

# ASMS



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## MILITARY MINIATURES

1/35 SCALE — GERMAN INFANTRY SET (LATE WWII)



Tamiya's Late War German  
Infantry Set  
by Rick Herrington

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# PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY TIM ROBB



Tim's words didn't fit in the box this time. What he wanted to say is regarding ASMS's upcoming elections on pages 15 and 16.

The two year terms are up for our current officers in January.

As a note of thanks, our current officer slate has done a great job of stimulating interest in the club and encouraging new membership.

In order to keep this trend going into the future we need steady hands at the helm.

Think about this upcoming election it is an important one.







# HOUSE CLEANING



## ASMS MEETING

Third Thursday each month  
6:30 pm - 8:45 pm  
at Mr. Tramp's Sports Pub  
8565 Research Blvd  
Austin, TX 78758

No Reservations Neccessary!

### *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, 1928 Dragonfly Loop, Bastrop, TX  
78602.



## Events

### ASMS Christmas Party

12/02/2023

### Model Fiesta 42

02/10/2024

New Braunfels  
Convention Center

## Club Quarterly Contests



## Monthly Meeting Presentations:

This month's presentation will be  
by Bob Bethea. Bob will be  
discussing figure painting.



# Tamiya's 1/35 Late War German Infantry Set

by Rick Herrington

I've been building models for more than fifty years now and there are not many kits that I can say are a major step forward. Tamiya's 1/35 German late War Infantry set is one of those.

Tamiya's past figure sets have not been known for their quality (unlike their scale military vehicle kits). That has all changed with the release of their past couple of figure sets. Their Wehrmacht Panzer Crew set was a great leap forward from their earlier sets. This latest set from Tamiya brings them up in quality to begin competing with resin figure companies like Evolution. With that said Tamiya packs in five highly detailed figures and weapons and accessories to go with them for the price of what you would be spending for one resin figure,

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## MILITARY MINIATURES

1/35 SCALE — WEHRMACHT TANK CREW SET

★ 9-FIGURE TANK CREW SET WITH 4 FULL BODY FIGURES & 4 TORSO FIGURES

★ REALISTIC POSES & UNIFORM ★ CONTAINS ACCESSORIES & RANK INSIGNIA DECALS

★ READY TO ASSEMBLE PRECISION MODEL KIT ★ MODEL MAY VARY FROM RANGE TO RANGE

★ DETAILED SCALE MODEL FOR HOBBYISTS AGE 14 AND ABOVE

THIS IS NOT A TOY — GLUE AND PAINT NOT INCLUDED



写真はキットを組み立て、塗装したものです。※車輛はキットに含まれません



Here are some pictures of what you get in the box.



What makes these figures different is the quality of casting and the engineering. This set depicts German infantry in camouflage shelter quarters. Historically these have always been tough for plastic figure companies to depict realistically. Tamiya has pulled it off successfully.



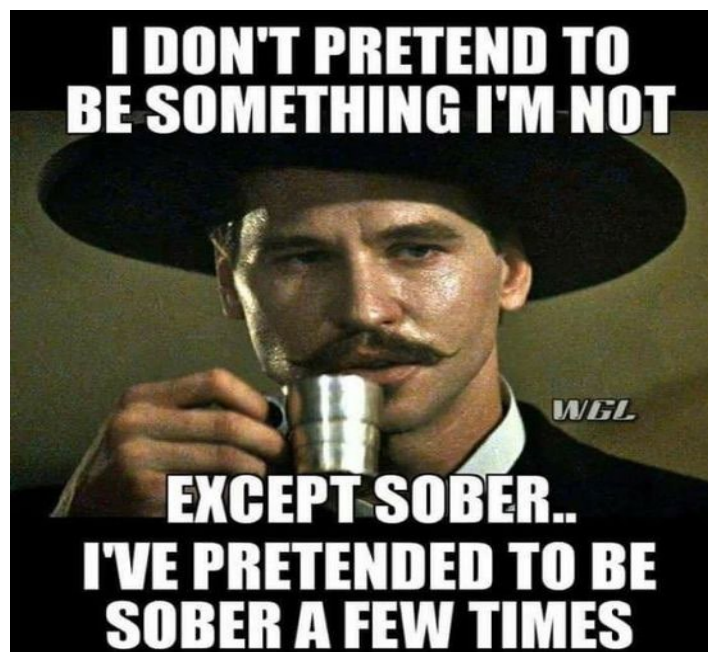
The weapons, personal gear and helmets are all molded crisply with great detail

Even the heads are useable which is something I don't often say about plastic model figure sets in 1/35th





I will say the instructions are sometimes less than helpful and a great deal of test fitting is necessary to get the correct fit but the end result is definitely worth it. This set is highly recommended.



# Converting The Hot Wheels Batcopter to a US Army Covert Ops H-13 Helicopter

## by Fidelis Models



There are lots of great die cast models out there but not many are painted in military colors, and many display markings that are not military related. So learning a few simple techniques can help you to make inexpensive die cast models into military miniatures.

In this tutorial I will start with a Hot Wheels Batcopter and modify it into a covert operations version of the Bell H-13 Sioux helicopter. This helicopter was built in vast numbers, over 5,000 having been completed. They were used by nearly all the nations of the Free World and manufactured both in the USA and in the United Kingdom, Italy, and Japan. They were produced from 1947 to 1974, and by 2011 over 1,000 were still registered in the USA.

The original Batcopter was a real helicopter modified for Batman The Movie and it is still flying today. The wings were removed because it decreased the lift.

This covert operations version is based on four helicopters used in the James Bond movie *You Only Live Twice*. They are all gloss black and armed with one .30 caliber Browning machine gun on each side, mounted on the skids and pointing forward. Similar arrangements were made and used by US forces in Vietnam.



Remove the helicopter from the package. Turn the helicopter over and locate the two rivets on the center of the body. Put the helicopter on a firm work surface.

Using a drill press, or a hand drill, drill out the two rivets on the bottom of the helicopter. I use a special drill bit called a Combined Drills and Countersink. I used a #2 size made by Desco. A regular drill bit will also work. Always wear eye protection when using this tool.



Once the rivets have been removed the bottom of the model will generally pull apart easily. Then disassemble the helicopter and remove the wings. Retire the wings to the spares box. You may never know when you will need them.



You can also just cut off the wings at the root without taking the helicopter apart if you don't want to strip off the paint.

The main rotor is held on with a pin that goes down through the center. Hold the helicopter in one hand and using a pair of pliers in the other hand pull the pin out of the socket. That will release the rotor, canopy, fuel tank and exhaust pipes.

The tail rotor is held on by a pin. Use a punch to hammer it out.

Sort the metal and plastic parts of the helicopter. Put the metal parts into a soft plastic box, like a plastic food container.

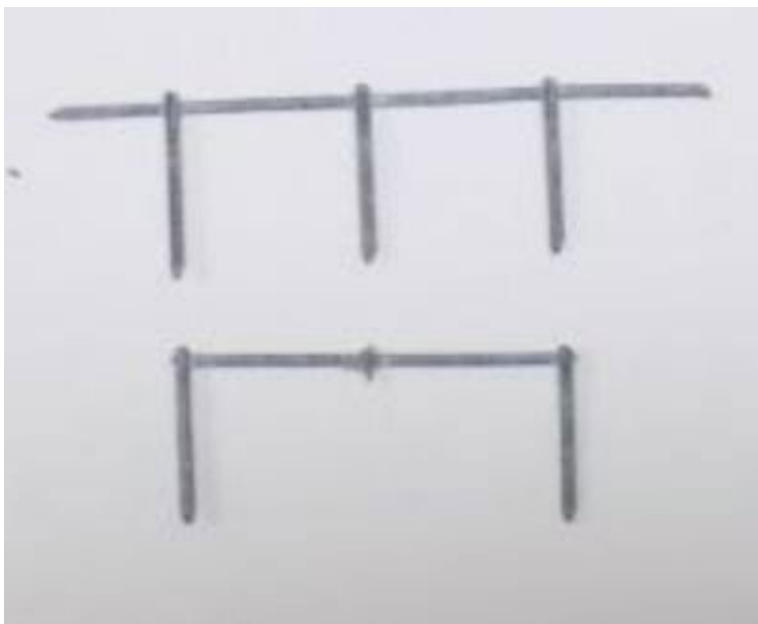
Kleen Strip is the brand of paint remover I use, but there are other brands that will work. Always read and follow the instructions and safety precautions. Stripping the paint will allow greater detail to show through when the model is repainted. Cover the metal parts with paint remover and let them soak overnight.



I used paint remover to remove the Bat insignia from the bubble. I put a small amount of paint remover on a cotton swab and cleaned off the paint. The clear plastic does not take paint remover well so don't leave it on the helicopter dome for more than a few seconds.



Once the paint is removed the parts will look like this, the tail part often has to be sent into the paint remover a couple times to remove all the paint.



Partially reassemble the helicopter using epoxy in place of the rivets. Next, cut the step off of the starboard skid. Leave the mount for the skid. The cut off step will look like a tiny chair when removed. Leave the horizontal and vertical support for the step.



The machine gun mounts are cut from  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch heavy wire mesh. Cut out a one inch section and then trim it to a U shape in the upper part of the photo. Use heavy wire cutters, don't use your sprue cutters as they can be damaged cutting this type of heavy screen.



The epoxy I used was 5 Minute Epoxy by Bob Smith Industries. The helicopter on the right has the epoxy in the place of the rivets. The helicopter on the left shows the machine gun mount in place and the trimmed step.

Using the awl, poke a pilot hole in the skid, on the inside of the skid, angled outward. Then using the pilot hole as a guide, drill a small hole using a small drill. Then use the larger drill to make a hole the same diameter as the wire. Glue in the wire using epoxy or cyanoacrylate glue.

The holes should be just forward of the steps. And the machine gun mount should be tall enough to touch the bottom of the helicopter cabin. It should be almost as tall as the skid support. Then mount the center control console to the cabin using epoxy glue.



I used two Paul Heiser Models .30 caliber machine guns that come with their Sherman tank kits for the weapons. I cut off the mold tab, the sights, the mount, and the trigger grip. A rectangular bit of plastic and a little piece of wire would work fine for the machine gun in this small scale.

I did not add any additional parts but these helicopters have carried rocket launchers, including bazookas and the SS-11 missile. They also have used searchlights, and other types of ma-



Glue the exhaust pipes into the space in between the two fuel tanks using epoxy. It looks like these photos. Apply only a tiny dab of glue to the underside of the exhaust pipes and insert the piece into the space between the fuel tanks. The photo on the left is right side up. The photo on the right shows how to position the exhaust and fuel tanks to glue them and leave it until it dries.

Repaint these parts with primer paint, this helicopter was painted using Rust-Oleum 2X Flat Gray Primer but any quality model paint should work. When painting metal and two kinds of plastic not all paints will be compatible with those materials. I paint outdoors to minimize exposure to the fumes. Several light coats are better than one heavy coat.



The blades and central shaft were left unpainted for this model. They can be painted the same way as the rest of the model if you wish. Some helicopters have the rotor blade painted black on the bottom. Some have a red or white tip on the rotor blade for high visibility.

Repaint parts with your chosen color, olive drab for most army helicopters and white for police. Since this is a special operations, clandestine type helicopter I used Rust-Oleum High Gloss Black spray paint. I painted the underside first.



This is a good time to add a pilot. I have some old seated figures from Roskopf that are about HO scale but most seated figures will do. This helicopter will hold the pilot and two passengers. Police and military versions usually have a crew of pilot and co-pilot or pilot and observer. I used a pilot and a gunner as crew.

Paint the figure and then glue him into the cockpit using cyanoacrylate. I used a simple Testors enamel flat green for the uniform and flat olive for the boots with flesh tone skin. Not very detailed paint job and you may want to paint yours better than I have. I put a label on the top of the jar so I can see from above what kind of paint is in each jar.



I took apart a Number #1 X-Acto knife. It makes a good punch to help put together the top of the helicopter. Use it like a punch without the blade or the blade holder attached.

Take a thin piece of scrap wood and gouge out a small trough to use as a jig to hold the helicopter in place while reassembling the main rotor.



The helicopter should sit firmly on the wooden jig.

Put the fuel tanks and exhaust pipes on the top.

Install the bubble on top of the helicopter. Put the clip at the lower front of the bubble in place and you can glue it with epoxy, and use its gap filling properties to fill in the hole.

I cut a few millimeters off the end of the central pin to lower the height of the rotor. It's not necessary but I think it looks better. It is a very strong pin and hard to cut. It may be more work than you care to do to cut the pin, the difference is minimal. Insert the pin into the rotor.

Insert the rotor into the central hole on the top of the helicopter. The pin will stick out a little bit above the rotor.



Use the bottom of the X-Acto knife handle as a punch to seat the rotor pin.

Use a light hammer to gently strike the knife handle to seat the pin. The handle is smooth on the bottom and matches the pin well.

Paint any additional details and touch up as needed. I kept the machine guns black on my models and I did not add any decals. You may want to paint the machine guns a gunmetal color or flat black.



My goal was to make a simple conversion for miniature wargames that will stand up to handling.

Military helicopters typically have national markings, and service markings, but this special operations helicopter has no markings. Here is the completed helicopter.

It takes several days to make one of these, mostly due to the need to strip the paint and wait for primer and paint to dry. Actual hands on construction time is perhaps a couple hours. I like to give plenty of time for the paint remover to work and to sit for a day after I have washed it off to fully dry. Then I always wait a day between primer and top coat paints.



I used plastic champagne glasses, turned upside down, to support the helicopters as they fly. They are cheap, durable, and clear so they don't detract from the look of the model.



The original model is a Mattel Hot Wheels Classic TV Series Batcopter die cast model, 2016. I used the Squadron / Signal Publication Mini Number 6, H-13 Sioux, by Wayne Mutza, 1995 as a reference, and stills from the James Bond movie You Only Live Twice, Eon Productions, 1967. No copyright infringement is intended.

Thanks to Fidelis Models for providing one Batcopter for this project.

They turned out so well; I ended up making four of them!

## YOU DECIDE 2024



The term length on all ASMS elected offices is two years. The terms of our current officers expire this January so *elections are required at our January meeting*

Our by laws do not call for term limits. The four elected offices are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Please, please, please obtain prior consent from anyone you wish to nominate for office before nominating them from the floor. Here are the responsibilities of each office as written in our by laws.

### President:

- a) conducts society meetings
- b) coordinates officers' activities
- c) coordinates with other organizations as needed
- d) appoints chair persons for special functions as needed
- e) votes to break ties

### Vice President:

- a) coordinates programs for society meetings; makes sure guest speakers and/or special equipment is present as needed; works with individuals to develop special programs as determined by the president.
- b) assumes the duties of the president if the president is unavailable.

### Secretary:

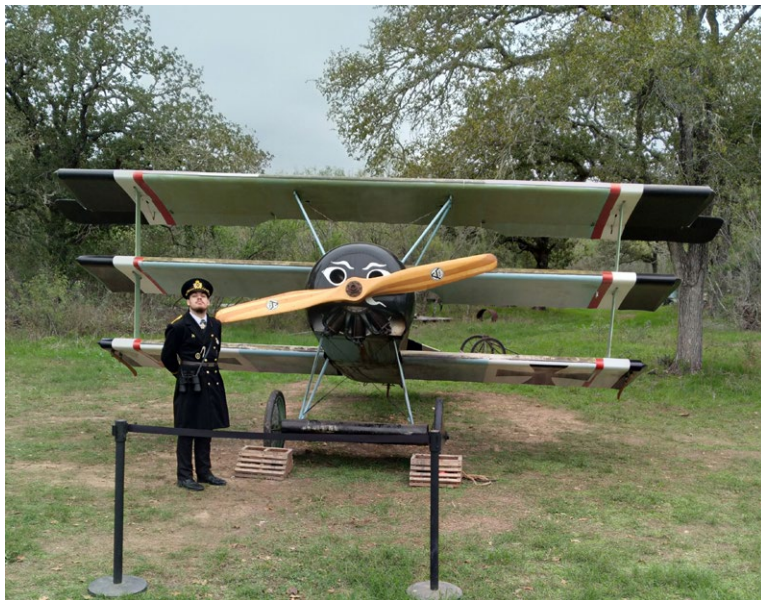
- a) maintains minutes of society meetings
- b) maintains society history
- c) responsible for society correspondence
- d) heads by laws committee as needed
- e) submits a full report at each regular meeting of the society
- f) maintains a roster of current members with phone numbers, street and email addresses.

### Treasurer:

- a) collects society dues
- b) distributes society funds as necessary for the operation of the society with the approval of another officer
- c) maintains society financial records
- d) submits a financial status report at each regular meeting of the society
- e) submits a written report of financial affairs to the membership at least twice a year, preferably one after each year's annual show and another one six months after
- d) the treasurer of the club shall be responsible for filing in a timely manner the annual 501c3 tax return with the IRS.



As an FYI, the club also has five other important positions, all of them appointed by the president and none having a specific term length: Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Chairman of the Show Committee, IPMS Chapter Contact, and Social Media Director. Each of these positions has responsibilities listed in the by laws.



## Pioneer Flight Museum 2023 By Tim Robb

Tim, Gordon, Grace, David and Charlie made the trip down to Kingsbury to attend this year's Pioneer Fly In. Charlie wore his new Kriegsmarine uniform.





## Build and Bull North 10-28-2023 by Rick Herrington

Build and Bull North is held the last Saturday of the month at Dragon's Lair in Austin. This month we had a great turn out. It was Charlie Hauptrief's birthday so he shared cupcakes with the group.





# 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`s e-mail address  
**Falconfyredeuce@gmail.com.**



First meeting since our show and most of the meeting was taken up by the Show after action report.

From all reports the Show was received well.

EXPENSES	2023	2022	2018	2017	2016	2015
Venue Rental	\$3,400.00	\$3,380.00	\$3,125.00	\$3,125.00	\$5,388.69	\$4,953.92
Security	\$280.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$440.00		
PA System	\$129.90	\$85.52	\$61.92	\$53.58		
Extra Tables	\$485.00	\$525.01	\$234.00			
Trophies	\$2,738.86	\$1,258.63	\$1,462.94	\$1,895.80	\$1,712.96	\$2,153.74
Contest Entry Form Copies	\$0.00	\$10.80		\$86.80	\$54.05	\$108.54
Show Flyer Copies	\$222.00	\$115.60	\$53.61	\$154.47	\$173.20	\$178.65
Table Cloth	\$38.94		\$19.43	\$30.20		
FSM Ad	\$0.00		\$70.00	\$35.00	\$70.00	
Door Prizes	\$0.00					
Table Leg Extenders	\$0.00					
Table Tents	\$0.00					
Make&Take Kits	\$0.00		\$179.34			\$339.47
Judge's Meal Vouchers	\$217.00	\$147.16	\$110.99			
Temporary Food Permit	\$0.00	\$57.00				
Splits Stickers & Mailing	\$0.00	\$55.00				
Miscellaneous	\$319.75	\$31.76	\$118.45	\$204.65	\$292.58	\$279.40
TOTAL	\$7,831.45	\$5,906.48	\$5,675.58	\$6,655.11	\$8,450.88	\$8,194.08
NET	266.45	\$1,362.52		\$572.89	\$1,463.99	\$1,609.33

Let's get started with Charlie Hauptrief.  
Charlie brought in a Hobby Boss 1/48 ME109G2  
and a Tamiya 1/48 AR196A.





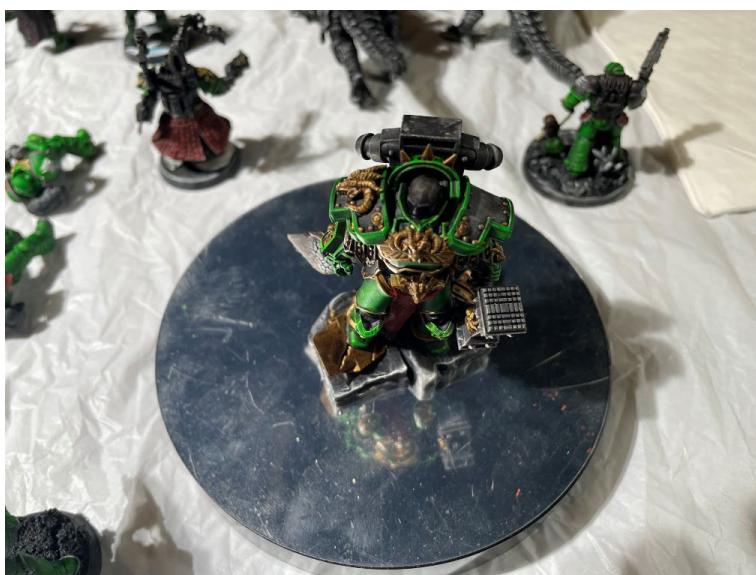
Bill brought in a Tamiya 1/35 Beutepanzer, a T-34 in German markings.



Rick Herrington brought in a 1/35 Tamiya Wirbelwing flakpanzer.

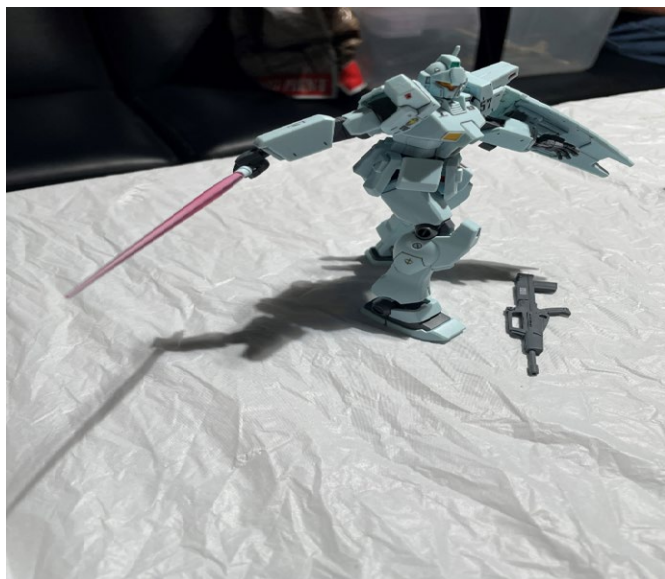


Jackson Hunter shared his Salamander Astartes in heroic scale. The Dragon Riders on Vulkan are custom 3D prints.





Joaquin shared his HG GM Custom, a Bandai 1/144th scale kit. Joaquin panel lined it, the leg thrusters were painted to match the anime.



Fred W, a newcomer to ASMS shared his Bandai 1/144 RG Sazabi.



Mike Gilsbach brought in a Bandai 1/72 Advanced TIE fighter and a 1/72 Airfix Wellington Mk1C

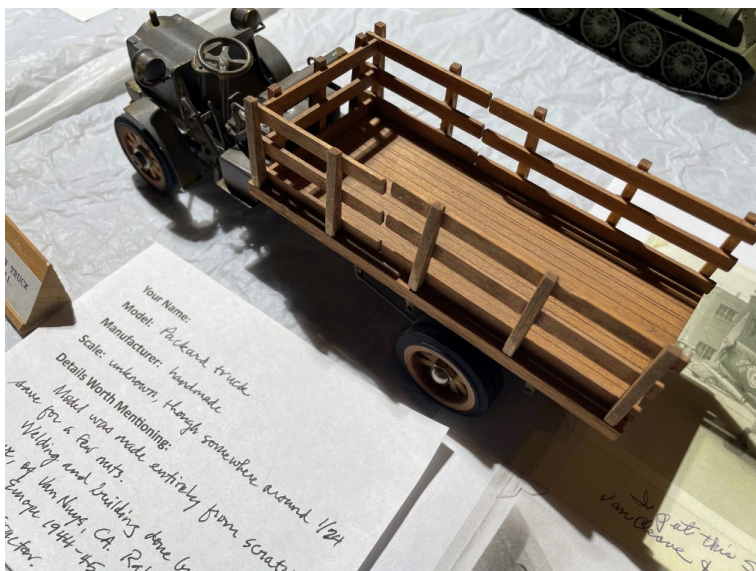




Peter Dasso shared his work in progress a B26K.



A scratch built Packard truck was brought in built by a WW2 pilot who flew over Europe 1944-45.



Dave Edgerly shared some more in-progress alien visitation photos.





Ron McCracken shared three 1/72 gems with us this month. the first is a P-40D from Hasegawa.



Next from Ron is a 1/72nd Dekno Y1C-19



Last from Ron is a 1/72nd Conversion from a Gamma 2E kit a YA-13. This one won kit of the month. Congratulations Ron!



Thanks to everyone that shared their work with the group. See you at the next meeting.





## Old Rumors and New Kits

### New and In View Aircraft by Ron McCracken

November is an exciting month, with no less than four new-tool offerings, and five new-parts variations on existing kits.

1/35th Scale:

Border has released a new-tool Spitfire Mk.Vb in the unusual (for aircraft) 1/35th Scale.



**SUPER MARINE** 超马林 喷火式战斗机 Mk.Vb スピットファイア Mk.Vb

# SPITFIRE Mk.Vb

with Interior

**Border**

INCLUDES 20MM METAL GUN BARREL.  
INCLUDES PE PARTS & DECAL.  
INCLUDES CLEAR PANELS.  
COMPLETE ENGINE, WEAPONS INTERIOR STRUCTURE.  
INCLUDES CANOPY PAINT & CAMO PAINT STENCILS.  
INCLUDES AN AIR BOMB.

1:35

Border Model 边境模型

ICM has released an AH-1G Cobra early production variant as a new-parts addition to their AH-1 line.

**MODEL KIT № 53030**

**AH-1G Cobra (early production)**

**US Attack Helicopter**

**1:35 SCALE**

- Accurate geometry of the real helicopter, highly detailed fuselage cladding
- Includes different variants of mounted weapons – only with a six-barrel machine gun or with a machine gun and a grenade launcher
- Includes several options for hanging weapons: blocks of unguided missiles, machine gun containers, a six-barrel cannon with containers for shells
- 5 marking options of the Vietnam War period

**MADE IN UKRAINE**

1/48th Scale:

Airfix has released a new-parts Buccaneer S.2B based on their new-tool S.2C/D.

**AIRFIX**

**1:48 BLACKBURN BUCCANEER S.2B**



Eduard has re-released their F6F-3 Hellcat in a Weekend Edition. Remember, the weekend editions do not usually include photo-etch or masks.

**eduard****WEEKEND**  
edition**F6F-3 Hellcat**scale **1/48**

Eduard has re-released their 190A-7 in a Profipack Edition with six markings options.

**eduard****ProfiPACK**  
edition**Fw 190A-7**scale **1/48**

Great Wall Hobby has released a new-parts Su-30MKM based on their earlier Su-27 kit.



Hasegawa has re-released their F-86F-40 Sabre in Blue Impulse markings.





HobbyBoss has released a new-tool TBD-1 Devastator.



Kinetic has re-released their F/A-18 kit as an F/A-18D in VMFA-242 markings.





Tamiya has released a new-tool F-35B Lightning II (the vertical takeoff variant).



Tamiya has re-released their 1994 F4F-4 as an FM-1 Wildcat/Martlet Mk V with some new parts.





1/72nd Scale:

Arma Hobby has released a Sea Hurricane Mk.IIc based on their Hurricane Mk I with some new parts.



BPK has released a C-40A Clipper based on their older Boeing 737-200 kit with new parts.



Eduard has released a dual combo “Beautiful New Machines” (Bf 109G-2/4).



Great Wall Hobby has released a MiG-29SMT 9.19





Hasegawa has re-released their E13A1 Type Zero Model 11 Kimikawamaru with catapult.



Hasegawa has re-released their E-2C Hawkeye in JASDF markings with the NP2000 propellers as new parts.



※実際の機体/パッケージとは一年差がある場合があります。



Hasegawa has re-released their Tornado GR Mk1 in Defence Research Agency markings.

PHOTO: KATSUHIKO TOKUNAGA



※実際の製品パッケージとは一部異なる場合がございます。

ICM has released a model set "In the skies of China" consisting of one Ki-21-Ia and 2 Ki-27a. A three-fer!





Revell has re-released their Eurofighter in a “Pacific Exclusive Edition” with an extremely elaborate and colorful set of markings.



Revell has re-released their Eurocopter Tiger Helicopter in markings from the James Bond “Golden Eye” movie.



Sword has released a new-tool RF-8A Photo-Crusader in markings from the Cuba Missile Crisis era. They have simultaneously released an RF-8G Photo-Crusader based on the RF-8A kit in Vietnam era markings.



1/144th Scale:

Academy has re-released their B-52D Stratofortress with new markings.





Revell has re-released their An-124 with new "Ruslan" markings.



And that wraps it up for November. Be sure to build something in between feasts of turkey and Stuffing!

## Shipping News

by Rick Herrington

Ahoy mates! Not much to get to this month. Let's start off with Neverland and their 1/144 scale U-96.



套件完成后全长超过460mm，细节表现生动。



免胶免涂装设计，结构牢固且无需复杂准备即可享受拼装模型的乐趣。

Moving on to 1/700 scale Fujimi has an IJN Carrier Unryu



Vee Hobby has 2 US light cruisers for us, the USS Cleveland and the USS Houston.





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1/700

美国海军巡洋舰

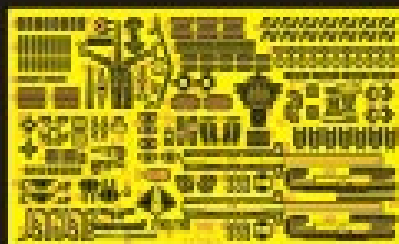


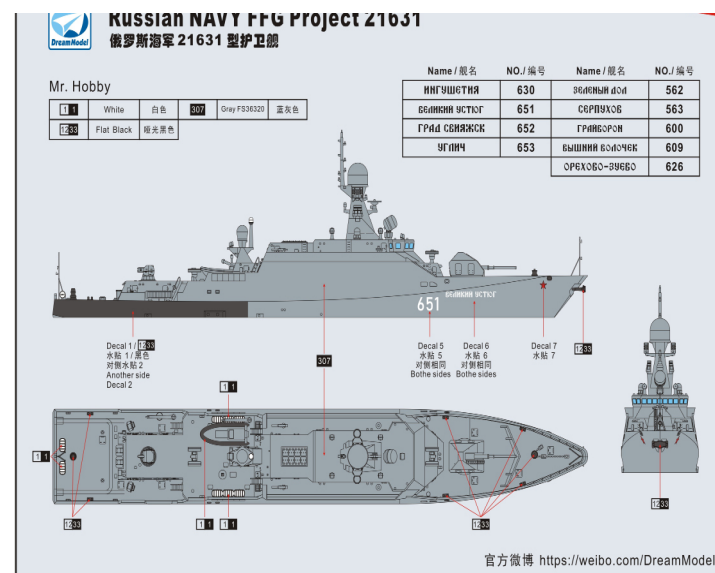
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未亿模型

## 豪华版额外内容

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 **DM 70014**  
1/700 Russian Navy Project 21631



Moving on to 1/350 scale, Bunker studios has released after market weapons and ship accessories in 1/350, 1/700 and 1/200. These are all 3D printed. Two in 1/350 just released is a Type 96 IJN AA guns and 20mm US Oerlikon Operators.

### Type 96 25mm Triple AA Guns (YAMATO)

大和型 九六式三联装25mm高炮 (防暴风护盾)



Super detail !

1/350 3D Print Set



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Moving on to 1/200 scale I Love Kit is releasing the USS Curtis Wilbur DDG 54.



That's all the wind in the sails for this month. Until next grab a kit from your stash and build it!



# Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

Hello tread heads! Some great new stuff to get to this month. Only one release in 1/72 and that's from Meng, an M1A2 with TUSK II.



Moving on to 1/35th scale MiniArm is up first with a Russian ATV complete with rider. MiniArm is a Russian company known for their quality resin armor upgrade items.



Asuka known for their fine Sherman kits has an M4 composite hull for us this time.



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Dragon has a British Sherman Mk III. This one looks like it depicts a machine in the Italian campaign.



I Love Kit has an M3A5 for us.





Dragon has two PzKpfw 4 re-releases for us. One is a Liebstandarte (LSSAH) G model and the other is an H model.



Dragon is also re-releasing its fine Tiger 1 kit. This one includes Zimmerit and a metal barrel.



Takom is releasing a Stug 3F model.



Not to be out done by Dragon Border is releasing their own PzKpfw 4G.



Moving on to modern stuff, Dragon is releasing an Israeli M113 (early).





Hobby Boss has an armoured recovery vehicle for us. This one's the Bundeswehr's Buffalo



Meng has a Merkava 4 with a Nochri Kal Mine Roller System included. This version does not include the Trophy anti missile system. They have released a version that includes the Trophy system but due to what's happening in Gaza these are few and far between and at premium prices.

As of now the only other manufacturer with a Merkava 4 is Academy which produces a low intensity conflict version which is the most accurate Merkava without the Trophy system.



Magic Fctory is releasing a Bradley M2A4. This one includes the Army's Short Range Air Defense (SHORAD) system.



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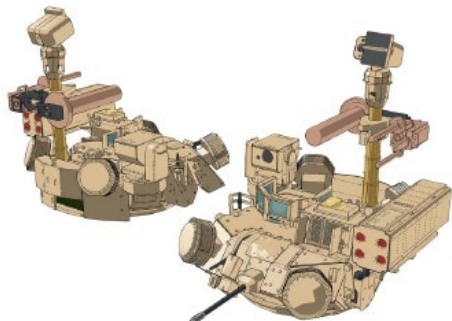


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Last in 1/35th scale is a release from RFM. They are releasing a Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) M1278A1 which has a CROWS mounted on it.

## JLTV M1278A1

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Last in the column this month is a release from Takom in 1/48 scale. This is a T-90A. The tank kit was previously released with a Tiger armored car under the Suyata label.



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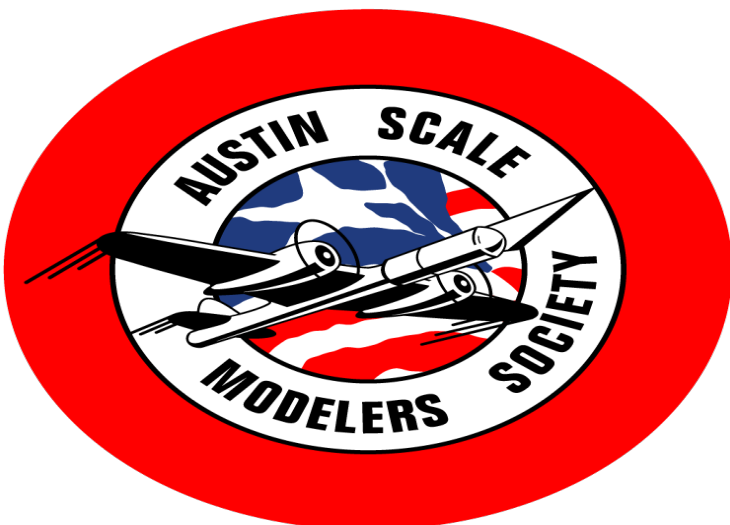
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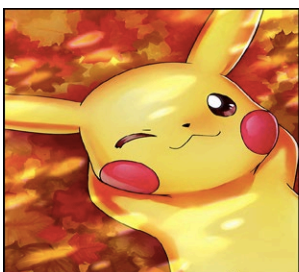
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