



## Next meeting date: Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm to 10 pm

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# **IN THE PILOT SEAT**

It's February already! It's the month of Valentime Day and we all should be in love with our model building! Well, shouldn't we or is my age thinking on the wrong track? I'm ready to start a model that has been on my list for a while but I have to finish what I'm doing. I'm the type of

builder that gets enthused to build a kit and focus on it to the end. There were times when I had to push it aside to build an IPMS review kit and when finished, only to force that renewed feeling to continue what I set aside. Know what's good for your building happiness.

Here it is again, we meet on February 25th because our normal date is President's day and the library is closed. We have a special night planned. Bob Guce will be our guest speaker, a fellow co-worker, friend, and a Vietnam Vet. He has been at our shows the past 3 years. For those in our club who have not spoken to him about his military service, you will be impressed to hear his experiences on the 50cal Quad on a 5 ton truck. Attached with this newsletter, I'm sending a Bio for you to read before-hand. Bob will answer questions and if you wish, will autograph this Bio or whatever. We need to give Bob all the time necessary so I will not be using any time toward the business portion. I'd like to get Bob started by 7:45 so please try to arrive early. Why not bring in any Vietnam built models to add to the theme? If by chance Mother Nature hits us with a storm, you will be notified by e-mail of a postponement. You are welcome to ask relatives, friends and neighbors to attend Bob's presentation.

Fred will give out the Contest winner ribbons early (7:35). Looking ahead, our next club contest will be in June. Fred will announce a theme attached to it.

For those of you who were not at January's meeting, you did not get the updated RepLIcon news. Even if FEMA is occupying the Gym there in April, the show will go on! We will have use of the other two rooms. They are being held for us as backup. We were told we should have a definite answer in March. I am doing extra floor plans for either situation.

Anyone who wishes info on Noreastcon in Rochester in May can go to their website for it. They are sending out flyers and advertising.

Build a model!





# The Heinkel He 219 'Uhu'

A Detailed Guide To The <u>Luftwaff</u>e's Ultimate Nightfighter



# Published by Valiant Wings, 2012, SB, 98 pages plus wrap, - \$33.00

Reviewed by Steve Muth

All you would ever need to super detail a He 219, all in one volume. And, it is priced reasonably! It consists mostly of well captioned photographs and drawings from the He 219A-0 Flugzeug-Handbuch and from the NASM restoration effort. Both pre and post restoration photographs are included (Except for the wings, which are still in progress. The cockpit, interior and exterior of the fuselage, engines and landing gear are well covered in both color and black and white.

This book is aimed directly at the modeler and with the recent He 219 releases by Revell and others, it is very timely. Twenty two pages are devoted to sketches and commentary on all the different variants, three pages to the history of the NASM's sole surviving example, twelve pages of Camouflage and Markings (with a few color photographs and 15 color profiles), three pages reviewing Revell's new 1/32 He 219 kit and four pages listing and illustrating the many kits, accessories, decals and publications on the He 219. This author had no idea there were so many of each. The one thing it is not is a treatise on the He 219. Only the two pages of the Preface are devoted to the history of the type.

The only real negative is the lack of an index.

Highly recommended to all Luftwaffe and He 219 fans and even if you are not.



I've been on somewhat of a kick with Japanese aircraft lately. No real reason for it, I got involved in a Japanese group build over on Fine Scale Modeler and I just got into it. This is the second of four Japanese planes I am in the midst of, and I can say that the vast variations of color schemes and aircraft types really give a modeler a super amount of choices of aircraft to build.

The subject of this review is Tamiya's Mitsubishi Ki-46, which is a very nice kit. It's always a safe bet that, when you get a hold of a Tamiya kit, you'll be rewarded with a good, well-engineered kit and a good build experience.

At first glance the model has nice surface detail and very crisp moldings. The fit is very nice and not a lot of putty or sanding will be needed to put this one together. As I built the model, that was indeed true, as not much surgery WAS necessary.

Instructions were clear and easy to

# 1/48 KI-46 DINAH HYAKUSHIKI SHITEI III, KAI Air Defense Fighter by Tamiya, #61056

Review by Fred Seitz

understand, and were pretty much what you would expect of Tamiya. Starting with the cockpit through the fuselage, wings, engines, landing gear and final assembly, the build was smooth and easy. It was an enjoyable build from start to finish.

If I had to name drawbacks with the kit, I would have this: the level of detail was a little soft in both the cockpits and the wheel wells. One of the reasons I posed the canopies in the closed position was due in large part to that lack of interior detail. A model builder, who is into detailing, could

do a lot with this kit. Decals were also a bit thick, BUT did 'play nice' with Solvaset solution. There are three choices of markings for the 'Dinah', one in a brownish color. and two in a dark army green. Ι picked the later because there

was a good contrast between the markings and the paint.

I chose a Ki-46 from the 16th Dokuritsu Hikotai, which was an independent fighter squadron tasked with protecting the Japanese home islands from the increasing B-29 raids.





# LISMS Club Contest Results for January 21, 2013

There was a nice turn out for the first contest of the year, as you can see from the pictures. We have Bob DeMaio to thank for the photos. Due to the snow and early exodus Bob

**AIRCRAFT** 

was unable to photograph all the models, so some are missing Sorry about that. Any error in the captions are mine. Enjoy!

# AUTOMOTIVE

| AIRCRAFI                              | A-L 1:43 scale and I  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| AC-1 1:72 and smaller                 |                       |
| 1st "Spirit of St Louis"Joe Yeage     | 1st Mc Larren M8A     |
|                                       | 2nd "Mr. S & 50" Sup  |
| 2nd SB-2 (Captured)Ray O'Neill        | Figures               |
| 3rd SA-16"Albatross"Duayne Yorke      | e e                   |
| AC-2 1:48 Scale                       | F Figures, All Types  |
|                                       | 1st Roman Centouri    |
| 1st Ki-43 III "Oscar"Freddie Seitz    | Armor                 |
| 2nd Fw-190A-5Kevin Batterman          |                       |
| AC-3 Larger than 1:48 Scale           | AR-S Smaller than 1   |
| 5                                     | 1st U.S. Desert Vehic |
| 1st Albatross D-VJoe Haberkorn        | AR-L 1:48 Scale an    |
| 2nd J2M1 "Jack"Bob Demaio             |                       |
| AC-4 Vac Forms and Converts           | 1st Gaz-AA Truck      |
|                                       | 1st Crossley Armored  |
| 1st Republic AT-12 TrainerRay O'Neill | 2nd T-34              |
|                                       |                       |

Larger A.....Jim Boulukos perstock ..... Eric Goldschrafe s and Scales rian .....Joe Yeager 1:48 Scale icles .....Joe Yeager nd Larger .....Joe Yeager ed Car.....Bill Koppos .....Kevin Batterman 3rd Jagdtiger .....Bob DeMaio



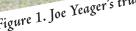






Figure 3. Joe Yeager's Roman Centurian 1st place in Figures



Figure 4. Marshall Voizard's Sherman tank



Figure 5. Bob DeMaio's Jagdtiger - 3rd in AR-L





Figure 7. Joe Yeager's M-3 Stuart



Figure 8. Joe Yeager's group of mid east armored vehicles - 1st place AR-S







Figure 15. Ray O'Neill's SB-2 captured by the Swedes - 2nd in AC-1

Figure 14. Duane Yorke's SA-16 Albatross







Figure 17. Kevin Batterman's Fw 190A-5 - 2nd in AC-2



Figure 18. Nick Buro's Albatross D.V



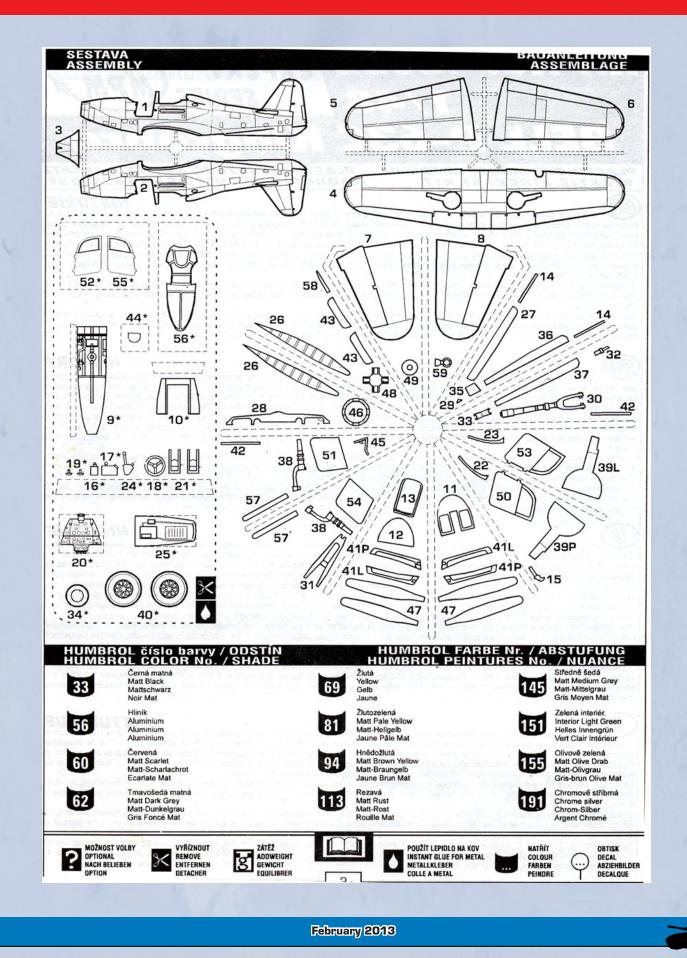
This kit is basically a P-63C with an additional resin fin/rudder to allow you to make a P-63F which has a taller fin with a large fillet. All the parts come on three sprues and a bag of resin parts. There are also three vacuform parts for the canopy and doors in a separate bag and two decal sheets, also in a separate bag.

The 16 resin parts are commendably crisp and petite and the decals have excellent registration and color. The 55 styrene parts are good for a limited run kit. There is some flash, particularly on the small pieces. On my kit there are two shallow sink marks on one of the wing upper surfaces. The recessed panel lines are nicely done and very petite, however, the surfaces of the parts is rather coarse. They will require some sanding and polishing if a natural metal finish is desired. As with most limited run kits the sprue gates are rather thick, but not as bad as some I have seen. There are no locating pins or tabs. Each elevator/horizontal stabilizer is a one piece affair, resulting in nice trailing edges. But, there is not even a tab for location. It will have to be pinned. The propeller blades are separate and will need to be jigged. The cockpit looks to be good thanks to the resin parts but the wheel wells are very rudimentary. The landing gear struts and exhaust parts are rather clunky and crude. There is no engine or figures.

The instructions are of the exploded view style with 11 steps. Included are a nice set of 3 views and a parts layout diagram. There is a cockpit photo but it is so bad as to be useless. Overall the instructions are adequate. There are decals and stencils for 4 aircraft – one P-63F of the USAAF, one P-63F Thompson trophy Racer # 21, one P-63C of the French AF and one P-63C of the USSR. As I said, the decals look good with bright colors and good registration.

I have read that the P-63 was MPMs first foray into injection molding after their vacu-forming kits. The moldings reflect this but they are the only game in town in 1/48th and we should be grateful that it is a reasonable affair for a limited run kit. And, it does fill a hole in the 1/48 kit world. The scribing is nicely done, the sink marks few, and overall it appears that a nice model can be made from it. Perhaps, the landing gear and some odd bits from a modern day P-39 kit would ease the effort some.

If you want a P-63 Kingcobra then buy it. There are several different boxings of it.



# **Show Calendar Listing for 2013**

See Bob DeMaio for details

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

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