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Happy February!

Last year at this time Austin was covered with snow and most of Texas was dealing with power outages. Yes, that's right, airbrush compressors were down across the state! Not to mention the complications of modeling by candlelight.

Thankfully this year has been relatively smooth and the shows are back in action.

I had mentioned in last month's column that we will be meeting soon for the electing of new leaders for ASMS. I'm still trying to finalize that and hoping to establish a new meeting location at the same time. And, Austin is still at Covid level 5. Due to these situations the meeting may not happen this month, but when we do have things finalized we will be sure to spam the group with an email, or two, to let you all know what will happen.

Once we start up meetings again, we will be restarting membership fees. It was nice to spend that \$20 on a weekend kit last year, so be sure to bring that built kit along with a new crisp twenty dollar bill to the meetings when we start up this year. If you want to beat the rush you can always get ahead of things by sending your 2022 dues to Mike Lamm at 11620 Via Grand Dr., Austin, TX 78739, or you can contact him for Paypal options at mimikey2000@yahoo.com.

I also had a request for additional name badges recently, so I'll be happy to set up an order. Please reach out to me (ian.k.latham@gmail.com) this month if you need one.

Well that's enough biz talk for now, sit back, relax and enjoy another bountiful offering by our own Ricky 'H'.

Happy building to all.

- Ian





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Third Thursday each month
7:00 pm - 8:45 pm
at the
Old Quarry Branch Library
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Meetings suspended due to Covid-19

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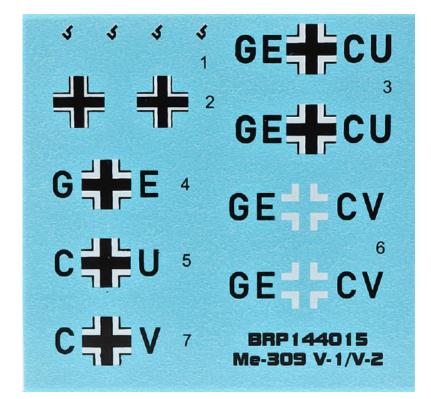
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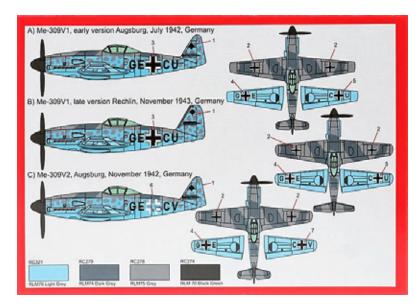
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MESSERSCHMITT ME-809 V-1/V-2 BRENGUIN'S I/144TH KIT a build Review by Ben Morton

The Messerschmitt Me-309 was envisioned as a replacement for the Me-109 in late 1940. The aircraft was to feature a pressurized cockpit, a fully retractable, tricycle undercarriage and a variable geometry radiator. The Me-309 was never to become much of a priority for the powers that be owing to the success of adapting the Me-109 to larger engines and heavier armament and the Focke Wulf 190 coming into service. Four prototypes (V1-V4) were constructed with flight testing continuing into the last quarter of 1943.

Brengun has released a 1/144th scale kit of the Me-309 with alternate parts to construct either the V-1 (GE/CU) or V-2 (GE/CV) prototypes. The primary, exterior difference between the two prototypes was a different tailplane configuration and shortened wing. [Fun Fact: The developmental people went through four different tail plane setups before they got one that worked well enough.?!] The second prototype was written off on its maiden flight after crash landing due to a collapsed nose wheel strut. Brengun supplies markings for both aircraft on a small decal sheet.





The forty-four injected molded, light gray parts come on two sprues, with a clear canopy and the aforementioned decal sheet. The marking guide is printed on the back on the box. As this is a model of a prototype I took some liberties with the paint scheme. The completed model was painted with RLM 76 and then RLM 74 was stippled onto the upper surfaces in a vain attempt to do a mottled camo scheme.

The kit features an interior with the pilot seat and cockpit floor (molded as one piece), a separate control column and a forward control panel with molded instrument bezels. More than adequate for an aeroplane model in this scale. The more detailed oriented modeler can avail themselves of a P.E. detail set (#144169) and a vacu-formed canopy (#144167) available from Brengun. Do remember to add some nose weigh before closing up the fuselage to avoid the dreaded TSS (tail sitter syndrome).

Some of the other build options are: an open or closed engine radiator, shortened wing tips for the V-2 prototype and different tail plane configurations. The wing tips will require some surgery as a portion of the wing will need to be removed and replaced with kit supplied bits for that configuration.

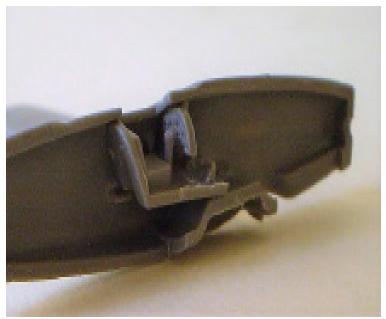
The landing gear struts are single pieces with multi-part gear doors for each assembly.

[Fun Fact: The Me-309 featured a nose gear that rotated ninety degrees before retracing into the forward fuselage.]











The kit goes together well and without much fuss. The only real fit issue I had was with the main wings. You will need to check references to get the main wing dihedral correct as the wings have a flush join. The rest of the kit fits together very nicely and the clear canopy's snug fit is a real plus.









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

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Winterblitz:

Tanks and Models, the best of both worlds

An on site report by Rick Cotton

The inaugural Winterblitz 2022 armor show was held on January 22, at the Museum of the American GI in College Station, Texas.

Some 42 contestants brought more than 260 entries into this first independent model show held by a loose collaboration of modeling friends known as the Texas Independent Military Modelers. More than 80 regular category awards, plus a group of special award mugs and speciallyprinted dog tags were handed out to the winners.





Competition was stiff, and model quality was very high across the board. Nationals-level builders such as Alex DeLeon, Tom Moon, Rob Booth, and Bob Bethea were in attendance, along with their various works of modeling art.







Tanks, halftracks, trucks, artillery and military vehicle models of all types were on display amongst the Museum's excellent collection of real restored US military vehicles, which date all the way back to a WW1-vintage FT-17 tank. Most of the Museum's vehicles are in running condition, and along with an impressive display of uniforms and artifacts, form a superb backdrop for an armor show.











Several historical re-enactors, including "General Patton" (portrayed by Denny Hair) made personal appearances as well. The General's immaculately restored command truck was also open for display!







A vendor room with some 15 tables yielded goodies to shoppers, and a new feature, the "Swap Table" allowed modelers to drop off an old but complete kit they no longer wanted and accept a different one in trade.



Several high-end armor kits were handed out as door and raffle prizes, including a nice kit donated by Lionheart Hobbies in Kyle. G & G Models in Houston was also a major sponsor of the show, but of course, the Museum of the American GI made it all possible by hosting the event.



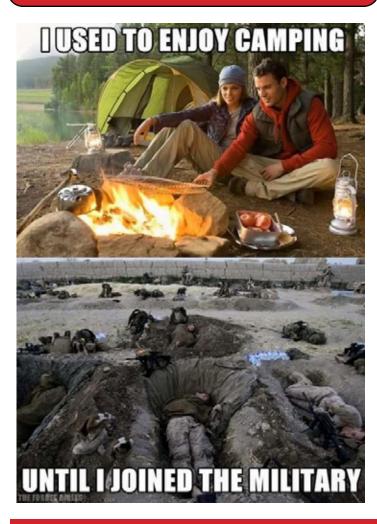




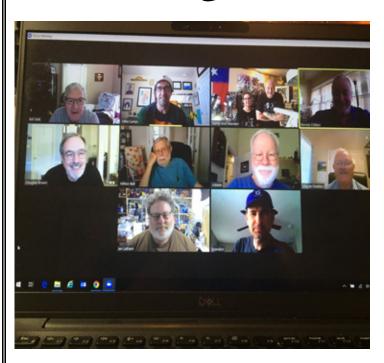




It was a different show, a fun, laid-back event, and the organizers are already planning next year's event! We hope to see YOU there!



What's ZIP 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.

Dave Bottger is up first this month, Dave is currently building Accurate Miniatures 1-48th P51B.



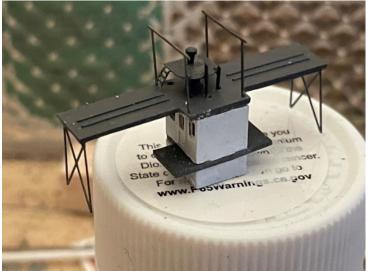


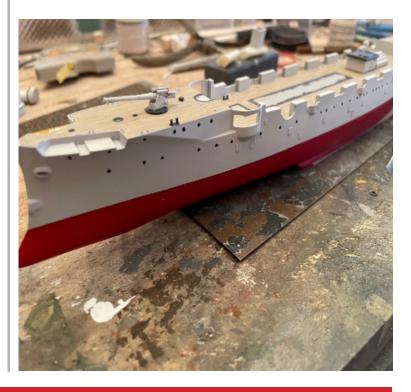




Rick Cotton shared some pictures of his in progress Combrig 1-350 IJN Takasago. If you're not familiar with the Takasago she was a Japanese protected cruiser that fought in the Russo-Japanese war.

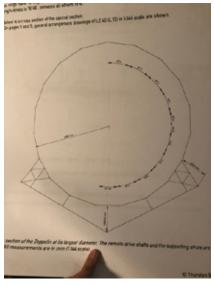


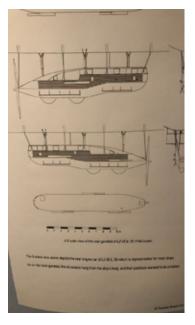




Dave Edgerly is busy with several projects. He and Dave Orloff are working on constructing a 1/48 dirigible. He also has a Revell Razor Crest from the Mandalorian waiting in the wings.

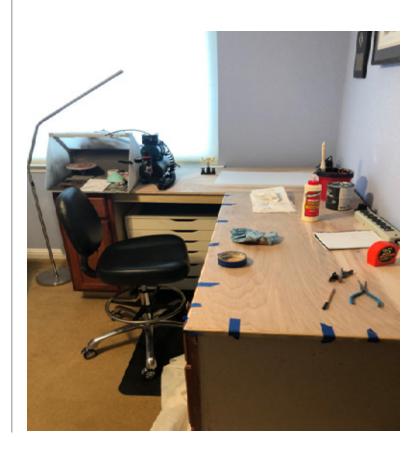




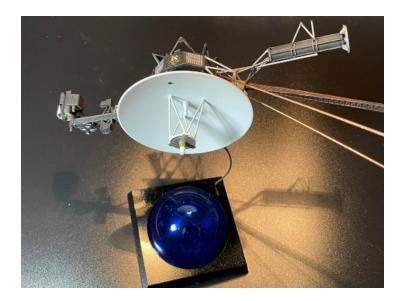




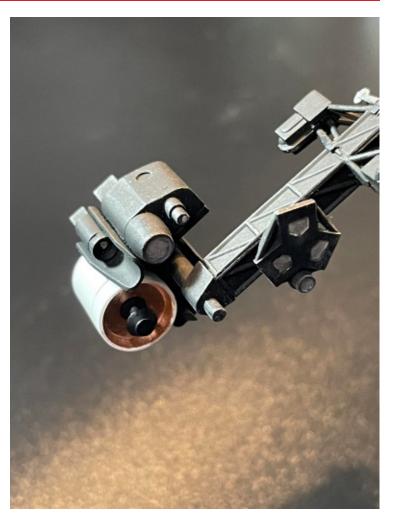
Dave just upgraded his hobby work space. This is a picture of it.



Mike Gilsbach just completed Hasegawa's kit of Voyager 1 and now has a Bandai Speeder Bike Scout Trooper in Progress.











Rick Herrington finished and handed off his Wirbelwind. The kit was built to be part of a group build. He is also seeing the light at the end of the tunnel with his Fore Hobby 1/72 S-38 Schnellboot.





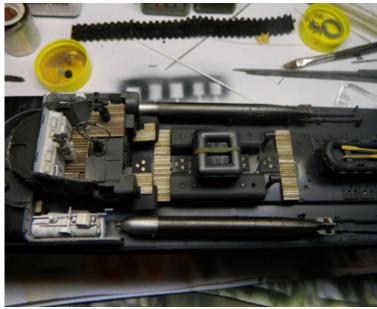


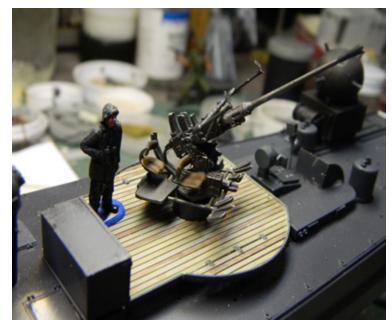














Ian Latham has been building up a storm. He shared three of his projects with us. The first is a 1-48th scale Harvard.





Remaining in the same scale Ian completed a Schwimmwagen.





Last from Ian is a 1-48th scale Texan.





This month we have three completed projects from Ron McCracken starting off with an Esci AC-130.



Next from Ron is an Italeri MB 326



Last from Ron is his build of the Williams Brothers B-10B.



Thanks to everyone that shared their Modeling projects with us.

See you next month.



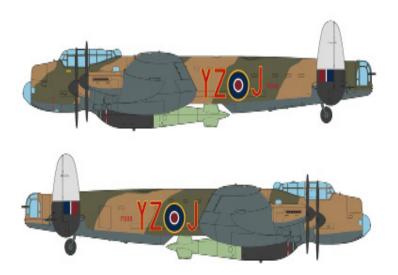
Old Rumors and New Kits

New and In View Aircraft by Ron McCracken

February offers some interesting new stuff, and as usual a lot of re-pops. For the truly new, see the 1/72nd scale section for the latest from our friends at Fine Molds, also look at the new Zwilling kit from Roden in 1/144th. In the "almost new" category is HK Model's big Lancaster kit with "Grand Slam" modifications (which aren't trivial, by the way).

1/32nd Scale:

HK Model is releasing their Lancaster as a B.I Special Grand Slam. Presumably this incorporates the modified bomb bay doors, reduced defensive armament, and the huge "Grand Slam" bomb.



B Mk.I Special PD119/YZ-J, No.617 Sqn. RA, Woodhall Spa, UK, April 1945





Revell is re-releasing their DH.82 Tiger Moth (IC), unknown at this time what, if anything, changed.



1/48th Scale:

DoraWings is re-releasing their 2019 MB.151 as an MB.151 C.1 with new decals.



Eduard is re-releasing their Sopwith
F.1 Camel as a Clerget-powered variant
with new decals.



Eduard is re-releasing their Spitfire Mk.Vb/Vc in a "Southern Star" limited edition dual kit.



Hasegawa is re-releasing its 2004-vintage AV-8B Harrier II Plus with two markings options – VMA-223 Bulldogs and VMA-231 Ace of Spades.



Hasegawa is re-releasing their Fw 190A-4 in 'Walter Nowotny' markings.



ICM has re-released their recent A-26 kit as a JD-1D Invader drone controller.



ICM has released a Mistel S1, which is the Trainer version of Mistel 1, comprised of a Ju 88 A-4 and Bf 109 F-4 arranged in a piggy-back configuration.



Revell is re-releasing ICM's O-2A Skymaster with some updates and new decals.



1/72nd Scale:

DoraWings is re-releasing their MB.151 C.1 in Greek and Luftwaffe markings.



Eduard is releasing their Hurricane Mk.I in a Profipack edition, with parts and decals for both the Mk.I and Mk.I Tropical versions.



Fine Molds is releasing a new-tool JAS-DF F-2A. No reviews available yet, but if it is up to the standard of their F-4 series, this ought to be a good one.



Revell is re-releasing their F/A-18F Super Hornet with new decals and possibly some updated parts.



1/144th Scale:

Roden is releasing an He 111Z-1 Zwilling (twin) based on their earlier He 111H kit.



And that's the way it is, for February. Happy modeling!



Shipping News by Rick Harrington

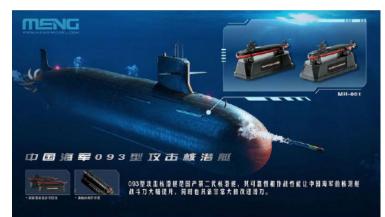
First up this month is Meng in 1/2000 scale. They're labeling this release as Chinese Fleet Set 1 and it contains a full carrier strike group (6pcs).













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Douysha is releasing an RMS Titanic in 1/1000 scale





Pit Road is releasing a JMSDF DD-120 Shiranui in 1/700th with a figure.









Trumpeter is releasing two PLAN ships in 1/700. The first is a Type 071 amphibious Transport Dock.



The second is a Type 054A guided missile frigate.



Flyhawk has a Kreigsmarine release for us this month, and that is the Gneisnau circa 1940.



Moving on to 1/350th scale Hobby Boss is releasing Russia's latest nuclear submarine the Yuri Dolgoruky Borei.



Hasegawa is releasing an IJN destroyer the Yukikaze.



Last are three releases in 1/35th scale. Tiger Models is first with their release of the Israeli patrol boat SHMEL



Next is Dragon's Light Seal Support Craft



Last in 1/35th scale is Border Models release of a Type C U-boat conning tower and partial hull including the deck gun.







That's all the wind in the sails for this month.

Grab a kit out of your stash and build it!

Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

Howdy tread heads! Let's start off with 1/72nd scale. A company called Walterson's has two new releases for us. The first is an M4A1 76 mm

Sherman.



Next from Walterson's is a Russian KV 1. Not sure of the quality of these models as this is the first time I've heard of this company.



Ace is up next with a Soviet Army 2ton 4X4 truck Model 66.



Dragon has a couple of new releases for us. The first is a Hanomag Sdkfz 251C with Wurfrahmen.

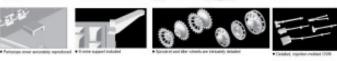


Next from Dragon is a Gruppe Fuhrmann Tiger 1. If you're not familiar with Gruppe Fuhrmann...

"......In the beginning of 1945, Kampf-gruppe Schulze and Oberleutnant Fehrmann formed a division of six Tiger I and five Panther tanks with the intention of going into the Ruhr area. The Tiger tanks were commanded by Oberleutnant Ferhmann and were designated with 'F' to denote their 'Gruppe' commander hence F01, F02, F03 and up to F13.









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Moving on to 1/35th scale Revell is releasing a Sdkfz 247 Ausf B.



Next from Revell is Bundeswehr 2 ton Unimog.



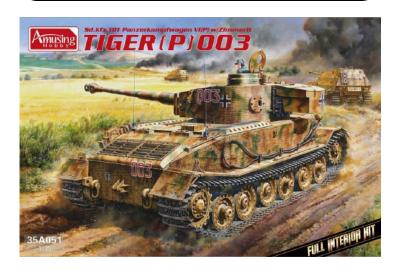
Keeping with Unimog's ICM has one of their own. They're touting this one as an all new molding.

Unimog S 404

German military truck ICM | No. 35135 | 1:35



The on again, off again Amusing Hobby is releasing a kit of the only Porsche Tiger to ever see combat #003. The vehicle was used as a command tank somewhere on the Russian front circa 1944.



Border Models has three new releases for us this month. The first is a Mobelwagen flak panzer. with a 3.7cm gun.



Next from Border is an early version of the Jagdpanzer IV L/48.



The third release from Border is a modern Chinese Main Battle Tank ZTZ 99A. Note the back drop for the driving tank. Not to often you see the Golden Gate Bridge on a model box.



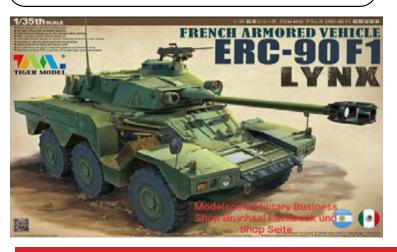
Dragon has an SAS anniversary set with 3 jeeps and 7 figures.



Dragon is also releasing a Panzer II ausf C as a Beobachtung version.

Pz-Beob-Wg-II Ausf-C 2101

Tiger Model is releasing a French ECR-90 F1



Gecko Models has two 1/35 British Scimitats for us. One is a M2 CVr and the other is the version used in Afghanistan with slat anti-rpg armor.





Last in the column this month is a release from Zvezda, a T-62. Cookie Sewell did a review on this kit and said...

Advantages: best kit of a T-b2 of any model in this scale; nicely thought out parts breakdown and use of link-and-length tracks makes assembly easier than

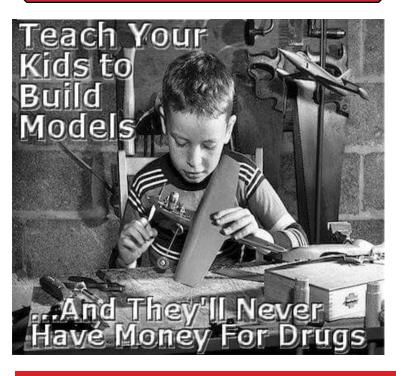
High praise from a Russian armor expert.

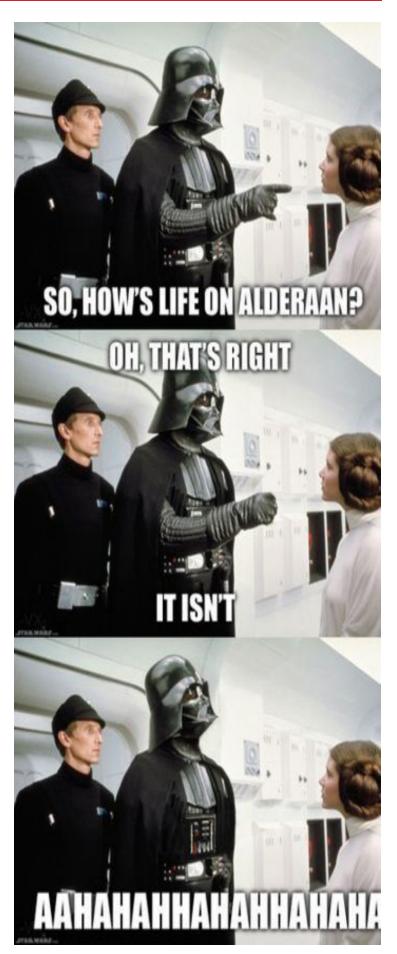


That's it for this month. Grab a kit out of that stash and build it or buy a Zvezda T-62.

See you next month.

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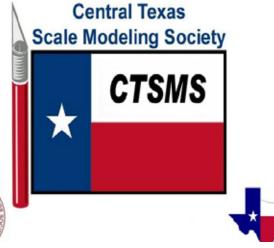
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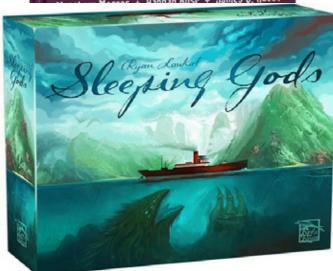
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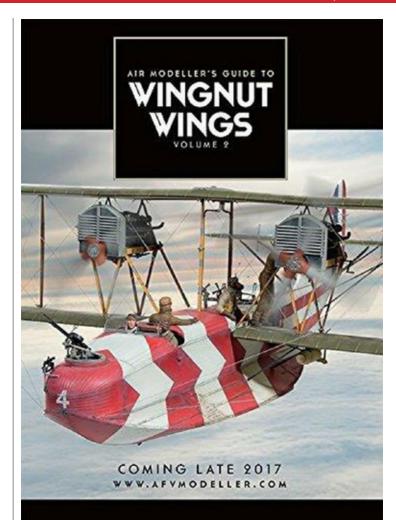
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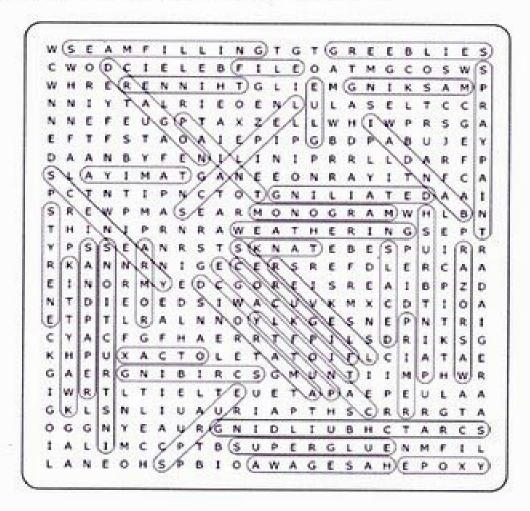
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