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In The Pilot Seat



Your board members decided to host another RepLIcon at the Freeport Recreational Center. I searched for other alternative halls again only to come up empty handed. The union halls gave me the excuse that there

were so many rentals for the halls by the same organizations who lock in the same date every year, they limit the hall rentals to union members only. If we had a connection in our club it might help, but we may not have a pick of our Saturday choice. The month of April weekend dates are pretty full with Mosquitocon, Noreastcon, and Easter Sunday. Giving us a one weekend show reprieve puts us on the date of May 4th, but places our show five days before the AMPS organization is having a National Convention in Buffalo May 9th through May 11th weekend. We decided that we will go with RepLIcon 29 at this time to be Saturday May 4th. After Mother Nature delivered a whopping



four snow storms in March I will not chance a March RepLIcon next year. I will submit the IPMS

our RC for the approval date. We are making a major change to the contest this time. There will ONLY be first, second, and third awards for all categories. I will be working on a flyer in the coming weeks to print by August. That's right. Not much time for rest between shows. My goal next year is to bring up the modeler attendees. I will increase outgoing e-mails and mailings with the flyer, rules, and categories as soon as the flyer is printed.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I was going to update our website about Noreastcon, and it has been accomplished. I put up pictures of many models taken by myself and Steve Muth. Thank you Steve. I am still in search for more pictures from anyone. Further feedbacks from our show still trickles in and are all positive, "it was a great show!"

Our next meeting will be Monday June 18th. Up front will be membership dues to collect. \$15.00 for the year is so minimal to be a member of a large stable club of 52 members strong. If you cannot attend the meeting to pay, you can send it in with another member, or pay thru Paypal at HYPER-LINK "mailto:payments@lisms.org" payments@lisms.org, or send a check to Doug at dtantill@optonline.net. Please do your best effort to renew within the month of June. Each year there have been members lagging 4 months to renew. This needs to end.

Jim Boulukous was not able to deliver his clinic last month on more basic methods to building models so we will try this month. We will also have tables for displaying your models. One table will be for selling items in addition to the back counter space. Yes we could use a larger place when the club grows to 50 plus members and we need more table space. If you have thoughts of a possible place please take a few minutes of your time to investigate it. That means make contact with the place and if a possibility, then let me know to follow up on it with the contact's name and phone number. We would like to stay east and/or north of Levittown.

I mentioned this in the March newsletter.....Doug found a bunch of Make-n-Take kits in his attic last month. We don't use these for the young kids anymore because they require glue and paint, so we will be having another club building contest. If I caught it right from Doug, there are two or three different aircrafts involved (1/72 scale F-14, F-16, & A-10's??). I will ask Doug to bring these to this meeting. You will have several months(3?) to build it. You will be allowed one kit. There might be loose details on the build, finish, decals, and spare parts box additives which can be innovative. Details will be announced at the meeting. We had some fun with the Spirit of Saint Louis planes a couple of years back. Joe Yeager swept the wings back for a different look. I really think the wings dried that way and he couldn't correct them. LOL Joe. I hope to see you all at the meeting.

Keep our hobby alive and well!





1/48 J8M1 Shusui

Fine Molds #FB6SA

The J8M1 Shusui was a re-

verse engineered copy of the Ger-

man Me 163B-1a Komet rocket interceptor built at the end of WWII. Japan took out a license to build it but in the event the sample airframe and a lot of the documentation was lost when one of two submarines carrying the samples and documents was sunk in the Atlantic. The surviving submarine, with the engine and remaining documents made it to Singapore where it was off loaded and flown to Japan.

Initially, both the Army and the Navy were to cooperate in the program with the Navy version being the J8M1 and the Army version being the Ki-200. They were to differ only in the equipment fit and the guns. The J8M1 having two 30mm Ho-105 cannons and the Ki-200 having two 30mm Type 5 cannons. The Army even had thoughts given to having only one cannon to add a little more fuel to extend the endurance and range somewhat. That never came to pass.

In the event, only one J8M1 was completed and flown (on July 7th,1945). On its first powered flight the engine starved at about 300 meters and stopped. In the attempt to land the wing struck a small building, cartwheeled and crashed. The pilot died the next day, It was determined that the fuel pick-up was uncovered in the high acceleration and steep 45 degree climb and thus the engine starved and quit. There was insufficient time to correct the problem

before the war ended and everything stopped.

In all, seven prototypes were constructed by the end of the war but only the one flew albeit very briefly. Two survive. Two were brought to the US – one for the Navy and one for the Air Force. The Navy specimen was soon scrapped while the Air Force specimen was later sold to The Planes of Fame Museum now at Chino, California where it is now on display. The other survivor has been restored and is on display at the Mitsubishi Komaki Plant Museum in Japan.

The walk around series of photos featured elsewhere is of the Planes of Fame example.

The Kit

The kit comes in reasonably sturdy top opening box with excellent artwork. Inside there is a six-page instruction sheet with 10 assembly steps. It is all in Japanese except the color callouts which are in English for Gunze Mr. Color numbers. The plastic comes on two large and one small gray plastic sprues and one clear for the two canopy pieces. Included is a resin seated pilot figure. All, including the instruction sheet and decal, are in a large clear plastic bag with the clear parts in a separate bag.

There are part to build either the all yellow prototype or a projected operational production aircraft. The operational variant has guns, gunsight and armored glass whereas the prototypes does not. There are decals for both. There is no motor, just an exhaust nozzle piece for the aft fuselage. There are locating pins and sockets and the wings have tabs for insertion in the fuselage slots. The wing leading edge slats are separate pieces but neither the ailerons, rudder or flaps are poseable.

Cockpit and landing gear skid detail is excellent with all parts petite and well molded. The landing gear strut parts are the most petite and crisp this author has ever seen. Overall, there

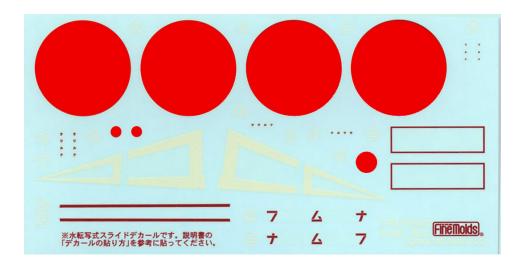
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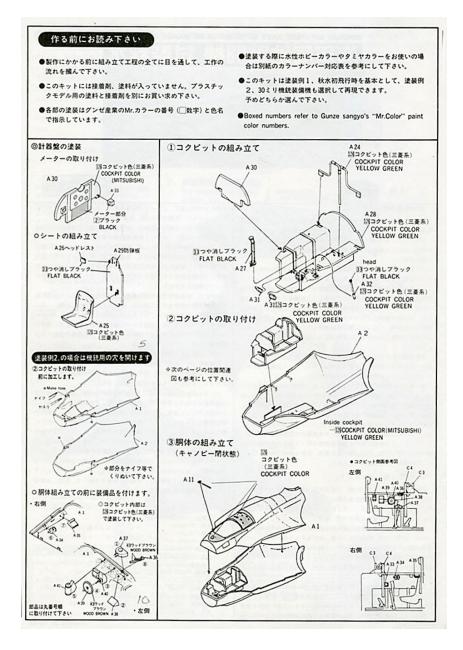
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are no sink marks or flash and the injection pegs are all in unobtrusive places. Surface detail is excellent, and all small parts are well molded.

My disappointments are in the decals and lack of seat belts. The quality looks good but there is no white surround on the Hinumaros, there is no instrument panel decal and there is no Hinumaro for the rudder. The missing white can be overcome with aftermarket decals as can the missing rudder Hinumaros. The instrument panel omission will require VERT CAREFULL painting or scrounging from other individual instrument decals. The delineation of the instruments on the plastic panel are very light/shallow. I do not understand these omissions as the cost of including them is almost nil.

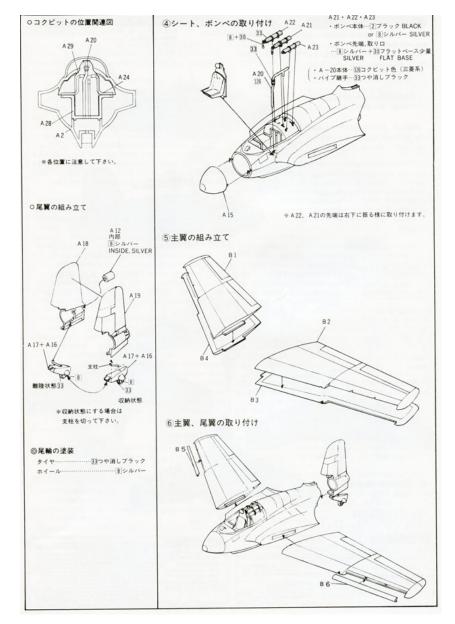
All-in-all, it appears to be an excellent kit. Definitely recommended despite the nits noted above.

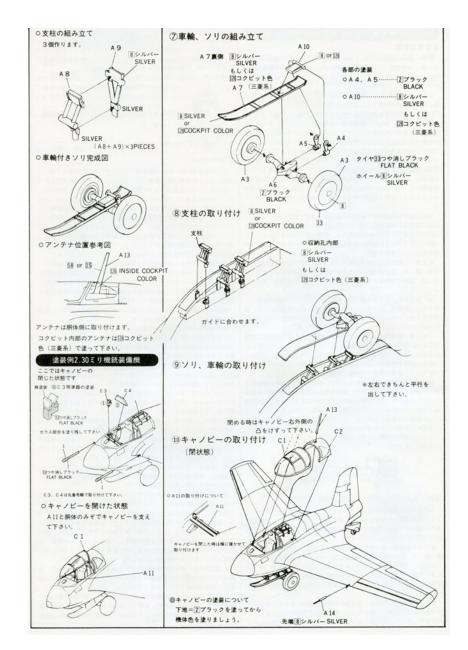






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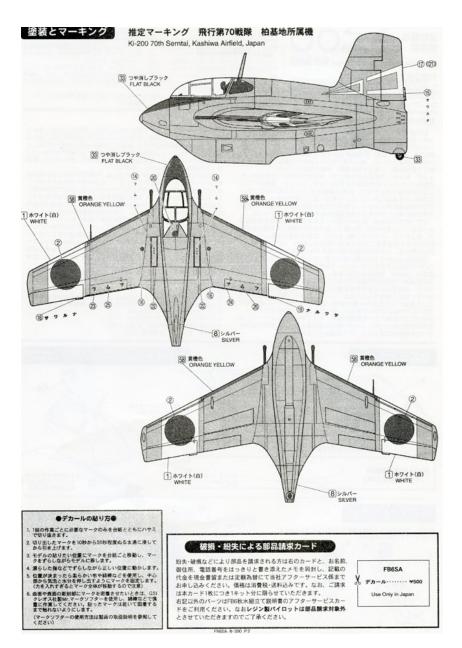






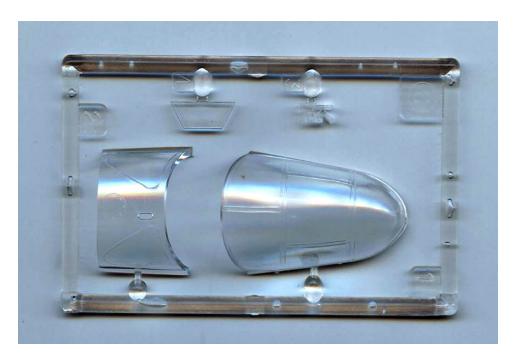
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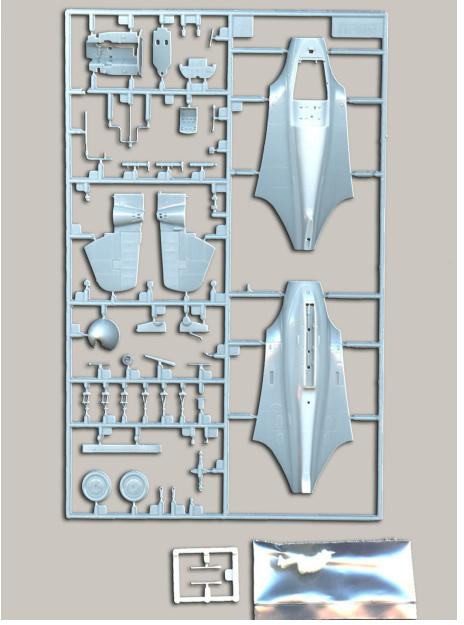




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This photo essay focuses on the details of the J8M1 Shusui, the Japanese version of the Me 163 Komet rocket fighter at the Planes of Fame Museum at Chino, CA. Another Shusui is on display at Mitsubishi's Komaki Plant Museum. All Photos by the author unless otherwise noted. The aircraft has been cosmetically restored many years ago and the internal colors are suspect to say the least.



Right front portrait of The Planes of Fame J8M1 Shusui as it is displayed.



Fuselage skid from the right front. The take-off dolly is black.



Fuselage skid from the right rear.



Tail wheel from the right side.

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The wings had skids at the tips. This is the right wing skid.

Left forward view of the cockpit taken through the canopy.



This view of the right wing lower surface shows the interior of the fixed slot.



Cockpit left side.



Cont. from p 10 Cockpit left aft.



Cockpit right side.







Cockpit floor.

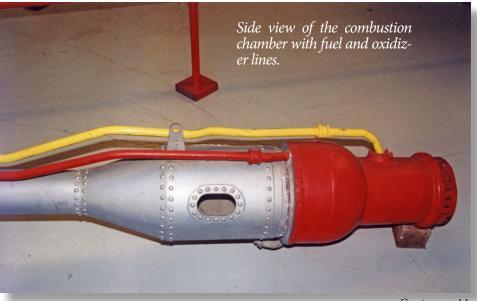
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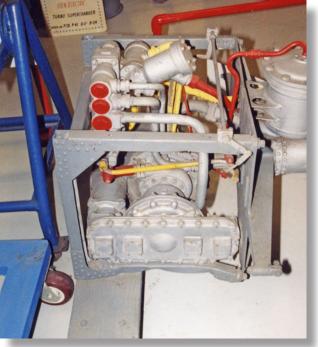




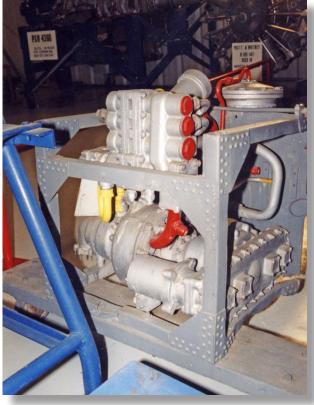
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Engine right side.



Engine left side.



Engine right front.

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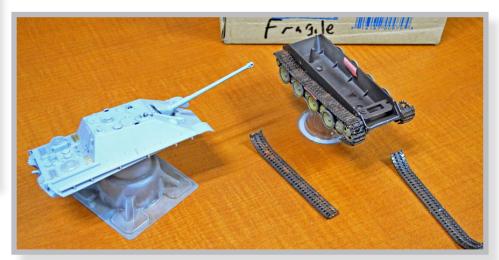
There were 12 models on the tables at the meeting and our new visitor, Mario Pagano, brought a few of his models to oo and aaah over. There were planes by Ray O'Neill and a winter tank by Rob Riviezzo. If you see your handiwork and you weren't credited it is because I had no way to identify you. In the future it would help if every one put a small tag near their model with some minimal info as to what it is and who built it. That way we can all ooh and aah to the right people. ... and it makes the historical record more complete. Cut and past is a wonderful thing when you are in a hurry. Enjoy!



Meng 1/35 Leopard 1A5 by John Lam.



1/35 winter tank by Rob Riviezzo



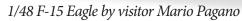
1/35 tank in process by Steve Andreano

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A new Airfix P-51D by Steve Adler.

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Another 1/25 car by visitor Mario Pagano











A Monogram 1/72 B-36 Peacemaker and a Heller 1/72 DC-6B for trade or at a reasonable price. Contact Timothy Kelly at *timothyklly@aol.com*.

Show Calendar Listing for 2018

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Sept. 21-22 Fri-Sat	Armorcon Crown Plaza Danbury, CT 06810	http://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/armorcon-1	
Oct. 27 Sat	HVHMG 28 Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY	http://www.hvhmg.com	
Nov. 11 Sun	Baycon 2018 Elks Ha 326 Farnum Pike Smithfield, RI	http://www.ipmsbaycolony.com	
Nov 17 Sat	Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center 130 East Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY 11520	http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com	
April 12-13 Fri-Sat	Noreastcon 48 Holiday Inn Express 400 Old Ludon Rd. Latham, NY 12110	http:/www.IPMSNENY.org	
May 4, 2019 Sat	RepLIcon 29 Freeport Recreation Center 130 E. Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY	www.lisms-ipms.org	
May 9-11 Thu-Sat	AMPS National Buffalo, NY		

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