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Next meeting date:

Monday, June 15th

7:30 pm to 10 pm

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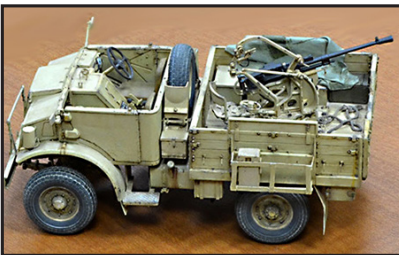
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Model: M3 75 gun motor carriage. Jim Guld

Photo: Steve Muth



Our next meeting at the library will be on the 15th smack in the middle of June! No clinic is planned but if someone wants to do one, call or e-mail me. I might bring in my Sd.Kfz 232 Armored Car I did many years ago. Bill visited me a few weeks ago and took it off my shelf to dirty it up. He only did half of it and told me to finish it. Well, I didn't yet

since I was concentrating on completing the K5 Leopold.

We have been picking up a new member in the club for the past 4 months. I hope we get more people to join. The more the merrier. If you have an interested person, male or female who has any interest, invite them down. We will collect dues at the meeting to the cost of \$15.00 for the year. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can send your money in with a fellow member, or we accept Paypal at payments@lisms.com (make sure Doug knows you sent it), or you can snail mail a check to Doug. Where else could you be a club member cheaper?

I did not visit the American Armor Museum yet to inquire about having a show there because I found out from a reliable source that the museum only owns a few tables. After renting tables at the Air Power Museum a few years, we decided that we will not put ourselves in the position of setting up and tearing down those heavy tables again. In addition the party rental we dealt with has not given us a break on the cost for the last table rentals. The cost is putting our budget in the red. I haven't dismissed the possibility of having a show there, but tables are our demise of doing such.

I went to see Roger and he still had his HK 1/32 scale B-25J sitting unfinished in his work room for over a year and a half. Whenever I visited him he has wanted to finish it and it just kept collecting dust. I offered to finish it for him and he didn't hesitate to take my offer. Roger has been a great friend since I met him. I was working on a 1/32 scale Mig-3 and put it on the back burner.

Keep our hobby alive and well!

Bob



1/48 P-38J

by Minicraft #11683

Reviewed by Steve Muth

The first production P-38 flew in June of 1941. By May of 1944 Lockheed had produced its 5,000 Lightning, P-38J-20-LO s/n 44-23296. To mark this event the aircraft was temporarily painted overall red with it's now well known YIP-PEE in white along the nose and stretching across the bottom of the wings.

Apparently, the s/n on the fin/rudders and the stars and bars

in the standard 4 positions were retained. Such was the demand for P-38s that shortly after the airborne photos were taken the aircraft reverted back to its standard military. It was then allocated to the 475th F.G. and in June or July 1944 it flew with the 431st F.S. in the Pacific. In January 1945 it was damaged in a taxiing accident and withdrawn from service.

Seventy years later Minicraft has released their P-38J with YIPPEEs markings. Alternate markings are provided for a P-38J of the 20th F.G. in England, 1944. The kit is packaged in a very sturdy top opening box containing 93 parts including 5 clear parts for the canopy. Also included are alternate parts for a photo recon nose for an F-5B. However there are no decals or instructions for this alternate configuration. My guess is that Minicraft will release an F-5 variant at a later date. The decals are by Cartograph and appear to be very good but only very basic stencils are included. The recessed panel lines are rather heavy and here are some sink marks, particularly on the wing tips(?). The canopy parts are clear but thick with attendant dis-

tortion evident. There is some basic cockpit detail but no landing gear well detail although the wells are deep enough. The instruction sheet is 10 pages describing 13 assembly steps and contains parts tree diagrams. A painting guide is provided with Model Master paint number callouts.

The kit has a skill level 2 rating so I would recommend it to any modeler that has built a few models already or is old enough to handle the small parts. For the more serious modeler, there are better P-38s out there (i.e. from Eduard and Academy). I am not aware of any Yippee aftermarket decal out there so if you want to model this bright red P-38J you will have to purchase this kit for the decals. For the more adventurous you could also build an F-5B with the photo nose parts and paint it recon blue and then build a standard P-38 as an unlimited racer and paint it white (for example Lefty Gardner's #13 White Lit'nin). That would make a nice red, white and blue display trio.

The kit and it's decal sheet have all sorts of possibilities..



Art Car Museum

140 Heights Blvd. Houston, Texas 77001

Reviewed by Steve Muth

This is a small funky museum located not far from Rice University in Houston. We visited Houston recently to see my granddaughter, Michelle, graduate. Knowing of my interest in cars and airplanes she said she knew of a small funky museum she thought I might like to see. It was not what I expected but it was enjoyable. As you can see the emphasis is on funky! It seems there is a whole sub culture out there devoted to funky cars and aerospace and they have events where they show their outrageous cars, cycles, scooters, etc. So in the interest in diversity I present "The Art Car Museum". It

was/is mostly car oriented but did have a rocket (?) and a plane – the first aircraft to have a net oxygen output to the atmosphere. Missing is a truly different car based, I believe on a Volkswagen bug of some indeterminate year. It was in the courtyard by the entrance and it was covered in a zillion metal plates of 1x3 inches. It had gargoylesque headlights and hood ornament. Unfortunately, it was camera shy and wouldn't let me photograph it. Besides, it was raining out. For the rest, I will let the pictures and captions provide the commentary. 🚗



You can detail/scratch build the cockpit to your hearts content.



The placard gives you all the details.

You are greeted with this tail dragger Aircraft1 that is the first aircraft to have a net positive oxygen impact on the enviroment. It has all manner of greenery inside the fuselage and nose. The cockpit is fully functional, claims the literature, and has many unique featutres. I don't believe there is a kit for this craft, not even in the cottage industry so you would have toi scratch build it based on one of the Cessna kits out there.

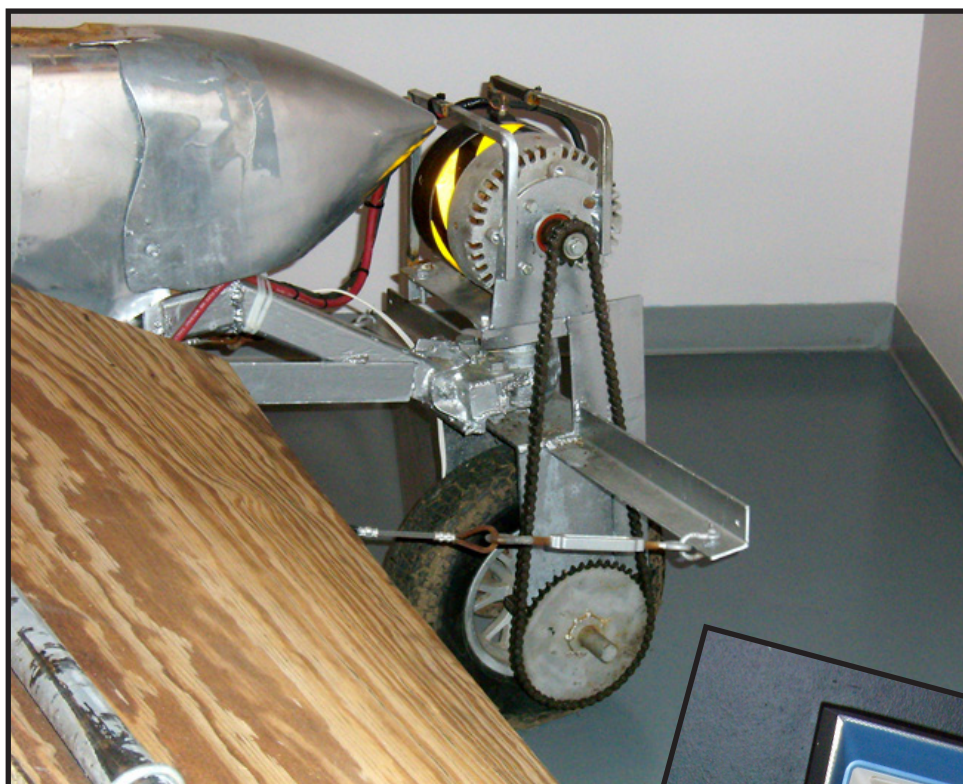


You can use all your diorama skills on the green house fuselage.



Ditto for the engine bay. Even your ship building skills will come into play with the port hole.

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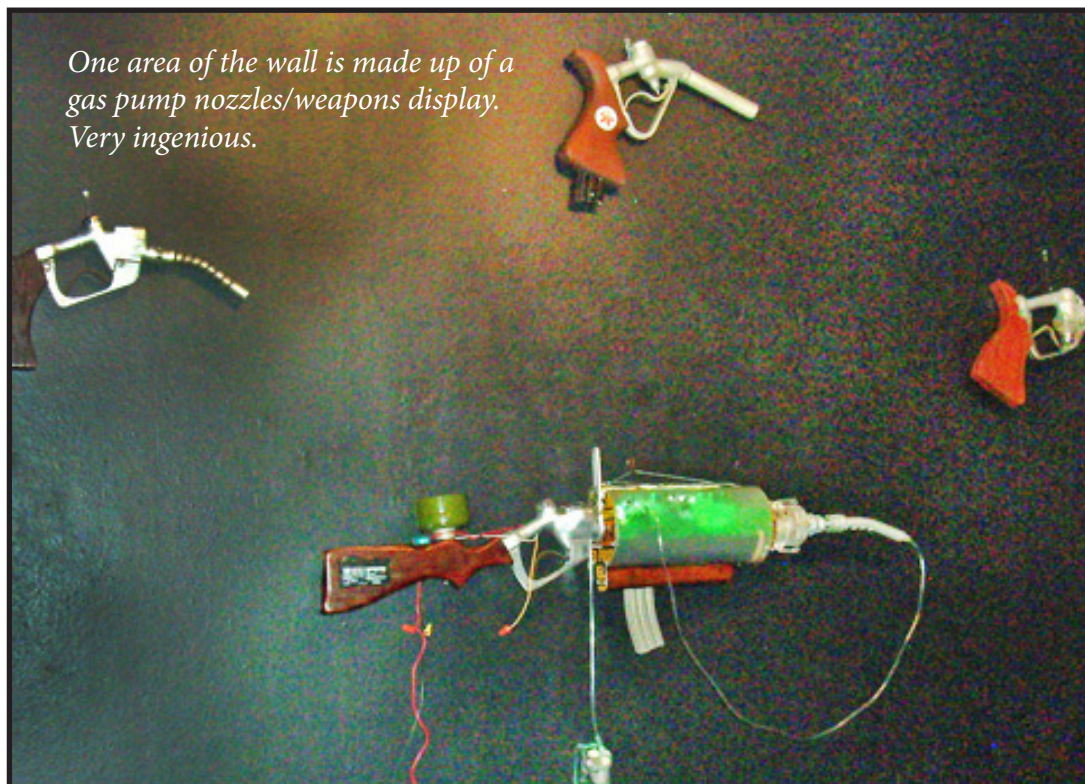
For the tail wheel assembly you can draw on your armor skills.



The fuel pump will require a bit of gardening skill.



This car(?) appears to draw on a helicopter cabin what with the collective controls and all.



One area of the wall is made up of a gas pump nozzles/weapons display. Very ingenious.

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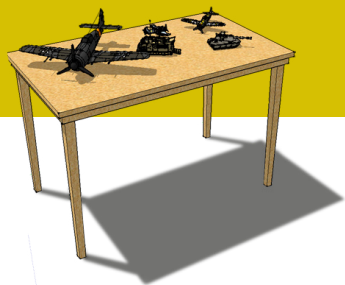


RoseBud was featured in one of the several parade videos being run in their theater. Yes, Virginia, they do run and drive.




Mi Shell, a Karma Gia, covered in sea shells. I don't know how many shell are on there but I am willing to bet the person who applied them hasn't been the same since.





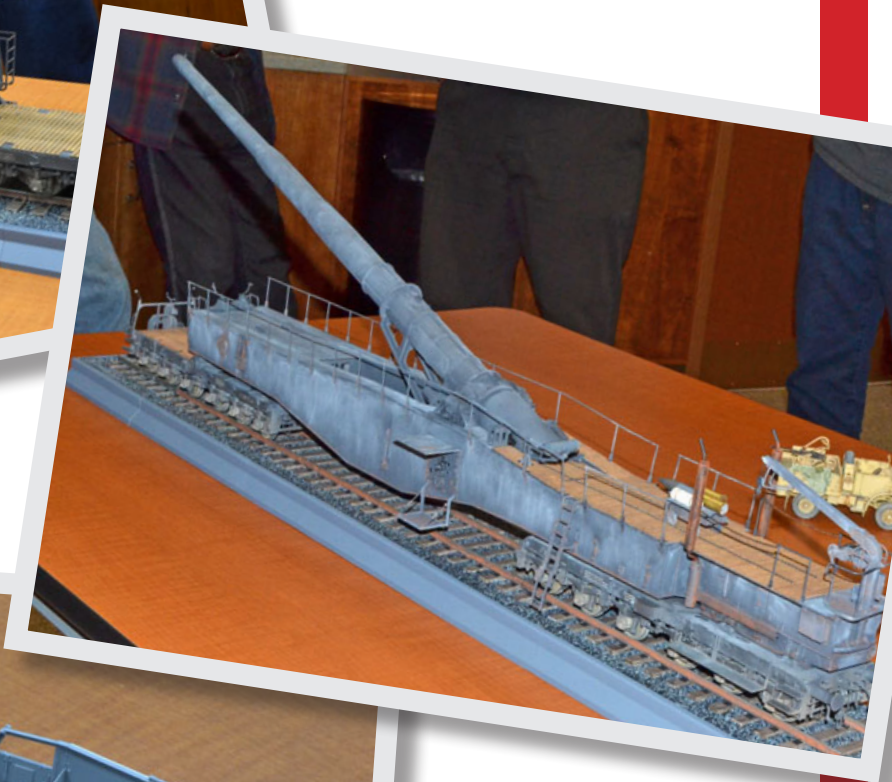
May 18th 2015 SEEN ON THE TABLE

Back to normal! There were 11 nice models on the table for us to ooh and aah over. Two were works in progress, Jim Lisa's wooden HMS Victory and John Lam's Skoda Siege Howitzer. The finished models were by the usual culprits and they were all outstanding. Enjoy.. 

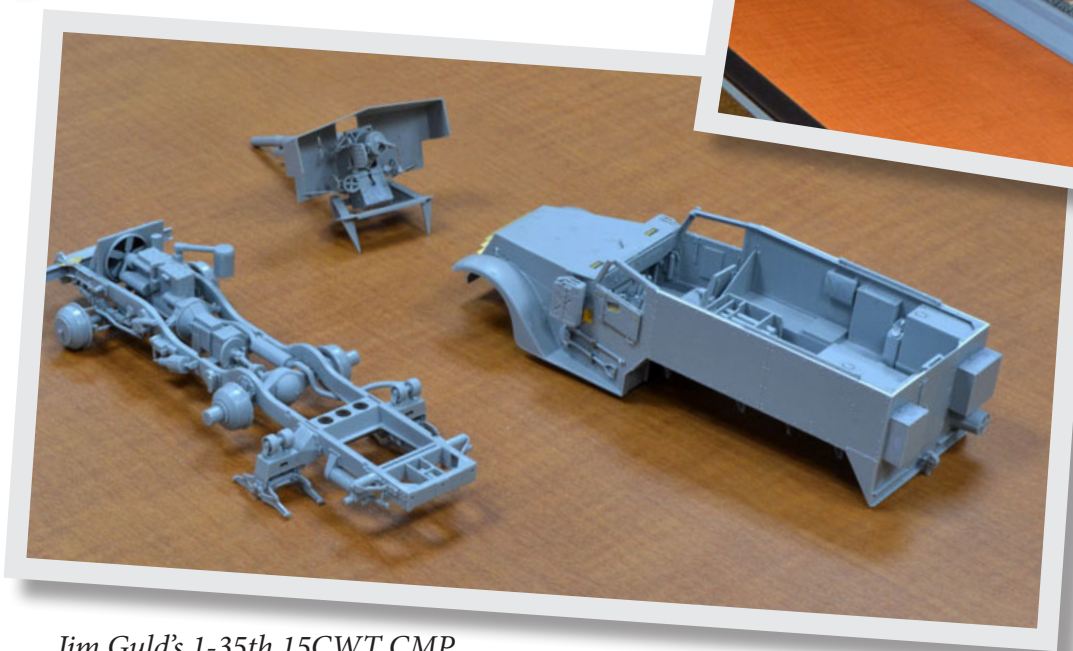
Steve Muth



Bob's Trumpeter 1/35 scale K-5(E) Leopold railroad gun was very impressive (and large). You'll really need a special place for it Bob!



This is the others side of Bob's Leopold.



Jim Guld's 1-35th 15CWT CMP.



Tim Kelly's 1/72 L749 Constellation



This 1/72 scale Fujimi D4Y2 Judy 21 was by Ray O'Neill.



Ray also brought his 1/72 scale Fujimi D4Y4 Judy 33.

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Jim Lisa brought his wooden 1/84 scale HMS Victory hull which showed off some of his construction techniques. A nice change from the plastic.

John Lam brought his work in process - a Skoda Siege Howitzer in 1/35 scale



In addition to his Constellation, Tim Kelly also brought his A/10A done as an all black WWII recognition model.



Last but not least, Mike Goldberg brought a quartet of 1/144 scale model of an M2 Bradley, an M1 Abrams, a Panzer 38T and a Schnellboot in 1/50.

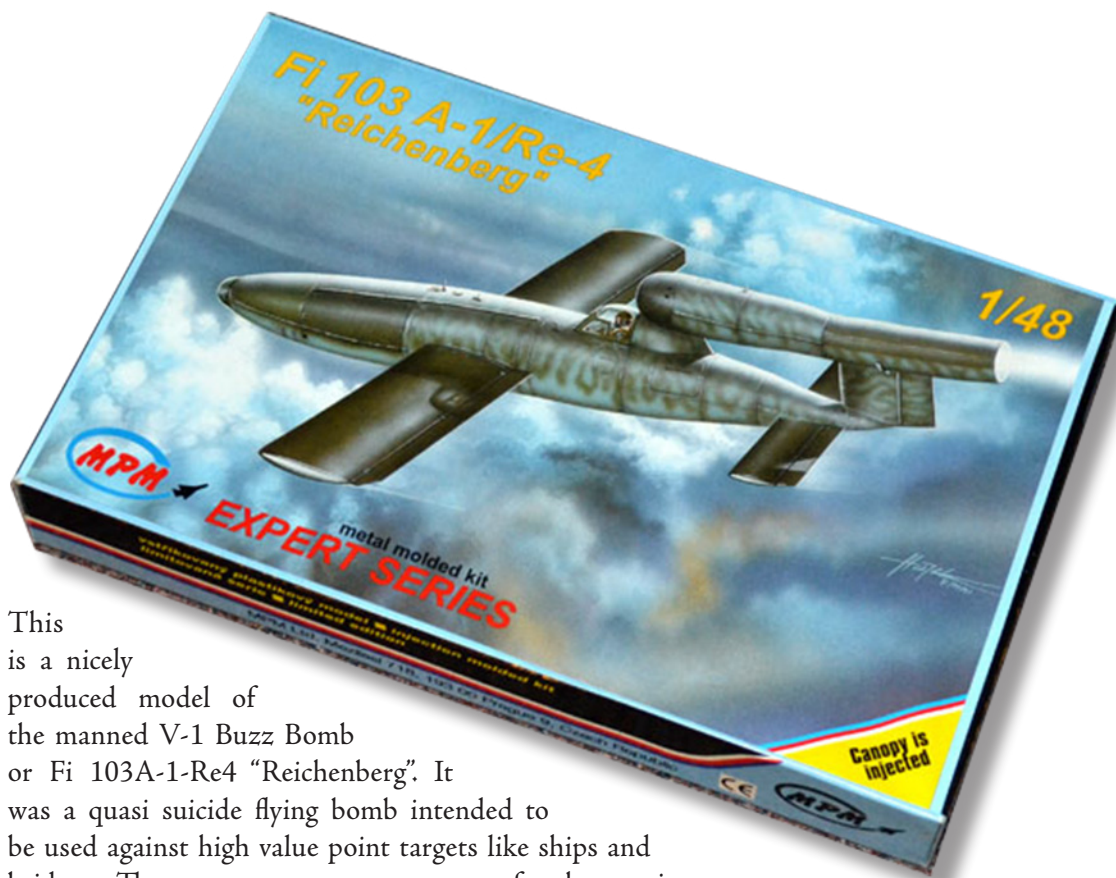


Not satisfied with the two Judys Ray also brought his rather obscure 1/72 scale Bristol Bombay as in Harbun, China in 1943.

1/48 Fi 103A-1-Re-4 "Reichenberg"

by MPM #48049

Reviewed by Steve Muth



This is a nicely produced model of the manned V-1 Buzz Bomb or Fi 103A-1-Re4 "Reichenberg". It was a quasi suicide flying bomb intended to be used against high value point targets like ships and bridges. The concept was to use a person for the terminal guidance with the pilot bailing out at the last moment. One look at the cockpit location – just beneath the pulse-jet intake and you can see probability of a successful bailout would have been very problematical. Never the less a large number were actually built but none were ever used operationally. Some versions were used for development and training though. It would seem the loss of the war caught up with the program and in the chaos the program fell apart.

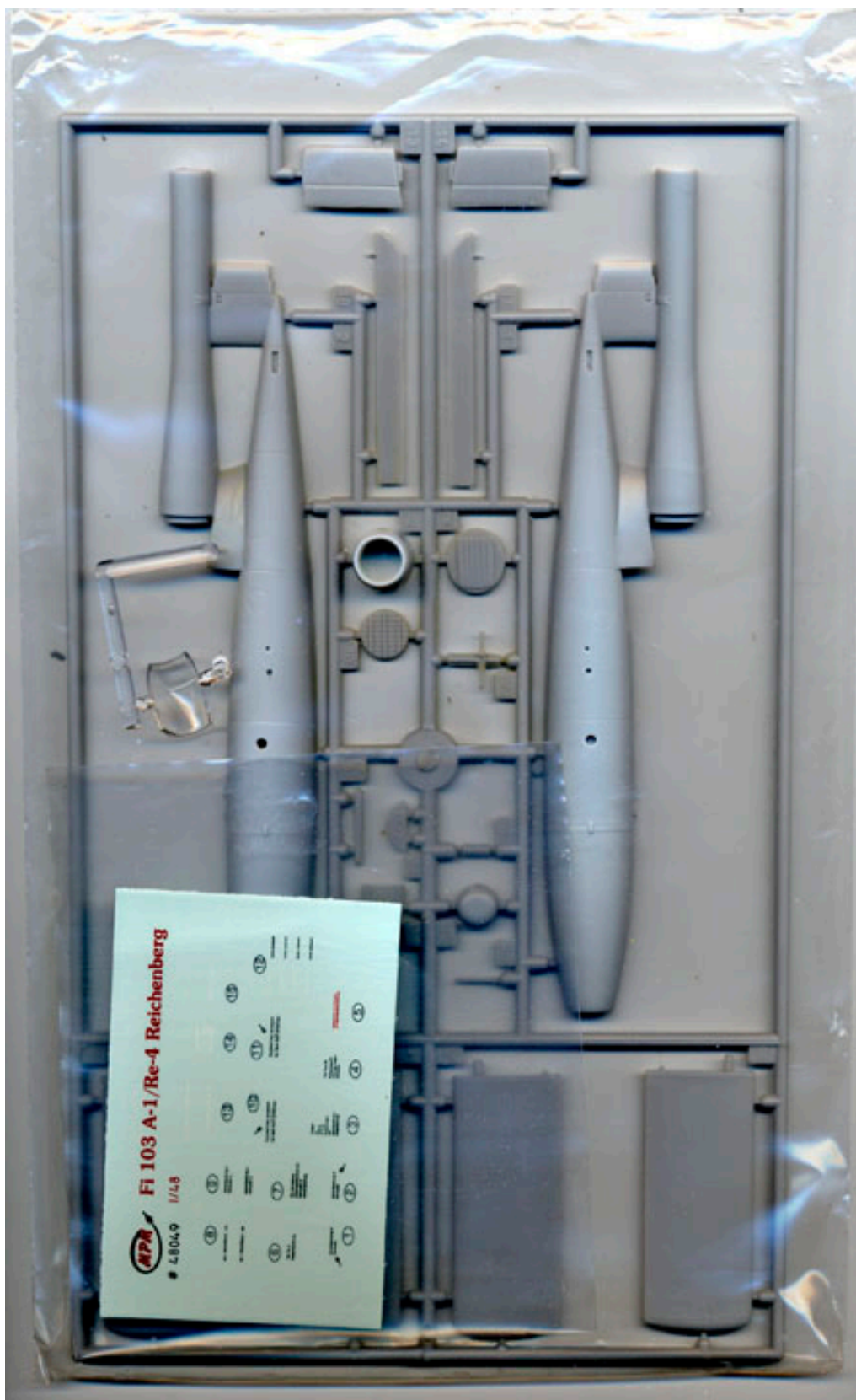
The kit comes in a rather flimsy end opening box with rather attractive box art. Inside there are 20 pieces of gray styrene and one injection molded canopy. All the parts are in one clear plastic bag including the decal (in a separate sleeve) and canopy. The gray parts are all on one sprue with reasonably small gates. There is 4 page, 6x8 inch, instruction booklet with 5 assembly steps plus one 2 sided

sheet with multi view painting guides for 2 aircraft. Color callouts are by RLM numbers. The decal sheet is very good with an assortment of stencils. There is also a short history of the aircraft in Czech, German, English and French.

The moldings are nicely done with no flash or sink marks. The panel scribing is appropriately petite. There are locating pins and tabs for the horizontal stabilizers and wings. The ailerons are posing able. As in the original, the cockpit detail is minimal. An instrument panel, rudder bar and control column are provided but not a seat. There are no figures.

All in all it is a nice but not exceptional kit. With a little extra effort on the cockpit, jet intake and some external piping it can be made into a really nice model.

Recommended for all skill levels.. 🛩️



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OUR MEMBER PROFILE - Duane Yorke



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

I started in 1937 when I was 6 years old. I built solid models and trains. My first model was a Vought SBU-1 Scout Bomber, an Ideal kit, that I bought for 10 cents. During the war (WWII) I built 1/1200 ID recognition models. I later got my degree in Aeronautical Engineering from MIT and went to work at Grumman in the Preliminary Design Group as a Project Manager starting in 1949. It was an exciting time in the industry.

Favorite Scale?

My favorite scale for aircraft is 1/48th, for ships it is 1/1200 and for trains it is 1/87.

Favorite subject to build?

My favorite subject is fighter planes but I also like to build trains and ships. No armor, cars or sci-fi though.

How many models do you build a year?

I used to build about 40 models a year but have slowed to 4 – 5 a year now. Roughly 1 every two months.

How big is your unbuilt kit stash and why?

Every plastic model ever produced. The Hawk F9F was the first plastic one and I bought a dozen. If it was a Grumman plane or was one I was particularly interested in I would

buy a carton (of 12) I also have about 500 ship models in 1/1200 scale from all the navies of the world and a large train collection. Due to my job and the necessity of keeping up with aircraft design, I was able to use the modeling activity as a tax deduction as part of my job.

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

It was (and still is) fun and I was mechanically intrigued. I took an alarm clock apart when I was very young and it fascinated me. I went from trains to planes and back to trains.

What satisfies you about building a model?

Accomplishing something and it satisfies my creative urge.

What most frustrates you when building?

Obvious inaccuracies.

What is your dream project to build?

Completing the Concord.

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

Getting involved with armor. I couldn't complete an adequate collection


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

I first heard of the LISMS in 1977 when I met Stan Colban. He convinced me to come to a meeting in Lindenhurst with him. I liked it and joined.

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

I never had to make excuses. My wife said I could have any hobby as long as it doesn't have a skirt. It also helped that I was able to deduct the kits and tools as a business expense due to my job at Grumman. I was a Project Manager in Preliminary Design and had to keep up with aircraft development in the industry from 1949 on. It was an exciting time.

What other hobbies/interests do you have?

I'm a history buff but am also interested in photography, stamp collecting and writing. 

Show Calendar Listing for 2015

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
July 22-25	IPMS National Convention Columbus, Ohio	www.ipmsusa.org	Wed-Sat
Sept. 25-26	Armorcon Crown Plaza Danbury, CT	http://www.militarymodelers.org	Fri-Sat
Oct. 17, 2015	HVHMG 26 Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY	www.hvhmg.com	Sat
Nov 14	LIARS Freeport Recreation Center 130 Merrick Rd Freeport, NY	http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars	Sat
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