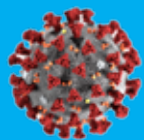
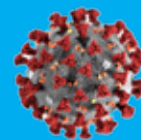


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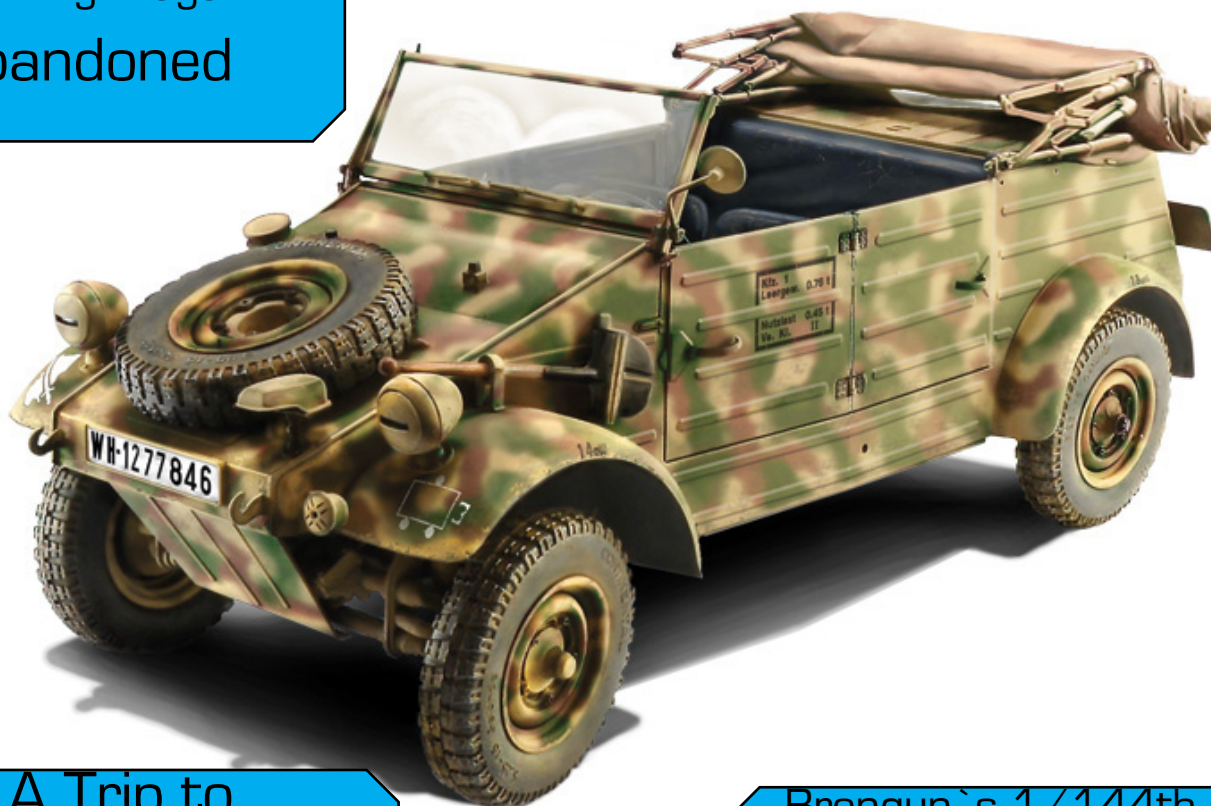


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PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY IAN LATHAM



Welcome members,

We made it to 2021!

Wow, what a journey. But we still have a bit of road under our feet to get to a new normal. For ASMS, the last year has certainly been a dud. No shows, no contests, and with the exception of the ongoing Zoom meeting every Sunday (thanks to Bill Delk), no meetings. Normally this time of the year we would be holding elections, offering up yearly awards and deciding on the ASMS Capitol Classic theme. In lieu of these normal functions we will need to do things a little different this year, at least for the foreseeable future.

Elections are held every 2 years and the time is nigh. We recently sent out an email to all members to vote on a couple of possible options, and the 'Yays' had it for postponing the elections until next year. Thanks for your participation. I'm happy to say that your present batch of officers will be in place until January 2022. "Hey you in the back row, no heckling"!

The next thing I need to address are dues. We are suspending dues this year for all current members. Since 2020 kept most of what ASMS does from happening, I can't in good faith require our present members to fork over the green for nothing. However, that doesn't mean we couldn't use the scratch. We are offering up the option for donations instead, and if your conscience would feel lighter if you contributed your membership fees, then by all means, please submit the normal dues fee. But remember, you are under no obligation to pay this year. New members will still be expected to pay the required dues to become a part of ASMS.

The last item this month is a request for submissions on a theme for the 2021 ASMS Capitol Classic. I would love to have your ideas submitted to our secretary, Rick Herrington bozon0592@gmail.com, and we can compile a list for voting next month. By the time the next newsletter goes out I hope to have a theme chosen. I'm optimistic that things will be in much better shape come October and we have the opportunity to have a fantastic show. So put your thinking caps on, even backwards if that helps, and send us your suggestions.

Now sit back, adjust your cursor and enjoy this month's Sprue Examiner.

Cheers!
-Ian

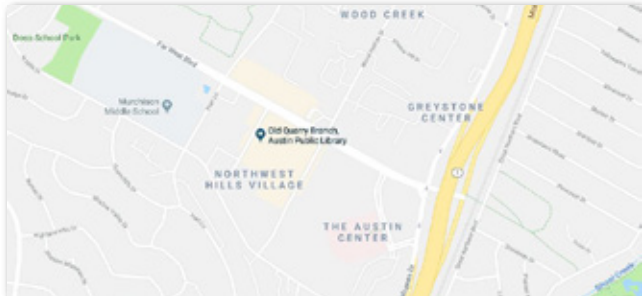




HOUSE CLEANING



ASMS MEETING



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

Meetings suspended due to Covid-19

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**Austin 2020 Capitol Classic
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Annual ASMS club dues are \$25.00/individual
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Brengun's 1/144th Kubelwagen

by Ben Morton



There seems to be a budding trend in the scale modeling world toward the 'one true scale' of 1/144th models and dioramas. Any number of manufactures have been, for years, been producing some wonderful, small scale armor and aircraft kits. One thing that may have been missing is the ability of the modeler to place their latest small scale creations into context. Diorama or vignette builders have been somewhat at a disadvantage with the lack of 1/144th scaled vehicles with which to enhance the presentation of their small scale projects.

We are at a disadvantage no longer.

Brengun, along with some other manufacturers, have been producing some lovely 1/144th scale for some few days now.

Brengun has extensive offerings from which to choose: US / German staff cars, US jeep, Russian BTR's, GAZ-69, and now a 1/144th scale German Kubelwagen.

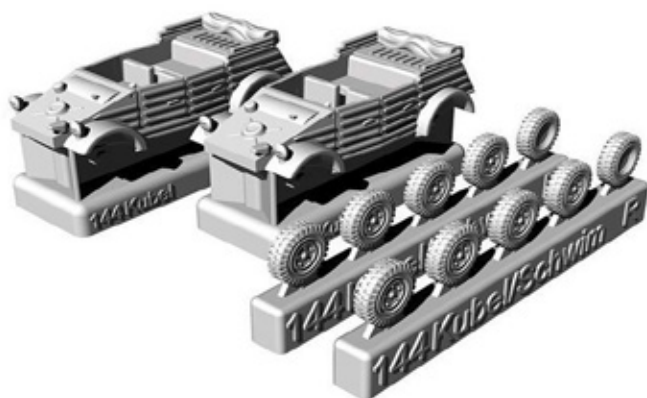
By design these kits are simplicity itself with parts that are in light gray resin, photo-etched accessory bits and clear acetate for wind-screens. This kit, along with the others available from Brengun, also include decals. Another nice feature of these 1/144th scale construction kits from Brengun is the inclusion of two complete models.



Assembly of the Kubelwagen is simple. The most difficult aspect of assembly is removing the parts from the casting sprues. After attaching the wheels/tires and the photo-etched windscreen frame, license plates, steering wheel and shovel the kit is assembled...all that's left to do is choose a paint scheme.



1/144 Type 82 Kubelwagen



The assembly instructions include a facsimile of the parts and three simple steps to assemble the Kubelwagen. One thing that isn't mentioned on the instructions involves the clear acetate for the windscreens. Not a huge problem because the average modeler will figure it out without too much fuss. Another area of note are the decals. Don't get me wrong, the decals are nicely printed and go on well. They are printed on a small sheet of backing paper and the decal carrier film covers the entire sheet. Just carefully cut around the decals to remove that excess film and the problem will be solved.



The 1/144th scale Kubelwagen from Brengun is a lovely kit that will enhance anyone's next diorama or vignette. There is more than enough detail provided in this kit that it will and does hold its own as a stand-alone model. Can a 1/144th scale Schwimmwagen be far behind...?

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

Support Your Local Hobby Shop!





A Trip to Lion Heart Hobby

By Rick Herrington

If you haven't heard yet the Austin area has a new hobby shop to supplement King's. The new shop is called Lion Heart Hobby and opened up on black Friday (November 27, 2020) and is located in Kyle, TX.

Danielle Adams is the owner and our own Rudy Cline formerly of King's is assisting her. Recently I made a trip down to Kyle to visit Rudy and Danielle. As most of you know I live in Leander which is about an hour's drive to Kyle. The drive was well worth it.



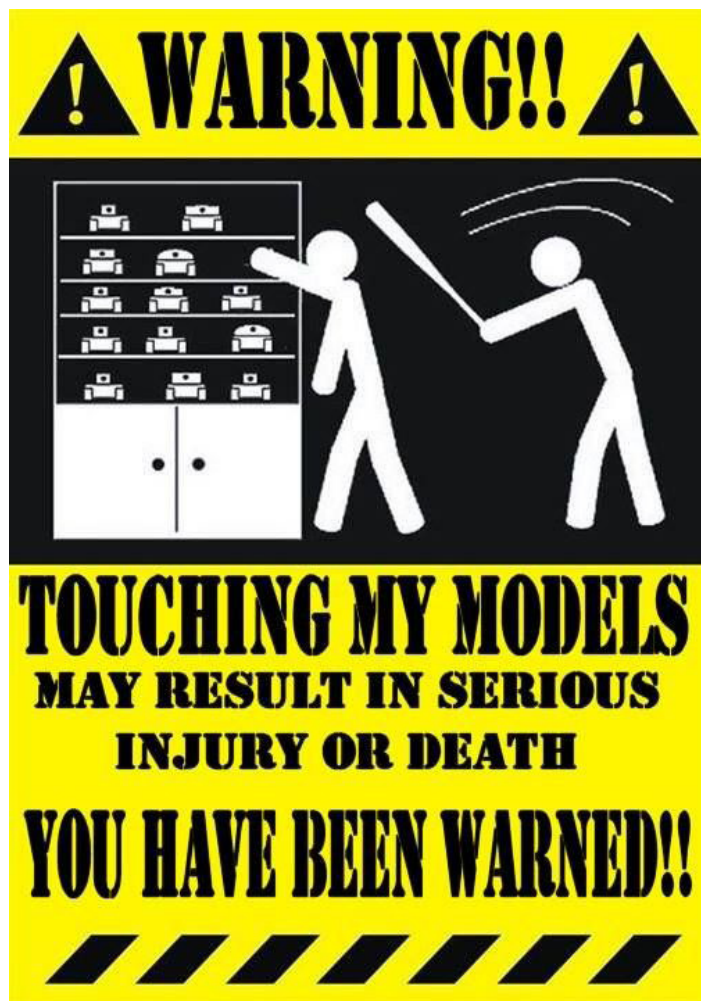
Lion Heart is a small shop. Smaller than King's but packed with goodies. The front of the store has a great selection of games. The back section is where all the modeling goodies are.



Rudy has a great selection of new releases and consignment kits on his shelves. While I was there a customer bought a Renwal 1/32nd Atomic Cannon that he had been looking for for several years.



I bought a set of MiniArt 1/35th Kharkhov tankers while I was there. It was well worth the drive to re-connect with Rudy and see his new digs. I highly recommend it.



Issue 30 of Ammo Weathering: Abandoned

By Ben Morton



The Weathering Magazine is one of three magazine series published by the AMMO/Mig Jimenez Company. This division of Mig Jimenez's modeling products empire also publishes two other magazines are: Weathering Magazine: Aircraft and Special Editions.

Special Editions are primarily focused on one, specific subject. The Weathering Magazine: Abandoned. is the thirtieth edition in this series and encompasses six, specific How-To articles on a variety of subjects.

Those subjects are :

- Beast in the River: an abandoned T-55 in a river
- Radioactive Rust: an abandoned firetruck at Chernobyl
- Highway of Death: an abandoned Iraqi T-54
- Derelict: an abandoned aircraft on a gunnery range
- MSN-04 Sazabi: an abandoned Gundam
- Chieftain: A Sweet Retirement: an outdoor armor museum Chieftain



This issue of The Weathering Magazine also has a lovely tribute to Elizabeth Weise, dear friend, muse, and co-founder of AMMO and founder of the AMMO for Life project.

Additionally there is a photo essay of the 2nd Spanish Marine Infantry Corp Model Contest.

Ammo for Life:

[<https://www.migjimenez.com/en/module/cs-blog/detailpost/24-5-ammo-for-life.html>]

Each article is written and the subject modeled by premier scale modelers. The subjects, as you can see from the list, are diverse and there is plenty here for any scale modeler. And when I say How-To articles I mean just that. Each installment in this issue of The Modeling Magazine: Abandoned has a blow by blow account that illustrates each author's process in achieving their visions. This step-by-step approach also highlights the proper use of the myriad of finishing products available in the market place. The reader is presented with a wealth of information with concrete examples of how best to use chipping fluids, filters, oil weathering, and modeling pigments, to name a few.



Those visions are often spurred on from a photograph or online image experienced by each individual author/modeler. The beginning of each project is thoughtfully included as part of the articles. That genesis for each project is most welcome. It is always nice to know where the idea for a diorama or modeling project began and the progress from idea to fruition.

All of these articles are beautifully illustrated with multiple images that document not only the construction of each model but the layers of weathering that go into achieving the desired effect for each project. Several of the articles involve dioramas and the author's provided all the detailed steps they undertook to create the proper setting for their 'abandoned' vehicle.



As you go through this edition of The Weathering Magazine, I'm sure you will find any number of tips and tricks to use on your next project, or rethink how you might display a modeling project. Case in point is the 'Derelict' article. This article outlines the use of an aircraft model as an electronic target on a gunnery range. Possibly a great way to rethink how to display a shelf queen that might otherwise be missing a critical part(s).

This issue of The Weathering Magazine: Abandoned is an excellent read. The number (six) of articles highlight the plethora of finishing products available to the modern scale modeler which should be of immeasurable use for those that may be unfamiliar with them.



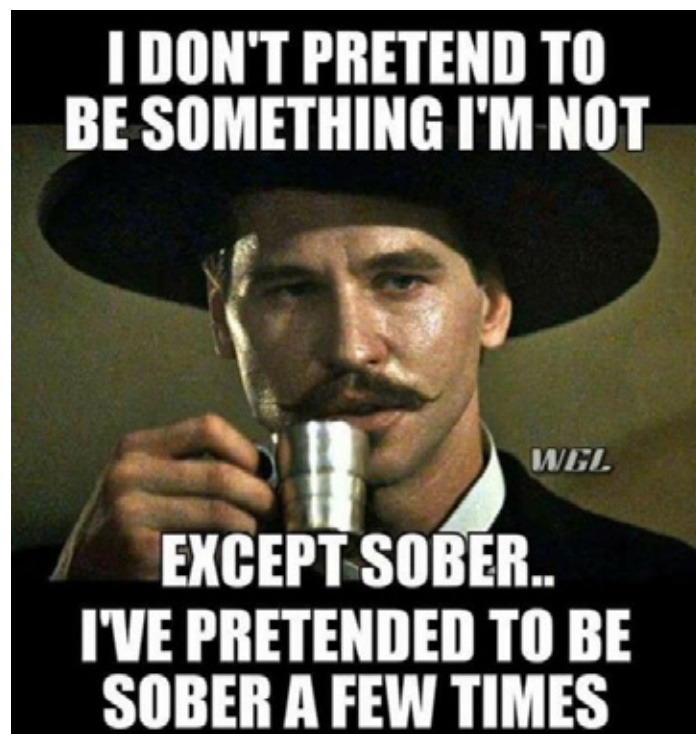
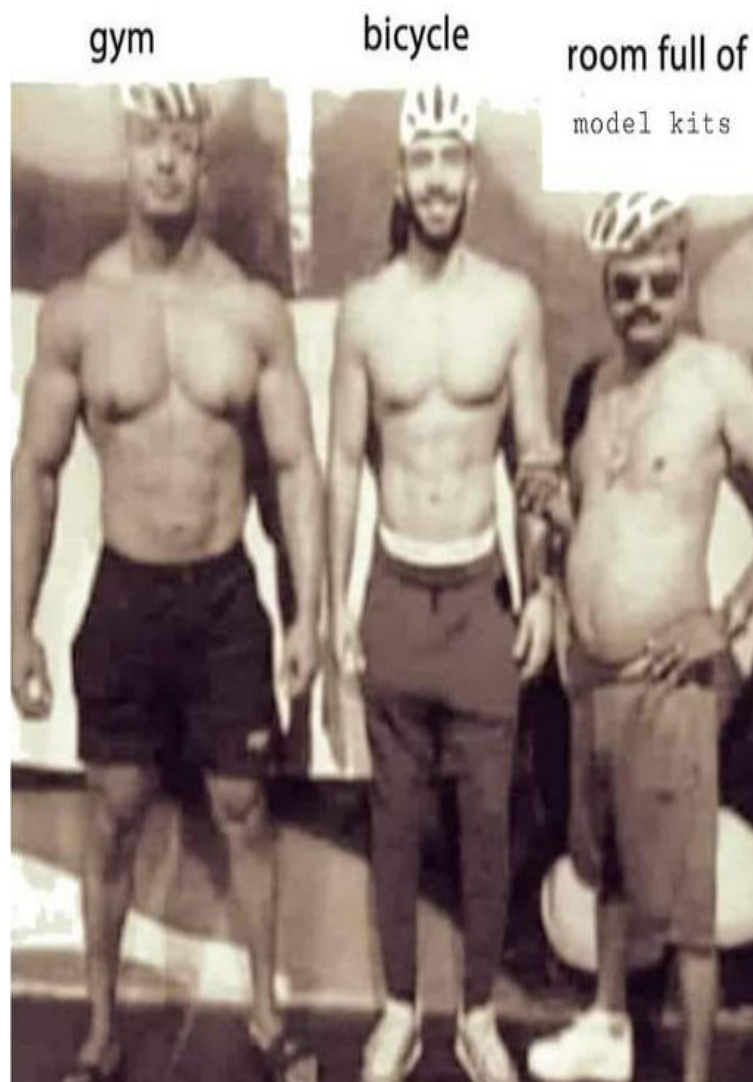
This magazine should also be useful to those that have already been experimenting with them in order to move your skill set to another level. While all of these step-by-step articles are built and written by superb modelers there is no reason why anyone (myself included) couldn't copy their techniques to achieve similar results. This issue of The Weathering Magazine contains modeling and finishing techniques that you will be referencing again and again.

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

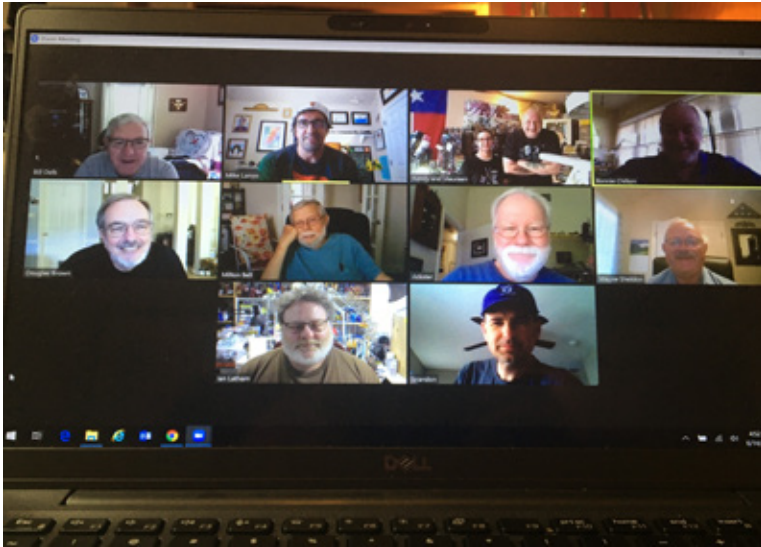
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Pink panther:



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.

Let's start off with Eric Choy this month. Eric has just finished a Matchbox 1/72nd Austin Armored Car.



Randy and Ziggy Bumgardner are up next with a couple of finished Gundams. Randy is up first with his Justice model.



Ziggy has several Gundams this month. The first is a Master Grade Dynames.



Next up from Ziggy is an in-progress Master Grade Kyrios.



Next from Ziggy is a Master Grade Jegan.





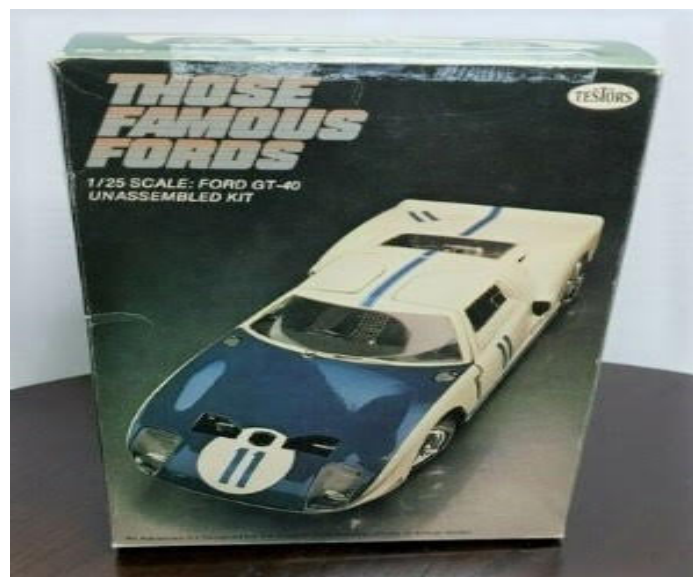
Finally from Ziggy is an HGUC Penelope.



El Presidente (Ian Latham) finished up his 1/48th Malta Recon Hurricane. Great job Ian!



Fred Horky of IPMS National fame shared a couple of pics of his latest, a Testor's Ford GT40. If you saw the movie Ford versus Ferrari this was the car featured in that movie.





Rick Cotton shared with us another IJN master piece. This is the 1/350 scale Wave Fuyutsuki.



Rick Herrington took a break from building Tornado models to re-capture some of his lost figure painting skills. These figures came from MiniArt's latest Kharkhov Tank Crew 1943. The kit comes with 4 figures and a set of resin heads to replace the plastic molded ones.





Milton Bell shared with us some pictures of his completed FW-190A-5.





Finally from Douglas Brown a box scale Tamiya BAC Lightning and a Revell 1-144th ECR Tiger Meet kit.





It's official...

January 14, 2021

By Tom Clever

RIP Squadron Mail Order. They officially closed the doors yesterday. It was apparent over the weekend. They had a 70% off sale started last Friday, and by Sunday night, the website came up "under construction." Some locals had stopped by to pick up their orders and reported they were told "We're reorganizing" but "Their hearts weren't in what they said."

Jerry Campbell was Hell On Wheels to deal with, as anyone who ever did will tell you, but he was Honest. He really did transform the hobby. Those old newsletters back in the 70s really were little goldmines of ideas and information. And I will never ever forget the day I walked into the then-new Squadron Shop in Concord, up the Bay Area, 49 years ago, and saw those glass cases full of Dave Boksanski's models and realized there was a "whole other world out there" of what could be done with those boxes full of plastic parts. I went home and wanted to throw away my entire collection (which I kinda/sorta did over the next few years as I "upped my game").

As a result of Squadron, I became the Scale Modeler I always wanted to be. Jerry also saved my sweet patootie 20 years ago during a "rough patch." He did that for more than a few modelers who he saw as Contributors to the Hobby. He also went out of his way to support the scale modeling websites as they started in the late 90s, always good for supplying review samples of anything.

Modeling Madness and Hyperscale wouldn't exist without him, that's for sure.

Too bad the MBA morons who bought him out and then bought each other out never understood what Squadron was. Of course, firing or letting go those who did know didn't help a bit.

Sadly, the place has really been dead for going on 2 years now. You had to order something so they could order it for you too often.

But Jerry's grandchildren – Sprue Brothers, Kitlinx and the others, live on. Long live the hobby. You were hard to love Jerry, but we all did, for what you did.

Some thoughts on building a Lukgraph 1/32nd SBU-1 Corsair

By Rick Cotton.

Having done a resin airplane before, and learned quite a bit (amazing how that happens every time we build a new kit), I saw this lovely yellow-wing on the Web, and just had to have it. Three weeks after punching the "Buy Now" button, it arrived at my door. Here are my thoughts on the Lukgraph 1/32 scale SBU-1 Corsair.

A very high-quality kit. My second full-resin aircraft (following the HpH Helldiver). Mostly trouble-free molding, without pinholes or major casting flaws. A few little bits here and there needed filling, but nothing that a little Tamiya putty won't take care of.

Very detailed cockpits, but the interior tube framing will take time to clean up, and great care to align properly. I have seen other builders on the web use metal tubing and solder one together, but that particular skill is not yet in my personal toolbox. I added some wiring, but not much else is needed. Photoetch is fairly extensive, and very good.



Fit overall is pretty darned decent, with the exception of the interior wing struts. I had trouble with those, and ended up scratchbuilding a couple of those – don't know if I messed up or what, but the front ones seemed short to me. No biggie, just more time.

The provided peel-and-stick canopy frames were useless. I masked and painted mine, and that was just fine. Lukgraph gives you TWO vacuformed canopies, so that you can have a second chance at cutting yours apart correctly. I was lucky on the first try. The canopies are designed to fit in an open position, and sit nicely with a little judicious trimming.

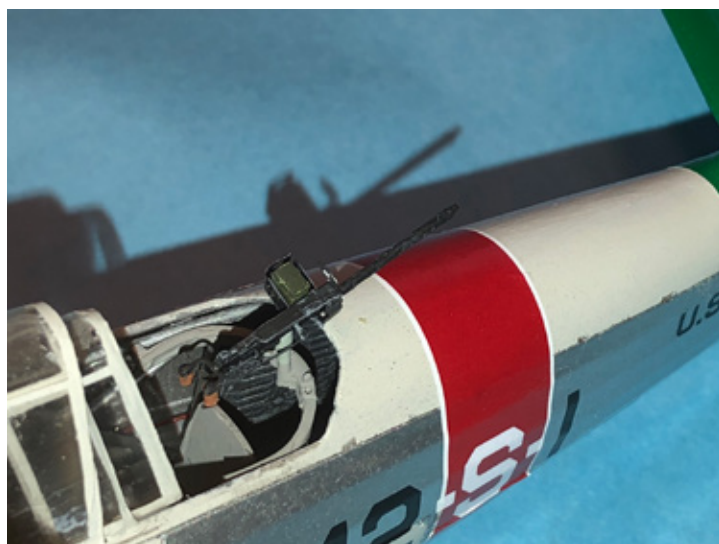
Instruction illustrations were not terribly clear. Arrows sort of point to a general area and then you are on your own in places. Some guesswork, and reference time will certainly be in order, especially in the cockpit. Take your time, and do not proceed until you are clear on what goes where.

The kit responded well to cyano, Tamiya putty, Tamiya lacquer, and Testors enamels. Decals were thin, and laid down nicely with a little Micro Sol. The canopies were dipped in Future (or whatever it's called now), tacked in place with cyano, and then permanently sealed down with Elmer's. Fit was very good, especially at the front windscreen. Don't forget to drill the small hole for the telescopic sight.



Wing brace wires were replicated with fine piano wire – tying wires is too crazy. This way, they never sag, nor do they fray. Wire looks like...wire.

This kit absolutely requires a building jig – I used the AJO1 from Hobby Zone USA, and it worked quite well to align all wings. The jig also provided me with an afternoon's entertainment putting it together. Highly recommended, for ANY biplane kit, indeed, any aircraft at all.



Overall, the kit was excellent, and if you are a fan of yellow-wing Navy aircraft, this should be on your list. Taking your time and making damned sure about things before you glue them is the key here. But the results were way more than worth it. I am seriously pondering the Boeing F3B kit now.....



Old Rumors and New Kits

New and In View Aircraft

by Ron McCracken

The new year is bringing new releases, but a good number of them as yet have no firm release date, so this column will wait until more information is available.

Eduard's recent troubles are also not fully behind them, (their web site has virtually everything flagged "Not Available") so that also limits things. There are no totally new kits coming out as early as January, just re-releases with new decals or parts.

1/32nd Scale

Revell has announced a re-release of their 2019 new-tool F/A-18F Super Hornet. The kit includes updated/new parts.

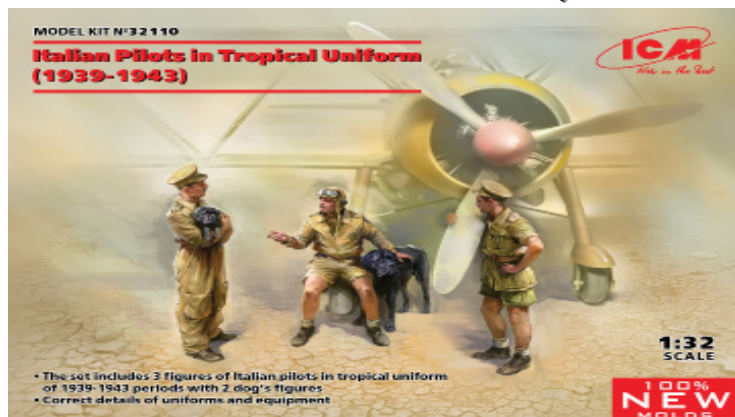


Trumpeter has announced a re-release of their F-100C Super Sabre with new decals and updated parts. This is based on their 2007 kit.



ICM is releasing a 1/32nd Italian Fiat CR. 42 Falco along with a figure set to go with it.





1/48th Scale

Hong Kong Models has announced a B-17F Flying Fortress in Memphis Belle markings. This is a re-release of last year's B-17G kit with some new parts to back-date it to a B-17F. So, I suppose you could technically say this one is new, but only just barely.



Roden has announced a re-release of their 2019 new-tool Arado Ar 68F-1 with some updated/new parts.

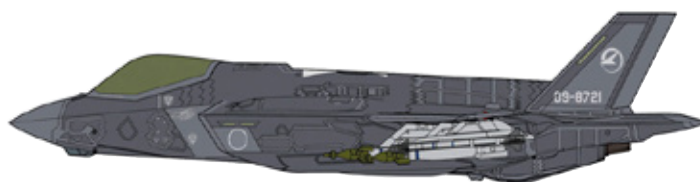


1/72nd Scale

Hasegawa is releasing a "limited edition" F/A-18E Super Hornet in VF-151 CAG markings. The kit appears to be a re-boxing with new decals and possibly some updated parts.



Hasegawa is also re-releasing their F-35A Lightning II 'Beast Mode' kit, which means it has external stores and pylons under the wings. Markings for JASDF are the only new feature compared to earlier releases.



Hasegawa is also re-releasing their Fuji T-1A/B trainer in a limited edition with an included Tow Tractor



1/120th Scale
Atlantis is releasing the old 1950's Revell box scale B-29. (Editor's note: The image below is not the kit nor the markings of the kit.)



1/35th scale
Border Models, known for their great armor releases is venturing into aircraft with an ME-109G6



That wraps it up for January. But stay tuned to this space. If Cybermodeler is right in their predictions, outfits like Dora Wings and Modelsvit are going to have some goodies, especially for the 1/48th fans.



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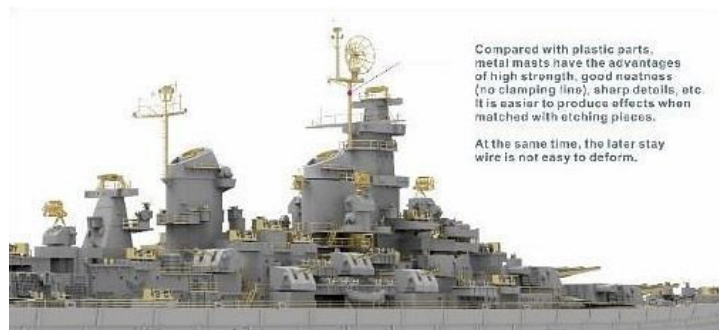
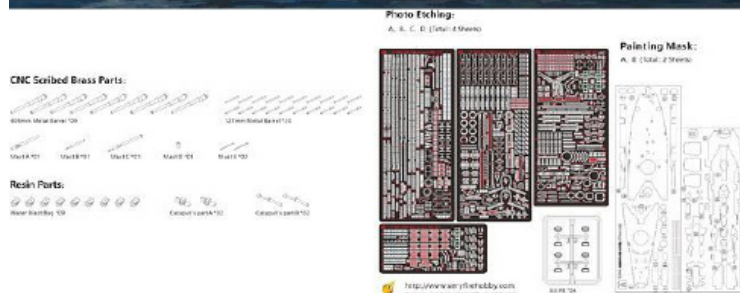
Shipping News

By Rick Herrington

Let's get started with 1/700th scale. Fujimi is releasing yet another IJN carrier the Kaga. This will be a full hull kit.



VeryFire is putting out another 'safe' release in the form of the US Battleship Missouri BB-63. This one comes in the Deluxe version which includes decking and a set of photo etch and will run you close to a hundred bucks depending on where you get it. The non-deluxe version is about half the price and has no bells and whistles.



Compared with plastic parts, metal parts have the advantages of high strength, good neatness (no clamping line), sharp details, etc. It is easier to produce effects when matched with etching plates.

At the same time, the later stay wire is not easy to deform.



Pit Road is releasing a modern Japanese guided missile destroyer the Atago (DDG-177)



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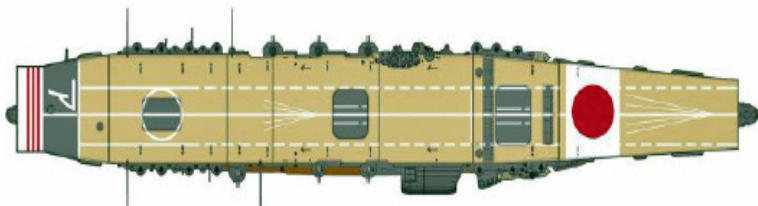
Japan Maritime
Self-Defense Force
DDG-177 "ATAGO"

Last up in 1/700th Revell is releasing an 80th Anniversary model set. This one includes two ships and commemorates the Battle of the Denmark Straits between the Bismarck and HMS Hood.





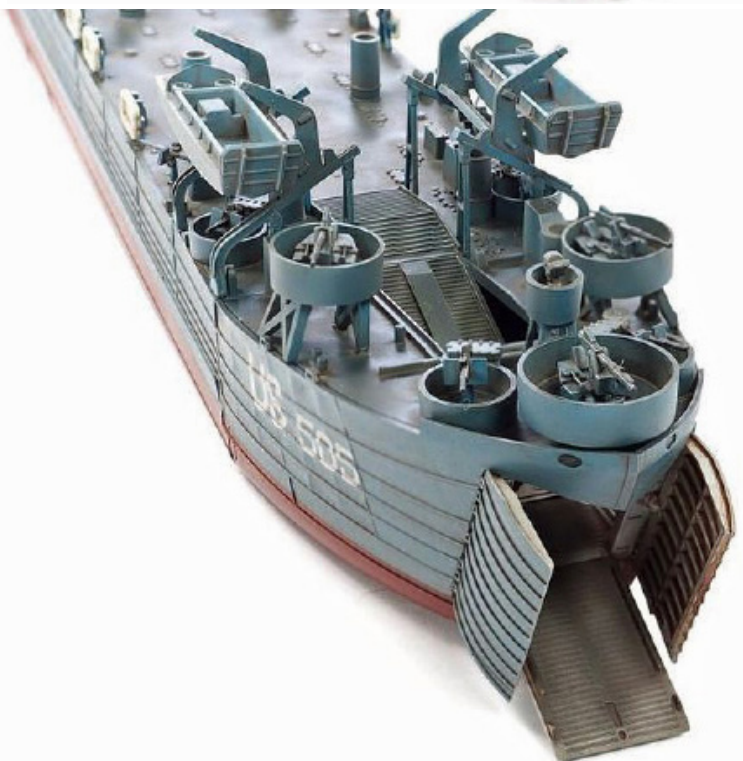
Three new releases in 1/350th this month. The first is from Hasegawa the IJN Akagi as she appeared at the Battle Of Midway in which she was so severely damaged she had to be scuttled.



Mikro Mir is releasing a kit of the USN attack submarine SSN-597 Tulibee



Last in the column this month is a release from our Armor friends at AFV. They are releasing a US Navy Landing Ship Tank (LST) LST-491.



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



Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

Howdy Tread heads! Hope you're safe and building models out there. We've finally left 2020 behind...Whew!

That being said we have some great new releases to look forward to, most in 1/35th scale this month but a few offerings in 1/48. and one in 1/16th.

Let's start off with a release from Airfix. I have built some of their earlier (read old) armor kits but haven't ventured into their later 1/35th releases.

First up is a US M18 Hellcat Tank Destroyer.



Amusing Hobby is releasing two new kits. The first is a Pzkw 4H. Oh boy, you say another Pzkw 4 to put in my stash and build when I'm maybe 79. Seriously, the Pzkw 4 is like the Yamato to ship builders, every manufacturer has to have one to prove they're able to play with the big boys.

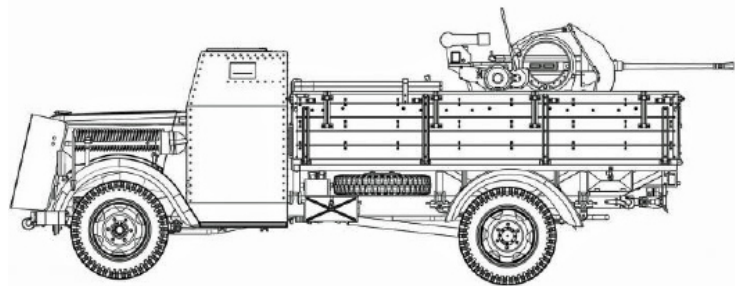


On the not so safe side Amusing is releasing a famous version of the Centurion the IDF Shot Kal. This is the 1973 version of the Israeli up-gunned Centurion.





Dragon has a few for us this month. First is a German Armored truck with a Flak 38 mounted on the back. Dragon has released this combo previously as an un-armored version.



Up next from Dragon is a welcome Japanese Type 97 Chi-Ha.



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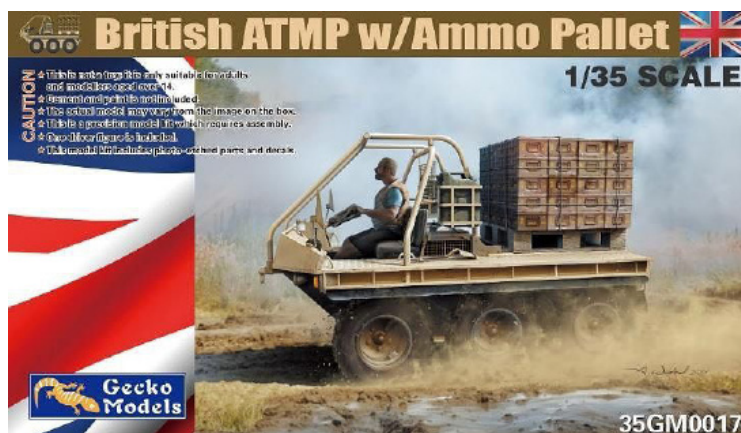
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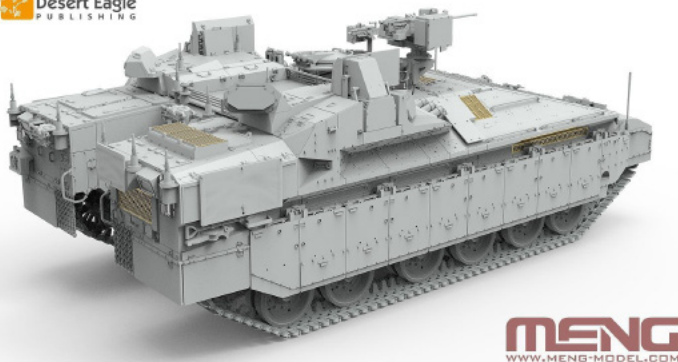
Gecko Models is releasing a modern British All Terrain Mobility Platform (ATMP)



Meng has a two new releases. The first is an IDF Namer APC.



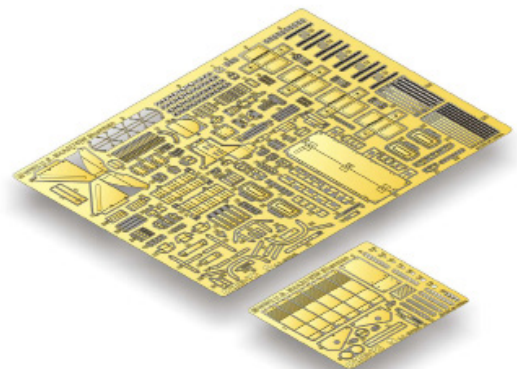
ISRAELI HEAVY ARMoured PERSONNEL CARRIER NAMER
以色列“雄虎”重型装甲运输车
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Next from Meng is a release based on their M4A3 76mm kit called “Victory Kiss”. The kit features a Sherman tanker “getting some sugar” from a liberated girl. This would make a great diorama piece.



U.S. MEDIUM TANK
M4A3 (76)W SHERMAN DETAIL UPGRADE SET
美国 M4A3 (76)W “谢尔曼” 中型坦克细节升级套件

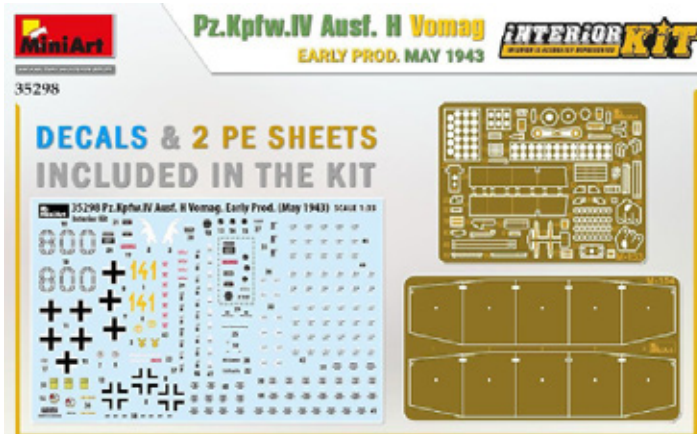


Besides the interesting figures the kit also comes with a nice photo etch detail upgrade set

MiniArt has two this month one German and the other US. The US release is an M3 Lee with interior.



Next from MiniArt is another PzKpfw 4H, this one circa 1943. MiniArt supplies you with a number of different color schemes you can paint this one up in. This one also has an interior.



Last in 1/35th from Plus Model to fuel your panzers we have a scale gas station.



Tamiya, a powerhouse in 1/48th scale has a new release in that scale for us a T-34 85mm.



Last up from Classy Hobby is a shelf buster in 1/16th scale, a US M5A1.



That's all the armor that fits this month. Keep safe and keep building, the vaccine is on the way.

#Figures

By Michael Lamm

Hello fellow modelers! Happy New Year! Here's a selection of figures for all of us who made a resolution to paint more figures this year.

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

First up, another small set of figures in 1/72nd from Zvezda. The latest addition to their in-house war gaming system "The Art of Tactic" is a set of Soviet assault troops. These figures usually come with a small base, for movement purposes in the game, but this group is unique in that they come with a small building allowing you to make a vignette with them right out of the box. The nice thing about these figures, is that unlike a lot of 1/72nd scale plastic figures, they're made of hard plastic and can be sanded and primed easily.





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

With what has to be the final set in a series of German tankmen, Miniart has released their 5-ton gantry crane set, and included a couple German tankmen figures and a Maybach engine. The crane set was nice, but the addition of the two crewman is a real bonus and makes adding them to a small scene even easier, and with Miniart's previous releases, you can have the crew doing everything from changing an engine, to painting new camouflage, to repairing wheels and tracks.



<https://www.royalmodel.eu/en/>

Royal Model Miniatures has a nice selection of 1/35th scale U.S. tanker heads. These are especially nice, since you can usually find a bunch of plastic tank figures, but normally they're not that great, especially if they came with the model. Since the majority of the figure's body will be inside the tank, you can put a very nice resin head on a not-so-nice plastic body, and nobody will be the wiser.





Also, from Royal Models is the “tank man” from the Tiananmen Square protests in 1989. This resin figure comes in 1/35th or 1/72nd scale, and will go well with all those old Type 59 Chinese tank models you have laying around, or you could use a T-55 model and nobody will notice the difference.



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

From our old neighbors, Andrea Miniatures, we have a new mounted horse soldier. This time a German SS Calvary officer as his unit prepares to start Operation Barbarossa. This metal figure comes in 1/35th or 1/16th scale. I've seen a video on Andrea's Instagram page of the parts and there are actually quite a few, but the kit looks nice. The 1/16th scale must weigh a ton, and at 200 euros (\$243 US), it has a price tag to match.



I hope everyone has a better 2021, than 2020, and I really hope we get to see each other face to face at some point soon.

Take care and keep painting those figures!

Editor's addition: In my perusing the InterWeb I ran across some additional figures I wanted to include in the newsletter. Meng is now famous (?) for introducing Toon Tanks. To complement these builds we now have Finemolds producing Allied and Axis figures.







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!

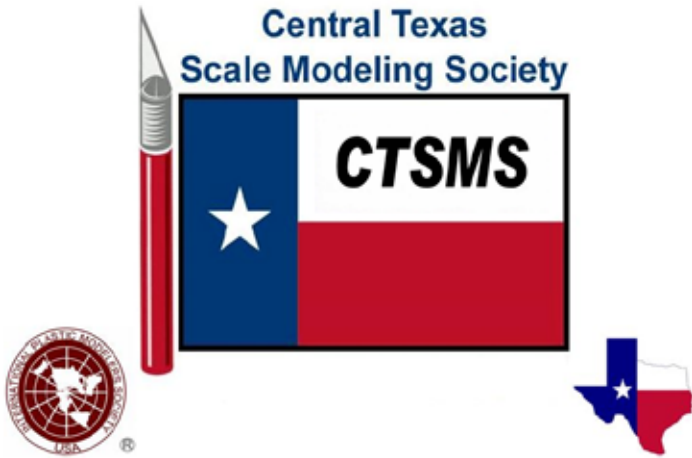
Dust off your stash and build some models. As the country music artist Gary Allan sings, "Every storm runs out of rain".

Stay healthy & safe. Happy modeling

Dave

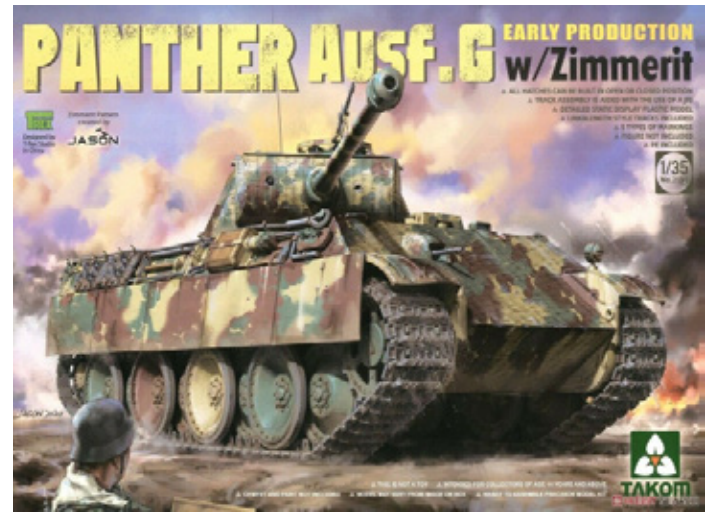
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Something for Everyone!





Space Corps Centurion Launch Set - Estes 005324

The Centurion is one of the Estes Space Corps designs. A sleek and futuristic design, the Centurian stands 11.1 inches tall and is powered by Standard (18mm) engines. A C6-7 engine will take her to 700 feet. Recovery is by means of a vivid 9" parachute.

An almost-ready-to-launch rocket, construction is simply to tie the shock cord and parachute to the rocket.





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