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Next meeting date:
Monday, February 9th
7:30 pm to 10 pm

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Model: Ju 87 Stuka - 1/32 Scale by Robert DeMaio
Photo: John Musolino



Yes people we meet on February 9th. The library is closed on our regular 3rd Monday due to "President's Day". If we expect any adverse weather conditions, I will send out an e-mail with the change of plans, so keep checking before you make the trip to the meeting. We will have some sort of clinic going on but at this time of the newsletter printing, I'm not sure

what yet. As usual, Keep bringing in your work in progress and/or finished.

I can't wish you all a Happy Holiday because it past. I can't wish you all a Happy New Year because it past last month, but for what it's worth, Happy Valentine Day! That's what I said to myself as I ordered the 1/32 scale Zuki Maura Do-335 Heavily Armed model kit. If this company doesn't slow down making new kits, I'll have to go back to work, and I definitely, absolutely don't want to do that! The kit is out and I only have one member to blame for my purchase, Howard Garcia. The spotlight member is he. Yep, he feeds me all the latest big kits and tempts me badly. He tried expanding the temptation with the 1/35 scale Dora Rail Gun but I fought off the urge. Howard has been a good source for the latest kits and I'd like him to continue his monthly feed. I just have to hold up my religious cross. LOL! We haven't seen Howard for the past several meetings due to his job and he hasn't been feeling well. I hope he will feel better and visit back soon. Let's keep Howard and Roger in our thoughts. If I receive my kit before the meeting, I'll bring it down for you to see.

Our website has been updated a little. All RepLIcon 27 forms are posted and we have nine vendors reserving tables. They are posted as the reservations come in. The latest membership listing with their e-mail address has been updated in the Member Area tab. If you need the password I will verbally tell you at the meetings or a phone call to me. This list is for member's eyes only and not to be shared with anyone outside the club.

Keep on building!

Bob



Thunder over the Reich

Flying the Luftwaffe's He 162 Jet Fighter

by Manfred "Dutch" von Ehrenfried

by Wolfgang Wollenweber, Hikoki Publishing, UK, 2014,

184 pages, HB, Illustrated, \$49.95

Reviewed by Steve Muth



This is an easy to read narration of the experiences of a German flier in World War II. In some respects I was disappointed in that the first 80 or so pages are devoted to his experiences against the Russians on the northern front flying a Bf 110. This part consists of rather typical war stories of flying (if you can call shooting and being shot at typical). Underlying the prose is a description of how hazardous this was, and how lucky Herr Wollenweber was. At the end of 1943 (Page 80) the book becomes more interesting(to me anyway) as he enters, first, Fw 190 training then Me 163 Rocket fighter training and

ultimately He 162 training. This part of the book alone makes it worthwhile. The chaotic conditions the Luftwaffe was operating in is presented in overwhelming clarity. His Me 163 training was stopped for lack of rocket fuel and all his He 162 flying totaled only 12 flights, most of which were ferry flights. On the few rare occasions he engaged in combat with the He 162 his guns would not fire! Despite this meager flight experience in the He 162 he rose to be Kapitän of 2. Staffel of JG.1. The last several weeks were spent ferrying the planes to different airfields due to Allied advances on the ground. The last several days were spent killing time waiting for the British to take over their planes at Leck. They had all 22 of them lined up as if getting ready for a review. In fact, there is a diagram on page 138 identifying each aircraft by Werk Number and specific aircraft code (i.e. Red 3 etc). As an aside – he categorically states that the legend of a He 162 downing a Typhoon is incorrect. "The incident never happened".

Appendix 1 is a reproduction of the Preliminary Flight Handbook with English translation. Appendix 2 is a cut-away drawing. An interesting part of this drawing is the inclusion of a RATO unit to be mounted immediately after the main landing gear wheel well. I have never seen any reference anywhere of the He 162 having provision for such devices. Appendix 3 reviews captured aircraft and museum exhibits while Appendix 4 has two view drawings of a He 162C with swept forward wings and butterfly tail and a He 162D with swept back wings also with a butterfly tail. At the end of the book there is a four page index.

The book is an excellent reference, well written and is an enjoyable read. Recommended. 🛩️

1/48 U-2C by Testors, # 209 (1979)

1/48 U-2R by Testors, # 508 (1988)

1/48 TR-1 by Testors, # 580 (1989)

Reviewed by Steve Muth



There are three iterations of the Testors U-2 still more or less available in 1/48 scale. The original U-2A by hawk was also produced by Testors but is hard to find. The U-2C Kit is basically the same as the U-2A with the intakes enlarged (to accommodate the increased air flow required by new en-

gines. I built the Hawk U-2A many years ago and it was a nice kit that went together well and looked right when finished. I presume the same can be said of the U-2C. The U-2A was also available in a plated version which was very shiny.

There are three iterations of the Testors U-2 still more or less available in 1/48 scale.

	U-2C	U-2R	TR-1
Parts Count	75	74	80
Versions	1	1	2 – TR-1A and TR-1B
Protection	All pts bagged	Ditto	Ditto
	weak end opening box	Ditto	Ditto
Flash & Sinks	Fair amount	Little	Little
Plastic	Gray styrene	Ditto	Black
Decals	For 3 a/c	Ditto	Ditto
Cockpit	Bare – ip and pilot	Better, has a tub	Better, has 2 tubs
Wheel Wells	Bare	Ditto	Ditto
IP	Decal of whole IP	Molded	Ditto
Engine	None	Ditto	Ditto
Trolley	Yes	No	No
Panel Lines	Raised	Ditto	Ditto
Molds	Good shapes	Better	Ditto
Color Notes	Testors numbers	Testors and FS numbers	Ditto
Camera Ports	Blue decals	None	Ditto
Clear Parts	Good	Ditto	Ditto
Parts Tree	No	Yes	Ditto
versions	1	1	2
Air Brakes	Open	Ditto	Ditto

The U-2C clearly is showing its age. It was brought out in 1979 and the basic molds were from the U-2A which predated it. It has lots of flash and some sink marks typical of the era. But... it will make up into a nice model without too much work. There is little detail except for the instrument panel decal and pilot figure. The wheel wells are bare and the struts and wheels are rudimentary but useable. On the plus side it has a handling trolley and wing supports which the other kits do not.

The U-2R and TR-1 kits have new molds and are a notch better, having minimal flash and no apparent sink marks. Both kits utilize the same sprues. The both have the parts to build a two seater TR-1B but only the TR-1 instructions show them and, of course, only the TR-1 has the decals for the TR-1B. They both have nice decals and cockpit tubs. Not the detail of modern kits but adequate. Canopies for all 3 kits

are nice and clear and of two pieces so you can pose them open. There are holes in both wings for the outrigger pogos (this is true of all three kits). None of the kits has an engine and all have raised panel lines. There are no camera ports. The instructions are very much the same for all three kits with only modifications to reflect the different versions. The air brakes are open. The U-2R and TR-1 kits have some useful detail photos, in the instruction sheets, Cockpit, landing gear, wing tips, wheel wells and such with the U-2R having a few more photos. All the kits are packaged in a crushable open ended box with all the parts bagged in a slide in tray. The colors are called out in Testors numbers and FS numbers.

All in all, considering their age these are all decent kits that will build up nicely and look the part, particularly if you sand off the raised panel lines and rescribe them. Recommended. 🛩️



Photo Essay of a U-2A and U-2CT

Here is what is in my collection of U-2 photos. The first is the U-2A (U-2D?) photographed at the National Museum of The USAF in 1981 before it was hung from the ceiling and the second is the U-2CT photographed at Duxford in the UK in 1993. Both had the canopy closed so full on photos of the instrument panels was not possible. However, the cockpit colors in general are readily apparent as are the side console configurations. From what I have read the main

difference between the A and C was the engine and intake size with some C models having a longer nose and some having canoes for additional equipment. Some sources say The NMUSAF's U-2 is a U-2D – A U-2A with the Q bay modified for a second crewmember to operate specialized equipment. The U-2CT is a two seater trainer version. The cockpit and landing gear well colors are interesting. Enjoy! 🛩️



Right front view of the U-2A in the NMUSAF hanger.



Bottom view of the U-2A hanging from the ceiling.



Another view of the antennas on the bottom of the U-2A fuselage.



U-2A canopy, mid fuselage and intake on the right side. Note the rear view mirror. These were mounted on many, but not all, U-2s. Also note all the stencils are dull red.

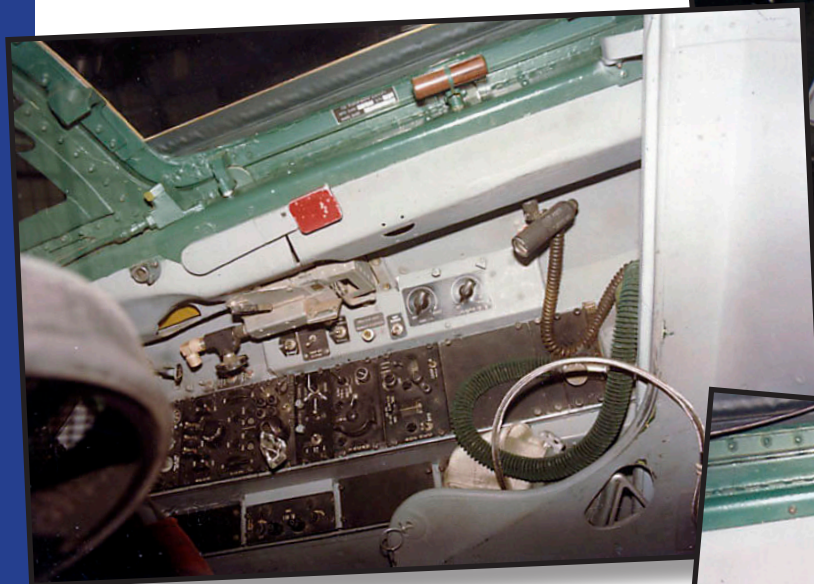




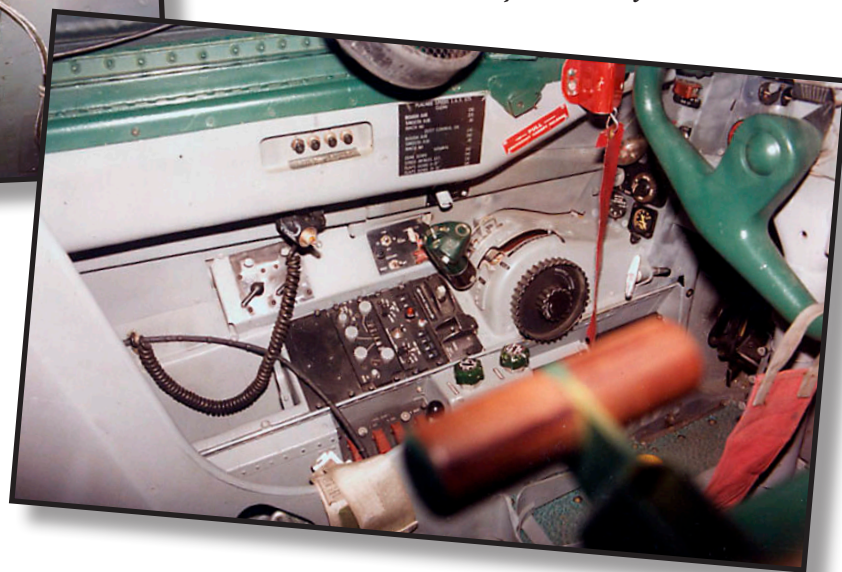
← U-2A nose landing gear well looking aft. Note the landing lights.



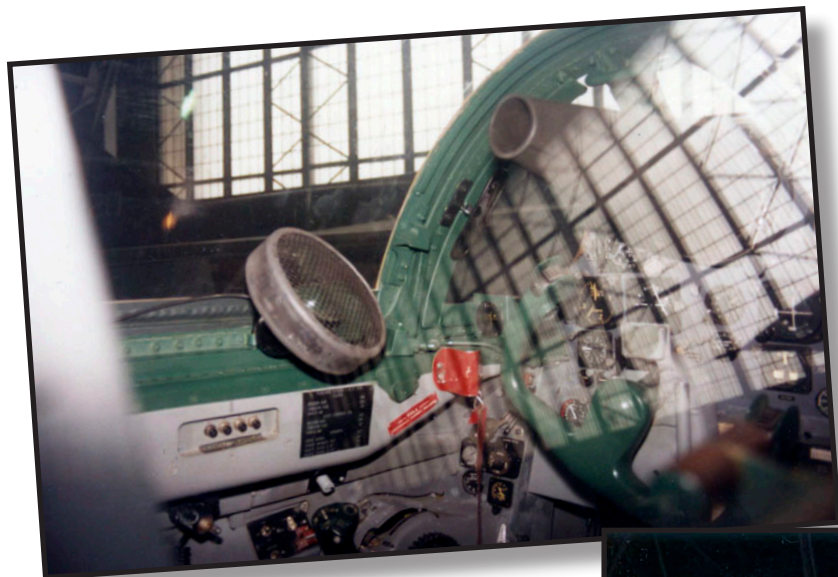
↑ U-2A main landing gear well looking aft. The dark dots and such were not prominent and are due to the flash and photo enhancement. To the eye it as all flat black.



↓ U-2A cockpit right side.



→ U-2A cockpit left side.



← Another view of the U-2A cockpit left side but with heavy reflections. All the cockpit photos were taken through the canopy.

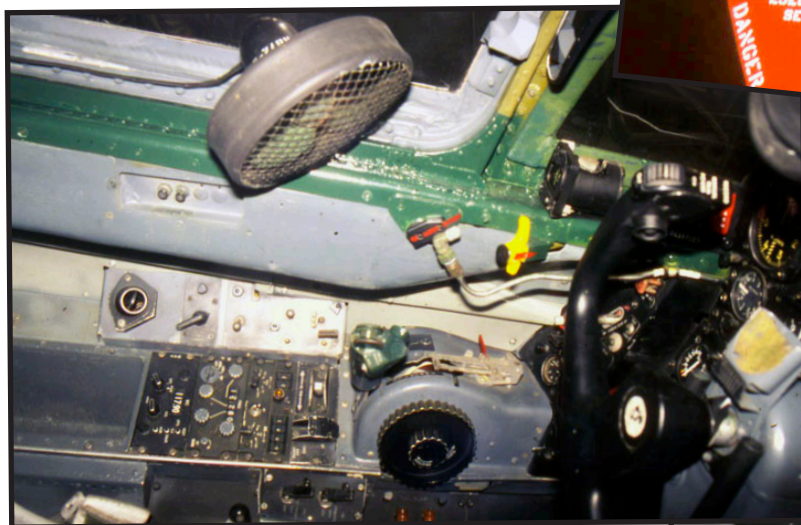
→ The windscreen of the U-2A on the right side.



← The windscreen of the U-2A on the left side.

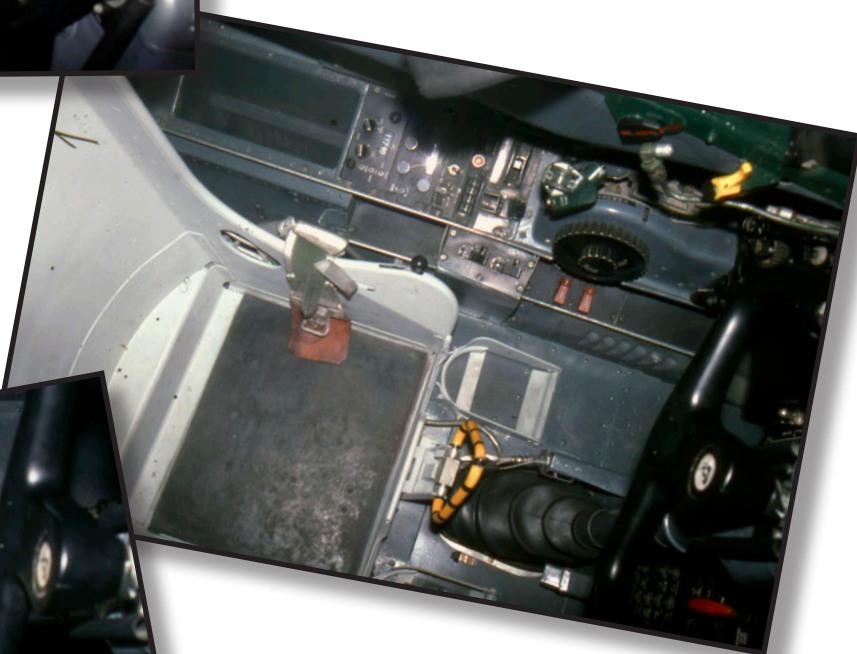
Photo Essay of a U-2CT at RAF Duxford in the UK

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U-2CT canopy and stencils on
the right side of the fuselage.
All stencils are red.

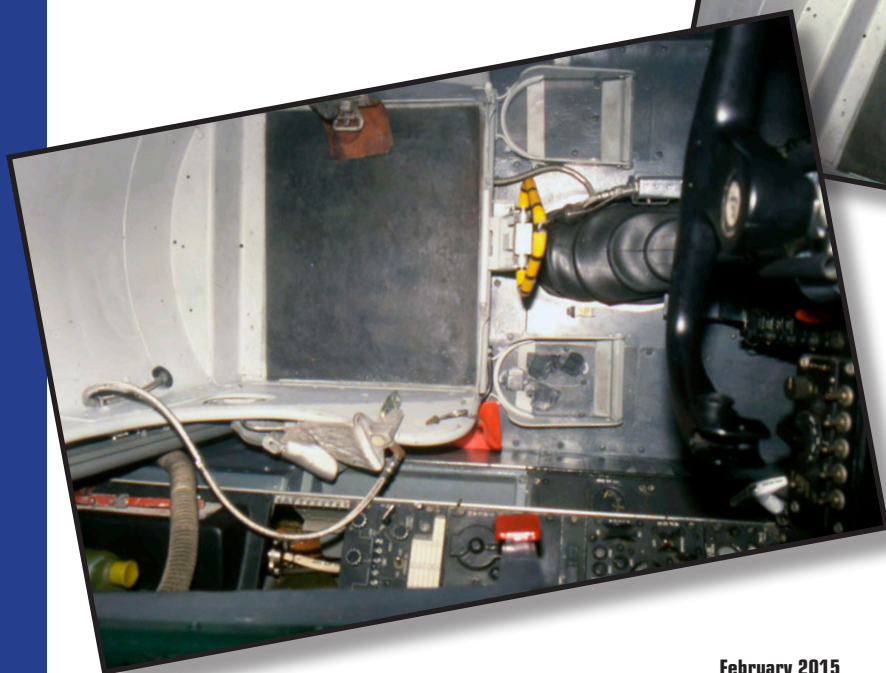


← U-2CT cockpit left side.

→
U-2CT cockpit left side
and floor.



← U-2CT cockpit floor.





SEEN ON THE TABLE - JANUARY 19, 2015

What a great turn out! We had 20 models on the table this month and there were some nice ones. We had a nice mix of ships, armor, cars, figures and aircraft. There were 2 by an unknown modeler (the Shadow?) - he built a nice Camero and a 1/1 bust of our illustrious Doug Tantillo although I suspect the bust is a work in process. Or is the Camero a Then and the bust a Now. Only the Shadow Knows. Anyway, it was a good showing. Enjoy 🍷
Steve



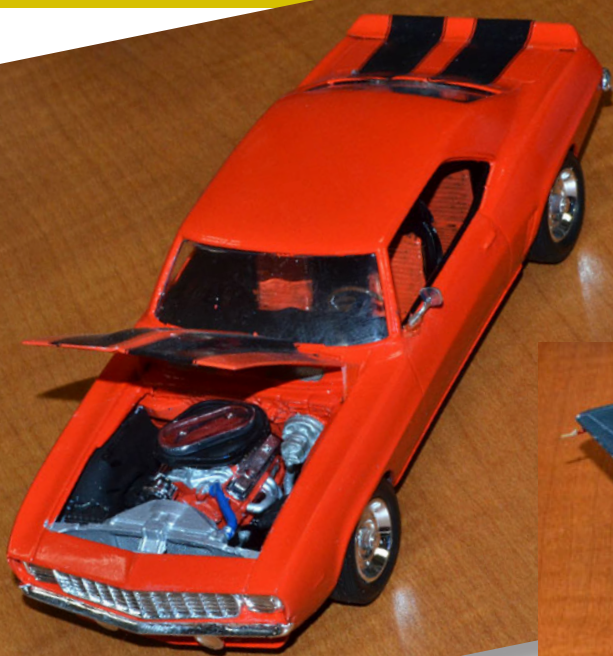
1/72 P-47N. Matt Kozerski's "then" model.



1/72 F-16XL. Matt Kozerski's "now" model.



1/48 F4F-4 by Steve Martens.



1/24 Camaro by "the Shadow"?



1/48 Eduard F6F-3 by Fred Seitz.



1/72 Ki 108 by Ray O'Niell.



1/48 Eduard F6F-5 by Fred Seitz.

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1/32 Il-2 3m by Fred Seitz.



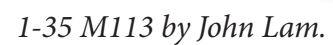
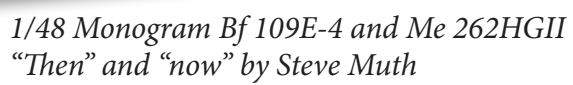
1/64 wooden Colonial Fishing Schooner in work by Rick Verriest.

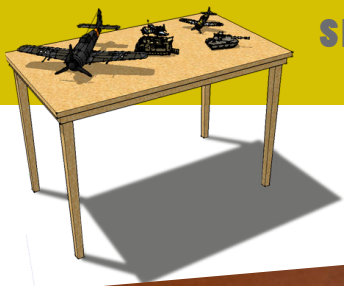


Wooden HMS Santana by Rick Verriest.

1-35 T-55 Tank by John Lam.







1/35 BA-3 Armored car by John Lam.



1/35 Triumph 3HW & Courier by John Lam.



1/72 E-2C by Fred Seitz



1/35 Sherman by Steve Martens.



1/24 Leopold Railway Gun in work by Bob DeMaio.

1/1 Bust of our illustrious Doug Tantillo by an unknown modeler suspected of being the same as the modeler of the Camaro. It is interesting to observe how this modeler was able to have the bust appear fuzzy!





OUR MEMBER PROFILE - Ray O'Neill



From time to time we will be adding these member profiles to the newsletter in an effort to let us get to know each other better. This is the first. I got the idea from other newsletters I have come across and thought it was a good idea. The plan is to interview one or two members at each meeting and run one in each newsletter. If you have any other questions you think would add to the interview let me know either by e-mail or at the meeting. yhaos

Tell us a little about yourself. How and when did you get started building models?

My first model was a wooden Spitfire that I built when I was about 6 years old. I bought it at the local bicycle store. The profile was already shaped and I had to carve the rest.

Favorite Scale?

My favorite scale is 1/72.

Favorite subject to build?

I build aircraft. Mostly World War 1, between the wars, World War II and the present day.

How many models do build a year?

I build about 25 models a year. I like to build quickly and finish the model promptly.

How big is your unbuilt kit stash and why?

My stash is about 2000 kits. I get over enthused. I have about 600 already built though.

Why did you get into the hobby? If you are returning to the hobby what brought you back?

World War II got me interested in aviation and model building. I slowed down while I was in college but started again after I graduated.

What satisfies you about building a model?

I get a sense of accomplishment having a collection of aircraft models all in one scale. I like to escape to the period of the model I am building. Reproducing small details gives me satisfaction.

What most frustrates you when building?

Wrong and or incomplete information. Also, The pace of the build

What is your dream project to build?

There are two actually. The C-47 and the CANT Z511 really capture my imagination.

What is the dumbest thing you did to yourself or your model while building a kit?

There are a few. Dropping a model or losing a canopy then stepping on it or rolling over it with my chair.

How did you hear about The Long Island Scale Model Society and what persuaded you to come to a meeting?

I met Bruce Culver on a train and he talked me into coming in June of 1974.

What was your best and worst excuse for coming home with a new kit?

I just wanted it. I would then rationalize the purchase.

What other hobbies/interests do you have?

Politics, religion and crossword puzzles. 🐻

Show Calendar Listing for 2014

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
April 4, 2015	NJIPMS Mosquitocon 1 Pal Drive Wayne, NJ	http://njipms.org	Sat
April 11	RepLIcon 27 130 Merrick Rd Freeport NY	www.lisms-ipms.org	Sat
April 18	NNL East 130 Merrick Ave Freeport, NY 11520	http://www.nnleat.com/contents.html	Say
Aug. 5-8	IPMS National Convention Columbus, Ohio	www.ipmsusa.org	Wed-Sat
Sept. 25-26	Armorcon Crown Plaza Danbury, CT	http://www.militarymodelers.org	Fri-Sat



F-4E Phantom II - 1/32 Scale by John McCormick
Photo: John Musolino

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