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*Happy Holidays*

2014

*Happy New Year*

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Don't forget,  
Dinner at  
Delmenico's

12/16  
7pm



Next meeting date:  
**Monday, December 16th**  
**7:30 pm to 10 pm**  
**Levittown Public Library**  
 1 Bluegrass Lane, Levittown, NY.

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## IN THE PILOT SEAT

Food time! Not food fight! The food is too good to throw around even if at your best friend. All roads lead to Domenico's at 3270-A Hempstead Tpk, Levittown, NY 11756. It's at the southwest corner of Hempstead Tpk and Jerusalem Ave/Gardiners Ave, in the King Kullen shopping center. Domenico's is in the corner. We have the place at 7:00 pm. At this time we have 36 people attending. You still have time to let me know if I need to add participants. As of now, we do not have any children attending this year.

Placing a club order on Black Friday to Squadron was a great idea! Squadron took off some of their discounted prices before putting on the 50% off sale, raising some kits back up to the list price. This wasn't obvious until you plugged in the kit number, but was still a huge savings. Squadron offered a Pre-Black Friday on Wednesday, so Doug and I thought it best not to wait until Friday. I placed the order and there were three items not in stock. Doug had continued to collect orders and he sent in another on Black Friday. Keep this in mind for next year as Thanksgiving approaches. We will do it again. Doug and I will bring your items to the dinner. If you ordered items from both of us, you will need to pay us separately with a check or cash.

Nick Buro offered to do a clinic on wood aircraft propellers for the January meeting. We look forward to Nick's clinic for he has been building fantastic aircraft models for many years. I think we will schedule a club contest for March before Mosquitocon and our regional.

I have heard from Roger. He was able to call me while he was having a good day. All he will say at this time is that he is scheduled to have surgery on his throat December 19th. I will send out an e-mail to members about his condition. It appears that this will be a long and patient recovery. Any and all prayers are needed for him and his family.

Happy and safe holiday season to all!

*Bob*







# 1/72 Type XXVII B Two Man Submarine Seehund

by Revell # 05125, \$21.00

Reviewed by Steve Muth



I never heard of this sub before seeing on a shelf. The Seehund was manned by a crew of two; a pilot and a second crewmember to supervise the submersion and drive systems. Due to its slim shape, small size and quiet power plant it could not be located with the then sonar. With its good seaworthiness the German navy had high hopes for it. Limited production capacity enabled only 285 to be built (out of 1000 planned from the summer of 1944) of which about 70 were operational. They were armed with two external torpedoes and saw service mainly in the Heligoland Bight and English Channel, sinking 93,000 GRT of shipping as well as the French destroyer "La Combattante". Voyages could last up to 7 days which imposed tremendous stresses on the crew. These submarines were 11.86 meters long, had a 1.68 meter beam and weighed 17 tonnes. They could dive to 70 meters and had a max underwater speed of 6 knots and 9 knots surfaced.

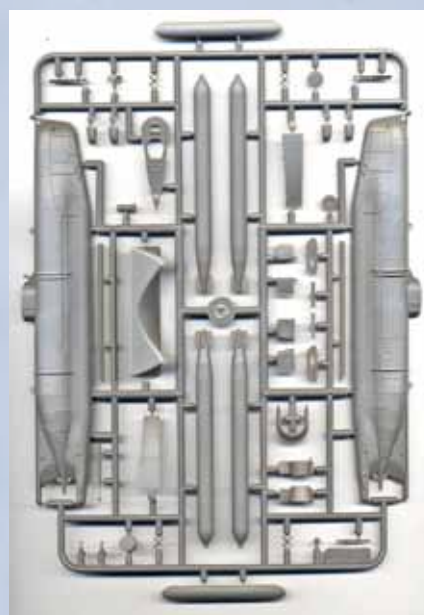
## The Kit

The kit is packaged in a sturdy end opening box with nice color art work on top. There is one sprue of gray plastic with 43 parts including a nice display stand. The instruction sheet/booklet is eight pages with an illustrated parts diagram with nine assembly steps and decal placement drawings for two subs. It is adequate. My only criticism is the poor color information. The box top gives some indication of the colors but even that is not consistent with the painting instructions. The decals are nice and cover two craft; a dark gray one, U-5022, in Kiel in 1945 and a light gray one, U-5316, in the North Sea in 1945. The moldings are nice with minimal flash on the smaller parts and sink marks only on the diving planes, which are easily corrected. There are prominent ejection pegs on the inside of the hull that will have no affect on the build. Welded panel seams are appropriate for the scale. There are

no locating pins and holes. I would guess the kit is a reboxing and branding of a cottage industry manufacturer. It just has that feel. Don't get me wrong, it is a quality kit but the absence of locating pegs and holes on even the larger hull and conning tower parts makes me think it is a rebranded kit.

A nice little kit for someone wanting to try a limited run kit. Or... if you just want a unique subject. My only real complaint? I'd really like it in 1/48 scale to go with my aircraft models. But that is nit picking. There aren't many, if any, other 1/48 ship model kits out there.

Recommended for anyone with a modicum of modeling skills (only because of the small parts like the propellers). 🍌



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# Panzer Kpfw. IV

by Italeri, # 7007

Reviewed by Steve Muth



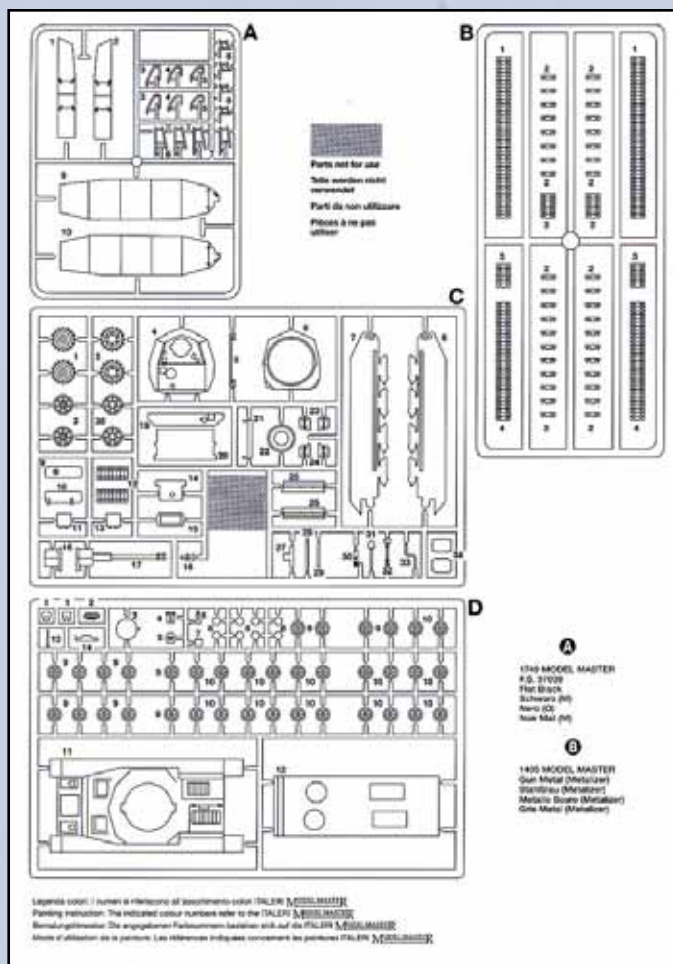
I have never built a tank before (Except to help my son many years ago) so when I saw this at Gold Coast Hobbies in Glen Head I picked it up with the thought of entering the "Triathlon" at the upcoming regional in the spring.

The Panzer Kpfw .IV was developed in the first few months of WWII to remedy some of the deficiencies of the Model .III. It was fitted with a larger 75mm gun and better armor to combat the soviet T-34s. The Model IV was used extensively on all fronts by the German Army and was constantly being improved in response to allied improvements.

When I think of German armor I picture in my mind's eye the Model IV and the Tiger. So... With this as one leg of the Triathlon I have to decide what the other two legs will be. Me thinks the Revell 1/72 Type XXVIID submarine reviewed on page 3 and perhaps the XP-79B Flying ram review in a previous Newsletter would do the job. Or should I do the Campini Caproni? Or the ... Pterodactyl I started a while ago. It's not 1/72 but what the heck.

## The Kit

Like the Revell XXVIIIB submarine reviewed previously, the kit is packaged in a sturdy end opening box with nice color art work on top. There are 160 gray styrene parts on 4 sprues. Of the 160 parts fully half are parts for the treads and wheels. The instruction sheet/booklet is ten pages with an illustrated parts diagram and nine assembly steps. There are decal placement and painting guide drawings for four tanks. It is adequate with decent color information referencing FS and Model Master numbers. Aside from the black and white diagrams on the instruction sheet, the box top and bottom give nice color views. The decals are nice and cover four tanks plus numerous numbers in three styles. A minor problem is that there are no indications of where or on what tank illustrated the numbers go. The moldings are nice with only minimal flash on some of the smaller parts and sink marks



on the upper hull and side skirts. All easily corrected. Injection gates are very petite. I was apprehensive about the treads but I needn't have been. They appear eminently doable and very realistic. They consist of several strips of links and some individual links for use around the front and rear sprockets. As a man once said – “no problem”. The gun barrel deserves special mention – the tip is a two part affair allowing you to have a hollow tip with only a little work.

Recommended for anyone with a modicum of modeling skills. 🛡️



# Seen on the Table

AT THE NOVEMBER 2013 MEETING

*All photos by Steve Muth  
unless otherwise noted.*

There were some neat models on the table this month. Not many but neat. Despite the paucity of models there was a good mix – aircraft, a ship, a motorcycle and a tank. Several were works in progress. C'mon guys! Bring something! Anything! 🛡️



*1/12 Ducati Motorcycle in process by Jim Boulukos*



*1/35 BT-7 Tank in process by John Lamb*

*1/72 Academy A-37B by Bill Schmidt*



*1/72 Japanese group by Ray O'Neill - K11W Shira Jiku, Ki-61 Tony, J2M3 Jack, and Ki-100*



*1/350 DG-35 USS Indianapolis in process by Steve Martens*

## Show Calendar Listing for 2013-2014

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
April 5,	MosquitoCon Wayne PAL 1 PAL Drive New Jersey	<a href="http://www.njipms.org">http://www.njipms.org</a>	Sat
May 2 & 3 2014	Noreastcon 43 American Airpower Museum 1230 New Highway Farmingdale, NY	<a href="http://www.lisms-ipms.org">http://www.lisms-ipms.org</a>	Fri-Sat



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