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Model: **1/144 Scale C-17 in Qatar Airlines markings by John Hagmann**
 Photo: **John Musolino**

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IN THE PILOT SEAT

Our next meeting is Monday September 17th at 7:30 pm. We will have a club contest! Bring in those Spirit of Saint Louis models you've been working on. There is a separate category for all these. If you didn't finish yet, remember you can build it seriously,

or go wild with spare parts, crazy colors and whatever decals you choose! I guess it will depend on what spirits influenced you....?

So October will be the Auction night! Looking ahead, do not expect a business meeting or much time for anything else to take place. When you arrive with your box load of stuff, see me to register your name and a rough number of items you wish to auction off. If there are many of you, we may have a round robin procedure where each person will auction off 6 to 10 items each to give everyone a chance. You will have the gavel to use for the winning bidder. Please do not sell your items and start dealing when you come in. Let's have some fun with this! Hint: Start your auction price at the lowest price you will accept if you want people to bid on it. Besides bringing your stuff to auction, bring a few dollars to buy the other guys stuff. Another man's junk can be valuable to you! I will post this again next month to remind all of you.

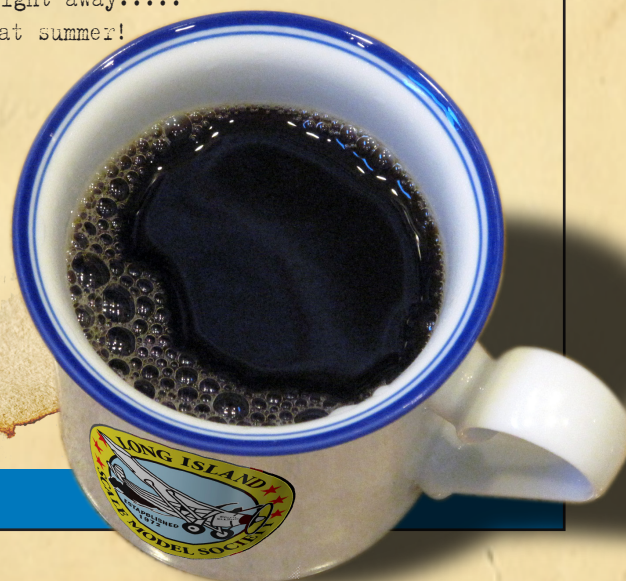
In case you didn't get the IPMS Memo in August from me, The Nationals will be in Hampton, Virginia in August 2014. Not far from Long Island, about an eight hour drive. You have two years to do your best work. We will ask Bill, Rob, Jim, Steve, and our fellow club members to continue to give us clinics on their modeling techniques.

It's a sad situation when we have a good fifty-five members and no one else has interest to be involved in being a Board Member. We still have an opening a Corresponding Secretary position on the board. We meet on the Monday night after our general meeting to discuss the club schedule, funds, annual contest, new ideas, and direction of the club. Remember! Without Board Members, there will be no chapter. See me for any questions you may have. You will not be shackled into it. Well, not right away....

I hope all of you had a great summer!

Build a model!

Bob





1/48

MCDONNELL FH-1 PHANTOM

VP Canada, No. 33

Review by Steve Muth



The FH-1 McDonnell Phantom was the first pure jet carrier fighter of the US Navy and Marine Corps. The first of two prototypes made its first flight, as the XFD-1, on 26 January 1945. This flight was made on one engine as the other had not yet been delivered. On 21 July, 1946 the second XFD-1 became the first US pure jet to land on a carrier.

Deliveries of the production Phantom, now called the FH-1, began on 23 July 1947 and the 60th and last went to the Navy on 29 May 1948. Max speed was 505mph at 30,000 ft. It was succeeded, in July 1950 by the Grumman F9F-2.

The McDonnell FH-1 is not well represented in the kit world and while over 15 years old, this vacuform kit is still the only 1/48 kit of the FH-1 out there. For a vacuform it is not bad. It is molded on three sheets of heavy styrene (.038 in.). The molds have decent, if a little heavy, recessed panel lines. The wings are molded in two pieces (top and bottom), solving the dihedral problem. The 33 small resin parts – wheels, wheel wells, struts, seat, armor plate etc. are cast in green resin resulting in considerable flash. There is no PE, pilot figure or

decals. Markings, at any rate, are very simplistic, consisting of stars and bars, wing walk ways, and a large aircraft number on the forward fuselage (Plus a lot of stencils if you really want to get anal about it. Comprehensive color notes are given on the instruction sheet along with a potted history, three views, and an exploded view for assembly purposes. They are adequate but rather basic

The parts, indeed the whole kit is sold in a large plastic bag. Inside is another bag containing multiple smaller bags of resin parts. The canopy is in its own bag taped to the inside of a wing half to protect it.

All in all, a typical cottage industry vacuform kit. But.... It is the only 1/48 kit out there of the FH-1 Phantom and I don't see an injection kit appearing on the time soon. (Seems I thought that before and now we have a XP-77, FR-1, XP-56 and XP-55 to mention a few).

Recommended for modelers with resin and vacuform experience and want a 1/48 FH-1 to set next to their F2H or F-4 for comparison. 🐾

Photo Essay



These detail photos of the FH-1, Bu No 111793, were taken at the National Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida. It was fully restored except for the cockpit and painted as a Marine aircraft. All photos by Steve Muth with the permission of the NNAM.

FH-1 PHANTOM



Figure 1 FH-1 at NNMA March 2012

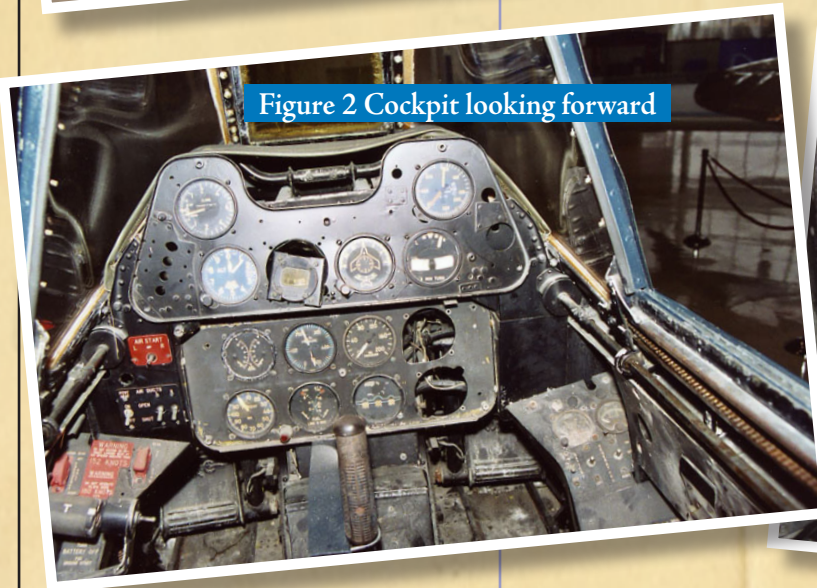


Figure 2 Cockpit looking forward

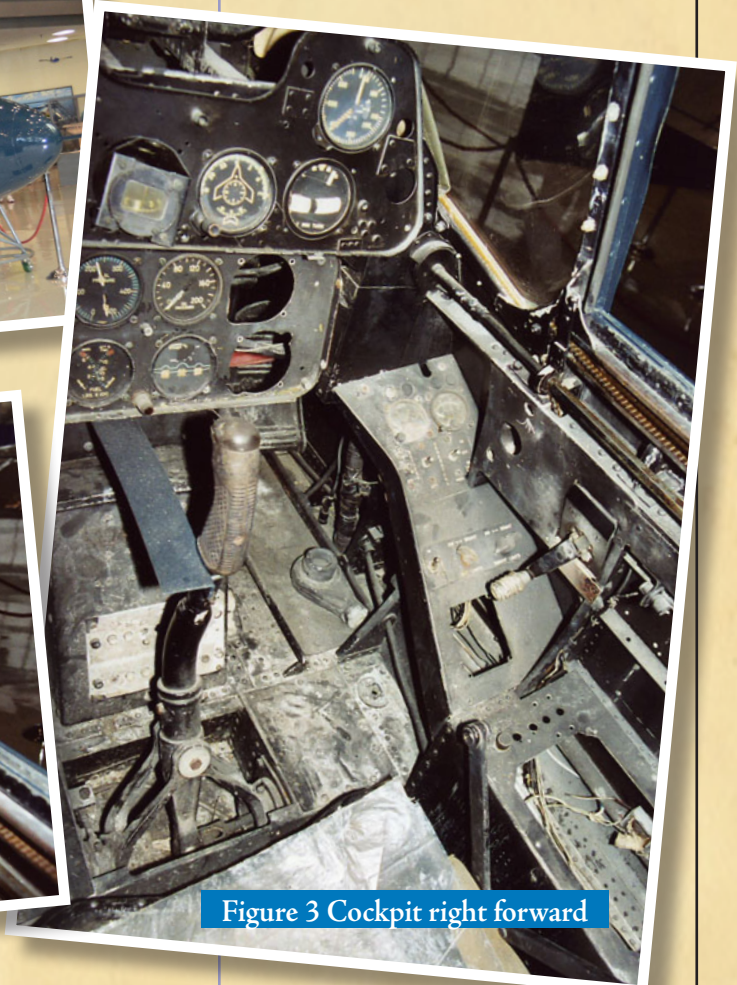


Figure 3 Cockpit right forward

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Figure 4 Cockpit turtle deck under



Figure 5 Cockpit left side

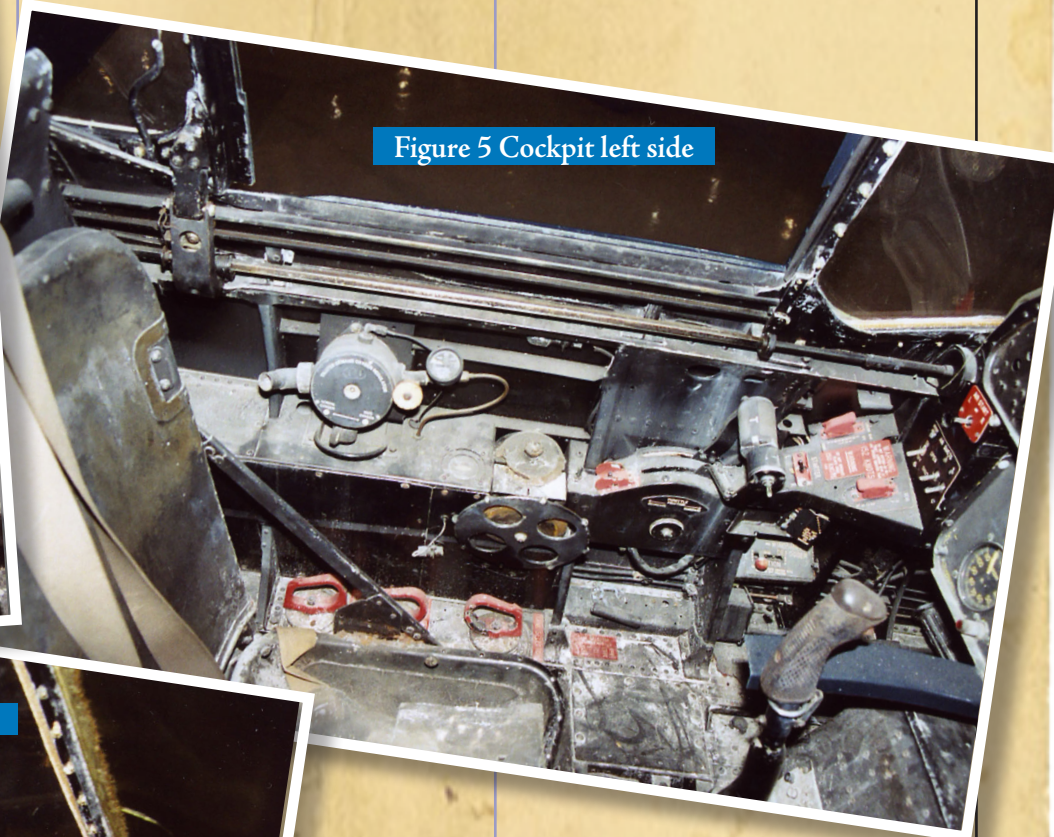
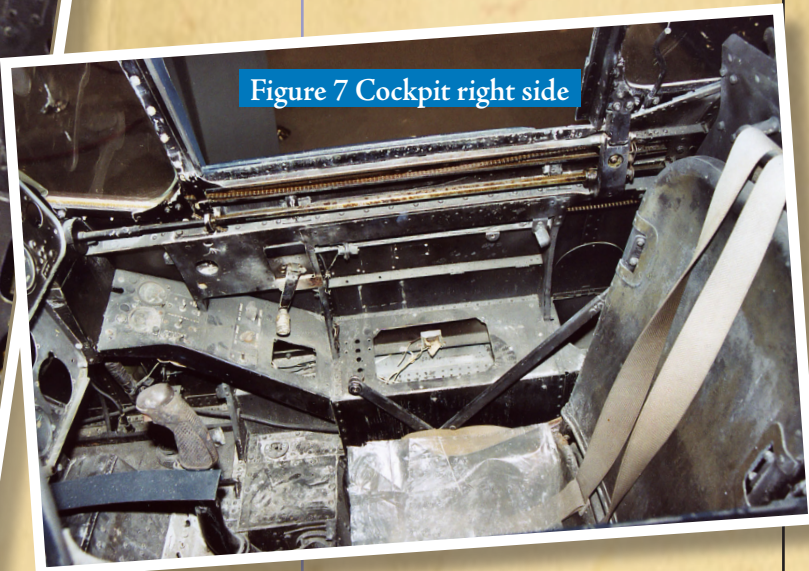


Figure 6 Cockpit left forward



Figure 7 Cockpit right side



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Figure 8 Inboard front of right main landing gear



Figure 9 Right main landing gear well inboard



Figure 11 Right front of the nose landing gear



Figure 10 Front of right main landing gear



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Figure 12 Right main landing gear well aft

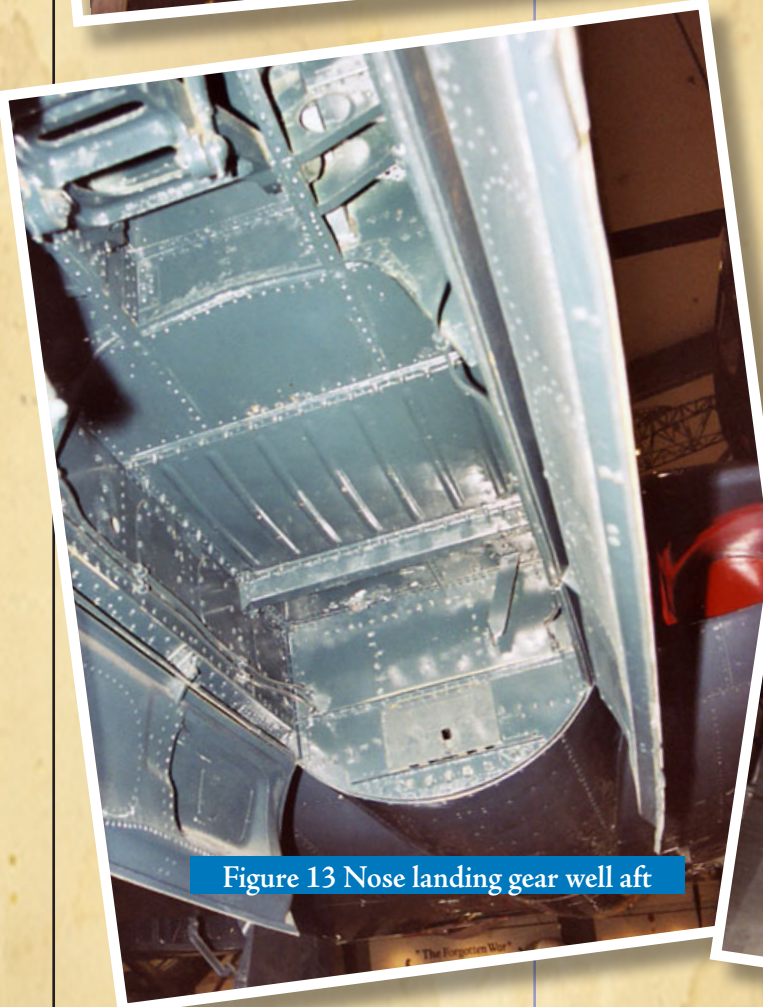


Figure 13 Nose landing gear well aft



Figure 14 Nose landing gear well forward

GERMAN WWII AMBUSH CAMO PAINT SCHEME AND STENCILS.

By Phil Trusinski

Near the later part of WWII, an interesting camouflage pattern commonly called the “ambush pattern” appeared. In general, the vehicle was painted tan, with rough patterns of brick red and dark green. This we see commonly. However, in the ambush scheme, small random sprays of the tan are then placed on the red and green areas, and small sprays of the brick red and green are made on the tan areas. This pattern is usually applied with a pneumatic paint sprayer. There are photos of a brush applied version of this scheme as well. In the brush applied version, the small spots are sometimes “bone” shaped or triangular.

My interest is the airbrushed version. It looks far more interesting. Also, in scale, an airbrushed finish is much finer. No brush marks in the paint to ruin the illusion.

A very interesting variation of this pattern could be seen on a captured Jagdtiger. In this case, the color pattern was tan, grey, and brick red. By the end of the war, German industry was being bombed to rubble. There were shortages of everything, including paint. Jagdtigers, being some of the last vehicles produced, had a huge variety of paint jobs. They were painted with whatever was at hand...if they were painted at all! There are reports of vehicles leaving the factory in red oxide primer. Some with nothing more than simple, random patterns of yellow over sprayed on the primer.

Image 1. Captured Jagdtiger at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. Note the variation of the “ambush” pattern in the unusual color scheme.



My first attempt at this pattern was when I did a Dragon “Kugelblitz”, kit number 6136. Everything that could go wrong did go wrong! Firstly, the brown I selected wasn’t the characteristic brick red seen in the color photos that survive from the period. Next, I free-handed the color patterns. They simply didn’t have jagged enough edges. Not enough detail.

For the small spots of contrasting color, I tried two methods. First was “masking” the darker color beneath with small spheres of “poster tack”. Additionally, by turning down the air pressure on my airbrush, I sprayed the small spots of contrasting color one at a time. Neither method gave satisfactory results. The masked versions had hard edges, and both methods yielded spots too large. I simply couldn’t paint them small enough to be the right scale.

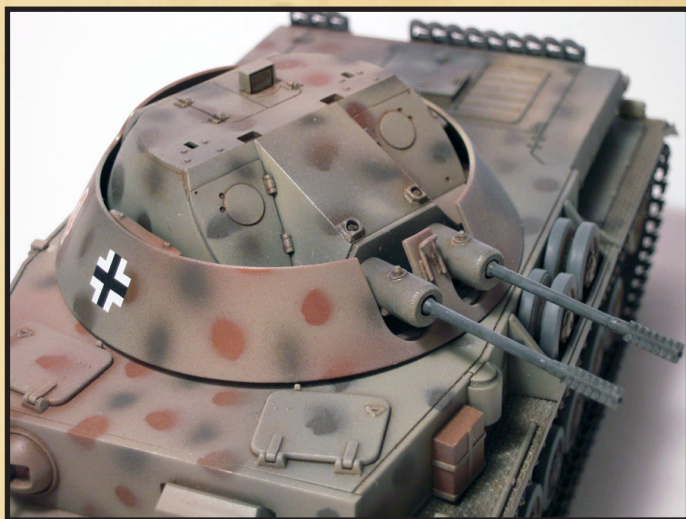
There may be airbrushes available to do this. My Badger model 150 dual action, internal mix airbrush couldn’t get the tiny spots I wanted. Part of this, I am sure, was my technique. However, I couldn’t turn the pressure low enough and get the airbrush tip close enough to get the tiny spray of paint needed to be realistic.

Image 2. First attempt at an “ambush” pattern on a Dragon “Kugelblitz”.



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Image 3. Contrasting colors applied with “poster putty” and free-hand.



So, for my latest attempt, I was determined to get more realistic results. I used what is frequently used on the real vehicles while they are painted; stencils. This is nothing more than a sheet of cardboard with a cut out of the intended pattern in it. Paint is sprayed through the opening onto the vehicle. If a “hard edge” pattern is desired, it is held flush. If a “soft edge” pattern on a model is desired, it is held a small distance from the surface of the model.

In my case, I made a small template out of sheet plastic. In it, I drilled out small holes with the point of an X-acto knife. The edges I cut in an irregular pattern that could be used to apply the “wavy” edge of that particular color on the model. Why is it shaped like Florida? I thought the little protruding “leg” would be helpful to hold the stencil in use. If it you’d like, feel free to cut your stencil in the shape of Long Island!

To me, this looked much better than my previous attempt. The small patches of contrasting color were a more realistic size, and had the proper “soft” edges.

Image 4. Contrasting colors applied with stencil.



The vehicle? An Elephant? No...it’s a Jagdtiger? Wait; a Jagd-Elphant? Nope: it’s a Henschel “paper panzer”!

When it came time to design the Jagdtiger, Henschel proposed two main designs; mounting the superstructure forward or rearward. With rearward mounting the gun didn’t overhang as much in the front. It also meant better weight distribution. On the minus side, with the engines forward, the open cooling grills were exposed to enemy fire. This was seen to be a problem with the Elephant on the Russian front.

As most of you already know, the Germans went with the superstructure forward. However, to see what that alternate design might have looked like, I am kit-bashing a Dragon kit of a conventional Jagdtiger. As you can see in the photos, it is nearing completion. Care to see more photos of the project? Let me know.

I’d also be interested in hearing any suggestions on how to accomplish these usual camouflage schemes. My email is below, so please feel free to use it. I take criticism very well! 🐘

Image 5. Finished camouflage pattern, awaiting “weathering”.



Footnotes:

Walter Spielberger, Hilary Doyle, Thomas Jentz, Heavy Jagdpanzer, (Schiffer Publishing, 2007) pp. 126-128.

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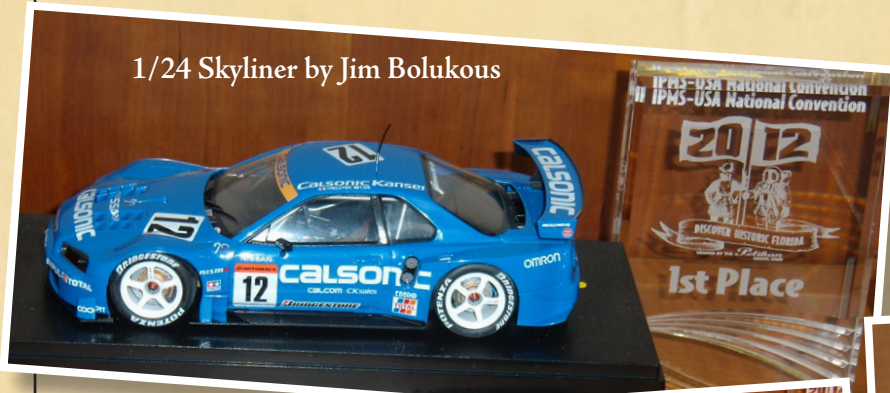
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AT THE AUGUST 20TH 2012 MEETING

*All photos by Steve Muth
unless otherwise noted.*

Eleven models were displayed this month. Everything from a 20 mule team train from Marshall Voizard to two of Jim Bolukous's Nats winning models. A great variety of subjects! Enjoy! 🐎

1/24 Skyliner by Jim Bolukous



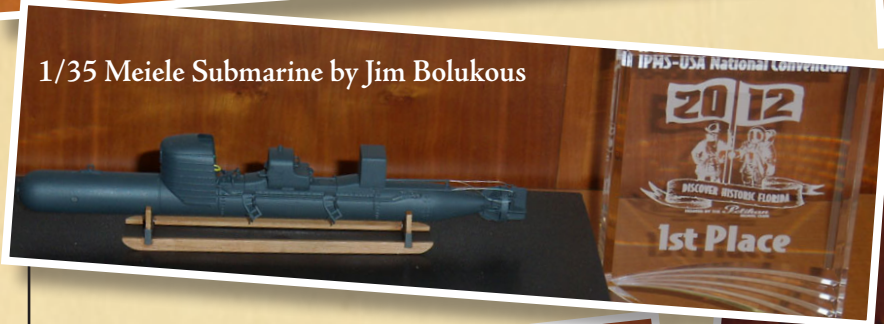
1/35 Dingo by Matt Kozerski



1-35 280 mm Atomic Cannon
by Steve Martan



1/35 Meiele Submarine by Jim Bolukous



1/72 Spirit of St. Louis by Steve Martans



20 Mule Team Borax train by Marshall Voizard

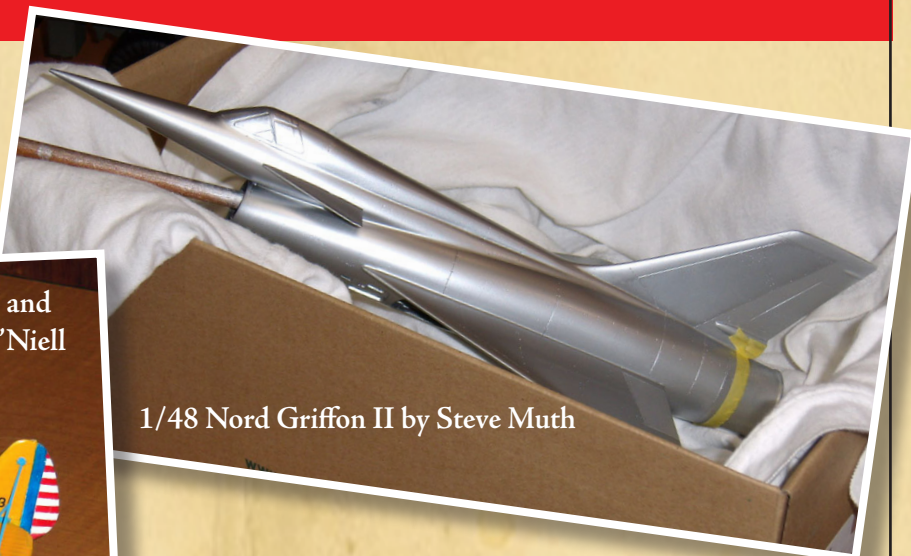


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1/72 Fairchild XC-31 and
Wood Molds by Ray O'Niell



1/48 Nord Griffon II by Steve Muth



1/72 SB2C Helldiver by Tim Kelly



1-72 A-1 by Steve Adler

What's New...?

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Roger Carrano

AK INTERACTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL DVD'S

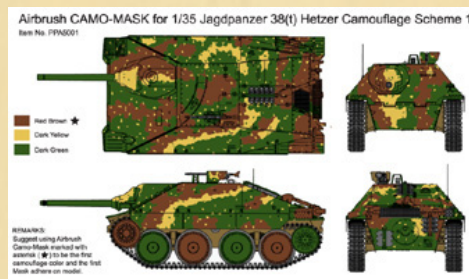
I have recently purchased from AK Interactive an instructional 1hr Video "Weathering a Sdkfz 222 in One Hour" by Mig Jimenez. I'm sure that we all heard of him. He's most likely the forerunner of weathering with all different products and techniques. In this DVD, a German armored car is weathered in real time within one hour and the model comes out fantastic. This is really great for all you armor guys that don't have strong weathering talents and it will definitely aid in bringing one to a much higher degree of weathering. These techniques can also be used on aircraft as well as weathered cars for diors or whatever. AK has also put out a DVD with a complete walk around for the MRAP vehicle kits hitting the stores. These walkarounds are more extensive than any magazine or book which I ever read and purchased. I have bought this DVD also and I can honestly say this from firsthand experience. Check out their website and see what else they have at <http://www.ak-interactive-usa.com>

I do want to say something about AK Interactive as a company, but please know that this does not reflect my review in any manner. I had a small problem with a purchase which was that something wasn't included in my package when I received it. I emailed them and while they were on a business trip my email was not only answered in a short time but the problem was almost immediately rectified and a small free sample was included with the missing part as a token of my patience. These guys are awesome to deal with. Not many companies come up to this degree of customer service. Thanks guys!



J's WORK MODELS

This company is new to me but I have found an interesting product which can benefit all of us. They are CAMO MASKS. These masks range from complicated camo schemes on WWII tanks to Modern Aircraft. Just think of how much time these could save and also us to be able to paint complicated WWII camo on tanks that one wouldn't even consider due to the complexity of trying to copy and paint it. These camo masks now make your tough camo a "can do" effort as opposed to sticking to the same paint job for lack of ability or patience. These masks can be seen at www.jsworkmodel.com.



ACADEMY 1/35 LATE MODEL "HETZER"

One of the newer models from Academy is the 1/35 Hetzer. This kit is up to Academy's standards which are always above average. What caught my eye is the inclusion of camo masks which seems to be the new wave of options available to modelers. I would bet that these masks will soon be a standard in including them in new kits. This is a simple idea which hasn't been thought of previously but will catch on. Also the reviews on this kit seem to be outstanding from fit to finish.



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AMS RESIN

AMS Resin is known for their aftermarket resin improvements for many different types of kits, whether armor, aviation or ships. They make good quality resin and etch products. In this case I am referring to an upgrade for the 1/32 HK B-25J kit. Even though this kit is very well detailed and can be one of the best kits right out of the box, it falls short in two areas: the first being the Propellers and gear case and the second being the decals. Well, AMS has definitely taken care of the propeller problem. The stock props which HK supplies are paddle like in form, but the props from AMS are made exactly like the real thing not only in their shape but in the pitch angle. The gear box is also an exact replica of the original instead of the soft detailed piece of plastic that comes in the kit. They also have other stuff for this kit, such as a weight to prevent tail sitting, but other products for this kit aren't as necessary as the props.

I would also like to congratulate the members of our club for winning awards at the last IPMS Convention in Florida. The winners include Bill Koppos, Jim Buolukous and Steve Andreano. Great job guys and we're proud to have you among us.



REVELL 1/32 He 219

Once again I have to say that Revell has surprisingly come up with another winner. I have always been reluctant to put this company up with the best, but it seems that I have changed my mind with respect to their new 1/32 kits. Their 1/72 armor kits have always been in competition with the best but since their big JU-88, it seems that their larger scale aviation models have taken a turn for the better. The details on the He-219 kit from the cockpit to the wheel bays have really great detail. One other thing I learned about Revell's kits is the quality and value for the money and the best example I have is the Arado that I built which was somewhere around \$32. Revell will be coming out with more 1/48 and 1/32 kits which fall into the same category. 🛩️



Well that's all for now and stay safe.

Keep building and Peace to you and yours,
Roger Carrano – V.P. LISMS

Show Calendar Listing for 2012

See Bob DeMaio for details

| Date | Event & Location | Website | Day |
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| Sept. 28 & 29 | AMPSEAST 2012 Crown Plaza Danbury, CT | www.militarymodelers.org | Sat-Sun |
| Oct. 7 | Model Fest '11 Knights of Columbus Hall 625 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, CT | www.ipmsstratford.org/ | Sun |
| Oct. 20 | 2012 HVHMG 26 Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY | www.hvhmg.com | Sat |
| Nov 10 | LIARS Freeport, NY | www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars | Sat |
| Nov. 17 | Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY | http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com | Sat |



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