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by Rick Herrington

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1/48 Luftwaffe Pilot  
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# PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY TIM ROBB



Happy New Year to all.

I'm looking forward to a great year with all my modeling buddies. I am eager to see and hear about all the wonderful models that will be brought to club meetings this year.

See you Thursday and remember we will hold officer elections at this meeting.

Go Build a Model!

Tim





# HOUSE CLEANING



## ASMS MEETING

Third Thursday each month  
6:30 pm - 8:45 pm  
at Mr. Tramp's Sports Pub  
8565 Research Blvd  
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**Model Fiesta 42**  
**02/10/2024**  
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### ***ASMS Club Dues Are Due!***

Annual ASMS club dues are \$25.00/individual  
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You may bring your dues to a club meeting or remit  
same to ASMS, 1928 Dragonfly Loop, Bastrop, TX  
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### Club Quarterly Contests

### Monthly Meeting Presentations:

Officer Elections

# ICM's 1/35 Tank Rider set A review by Rick Herrington



I know, I know, another figure set review....yawn. Recently I reviewed Tamiya's latest German infantry set which was stellar. This set is less than stellar.

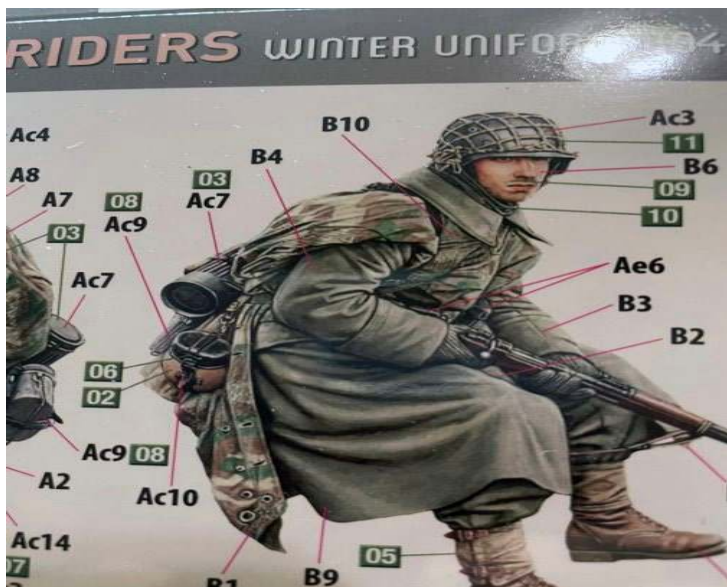
What attracted me to this set was the art work. It's not often that you see German figures in shelter quarters (Zeltbahn). I was looking forward to building some unusual figures to hang on my Tiger 2. Let me say that this is a new release and I was somewhat surprised by what's in the box.





Lots of flash and seam lines to clean up. Time to get out the files and the Hornet heads to replace the ones in the kit, I replaced the weapons also with some from a Tamiya 1/35 German Infantry weapon set. This was not an auspicious beginning for my Tank Riders.

Before I get to the build up let me say what's supposed to be in the kit. Four German Wehrmacht Panzer Grenadiers in various poses all wearing winter gear and zeltbahns.







There are no separate instructions and considering the complexity of putting these figures together it probably would have been better for ICM to include them. Needless to say there's lots of test fitting to be done.



Figure after a shot of Deck Tan from above,  
Later I changed his rifle to an MP 43.





Comparing this figure with one from the Tamiya set. The sculpting of the ICM figures is rough and once the figure is assembled it's time to pull out the A&B putty to fill the gaps.



## Build and Bull South by Rick Herrington.



Weapon swapped out, new head added and ammo packs and personal gear added. Once the figure is painted up the camo scheme hides a lot of the flaws.

If you haven't purchased a set of German Infantry in zeltbahns and are trying to make a choice I would recommend the Tamiya.



Day trip to Kyle! A visit to Lion Heart Hobbies with our hosts Danielle and Rudy. Lion Heart had just opened up its consignment center and it was Build and Bull day so a trip was in order. The room wasa packed and everyone was busy working on his or her project. Charlie roped Ian into doing a Tamiya 1/350 Kagero class destroyer. Gordon was working on a Gazelle helicopter and Seth and Fred were working on Gundams.



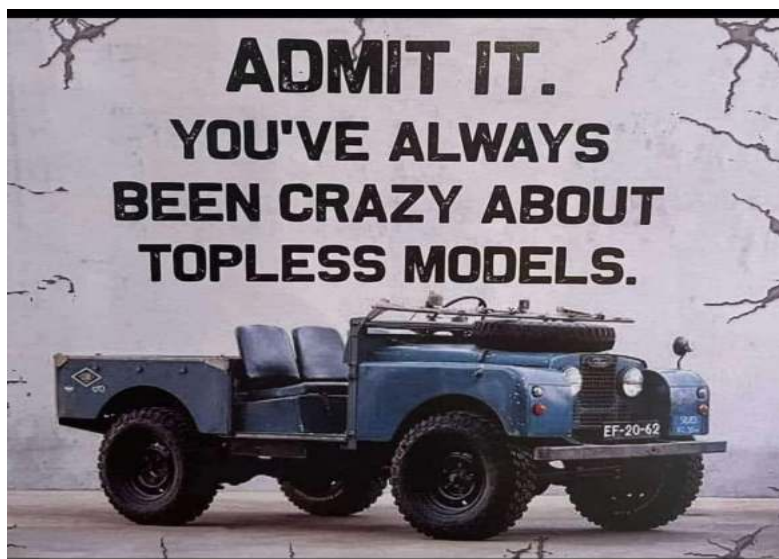




Tim was working on some scratch building for a P-51.



Rudy popped in to make sure everyone was having enough fun.

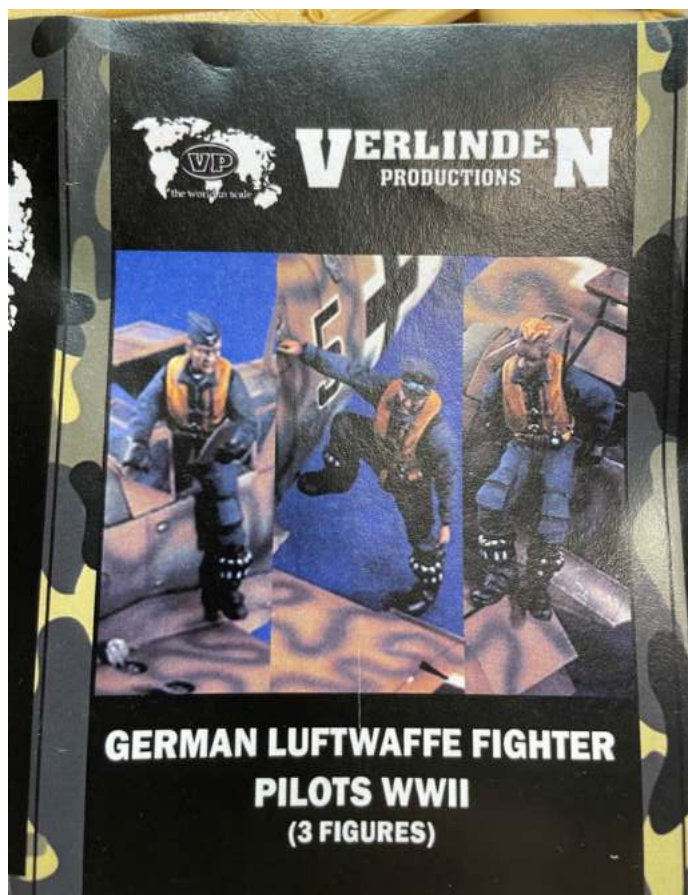




# 1/48 scale Luftwaffe pilot figures: A comparison

by Rick Herrington

Just having finished a 1/48 Fujimi ME-109G6 I was looking for a figure to pose with the model. Pilot figures used to come standard with kits but kits that include them now are few and far between. Verlinden was one of the few companies that produced after market 1/48 Luftwaffe figures including pilots. Sprue Brothers recently had a 50% off sale on Verlinden figures so I snapped up two sets to go with my G-6.



The figures are of a high quality resin with no bubbles to worry about. They are posed well and the construction is straight forward. Each set contained three figures.





I assembled the figure climbing on to the plane and did some preliminary painting.



The seated pilot figure is from the second set of figures I got. (WW2 Luftwaffe Pilot&Ground Crew #1374) The set was listed as containing 2 figures but my package had 3, two pilot figures with two different heads and a ground crewman. The expressions on the pilots were kind of goofy.

I had some other pilot figures from different manufacturers (Air Waves, Tamiya) and was curious how they compared with these figures.

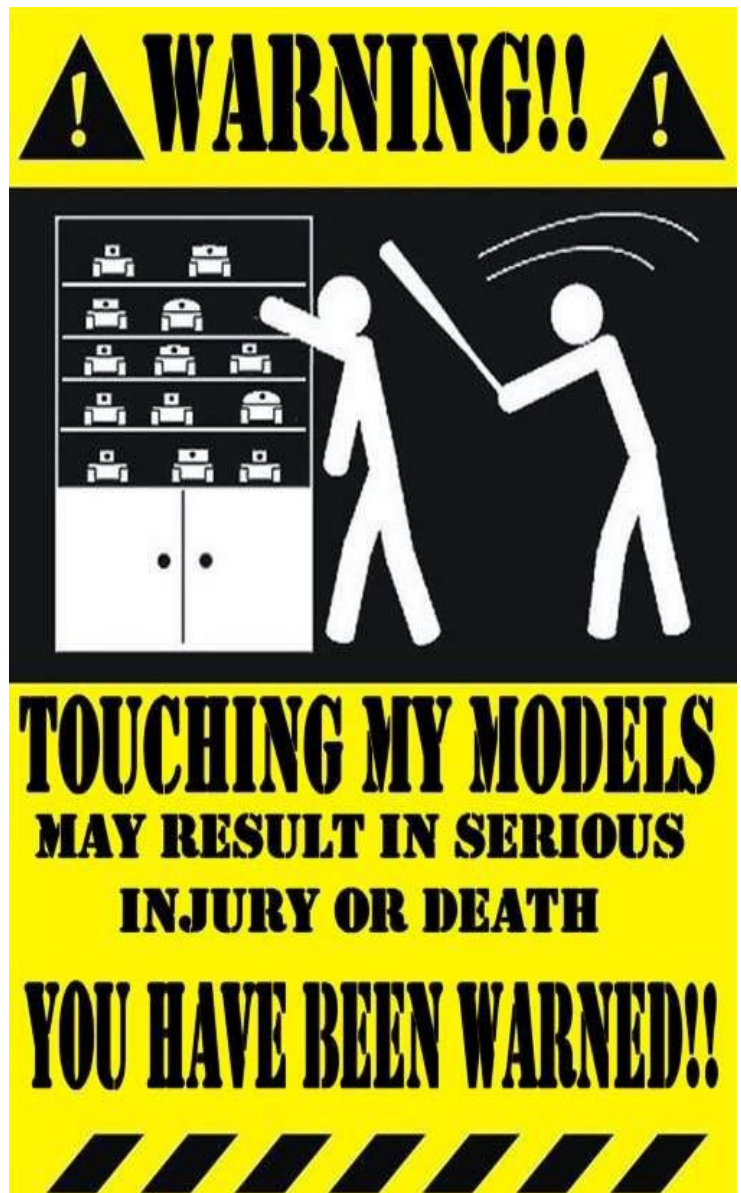


The beige figure is Tamiya. The metal figure is an Air Waves offering meant for a Stuka.



It looks like there's quite a bit of difference in "1/48" between manufacturers. This set of figures of a ground crewman with a pilot on his shoulders is an example of that.

Comparing it to the Verlinden and Tamiya figures these guys must have been 8 to 10 feet tall. I bought these guys at least 15 years ago. Things have improved greatly since then. If you're looking for some figures to go with your 1/48 Luftwaffe aircraft I highly recommend the Verlinden, especially if you can catch them at 50% off.



# 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

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- 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.
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## 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.



## 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](mailto:Falconfyredeuce@gmail.com).



Starting off with our out of town contributor Dave Edgerly. Dave has been working on a Wingnut Wings Junkers D1.





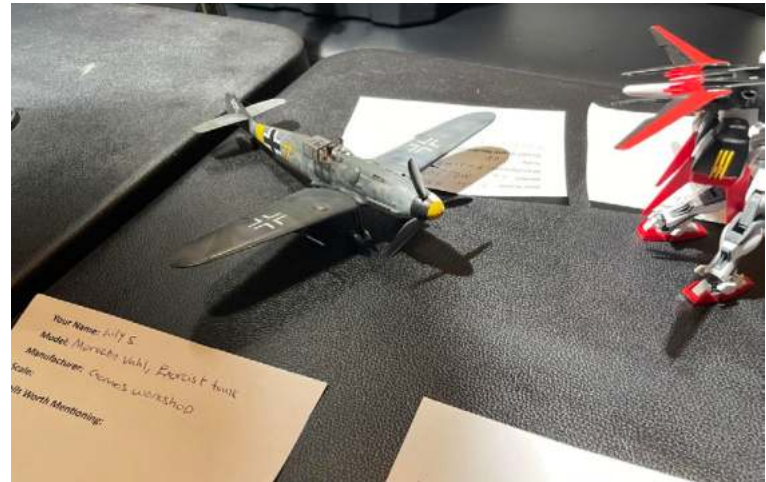
This month's contest was the year end Best of the Best where all the previous monthly winners compete for model of the year. It was also the White Elephant competition. This year any white elephant from any year was eligible to compete. Tim Robb's OV-1B a 1/48 Roden kit took first place in the white elephant contest.



Jorge Martins took second place with his Beech C18S Magic by Moonlight.



Rick Herrington took third place with his Fujimi ME-109G6.



Peter Dasso won four times last year with his models. He won with a Zvezda C-130H, a Tamiya P38J, a Unicraft Sincau-Nieuport ACA-5, and an ICM 1/48 A-26C fire bomber conversion.







Gene Meyers brought in his 1/32nd Revell 1/32 Heinkel 219.



Tim Robb brought in his Spitfire themed Bandai Gundam Wing.



Gordon Stiemans won the December contest with his P-47D by Tamiya.



Ron McCracken our Master Aircraft Modeler shared two of his monthly winners, a Douglas XB-42 and an Azur YA-13 both in 1/72 scale.





Rick Herrington won Model of the Year with his Trumpeter 1/350 Z-30 German destroyer.



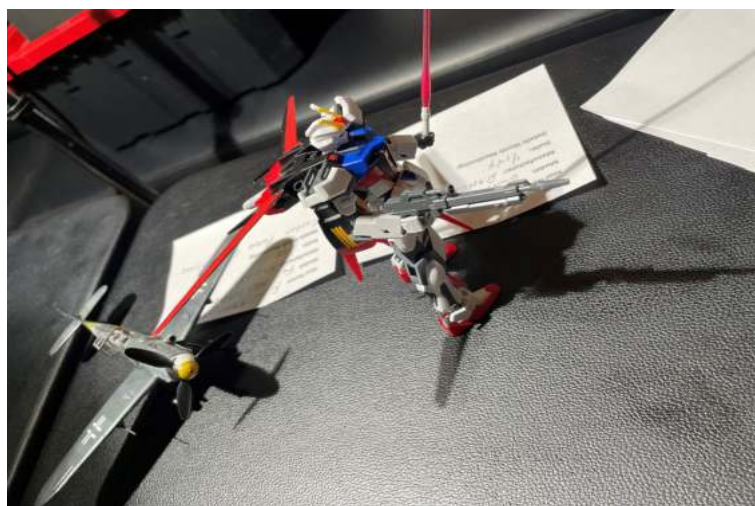
There were a lot of non-contest models on the table also. Fred W shared his Master Grade Testament Gundam.



Ron McCracken shared his Airfix 1/72 Bristol Blenheim.



Rick Herrington brought in a Bandai Gundam.



Tim Robb brought in an in-progress 1/48 Tamiya A-10.





Mike Gilsbach shared his Bandai B-wing with the group.



Finally Lilly S brought in her Morvenn Vahl Exorcist Tank from Games Workshop.



David Hunter put on a great presentation about US aircraft markings for the group.



Thanks to the past winners who brought in their models and all those modelers that shared their work. See you next meeting!



## *Old Rumors and New Kits*

### *New and In View Aircraft* by Ron McCracken

January shows two truly new-tool offerings, and those are both in 1/72nd scale. Most of what is “new” are re-pops of existing kits, but with some interesting variations. For example, HK Models’ repop of their Lancaster with a Grand Slam bomb, or Academy’s release of a C-130J based on an earlier C-130E kit offer something interesting in spite of being a rehash of something older.

1/32nd Scale:

HK Model is re-releasing its A-20G kit as an A-20J/K Havoc/Boston Mk.IV with some new parts and decals.





1/48th Scale:

Academy is re-releasing its T-34B Mentor in VT-5 markings.



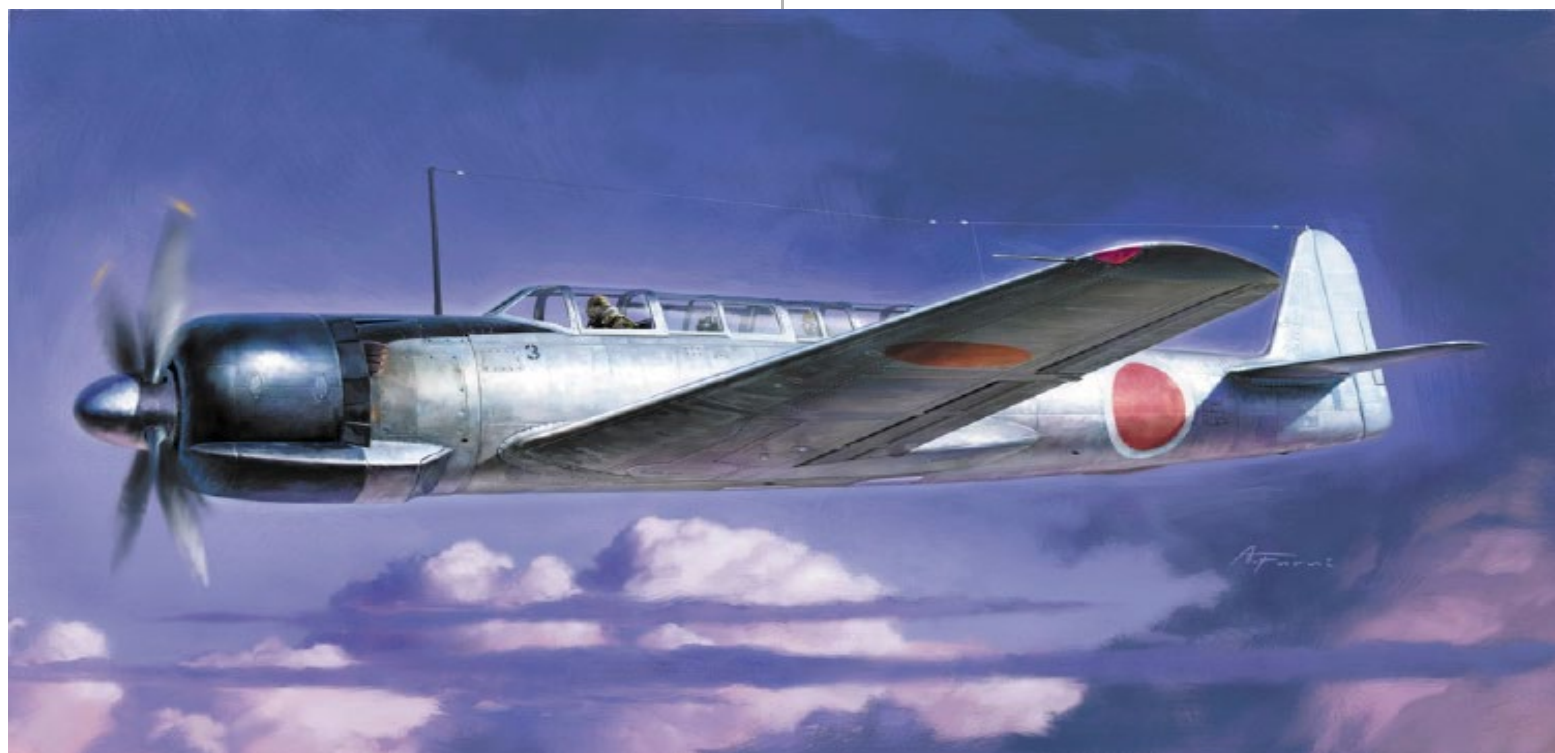
Eduard is re-releasing their Albatros D.III in a Profipack Edition with six markings options.



Eduard is re-releasing their Bf 109K-4 in a Weekend Edition. Remember, these kits lack the masks, photo-etch, etc. of the other editions.

**eduard****WEEKEND**  
edition**Bf 109K-4**scale **1/48**

Hasegawa is re-releasing their C6N1 Carrier Recon Plane Saiun (Myrt) with new decals.





HK Model is re-releasing their Lancaster B.I with a "Grand Slam" payload.



HobbyBoss is re-releasing their Hurricane as a Mk.IIC/Tropical with new parts.





1/72nd Scale:

Academy has announced a new-tool KF-21 Boramae.



Dora Wings has released a new-tool Fairey Delta 2 research aircraft.





Eduard has announced a Gustav Bf 109G-5/6 Dual Combo kit with 14 markings options and parts for either -5 or -6 variants.



Fine Molds has re-issued their F-14A Tomcat in Gulf War markings.



Fine Molds has released an F-15C in Kadena markings. This appears to be a new-parts variation on their earlier F-15J.



Hasegawa has re-released their F-15DJ Eagle in JASDF “Aggressor Green Scheme”.





Modelsvit has re-released their Mirage 2000 as a Mirage 2000D w/SCALP EG missile.



Trumpeter has re-released their recent A-6A kit as an A-6E Intruder with new parts and decals.

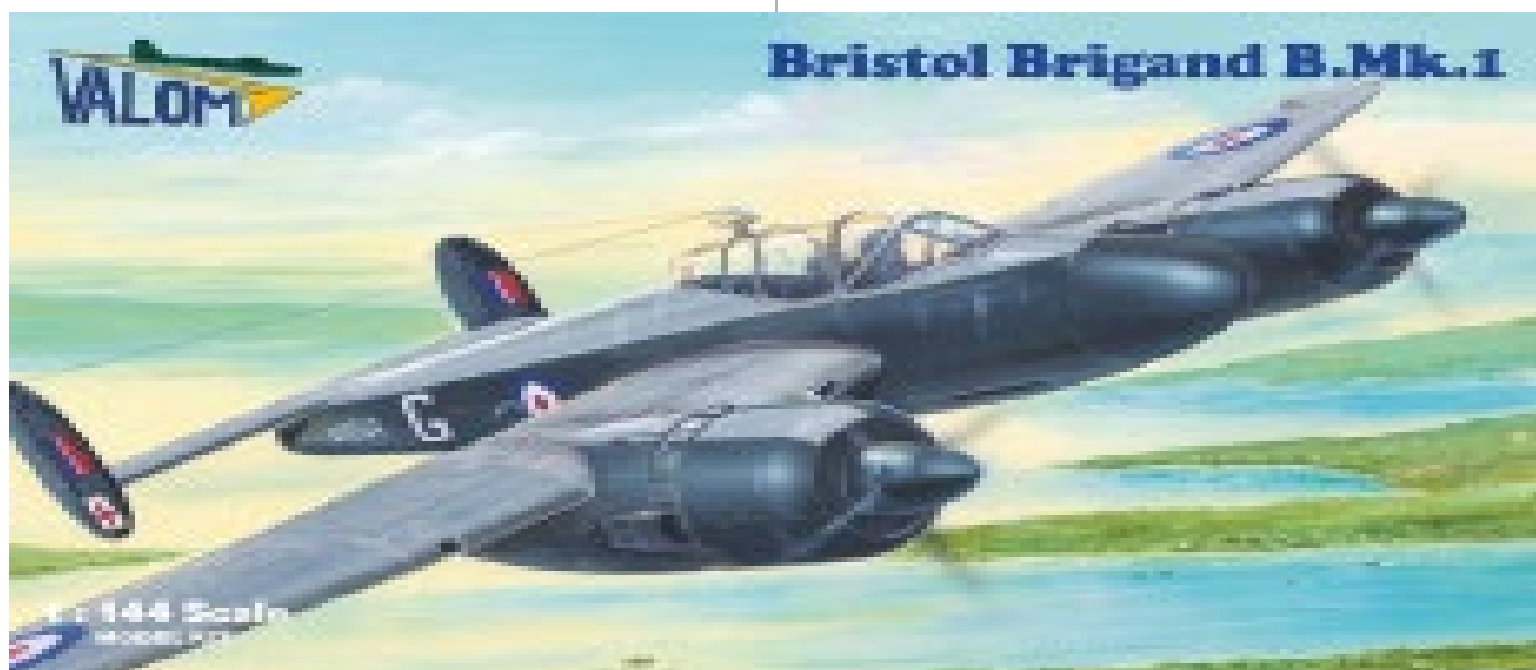


1/144th Scale:

Academy has re-released the former Minicraft C-130E as a C-130J-30 Super Hercules.



Valom is re-releasing their Bristol Brigand B.Mk.1 with new markings.



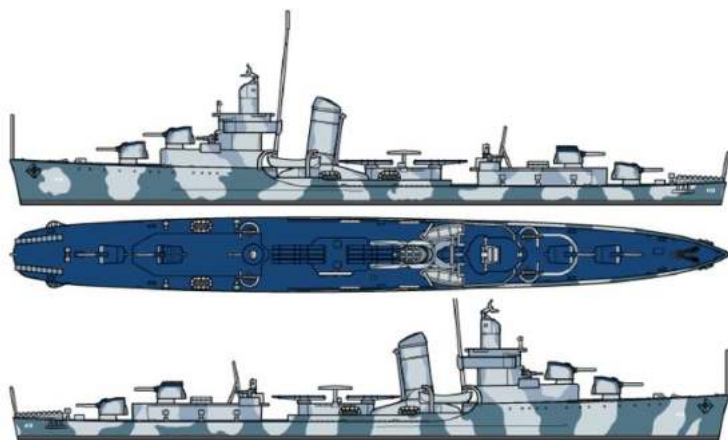
And there you have it for January. Go build a model!



# Shipping News

by Rick Herrington

Ahoy mates! Let's get sraight into 1-700 scale releases. Tamiya is up first with the US destroyer Hamman. Hamman is best known for her rescue of the survivors of the carrier Lexington.



Pit Road has five new releases for us starting off with a re-release of their excellent Bismarck kit.



Next from Pit Road is the USN carrier Saratoga as she appeared in 1936.



Pit Road also has a USN heavy cruiser Pittsburgh CA-72 for us. This is her 1944 configuration.



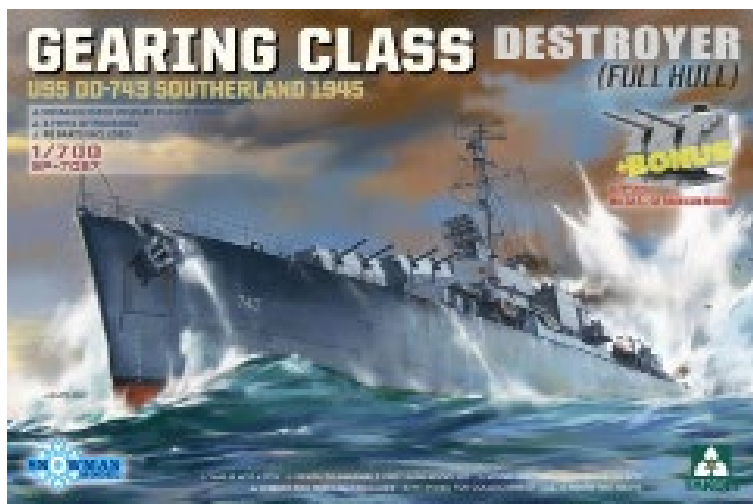
Next up from Pit road is the IJN destroyer Hibiki.



Finally from Pit Road is the JMSDF submarine Taigei.



Takom is releasing a 1/700 Gearing class full hull model of the USS Southerland (DD-743). Included in the kit as a bonus is a 5" turret in 1/72nd scale.



Southerland participated in the final days of WW 2. Most of her active career was during the Korean war including the bombardment of Inchon.

Last in 1/700 Fujimi is releasing the IJN light cruiser Agano.



Agano was torpedoed and sunk by the US submarine Skate.

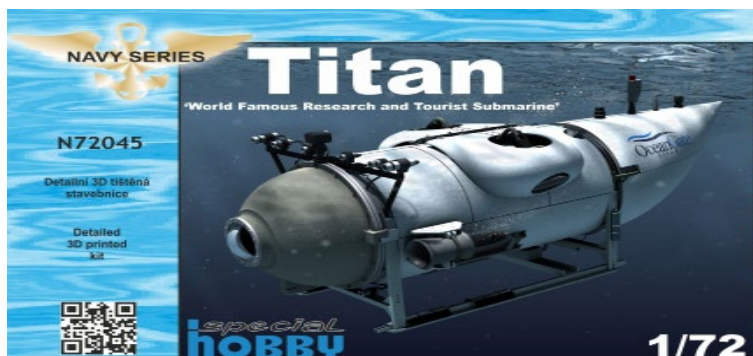
Moving on to 1/350 scale Takom is up first with a kit of the USN Admiral Zumwalt.



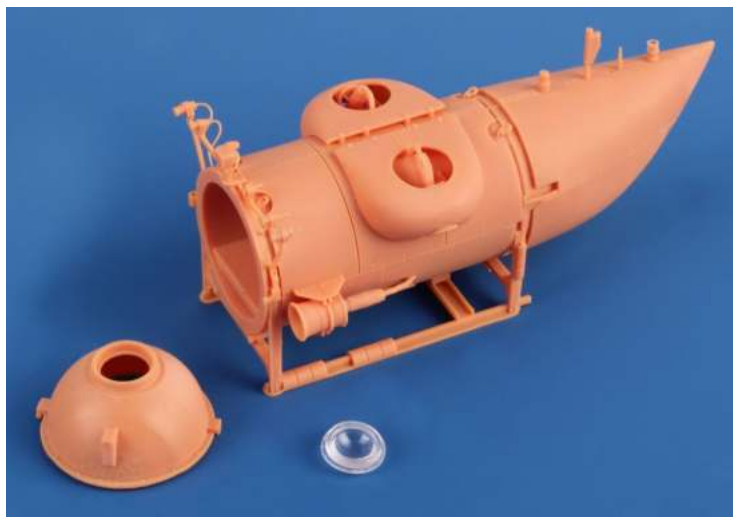
Takom is also releasing a 2 in 1 kit. You can make either of the Horizon class Italian destroyers Andrea Doria or Caio Duilio



Last in the column this month is from CMK in 1/72nd scale the Titan submersible vehicle.







# Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

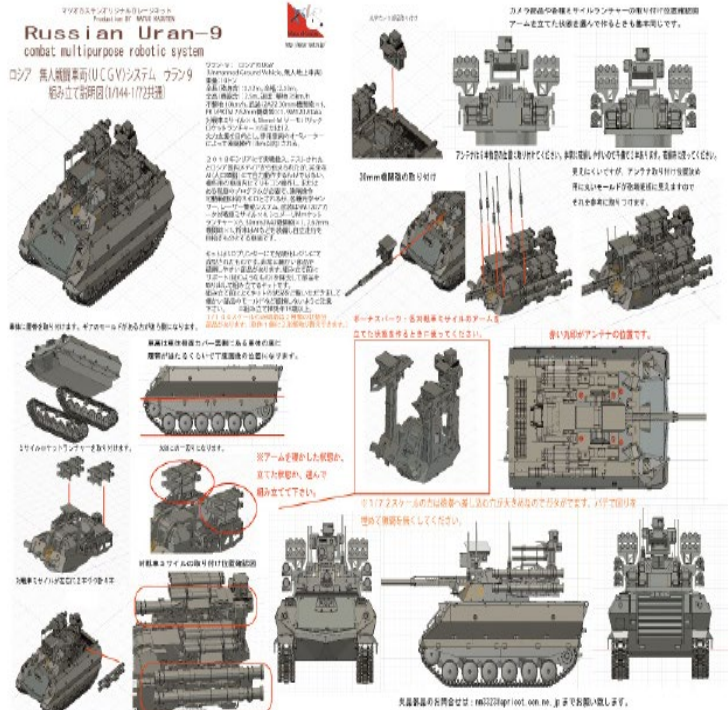
Hello tread heads! A great deal of releases to get to this month, let's start off with 1/72nd scale. Revell is up first with two M1 releases, an M1A1 and an M1A2.



Maturo Kasten is releasing a Russian self propelled combat vehicle Uran 9.







Fore Art is releasing an M24 Chaffee.



Hobby Boss is releasing a Russian Tochka.



Border Models is releasing a Kursk Tiger 1



Moving on to 1/35th scale Italeri has two releases for us, a Dodge Command car and a DUKW.

DML is releasing an M142 HIMARS.







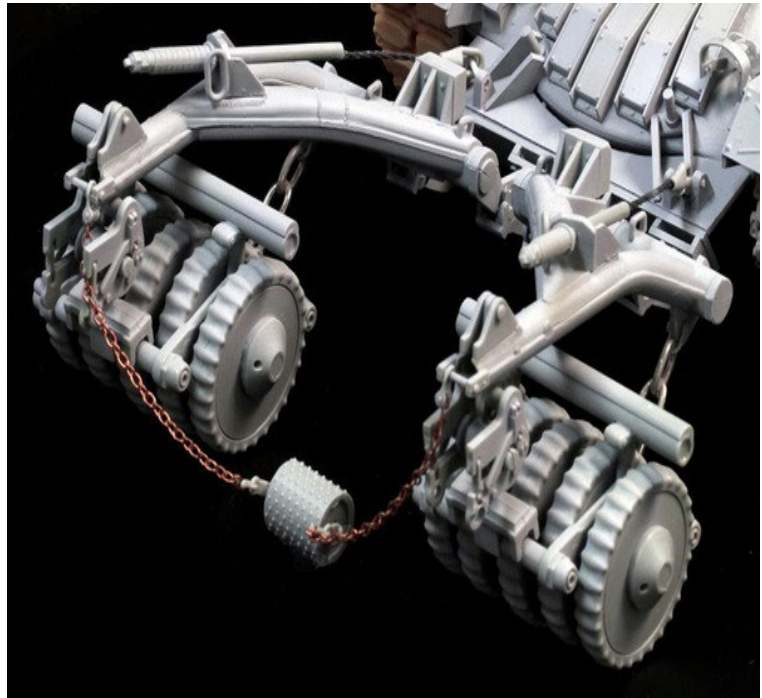
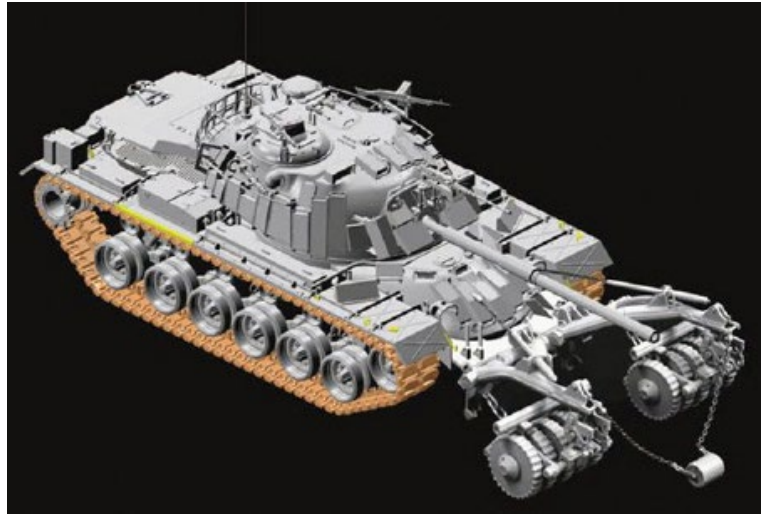
Dragon has several new releases for us. First is a German Puma armored car.



DML is also releasing a Hanomag 251D with a Pak mounted.



DML is releasing a Magach 5 with a mine roller.







Revell is releasing a Leopard 1A1.



Border Models is releasing a Kugelblitz.



Takom is releasing a Tiger 2 "what if" with a 105mm gun.



Takom is also releasing a late production Hetzer.





Meng is releasing a ZSU-23 4. Shilka

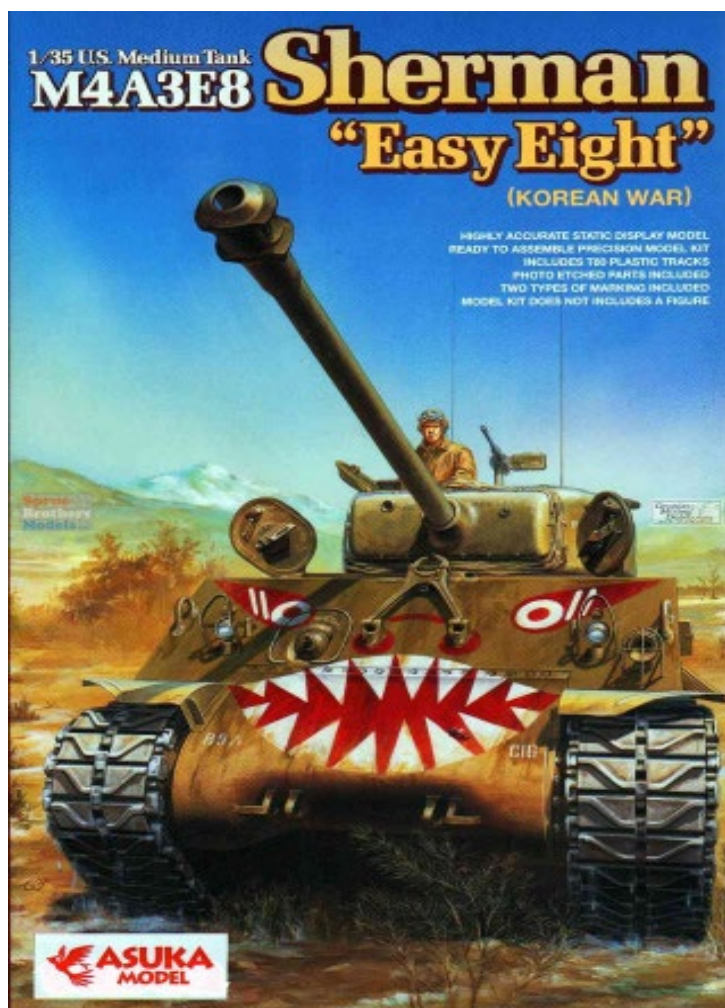


RFM is releasing a late production Tiger 1. The kit includes a figure of Michael Wittman. The kit depicts a Tiger that Michael would not have operated.

### Tiger I late production Battle of Villers-Bocage



Asuka is re-releasing an M4A38 in Korean markings.



Dragon is releasing an Otto Carius Tiger 1.





Das Werk is releasing a Kanonenjagdpanzer.



Academy is releasing an M1997 ambulance.



Last in 1/35 Tamiya is releasing a JGSDF Type 16.





Last in the column this month is Andy's Hobby newest release in 1/16th scale, which is an M8 Greyhound armored car.

## M8 GREYHOUND US LIGHT ARMORED CAR



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IPMS USA is soliciting articles. We've got some great modeller's in this area and you can help the mother organization to flourish by submitting an article to the Journal.



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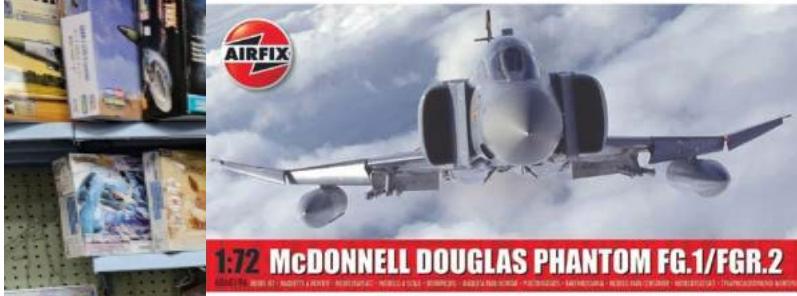


# Something for Everyone!

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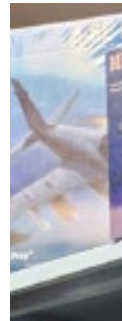
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