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Fiat G.55 Centauro  
of 2° Squadriglia, 2° Gruppo Caccia  
Cascina Vaga, Italy  
May 1944





Next meeting date:

**Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 pm to 10 pm**

**Levittown Public Library**  
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Model: **Fiat G. 55 Centauro**  
- Unknown Modeler  
Photo: **John Musolino**

## IN THE PILOT SEAT



**YES! YES! YES!** Our club meeting is on the 10<sup>th</sup> this month. President's Day forced us out of our usual scheduled day to a week before. Nick feels sorry that he couldn't show us his clinic on wood grain but promises to return in a few months with the special night. I will be your speaker at this month's meeting doing an in-depth look into the design of the

Fairchild Republic A-10 aircraft during my engineering years on the Republic A-10. I will bring my Tamiya 1/48 scale built model and describe all the detailed changes made to it, inside and out. I will also have some A-10 books I published in 1981. I found a small box of them in my closet that I saved after selling 6,000 copies and decided not to reprint it. The few I have left are well worth the \$10. All are invited, SSMC members and friends outside the club. I still urge you to bring down finished kits and any in progress for table display while I setup for my talk and hope to get started by 8:10pm and finish by 9:30pm.

I updated the 2014 Show Calendar list in this newsletter if any are interested in attending drivable area shows. No update from LIARS or LI Miniatures yet. Just going for the looking and having vendors in one location is a great shopping spree day. After all, doesn't your wife do that? From the home page of the IPMS website you can get a direct link to the National Convention site. The registration form is up, but categories aren't yet.

Reminder! Get ready for our March meeting for a club contest! It's a good time for one before our Noreastcon May 2nd and 3rd. But April is up front for Mosquitocon in Wayne, NJ. Several of us attend and they have as many vendors as we get for our shows; some same and some different.

We have been hosting new faces on a monthly basis in our club, it's nice to welcome them and share what the club is all about and what they expect out of the club. Most want help improving their modeling techniques so why not make them feel at home? Model building is not about winning a contest. It's about improving skills to build a kit that suits themselves and to be proud of it on a shelf.

Keep on building!

*Bob*



# 1/12 Tamiya Ducati Desmosedici

Item No. 14101

## & Tamiya Optional Fork Detail set

Item No. 12605

Jim Boulukos

The kit was released back in 2005 and comes in the usual Tamiya artwork in a black box that catches your eye on your LHS shelves. Tamiya International magazine had a build of this bike on the cover back in January 2006 and that was all I needed to buy the model and magazine. Oh, there's also separate Tamiya Detail-Up Fork Set available which gives you a yellow colored rear spring, turned metal reservoirs for both the rear and front shocks. Basically with the fork set you get turned metal fork bodies which are finished in black, molded plastic bottoms that need painting in silver and metal gold tubing to replicate the stanchions. These extra cost parts go together without a problem making a very realistic rear shock and front fork. So, I brought the kit, Optional Fork detail set and magazine from Jim at "Men at Arms" back in January of 2006 and started on the kit right away.

The kit has three main trees of plastic parts molding in black, gray and red along two rubber tires, a clear

windscreen and front cowling each in its own packaging bag. The kits also come with small tubing, screws and a screwdriver to hold the kit sub assemblies together during the 22 steps. The decal sheet is by Cartograf, which are simply the best hands down. There no Marlboro tobacco sponsor decals included, so you have to go buy aftermarket decals. I purchased Tabu company decals and found them to be excellent in the past on other builds. Yeah more money spent, but I'm not done with aftermarket parts yet.

I cut off all the parts off the three trees and built up the engine, exhaust, frame assembly, front fender and handlebars parts. All the metal engine parts, the four exhaust pipes and brake parts were painted with various Alcad II paints. I used pale gold, white aluminum, duraluminum and chrome Alcad II paints.

MODELING TIP – write down all the brand types and colors of paints used on all the parts painted. I use either the inside of the kit box top cover or the

instruction sheet. The brain can't recall all the paints used several months or in this case several years down the road.

The hardest part of this kit is all the outside body work which envelops all of the engine and the trademark Ducati trellis steel frame. Both the gas tank and rear cowling are made from several separate moldings. The rear cowling was a real "pain in the ass" since its 5 separate parts glued together in a very small space. Both the gas tank and rear cowling section require a very small amount of putty

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and sanding to remove the joint lines. Then Tamiya white primer was used on all the body parts. Later they were painted with Tamiya TS 49 Bright Red and set aside to dry and to clear coat. Okay and now to the bad news after painting all the body parts. Both the gas tank and rear cowl sections had the joint lines show through after one week. So time for more putty, sanding, primer and a repaint with red paint again. I was too lazy to do this, plus all the Carbon Fiber decaling that was required, so the kit went into the back of the closet and sat there for over 7 years.

Fast forward to October 2013, The Federal Government closed their doors and I'm out of work. It was a good year building so far. I completed six kits at that point and was looking for something quick to make it number seven for the year. Hey, what's the black box in the closet? Yeah, the bike kit started years ago, why not. This will be a quick one. I just have to repaint the gas tank and rear cowling, add some Scale Motorsports carbon fiber decals along with kit decals, clear coat it and glue and screw it together and I'm done.

I'll check the web first for some ideas and reference pictures to quickly finish this kit. Yeah right. I discovered some very cool Ducati builds and they were using Top Studio photo etched parts, aluminum rivets, brass cable adjusters, real metal axle hex nuts to replace the kits screws, green colored brake tubing and etc. Okay, you get the idea this isn't going to be a quick build now and more money is going to be spent. Some fifty dollars later my little box of goodies comes in from Hobby Link Japan. Now it's time to add all this stuff onto the bike and finish this kit before I'm able to move on to the next project a 1952 Hudson Hornet Convertible.

## Finish Assembly

With all the previous painted sub-assemblies in the bottom of the kit box, the long hours of endless masking and painting small pieces parts, all the hours CF decaling all seem to become worth it. I have a bunch of good looking motorcycle parts. Now I just have to glue and screw all these assemblies together. The engine is attached to the frame, all the exhaust pipes are added, radiator added along with the front fork and rear swing arm installed. Then handlebars, tires, chain and fenders are added. Now all the wires and brake system tubes were installed. During the way most of the Top Studio parts were added and they do make a

difference in the looks of the bike.

This was my first bike build and I have two more unstarted in the closet for the future. I found that building bike kits is quite intensive as virtually all parts are shown at some point. When the Ducati finally sits on the bike stand on your bench, you begin to feel that all this work was worth it. I'm about 90 % done at this point and have a small list of open items to complete this kit. I've totally enjoyed the kit from the start and will miss working on it once completed. The good news is that I have a second Ducati GP bike with different sponsor decals.

## Bottom line

The tire decals are the rub down then soak the backing off variety and aren't the easiest to apply. Don't follow the kits decal instructions with adding the 12 separate red wheel rim decals after the final assembly. I recommend that you do it at step ten before the brakes are installed. Also I used the hairdryer and some Micro Sol to get the carbon fiber decals and the kit's number 65 markings to confirm to cowlings, fenders, air box and other parts with many different curves. All the parts were clear coated with Mr. Hobby's Mr. Super Clear spray paint. Good stuff and highly recommended since Tamiya TS 13 clear isn't available in the USA.

The Tamiya Ducati Desmosedici kit is superb. It's easy to build and is highly detailed out of the box. Add in the Tamiya detail up set, aftermarket photo etched parts, rivets, extra wires and other details and its one kit that's a worthy addition to any one's collection. Here are some WIP pictures and you will see it at the next meeting. 🏍️









Only 11 models were on the table this month of January but there were some nice ones. They ranged from a just started 1/72 Skipjack submarine to a 1/32 Albatross. All by the usual culprits. In addition, at another table at the front of the room, Bob DeMaio showed the club the very nice Region I Chapter of the Year Award the club received recently. Nice! Bob opined that it was likely due to our successful contest activities over the past few years (Due in no small part to Bob's hard work and dedication). I should point out that the Ducati motorcycle shown down below is also the subject of a kit review by the same Jim Boulukos. 🏍️

Steve Muth



Bob DeMaio with Region I Chapter of The Year award



Eric Goldshraff's 1/72 Skipjack in process



Matt Kozerski's 1/24 1930 Packard Sport Phaeton





*Jim Boulukos' 1/12 Ducati Gran Prix bike*



*Jim Boukukos's 1/24 1952 Hudson Hornet*



*Nick Buro's 1/32 Albatross*



*Ray O'Neill's threesome - N1K1 George 11, D3A1 Val, and M6A1 Siaren*



*Ray O'Neill's twosome - N1K2 George 21 and A6M2-N Rufe*



*Steve Muth's 1/48 Me 262HG-II Swept wing experimental jet*



# 1/24 Gloster IV by Profil 24

By Steve Muth

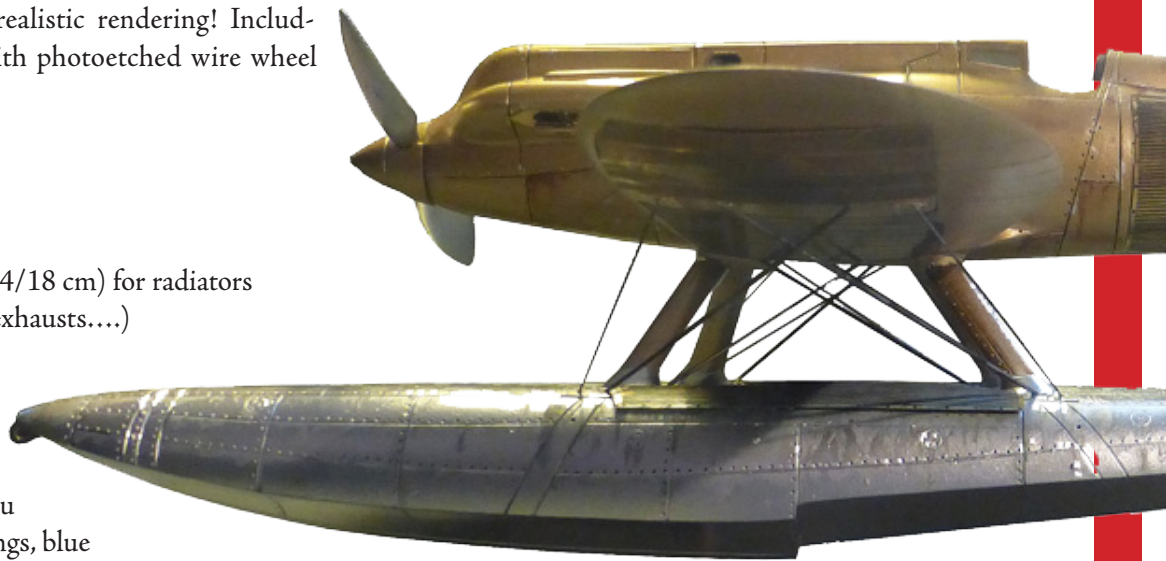
I got an e-mail yesterday advertising the 1929 Gloster IV Schneider Trophy seaplane racer. Profil 24 usually produces top of the line race cars. High quality stuff and commensurate high priced. I believe this is their first foray into aircraft. From the looks of the pictures it is a beauty! I do have a soft spot in my head for Schneider Trophy aircraft and can only hope for a Macchi C.72. You know, the seaplane that set the world speed record at 440 + MPH! If you are going to dream – dream big!

Quoting from the advertisement – “This small seaplane suitable perfectly in 1/24 scale (length 34.3 cm; width 33 cm). It’s aerodynamic shapes reminiscent of the art deco of 30s (of Golden Arrow:same engine- Lion Napier W12,same color,same nationality). The radiators are made of brass photoetched parts: hyper realistic rendering! Included in the kit: the wagon with photoetched wire wheel and trestles.

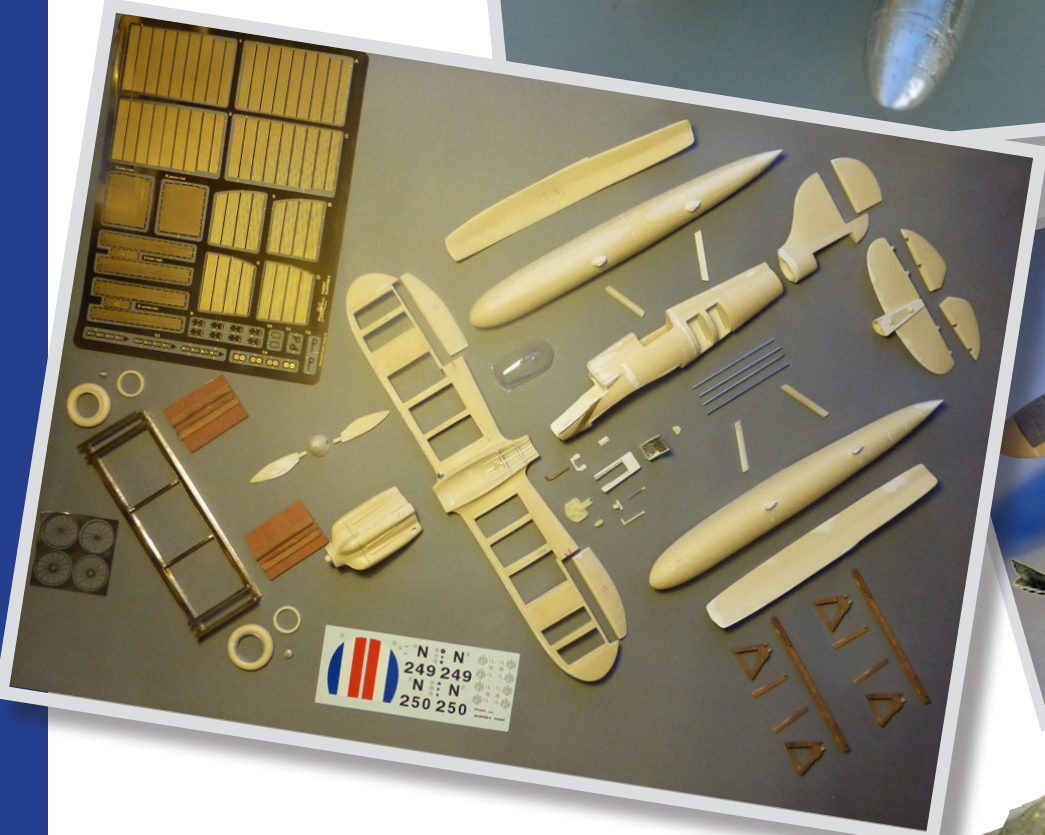
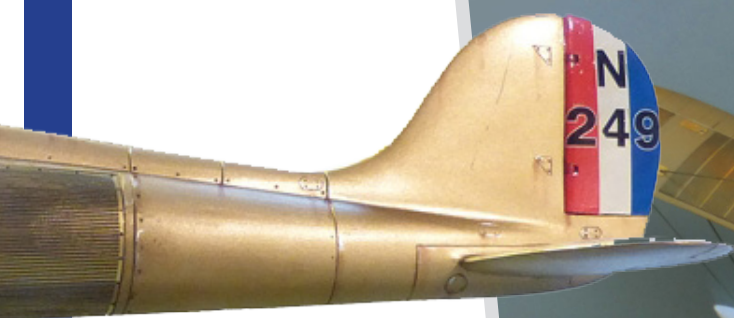
## Content of kit:

- ✦ Resin pieces
- ✦ Detailed cockpit
- ✦ Big brass etched parts (24/18 cm) for radiators and details (hooks, exit exhausts....)
- ✦ Thermoformed (?)
- ✦ Wire wheel in photoetched for the wagon
- ✦ Decals for the decorations n 449 (gold with alu floats) et n 450 (gold wings, blue fuselage, & alu floats).

The kit is priced at 200 Euros outside the EC. They are only making 100 kits so don’t delay if you want one. 







## 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
April 13	Buffcon 29' Knights of Columbus Club 2735 Union Rd Checktowaga, NY	<a href="http://www.ipmsniagarafrontier.com/">http://www.ipmsniagarafrontier.com/</a>	Sun
May 2 & 3	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
May 9 & 10	2014MFCA Annual Show Valley Forge Convention Center King of Prussia, PA	<a href="http://www.MFCAShow.com">www.MFCAShow.com</a>	Fri-Sat
Aug. 6 - 9	IPMS 2014 National Convention Hampton Roads Convention Center Hampton, VA	<a href="http://www.ipmsusa2014.com">http://www.ipmsusa2014.com</a>	Wed-Sat
Sept. 26 & 27	ARMORCON 2014 Crown Plaza Danbury, CT HYPERLINK	<a href="http://www.militarymodelers.org">www.militarymodelers.org</a>	Fri-Sat
Oct. 18	HVHMG 26 Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY	<a href="http://www.hvhmg.com">www.hvhmg.com</a>	Sat
Nov. TBD	LIARS Freeport Recreation Center Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY	<a href="http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars">http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars</a>	Sat
Nov. TBD	Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY	<a href="http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com">http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com</a>	Sat

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