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IN THE PILOT SEAT

Rob Riviezzo gave us a terrific seminar for improving armor models. He said he will follow up with another one soon. Rob has also volunteered to do his seminars at our Noreastcon 41 show this year! I'm sure he will draw a crowd. Thank you Rob! This month

Bill Koppas will give us a seminar on using Super Glue and Zapagap for filling seams and corner areas on buildings. Oh yeah, maybe hints on not gluing your fingers together!

John Mussolino, our Corresponding Secretary, has been with LISMS for many years taking photos of just about everyone's models and attending model contests to take pictures. He also has a reputation of living at airports and The American Airpower Museum photographing everything flying and anyone on the ground he could catch doing some of the simplest or complex task. His long efforts of securing a job has come true for John, but unfortunately for us and Long Island, he is being trained for his new job and relocating to North Carolina soon. John said he will be returning to see his parents from time to time and will try to arrange a visit to the club. Congratulations on your new job John!

While Fred was taking a week off for relaxation, he turned me on to more retirement stress to continue work on the Intrepid Carrier at the Airpower Museum. Thanks for that Fred! George DeFronzo has corrected the 40mm Gun barrels on the ship while Roger and I touched up the Gun pits with grey paint. Two plaques have been made last week to put on display inside the enclosed model.

That's about it for now. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting for we will have the Noreastcon 41 shirts to distribute.

Build a model!

Bob



-IN-THE-BOX KIT REVIEW-



1/48 LAVOCHKIN LA-7

by Hobby Craft, # 1590

Review by Steve Muth



Derived from the LaGG-3 and La-5, the La-7 was introduced on the Russian front in 1944 and was found to be superior in almost all respects to the Bf 109 and Fw 190 it opposed. It is the only Russian plane to have shot down an Me 262 jet. Over 5753 were produced before the war ended in May of 1945. The aircraft was durable, easy to maintain and could carry RS-82 rockets or light bombs under the wings. The La-7 continued in service until the 1950s in Czechoslovakia. It was built primarily of wood with steel and aluminum used in critical areas like load bearing sub structures, wing spars and engine mounts.

This La-7 kit, packaged in an end opening box, is molded in the ubiquitous gray styrene in three sprues plus one for the clear canopy and has 49 parts including two bombs for under wing attachment. The

scribing is nicely recessed with appropriate rivet detail. Since it was covered with plywood, there are few panel lines. The sprues are bagged but the canopy is loose in the bag. Speaking of the canopy, it is a one piece affair, thick and not as clear as you would wish. It will need some work or replacement with a vacu form one. There is no engine but that doesn't matter as you wouldn't be able to see it anyway due to the cooling shutters in the cowl opening. There are no figures either. Major parts have some locating pins but not many. Detail for the cockpit is molded in the fuselage walls plus a few other add-ons. It is adequate as the canopy will be closed anyway. The wheel wells are rather bare but then there wasn't much in there to begin with. The fabric surfaces are rather heavy handed. There are minimal sink marks and flash is modest. There are decals for three

aircraft, two Russian and one Czech. The registration is good but I have read that they fall apart easily and do not accept setting solution very well. The instruction sheet is very brief but adequate for assembly. It has six exploded view diagrams with very brief French and English notes. There are three drawings for color and marking information but they are not very satisfactory. Colors are called out by FS numbers only. There are no color notes for the cockpit or landing gear. I am building this kit for the Cradle display and will keep you posted. I did look up the colors and the only one giving me problems is the undersurface blue.

All in all, I would rate this kit as OK but if I really wanted to do a bang up job I would buy a newer Eduard kit. Except for the poor color information, I would recommend this kit for all modelers.

-OLD KIT REVIEW-



1/48 Lunar Module

Revell # H1842

Review by Sal Picattagio

Those of us who grew up in the 1960s can remember the Space Race. The Soviet Union and the US were each working (or so we thought) on a plan to land a man on the moon. In our case, we had a deadline of 1969, as set by JFK. As opposed to the science fiction stories of a single vehicle to launch from Earth, travel to and land on the Moon, and return, two vehicles were found to be more efficient. A Command/Service Module to carry the astronauts as well as provide the propulsion and supplies for a round trip, and a Lunar Module whose sole purpose was to convey two astronauts to the surface of the Moon and return them to the CSM.

Revell brought out its Lunar Module kit in 1968 (according to the copyright date on the instruction sheet), a year before the actual landings. Because of this, the model is not 100 percent accurate. There are a few differences between the model and the actual vehicle. Luckily, the shape of the LM is so odd it is hard to tell what is correct and what is not. A careful, detailed study of LM photos is required for that. Additionally, each LM was hand built with differences between each individual vehicle due to mission requirements. So to make an accurate model, a particular LM should be chosen, and photos found and studied. Luckily, the odd overall shape of the LM is captured very nicely, and an OOB model will look just fine.

Construction is broken up into 7 steps, each illustrated with black and white drawings. There is text explaining what goes where, as well as a Parts list and Paint guide for each step. The first three steps deal with the upper, ascent

NASA



stage, while the last four deal with the lower, descent stage. Oddly, there was no final step showing the two stages put together, but a few words explaining how this was done. The box art (a photo of the model) was probably considered good enough. The crew is provided: one figure to be glued inside the LM, with a second in a walking pose outside the vehicle.

Decals consist of an American flag and the words "United States". Not entirely correct, but close. The overall color of the vehicle is shown as white, with a few black panels and silver details here and there. This differs from the actual scheme of natural metal, some black panels, and a lot of gold (and some silver) mylar foil, especially on the descent stage. Later issues of this model provided the gold foil and called for silver paint. Mine (a 1968 issue, built in 1999) was white plastic, and I got the gold foil from a number of candy bars (Oh, the sacrifices we make!).

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The only noticeable inaccuracy (besides the shape problems) is the lack of RCS thrust deflectors, which are provided in some other LM models. Note this is not the same kit as the later Monogram 1/48 LM, as that was more accurate and provided a moon surface display base and some of the equipment set up around the landing site. My reference for this build was a 1979 British model magazine article detailing the color scheme for the Apollo 11 LM. I had originally built this model in 1968 as a 10 year old, and was glad to get a second chance. This was pure nostalgia for me. Give it a try! 🚀



Photo Essay

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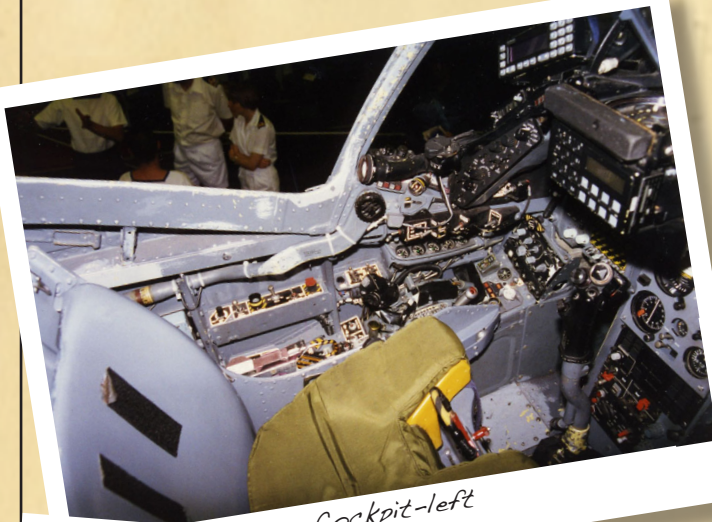
THE HARRIER FA.2 THE COCKPIT

By Steve Muth

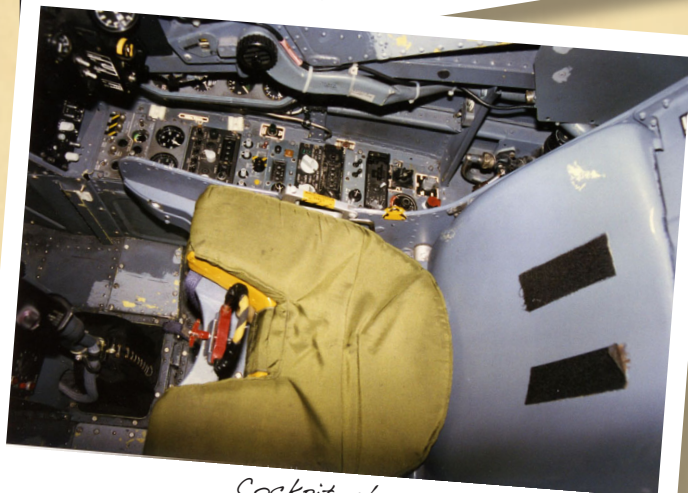
These photos were taken of an operational Harrier on the HMS Illustrious in NYC during Fleet Week on 5-14-96. It was with 801 Squadron. Fleet week is a good time to go and photograph operational aircraft. You also have the opportunity to visit the Intrepid Museum. Enjoy



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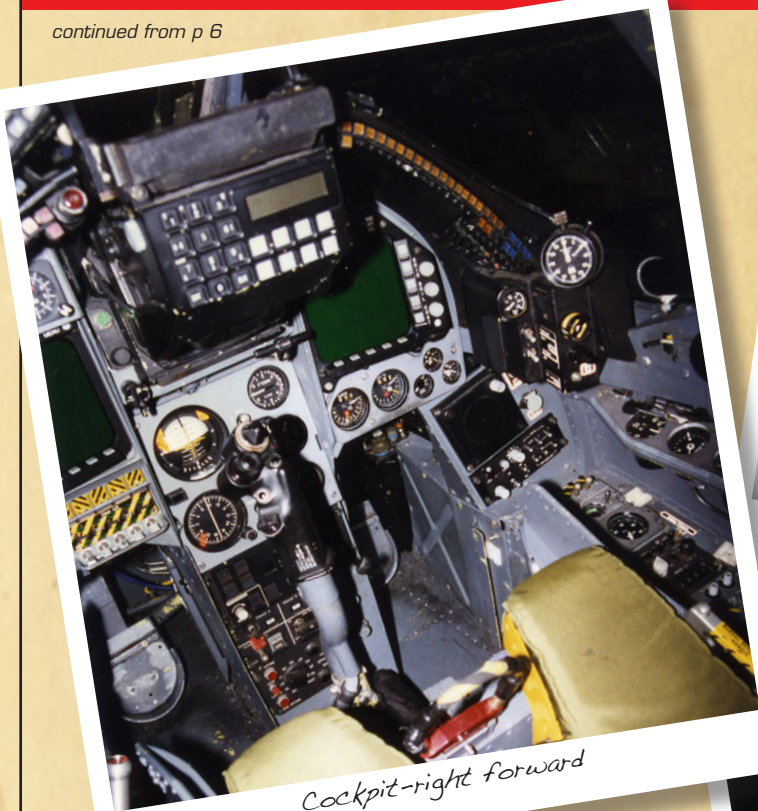


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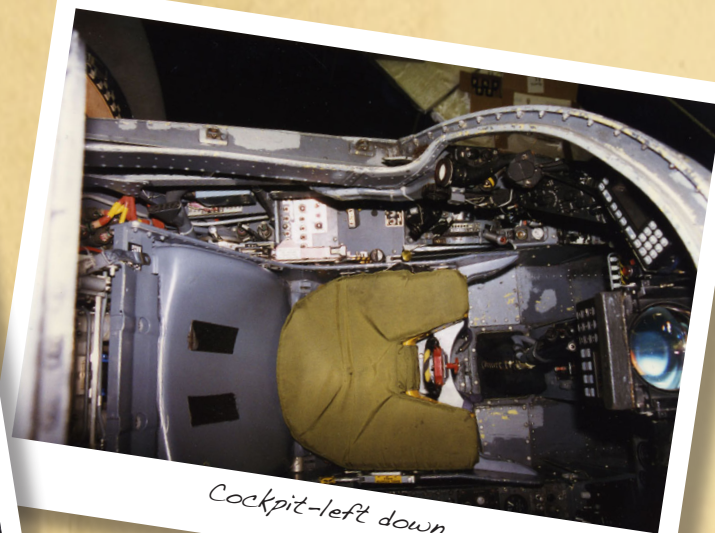
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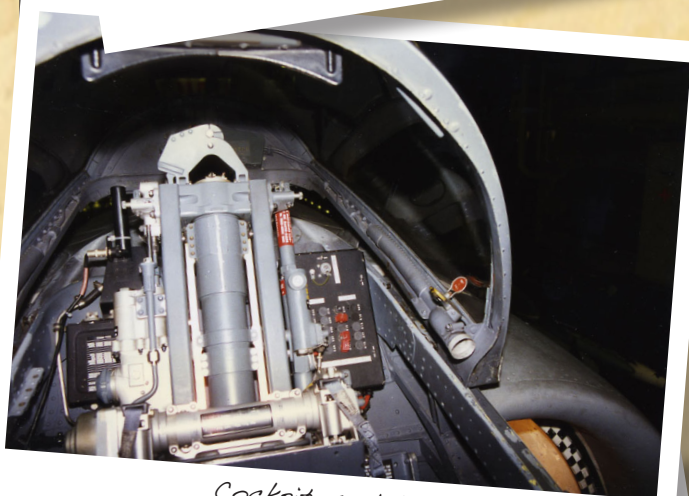
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Cockpit-right forward



Cockpit-left down



Cockpit-seat top



Cockpit-aft decking



Cockpit-left-rear canopy

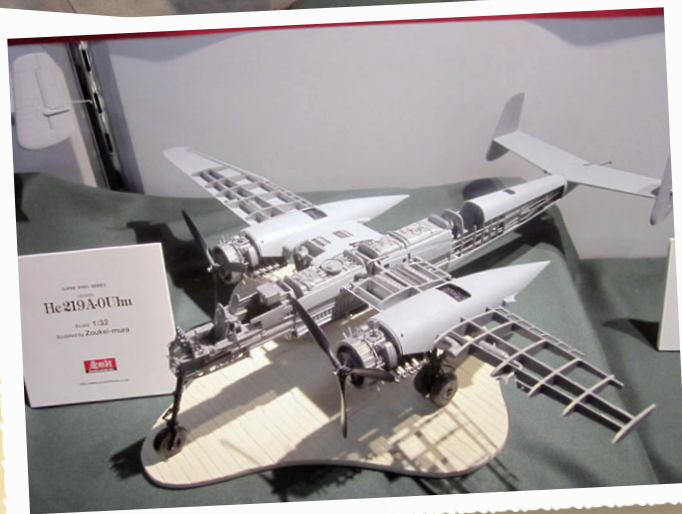


Cockpit-internal antenna

What's New...?

April 2012

Roger Carrano



ZOUKEI MURA

He219A-OUhu

Zoukei Mora has another 1/32 release. This time it's the He219A. I have to admit that I hadn't heard of it but nevertheless it looks kinda cool. There are numerous sub assemblies and it comes with two very detailed motors. I know from building the Skyraider that many of these sub assemblies are hidden once the kit was put together. The point being is that I hope that this kit doesn't do the same thing but I'm sure it will. Although

when built stripped down with the airframes showing, I guess you can see all those sub assemblies. To me it seems that building it in the "naked" version takes away from the looks of the aircraft, unless one would like to build two of them side by side. Yeah right!!! I also read that this kit will not be avail before 2013 and I just can't seem to find the price of this kit, although my guess would be at least \$175 or more. Lots of good stuff in there but let's move on.



UMM Micro Mitre Box

UMM have some neat tools as well as models. Their tools are for us modelers and can come in very handy for the stuff that we do. They also build & compete in the hobby of model building, so they have a pretty good idea of what works. They have just come out with a Mitre Box which can be useful for us who do a little scratch building. There are two kinds available. One makes cuts for 45 & 90 degree angles for \$19.50 retail and the other for a few dollars more at \$21.50 has three angles: 45, 60, & 90 degrees for 2 bucks more, so what the heck, but they can only be used with their saws which go for around \$20. I do have one and it's great. The Mitre Box is used to cut square ends, mitered corners and also makes perfect splices. The miter box has an adjustable stop so that if the need arises for multiple pieces they can all be exact.

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Great Wall Hobby TBD-1 Devastator

One night Bob Demaio and I went to a hobby shop and he picked up this box and showed it to me. It was from Great Wall Hobby and their new 1/48 scale TBD-1 was in the box. I should have bought it right there and then but we decided to wait and check it out by way of reviews and seeing how the parts on the sprues look. Well, Brett Green's review has convinced me to buy this kit ASAP. Every review states that this is just as good, if not better, than the P-61 that they just came out with. I've seen the P-61 from Fred and Bob and that seems to be a great kit. I guess the next time I get a chance this will be added to my pile but I also have a 1/32 TBD that I want to build also. I guess I'll have to flip a coin. These are available from Dragon Models for around \$65.

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Lamborghini Countach 5000

I'm not really sure if this is a new kit but I am a lover of this style Lamborghini. I have a RC model of this which I still cherish. Anyway, this kit seems like something that I could build somewhere down the line and after reading many positive reviews, I just may give it a shot. When I'm ready I'll have to ask the "car guys" for some advice on how to get that kind of a paint job like they do.



Well, I guess that's it for now so keep building.
Peace to you and yours,
Roger

-IN THE BAG KIT REVIEW-

By Steve Muth



Now here is something different! Does it go in aircraft or armor? Oh well... 1/35 scale works out to almost 27 feet in real life! The Pterandon represents the high point in Pterosaur development. It is believed to have been an ocean going reptile broadly equivalent to the albatross of today – but it had teeth! And, a leathery skin for the wings. The beak was undoubtedly horn covered and it had a pouch beneath the lower jaws, believed to have been for storing fish similar to pelicans of today. I don't know if I buy the albatross analogy. It doesn't seem to have soaring bird characteristics. I am sure it had a terrible glide ratio.

The kit is quite basic with a total of 8 parts consisting of 3 for the animal, 2 for the stand, 2 placards (one in English and one in Japanese) plus a silhouette of a man (presumably for scale). The parts are on two injection molded sprues of dark olive green styrene. The plastic appears to be quite soft and pliable. It should be an interesting build

as almost all the effort will go into the painting and finishing. The fingers and toes are a little clubby and will need some refinement. Injection gates are reasonable and there are no sink marks or injection stumps. There is some flash.

Coloring is a problem since no one really knows what the coloration was. So... you can let your deductive reasoning go wild. No one can say "I think that color should be a little grayer". Just look at the proliferation of colors of today's sea birds. Or maybe bats.

Anyway, I am looking forward to a model without a cockpit, landing gear wells, panel lines, oil stains, canopy or antennas. No fiddly bits. It should be fun.

Recommended, if you can find one, for all model building skills. I got mine from Gary Weickart at a recent meeting for \$5.00. Now, should I make it like a toucan with bright colors or more like a skimmer with drab coloring? Decisions, decisions.

Show Calendar Listing for 2012

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
April 7	NJIPMS Wayne, NJ	http://njipms.org	Sat
April 15	Buffcon 29 Knights of Columbus Club 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (Buffalo)	www.ipmsniagarafrontier.com	Sun
April 28 & 29,	2012Train Show American Airpower Museum 1230 New Highway, Farmingdale, NY	www.trainville.com	Sat-Sun
May 5 & 6	2012Noreastcon 41 The American Airpower Museum 1230 New Highway, Farmingdale, NY	www.lisms.org	Sat-Sun
May 18 & 19	MFC 71st Annual Show Valley Forge Convention Center King of Prussia, PA	www.MFCAShow.com	Fri-Sat
Aug. 8 thru 11	IPMS National Convention Orlando, FL	http://www.ipmsusa.org	Wed-Sat
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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