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In The Pilot Seat



Hello fellow model builders!
There will not be a December newsletter. We are going to have a Holiday break and see if we can't transition the Editorship from Steve to Owen during this time.

This month we meet on Monday November 19th. Steve Andreano will be showing us his photographic pictures at three Czechoslovakian Armor Museums. Steve has shown past Russian Armor Museums and was quite interesting.

I went to the Mid Hudson, HVHMG show in Poughkeepsie during that so called Noreaster weather. I have to say, it didn't appear to be anywhere bad as expected. The show went well but I did notice a few missing modelers from previous years. I spoke to a couple of NENY Chapter guys about the April Noreastcon. I booked my room when I returned home just to be certain I reserve a room. Anyone who calls has to call the Holiday Inn Express directly to get the group rate using the code "IPM". By the way, there will be train categories for their contest as well as keeping the paper model category. At our Noreastcon in April we had one entrant in it. NENY is trying to get as many of the hobbyist through the door as possible.

A bit of news about our RepLIcon show. We WILL have club tables for members to share. I will remind you again in February to let me know about how much space you need so I can provide enough tables. Start gathering your items early. Meanwhile you can list your items for sale on our website. Just send me your list on MS Word or text file for me to post. Include your e-mail address and/or phone number so people can reach you. Or go to our web-

site, Member Area, Members Only, and use the password given you to see our member e-mail listing. Enkay already reserved 3 tables for selling hobby tools. I spoke to Hobby World USA at the HVHMG show and he said he will be at our show. I will make sure I bother him to do so. With that said, Freeport Rec Center has raised their fees. The gym has increased \$200.00 more. Who said the economy works both ways? Haha.....

No one has shown interest in getting a vendor table to sell hobby items. I understand that. Maybe we can convince a few train layout people they can use a couple of antique aircraft flying above their scenic display.

I have been buying new and different brushes since my 35 year old brushes have been thinning with age, ya think? Most of the time the guy behind the counter couldn't tell me if the brushes were good for enamel. I bought it, used it in thinner, and the hairs lost the point for good. So I searched on good ole Ebay. Humbrol brushes came up with three groups, one for enamel paints. I sent for a set, and was happy to have made the purchase.

If I don't see you at the next meeting, have a great Thanksgiving Weekend! Drive safe if traveling, or stay home to build a kit and order a turkey dinner in. Two great choices!

Keep our hobby alive and well!



1/48 XP-77

by Czech Model # 4803



The parts look good in shape and surface finish. There are no locating pins and sockets except on the roots of the horizontal stabilizers. 2 short pins on the stabilizers and two

small holes on the aft fuselage halves. The wings have a single lower surface and two upper- surfaces so the dihedral will be set. The recessed panel lines are very petite and should be deepened a bit. There is a recess on each side of the fuselage for the exhaust exit but no pipes.

The resin parts are by True Details and so are very nice but there are no details on the instrument faces of the Instrument panel, just shallow holes. I think if you have some instrument faces in your decal box you could just cut or punch them out to fit, keep them on the backing, put a dollop of white glue on them and they would look great. The cockpit parts have only basic detail on the sides but that may be all that there was. The seat is very nice and has the belts molded on. The wheels are OK but could be better. The engine is cast as a blob with only the front having detail but that is all you would see through the opening in the front cowling.

The decals in my kit are poor in that the blue in the national insignia has bled into the white of the star and bars. Aside from that they are OK. There are numbers that enable you to depict either of the 2 prototypes.

All-in-all an OK kit. Its greatest asset is it is the only 1/48 game in town and not likely to be produced by a main stream manufacturer. That being said, with a little work it should make up into a decent model. All the basics are there.

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The Plane

From the instruction sheet: The Bell XP-77 was conceived in late 1941 as a point defense interceptor made largely from wood – a non-strategic material. The idea was to design a light weight, low cost, nimble interceptor that could be quickly deployed around U. S. cities and overseas installations. Lacking great range, the aircraft were to be disassembled and transported in USAAF cargo aircraft such as the C-46 Commando.

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The Kit

Well, what do you get? You get an end opening box with a red, black and white illustration of the XP-77 on the top and a line drawing 3 view on the back. Inside is a bagged styrene sprue with 35 parts, another bag with 14 resin parts, 2 vacuum formed canopies, a 4-page instruction sheet with 4 assembly steps, a parts tree diagram, and another 3 view with some decent color notes. There is no PE and no pilot figure.

The plastic parts are low pressure molded so the gates are not exactly petite, but they are not bad either.

In The box Kit Review *by Steve Muth*

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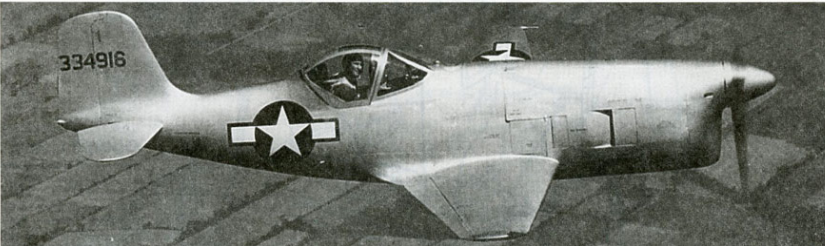


Czech Model®

BELL XP-77

4803

1:48 Scale



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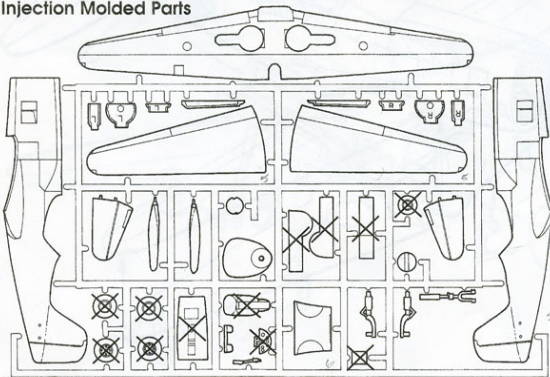
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- This kit contains resin detail parts. Regular glue will not work on these parts. You must use instant (CA) or epoxy type cements.

- Wash all parts (resin & plastic) with warm, soapy water, rinse thoroughly and allow to dry.

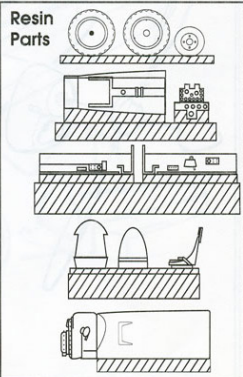
- Work in a well-ventilated area. Avoid breathing in the fumes from paints and glues. These fumes are dangerous. Do not work near an open flame.

Injection Molded Parts

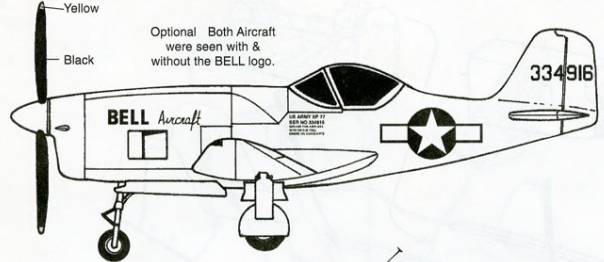


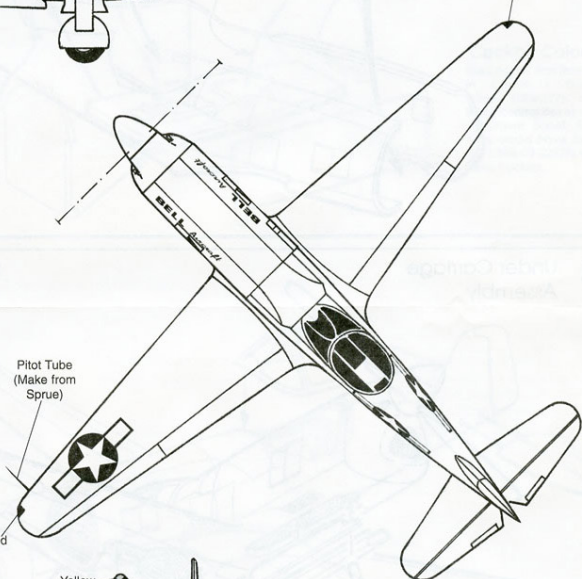
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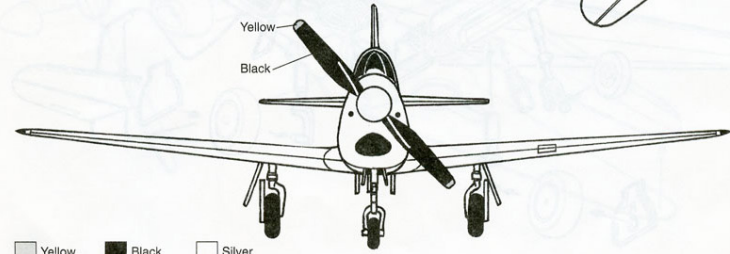
Resin Parts



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Color Notes:

The aircraft was painted overall Silver. The prop was black with 4" Yellow tips. The cockpit was finished in Chromate Green Primer (FS34227), with Black control boxes and instrument panel. Seat belts would have been Off White (FS 27875) with Silver buckles. Aircraft #916 had a very short life span. It was flown for a brief period and crashed while being flown back to Wright Field for AAF performance flight testing. Aircraft #915 continued the flight testing. Although the XP-77 was a failure, it did answer several research questions for the aircraft industry.

Yellow
 Black
 Silver

Photo Essay - L8M1 Shusui *by Steve Muth*

The Yak-9U was a late version of the very successful Yak-3 and Yak-7 designs and was produced in large quantities in the latter stages of World War 2. 3921 were produced between April 1944 to August 1945. It differed from its predecessors by having the fabric fuselage panels replaced with 3mm plywood skinning, the WK107 engine of 1500 hp was used, the oil coolers and radiator were relocated, and the aerodynamics were refined. Performance was substantially improved.

It was liked by its pilots and was considered a very forgiving aircraft, making it ideally suited for the new pilots then coming out of pilot's school. And, although the WK107 was never fully developed, field mechanics took to the new engine without difficulty.

This Aircraft

The Yak-9U shown here was in sad shape when purchased in Siberia by Mr. Doug Champlin in 1992. It was restored by the Russian company AVIA-M



Left rear view of the Champlin Fighter Museum's Yak-9U as it is now in the Museum of Flight in Seattle, WA.

in Moscow for Mr. Champlin. When it was completed and shipped to the museum in 1995 it was reassembled with the assistance of AVIA-M engineer Sergey Kotov. The aircraft is a real Yak-9U with a WK107 engine, not a conversion of a related airframe.



The left-wing flap interior is a yellowish green color but does not look like zinc chromate. It is the same color as shown in photo 7 of the main landing gear strut well.



Left side of the cockpit. Seat belts appear to be silver gray with orange backing. In all likelihood they are not vintage.

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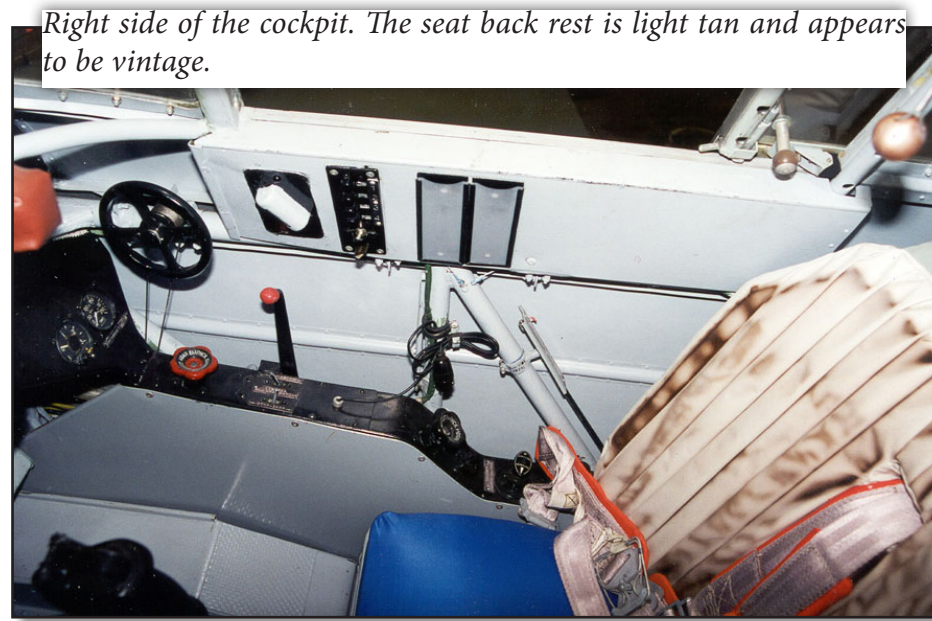
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Control column and floor details are shown here. It is doubtful that the blue seat cushion is accurate. The floor is light gray while the manifold device on the floor is olive green. The rudder straps are a red brown leather and the control column is black.



Looking forward into the cockpit. The sheet metal is a light gray while the instrument panel and instrument faces are black. Note the upper left control and associated instrument bezels are bright blue with red pointers on the instruments.



Right side of the cockpit. The seat back rest is light tan and appears to be vintage.

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Inboard rear view of the right main landing gear. The fixed brake line is black while the flexible line between the wheel and the strut is tan.



Strut portion of the main landing gear well seems to be a zinc chromate like yellow/mustard green, not the undersurface pale gray like the wheel portion.

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Looking directly up into the right main landing gear well. The wheel portion of the well is undersurface light blue-gray.



Looking into the inboard portion of the wheel well. The access hole should probably be covered with a canvas shield to keep out dirt and water during landing and take-off.



Main landing gear wheel. Note the solver tow ring, red slip indicator and small placard.



Left front view of the tail wheel.

Seen On The Table 10-15-2018 by Steve Muth

Wow! There were 25 models on the tables at the meeting; I think that is a first! Fred Seitz, Rich Caserma and Mario Pagano each brought a whole bunch of stuff, not to mention Jim Boulukos and Steve Andreano. **Enjoy!**

Hasagawa 1/48 A6M3 Hamp by Fred Seitz.



Airfix 1/48 P-40B Tomahawk by Fred Seitz.



Airfix 1/48 Boulton Paul Defiant by Fred Seitz.

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ICM 1/48 Do 217 by Fred Seitz.



1/72 Republic
P-47D Razorback.



Airfix 1/48 Hawker Hurricane by Fred Seitz.



Steve Martens' 1/48 Hawker Hurricane.

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*Steve Martens' 1/48
A6M5 Zero.*



May be a 1/35 M-46 Jackson.



1/35 scale Diorama of the Syrian civil war by Gary Morgan.



*1/35 vignette of two WWI German soldiers
pulling a gun. By Steve Andreano.*

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Rich Caserma's
1/24 Mercedes
Benz 3300 SL.



1/24 Ferrari California
by Rich Caserma.



1/48 Mercedes Benz
GT3 in work by Jim
Boulukos.



1/24 Ferrari 488 by Rich Caserma.

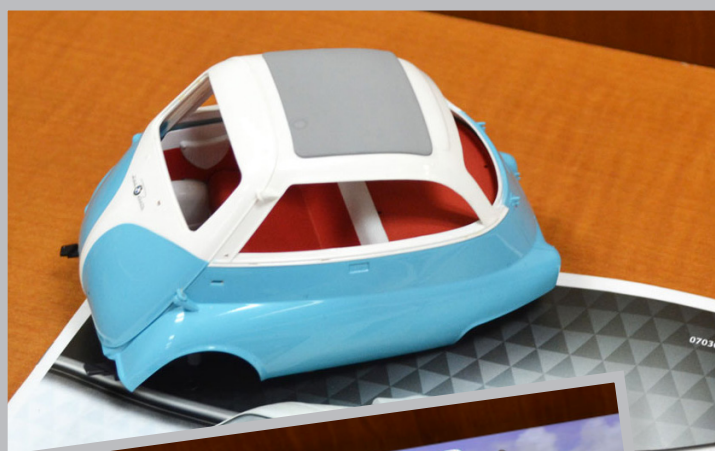


Revell 1-25 '67 Dodge Charger by Mario Pagano

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Revell BMW Isetta
250 in work by Jim
Boulukos



Project not yet started.



1/35 WWI gun emplacement by Steve Andreano.



Aurora "Creature of the Black
Lagoon" by Mario Pagano.

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Also, by Aurora, a pair of Cro-Magnon people by Mario Pagano.



Sabertooth Tiger by Mario Pagano.



Revell 1/25 Starsky and Hutch by Mario Pagano.



Revell 1/25 Hemi '67 Charger by Mario Pagano.



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See Bob DeMaio for details

Date/Day	Event & Location	Website
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 Sat	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 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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