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Next meeting date:
Monday, September 21st
7:30 pm to 10 pm

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Model: P-40K Fred Seitz
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I'm back! For those who are booing, I will get even. LOL! I have heard how the meeting went and pleased to hear it went well. All of you members, and those who are negligent of paying dues, have been notified by e-mail that it is official that we will host Noreastcon 45 at The Museum of American Armor in Old Bethpage. This will be quite an interesting venue and guaranteed to please armor enthusiasts for these tanks and vehicles are in running order. Visitors will be able to ride in a WWII halftrack for just \$20.00 per person.

For this meeting, Monday the 21st, Eric is in the midst of doing a lot of resin-casting parts, this would be an opportune time to do a clinic on making rubber molds and casting the parts out of resin. The techniques are quite simple, and it's a great way to produce a quantity of pieces; for instance, casting his own planes for 1:350th scale aircraft carrier models. He will also be scratchbuilding some patterns in this scale for aircraft that are not being produced at this time. I've refined the procedures so that it doesn't make a mess, and the parts made during a clinic would be cured and de-molded during the meeting. The bit about doing masters for 1:350th scale aircraft could be a separate clinic from a scale drawing to finished parts.

For October's meeting I'd like to plan another club contest. Since it's near Halloween, why don't you slap together a Halloween type kit! We can make a separate category for it.

Doug has been throwing out a lot of urn coffee each meeting and he thought it might be a better idea and cheaper if we bought a Keurig to make a cup of coffee on demand. Costco had a nice one with K-Paks included and I bought a box of Dunkin Coffee K-Paks. Some of you asked for decaff and we will comply with your requests. This will save Doug the trouble of cleaning the urn and will be stored away for the club's future use. It will still cost you the dollar for a coffee with or without the doughnut. Please do not abuse this perk. Everyone has eyes and will notice anyone who does. Doug and I more work to eradicate your name, only to have to put it back in. You can pay thru Paypal to: payments@paypal.com, or send a check to Doug, or send your fee in with your nearest fellow member attending the meeting.

It is confirmed that the IPMS Nationals in 2017 will be in La Vista, Nebraska July 26 thru 29th. So if that will be too far to travel, consider the nationals in Columbia, South Carolina on August 3 thru 6, 2016. It's a one day drive from Long Island and one day back but if you haven't been to a nats, go and enjoy!

The Armorcon event is approaching on the 25th and 26th. I like this show for there are a few vendors who do not want to contend with the traffic to cross the wonderful bridges and pay those increased fees to the great Long Island! Danbury isn't that far. If you like armor models and different vendors, go.

Hudson Valley 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.

Bob



Flying Wings

by David Doyle,

Published by Ampersand Group Inc., 2015, SB, 120 pages \$19.00

Reviewed by Steve Muth

This book is about the Northrop flying wings, the B-35 and B-49. On the eve of America's entry into World War, on 22 November 1941 Northrop received a contract for one XB-35 experimental aircraft and a mock up. Its purpose was to be able to attack Germany from US soil. Due to the needs of the war, the roll out was not until the spring of 1946. The first flight was shortly thereafter on June 25, 1946. From the start the XB-35 was beset with difficulties. The engines, with their contra-rotating propeller gearboxes, were the first major problem and the second was directional stability. The crew was simply unable to respond fast enough. The propeller/gearbox problems were eventually solved by deleting the contra-rotating propellers. The directional stability was never really solved until the advent of sophisticated electronics in the B-2. Compounding the difficulties was a shift by the Air Force to jets and the airfoil of the B-35 was not really suitable. The competition for the next heavy bomber was won by the B-36 which itself went through a very troubled development and was near termination on several occasions.

To eliminate the problematic piston engines and get more in line with Air Force thinking, two B-35 airframes were converted to B-49s. One an eight jet configuration with all the engines buried in the wings and the other a six jet configuration with four buried in the wings and one hung in a pod beneath each wing. Although eliminating the engine problems the directional instability problems remained. Plus, range was cut in half for the eight jet configuration and by half again for the six jet configuration. These were to be the only jet bomber flying wings built until the B-2.



The book itself covers all this admirably in photo essay format. It is a must for the model builder. There is minimal text but extensive photo captions. There are 33 full color photos and 207 black and white photos, many of which are full page. There are many cockpit, landing gear and internal photos along with many photos of the aircraft in the manufacturing process. The only things really missing are the wheel well interior details. The photos, for the most part, are very sharp and clear, being company or Air Force photos.

Altogether, I found the book an excellent value and one of the better books on the subject.

Recommended.. 




1/32 Schoenfeldt Firecracker R-4

by Williams Brothers, \$18.00

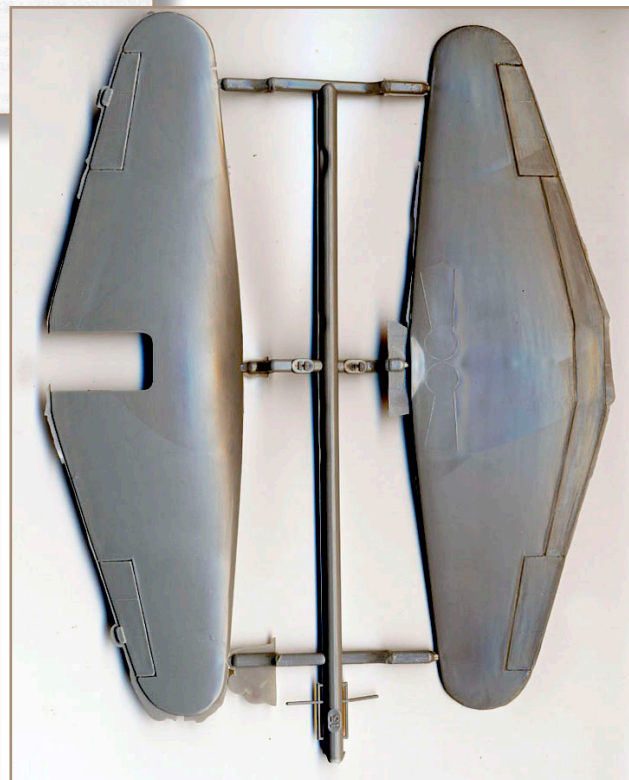
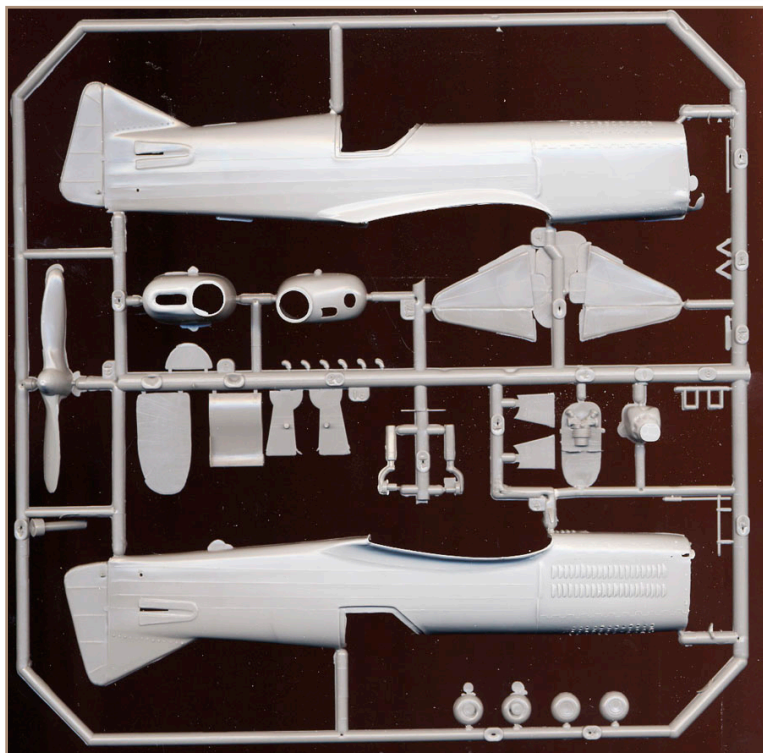
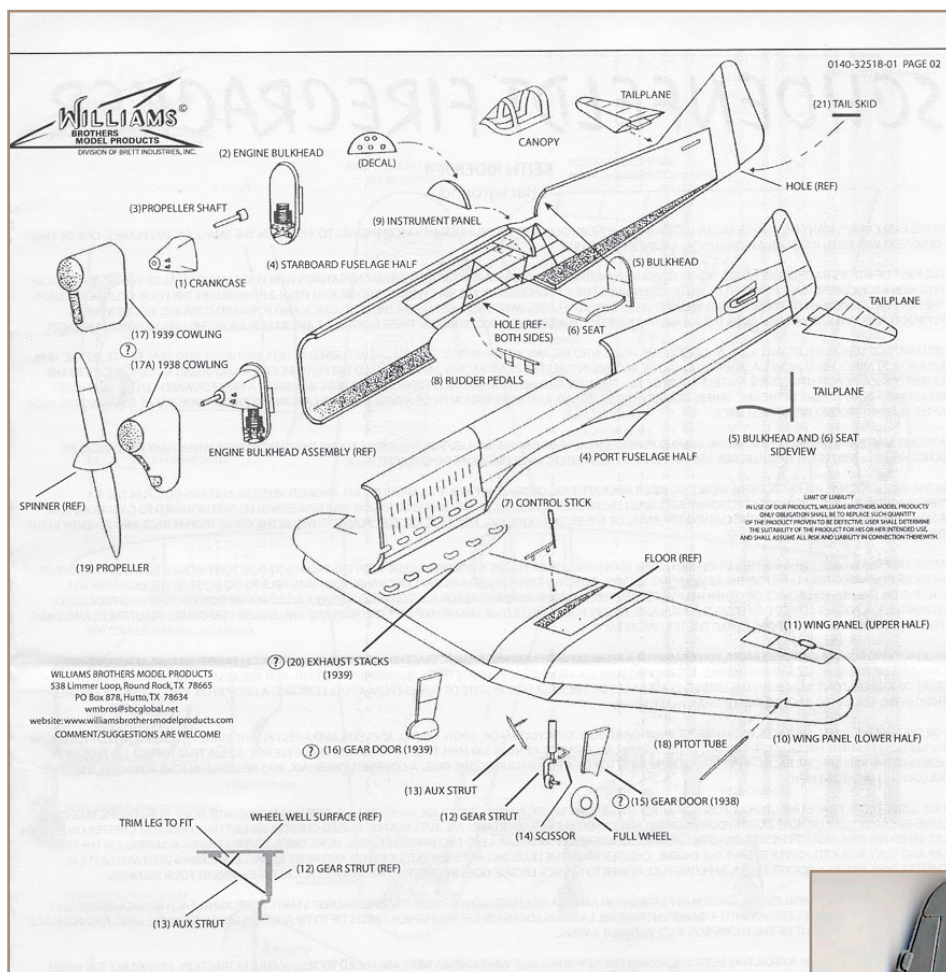
Reviewed by Steve Muth

This is a re-release of an old Williams Brothers kit of the Schoenfeldt Firecracker racer, a Keith Ryder R-4 of the late 1930s. The R-4 was powered by the in-line six cylinder air cooled Menasco engine and due to persistent cooling and landing gear retracting problems it was never able to live up to its potential. Despite this, in 1938 it was clocked at over 330mph before the racing fuel it was using burned a hole in the top of a piston. In 1939 it qualified in the National air Races at 277mph. In the Thompson Trophy Race that year it placed second at 272.588mph due to tactical error by the pilot. 1939 saw the start of WWII and all racing was halted for the duration.

The kit consists of three sprues – two gray of styrene and one clear for the canopy. There are 39 parts including the injection molded canopy and windscreen. The moldings appear to be very good except for a lot of flash and an absence of locating pins and holes. There are no sink marks visible. The fuselage halves have the tubular structure molded in which will add some interest in the cockpit. The instrument panel has a decal. Speaking of decals – there are two sets for the two racing seasons of its career in 1938 and 1939. The decals are by Scale-Master and look very nice. There are nose pieces for two configurations and exhaust stubs for either plain exhausts as fitted in 1938 or ejector type exhausts for the 1939 configuration. All are nicely bagged with separate bags for the decal sheet and canopy. The instruction sheet has a single diagram illustrating the assembly of the parts and the alternate nose and exhaust configurations. There are decal placement drawings plus the box top and bottom have excellent color artwork illustrating the two marking arrangements.

Due to the lack of locating pins and holes and all the flash this is not a beginners kit but the basics are there and an experienced modeler can make a very nice model of the Schoenfeldt Firecracker. 





TR-3E Triangular UFO

by Atlantis, #AMC-1002, \$14.95

Reviewed by Steve Muth



For you Sci-Fi fans out there! From the Instruction sheet – “People who claim to have direct exposure to the design of the craft testify that the anti gravity mechanism consists of a heavy metal plasma accelerator ring that rotates a toroidal helix of heavy metal or plasma to extremely high angular velocity. Since the plasma is collectively neutral, the effect of the rotation and the helical structure of the plasma create a modified or quickened time rate which changes the inertia of the craft. Even small engines allow it to outmaneuver all other craft on the planet.”

An astounding revelation!

Aside from this, the kit consists of 5 parts – a top, a bottom, and 3 landing gear struts. There are no decals, figures, gimmicks or moving/pose-able parts (aside from the landing struts – they can be posed either down or left off as if they were retracted). My kind of kit! The instructions are on an 8 1/5 x 11 sheet in black and white. Included are gluing and painting tips. It comes in a sturdy end opening 6x6 1/4 box with attractive art work

on the top showing the TR-3E over what appears to be Machu Pichu. The back of the box has 5 color photos of the completed model in various poses. The moldings are very good with no flash or sink marks visible on my example. There are vents, windows and other details on the hull which no doubt relate to the advanced propulsion mechanism. When completed the model measures 5 1/4 inches across. Look to the future for a multi part build article on this fascination craft.

Also, advertised on the instruction sheet are:

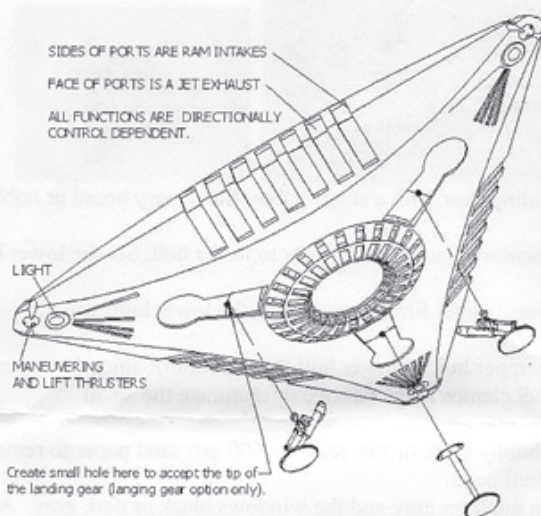
1. A 1/48 Flying Saucer measuring 6 1/4 inches in diameter featuring a clear bubble canopy and a glow in the dark alien pilot figure.
2. A 1/864 scale Exploration of Earth Vessel measuring 5 1/4 inches.

Let’s hope Atlantis branches out into other areas. It appears they are producing various Aurora figures and Sci-Fi products.

Recommended if you want a quick build of something different. A true week end build. 🛸

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AMC-1002 TR-3 U.F.O. Plastic Assembly Instructions



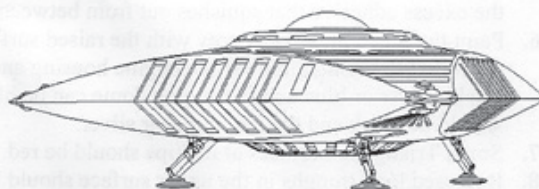
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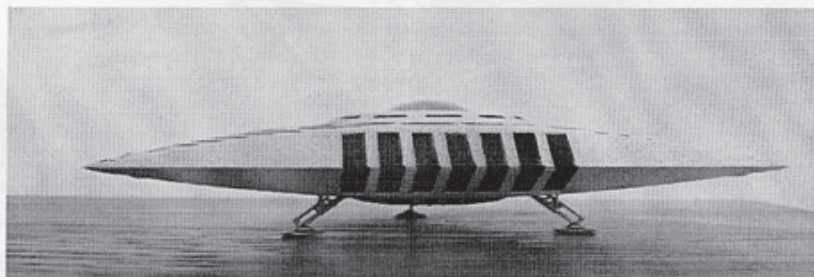
Spacecraft Background

The Triangular UFO has been sighted in many places around the world. From all descriptions it has 4 lights, 1 at each corner and one in the center.

(Lights are not included in kit)



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ADDITIONAL TR-3E ASSEMBLY & PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE



Photo Essay of The Marcoux-Bromberg Keith Ryder R-3 by Steve Muth

These photographs are of the Keith Ryder R-3 racer on display at the New England Air Museum at Windsor Locks, Connecticut. It has the registration number NNX14215. It was built in 1934 and raced in 1936 as race #54, the "Gilmore Record Breaker" with a P&W Wasp of 750 HP. For 1938 and 1939 it raced as race #3 in the Thompson Trophy Races with a P&W Twin Wasp jr of 850 HP. It took 2nd place in 1936, 1937 and 1938 with a 3rd place in 1939. These photographs were taken on September 1990. I would assume the cockpits were pretty much the same as the R-4 Firecracker. Enjoy! Steve Muth 🍷



*Marcoux Bromberg
R-3 NEAM Cockpit
right aft*



*Marcoux Bromberg
R-3 NEAM Cockpit
right side*



*Marcoux Bromberg R-3 NEAM
Cockpit right forward w Instru-
ment panel*

*Marcoux Bromberg
R-3 NEAM Cockpit
forward down w
Instrument panel*



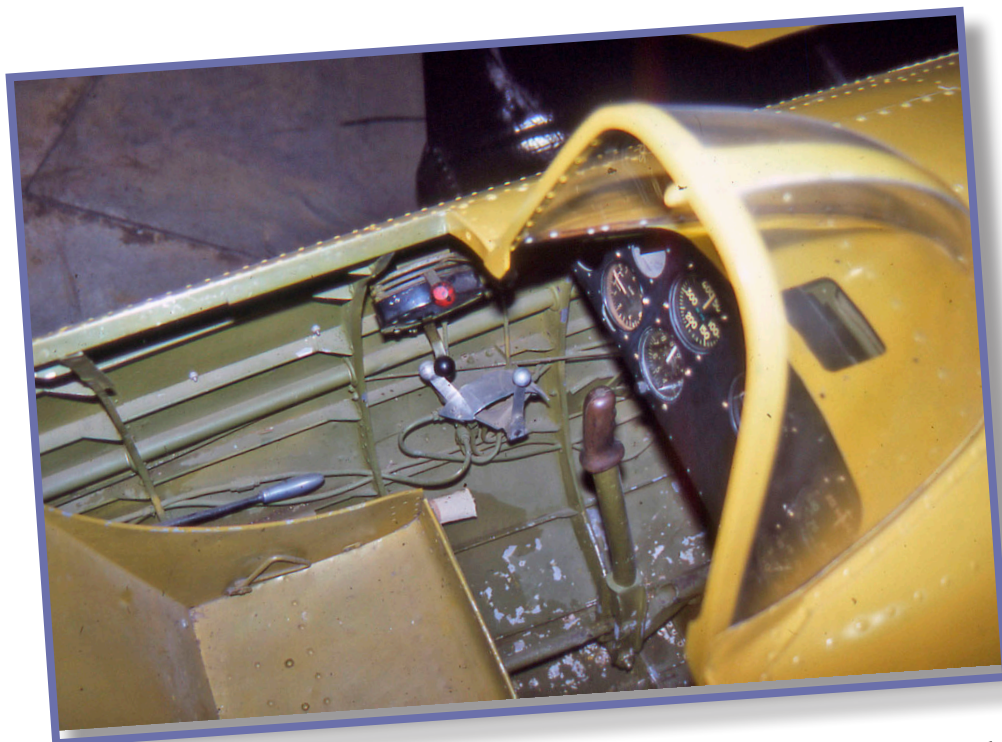
*Marcoux Bromberg R-3
NEAM Cockpit instru-
ment panel*



*Marcoux Bromberg R-3 NEAM
Cockpit left forward down*



*Marcoux Bromberg R-3 NEAM
Cockpit left side*



*Marcoux Bromberg R-3 NEAM
Cockpit left down w seat*



*Marcoux Bromberg R-3 NEAM
Tail wheel left side*



*Marcoux Bromberg R-3
NEAM Right main landing
gear outboard front*

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OUR MEMBER PROFILE - Fred Seitz



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

When I was about six years old my father bought a Revell B-17 for himself and a Frog Fw 190 for me. Later we built a B-26 together and I went off from there.

Favorite Scale?

My favorite scale is 1/48 for aircraft but I also build some armor and some ships.

Favorite subject to build?

I like aircraft. Mostly World War II and jets plus Naval aviation.

What are you currently building?

Quite a few are in the works – ie. 1/48 Trumpeter F4U Corsair, 1/48 Eduard Yak, 1/32 F6F Hellcat and a Wildcat.

How many models do build a year?

I used to build 6 or 7 a year but lately I'm down to 3 or 4.

How big is your unbuilt kit stash and why?

I'm up to about 300 +.

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

"The Story" or the history fascinates me. I bought "How to Build Scale Models" by Roscoe Creed, published by Combat Books. I never left the hobby. I even built when I had kids.

What satisfies you about building a model?

The end result is very satisfying. I take pride in my models and like to honor the person in "The Story".

What most frustrates you when building?

Seams. I hate seams.

What is your dream project to build?

A 1/32 Scale B-17. Perhaps the new HK kit.

What three models would you like to see released and in what scale?

P-40E or L in 1/48 or 1/32, B-24 in 1/32, A6M2 in 1/48

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

Tony Delorenzo and Nick Buro persuaded me to look into the LISMS and come to a meeting. I came to learn how to build better models and have some fun.

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

I glued my fingers together and once I dropped an Exacto knife and in getting out of the way I knocked over a jar of thinner. It got all over the plane, the furniture and floor. That was a mess!

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

I heard about it at Men-At-Arms hobby shop in Comack where I got a flyer. I wanted to learn to build better models. I went to the Suffolk club at first then came to the Long Island Scale Model Society.

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

My best was "We just saw the Thunderbirds and I had to have one". My worst was "Didn't have one" – I got caught!

What other hobbies/interests do you have?

Woodworking, sports, camping & fishing – I hate golf. 🐾

Show Calendar Listing for 2015

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
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
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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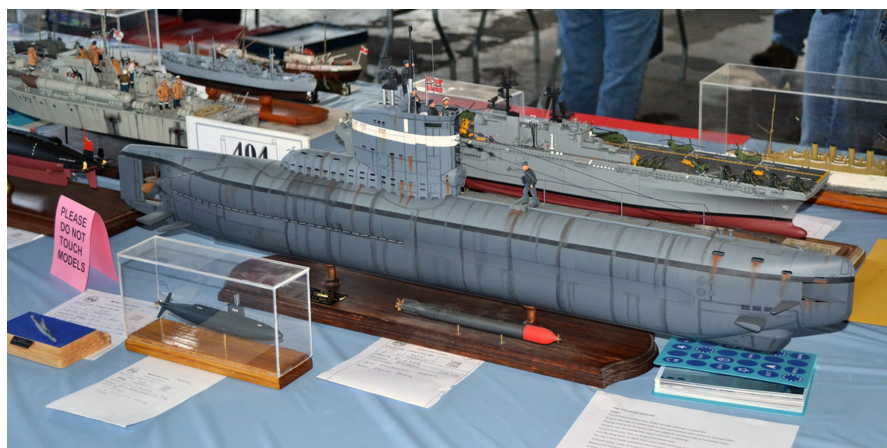


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