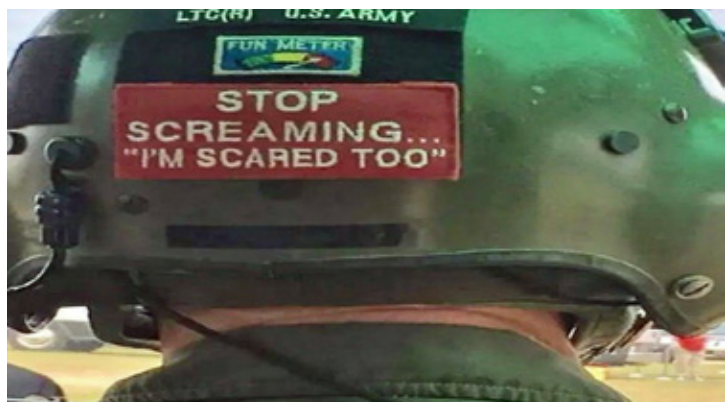
# Shipping News

By Rick Herrington

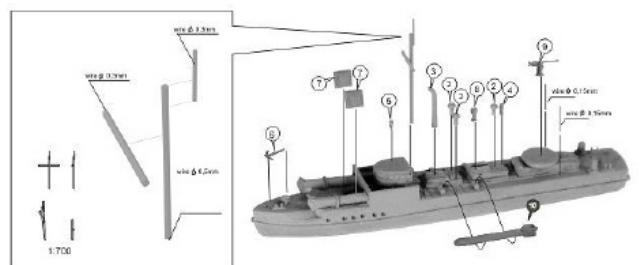
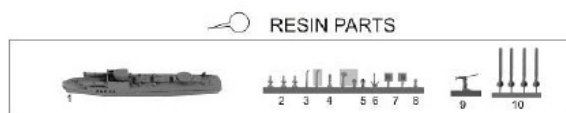
More releases to work with this month thank goodness. Let's start off with 1/700th scale. Dream Model is releasing a Chinese Type 052DL destroyer



Pit Road has a modern release of their own, the Asayuki. Asayuki is Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force DD-132. Asayuki is a "general purpose" destroyer having both ASW and anti-aircraft capabilities.

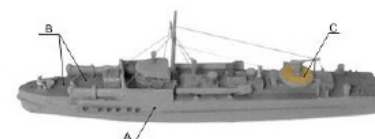


Niko has a couple of new releases in 1/700th scale. The first is a set of 3 early S-boot types (S-7),



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Next up from Niko is a German Torpedo boat T-1





Last up from Bunker Studio is a German U-boat/S-boat pen. This particular one is modeled after one in France.

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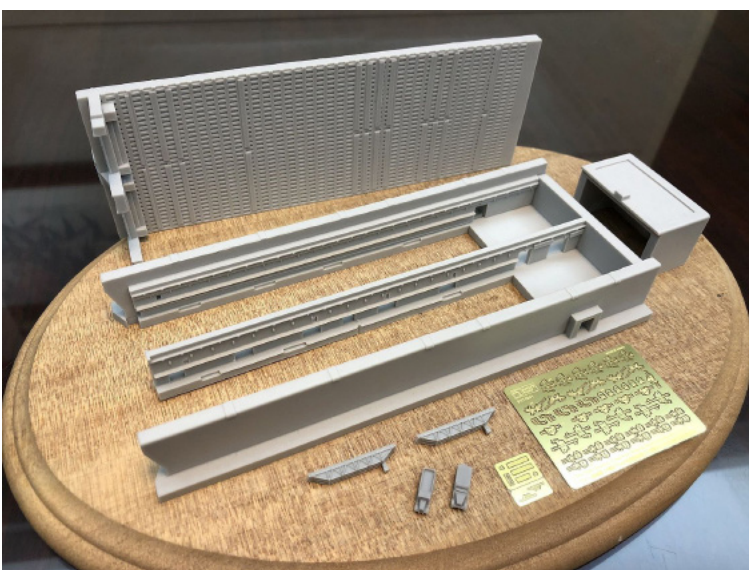
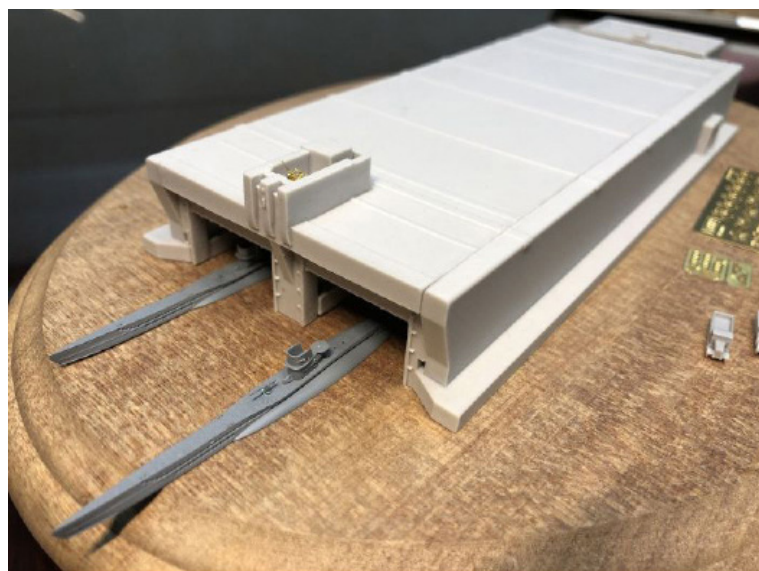
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Moving on to 1/350th scale Revell is releasing HMS Dreadnought.



Two releases from Pit Road this month in 1/350th. The first is an IJN Second Class transport ship. These were fast amphibious assault ships similar to the US's LCT.





Second from Pit Road and last of this month's releases is the IJN Ukuru type minesweeper.



## Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

Let's start off with a release in one of Ben Morton's favorite scales 1/144th. From Matsuo Katsen comes Merkava 4M Trophy APS.



Moving into 1/72nd scale three new releases. Dragon is up first with a Bundeswehr GTK Boxer A2.



Vespid Models is releasing a "What If?" panzer, a Flakpanzer 8 based on the Maus chasis.



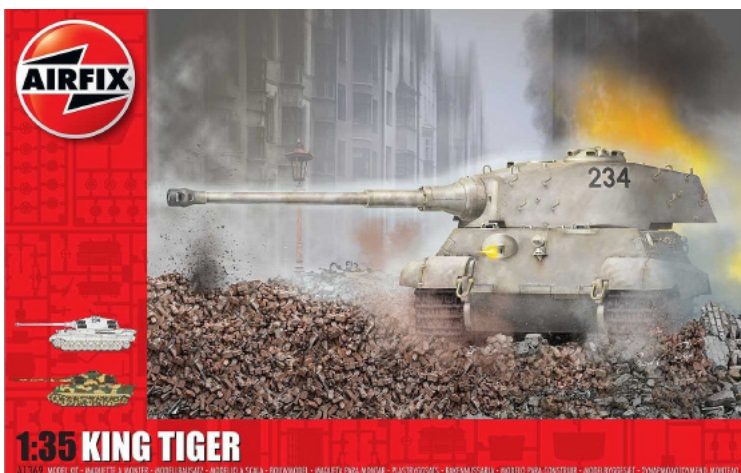




Last in 1/72nd releases comes from Border Models. They are releasing a Leopard 2A5/A6.



Seven new releases in 1/35th scale. The first is from Airfix, a German King Tiger.



Next from Border Models is a Panzer 4 Ausf J with workable track.



RFM has two new releases in 1/35th a Panzer 3 Ausf J and a Paper Panzer Panther Ausf F.



Pit Road is releasing a JGSDF Type 89 Infantry Fighting Vehicle.









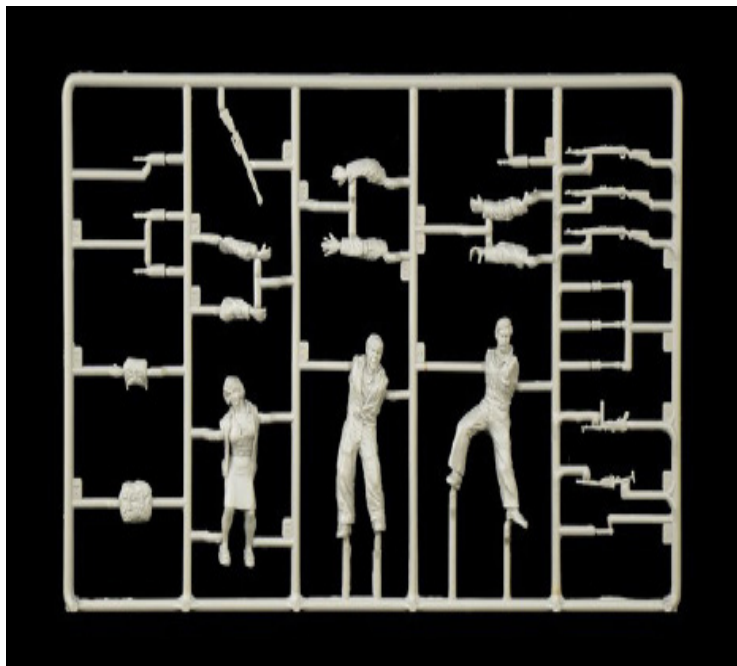


The next figure, represents Colonel Hans Christian Heg of the 15th Wisconsin Volunteers "The Scandinavian Brigade". Colonel Heg has been in the news recently, as a statue of the Union Colonel, and abolitionist, in Madison, WI was beheaded during a recent protest this summer over the very thing he'd fought against 150 years earlier. Talk about being in the wrong place at the wrong time.



<https://www.italeri.com/en>

Italeri has started to produce some newer figure kits, and one of their latest, is 1/35 scale partisans. A nice addition, of an over-looked, but significant participant in WWII. These figures will work well for any local partisan group, whether it's the behind the lines in France, Russia, or any of the Slavic countries. Unfortunately, the finished figure on their website, doesn't look as nice as what they've provided for the sprue shot. Your results may vary, but it's nice to have some new figures that aren't generally of another German infantry troop.



<https://en.zvezda.org.ru/>

From Zvezda, we get a couple new additions to their in-house war gaming system "The Art of Tac-tic". This game is based in 1/72nd scale and the figures provided for it, are actually very nice. I've used a few of their kits for various projects I've worked on recently. The figures are a hard plastic and have nice details. Normally, when they release one set of figures, they provide a second set of the opposing side. In this case, a German set of five Grenadiers, and a Russian machine gun squad, featuring 5 soldiers. The figures usually come with a small base to be used in game, but the figures work just fine without the base.







So, that does it for this month's edition, and the final edition of the year.

I hope you all Stay Positive, Test Negative, and have a happy holiday, Merry Christmas, and a safe and prosperous New Year!

To all fellow modelers,

As the current COVID-19 pandemic continues (it hasn't peaked yet), we request that you follow state & local requests to not meet in any groups and to self-quarantine if possible. This means no monthly meetings or shows.

With limited testing available and no vaccines, it's not worth the risk. Between smart phones, email, Facebook, etc., you should be able to stay in contact with your fellow modelers.

Check with your contest chairmen or the event page on the IPMS/USA website before you get in your car!

Dust off your stash and build some models. As the country music artist Gary Allan sings, "Every storm runs out of rain".

Stay healthy & safe. Happy modeling

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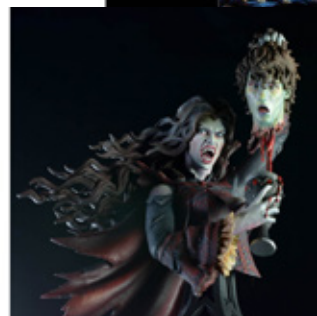
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