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Next meeting date:

Monday, July 20th

7:30 pm to 10 pm

Levittown Public Library

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Model: Me 262A-1a/U3 of Kdo Brauegg
in 1945

Photo: Steve Muth



Our next meeting at the library on the 20th but we will be displaced to meet in the auditorium! It's just for the one night. For those who haven't noticed it in the library, it's in the door immediately to your left when you enter the library door. We used to meet in there years ago. The lighting is too dark to really get a good look at models but don't let it stop you from bringing them down. We will have a few tables for them.

The real focus of our meeting will be a "Buy, Sell, and Swap Meet." Bring in those items taking up space. Don't forget to bring in some low denomination bills to make change.

Please don't forget to renew your dues if you haven't yet. We would like your continued hobby bonding.

So why is it good to attend Contests? There are multiple reasons but one outstanding reason is to gain knowledge of other modeler's work. Just as we communicate amongst our club members, there are more ideas out there, be it on a base or just additions to the kit. Winning isn't everything but it sure helps! I have spoken to many modelers in several cities as I tour outlying states. Their frustration level has been increasing watching the same faces walking away with trophies of several categories. A few years ago I remember a Region 2 Regional I attended. A modeler standing at a table across from me was just stacking up a good 12 winning plaques. He was ribbed by his friends about being a trophy hog. I've seen this modeler at many shows since still winning with just about anything he builds. He can't be faulted for his workmanship and winning, but I'm hearing the impact on discouraging builders to enter contests. With the declining model entrant numbers the past 3 years, just seems to be a strong connection here. Yet if you attend any IPMS National the modelers and their model numbers easily reach over 2200 entries. Entering local and Regional Contests are much cheaper than the Nationals. If you don't get to the Nationals try to support the local contests. Is the hobby you are in all about winning in the contests or about accomplishing a finished item you are proud of to display on your shelf, or both? Every model I work on I do with the intent of entering it in the contests to be placed under the evil eyes of the judges. If it doesn't win something, so be it and there are other contests and different judges. Build your best to your liking, and if you enter a contest, well, it isn't worth an ulcer condition.

Keep our hobby alive and well!

Bob



1/72 North American F-107A Super Sabre

by Trumpeter, #01605, \$19.95

Reviewed by Steve Muth

The F-107A Super Sabre was the follow on to the F-100 Sabre but it lost out to the F-105 in the USAF competition for the next fighter/attack aircraft. By all accounts it was a superb fighter but the F-105 was judged better.

The Kit

I have waited a long time for a 1/48 scale F-107. It is a really cool looking aircraft! Unfortunately, the Collect Air kit price was just too high. When I learned of the Trumpeter 1/72 kit I weakened and bought one. I never learn! Years ago I bought another long desired kit. The Trumpeter 1/48 RA-5C Vigilante at a then obscene price. Big Mistake! It was just a run of the mill kit with its share of sink marks, etc. At least this time the price wasn't too bad because it is 1/72. As with the RA-5C there are many sink marks, and some flash. You would think in this day and age you would not have these flaws. They can be remedied but are a real turn off to me.

The best thing about this kit is the box! It is a very strong top opening box of corrugated cardboard. Inside you get 57 gray styrene parts on three sprues plus one clear sprue with six clear parts. The mold quality is good, except for the aforementioned flash and sink marks. The sink marks are on the fuselage by the cockpit and on the landing gear doors. Did I say I hate filling sink marks! There are also some ejection pin marks in the cockpit side walls. The flash is mainly on the fuselage where the wing joins up. Easily corrected but it shouldn't be there in this day and age. Paneling is recessed, petite and quite good. Cockpit detail is minimal. There is a tub but it is featureless. There are no foot wells or rudder pedals and there is no floor or side console details, not even decals. The instrument panel has lightly molded on dial detail but again no decal. There is a crude control column. The seat on the other hand is a jewel, consisting of 5 parts with molded in seat belts.



Another nice touch is the afterburner ring detail in the exhaust pipe. The wing is made up of three pieces – one lower piece that goes through the fuselage and two bottom pieces. That will make wing alignment much easier. No wing tip lights are shown but the bumps are there so you will have to cobble something up for them. Again, no real problem but you shouldn't have to do this. Each elevator and rudder is made up of two pieces. The canopy is reasonably clear and in three pieces – windscreen, center and aft. If you want to pose it open you will have to make your own supporting structure as on the real thing the center part swings up and back. If you want it closed the attachment to the fuselage is neat as it sits in a recess rather than sitting on the surface. It should result in a cleaner canopy edge. The landing gear is decent but the wheel wells are totally devoid of detail. The walls are smooth. The decal sheet is for three aircraft (that is how many F-107s were built) and is in a separate bag. The registration is good and they appear to be opaque.

Overall, it is a mixed bag. Trumpeter did some things right but fell down on some basics like sink marks and ejector pin locations and missing details in the cockpit and wheel wells. Recommended if you really want/need an F-107. 🛩️



June 15th 2015 SEEN ON THE TABLE

There were 10 models on display at the meeting. Tim Kelly, Steve Andreano, Jim Guld, Marshall Voizard, Jim Boulukos, Ray O'Neill and Rich Caserma all showed off their handywork. Included were three works in progress – a howitar yep, that's what Steve A called it, the new M-B 300SL, a stick and tissue P-40, and a wooden stern wheeler boat. Not a bad showing guys! Tim used crazy glue on the P-40. That's cheating you know. Real modelers used Duco Cement or Ambroid and held the parts in place for 20 minutes waiting for the glue to dry! That built character! Ah the advances in adhesives! Very nostalgic. 🛩️

Steve Muth



Ray O'Neill's 1/72 Breda BR. 65-K-14.



Scratch built 1/72 Fiat CR.25 also by Ray O'Neill.



Steve Andreano's 1/35 Howitar conversion - a 107mm mortar on a howitzer gun carriage.



*Jim Guld's 1/35 M375 GMC
(gun motor carriage).*

*A 1/35 CMP (Canadian
Military Pattern) vehicle by
Jim Guld.*



*A nice colorful 1/24 Ferrari 330
and Porsche 917 pair by Rich
Caserma*



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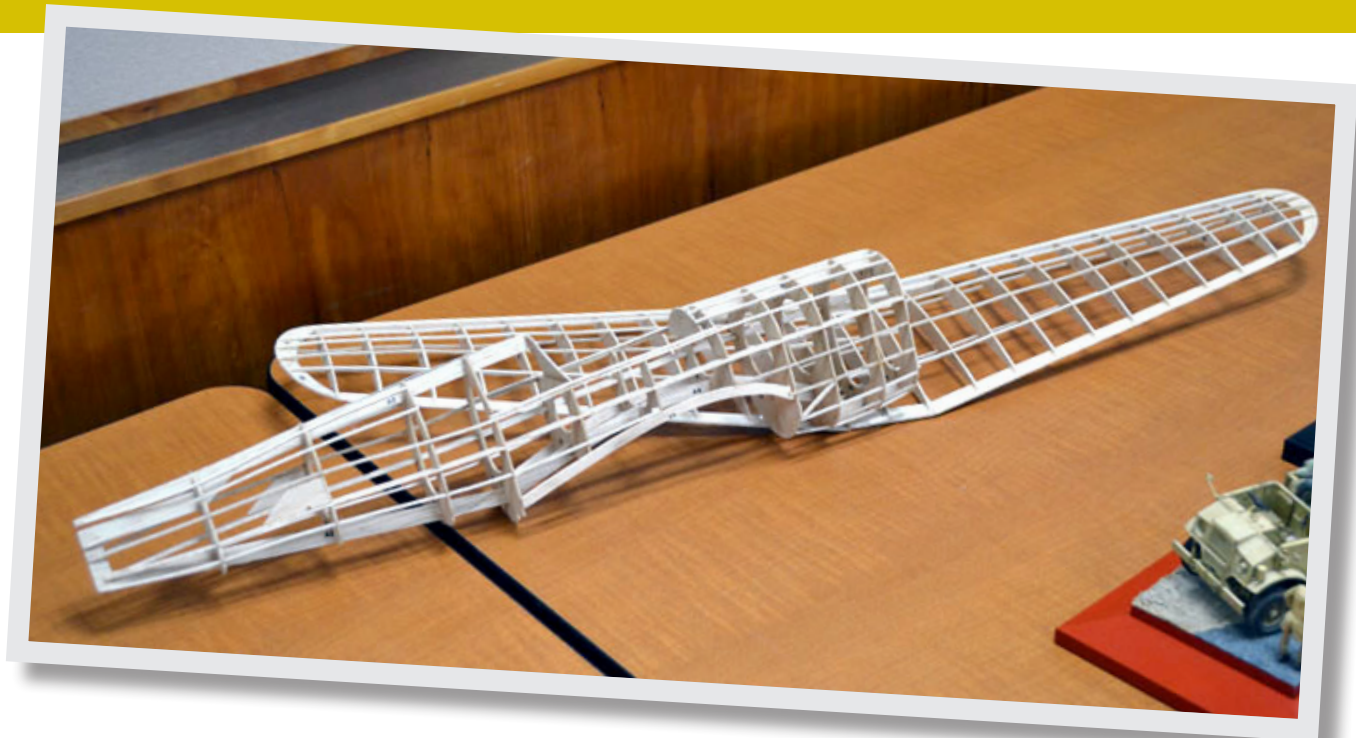
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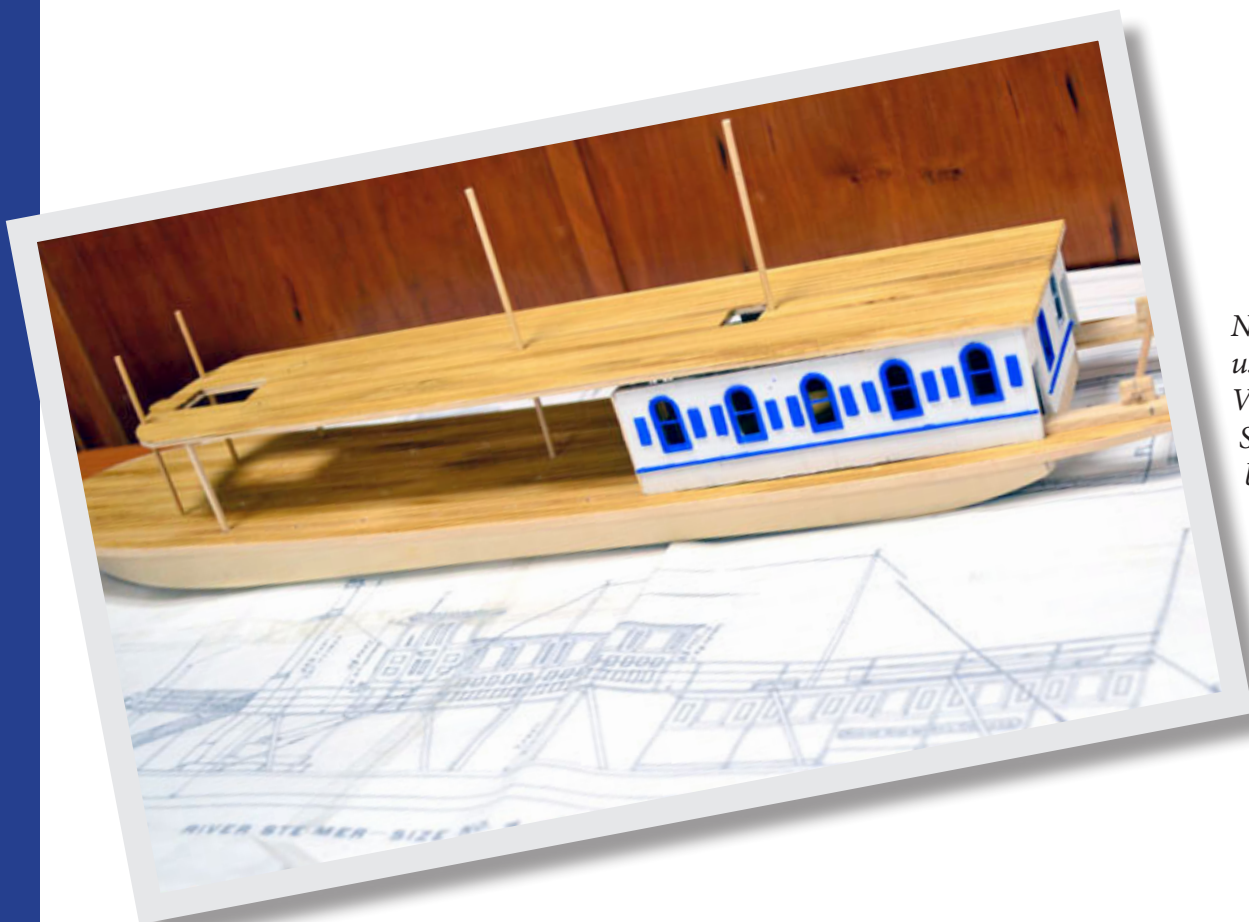
Jim Boulukos's
put his New 1/24
Tamiya Mercedes
Benz 300SL kit on
display as a work
in process.

Marshall Voizard
showed his 1/24
Purple '32 Ford 5
window coupe.





Tim - don't you know it is character building to have to hold the parts together for 20 minutes waiting for the glue to dry!



Not to be outdone in using wood, Rick Verriest showed his Stern wheel paddle boat.



Photo Essay of a North American F-107A

There are two surviving F-107As. One is at the Pima Air and Space Museum south of Tuscon, AZ and the other is at the National Museum of The USAF outside of Dayton, OH. These photos were taken at the NMUSAF between 1981 and 1987. All the cockpit shots I took were taken through the canopy. A few shots of the instrument panel are courtesy of the NMUSAF. 🛩️



F-107A Left front portrait - Courtesy of NMUSAF



F-107A Left front portrait



F-107A Cockpit looking forward - Courtesy of NMUSAF



F-107A Cockpit left forward. Note the canopy interior is dull black.



F-107A Cockpit Left side.



F-107A Cockpit right aft.



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*F-107A Cockpit
right side.*



*F-107A Cockpit
right side*



*F-107A Nose landing
gear right front.*

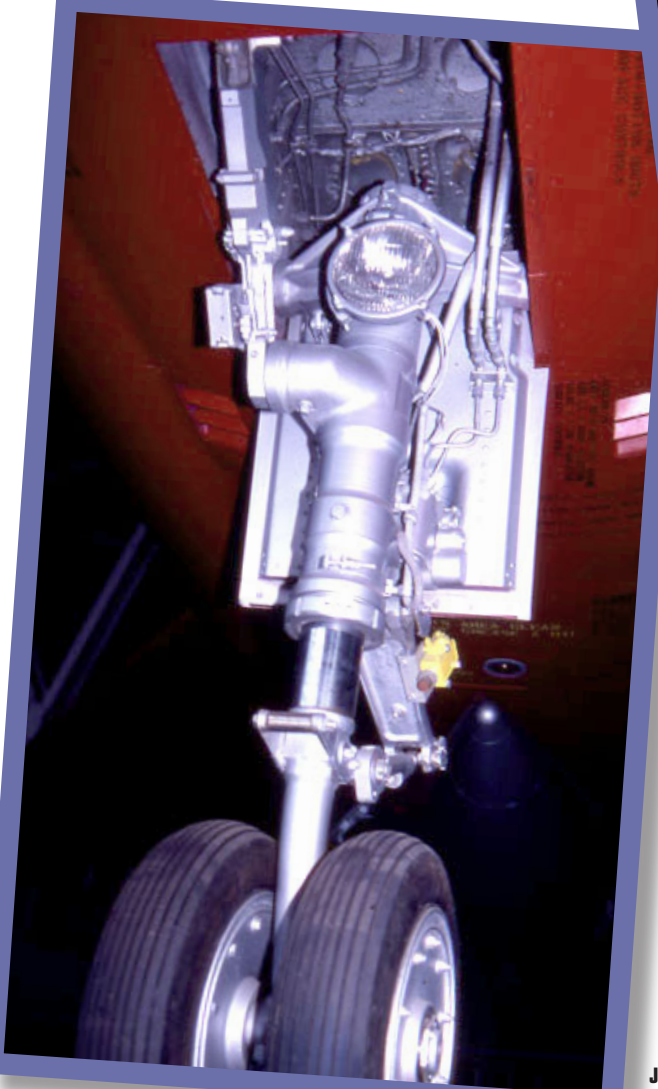




F-107A Cockpit looking right forward and down.



F-107A Nose landing gear left front view.



F-107A Nose landing gear left front view with aft well.

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F-107A Left main landing gear front view.



F-107A Right main landing gear front view.

F-107A Main landing gear rear view.

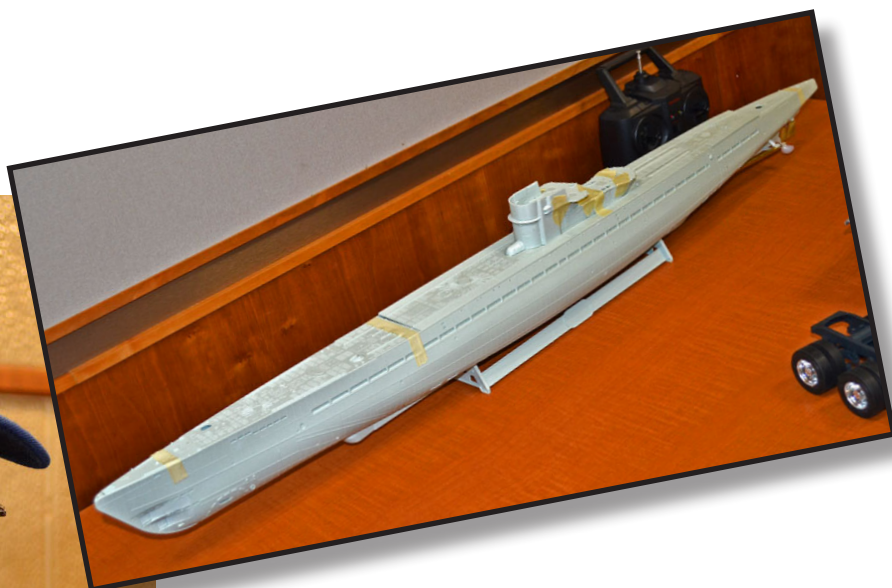


F-107A Right front portrait - Courtesy NMUSAF





OUR MEMBER PROFILE - Eric Goldshrafe



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

When I was about 4 years old my mom bought me a Strombecker all wood model and said she would help me with it. She didn't so I went and did it myself.

Favorite Scale?

I don't really have a favorite scale. I tend to build 1/48 aircraft, 1/24 cars, 1/8 inch to the foot ships and 1/35 tanks.

Favorite subject to build?

I tend to lean toward ships.

How many models do you build a year?

I don't know. Too many to count.

What are you currently building?

I am currently working on several 1/96 radio control Destroyers.

How big is your unbuilt kit stash and why?

I'm down to about 150 from a high of 800.

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

I like and just enjoy building them, researching and painting them.

What satisfies you about building a model?

I like to show the results to others. I go to shows and meet a lot of like minded people. It is fun.

What most frustrates you when building?

Telephones interrupting me.

What is your dream project to build?

The one I am working on at the moment.

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

Getting caught bringing in models when I was young.

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

I originally joined in 1976. Howie Belkin and Jack Kennedy and the folks at the hobby shop in Lindenhurst recruited me. I stopped for a while when I joined the Sea Cadets – I still have the model and plaque for a Sherman tank that I took 1st in the clubs first World Series contest.

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

I don't have to now. When I got a job as a model builder my mom even started buying me kits.

What other hobbies/interests do you have?

I'm a history buff but am also interested in photography and Model railroading. I have a 300 ft sq layout in HO. It's fun.



Seminar on Painting Figures - Steve Muth

This is a new feature of your newsletter to showcase our member's modeling seminars. It is not a blow by blow description but rather a few photos to show you what we did at the meeting. It is difficult to take photos and notes at

the same time. Are there any note taking volunteers out there ? just contact me at the next meeting. This is the first seminar we are covering so we would like to have your comments. 🚗



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
Nov 21	Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center 130 Merrick Rd Freeport, NY	http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com	Sat



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