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Next meeting date:
Monday, October 19th
7:30 pm to 10 pm

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1 Bluegrass Lane, Levittown, NY

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Model: M3A3 Stuart by Bill Valicenti
Photo: Steve Muth



I want to thank Eric for his informative clinic on molding parts he gave last month. Even though he showed us his ship building parts in this clinic, the use of this process can be applied to any pieces you wish to make. I am certain that if you have any questions to ask Eric, he will certainly help you out.

A club contest is on tap for this October meeting on Monday the 19th! I mentioned it would be nice to have a Halloween theme in it for

those who wish to build something different. I realize that it may not have been enough time to go out to buy a model for this, but it is possible. What I will do for next year in 2016 is plan a monthly schedule for the full year. I will try to do this for the upcoming meeting and have printed copies at the meeting.

I attended the Armorcon show and they too have had disappointments with the turnout and vendors. They had slightly less than 200 model entries this year. So the downward number of models at Armorcon has been decreasing each year as well, very disappointing. Hobby Fan had gone to Taiwan for a family event. I was told Military Miniatures Warehouse wasn't present a second year due to his illness and he may not be back. I guess we'll see if he can make the Long Island Figure show in November. Armand Bayardi who casts his own resin pieces for dioramas wasn't present and I don't remember why. His variety of tree trunks, stone wall, cups, covered and uncovered barrels, drums, buckets, etc, is what I stock up on for future use. I was disappointed he wasn't there. If you haven't been to Armorcon in the past and wish to see what he has, he is on Ebay. Just type in his name for the search and view all the items he has. I have tried to get him to our shows and will still try my best effort. I was told that the AMPS Nationals will be held at this Crown Plaza in 2017. Start building those armor kits you have stashed!

Steve Muth, our editor for our newsletter, can use some reviews of any length on any of our hobby items. We have a form you can follow and I will attach it with this newsletter separately. All it takes is a few words. Steve will contact you with questions if necessary. If you can take a picture or two to send along for the review, great! This isn't a published magazine looking for a professional review. Steve can mold it into one for you. This isn't difficult in any way.

Hudson Valley (HVHMG) guys have their show on October 17th in Poughkeepsie, NY which is a nice show as well. I attend every year for a nice day trip.

Keep our hobby alive and well,

Bob



1/24 Maserati 450S Costin Zagato of 1957 Le Mans by Profil 24 #24032

Reviewed by Steve Muth

Since I was a wee wee tot and purchased a yearbook for race cars of 1957 (Was 21 at the time) I was struck by the graceful but brutish lines of this magnificent racer. When Profil24 came out with it (at a very high price) I hemmed and hawed for over a year but finally succumbed in 2006.

Quoting from the instruction sheet – “Drawn by Costin and built at Zagato’s factory, the coupe Maserati 450S is (was) entered at the 24 hours of Le Mans 1957. Despite the talent of its drivers Sterling Moss and Harry Schell, the car needs a best technical improving and must renounce during the race with transmission problems at the 5th hours.

But this powerful car is especially famous by its enveloping rounded form. The roof is particularly low. The windscreen is divided in four panels. The two lateral panels plunge to the doors giving at the car its so aggressive look.

Enormous, audacious, spectacular... many are the superlative to describe this car.

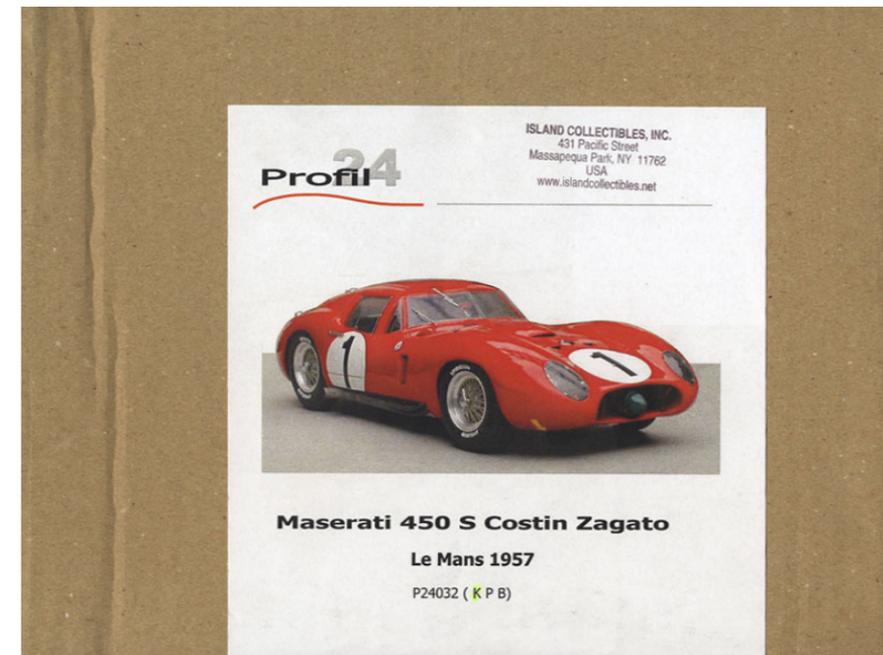
Later, bought by an American collector, the car is (was) lengthen (ed) and has many modifications (Body, windscreen, interiors...)”

Despite the poor translation from French I think the flavor of the car comes through – Beautiful but brutish – and under developed. Having built a kit car I can relate to the need to develop a car, particularly a race car for Le Mans. Little things will kill you. A shame.

The Kit

The kit is a multi media curbside affair with:

- + 62 resin parts
- + 70 PE parts on 4 frets – for wheels and various



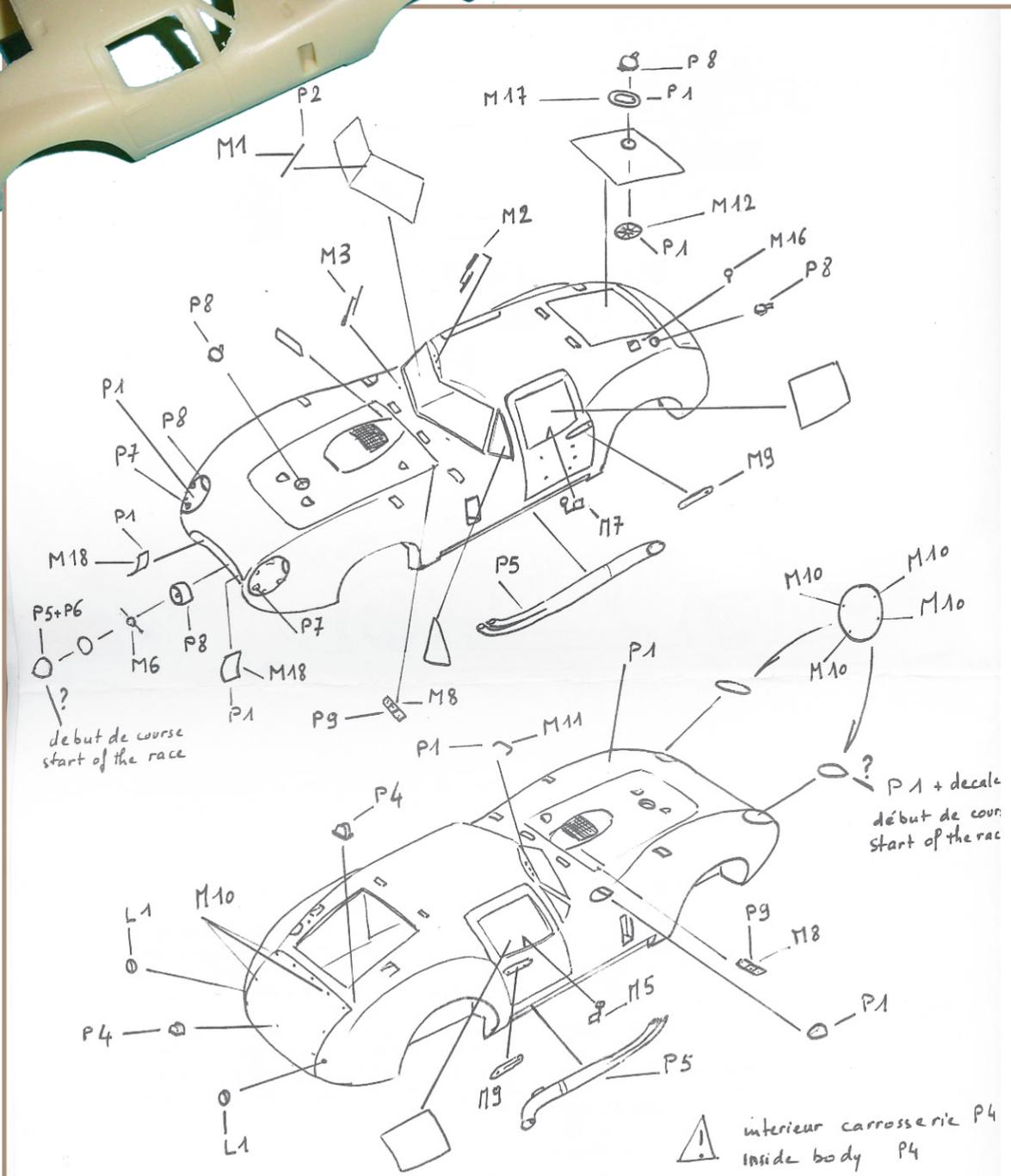
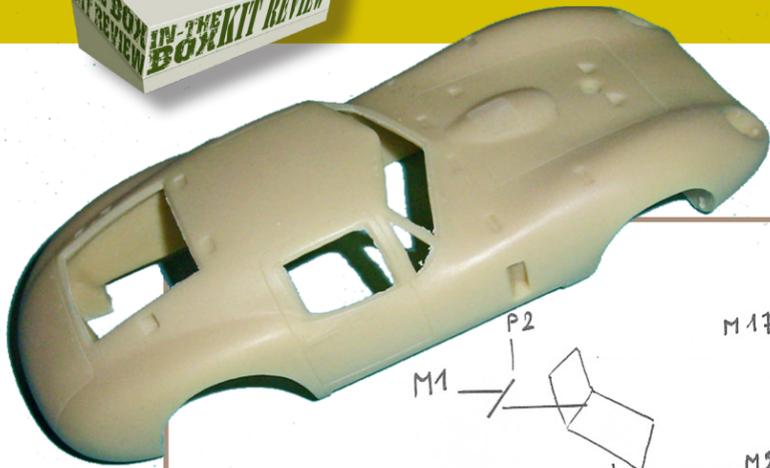
- cockpit/cabin details
- + 5 rubber tires
- + 13 metal parts – 2 axles, 2 screws and 9 wheel rim parts
- + 1 vacuum formed piece for the windscreen and window parts
- + 1 decal sheet

The body consists of a top piece (the body) and a bottom with rudiments of the undersurface. There is no engine. The hood is not open. I was disappointed in the body. The shape and surface is beautiful but window and trunk openings are pretty rough and I anticipate a lot of trouble cutting out the various windows and fitting them without gaps, Other than that the parts seem very good without molding blocks to cut off. The wheels when completed will be jewels!

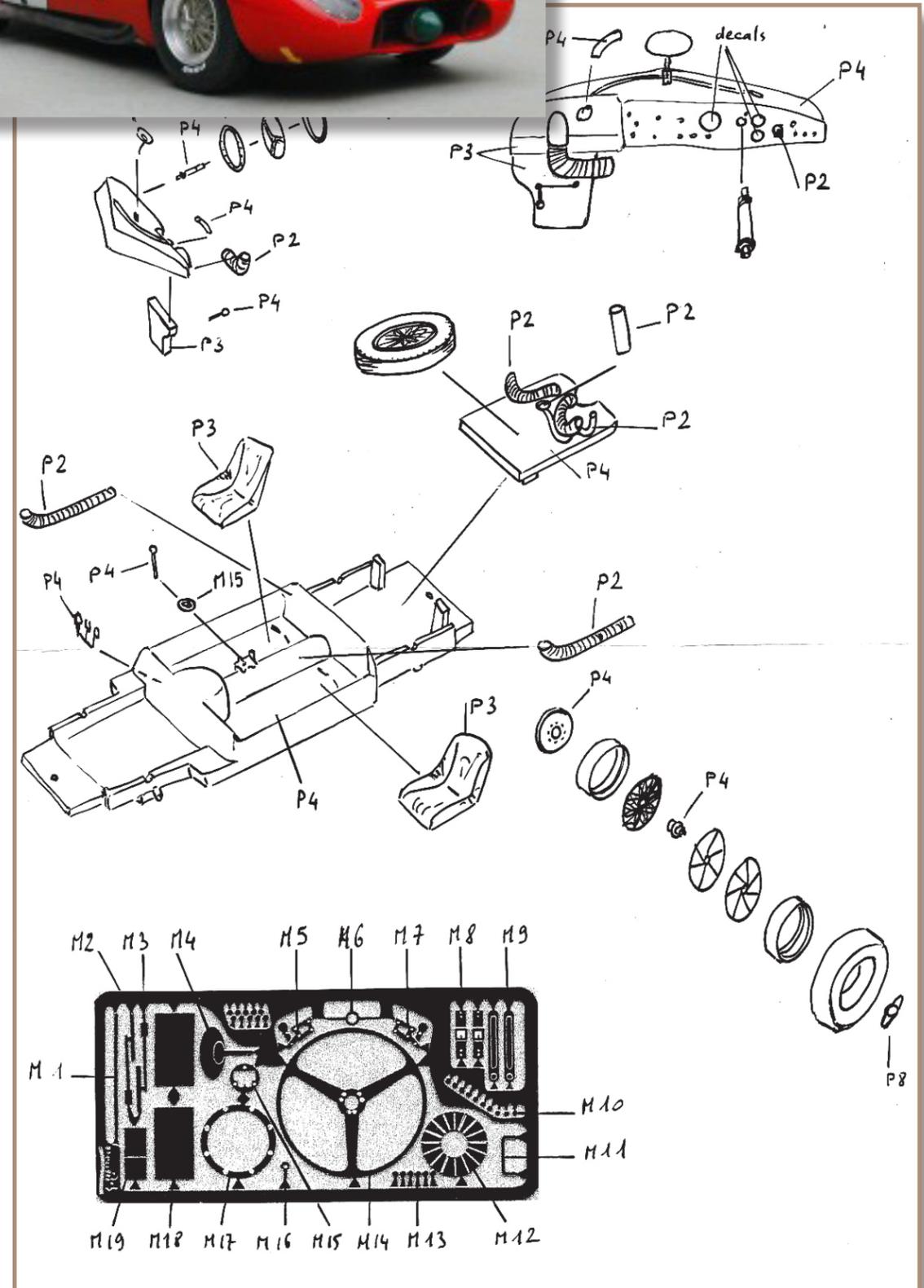
The instructions are very basic and could stand some improvement considering the price.

This is not a kit for the beginner. In fact even experienced modelers may have problems. Recommended only for modelers with significant multimedia experience. But, when completed it will be magnificent!

The kit is priced at 200 Euros outside the EC. 🍷



P1 rouge / red	P6 vert vitrail / stained green
P2 noir mat / mat black	P7 orange vitrail / stained orange
P3 beige / beige	P8 chrome / chrom
P4 argent / silver	P9 marron / brown
P5 acier / gun metal	





With the new C-54 kit now out in 1/72 scale I thought these photos might be appropriate and maybe even useful. These photos were taken of the forward fuselage/cockpit of the C-54D at the Commemorative Air Force at Midland Texas on February 23, 2001. It is S/N 42-72675 and the plane was named "Tinker Belle" presumably because it was stationed at Tinker AFB, OK at one time in its career. The first photo is the exception to these comments. It was photographed at the Fargo Air Museum on July 31st, 2001. Enjoy! 🍷

C-54D photographed at the Fargo Air Museum in South Dakota on July 31, 2001.



Looking forward in the cockpit.



Looking forward in the cockpit with the center pedestal.

Cockpit left side

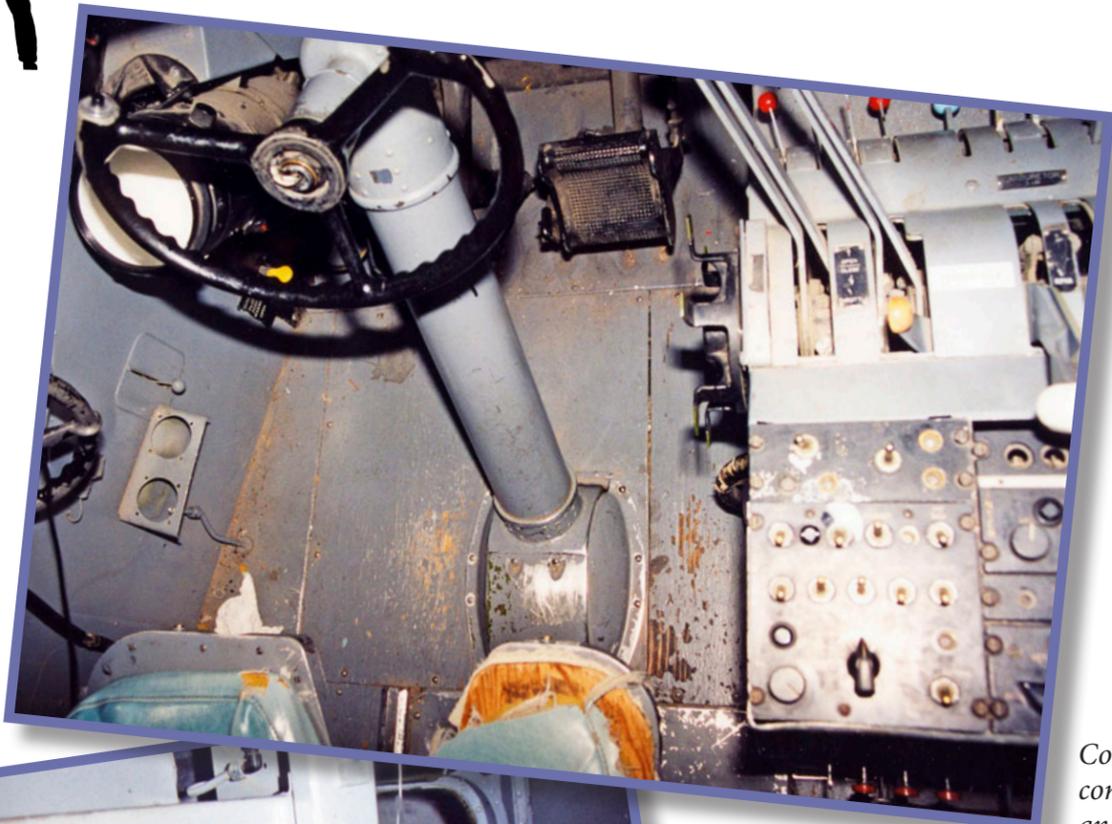


Cockpit right side.



Cockpit right control column and floor.

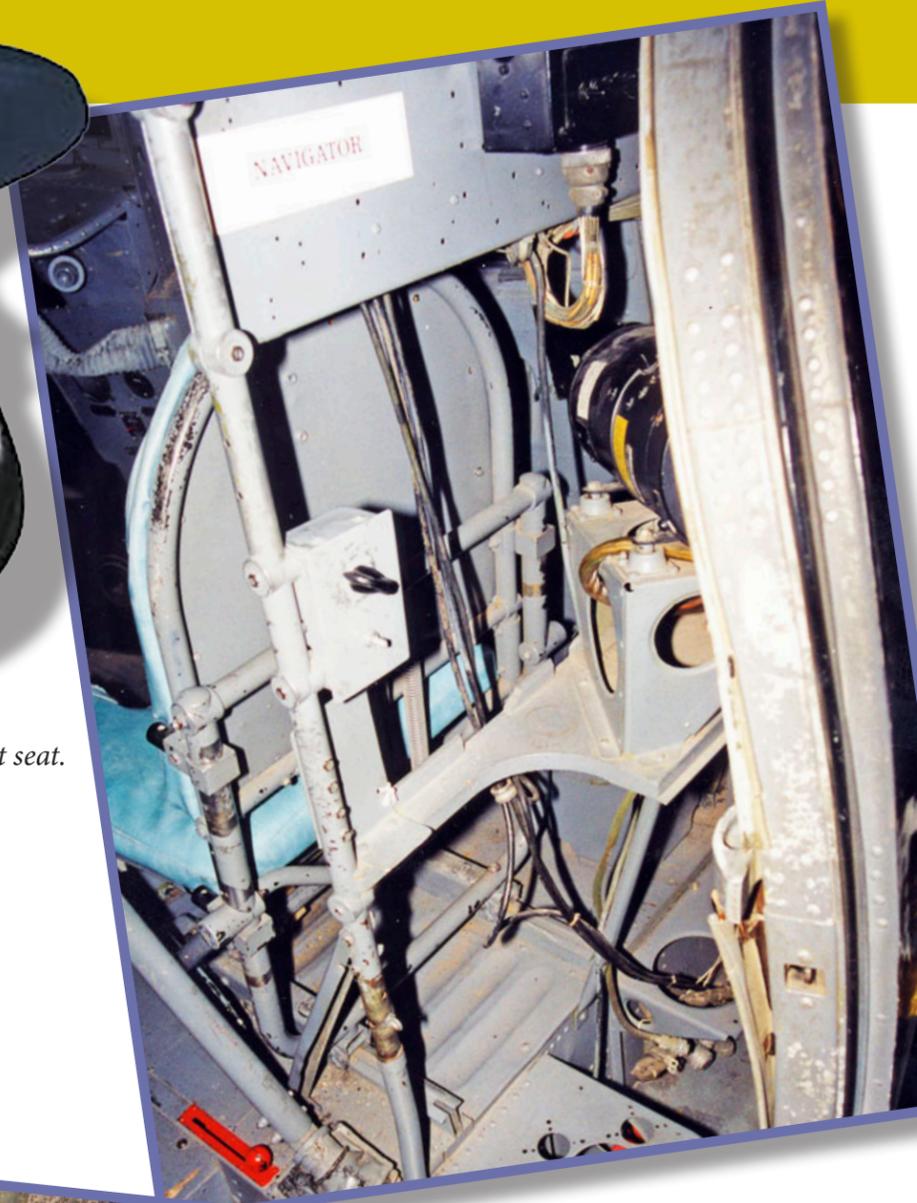




Cockpit left control column and floor.



Cockpit behind the right seat.



Cockpit behind the left seat.



Cockpit overhead looking forward.





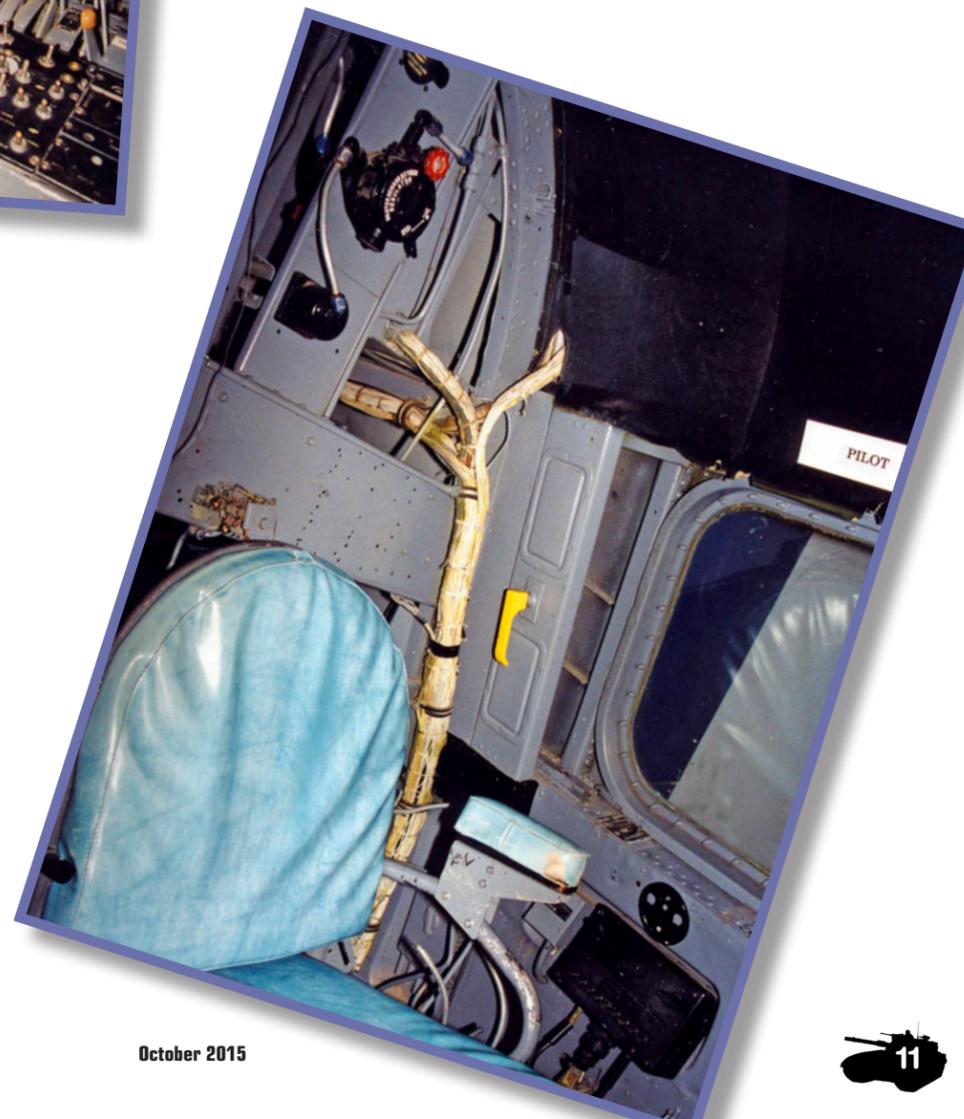
The astrodome is in the ceiling behind the cockpit.



Cockpit right forward.



Cockpit left forward.



Cockpit left rear.



Cockpit right rear.



Cockpit aft of the door.



Cockpit navigator compartment.



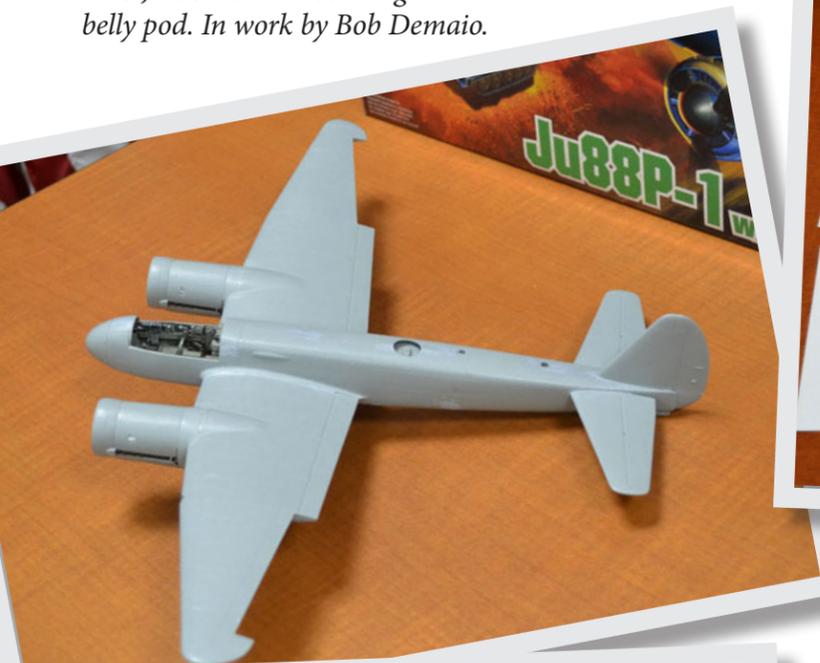
Canopy area with data block.



There were 8 models on display at the meeting. Tim Kelly, Bob DeMaio, Steve Andreano, Marshall Voizard, John Lam, and Bill Valicenti all showed off their handywork. Included were four works in progress – a Ju 88P-1, a 75mm PAK Howitzer, a 37mm anti tank gun and a 105mm M-18. Not a bad showing guys! . 🍷

Steve Muth

1-48 Ju 88P-1 with 88mm gun in a belly pod. In work by Bob Demaio.



A gaggle of original WWII recognition models brought in by Marshall Voizard. Some obviously suffer from battle damage.



A 1-48 Monogram OS2U-1 Kingfisher by Tim Kelly.



An M3A3 Stuart by Bill Valicenti.

Steve Andreano brought his 75mm howitzer.



Another by Steve A. - a 37mm anti tank gun.



Also a 105mm M-18 with M-40 PAK 40 trails by Steve Andreano.

An Egyptian SA-6 Gainful by John Lam.



1/144 USAF EC-121R Lockheed Constellation

Minicraft Models #14715

Reviewed by Steve Muth



The first Lockheed Constellation took flight during WWII as the C-69. After WWII the Constellation, as it was named, became the premier airliner of the day. Later designs of the extended fuselage Super Constellation offered more speed and payload and longer range. The USAF purchased both transport and airborne early warning electronic warfare aircraft using C-121 airframes. The C-121 was used for decades and adapted for many uses in the later years of service that included airborne command and control, intelligence gathering and psychological warfare.

As an aside, I remember seeing them across the field at what was then called Idlewilde. They had a forbidding appearance as they were overall gray. There always appeared to be 6 or 7 out in the open.

The Kit

The kit comes in a very sturdy top opening box. There are 66 parts including a clear windscreen on three gray styrene sprues and one clear. Four of the parts are not used. They appear to be radomes for the early warning variant. The molds are a mixed bag. They are nice in outline and shape but the tail surfaces have grossly overdone recessed panel lines while the fuselage and wings have none except the control surfaces. Fuselage windows are represented by decals. Curiously the central rudder has a different shape on

the port and starboard sides. Happily there are no sink marks and the ejection pin marks are in unobtrusive places. There is some flash on the smaller pieces, particularly on the propeller blades. The landing gear is suitably delicate but the wheels leave something to be desired.

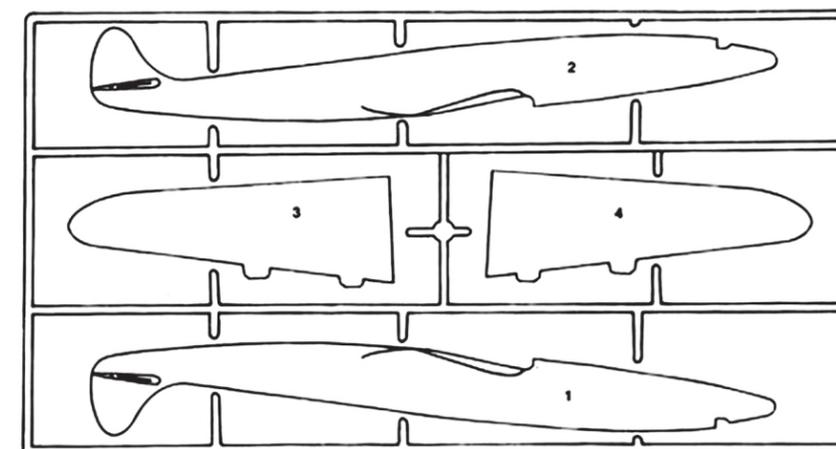
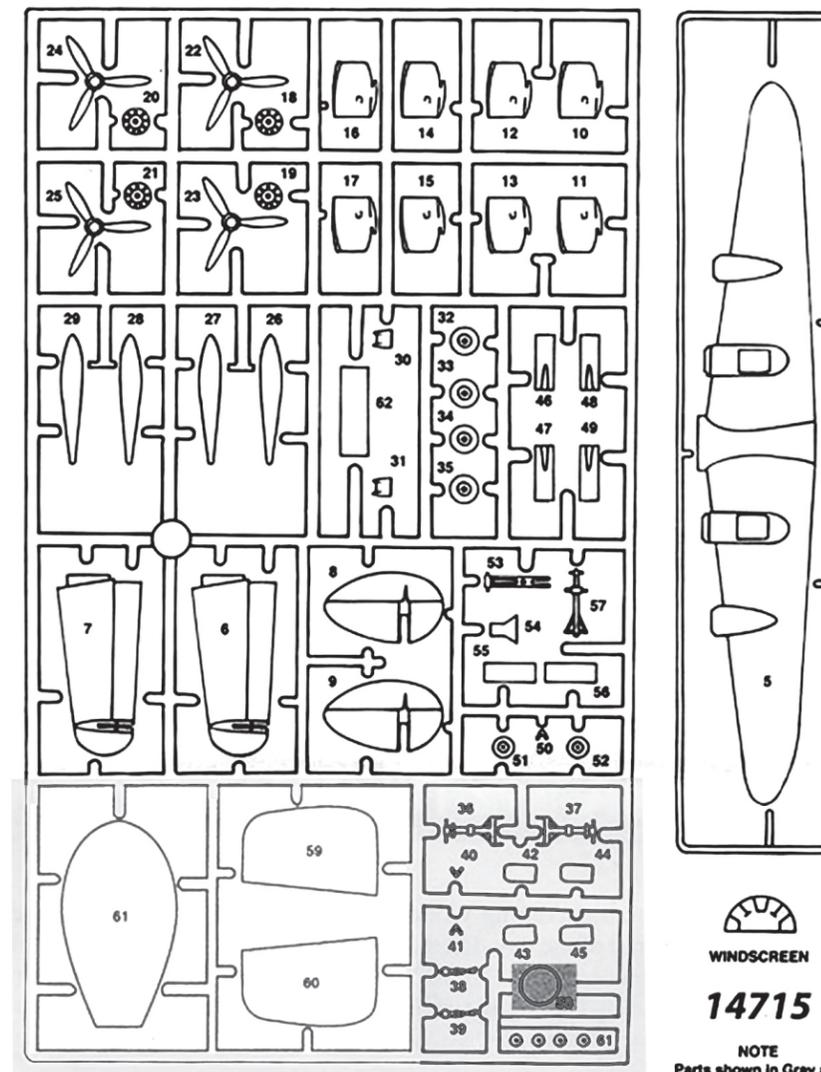
There is an eight page instruction booklet with seven assembly steps and two painting guides. The color callouts are for FS numbers and Model Master Acryl numbers. A 1/2 oz. nose weight is called out but not supplied. The decals, by Cartograph, are for two different aircraft:

S/N 67-21487 "Da Nang Glider" of the 553rd RS (553rd RW) at Korat RTAFB Thailand in June of 1969.

The Decals are good except the red bars on the "Stars and Bars" are off register. The shark mouth for 67-21498 is OK though.

S/N 67-21498 also of the 553rd RS (553rd RW) at Korat in Thailand in December 1970. 🐻

PARTS LOCATING DIAGRAM



Show Calendar Listing for 2015

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
Oct. 17, 2015	HVHMG 26 Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY	www.hvhmg.com	Sat
Nov. 1, 2015	Baycon 2015 Elk's Hall 326 Farnum Pike Smithfield, RI 02917	www.ipmsbaycolony.com	Sun
Nov 14	LIARS Freeport Recreation Center 130 Merrick Rd Freeport, NY	http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars	Sat
Nov 21	Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center 130 Merrick Rd Freeport, NY	http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com	Sat
April 2, 2016	Mosquitocon 25 1 Pal Drive Wayne, NJ	http://njipms.org	Sat
April 29 & 30	NOREASTCON 45 The Museum of American Armor 1303 Round Swap Road Old Bethpage, NY 11804	www.lisms-ipms.org www.themuseumofamericanarmor.org	Fri-Sat
Aug 3 - 6	IPMS National Convention 2016 Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center 1101 Lincoln St Columbia, SC	http://www.ipmsusa2016.com/	Wed-Sat

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