





Next meeting date:

Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

**Domenico's Italian Restaurant** Heampstead Turnpike & Jerusalem Ave.

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# IN THE PILOT SEAT

Our next gathering is not at Levittown Library, but at our annual food eating holiday party on Monday, December 17th at Domenico's Italian Restaurant at 7 pm. You don't have to be there on time if you get home from work and need a little extra time to attend. Instead of the pizza bash,

we have stepped up to a sit down dinner. You have all received an e-mail last month along with the dinner choices. I do not need your choices but I do want you to notify me if you are attending. Current members are free and wives will be \$20.00 extra toward the meal. If you wish to bring your children we will buy a pizza for them to share. We asked Fred to invite the SSMC members to our party and some of them will join us. Fred will supplement their party funds toward the dinners. The restaurant is in a shopping center on the southwest corner of Hempstead Tpke & Jerusalem Ave. Below link is the website for further directions and map or you can Google it. Domenico's is in the corner of the stores.

http://newyork.citysearch.com/profile/7514677/levittown\_ny/domenico\_s\_restaurant\_pizzeria.html

I should have our website updated before you get this newsletter. We collected another carton of models and magazines to send to our troops. Most of these models came from Fred and a couple of SSMC members. LISMS spent a few dollars at Men-at-Arms to purchase 24 jars of Acrylic paint, more glue and a few brushes as well. A piece of home while they are on down time and away from their families.

Prepare your building abilities for a club contest in January. No particular theme or special build. We are only four months away from Spring Fever and remember our RepLIcon 26 show on April 13th. I do not have enough 2013 Hobby show dates to publish and will collect them for the January newsletter and website calendar. We don't know what Tri-state facilities were damaged during Hurricane Sandy that may impact shows planned.

I just found out an answer to a question that I had occasionally wondered yet never asked anyone in LISMS. Who came up with the name for RepLIcon? Well, he has been out of touch with the club for about five years and has come back last meeting to rejoin. Bill Schmidt. We welcome him back! That brings us to the size of the club. We have grown in numbers and noticed the past meetings have had standing room only with 34 members attending of 55 members in the chapter. We are looking into another larger facility, possibly the Community Center in Levittown we once met.

Remember that our new website is www.

lisms-ipms.org. Just think, another New
Year is about to begin. From myself
and your board members, we wish
you all a happy, healthy and
safe holiday season!

Happy New Year too!

Build a model!





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The Wasserfall was the first modern guided A-A missile system. The project was started in 1943. Initially it was to be guided by ground radar but later was switched to remote control by a ground operator. The first launch was conducted on February 29, 1944 with 34 more subsequent launches. About 20 were successful. Some sources claim up to 51 were produced. In the beginning of 1945 a smaller, cheaper version, the W10, was designed using less strategic materials but apparently never reached the hardware stage. It is not known if any Wasserfall were fired against allied aircraft but the first batterie, Rhineland A, was captured by US troops in Hartz.

There are 39 injection molded parts, 3 P.E. parts and 6 resin parts but no decals. The molded parts are nicely molded with little or no flash and no sink marks. The injection stubs are in unobtrusive places. In addition to the missle proper, there are parts for a launching base plus two trestle stands for static display. All fins are solid making for nice sharp leading and trailing edges. The instruction sheet is a folded 4 page affair with exploded view assembly instructions and includes a parts tree diagram and a short history. All parts are packaged in a Ziploc bag with the resin and P.E. in a separate small plastic bag.

This is a small model, less than 4 inches in 1/72nd scale. The real one was 25 feet 8 inches. Assembly would be straight forward except there are no locating pins or tabs and only vague instructions as to where the fins go. The model will have to be jigged very carefully. The instructions are of some help but not completely satisfactory. If you get all the flying surfaces aligned properly it should make up into a very attractive model. It would have been nice to have a bunch of stencil decals but with the paucity of sur-

viving photos and data their absence is understandable.

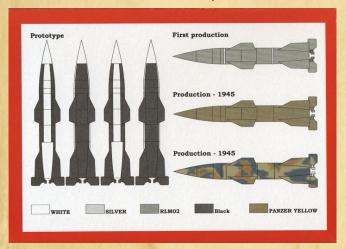
The box is a sturdy, end opening affair with nice art work on the top and painting diagrams for four schemes but I am suspicious of their authenticity, particularly the varigated green, brown and gray one reminiscent of some of the V-2 camouflage schemes.

My only real complaint is the brevity of information on the flying surfaces and complete lack of locating pins and tabs. Recommended only for an experienced modeler.

#### References:

- 1. German Guided Missiles by Rowland Pocock, Arco Publishing, 1967, HB, 120 pages. 3 pages plus.
- 2. Rockets & Missiles by Bill Gunston, Salamander Books, 1979, HB, 264 pages. 1 page.
- 3. Germany's Secret Weapons in World War II by Roger Ford, MBI Publishing, 2000, HB, 144 pages. 2 pages plus.

There are numerous web sites that can be accessed by Googling in Wasserfall. Some videos and pics of one at the Air Force museum outside Dayton.



# Photo Essay

This is the conclusion of the photos series of F-94C-1-LO, s/n 51-13575, taken at the New England Air Museum, in Connecticut. Part three covers the nose and main landing gear and wells. The aircraft is /was outdoors and is slowly deteriorating but is complete in what appears to be arctic colors. The NEAM is

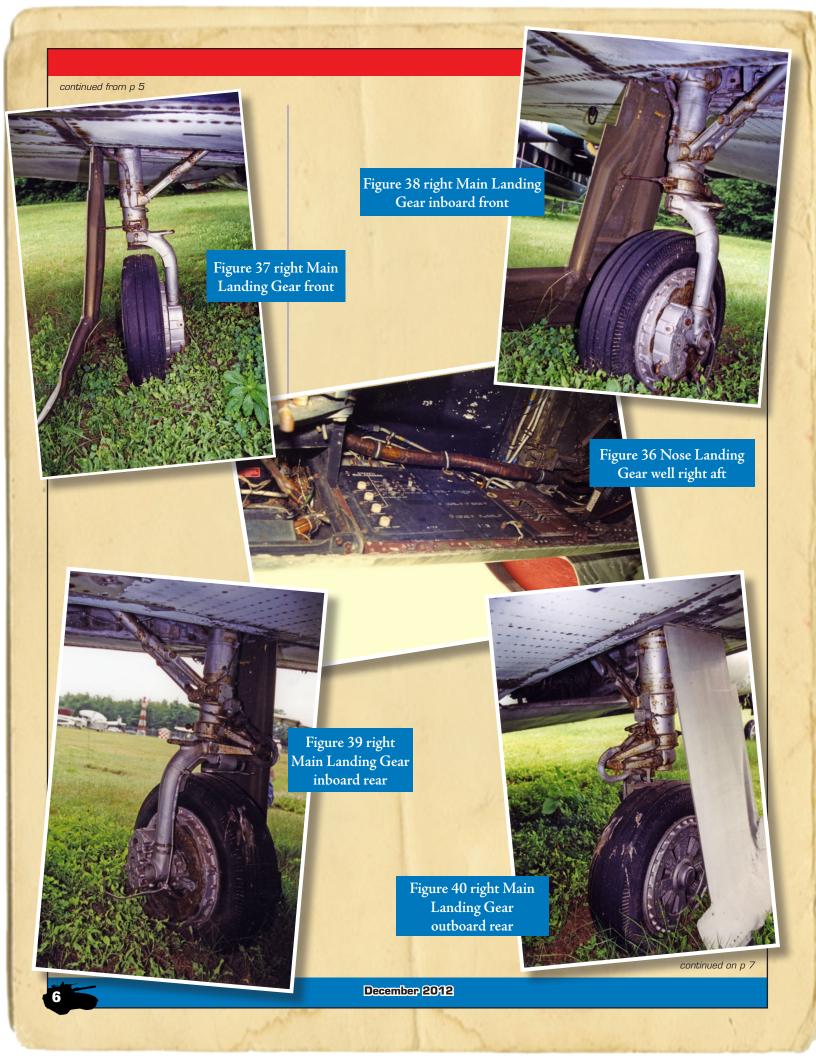
a fantastic museum and only about a two hour drive away near the Bradley International Airport in the North West corner of the state. The outside aircraft are in the open and access is not restricted. Look them up on the web.

All pics except where noted are by S. Muth



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# 1/40 NIKE HERCULES

by Revel, #1804

Review by Steve Muth

The Nike Hercules was a nuclear tipped anti aircraft missile some of which were based on Long Island. One can be seen at the American Airpower Museum at Republic Field in Hempstead. There is a Nike site in Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook, New Jersey at the Gateway NRA on a barrier peninsula at the entrance to lower New York Harbor. Tours are given once a week Spring through fall. Call 732 872-5970 for more information.

Considering its age, this is a good kit and we should be grateful Revell is re releasing it and some other missile kits of the era – like the Corporal and Honest John. Maybe we will be treated to a Nike Ajax, Terrier and or------ in the future. It is not likely any main stream manufacturer will retool it/ them in the foreseeable future.

Now to the kit – First off, the box art is from the original 1958 release and is great! Opening the then standard top opening box you see all the plastic sealed in a plastic bag along with a full size 12 page instruction booklet with detailed instructions. Also included is a great decal sheet with markings, placards and stencils. Inside the bag you get 20 white styrene parts for the missile and booster, 44 parts for the launcher/erector and 6 parts for three figures. As with many kits of the era, there are working features on the launcher and boiler plate rivets all over the missile. Due to the age of the molds and multiple re releases, there is a fair amount of flash. There are large sink marks on the backs of the figures and small sink marks all over the launcher. The missile itself is much better but does have a few dimples. The shape looks good and when completed it should build up into a dramatic model.

Build it as an exercise in nostalgia or spend a little time and effort on it and have a really nice display. Recommended.





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