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Next meeting date:  
**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:30 pm to 10 pm**  
**Levittown Public Library**  
 1 Bluegrass Lane, Levittown, NY.

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## IN THE PILOT SEAT

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! I certainly hope we all have a healthy and safe year rolling in. Please keep your thoughts and prayers going for your Vice President, Roger while he fights his throat cancer. The doctors are very optimistic but more support prayers for him will be helpful. As you

know, Roger was feeding us New Modeling Items in the newsletter and this will be put on the back burner until Roger is well enough to continue. If any members would like to pick up Roger's input to the newsletter, please do so and send them to Steve, our Editor at [sgmuth@optonline.net](mailto:sgmuth@optonline.net).

Well, need I say more that our Holiday Party was a huge success! The food was great and we only received rave reviews from the members who attended. I posted the pictures on our website a couple of days later. Member feedback sounds like we need a repeat next year.

We have a contest night on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Yes we know Martin Luther King Day is observed but the library is open and the meeting is on. No particular theme or special build. But our next club contest scheduled for June will have a 'Freddie' twist in it. You will have plenty of notice from now on before each contest. Our new website will always be up to date and future meetings will be on the calendar as we plan them. We are open for suggestions!

I know that we have had my friend Bob Guce at our shows to talk to visitors about his 50cal Quad Gunner experiences in Vietnam, but we haven't asked him to be a guest at our club meeting. He offered to do it months ago and I thought it might be a good time at our February meeting. I will send out his Bio to members a few weeks in advance. If you wish to invite anyone to attend outside the club, neighbors, relatives, friends, or other veterans you know, bring them along. If February isn't a good month, March will be the alternate month. Just remember that our February meeting will be the 25<sup>th</sup> because President's Day is observed the 18<sup>th</sup>.

I did mention last month that we are searching for a new larger meeting place. Doug and I have several leads that we have to look into before we present it to the membership. We haven't had the opportunity to connect during the holiday weeks.

This newsletter contains a new concise show calendar for 2013 with spring date events. Remember that our new website is [www.lisms-ipms.org](http://www.lisms-ipms.org).

Build a model!

*Bob*







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# HAWK MOBILE ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILE SYSTEM

by Renwal/Revell, #7813

Review by Steve Muth

The Hawk was intended to engage low flying aircraft beneath the coverage of the Nike system. It was first deployed in 1959, with the US Army, and served until the early 21st century. In addition, It has served with two dozen countries and has been steadily improved over the years. Its mobility enables it to move with the battle line and can even be positioned near big cities because its radar system was programmed to avoid recognizable cit profiles. It has a solid propellant motor and can be fitted with several different warheads.

This is another Revell reissue of an old kit, this time Renwal hawk missile kit from the late 50s or early 60s. They have retained the same box and art work and it looks great!

So... what do you get? You get 1 nice decal, 103 parts (62 for the launcher and radar and 21 for the three missiles), and a very nice and complete 12 page instruction booklet with a table of parts. Other manufacturers would do well to emulate it. There are also four figures.

The parts are molded in a gray styrene plastic with no obvious shrink marks and (except for the figures) minimal flash. The molds have stood up well for being over 50 years old and still yield nice crisp parts. Commendably, the decal sheet has decals for the placards found on the launcher and radar.

Revell have taken over the Renwal name and presumably the molds. Maybe, maybe there will be a reissue of the Nike Ajax. That would be nice. Then I could have a group consisting of the Wasserfall (Daddy of them all), Nike Ajax, Nike Hercules, and a Russian SA-2 Guideline and if I really wanted to go wild throw in a Patriot. Who knows, if we live long enough there is no telling what old mold will be dusted off. A lot of the old kits had very good basic shapes and can be the basis of some really good models.

If you like missiles or just want something different this kit is recommended. 🚀



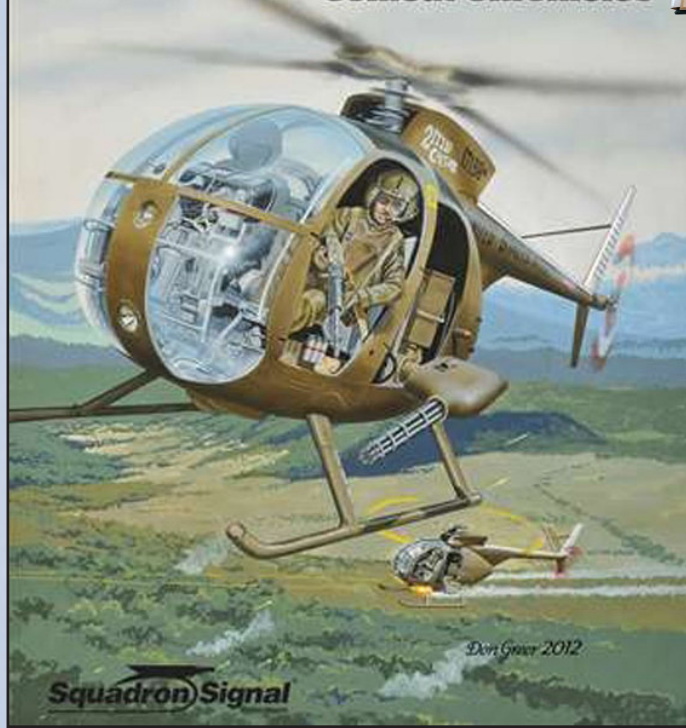


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# Aeroscouts in Vietnam

Wayne Mutza

Combat Chronicles

BOOK  
REVIEW

## AERO SCOUTS IN VIETNAM COMBAT CHRONICLES

By Wayne Mutza  
Squadron Signal Publications  
#36003, 136 pages

Review by Lou Correr

Wayne Mutza served in helicopters in the Army and is a well known author for his books on Vietnam. He combined first person accounts and background history to create an excellent account of the Aero Scouts in Vietnam. In the back of the book there's a glossary for those of us unfamiliar with the many military terms and slang. As is usual for Squadron books there are lots of photographs. Many are in color and there are quite a few personal photos.

The Aero Scouts started out using Bell OH-13 helicopters, like those in the movie M.A.S.H., and similar looking Hiller OH-23G helicopters. Neither of which afforded much protection. Hughes great performing and much beloved OH-6A was the most

widely used helicopter in the scout role. It was versatile and fairly rugged and actually afforded its crew some protection in a crash. Lots of pics of crashed OH-6s, many of which were able to be rebuilt. There's a story in there about one forced down with a damaged rotor blade where they removed the damaged blade and the opposite one and flew it back with only two blades! Later in the war they began using Bell OH-53 Kiowas.

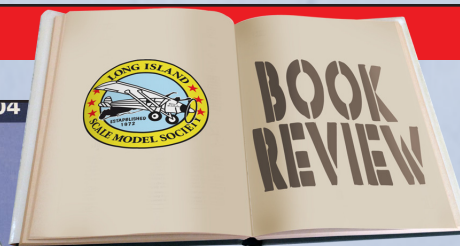
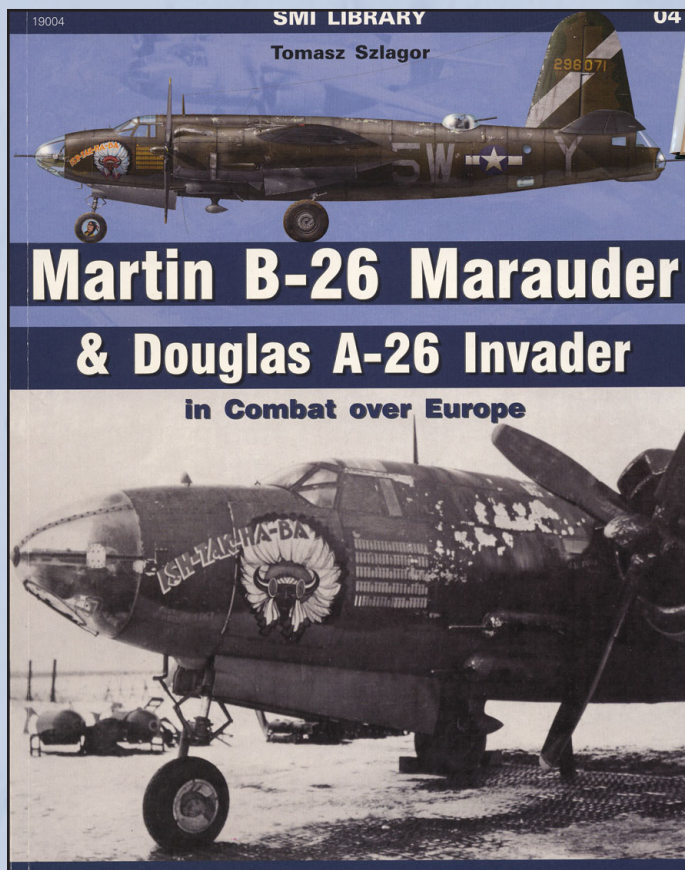
Losses were very high due to their up close and personal proximity to the enemy. The Scouts would fly low and slow, skimming the tops of the trees, which could have booby traps, looking for signs of enemy activity. Footprints by rivers or streams, makeshift shelters, maybe a bike by a

tree, supplies, etc. They went looking for trouble and usually found it!

Of course they had some bite of their own. In addition to a mini gun they usually had a free mounted M-60 for use by their observer and / or crew chiefs and many smoke, white phosphorous, or regular grenades and sometimes home made bombs which could be more dangerous to the crew than the enemy! They also carried a variety of personal sidearms.

As is true in any war the personal stories tell of combat missions, fear, unbelievable acts of heroism, humor, luck, and of course, acts of stupidity that get people killed or wounded. I was fascinated by this book and highly recommend it to anyone interested in the Vietnam war. 🇺🇸





## Martin B-26 Marauder & Douglas A-26 Invader IN COMBAT OVER EUROPE

By Tomasz Szlagor, Kagero  
Publishing, 88 pages, 2012  
Lublin, Poland, \$12.00


Review by Steve Muth

This book is primarily a photo book with informative captions. The photos are, by and large, all large and well produced, coming from the National Archives at NARA. Text and captions are bi-lingual, side by side in Polish and English. While not aimed at modelers, the book contains many photos of worn and/or damaged aircraft with lots of nose art. Also included is a decal sheet for one specific aircraft, "Valkyrie", in the three most common scales: 1/72, 1/48, and 1/32 scale.

The primary focus of the book is the B-26 marauder, with 71 pages. The invader has 17 pages devoted to it. The images cover the European and Mediterranean Theater of operations. Most of the photos are new to this author. It is not just a rehash of well used photos. Someone went to a lot

of trouble to gather all these photos together.

There are nine B-26 color profiles with both sides of each aircraft plus scrap views of the nose art. One is of natural metal, one has camouflage upper and natural metal bottom and the rest are olive green. All are reproduced on good quality opaque paper. And, of course, one of them is the subject of the decal sheet. The decal is printed by Cartograf and has excellent registration and reproduction. Even the stencils are readable in 1/72 scale! Very nice.

The B-26 Marauder has to be one of the sleekest aircraft of the Second World War. If you like the B-26 then you should buy this book. Between this book and the recent Squadron Walk Around book you will have the aircraft covered. Recommended. 







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# NAKAJIMA KI-43 III KOH

by Fine Molds, #FB-3

Review by Fred Seitz

I have always been a fan of the Ki-43, 'Oscar' and have built many of them over the years.

Hasegawa makes a fine kit of the type in both the early type I, and in two versions of the second type II. Nichimo makes what I feel is the best version of the 'Oscar' in any scale hands down. However, if it's a late war type III 'Oscar' you want, then the only choice left is the Finemold kit.

Finemolds, are expensive kits. I always had heard that they were an extension of the Hasegawa brand, but I don't know if that's true. The first thing I noticed upon opening the box was that the surface detail of the kit was very soft. As a matter of fact, detail was soft throughout the entire kit and in my opinion, with a kit that costs as much as these do; there should be a lot MORE detail.


Moving along from that issue, the fit of the kit's parts wasn't as good as I had

hoped either. There were small issues just about everywhere from the cowl flaps to the tail planes. These fit issues are dealt with easily enough, and the kit will build into a very nice looking model but, again I point to the cost of the kit, and for what it DOES cost, there should be A LOT more detail, and less fit issues.

The instruction sheet is in Japanese with very few references to the build sequence in English. There are a few, but for the most part everything is in Japanese. Thank goodness the pictures are clear, and that you can figure out what the hell is going on from them.

Decals are thick and appear to be heavy, BUT will go on and lay down very well with liberal amounts of setting solution. I used Solvaset and it did the job. A nice thing about the kit is that they give you the markings for six Ki-43 s, with four of those, being flown by some of Japan's top pilots, a very good selection.

In closing, in spite of my complaining about the cost versus detail versus fit issues the kit has, I did enjoy the kit and had fun building it. There are other more detailed and less costly kits of the Ki-43 on the market by Nichimo and Hasegawa, but they are all of earlier variants. If you want to build a late war 'Hayabusa', then Finemold's Ki-43-III is the only way to go.

I finished my model in the markings of Sgt Sou Okabe, 1st Chutai, 48th Hiko Sentai, Nanking China in August of 1945. I used Aeromaster Enamels, (Remember them?) in both dark and medium JAAF green, over a natural metal under surface. I used thinned oils and pastel chalks for the weathering, Testor's chrome silver for paint chipping and stretched sprue for the antenna. The kit was strictly OOB. 











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# E15K NORM

**Aoshima**

Review by Sal Picattagio



The Kawanishi E15K Shiun (Violet Cloud) was designed in the late 1930s as a high speed floatplane. Its high speed was to enable it to escape pursuit by enemy fighters. The original design was to have a jettisonable center float with retractable wing tip floats, helping to give it that high speed. The aircraft used contra-rotating propellers, a first for Japanese airplanes, as well as a laminar flow wing (an extremely clean and efficient airfoil section, also used by the P-51 Mustang). Unfortunately, the jettison mechanism did not work too well, and by the time the aircraft entered service, the fighters it faced were far too superior in performance. A small number of these airplanes were sent into action for combat evaluation and were quickly destroyed. Because of this, production was terminated after only 15 were built. The aircraft was given the Allied code name Norm.

This is an Aoshima 1/72 scale kit. Sometime in the 1960s, they pro-

duced kits of a number of little known Japanese WW2 airplanes. The series included the A7M Reppu (successor fighter of the A6M Zero), the M6A1 Seiran (Panama Canal floatplane bomber), the E16A1 Zuiun floatplane, and the C6N Saiun recon airplane. They are typical 1960s kits. Few parts, little detail, not great decals, and to boot, some weren't 1/72 scale (though this kit apparently was).

Until Tamiya, Fujimi, MPM and others stepped in, these were the only kits available of these airplanes. I believe that Aviation USK released an E15K, but is no longer in production (try E-Bay). I was able to pick up this E15K a number of years ago as a bagged kit. It went together very quickly (few parts), and I didn't bother to add much detail. A pilot's and gunner's seat were made up, as the canopy was clear but thick, and you can't see too much after it goes on. I also added

struts to replicate the tip float's retraction struts. The ailerons were separate parts, and I glued them on deflected-one up and one down. Stretched sprue was used for the antenna wire, and I used the kit supplied stand. It was simple to construct, made of clear plastic, and allows the model to be displayed in a dignified pose, and not leaning on one tip float.

Wanting something different, I decided on a prototype color scheme—the Japanese painted their prototypes and trainers orange. Online photos showed a black cowling, so this was done, too. I used hinomarus (Japanese rising sun insignia) from an aftermarket decal sheet, and painted the warning stripe on the central float. If I were to do another, I might go for the operational colors of green over gray to contrast with this one. I am very happy with the results, as I feel this was a very attractive airplane (but not through my efforts!).







## Show Calendar Listing for 2013

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
April 6	NJIPMS Mosquitocon Wayne, NJ	<a href="http://njipms.org">http://njipms.org</a>	Sat
April 13	RepLicon 26 130 Merrick Avenue Freeport, NY 11520	<a href="http://www.lisms-ipms.org">http://www.lisms-ipms.org</a>	Sun
April 14	Buffcon 30 Knights of Columbus Club 2735 Union Rd Checktowaga, NY	<a href="http://www.ipmsniagarafontier.com/">http://www.ipmsniagarafontier.com/</a>	Sun
May 3-4	Noreastcon 42 Radisson Inn 175 Jefferson Rd. Rochester, NY	<a href="http://www.ipmsrochester.org">http://www.ipmsrochester.org</a>	Fri-Sat
May 10 & 11	MFCA 71st Annual Show Valley Forge Convention Center King of Prussia, PA	<a href="http://www.MFCAShow.com">www.MFCAShow.com</a>	Fri-Sat
Aug. 7-10	IPMS 2013 National Convention Colorado	<a href="http://www.ipmsusa.org">www.ipmsusa.org</a>	Wed-Sat
Sept. TBA	AMPSEAST 2012 Crown Plaza Danbury	<a href="http://www.militarymodelers.org">www.militarymodelers.org</a>	Fri-Sat
Oct. TBA	Model Fest '11 Knights of Columbus Hall 625 Bridgeport Avenue Milford, CT 0646	<a href="http://www.ipmsstratford.org/">http://www.ipmsstratford.org/</a>	Sun
Oct. 19	HVHMG Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie	<a href="http://www.hvhmg.com">www.hvhmg.com</a>	Sat
Nov. TBA	LIARS Freeport, NY	<a href="http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars">http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars</a>	Sat
Nov. TBA	Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center Merrick Rd. Freeport,	<a href="http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com">http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com</a>	Sat

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