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Next meeting date: Monday, August 20, 2018 7:30 pm to 10 pm

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In The Pilot Seat



Next meeting is Monday, August 20th. This will be a different meeting devoted to a buy-n-sell night. I am going to ask the library

to give us a perimeter of tables and about a dozen chairs in the center of the room. One or 2 tables will be used to display some models and the others for your items for sale. Please be kind and condense your items on the tables. There is always floor space as well. Remember that the library exit doors automatically lock at 9pm and we have until 10pm to use the room, so if you leave during that hour make sure a person will be at the door to let you back in.

I hope my clinic on using Solvaset on decals was a help to members. Practice is always a necessity, so when you spray your kit, make a few scrap pieces with dark and light paint colors, then put a gloss on a couple and a flat cote on others to practice on. If you do this as you are working on a kit, eventually you will have various pieces ready to practice on.

Posted on our website in the left column, I listed the future dates of our monthly meetings. Sometimes I forget to change the NEXT MEETING DATE after a current meeting is past. I was told this is normal with age, but I find more and more forgetful things happening that winds up in confusion. Speaking of meetings, James Guld will do a clinic in October on washes and filters. His work has enlightened us and

proven a top notch builder with all the awards he takes home at shows. Although James is an armor builder these techniques are used on other kit categories. Mark your calendar night for Jim.

We still have more 1/72 scale jets to build for a Showoff showdown. Please consider building one and let's have some fun. This is not meant to be a serious historical accurate build, though you can if you wish. Take out some spare parts you have and be creative! I'll ask Doug to bring them to this meeting and instead of a Fall completion, let's make it a January kickoff meeting to give more building time.

The RepLIcon 29 flyer with contest rules and categories will be completed, printed, and ready for distribution by the end of August. As mentioned at the last meeting, the big change is that all categories will be a first, second, and third place awards. You should always read the rules for any clarifications and changes. In addition, our website will always post updates within 24 hours the change takes place.



1/48 World Jet and Precious Metal P-51 Mustang Racers

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World Jet began its racing career equipped with a Griffon engine. It was developed by the Whittington brothers from Florida over a 5 year period. Modifications were extensive and included the substitution of a powerful Griffon engine driving contra-rotating propellers, clipped wings and tail planes, an extended vertical tail, smaller wheels, modified belly intake, and a number of other smaller changes. It showed great potential when it appeared at Reno '88, but a burst hydraulic line caused all six blades to go into flat pitch during the race and the resulting belly landing caused considerable damage.

It was trucked back home for rebuild, eventually reappearing in 1995 with a few more modifications and changed paint scheme with bright green wings. It was at this time named World Jet which is the Whittington's company name. It was then sold to Ron Buccarelli who intended to race it at Reno. It finally made to Reno in 2002, where Ron came in fourth in the Silver race.

The Kit

These kits are full cottage industry multi-media kits and are identical apart from the decals and marking instructions. Packaged in an ex-

tremely sturdy corrugated top opening box, they each contain 36 blue plastic parts, a vacuum-formed canopy, 2 metal landing gear legs, a decal sheet and a 2-page instruction sheet. The instruction sheet is very rudimentary with one exploded view and call-out for the colors in very generic terms. I.e. black, red gray etc. The mold shapes look good with

suitably petite recessed panel lines on the fuselage halves, wings and rudder but the edges are

a bit rough. The moldings are manufactured using the low pressure technique. This results in flash and large sprue gates. All parts will need considerable clean up and care in their removal from the sprue trees. The parts are bagged with the metal parts and canopy in a separate bag

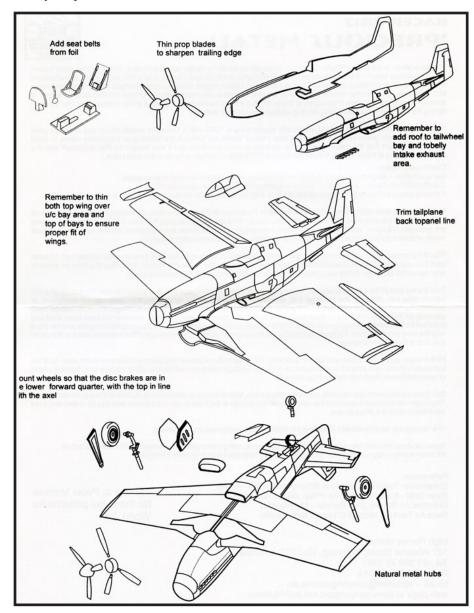
along with the resin tail wheel and belly intake in the Precious Metal kit. The metal landing gear is beautifully cast and when polished out will be stunning (The landing gear struts were chromed and polished). Cockpit detail looks basic but when the very small canopy is on you will not be able to see much. As you might expect there are no locating pins and receptacles, so it would probably be best to plan on pinning the wings and tail pieces to the fuselage. The wheel wells are reasonably detailed. The decals

appear to have good registration in both kits Curiously, the "World Jet" decals are all matt (except for an additional glossy piece for the "Room Store Furniture" marking) while the "Precious Metal" decals are glossy.

So... if you are not put off by lack of locating pins, metal parts, and vacuum-formed canopies you will like this kit. It is really for hairy chested modelers of the days of yore! All kidding aside, it is all there to make an excellent addition to your shelf. It will take a little work but not too much. Recommended with the above caveats.



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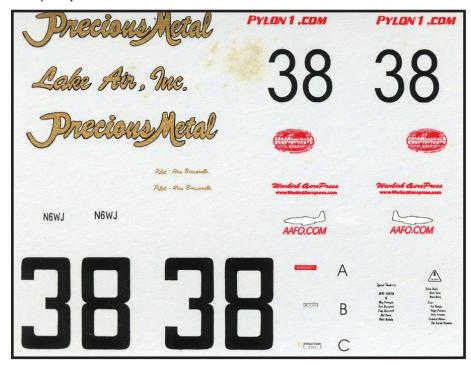




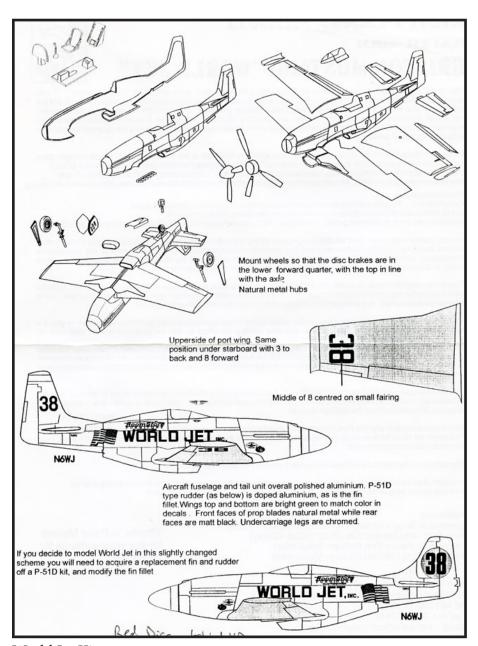
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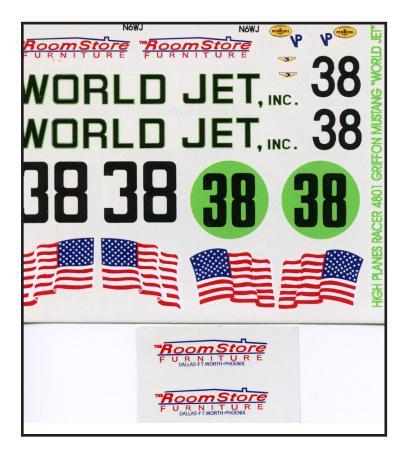






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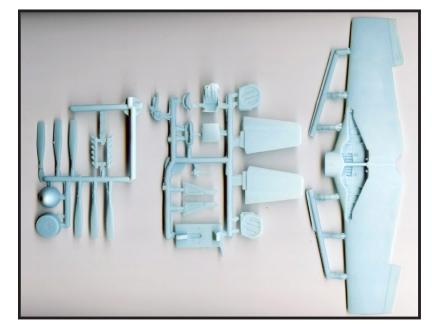






Photo Essay - Pfalz D.XII by Steve Muth

As luck would have it, I was allowed to photograph the Pfalz D.XII at the now defunct Champlin Fighter Aircraft Museum in Arizona on August 9, 2000 before the Museum closed and the aircraft, one of only two original surviving in the U.S, was acquired by the Seattle Museum of Flight, where it is now displayed. The other is on exhibit at the National Air and Space Museum, in Washington, DC. Two others exist. One is at the Musee de L'Air in Paris, France and one is at the Australian War Museum's ANZAC Hall in Australia. It was a contemporary of the Fokker D.VII but was inferior in many respects, notably in climb and maneuverability. Comparing the D.VII with the D.XII was said to be like comparing a race horse to a plow horse! Anyway, here are the photos.



1. Left front view of the nose shows off the radiator and propeller details.



2. Details of the mid lower fuselage that will ad interest to your model.

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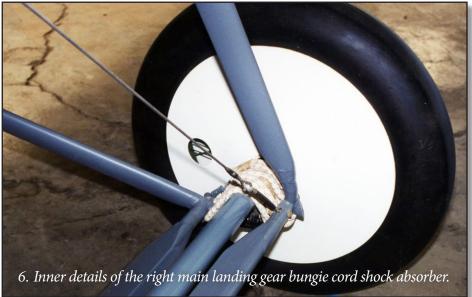
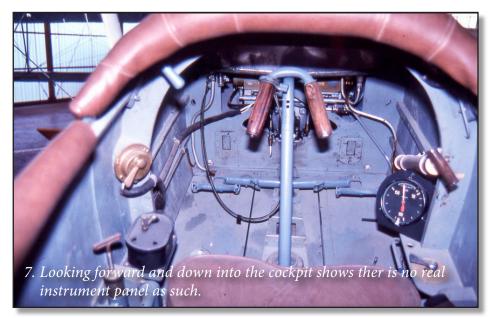




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There were 21 photos taken at the July meeting with a wide assortment of categories – Aircraft, Armor, Figures, Fantasy, Cars & Trucks. There was something for every taste. Enjoy!

Mario Pagano's 1/24 AMT Tractor was detailed very nicely.



Rich Caserma brought his 1/24 Ferrari 250 California.





And his 1/24 F2000 F.1 Ferrari.





1/24 junker without motor.





John Lam brought his 1/35 T-90A by Meng.



1/48 Tamiya A6M5 by Steve Martens.

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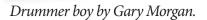




Revell 1/48 AT-6 Texan in work by Marshall Voizard.



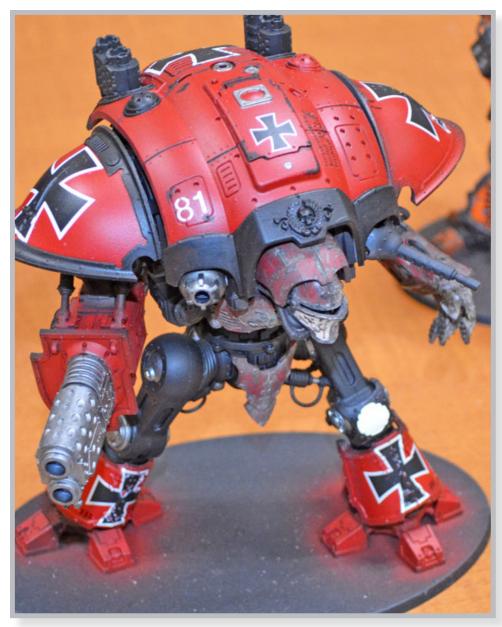






Space characters by Mario Pagano.

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War gaming figure by Rick Verriest.



Another War Gaming figure by Rick Verriest.

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And, yet another War Gaming figure by Rick Verriest.



A War Gaming Horde also by Rick Verriest.



Joe Yeager brought his 1/35 Dragon PAK 40 75 mm gun that is in work.

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A pair of AH-1 (Cobra and Super Cobra) by Mario Pagano.



1/35 Tamiya Panther by Mario Pagano.est.





BMW Isetta in work by Jim Boulukos.



Show Calendar Listing for 2018 - 2019

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Date/Day	Event & Location	Website
Sept. 16 Sun	Patcon 2018 Hudson Elks Lodge 959 99 Park Street, Hudson, MA, 01749	www.ipmspatriot.org
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 6	Mosquitocon 1 Pal Drive Wayne, NJ	www.ipmsnj.org
April 12-13 Fri-Sat	Noreastcon 48 Holiday Inn Express 400 Old Ludon Rd. Latham, NY 12110	http:/www.IPMSNENY.org

May 4 RepLIcon 29
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May 9-11 AMPS National
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