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Next meeting date:
Monday, April 21st
7:30 pm to 10 pm
Levittown Public Library
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Club Contest Night at the next meeting!
 Thanks to all you guys who participated in the contest last month. I hope to see you all give a great showing at our Noreastcon 43 coming soon. This will be the last Newsletter before the contest. Remember Points are awarded to winners in all categories and the the chapter who scores the highest win the Region One Chapter Cup. Enter those models guys!

Since I had to write this Newsletter piece before Mosquitocon I don't have any future visions on any winners. This is the second year I didn't enter any models in Mosquitocon, but I usually help judge. Martin comes to help us and I reciprocate.

Our meeting is supposed to have Nick Buro entertain us with his wood grain clinic. I'm waiting to see this for some time now.

I made arrangements to see Roger weeks ago, but he didn't call me back to finalize it. I guess he has his reasons and he recovers quickly. He probably won't make Noreastcon either but one never knows 3 weeks from now if he will appear for a quick visit.

Which brings me to a little Noreastcon 43 update. We have two large kits in the raffle, a Dragon Leopold 1/35 scale RR Gun, and a Trumpeter 1/32 TBF Avenger. Along with that are two of John Musolino's pictures in large frames. These have been popular in our raffles! John's attendance was a nice surprise last meeting. I hope he visits more. I still don't understand why he can't just fly up every month to attend our wonderful meetings....? That's what airplanes are for! Anyway, as of April 3rd we have 32 vendor tables sold and only 10 firm registrations with buffet ticket holders. April 15th is the deadline for Banquet ticket sales, and if we cannot get enough to attend, we will have to cancel the banquet and give out the awards earlier as we did in the Replicon shows. I will send out this result about April 17th to give the mail a chance to deliver any late senders.

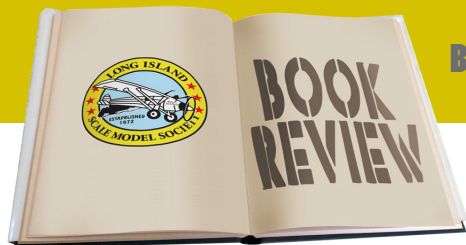
At this time I would like to let everyone know how helpful Steve Muth has been for the club. He takes pictures of your models at all the meetings for posting on the newsletter spotlight, brings in those Dunkin Doughnuts every meeting, is Editor of our Newsletter, and at the shows runs the children's Make-n-Take. Thanks Steve for being there! I didn't forget anyone else who helps out. I will get the spotlight on those who have been stepping forward to help out. Hmmm, who's next? Wait for our newsletter next month. Keep on building!

Bob



Model: **Stuart in the desert**
 Photo: **Zygier**



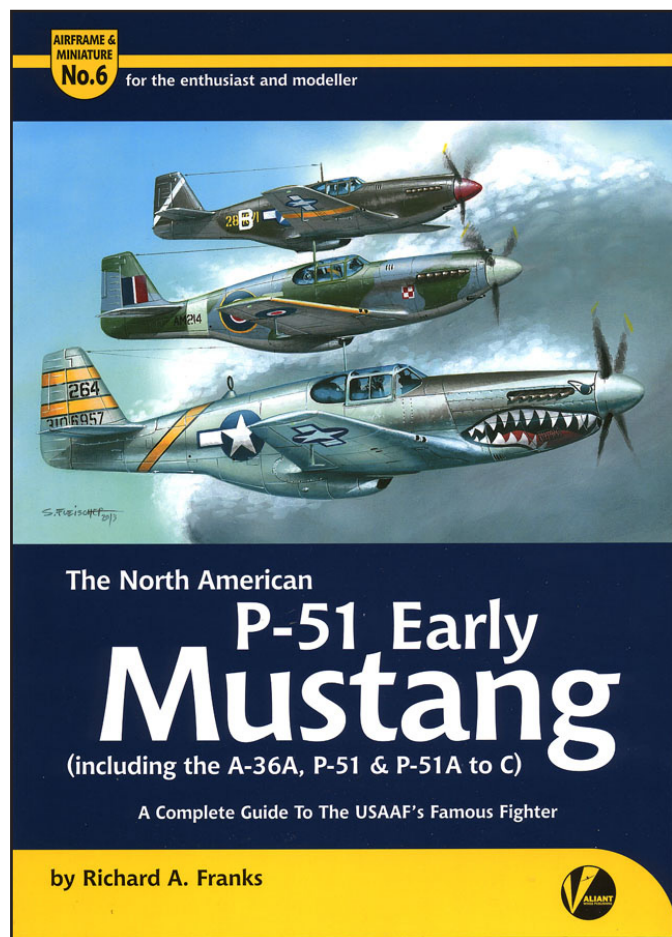


The North American P-51 Early Mustangs Including the A-36A, P-51, & P-51A to C

by Richard Franks, Published by Valiant Wings,

SB, 2013, 192 pages

By Steve Muth



The book, like the others in this series, is aimed at the modeler and enthusiast. It is a rather complete guide to all the early Mustangs and is lavishly illustrated with B&W and color photos and illustrations from aircraft manuals. It is composed of several sections: Airframe Chapters, Miniature Chapters and Appendices.

The Airframe Chapters section is 79 pages with a 7 page Preface giving a brief rundown on each major variant. Following that there is:

1. Evolution – NA-73X and Mustang Mk. I-6 pages
2. P-51, A-36A, P-51A and Mustang Mk. II-7 pages
3. The early Merlin powered Mustangs-10 pages
4. Camouflage and Markings-25 pages + 8 pages of color profiles

The Next section, Miniature Chapters devotes 20 pages to listing and describing most if not all the Mustang kits worth discussing. A nice feature here is that differences, strong points and weak points are all explored. They seem to have really done their homework here. Another 20 pages are devoted to building a selection of kits. In 1/72 scale there is a Condor A-36A Apache, an Academy Mustang Mk. IA and a Revell Mustang III. In 1/48 scale there is the ICM P-51C and Italeri A-36A Apache. A further 13 pages present what the author labels "Building a Collection". This chapter presents a large number of isometric drawings, 3 to the page, showing the minutia of various mods and variants with callouts of noteworthy differences. They are very useful.

Chapter 9, "In Detail", is 33 pages of detail photos and sketches mostly from various manuals with a sprinkling of color photos taken during a restoration. Unfortunately, there are no color photos of the cockpit and landing gear wells. The rest of the coverage, albeit in B & W, is very complete.

Appendix I is an illustrated 3 page list of kits.

Appendix II is an illustrated 3 page list of Accessories.

Appendix III is an illustrated 9 page list of Decals.

Appendix IV is an illustrated 2 page Bibliography

Lastly there is a very nice 8 page fold out of 1/48 scale 3 – view drawings of the A-36A Apache, P-51 Mustang Mk. I, P-51B/C Mustang Mk. III and P-51 Mustang Mk. IA.

All in all a very good book on the early Mustangs whose only short fall is the lack of color photographs of the cockpit and landing gear wells. 🛩️

Recommended.



1/48 Me 262A by Tamiya and Hobby Boss

By Steve Muth

The Me 262 was the first jet fighter to see operational use. It was a good 100 mph faster than any of its adversaries. It has a slightly swept wing which gave it a higher critical Mach number. Many think this was by intent but alas it is not so. The wings were swept back as a fix to help maintain the center of gravity when the engines became a reality. It was originally a straight wing design.

Development was protracted by delays in the engine development. The BMW 003 engines originally intended for the 262 were woefully inadequate and unreliable

so Jumo 004s were used. These were somewhat better but were heavier. They eventually got to the point where they could achieve over 10-20 hours of operational use before having to be overhauled. Their main problem was lack of hi quality steel and other metals that were in short supply in the Reich.

Although, about 1400 were built only a few hundred were used operationally and seldom more than thirty or forty at one time, when the allies were sending out over a thousand bombers at a time. Their impact was dramatic

A quick one-to-one comparison of the ME 262A reveals:

	1/48 Hobby Boss #80369	1/48 Tamiya kit #82
parts count	155 + 4 clear	162 + 8 clear
part tree dia.	no	yes
protection	all pts bagged sturdy top opening box	all but decals bagged ditto
flash	no flash	no flash
plastic	gray styrene	ditto
sinks	no	no
decals	for two a/c	for three a/c
cockpit	excellent,	excellent
wheels	good	good
wheel wells	good	good
IP	decal of inst faces + molded	decal of whole IP + molded
engine	none	ditto
P.E.	no	no
resin	no	no
gun bays	good	good
scribing	Rivets overdone*	OK *
moveable controls	rudder only	ditto
extra parts	Kettenrad, JATO, 3 crew, 2 diff bomb racks	for internal equip
instructions	10 pages, 16 steps	8 pages 7 steps
metal nose wt	yes	yes



Hobby Boss Me 262A-1a, kit #80369

The Hobby Boss kit has just been released. As far as quality goes, it is fully up to the level of Tamiya. It will be described more in its differences from the Tamiya kit rather than starting from scratch. First it is the pure fighter variant, it doesn't have bombs and pylons and it does have the four gun nose. It also has a metal nose weight, comprehensive cockpit, gun bays and landing gear wells, poseable rudder, no engines – just front and backs. The cooling vents on the aft engine nacelles are even worse than the Tamiya kit. The fuselage and nacelle interiors have molded in structural elements but the Hobby Boss kit has equipment bits for the fuselage interior. There are no crew members provided. The seat assembly is somewhat better.

A separate sheet of nice color four views is provided for painting and decal placement. Two aircraft are presented – Red L of 1./KG51 in 1945 when it had been converted to a fighter unit and Red 2 of 10/NJG11, the only night fighter unit to utilize the Me 262 in the night fighter role they have mixed up the title of the four views. The swastikas are provided in two parts.

The instructions are similar to the Tamiya but are eight pages with seven steps and include a parts tree.



Tamiya Me 262A-2a, kit #82

These comments are for the fighter-bomber variant but the molds are the same as the fighter variant except for a Kettenrad, crew members, bombs, bomb pylons and 2 gun nose piece (and of course the decals). It has been out now for a while.

There are 162 gray styrene parts and 8 clear parts. The molds are all clean and crisp as you would expect from Tamiya. No flash was evident but there was a hint of a sink on one fuselage half. There is a comprehensive cockpit, gun bays, and landing gear wells as well structural details in the fuselage interior. A nice touch is a nose weight in the form of a metal nose wheel well part. There are no engines, only a front section with the bullet, guide vanes and compressor blades and a rear section with turbine blades and the "onion thrust regulator". My only complaint with the kit is that the cooling vents on the aft part of the nacelles are not rendered crisp enough. Two types of bomb racks are provided; two ETC 503 racks and two Wikingerschiff style bomb racks. Both were used on the Me 262. The lower surface of the wings is in one piece along with the right and left upper surfaces. The ailerons are only on the upper wing surface piece thereby allowing a nice fine trailing edge. Unfortunately, the inner flaps are not treated the same way.

The horizontal stabilizers/elevators are each one piece affairs also resulting in nice fine trailing edges. The rudder is pose-able but the rivets are overdone*. The wheels are well done with nicely detailed hubs and treads. There are no molded on

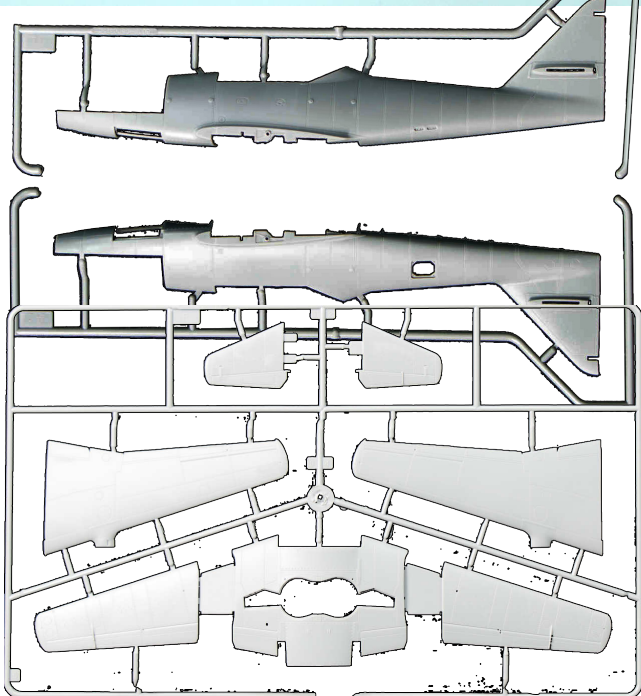
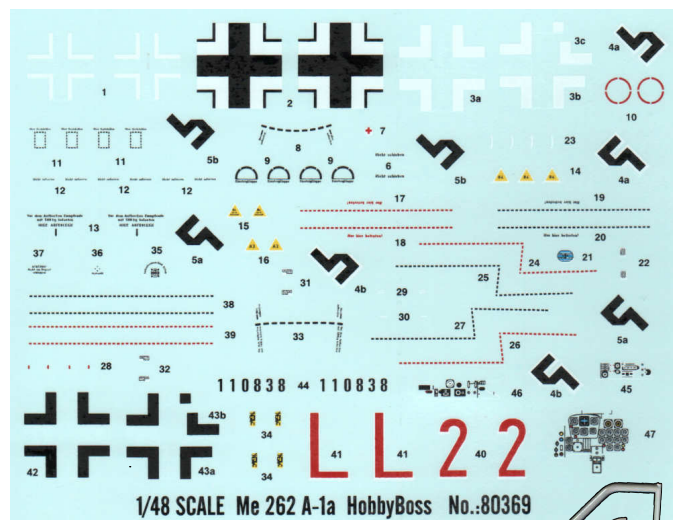
*Me 262s were puttied on all seams and rivet lines/dimples.

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Hobby Boss Me 262

The color call outs for some of the details are misleading. The obvious ones being the call out for RLM 02 for the fuselage interior and the gun bay interior. They were natural metal. But this is minor in an otherwise excellent kit.

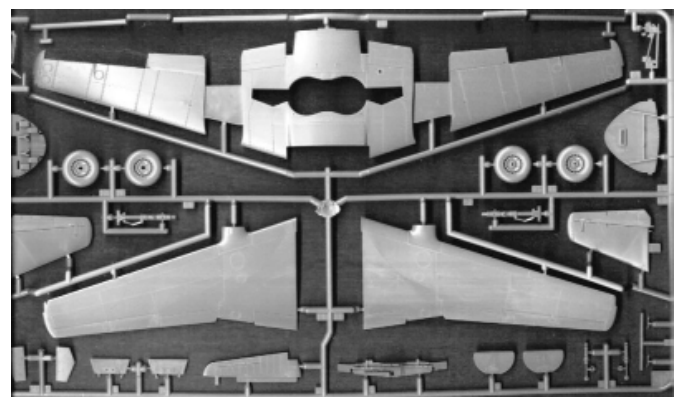
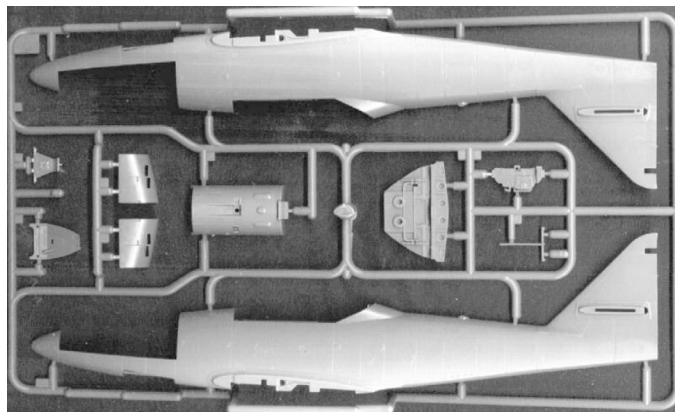
I find it fascinating that in 1/48 scale the Me 262 has fared very well. Even the old Lindberg kit (which was my very first plastic model in about 1970 or so) was/is an accurate model that made up well. It had no detail to speak of and the wing tips were wrong but it built up into a good representative of the real thing. Following that there was the Monogram kit and then there were many more each



Tamiya Me 262

main landing gear brake lines (The nose gear did not have brakes so a brake line would be incorrect). One sprue with 36 parts is dedicated to the Kettenrad and two crewmembers. The nose piece is configured for two guns, which is correct for the fighter-bomber, but the lower nose panels have shell ejection holes for the four gun pure fighter variant. I am not sure this is correct.

The decal sheet, which is excellent, has a full set of stencils and markings for three aircraft – 1./KG51 White Y of Autumn 1944, 1./KG51 White B, 2./KG51 Red B “Edelweisse” at the Rheine in October 1944. There are no swastikas. You will have to source these elsewhere. The instructions are on 10 folded up pages with 16 assembly steps. Good four view drawings are provided for decal placement. In addition there is a separate folded sheet with a short history of early jet engines and airplanes in both Germany and England. It is in both English and Japanese.





Summary of difference

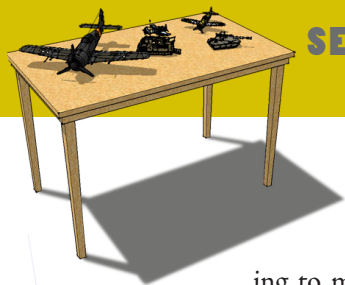
In examining both kits it is apparent Hobby Boss examined the Tamiya kit quite closely and used it to design their own molds and parts breakdown. You have to examine them both in detail to see they are subtly different. They may not have exactly copied them but close. Some of the differences are:

1. Hobby Boss has 2 part swastikas.
2. Tamiya has bombs and bomb pylons and a Kettenrad tractor.
3. Tamiya has a more positive nose landing gear attachment.
4. Cooling vents on the engine nacelles are better defined on the Tamiya kit.
5. Hobby Boss scribing is heavier and has inappropriate rivet detail.
6. Tamiya treats the aileron trailing edge better.

7. Hobby Boss has no pilot figure while Tamiya has two pilot figures. One with a soft hat (crew man?) one with a helmet.

8. Tamiya has decals for three aircraft. Hobby Boss has decals for two aircraft.

All in all the two kits are comparable with Tamiya having the edge in aileron treatment, engine vents and some additional parts like pilot figures, Kettenrad, bombs and bomb pylons and a lighter touch on the scribing. Hobby Boss on the other hand has swastikas (albeit in 2 pieces), some interior equipment and a lower price. Both are excellent kits and no doubt give an excellent modeling experience. The Tamiya A-2a is a little more expensive, due no doubt to the Kettenrad, but the A-1a is comparable to the Hobby Boss A-1a. You pay yer money and takes yer choice. Both are recommended. 🛩️



SEEN ON THE TABLE - MAR 17, 2014

Wow! Another great contest with 25 models by 11 modelers – great job guys! According to my count there were 14 aircraft, 6 armor, 3 vehicles/cars, 1 diorama and 1 figure. It is over my 20 fingers and toes so my count may be off. There were no ships and no sci-fi. Oh well, you can't have everything. Never-the-less it was a good turnout. 🐻

Steve Muth

The judge's results are as follows:

A-L Automotive 1/43 Scale and Larger			
1st place	1/12 Ducati GP-4	by Jim Boulukos	
2nd Place	1/24 1957 Chevy	by Matt Kozerski	
AR-S Armor Smaller than 1/48 Scale			
1st Place	1/144 Winter King Tiger	by Joe Yeager	
Diorama			
1st Place	1/144 ? 3 Tanks	by Joe Yeager	
AR-L Armor 1/48 and Larger			
1st Place	1/35 A-13 Cruiser	by Bill Koppos	
2nd Place	1/35 Ford Quad	by John Lam	
3rd Place	1/35 Turret Pillbox	by Steve Andreano	
AC-1 Aircraft 1/72 and Smaller			
1st Place	1/72 P-38L lightning	by Bill Schmidt	
2nd Place	1/72 Morane Saulnier 230	by Kyle Koppos	
3rd Place tie	1/72 Yokosuka R2Y1	by Ray O’Niell	
3rd Place tie	1/72 Spitfire 9c	by Steve Adler	
AC-2 Aircraft 1/48 Scale			
1st Place	1/48 OS2U-1 Kingfisher	by Kyle Koppos	
2nd Place	1/48 Me 262 HG-II	by Steve Muth	
AC-4 Aircraft Vac-forms and scratch built			
1st Place	1/72 Hiro G2H1	by Ray O’Niell	
Figures F			
1st Place	Winter Stalingrad German	by Joe Yeager	

Now the Models:



Academy 1/35 M-10 by Marshall Voizard



Academy 1/72 P-38L by Bill Schmidt - 1st place



AFV Club 1/35 Pak-43 88mm gun Berlin park 1945 by Joe Yeager



Airfix 1/72 Spitfire Mk. 9c by Steve Aldler - tied for 3rd place



Bronco 1/35 A-13 Cruiser by Bill Koppas 1st place



Alan Pz II turret pillbox 1/35 scale by Steve Andreano - 3rd place



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DML 1/144 winter King Tiger by Joe Yeager - 1st place



DML Early winter German at Stalingrad by Joe Yeager - 1st place



Fujimi 1/72 B7A2 by Ray O'Neill



Fujimi 1/72 D3A2 Val by Ray O'Neill



Fujimi F-86F by Bill Schmid



Hasagawa 1/72 Ki-67 Peggy by Ray O'Neill



Hasagawa 1/72 R2Y1 by Ray O'Neill - tied for third place



Heller 1/72 Morane Saulnier 230 by Kyle Koppas - 2nd place



Hobby Boss 1/72 Yugoslavian Hurricane II by Joe Yeager



Lindberg 1/48 PT-17 by Steve Muth



Major conversion of Monogram 1/48 Me 262A into swept wing Me 262HG-II by Steve Muth - 2nd place



Monogram 1/48 OS2U-1 Kingfisher by Kyle Koppas - 1st place



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Scratch built Hiro G2H1
by Ray O'Niell - 1st place



Revell 1/24 1957 Chevy
by Matt Kozerski - 2nd place



Tamiya 1/12 Ducati GP-4
by Jim Boulukos - 1st place



Tamiya 1/35 BT-7 Model 1937 by John Lam



Tamiya 1/35 Ford Quad by John
Lam 2nd place



The aircraft table was full



The armor table was well populated



The misc. table was rather sparse



Three German tanks Stepping across the Steppes in Russia by Joe Yeager - 1st place



UPC 1/48 C6N1 Myrt by Steve Muth



Work in process - Accurate Miniatures 1/24 1963 Corvette Grand Sport by Jim Boulukos



Work in process - 88mm gun by Steve Andreano



Work in process - Fletcher Class DD 1/350 scale by



BOOK
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BOOK REVIEW - The Pucara Story

The Pucara Story

by Dr. Ricardo Caballero and Phil Cater

MMP Books, 2013, 152 pages, SB

By Steve Muth

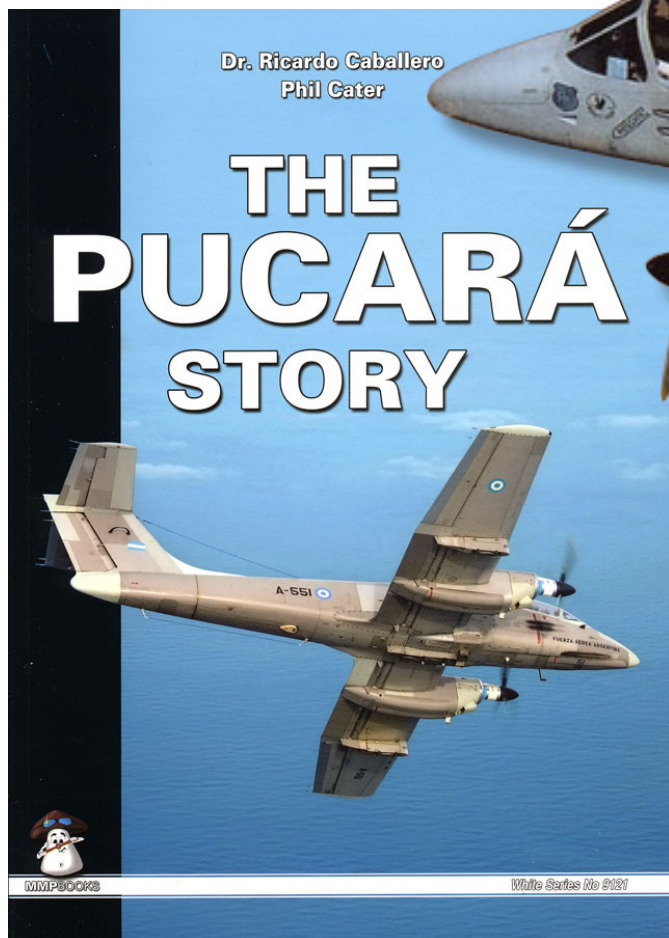


Photo from book "Pucara Story" p.91

An esoteric subject perhaps but well done. The Pucara is a twin turboprop ground attack and reconnaissance aircraft designed, developed and produced by Argentina. It is a lot like the OV-10 Bronco but with a single fuselage. The Pucara along with the Douglas Skyhawks were the principle Argentine attack aircraft in the Falklands conflict with England.

Despite much international interest in the Pucara no export sales were forthcoming, primarily because of the unstable nature of the regime and its finances. Besides the Falklands Conflict, skirmishes along its borders, drug interdictions and such are described. There is also a chapter on "Camouflage and Markings" and "Notes for

Modelers" and a "Walk Around" chapter - complete with very nice cockpit and landing gear coverage. There are a lot of color profiles, 3 views and photographs. There are even sketches of the two different ejection seats (One is a Martin Baker Mk. 6 while the other is the Type Mk. AS06 A.) fitted to the Pucara during its life.

The appendices contain an Individual Aircraft Summary, A summary of external Prototype differences and a Timeline of Escuadron Aeromovil Pucara deployments, operations and attrition, and rather extensive Bibliography.


All in all a very nice book aimed at modelers. 
Recommended.



Photo from book "Pucara Story" p. 94



Photo from book "Pucara Story" rear cover

Show Calendar Listing for 2014

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
May 2 & 3	Noreastcon 43 American Airpower Museum 1230 New Highway Farmingdale, NY	http://www.lisims-ipms.org	Fri-Sat
May 9 & 10	2014MFCA Annual Show Valley Forge Convention Center King of Prussia, PA	www.MFCAShow.com	Fri-Sat
Aug. 6 - 9	IPMS 2014 National Convention Hampton Roads Convention Center Hampton, VA	http://www.ipmsusa2014.com	Wed-Sat
Sept. 26 & 27	ARMORCON 2014 Crown Plaza Danbury, CT HYPERLINK	www.militarymodelers.org	Fri-Sat
Oct. 18	HVHMG 26 Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY	www.hvhmg.com	Sat
Nov. TBD	LIARS Freeport Recreation Center Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY	http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars	Sat
Nov. TBD	Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY	http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com	Sat

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