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IPMS/USA Support the Troops Initiative

The IPMS/USA initiative was established to provide model kits, supplies and reference materials to our servicemen and women serving in combat zones, recovering in hospitals, and rehabilitating in specialized facilities. The program is expanding into other areas as well. Some local programs take place in USO facilities, some are centered around active duty personnel and are scattered across the country. The IPMS/USA Support The Troops program is still going full-tilt. The national program director is Jon Emery. Jon is accepting any and all contributions and is sharing them with all of the active programs around the country.

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PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY IAN LATHAM



Welcome to the December issue of the ASMS Sprue Examiner.

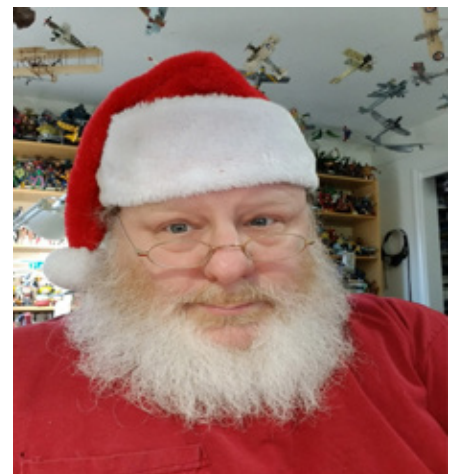
The Festivities are here and I hope you have an exciting box waiting for you under your tree. If you find that the 'Fat Man' didn't get you what you want, take heart in knowing that the Alamo Squadron's Modelfiesta is around the corner on January 8th. I look forward to seeing you there.

As the cold weather gets here, health issues increase as well, so be sure to stay safe and proactive. Please be safe with the family gatherings and remember all those kits you still need to build.

May you all find peace, love, happiness and joy this holiday season and indulge in the gift of giving. It's good for the soul.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Wookie Life Day, Happy Festivus, and may you all have a safe and Happy New Year!

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.**

Meetings suspended due to Covid-19

No Reservations Neccessary!



***Break the ice at parties!
Don't miss out on the new name
badges for dues paying members.
Contact latham.ian@yahoo.com for
more information.***



Events

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
78739.

***Modelfiesta 40
January 8, 2022
New Braunfels Civic Center***

***Winterblitz 2022
Presented by Texas Independent
Military Modelers
January 22, 2022***

Contest Communications:

Lee Forbes, the head aircraft judge for
the upcoming **ModelFiesta** is asking for
volunteers to help judge. Contact him at

alamosquadron@gmail.com.

Monthly Meeting Presentations:

Meetings

Suspended



Bandai's Razorcrest

by Rick Herrington

Since painting and weathering is the fun part for me I ordered the less expensive one and just received it last week along with its fellow release a 1/12th scale Mandalorian in Beskar armor. I also got this one in the non-chrome plated version.



I am a huge Star Wars fan and subsequently a Mandalorian fan. When Bandai started making noises about releasing the ship from the Mandalorian (Razor Crest) I was all in. I sent in my hard earned cashola and pre-ordered the model.

It comes in two versions. The first is a silver grey metallic colored one and the second (more expensive of course) is a chrome plated version.



Some of the fun of modelling star ships is doing the research on them.

I had previously taken pictures of the ship from the series itself and had those to work with.

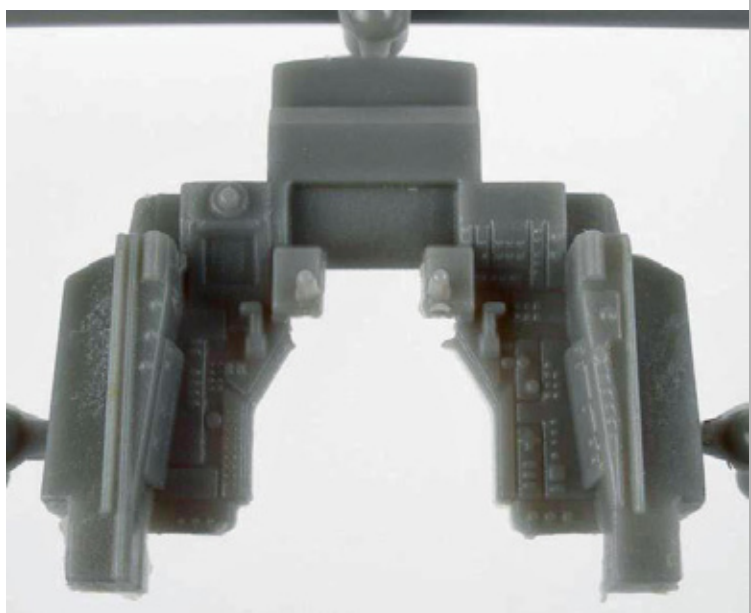
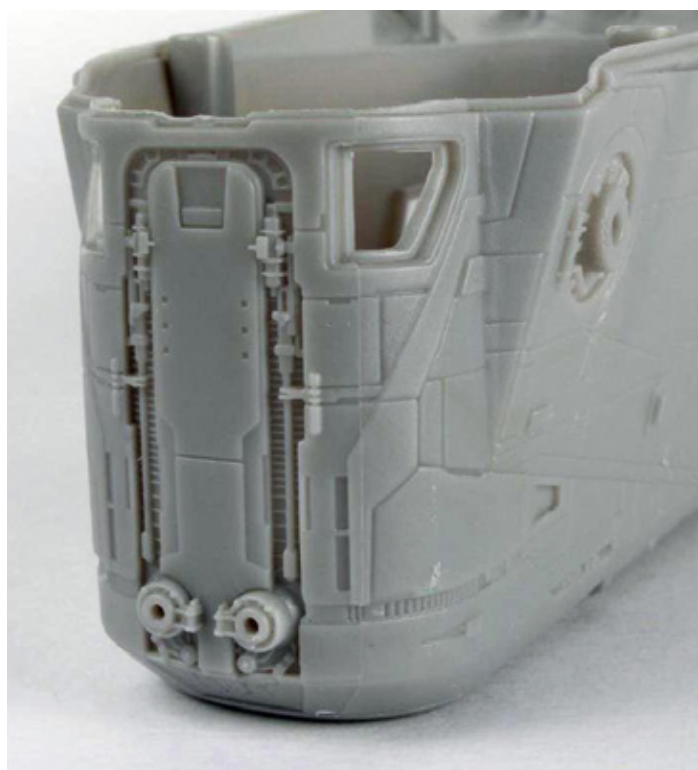
In doing the research I found this kit has been available in Japan since August of this year. The US seems to be last on the list for distribution these days.

I also found that both Hasbro and Revell are producing a kit of the ship.

The Bandai kit, while well detailed is small, roughly four inches long.

The 1/72nd Revell kit is larger and commensurately more expensive.

The Bandai kit you should be able to pick up for around thirty bucks. The Revell kit is going for around seventy bucks.



Above is a photo of the kit's instrument panel



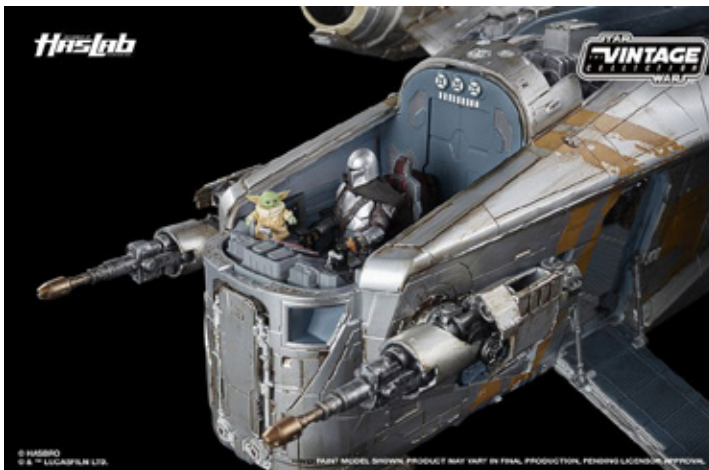


The Hasbro Toy/Kit has an interesting back story. Hasbro is the #2 toy maker in the world and is worth 12 billion dollars. That's Billion with a capital B. In order to produce their version of the Razor Crest they asked fans to Crowdfund the development of the toy at the tune of \$350.00 a pop.

“How does crowdfunding work?

Crowdfunding is the process of raising money from a large number of people in order to fund a project, a company, or a cause. In some cases, the funders do so as an altruistic donation, while in other cases, they get rewards, equity in the company who raised the money, and more.”

Through Hasbro's efforts the crowdfunding raised \$9,800,000. Keep in mind again that this is the second largest toymaker in the world and probably doesn't need any extra cash to develop a new toy.....but why sink development funds into a new toy when you can get fans to pay for it? The toy looks pretty awesome although I don't think I'll rush out and pre-order one as \$350.00 is pretty expensive. My wife gave me the evil eye when I ordered an \$85.00 Aifrix Vulcan.





Back to the Bandai kit. Bandai kits are a pleasure to build.

They are well engineered and have clear, precise instructions. You usually need to follow the instructions closely to get the desired result.



The picture above is of the unpainted fully assembled Bandai kit. No landing gear provided.

My kit had the instructions printed out on the underside of the box top. This was fine as the construction took all of 15 minutes.

You don't really need cement as the kit snaps together although I used some here and there.

The only beef I had with the kit is that it only came with stickers instead of stickers and water slide decals. To me the stickers look cheesy.

The fun part was the painting. I used AK Mecha colors Dark Metal (69-065) as a base coat and AK Mecha colors Light Steel (69-064) to highlight and dare I say it...dry brush the surface to pop details. I also used Scalecolors Black Metal (SC-63) and Thrash Metal (SC-64) to vary the metallic finish and make it more "real".



The next couple of pictures are of the painted and weathered Bandai Razor Crest.



The most color I used was on the engine after burners. The metal was subject to a great deal of heat and I reflected this with golds, bronzes and orange.

The panels were outlined with Tamiya Panel Line Accent Color (Dark Brown). All in all this was a super fun little project. If you're in the market for a quick break from your regular ship, tank, or airplane try this kit. It will give your Modelling Mojo a quick recharge.



Kitty Hawk's 1/32nd Kingfisher

a build review
by Rick Cotton



Once in a while, a kit tests our patience. Now and then, one might push us to the very brink, and thoughts of slamming the model at 500 scale mph into a handy nearby wall may cross our minds. This has happened to me before, as I am sure it has you, too. There comes that point of decision – shelf of doom, parts box, trash heap...or persevere, and see if the beast can actually be built?

Such a kit is the 1/32 Kingfisher float plane by the defunct Kitty Hawk Models. The fit is (not printable), the engineering is (very not printable), and the overall experience is like being (really not printable).

Where do I start? Let's start with the good: The detail, especially the interior, is super, the subject is unique, several colorful versions are possible, and the choice of floats or land wheels is included.

The decals are sharp and thin, and a small sheet of photoetch is included, so it's a pretty comprehensive set.

Now, for the not-so-good. Fit – yeeesh. Every. Single. Hole must be reamed out and enlarged to accept its corresponding locating pin. Some of these pins are best just sliced off. You'll find out. Dry fit and repeat ad nauseum on this sucker. Every stinking piece. You WILL need putty and many grades of sandpaper.

Gigantic attachment points mean you will put the razor saw to work detaching parts....many of which will break, due to the somewhat brittle plastic. Be patient, and KNOW you will have to replace a few. I made my own pitot tube with some very thin piano wire, inserted through a piece of slightly larger wire insulation, and super-glued it into the wing. Unless you are some sort of super-modeling-demigod, you WILL, repeat, WILL have trouble aligning the engine, the three flimsy mounting trusses, the exhaust (good luck figuring that one out), the many little doodads behind the engine, the oil tanks in there, etc., and still be able to attach that assembly in something close to proper alignment to the fuselage. The panels that cover this whole assembly fit OK, if....and this is a BIG "if"... you have everything aligned properly. I did not. I ended up closing up the panels, bidding adieu to all those interior "guts", and living with it.



It's OK, the offending errors are covered up, and will be seen by no one, except me in my nightmares. Once you get to assembling the wings, stabilizers and rudder, the kit lets up on you a bit. However, if you are stupid like me and choose one of the prewar Yellow-wing versions, you will have to spray silver over a LOT of seams. A LOT of them. Be prepared to sand and fill and sand until you do not know what day it is anymore. If you are good with NMF, proceed. If not, there are other paint options in this kit, all of them attractive. Have at it.

Getting the outrigger floats aligned is a special pain – they must be perpendicular with the ground, but the locating points for the interior struts are, shall we say, less than definite. Do NOT forget to drill the locating holes in the bottom of the wing out early on...ask me how I know.





The kit was finished as USS Arizona's #1 aircraft (be sure to use "1" decals on top of the wings, not the "7" the instructions say), and was painted almost exclusively with Tamiya lacquers. The overall silver dope was replicated with Silver Leaf, and the wings are Camel Yellow, all sprayed over Tamiya white primer lacquer. I added a bit of wiring here and there, and replaced a few parts with thin piano wire...otherwise, it's out of the box. And out of my steadily-reducing hair.

A challenging kit that will test you.
You have been warned.



AK's Air Series of Acrylic Paints (or Adventures in Chemistry)

by
Dave Bottger



As an aircraft modeller and devotee of acrylic paints, I was pleased to learn that AK has released a series of what it calls 3rd generation acrylic paints for aircraft models. There are 120 colors available individually and in 47 sets of 3-8 bottles organized by period and country. Luftwaffe modelers are the best served with nine sets ranging from Legion Condor to late war and including a set for seaplanes and one with cockpit colors. In all, there are three World War I sets, three inter-war, 27 World War II and ten postwar sets. I was especially pleased to see sets of German World War I colors, doped linen colors and Finnish colors. Unfortunately, there are no sets of French World War I colors (admittedly a minefield) or Italian World War II colors, at least not yet. You can see all the sets and colors available at https://ak-interactive.com/product-category/paints/paints-acrylics/3rd-acrylics/?orderby=sku-asc&pa_3rd-color-range=AIR#038;pa_3rd-color-range=AIR

Since I have a Bf 109E waiting to be built, I bought the WWII Luftwaffe Early War Colors set. It contains four bottles, RLM 02 Grau (1938), RLM 65 (1938), RLM 70 and RLM 71. The set retails for \$17.95 and each bottle contains 17 ml., making the price \$.26 per ml. By comparison, Tamiya 10 ml. jars retail for \$2.50 or \$.25 per ml. I also bought a bottle of AK's thinner, although according to the website, these paints don't need to be thinned unless you want to airbrush fine lines.

Taking AK at its word, I first tried to spray these colors straight from the bottle. After spraying some isopropyl alcohol through my airbrush to clean it out (I had just used it to paint a model I was working on), I decided to start with the lightest color, RLM 02, which, for you non-Luftwaffe modelers, is a greenish gray. It looked too thick coming out of the bottle, but I proceeded nonetheless. I had decided to test these paints out first on bare plastic because I wanted to see how much adhesion they had.



I was surprised that the paint spattered terribly. Thinking that maybe it was too thick, I thinned it 20% with AK's thinner and tried again. Same result. Perplexed but undaunted, I rinsed both paint cups I had used with water (there's a reason for this detail), and tried again with a 60:40 ratio of paint to thinner and it sprayed fine.

Thinking that, contrary to AK's instructions, these paints needed to be thinned, I proceeded to try the RLM 65 (light blue) thinned 50% after again carefully cleaning my airbrush by spraying alcohol through it (another relevant detail). Again, spattering. Still too thick? I tried a 40:60 ratio of paint to thinner. Still spattered and beaded up on the plastic. Was there something wrong with the plastic?

I'll spare you the rest of the details and simply say that I kept getting inconsistent results regardless of the thinning ratios I used – sometimes the paint spattered and beaded, sometimes it laid down fine.

Finally the eureka moment. I wondered if the isopropyl alcohol I used to clean the airbrush between colors was the culprit, so I put a drop in a cup with some paint. Lo and behold, the mixture became a sticky mess. That's what was clogging my airbrush. Lesson learned –

**DO NOT LET ANY
ALCOHOL COME IN CONTACT WITH
THIS PAINT!**

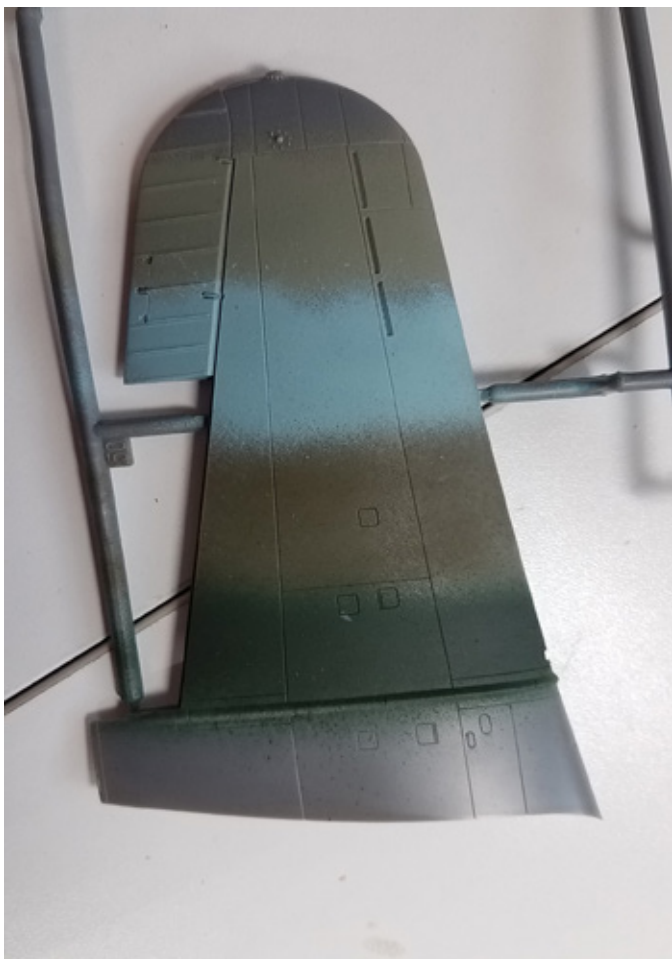
Armed with this knowledge, I sprayed all four colors straight from their bottles and they laid down very well. However, it was critically important that I cleaned my airbrush thoroughly between colors, especially the cone around the needle.

I use an Iwata Eclipse and if I didn't get all of the paint out of that cone, the next color just wouldn't spray. Simply running thinner (in this instance, water) through the airbrush between colors didn't work. I had to disassemble the airbrush between colors and clean the relevant parts with cotton swabs or small brushes.

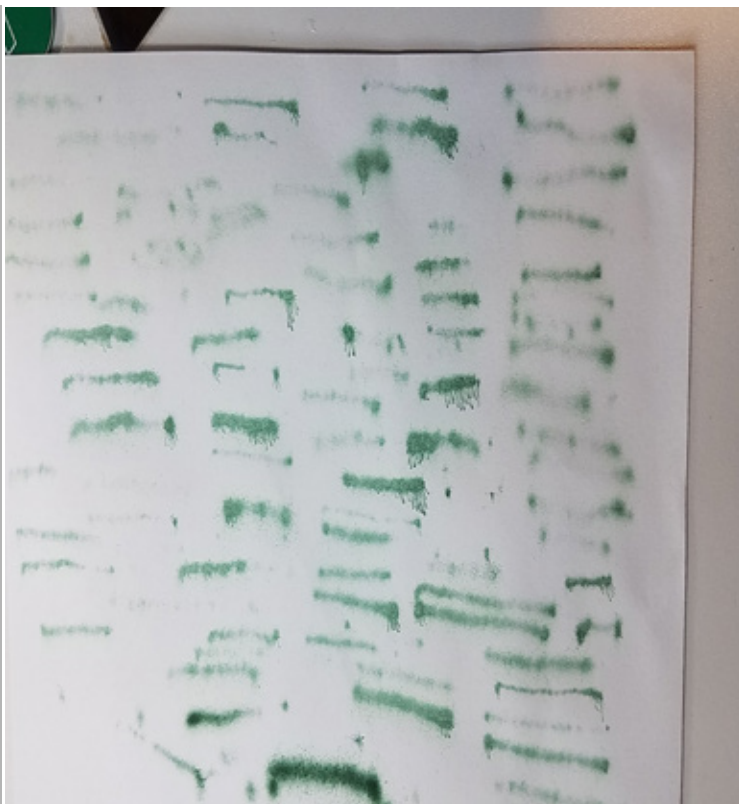
AK makes its own airbrush cleaner which I hope will expedite this process, or perhaps the paint needs to be thinned after all.

To test the adhesion of these paints, I let my sample dry overnight and then stuck some Tamiya tape on it. Only a small spot of the RLM 70 (black green) lifted off. I then decided to see if adding some Future to the paint or priming the plastic first would eliminate even this small problem.

Fortunately, this paint is compatible with Future. A mixture of 80% paint to 20% Future seemed about right. Naturally the Future thinned the paint a little and required that I back off a bit on the pressure. About 12 psi worked well. I also sprayed some unthinned AK paint on plastic primed with Tamiya light gray primer from the spray can. After letting the paint dry for several hours, I stuck Tamiya tape down on it and pulled it off. The tape did not remove a speck of paint from either surface.



Finally I decided to test AK's claim that this line of paints will not clog the airbrush by drying on the tip, as many acrylics do. To really test it, I used RLM 70, the darkest color in the set I bought and thus the one with the biggest pigment. I thinned it 50% with AK's thinner (20% wasn't enough) and set my air pressure at 8 psi. I've included a photo of my test paper. As you can see, I'm no expert in airbrushing although I did get better with practice. More to the point, the tip never clogged. Apparently AK mixed a little retarding agent into these paints, which means they will dry a little slower.



I also hand-brushed a little RLM 65 and 70 on bare plastic. Both went on beautifully, covered in one coat and left no brush marks. I suspect the retarding agent helped out here as well.

AK claims that this line of paint is "designed taking into account the scale reduction effect." As I understand it, the scale effect varies depending on the scale of the model – colors should be lightened more for smaller scales. AK does not specify what scale these paints are supposedly designed for.

Nonetheless, to check on AK's claim, I pulled out two old bottles of Polly Scale paint, RLM 02 and RLM 70, and brushed some of each on top of the corresponding AK colors. I couldn't see any difference between the Polly Scale and AK versions of RLM 02.

The AK RLM 70 is definitely lighter than the Polly Scale version, however. I'm still unsure how AK took the scale reduction effect into account, as claimed.

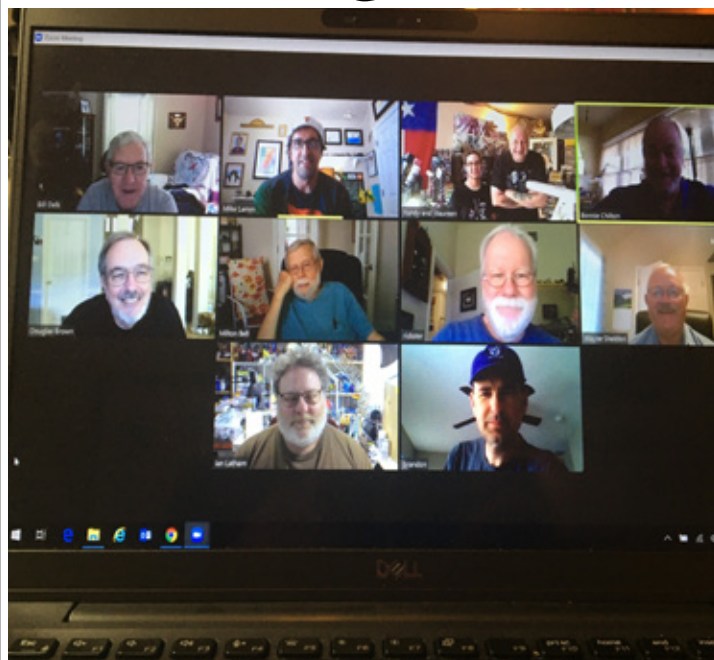
I'm not an expert on German World War II colors so I will not opine on the accuracy of these paints. You can look at the photo and draw your own conclusion.

AK advertises these as third generation acrylic paints. I have no idea what it considers the first two generations. Regardless, it also makes third generation general, figure, civil, AFV and fantasy/wargaming lines. On balance, I am favorably impressed by this line of paint. It's acrylic, so they are odorless and clean up easily. They hand brush and airbrush equally well and adhere reasonably well even without Future or primer (both of which I'll still use). There are a broad range of colors available. On the downside, although they can be airbrushed straight from the bottle, thorough clean up between colors is essential, at least for my airbrush.

I intend to use the set I bought on the Bf 109E I mentioned. If they perform as well as they did in this test, these will become my paints of choice.

The last time I visited LionHeart Hobby in Kyle, they had most if not all of the AK Air sets in stock and they can special order individual bottles in this series as well as the other AK 3rd generation acrylics.

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.

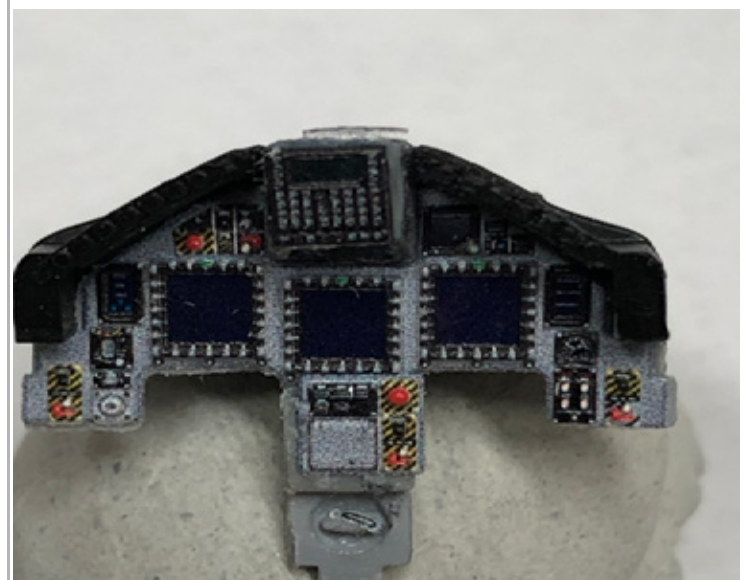
Contact Bill Delk to have him send you a link to be able to get into the meeting.

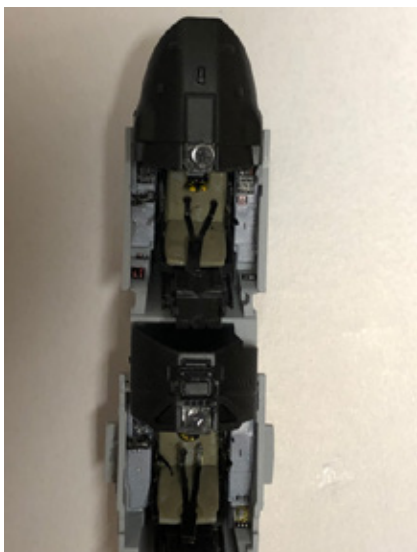
Everyone is welcome.





Bill Delk has been working on Kinetic's M346.





David Brett sent in a picture of his in-progress Williams Brothers P-35.



Dave Edgerly has been busy with 1/48th scale projects and a Bandai StarWars Death Star and Star Destroyer. Here's some photos of Dave's water tanker, gas truck and the Death Star kit,





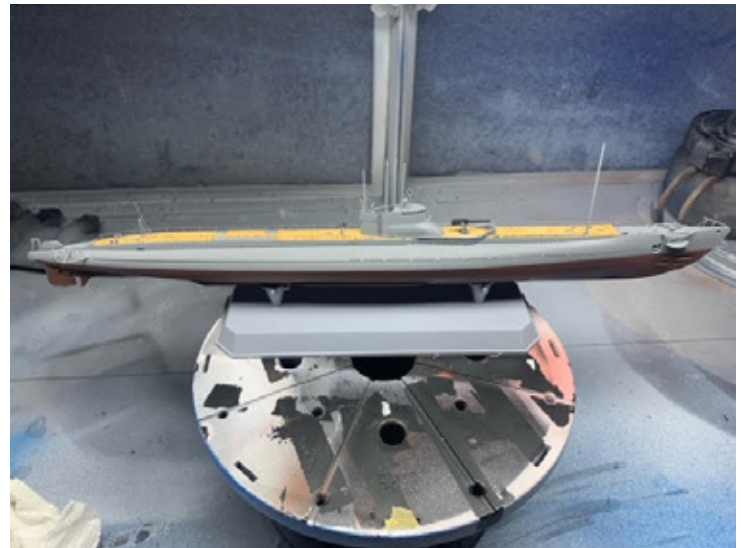
Dave has also been working on a coal-fired pump house.





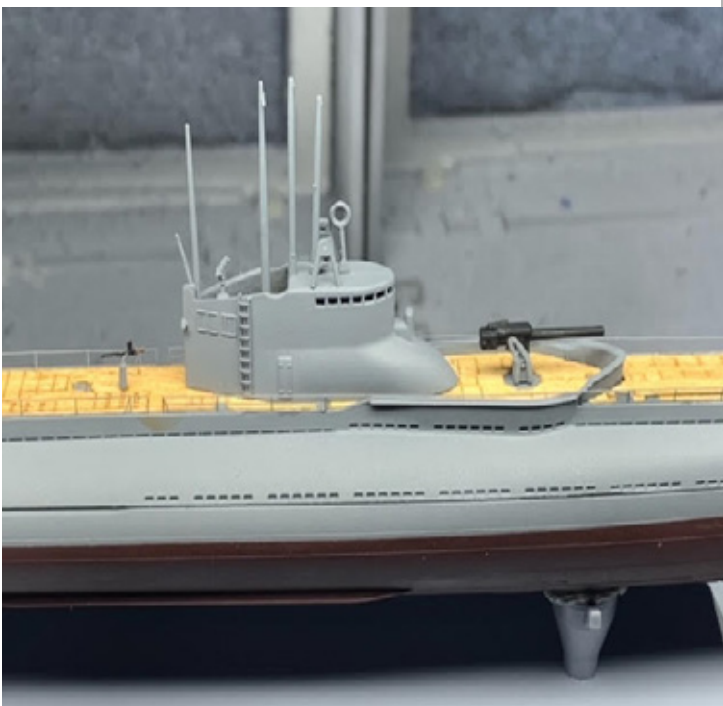
Dave Foster one of our resident ship builders sent in some great in-progress pictures of his IJN light cruiser Tama.





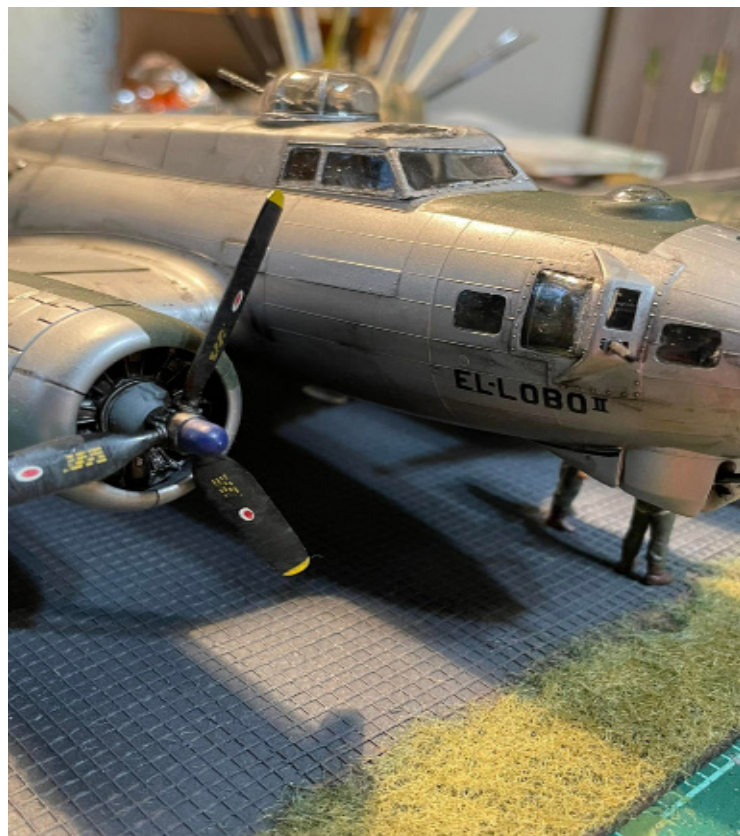
Dave is also working on an IJN I-68 submarine.

Ian Candler is working on Tamiya's KV-1.





Mike Gilsbach has been working on A B-17G and some 28mm Slaad figures.





Dick Montgomery sent us in some photos of his in-progress Sopwith Triplane.

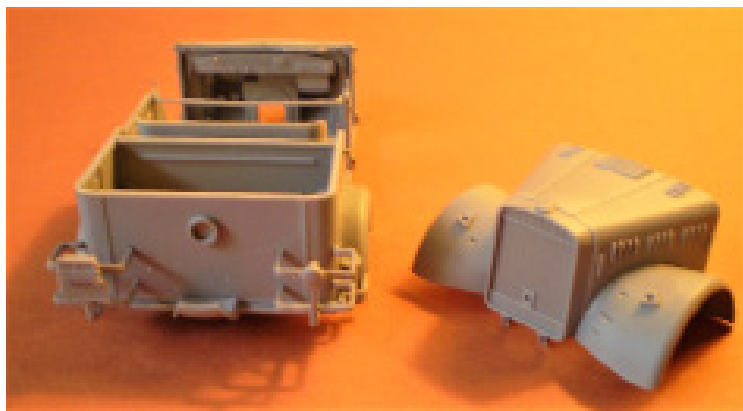




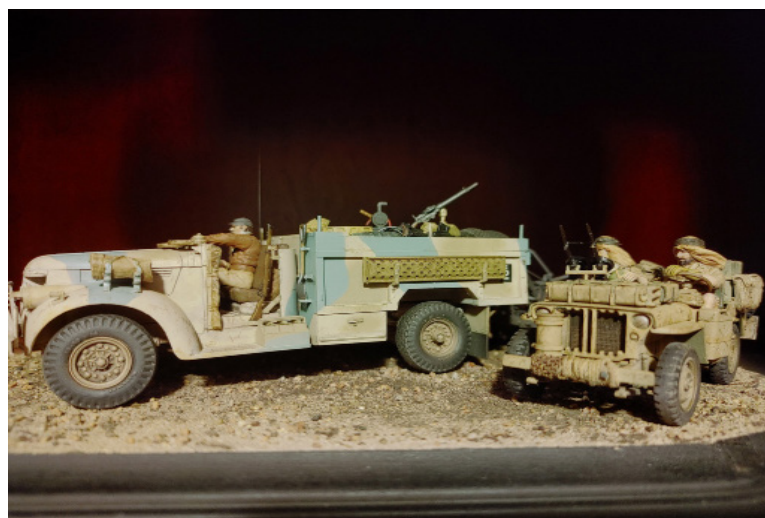
Ben Morton shared a couple of projects with us this month. The first is a ME-309 in 1/144th scale.



Ben's second project is a 1/35th German soft skin from ICM.

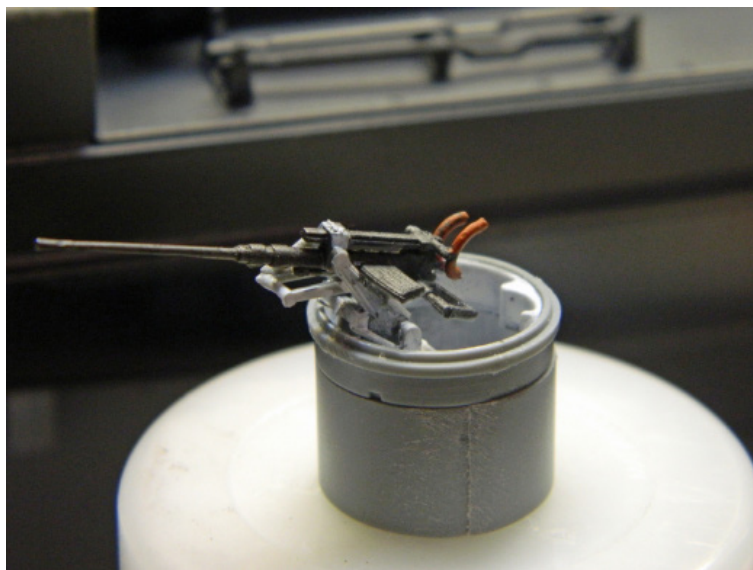
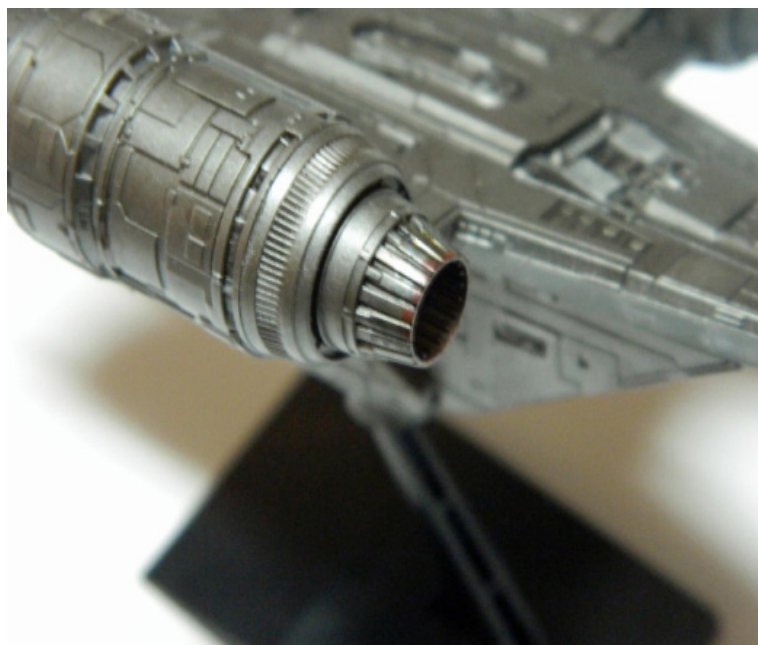


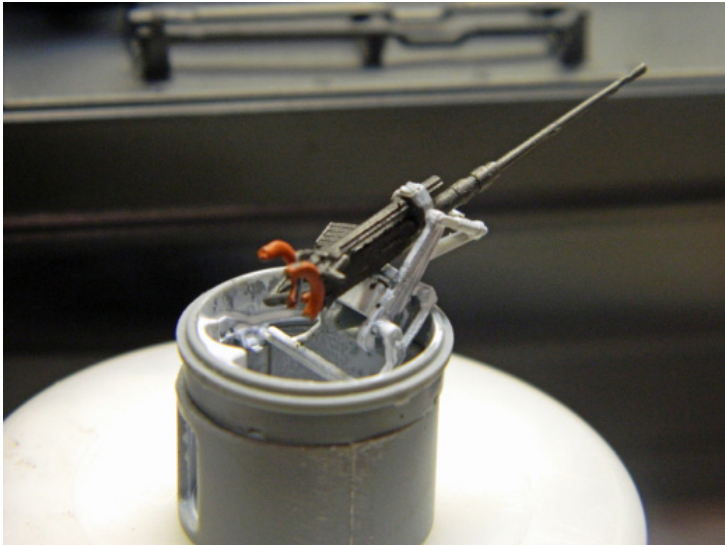
Dave Orloff doesn't visit these pages very often but this month he shared with us some pictures of his SAS LRDG diorama.





Rick Herrington has three projects for us this month. One completed Bandai Razor Crest space ship, his in-progress S-38 Schnellboot and a Tamiya 1/35th Wirbelwind flakpanzer.





Tim Robb is up next with a vintage build of Escii's Mirage III.



Finally this month. Ziggy Downs Bumgardner shared his in-progress Gundam.



Thanks to everyone who shared their work with the group. I hope Christmas is good for everyone. See you next month!

Old Rumors and New Kits

New and In View Aircraft by Ron McCracken

December turned out to be not as exciting as November, in terms of new offerings. The only new-tool stuff due out this month is an A6M2 kit in 1/48th from Eduard, an F-15E in 1/72nd from Revell, and an F-82 Twin Mustang in 1/48th from Modelsvit. However, there are some interesting re-pops that are due on the shelves.

1/48th Scale:

Eduard is releasing a new-tool A6M2 Zero in a Dual Combo 'Tora Tora Tora' special edition.

At around \$100 it isn't cheap, but reviews are very positive and it includes color photo-etch, canopy masks, and of course two complete kits.



Eduard is re-releasing their Bf 109E-7 in a Weekend edition with four markings options.



Eduard is re-releasing their MiG-21PF in a Profipack edition. The kit includes color photo-etch, painting masks, and a large selection of decals for aircraft of at least four nations.



MiG-21PF

ProfiPACK
edition

1/48 scale

eduard

Eduard is re-issuing their 2021 Sopwith F.1 Camel in a Profipack edition with new decals.

eduard

ProfiPACK
edition

Sopwith F.1 Camel (BR.1)

scale 1/48

Hasegawa is re-releasing a combo-kit consisting of one A6M2 Model 21, one D3A Model 11, and one B5N2 Type 97 in Pearl Harbor attack markings. This collection was previously released in 2016.



LIMITED EDITION ZERO FIGHTER TYPE 21 & TYPE 99 CARRIER DIVE-BOMBER MODEL 11 & TYPE 97 CARRIER ATTACK-BOMBER MODEL 3 'PEARL HARBOR ATTACK'

Hasegawa is re-releasing their F-2A (license-built F-16), I'm including it as it hasn't been released for a few years now.

Mitsubishi
F-2A

(U.S.A.S.T. SUPPORT FIGHTER)

三菱 F-2A

(LICENSED VERSION)

1/48 SCALE KIT

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HobbyBoss is re-releasing their CH-47D Chinook with some updated parts and decals.



Modelsvit is releasing a new-tool F-82F/G Twin Mustang. The kit includes pre-cut painting masks and photo-etch parts, and four decal options.



1/72nd Scale:

Eduard is re-releasing their Panavia Tornado as a 'Desert Babes' Limited Edition kit, with photo-etch, resin, eight decal options and pre-cut painting masks.



Fine Molds is re-releasing their F-4E kit as an F-4EJ Kai of 306 SQ in 1982 ACM Meet markings.



Hasegawa is re-releasing their 2008 B-24J Liberator, unchanged from the last release so far as I can determine.



Hasegawa is re-releasing their B-25J Mitchell glass-nosed version.





Hasegawa is re-releasing their 1980's vintage X-29, which hasn't seen a re-release in a few years so I'm including it in spite of the fact it hasn't been updated in all that time.



Revell has announced a new-tool F-15E Strike Eagle. So far very little seems to be known about it. Hopefully it'll be better than the several existing F-15E kits in 72nd.



1/144th Scale:

Zvezda has announced a re-release of their Airbus A321ceo with new decals.



Shipping News

by Rick Herrington

Not to many new releases this month. Let's start off with 1/700th scale. Yamashita Hobby is up first with a kit of the IJN destroyer Tachibana.





Fujimi has a couple of destroyer releases for us. The first is the IJN Akizuki.



The second from Fujimi is the IJN Yukikaze.



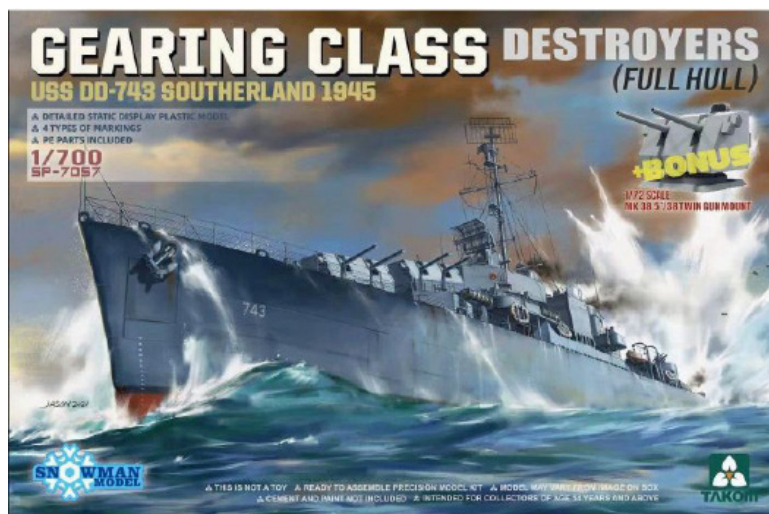
Vee Hobby is releasing a new American fast battleship the USS Indiana BB-58 as she looked in 1944.



IHP is releasing HMS Venerable. HMS Venerable was a light fleet carrier as she looked in 1945.



Takom, a relative new comer to ship modeling is releasing the USS Southerland, a Gearing class destroyer with a special twin 5" turret in 1/72nd scale as a bonus.

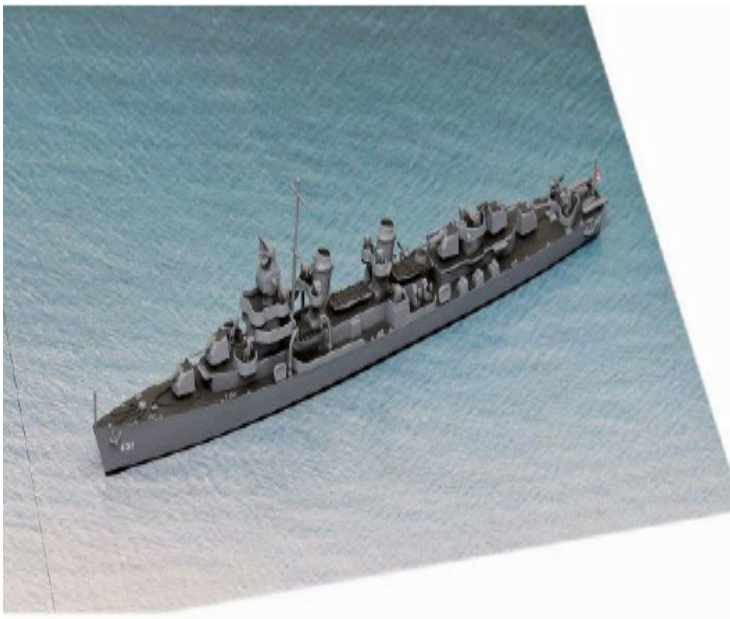


Pit Road is releasing their own IJN Akizuki as she looked in 1944.





Finally in 1/700 scale Pit Road is releasing a battle set called Battle of Vella Gulf. The Battle of Vella Gulf was when 6 US destroyers of Destroyer Division 12 ambushed and sank 3 Japanese destroyers in a night action. The kit includes an Elco PT Boat and the IJN destroyer Amigiri which rammed and sank PT 109. The kit also includes the USS O'Bannon which was one of the destroyers that participated in the Battle of Bella LaVella in which the troop carrying Japanese destroyers were sunk.



Not many 1/350th releases this month. Trumpeter has two new releases for us. The first is the British light cruisers HMS Colombo.





Last in this month's column is in 1/72nd scale. Takom has recently re-releasing kits of different ship's turrets. Their latest is the twin 150mm secondary turret that was used on the Bismarck.

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That's all the wind in the sails this voyage. Grab a kit out of your stash and build it!

Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

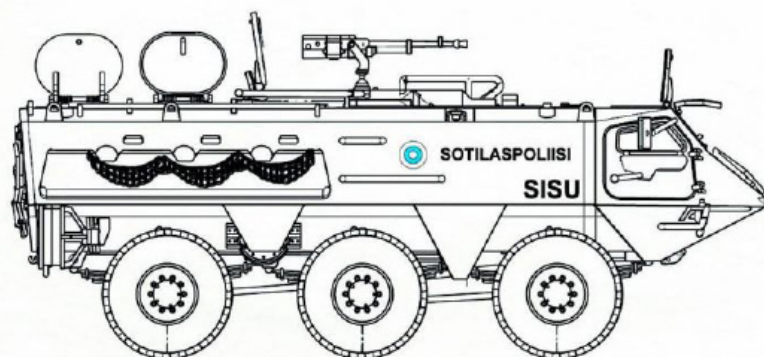
Hello tread heads! Lots to get to this month so let's start off with 1/72nd scale. First up is Hobby Boss with a 130mm Russian coastal defence gun.



Next from IBG is a British Cruiser tank.



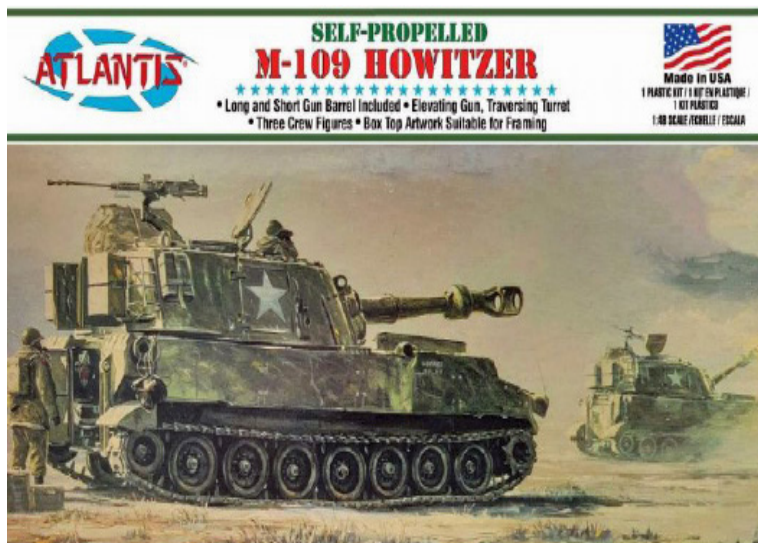
Platz is releasing a Finnish armored car Sisu. It looks remarkably like a German Fuchs but this is a Finnish designed vehicle. The model comes with Finnish and UN markings.



Fujimi is releasing a set of 1/72nd JGS-DF Light armored vehicles. The kit includes parts to make 2 vehicles, a command vehicle and an armed machine gun vehicle.



Moving up to 1/48th scale Atlantis has a couple of releases for us. These are not new by any means, they are re-releases of Aurora's armor and aircraft kits. First is a release of the M109 (M108?). Atlantis includes both short and long barrels for this kit.



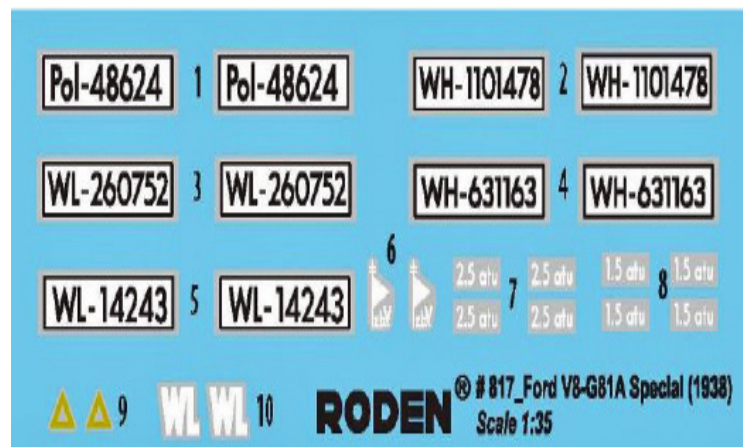
Next up from Atlantis is a box of three kits with Aurora's 1/48th Sherman and H25 helicopter and a 1/102 model of P-207 PT Boat. They call the release Air, Land, and Sea.



Moving on to 1/16th scale we have Das Werk with a Panzer 3J.



Roden is up first in 1/35th scale with a 1938 vintage Ford V8 G81A. The decals with this kit are German Luftwaffe (WL) and Wehrmacht (WH).





Sabre is releasing a Hanomag RL-20 tractor.



ICM is releasing another 3-kits-in-one box kit. This one is named Battle Of France 1940 and includes an FCM 36 tank, a Panhard 178 armored car and a Laffly V15T car.



Hobby Boss is releasing a Bergepanther Ausf G.



Trumpeter is releasing a Flak 41



Tamiya has a couple of new tool releases and one reissue. First of the new tools is a Russian KV-2.





Next from Tamiya is the long awaited new tool M-18 US tank destroyer.



The re-pop from Tamiya is a Sdkfz 234 with 20mm and some new figures and a dispatch rider.

This is a re-box of the Italeri kit in a Tamiya box.

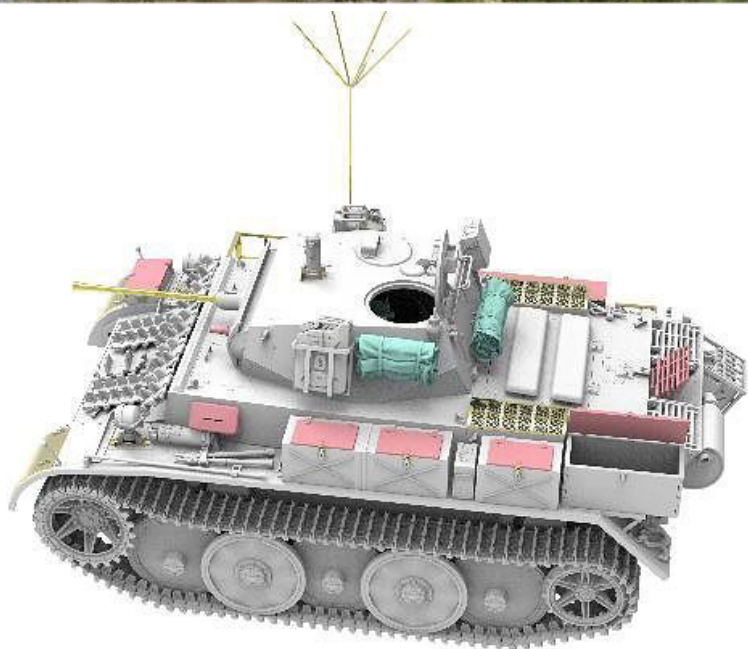


ICM is releasing a German Sdkfz 247 Ausf B.





Border Models is releasing a Panzer 2L Luchs, late type.



Italeri is releasing an LAV AT.



Finally, RFM is releasing a Canadian Leopard 2A6M complete with umbrella.



That's it for this month. Grab a soft skin or an armor kit out of your stash and build it!





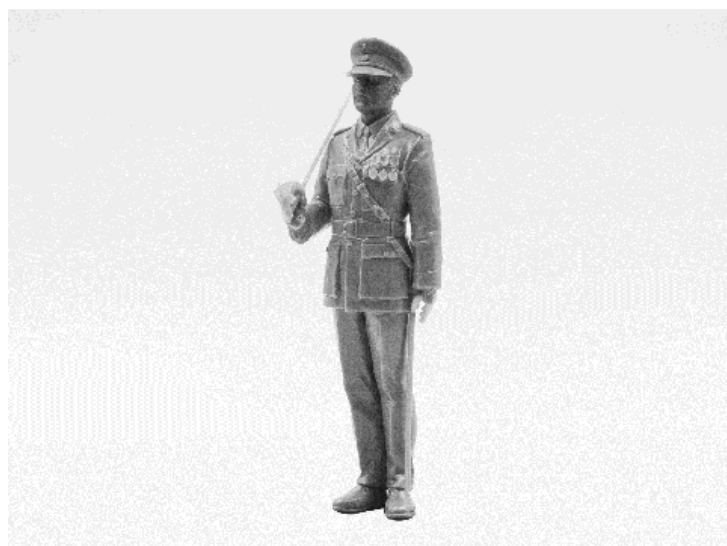
IT FIGURES

BY MICHAEL LAMM

Hello fellow modelers! Well, 2021 (or 2020.1 depending on how you look at it) is coming to an end. I hope everyone had a nice and filling Thanksgiving and is planning the same type of nice and safe celebration for the holidays coming up. It may not be too late to add a few things to your lists, so here's a few suggestions for those of you who have been nice!

<https://icm.com.ua/>

ICM starts us off with a couple new kits. A fairly basic looking pose and figure featuring a Royal Marine in his parade uniform at 1/16th scale. Their next release features a kit with 3 1/32nd helicopter pilots from the Vietnam era. The issue with this set of figures is that the only 1/32nd Huey I'm aware of is an ancient Revellogram version. Maybe ICM has something in the works?





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

Andrea Miniatures has a new addition to their Purple Heart Series, which was obviously inspired by Stanley Kubrick's "Full Metal Jacket", specifically the Animal Mother character portrayed by Adam Baldwin. The resin figure is available in 1/35th or 1/16th scale.



<https://scale75.com/>

From Scale 75 is a new vignette "Downfall, Berlin 1945" featuring 2 Soviet soldiers and a German soldier. The Soviet soldier is wearing body armor, which is a pretty cool addition.



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

Miniart has re-released their 2013 kit "Market Garden". Now, the new kit includes separate resin heads and an expanded weapons sprue. Both are very nice additions to a pretty decent miniature set.



Masterbox is releasing a 1/35th German machine gun team.





<http://defmodel.com/>

Finally, the figure you didn't know you needed for your next Abrams build. A modern tanker bore sighting the barrel. The 1/35th resin figure look great and will create a really unique scene.



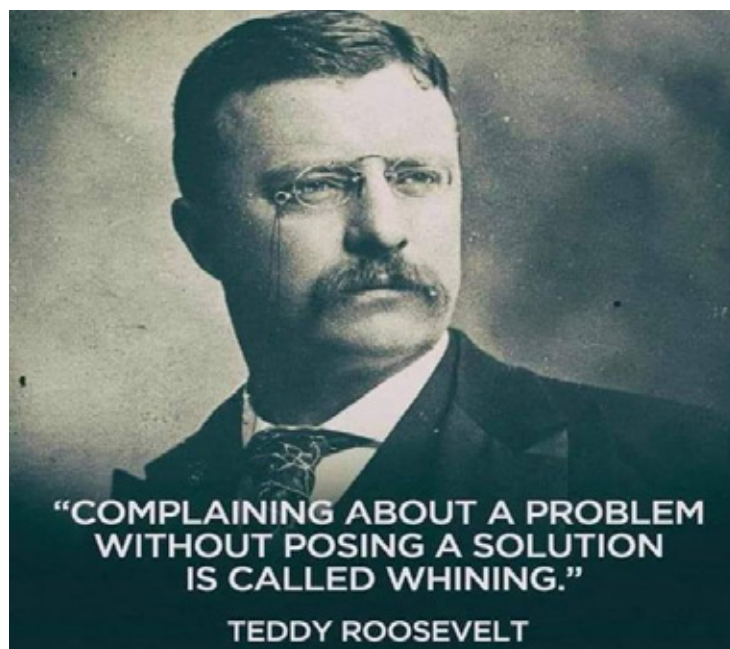
Medieval Forge is releasing a 75mm Russian Cosmonaut.



Finally Alpine and Mig are joining forces to produce gift sets with a figure and the paint colors to paint it. It also includes a step by step tutorial on how to paint it.



So, that does it for this month's edition, and the final edition of the year. I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous holiday season and a joyous New Year!





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Model Fiesta 40 *By Dick Montgomery*

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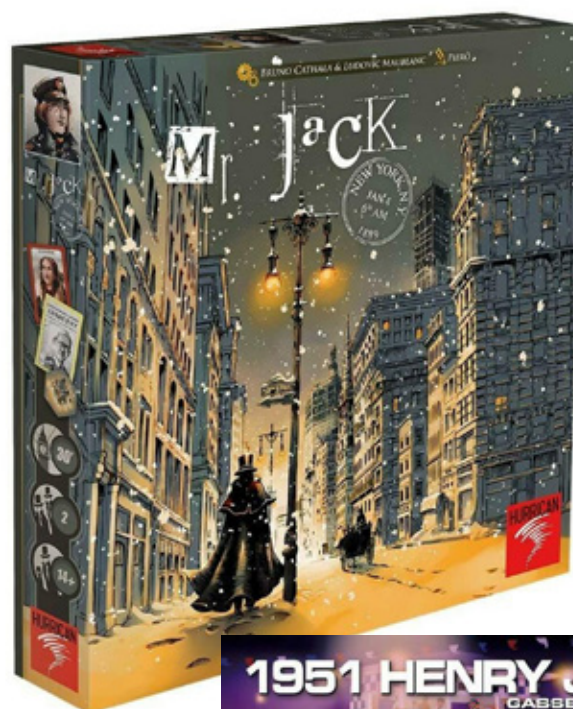
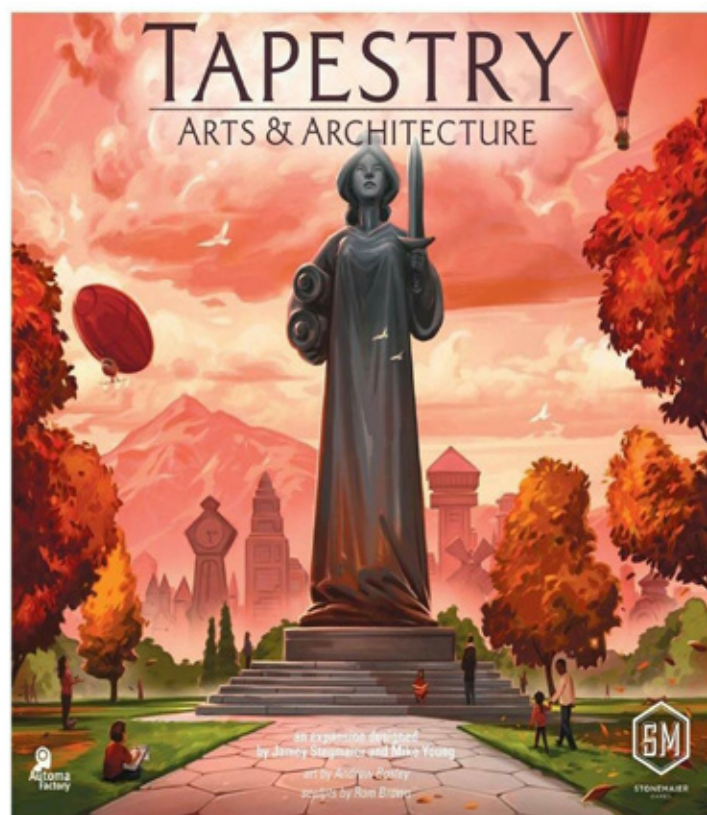
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