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# SPRUE EXAMINER



**FH 1148S**  
1/700 SCALE  
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DELUXE EDITION  
豪華版

**German Battleship Scharnhorst 1943**  
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**ICM Great Other Review**



**ModelFiesta 2020**



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# PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY IAN LATHAM



Hello Members,

Welcome to February and the kick off of the Show Season!

This month brings the Alamo Squadron's Model Fiesta and the start of a wonderful season of shows for Texas. Not only do we have a plethora of events around the state and amongst our neighbors to the North and East but we have the Nationals arriving in late July at our very own San Marcos Conference Center.

I would like to remind all of you that being part of an organization involves stepping up and doing your part to keep the group and it's goals alive.

San Antonio is hosting the 2020 Nationals and as a sister club we have a duty to support them and show the nation what a Texas event means.

Between now and July, ASMS will be working hand and hand with Alamo Squadron to coordinate aspects of the event. I ask all of you to reach out to me and Len Pilhoffer and offer up whatever time you have to help. Len has graciously offered to share in the proceeds from the event by monitoring volunteer times and splitting revenue through the clubs.

I know that the show will be a lot of work but it will be a lot of fun as well, and we don't often get the chance to be a part of something this fantastic. As of now we are only asking for volunteers to be at the Airport during the week of the show to welcome the attendees to Texas and help them find the shuttle buses. There can be a great opportunity to see friends from past shows and set the pace for the weekend.

Now is the time to reach out and show your appreciation for the group and help make this the best year for shows in Texas this century!

Cheers!

Ian







# HOUSE CLEANING



## ASMS MEETING



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

***Next meeting February 20, 2020***

**No Reservations Neccessary!**



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more information.***



### Events

**IPMS USA Nationals - Come and Make it  
July 29-August 1 2020  
San Marcos, TX**

### ***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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# PAY UP!

### Club Quarterly Contests

### Monthly Meeting Presentations:





# Flyhawk German Battleship Scharnhorst 1943 (Premium Edition)

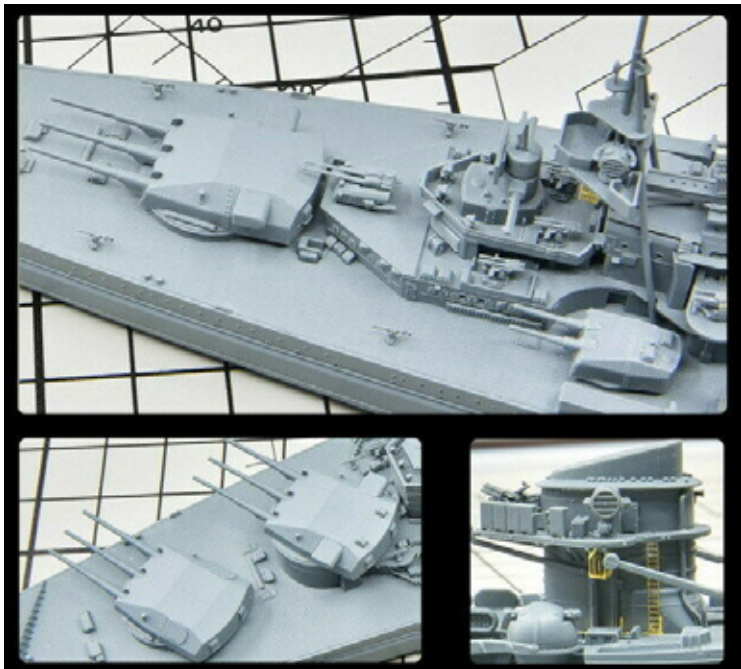
an In-Box Review by Rick Herrington



Any Kriegsmarine ship modeler in 1/700th scale has built Tamiya's Scharnhorst model. Did you know that the initial release date for the kit was in 1975? Although it's a fine kit and I still like to keep 1 or 2 of the kit's in my ship stash to raid for the single 20mm guns to say the kit is long in the tooth is definitely speaking the truth.



A Chinese company known for their fine photo etch kits Flyhawk has graced us with a new release of the Deutsche Kreigsmarine (DKM) Scharnhorst in 1/700th scale. This will be a replacement for the Tamiya kits in your stash and what a fine replacement it is!



The kit comes in two versions. The first is FH 1148 which is the no frills, less expensive version of the kit. It doesn't include the photo etch sheets that come with FH1148S which is the premium version.

I will be reviewing the premium version.

There are two or more sprues of each of the ones I illustrate in this article except for parts like the funnel and the major upper superstructure pieces.

This proved fortunate as I am building a representation of the Scharnhorst as he looked during the channel dash. He has some extra quad 20mm flak guns added to the deck and I was able to use the extras that came with the kit to represent those.

The kit represents Scharnhorst as he appeared in the battle of North Cape. This was the ship's last battle.

The kit represents the 1943 version of the ship with all the upgrades to the radars.

Before you start building be sure to research the time period you want to represent. Scharnhorst's appearance and camouflage changed a great deal during her short but notable career.



First up is the hull and deck bits. The ship can be built in either water line or full hull versions. There is a hull cut out on the lower hull that has a piece that fits into it. Since this is the bow of the kit really haven't worked out what its function is.



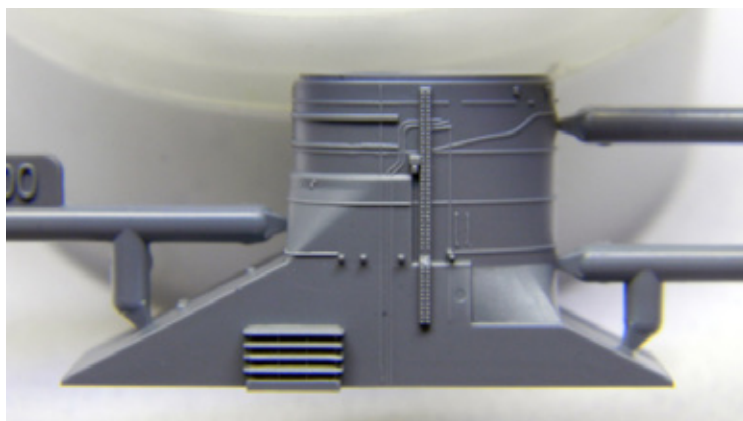
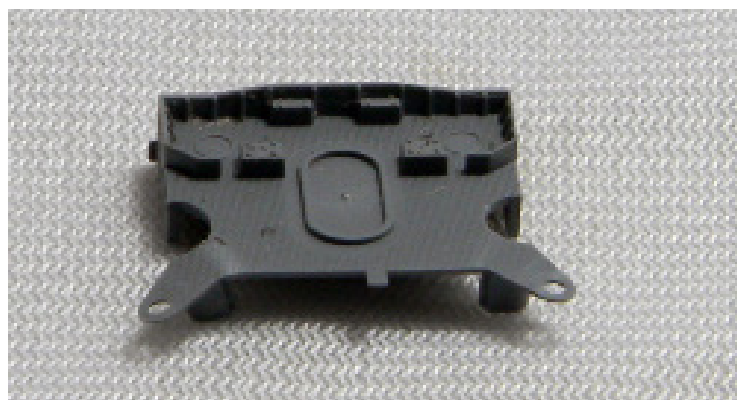
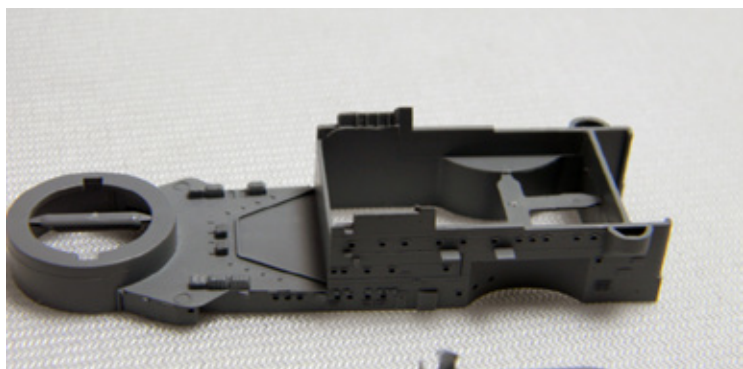
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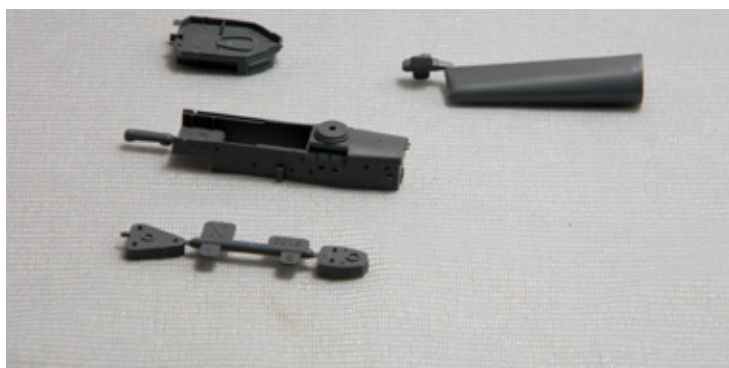
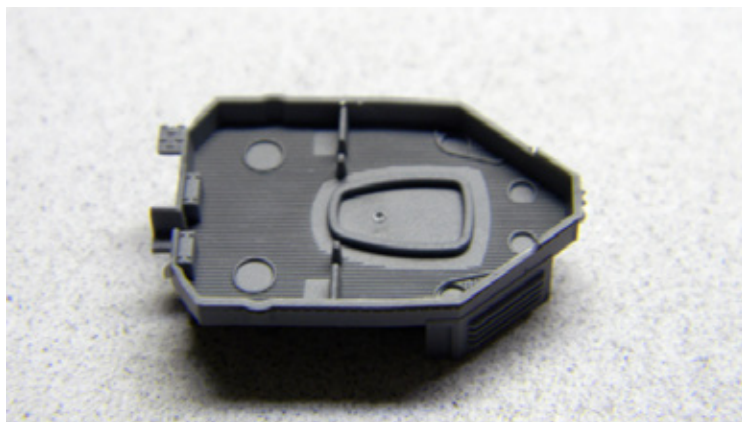
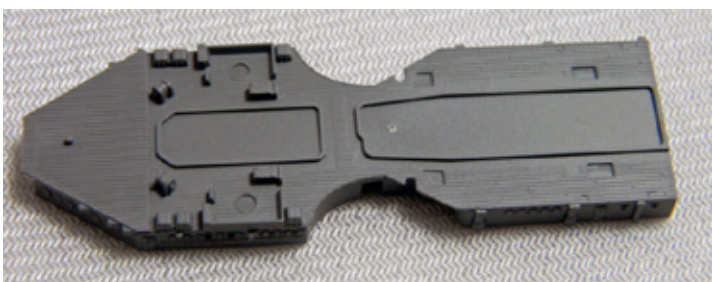




Here are the separate major parts like the funnel, main deck, rear deck and hangar parts.



The detail on the funnel is amazing. Not only is there molded on detail for the various steam pipes that go up and down the funnel but the kit includes several separate pipes that are glued on to the funnel to add more detail.



The picture above illustrates the bow cut out section, aircraft hangar and range finder bases.

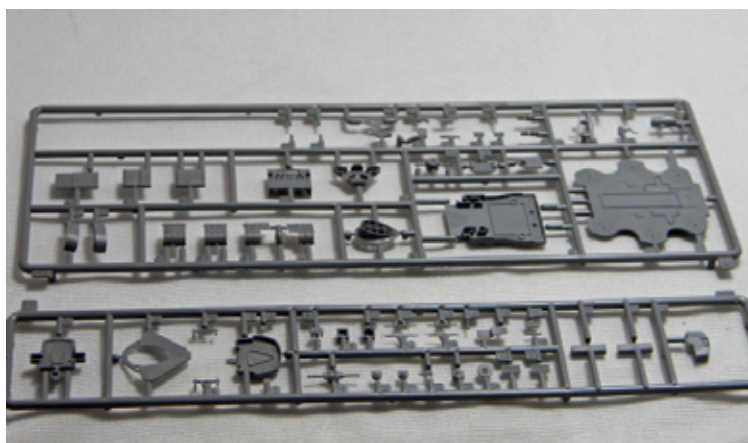


N sprue close up of range finder base.

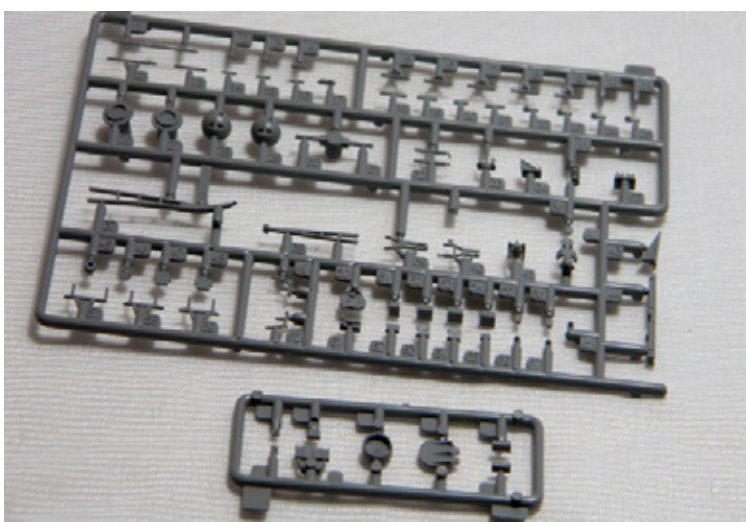




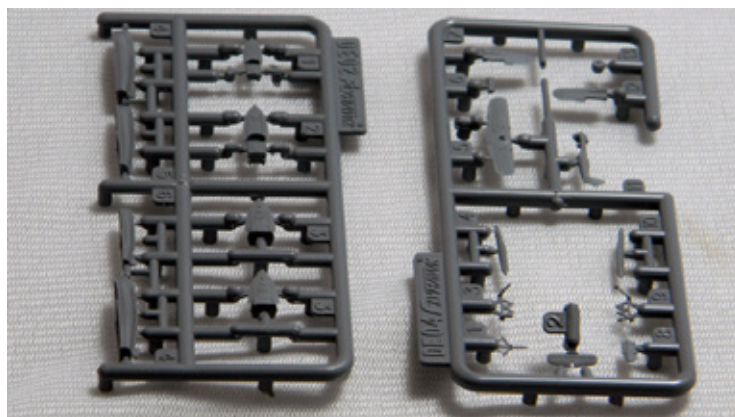
Other range finder base on sprue N.



Funnel top and additional deck parts.



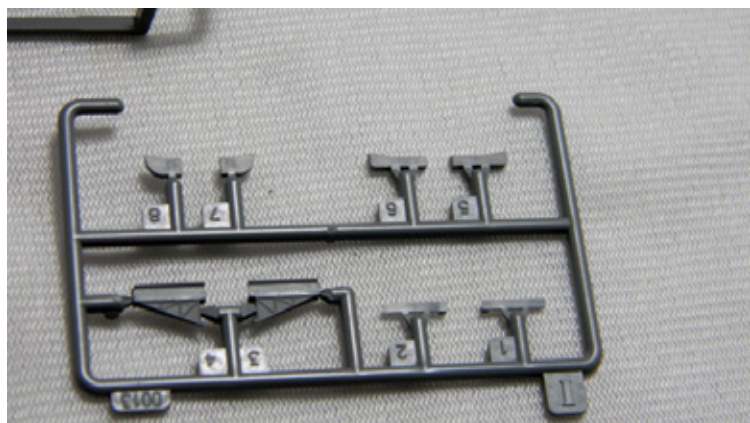
Range finders, crane parts and aircraft hangar flak platform parts



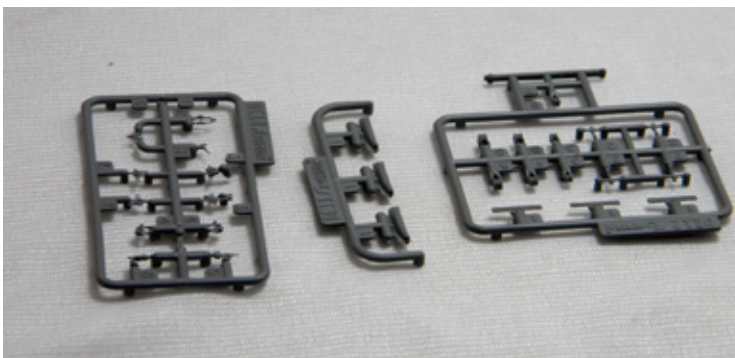
Ar-196 aircraft and boat sprues.



Arado 196 canopy sprue



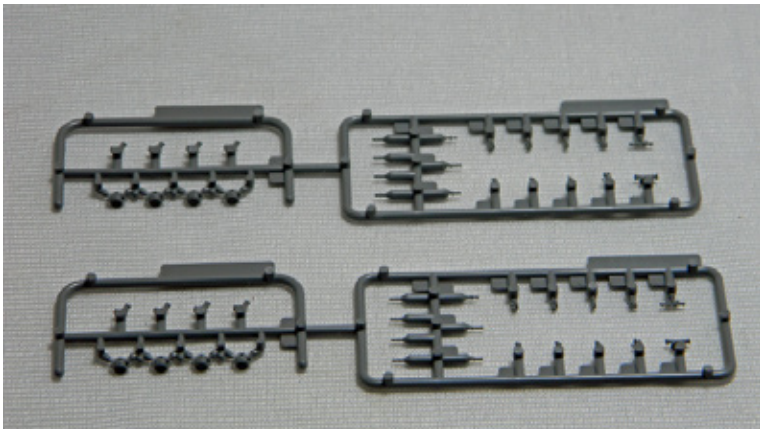
Bridge extension parts







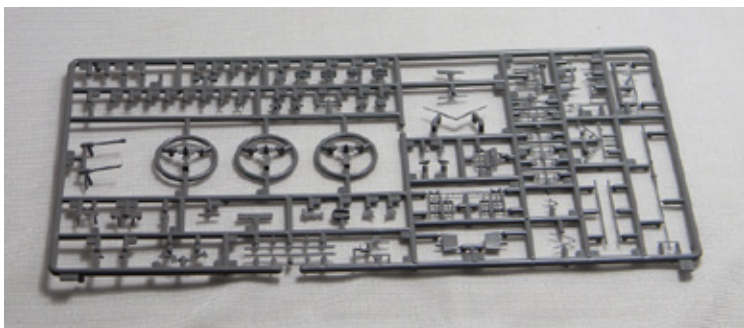
The previous photo shows one of the sprues that has boats, fire hose reels and 20mm flakvierlings. The flakvierlings (four barreled flak guns) are kits in themselves and you will need your Optivisor to put them together.



Searchlight and bridge range finder sprues.

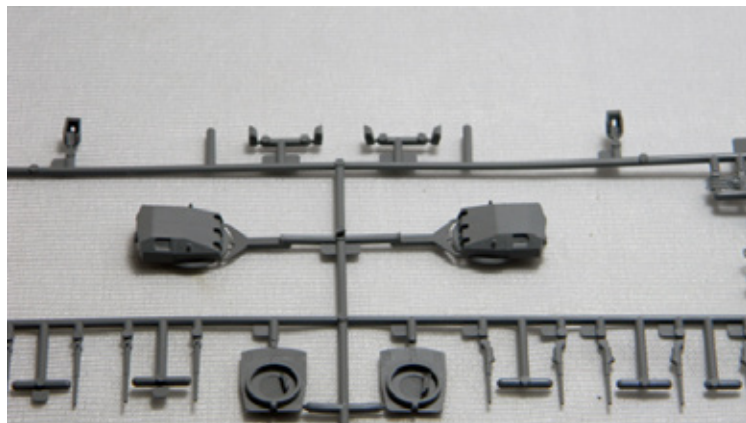


Life Rafts and additional boat sprues.



Screws for full hull version and masts sprue.

Now for the juicy part....the weapon sprues. I was very impressed with the detail on the main armament turrets. No additional photo etch parts needed. The plastic barrel sprue includes barrels with blast bags and without. The premium version includes brass barrels but without the blast bags.



Anton and Bruno turrets with bases and plastic barrels.

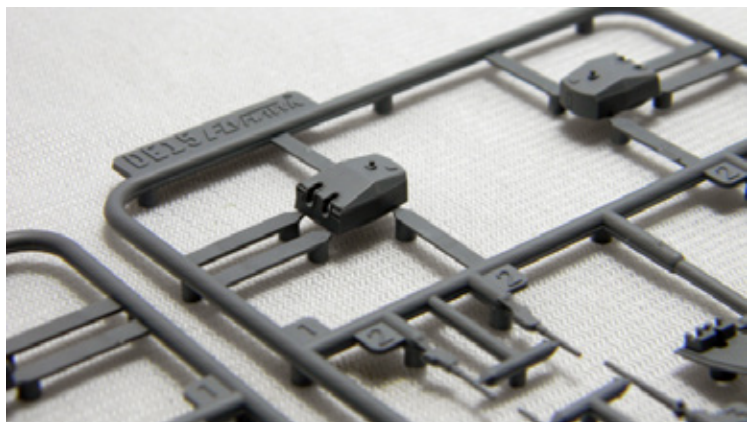


Close up of main turret casting.

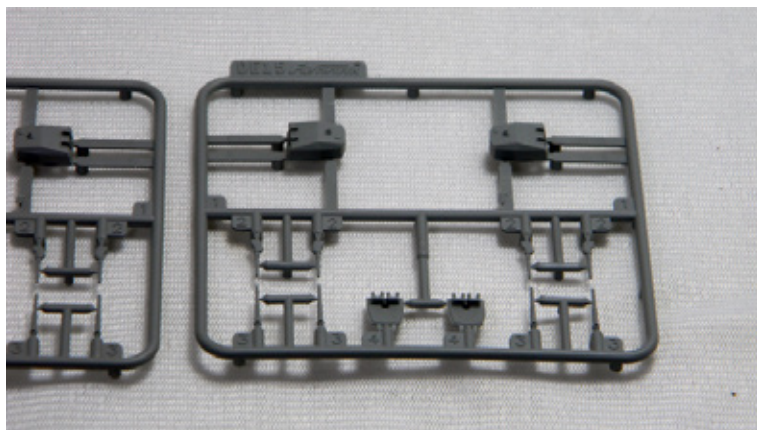


11 inch gun barrel close up. These are the ones without the blast bags. Off to the left you can see the single 5.9 inch barrels.





Secondary twin 5.9 inch turret close up.



Secondary turrets and barrels with blast bags. If you do the late version two of the secondary turrets have quad 20mm's mounted on platforms on top of two of the twin turrets.



Brass barrels for the 11 inch and 5.9 inch guns as well as brass parts to construct the mast.



Torpedoe tubes, twin 37 AA mounts and single 20mm guns along with quad 20mm bases.



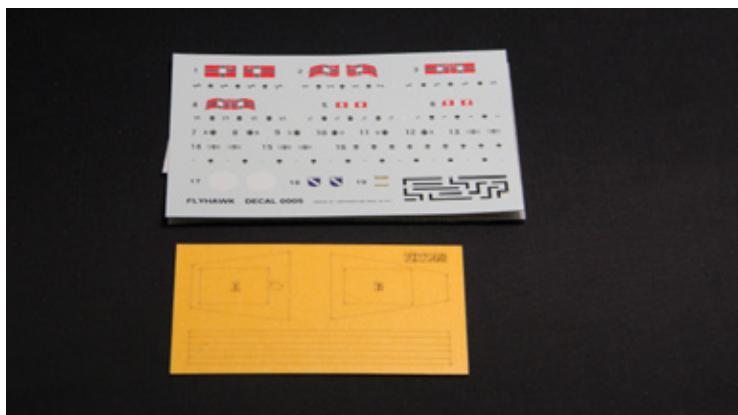
Additional photo etch sheets included in the Premium Version of the Scharnhorst kit.



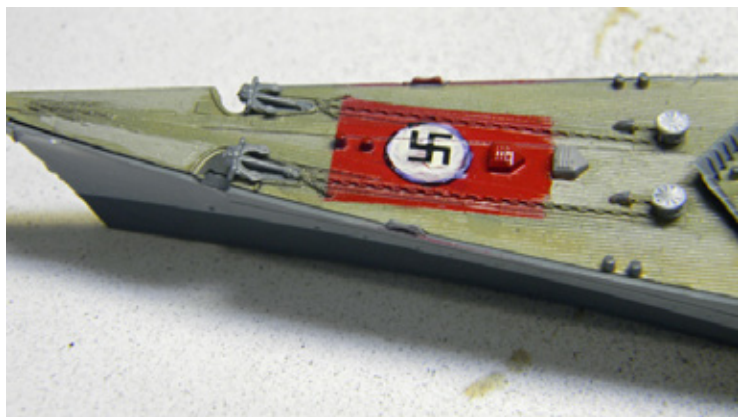




The photo with the blue background is the photo etch sheet which comes with the standard no frills kit.



The decal sheet with flags and bits that can make up the swastikas painted on his deck. The yellow sheet is a mask that applies to the deck to help you paint the red squared on the deck.



Example of aerial identification flag painted on the deck. I used some swastika decals robbed from an aircraft sheet for the crosses. This deck has been sprayed with gloss coat after the decal was set. Some touch up on the white border seems in order.



Two sheets of fairly easy to follow instruction sheets. On the second page is a color scheme for the camouflage Scharnhorst wore when she was sunk. There is also a guide for painting the AR-196 float plane.



Finally Flyhawk includes a piece of frameable art with the kit depicting Scharnhorst with star shells illuminating him in the cold arctic night.



All in all this is just an extraordinary kit for 1/700th scale. In the process of building the kit I kept saying to myself "This should be in 1/350th scale."

There are rumors that Flyhawk is going to jump into the 1/350th market but for right now they are rumors.

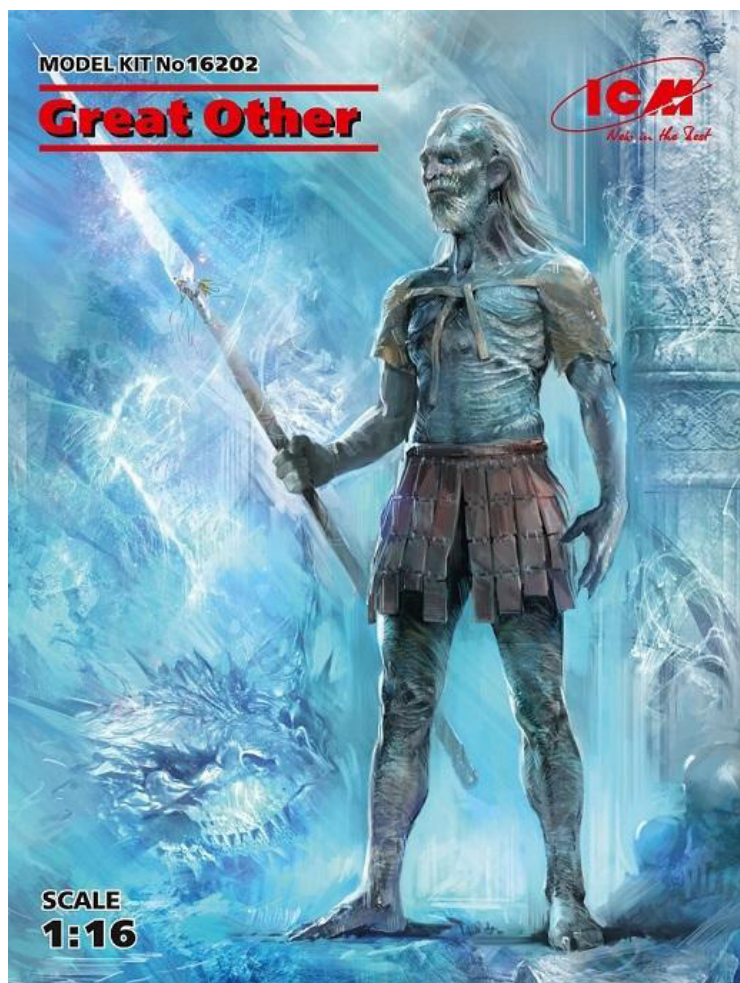
Hopefully Flyhawk will take the plunge and offer us a world class 1/350th Scharnhorst. Their 1/700th Scharnhorst is already a world class kit.

# The Great Other

By Ben Morton

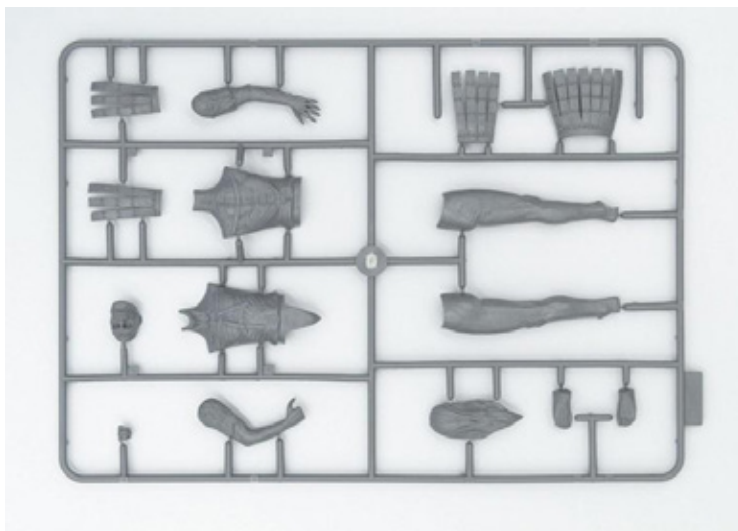
ICM Plastic Model Kits is offering the figure modeler an additional 'Game of Thrones' character for their collection. The previously release was an excellent 1/16th scale plastic kit of the 'King of the Night,' also known as the Ice Zombie King (or is it Zombie Ice King?) from the Game of Thrones series on HBO.

The Great Other, within the faith of Sailor, is also known as The Lord of Darkness, Soul of Ice, or God of Night and Terror within the folklore of the Game of Thrones saga. Or, you can just call him AI!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uq-gYOrU8bA>

This companion figure is molded in fifteen, light gray plastic parts with a three-piece display base, in black styrene, and a single clear bit for the the Great Others weapon of choice. This spear is tipped with 'Dragon Glass'. (Obsidian, for those that may be unfamiliar.). Additionally, ICM includes a painting guide and an 8x11 glossy, Hollywood-type print of the box art that is suitable for framing. Or, I suppose you could use it as a painting guide.







There aren't any assembly instructions per say, just remember that the torso goes above the legs. Assembly is pretty simple, although I did get the wrong feet on the wrong legs.

Just kidding. It was the hands that I had trouble with.

Oh wait, those are molded to the arms.

Nevermind!



The right arm, that is sculpted grasping the spear, does have the fore fingers of the Great Others hand molded as a separate piece. This engineering allows for a more realistic pose of that hand holding the spear. Nice touch on ICM's part.



The legs are molded as one piece so no goofy seam to deal with. Those attach to the upper torso to which you glue on both arms. The aforementioned hands are nicely sculpted and show a great deal of animation as does the rest of the kit parts. There are four parts that comprise the Great Others leather lion cloth that get attached and then you're pretty much done with assembly.

The base is molded in three pieces: an oval base, a bottom, and a top bit which has a rough cast texture. This engineer affords you, dear modeler, the opportunity to add some weight into that pocket to keep the finished piece from being top heavy. Another excellent call on the part of ICM.



The rest of the figure goes together without too much muss or fuss. There are some gaps here and there that will require a bit of putty to fill but nothing out of the ordinary. The gap between the torso and the legs is a bit fiddly to correct but keep in mind that the figures nicely sculpted loin cloth covers almost all of that join. One difficulty about that loin cloth...it doesn't fit all that great. The problem is easily fixed with some crafty modeling skills: scraping, sanding, and lots of test fitting.





The suggested paint colors supplied by ICM are for Revell and Tamiya paints. One aspect that I always find amusing about foreign manufacturers is the translation of their native tongue into English. In this case, 'suggested colors' in Ukrainian translates into 'used colors' in English. This is, after all, a fantasy figure so any colors that you choose to use will be the 'used colors'.

So, not that far off the mark.

Painting began with the base. The base is molded in black plastic and could be sprayed with a clear coat of some sort and you'd be well with your rights to do that. I went with a coating of acrylic craft paints in a super-secret blend of Burnt Umber, Raw Umber, and Raw Sienna. (Actually it was a small dollop of this one and a extra-large dollop of that one, and a tiny bit of another.) After drying I did coat the whole thing in a clear coat of some sort.



The engineering of the base (with its separate top) gave me the opportunity to try a technique that I've been trying to perfect with varying degrees of success. Namely creating a realistic looking snow field. I used a small piece of matting that was cut to size, glued to the top, and then teased into proper shape. The material in question is the padding that quilters use when... you know...quilting. It should be available, by the yard, from your friendly, neighborhood fabric or craft store. [Modeling Tip #678: One yard will more than enough for several projects.]

The figure was completely assembled and given several coats of white primer. Great Other was then given a blue wash using Metallic Blue from Vallejo's Mecha color line diluted with alcohol. After drying and a coat of clear to seal the wash, highlights and shadows were applied using blue and white acrylics.



The hair and beard received some highlights of blue and desert sand and then an overall wash of gray to blend it all together.

The loin cloth was painted, off the figure, with a concoction of Raw Sienna, Burnt Umber, and Raw Umber that wasn't thoroughly mixed. Some highlights and shadows were added and then the loin cloth was attached to the figure and given a white wash from AK/ Mig.



In the Game of Thrones series, the army from "beyond the wall" all have striking blue eyes. I replicated that look with Tamiya's clear blue.

Great Other's spear is, again, molded in clear plastic. There are some nicely molded details on the tip as well as the shaft of the spear. I painted that shaft with that same special blend of acrylic craft paints mentioned earlier and wrapped the shaft with strips of Tamiya masking tape.





ICM suggests that the spear tip be clear but I chose to go with a 'Dragon Glass-look' and painted the tip with a black wash (Vallejo), allowed that to dry thoroughly, and then clear coated the pointy end with Modge Pog.



One aspect of this release that provided a bit of consternation is the MSRP.

After a somewhat exhaustive search, the suggested manufacturers price ranges from approximately 21.00 USD from Hannant's to upwards of 44.00 USD from Squadron.!? I'd strongly suggest that you Support Your Local Hobby Shop and buy this splendid figure kit from them.

My appreciation to ICM and IPMS/USA for the review copy.

## Model Fiesta 2019

A fun time was had by all!

By: Rick Herrington

The San Antonio Model Fiesta has been and is the premier contest in Central Texas. Their contest kicks off the contest season and is attended by modelers from Central Texas and Mexico.

This year's contest had a lot of great models entered even though TXDOT did their best to keep people from getting there easily by shutting down Loop 410 for the weekend.

Here are some of the Best of category models and just ones that I thought deserved some attention. I apologize for not having the modeler's names for these models but that info will be posted soon enough on AlamoSquadron's web site.



Best Aircraft Model

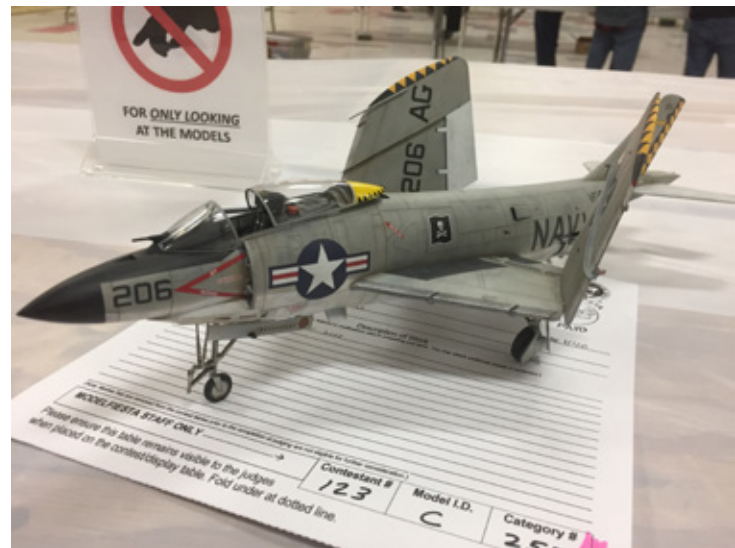




There were some amazing jets there.



Loved this Spanish Civil War Me-109.



Tante Ju (Aunt Ju) JU-52 in snow camouflage.







Super car modeling skills on display!



This was a conversion and the Best car model. All the wood work on the vehicle including the bed was real wood.



Armor models were well represented and some fine work there was.







This Dragon Sturmgeschütz was awarded Best armor. The fesh snow fall on the vehicle was pretty amazing.



There were some great ship models in 1/350th and 1/700th scale







This Mars Lander was Best Science Fiction subject.



Gunpla was well represented at the show. Space Marines made an appearance also..



This was not an entry but I thought it was pretty amazing.







Central Texas' awesome figure painters showed up with examples of their art work.







Best Figure and Best of Show was this Troll figure .



Another great Modelfiesta. Next up for these guys is handling IPMS Nationals July 29 through August 1 this year. If this contest was a trial run it's going to be a great Nationals.



## Table Talk

By Rick Herrington

The tables were full at the meeting. Bill Delk brought in no less than five Bandai Gundam kits. The first is an ArX-014S Silver Bullet Suppressor.







Next up is a Strike Freedom Gundam.



Bill also had an RGM 96X Jesta.



Also on deck was a HGBF Reversible Gundam.



Last was A Justice Gundam Seed







Keeping on a Bandai theme Rick Herrington brought in a 1/1000th Star Wars blockade runner kit.



Rick also brought in his in progress 1/700th Flyhawk DKM Scharnhorst.



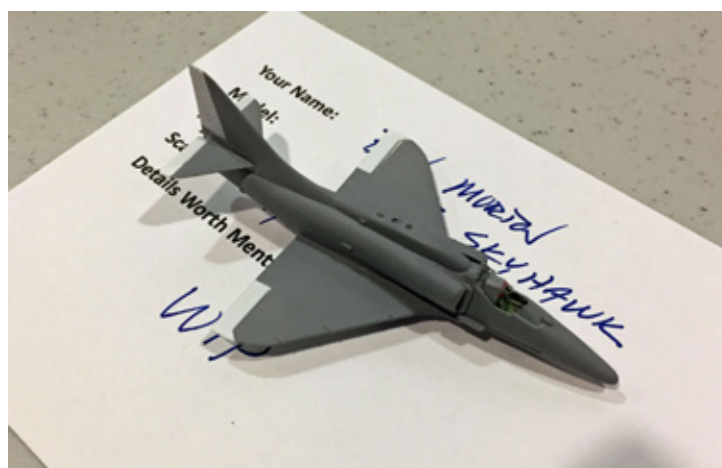
Milton Bell brought in his 1/48th AMT A-20.



Ben Morton brought in his Brengun 1/144th BTR-60.



He also brought in a Platz A-4F Skyhawk in the same scale. The kit is a Work In Progress.



Bob King brought in his F84-G.







Bill Kulpa was his prolific self with 5 different 1/72nd kits.

The first was his MPM XP-55 letting us know that absolutely nothing fit on the kit.



Next up was a Heller H-75 A3 (P-36 Hawk)



Third was a P-40E by Hasegawa.



Fourth was a P-40F. It was a conversion from a Hasegawa Curtiss Mk1A Hawk using DB Conversions resin nose and tail extensions.



Fifth was a Kyushu J7W1 Shinden.



Jorge Martins brought in his Westland Lynx Mk 95 in 1/48th scale.







Tim Robb brought in a KI-27



Ron McCracken brought in three beauties. The first was a B-26.



Second up was an A-4.



Last was a Helldiver from Ron.



Chris Chaney brought in a Hallmark DUKW Christmas ornament.



Ben Morton brought in a future project, a Brassin Mk83 laser guided bomb.







Finally, voted best model for January was Bob King's Tamiya 1/48th Swordfish.



## THE VENDOR ROOM

By Rick Cotton

We all go to the model shows for varying reasons – some to socialize with their peers. Some to compete for fabulous trophies and bragging rights. Some to learn more about modeling, or to meet famous veteran heroes and take pictures with them.

Fertilizer.

We go to blow cash in the vendor room.

The hobby industry has gone absolutely Amanda-Bynes-on-happy-pills-crazy with the prices lately. Hundred, hundred-fifty, two-hundred dollar kits abound. Even the old, nostalgic Revellograms that used to land in our hot childhood hands for next to nothing are twenty bucks retail now. It's crazy. Who's to blame?

Us! We demand more and more fidelity of detail, and photoetch and resin, and slide-molding and 3d printing. Is it any wonder that our high-tech demands have resulted in high-tech prices? I think not.

Here we are, blogging and blogging about how bad a piece of crap this kit is, and how great that one is, and the model companies, like sheep...or maybe like sharks...follow the demand, but demand more money in return. So what is the educated, smart, and...if you are like me...cheap...modeler to do?

We avoid retail like it was a feverish guy in Wuhan hospital. We go to the shows.... to that magical place of happiness – the VENDOR room!

Ah, just smell it – piles and piles of styrene, just waiting for our loving ministrations. Table after table of F-18's, battleships, Ferraris and Panthers, Flak guns and dinosaurs...the critter, not the guy behind the table. Kits piled high, one on top of another.

Oh, GAWD it's lovely!



There are two types of vendors that typically populate the shows. Each can be recognized by sight, merchandising method, and look of desperation.

The less-desperate-looking guy is the pro – the retail guy who happens not to own a brick-and-mortar store. His “establishment” is a trailer that he backs up to the Courtney Love Convention Center on the morning of the show. He’s a little higher-priced than Joe Blow, the amateur, whose wife told him to “get rid of that junk” or else. He has a better selection, usually, and his kits are newer. Even being higher than Joe, he’s still a bargain compared to retail.

The other guy, Joe Blow, is the amateur forced to sell his stash for some reason. Usually he is married to that reason. Sometimes, the poor guy has been told that the reason is about to have another little reason, or, if he is really unlucky, twin reasons, and the man cave is about to become the nursery. So he is out of room, out of time, out of money, and out of luck, so he (sadly) must sell his stash.

I feel sorry for this guy. I like to patronize him, because he’s squarely between the rock and the hard place, and because he will DEAL.

“Waddy want for the Flabbenschlapper?”

“Oh...I dunno...twenty?”

“Hmm...what about the Richtenschlicker?”

“uh...twenty-five?”

“What if I buy the Flabbenschlapper AND the Richtenschlicker? Forty for both?”

He will give that resigned, disgusted look...much like the one I had after the last two Presidential elections...then he will give in.

“OK.”

You make the deal, and pass the cash over. You feel great, having just pulled off the deal, and thinking you are a smart dealer...right up until you see a guy three tables over with Richtenschlickers and Flabbenschlappers at ten bucks apiece.

HUH?

You do the only sensible thing in this case... you buy a couple more of each. You can never have enough Richtenschlickers and Flabbenschlappers.

A recent trend I have seen is for the brick-and-mortar store to set up a booth in the vendor room. This is awkward...because, while he has new, shiny stuff, at “show special prices”....uh, huh....he also has shiny sales tax to go with it. That’s not his fault, and he is at a real disadvantage there.

I usually try to visit and buy a little paint or some glue. Wouldn’t want him to feel ostracized. But, somewhere between lunchtime and the awards ceremony, which is only an hour or so late, comes that fabulous moment in the Vendor room...The Panic Sale!

Joe Blow Vendor, weary to the bone, and having made enough money (or so he hopes) to placate the Reason and make her happy, decides that he is DONE, and everything goes on sale at HALF PRICE!

Crazed-eyed modelers descend on his table like so many Piranha, swarming to the kill. Money and Flabbenschlappers are flying back and forth across the table in a blur, and the Pro vendor next door watches disgustedly for a moment... then HE buys something from Joe, too, because, well, plastic is expensive, and Joe is selling out cheap!

The chaos subsides at last. Joe’s table is empty, except for the old MPC kits that no one in his right mind wants. The crowd disperses, and you proudly emerge with your new 1/32 scale Flingenflopper. Man, you have been looking for a Flingenflopper for five shows. You are bruised, beaten, battered and scratched from fighting four guys to get to the Flingenflopper, but YOU WON, and you got it!

That’s the measure of it all, right there, my friend. THAT’s why we go. We will build for trophies, yes.

But we will bleed for a bargain!





# OLD RUMORS AND NEW KITS

BY RON MCCrackEN, RICK HERRINGTON,  
FLANGED END YOKE AND MICHAEL LAMM

## NEW AND IN VIEW

BY RON MCCrackEN

Let's start with 1/144th scale.

Trumpeter is releasing an Avro Vulcan British bomber.



Moving on to 1/72nd scale first up are a couple of helicopters.

LF Models is releasing a Sikorsky HO3S-1G in US Coast Guard livery.



Atlantis has been re-releasing vintage kits. This month they have one that was Aurora and one that was Monogram. The Aurora kit is a Sikorsky HH-3 Jolly Green Giant.



The Monogram kit being re-released by Atlantis is a UH-1 Huey Chopper. There are two complete kits in the box one decked out as a Vietnam era gunship (green plastic) and the other as a fire fighting chopper moulded in red plastic.



IBG Models is releasing a PZL.37B Los in Romanian service.





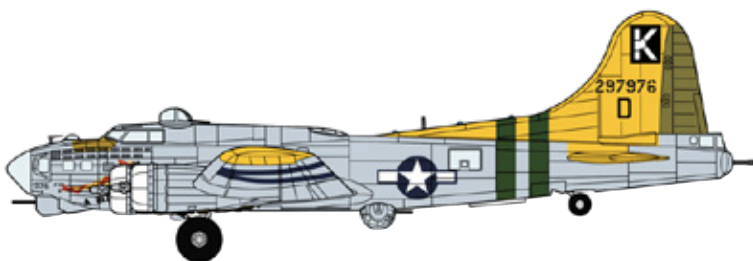
Two new tools from Italeri in 1/72nd scale. The first is an F86F.



Next up from Italeri is an all new F-35B



Hasegawa has re-released their getting-on-a-bit B-17G kit with the markings of 'A Bit O Lace'. So far as I know, the new decals are the only change from earlier releases, and in fact seem to be a re-release as well as this is the scheme the kit came out with back in the '70's. Considering the vintage, look for fine raised panel lines.



Amodel has re-released their 2019 Diamond Da-42MNG, which is a slightly odd-looking light twin civil aircraft. The kit reportedly has some new parts.



Hasegawa re-released their F-104J/F-104DJ Starfighter with new decals.



Hasegawa has re-released their F-4EJ Phantom II in '501 SQ Final Year 2020' markings. Nothing new here but the markings.







Hasegawa has re-released their Ki-45kai Koh Toryu (Nick) with new decals. The last parts upgrade to this kit was in 2003, so consider it accordingly.



Revell has announced a Hawk T-1 kit. I can't find much on this, but it appears to be a re-release in new markings.



Let's begin the new releases in 1/48th scale with a couple of releases from Eduard.

First is an Il Magnifico Hanriot HD.1 in Italian Service.



Next from Eduard is an ME-109 G10 Erla. What makes this Messerschmidt different than any other you ask?

The oil cooler was made wider and shallower, and the plumbing was redesigned. This led to a new wider and shallower oil cooler housing, and permitted the lines of the lower forward cowl to be smoothed, eliminating the cheek bulges. The main cowl contours were modified too, as were various panels. This, in turn, led to different shapes for the gun troughs. A new, larger supercharger intake was installed. The squared-off port-side fairing was another key identifying factor.

It can be argued that the Erla-built G-10 was the ultimate Bf 109. It was lighter in weight, more streamlined and actually performed better than the Bf 109 K-4, making it the fastest of all the Messerschmitt Bf 109s.

It was also manufactured at the Erla Werke located in Leipzig, thus the Erla ear mark.



The ProfiPACK edition of the Bf 109G-10 comes with five marking options focused on 109s produced by Erla Werke in Leipzig. It includes color photo-etch parts and painting masks.

Eduard has re-released their 2015 Spitfire Mk.VIII Profipack kit.







Hasegawa has re-released their 1993 F/A-18D Hornet in a 'Night Attack' version, with some new parts.



Hasegawa has re-released their 2004 F-8E(FN) Crusader in 'French Navy' markings.



Hasegawa has re-released their 2005 Harrier GR.5 supposedly with updated/new parts.



Italeri has re-released their MiG-23MF/BN Flogger, based on their 2019 re-release of the same basic kit.



Airfix ix up next with a new P51D







Next up in 1/48th scale is a release from Copper State Models a Handley Page O/400. This was a WW1 night bomber.



Finally in 1/48th scale for this month is another Italeri release, a Mig 23 MF/BN Flogger.



Hasegawa re-released a Special Edition F-15J Eagle with an accompanying 1/20 scale JASDF Female Pilot Figure. This re-box is unremarkable, other than the inclusion of the figure. I'll leave it to you to figure out why 1/20th scale?

Hasegawa has a couple of offerings due out this month. in 1/200th scale. The first is a Boeing 747-400 in Northwest Airlines markings. The plastic is a re-release, but from what I can determine this kit is now hard to find, so a re-issue is a good thing.



Hasegawa has also re-issued their 2013 KC-767J and E-767 kit in JASDF markings.





Last but certainly not least the final flyer for this month is a new release from Kitty Hawk in 1/32nd scale a new tool Mirage 2000C.



That's the new releases that will fit in the space provided. Happy modeling.



## Shipping News

By Rick Herrington

Let's start off this month with the 1/700th scale releases.

Orange Hobby is up first with a release of HMS Royal Oak. This was the British battleship made famous by Gunther Prien and his U-47. Royal Oak was sunk in the Royal Navy's home port of Scapa Flo by U-47.



IBG has a new release of a British H-class destroyer HMS Hotspur.







Revell is releasing HMS Invincible as she appeared during the action in the Falkland Islands. HMS Invincible had helicopters and Sea Harriers operating from her decks.



Snowman Model has several new releases. The first is a Russian Navy Patrol Boat P21980. This one looks to have several interesting camouflages it can be painted in.



Aoshima is releasing a modern Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force destroyer the Asahi DD-119.



Pit Road has an interesting release in 1/700th, a JASDF (Japanese Air Defense Force) Air Base complete with aircraft.





Moving on to 1/350th scale Combrig, our mixed media friends, have several new releases. The first is a Russian Corvette the Stereguschiy as she appeared in 2008. The Stereguschiy was the first of her class and was designed to be a multi-role one including anti-submarine and landing support duties.



The next release from Combrig is one of Stereguschiy's sister ships the Corvette Stoiky



Snowman Model has the perfect accessory for Combrig's kits a Russian Navy Harbor Tug. They are also releasing this same kit in 1/700th scale.

### Russian Navy Harbor Tug Pr.90600

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**No.SR-6006**  
1/350 scale



### Russian Navy Harbor Tug Pr.90600

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**SR-6006**  
1/350  
Full resin kit



Next up in 1/350th scale is Veryfire's heavy cruiser USS Des Moines CA-134. USS Des Moines was launched in 1946 and was the Navy's last all-gun cruiser. She was originally scheduled to be 1 of a 12 ship class that the Navy planned.







Since Trumpeter has announced a forthcoming Bismarck in 1/350th scale I guess it should be no surprise that they are releasing a DKM Tirpitz.



Expectations will be high on this kit as so much new reference material has surfaced

Last in this month's column is a shelf-buster scale (1/200th) release coming from Trumpeter; the DKM Scharnhorst is up next to join the ranks of the Big Boys. Don't have an image of this one yet but if you've perused the rest of the newsletter you should have a fairly good idea of what the Scharnhorst looks like.

That's it for this month. Pick up a kit from that stash and build it! Remember, like Winter, Nationals is Coming.



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# Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

This month we'll start off with 1/72nd scale. Orange Hobby has both of the new releases and both are based on the German half-track Sdkfz 7. The first has a quad 20mm Flakvierling mounted on it.

G72-205-88

本套件包含組裝所需的塑膠零件、安裝說明書、蝕刻零件和水性塗漆脫水以及制作工具需要另行購買。  
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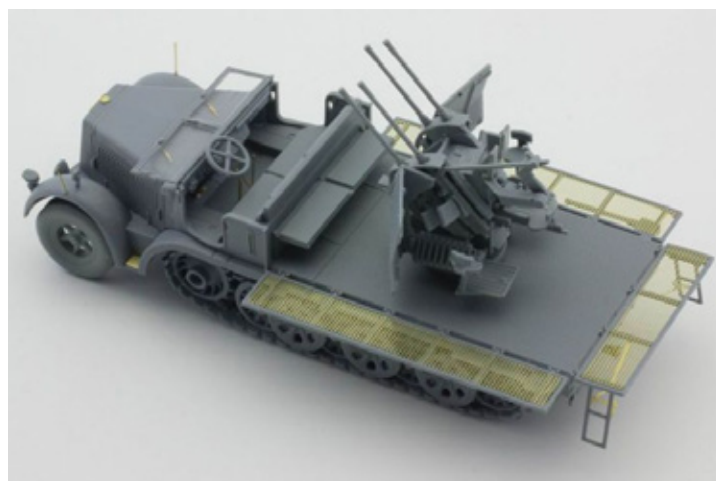
半履帶四聯20mmFlak 38高炮防空車(早期型)

1/72 Sd.Kfz.7/1

20mm Flakvierling 38 (Early Type)



Both kits appear to come with photo etch screens for the bed.





The second release ifrom Dragon Hobby is the same Sdkfz 7 with a Flak 36 37mm mounted on it.

G72-206-88

本套件包含組裝所需的塑膠零件、安裝說明書、塗裝零件和水貼紙。但油漆、胶水以及制作工具需要另行购买。  
The kit includes all plastic parts, instructions, PE and decals. Any paints, glue and related tools are not inclusive.

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MODEL  
ORANGE  
DESIGN



1/72 比例 1/72 SCALE

Sd.Kfz.7/2半履帶 Sd.Kfz.7/2

37mm AA Gun Flak 36

37mm Flak 36高炮防空車

極初期型 Initial Production

本产品与包装所示图形可能略有不同！

The real parts may be different from the instruction due to the sketching angle.

可被制作成2种射击角度

Two shooting angles are optional.

推荐另行购买OrangeHobby的金属炮管及相关蚀刻片将大幅提升制作完成效果

Orange Hobby metal barrel and enhanced PE are recommended for more excellent details.

1:72

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Moving on to 1/35th we have a lot to get to this month. Tamiya is up first with two new ones. The first is a French R-35 infantry tank.



Second is an all new molding (?) of the Russian KV-1 (1941).



Italeri is releasing an M42 Semovente. Italeri is advertizing this kit as 100% new.







Next up from Academy is a German Sturmpanzer Brummbär with zimmerit.



The Academy kit comes with decals to simulate the concrete zimmerit that the Brummbars were covered with.



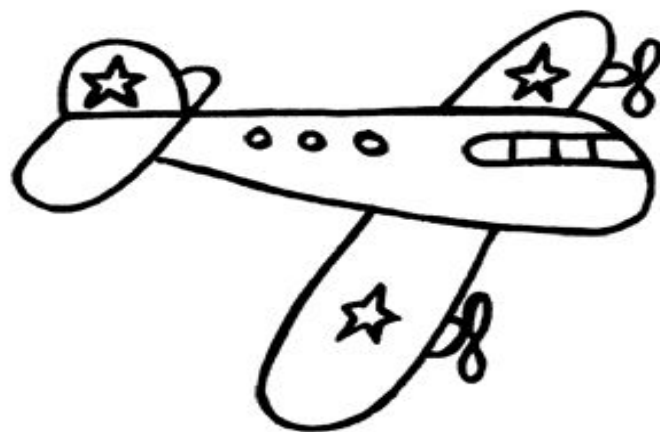
MiniArt known for their 2.2 million part kits is releasing a PzKpw 4 Ausf J.



ICM not known for being a slacker on their parts count is releasing Tyagach Model 1944 Recovery vehicle based on the T-34 chassis.



ICM is also releasing a set of German Wehrmacht Radio trucks. The set contains a Henschel 33D1 Kfz 72 and a Krupp L3H163 Kfz 72. Definitely Not a weekend project.



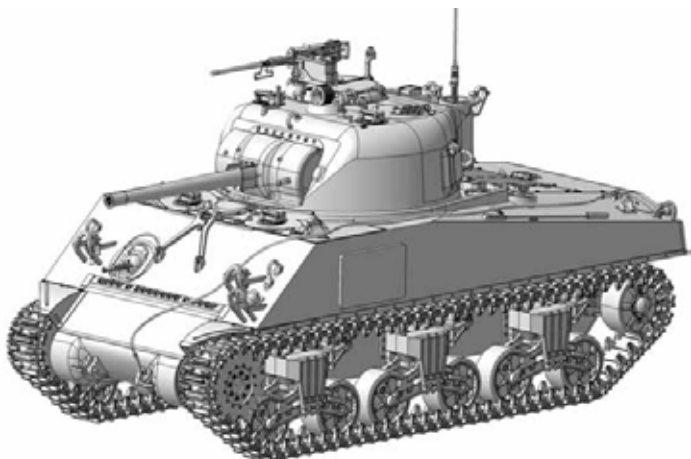




Good news for Sherman fans. Asuka has two new late production Shermans and Zvezda is venturing into American territory with a Sherman of their own. First up from Asuka is a late production M4.



Next from Asuka is also a late production M4 "Fay".



Last is a new tool Sherman from Zvezda, yes the Russian tank folks.



That's all the tracked news for this month. Happy building!

## It Figures

By Micheal Lamm

<http://www.icm.com.ua/>

Hello fellow miniature people fanatics, and welcome to February's edition of It Figures. First up, are a few new offerings from ICM Holdings.

Let's start with a 1/16th scale plastic figure of a modern female British Police Officer. This figures comes in 9 separate pieces with modern armament, and gear, including a MP5 submachine gun, and a Tazer, as well as a sidearm. The kit also provides a small plastic plinth to mount your finished figure, with a choice of different types of sidewalk.



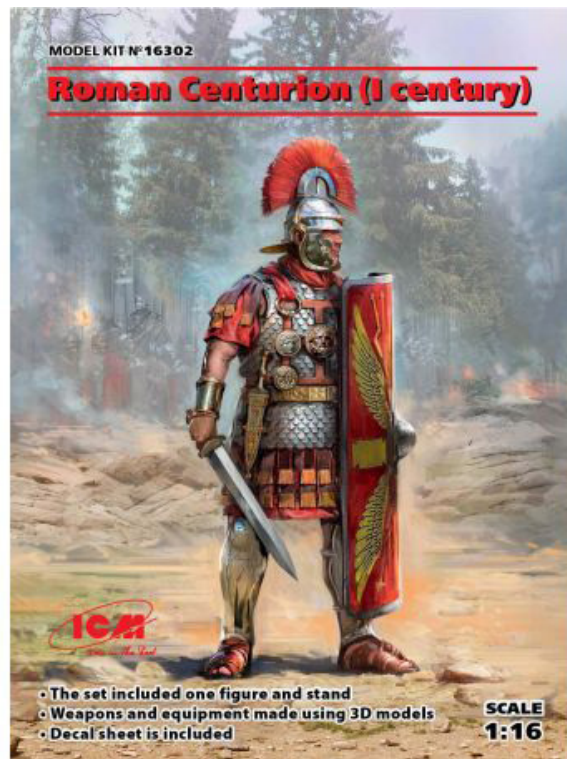


MODEL KIT No 16009

## British Police Female Officer

SCALE  
1:16

Also in 1/16th is ICM's Roman Centurion. ICM's line of plastic 1/16th figures is really getting diverse with both modern and classical figures. This one is again nicely detailed, but since a Centurion was generally a senior officer, I don't know that the equipment provided to this figure is correct. I don't believe they would have been armed like a foot soldier of the line. Still, this figure appears to be nicely done, and comes with its own plinth for proper display.



- The set included one figure and stand
- Weapons and equipment made using 3D models
- Decal sheet is included

SCALE  
1:16

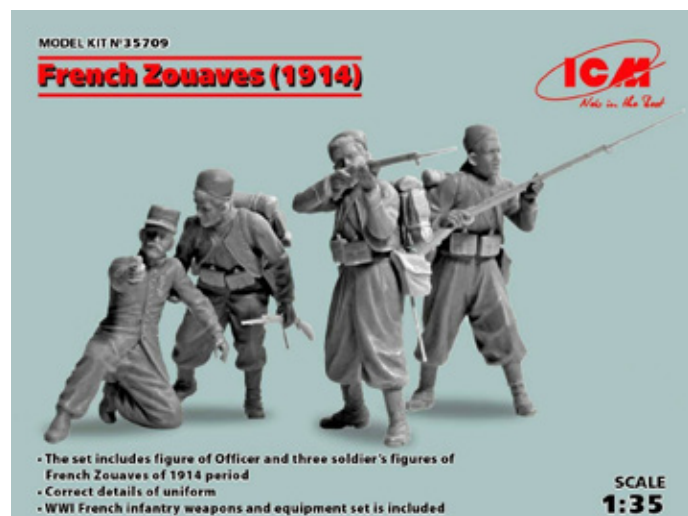
ICM also has a new release of World War I figures, this time some early war French Zouaves in 1/35th. The Zouave regiments consisted almost entirely of people from the French colonies in North Africa. These units were known as much for their colorful uniforms, as they were for their bravery in combat. The Zouave units served France with distinction during the war, and while they did spend the early months in their bright uniforms, these were replaced with the standard khaki uniforms in 1915. These figures from ICM come in nice poses with nicely detailed uniforms would come in handy for any early war diorama.





<https://miniart-models.com/>

Miniart has some modern figures coming out. This time around, they've continued with their modern AFV crews with a set of four British crewmen. The figures are nicely done in various poses with each figure standing in a commander's cupola, or seated in the driver's seat. Each one is nicely detailed in modern summer gear.



## MILITARY MINIATURES SERIES BRITISH AFV CREW



SCALE  
**1:35**

THIS IS NOT A TOY  
UNASSEMBLED PLASTIC MODEL KIT  
BOX CONTAINS MODELS OF FOUR FIGURES

**MiniArt**





The second set from Miniart is listed as "coming soon" and consists of 5 Afghan civilians, two males, with an elder seated, a young boy, and a mother with a small daughter in her arms. The mother wears the traditional Afghan burqa covering her entire body, which is perfect for those of us who don't like painting faces. These figures would go well with the host of modern infantry offerings available.



MINIATURES SERIES

## AFGHAN CIVILIANS

UNASSEMBLED PLASTIC MODEL KIT      BOX CONTAINS MODELS OF FIVE FIGURES



<https://tommyswar.co.uk/>

Finally, from Tommy's War, we have four new World War I figures in 54mm (1/32nd) scale. Two tankers from the 8th Bn Tank Corps, Amiens 1918 a Private in coveralls and a Corporal in full kit and wearing a helmet. The other two figures represent a Private from the 8th Bn Lincolnshire Regiment 1918, and a Chaplain attached to the same Battalion. As always with Tommy's War figures, these resin figures are perfectly detailed and look great.



Although each is listed as belonging to a particular unit, the figures are shown in the usual kit and equipment for the 1917-18 period and be perfectly acceptable to list as any English, Welsh, Irish, Australian, New Zealand, South African or Lowland Scottish Regiment.







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