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# In The Pilot Seat



*It is official that Patcon, Granitecon and LIARS cancelled their Fall shows. Through word of mouths Mosquitocon will be cancelling and is not on their web-site. HVHMG is still advertising their show October 17th will go on. So are AMPS Nats and IPMS Regional. Personally I don't see any of these taking place. It appears the year 2020 will be a wash for shows. Our RepLIcon show is scheduled for March 27, 2021 and still remains skeptical it will take place. We are going to delay advertising as long as we can. We will probably need a decision near the end of this year. This virus will not disappear on its own when we have people anywhere that refuse to wear a mask, and there are many.*

*Our club is strong and well. The board members will be having a conference call soon to discuss some topics. Even if the schools and libraries open, I predict limited group numbers and social distancing still in effect. Unless we have a larger meeting room I do not see meetings held for a time. If you have questions about the club or issues, please direct them to me. If necessary, I will bring them up to the board members for their opinion.*

*We said good bye to Steve Martens who retired and moved to North Carolina last month. He will be missed for his hobby enthusiasm and so helpful at our shows! He should be finding time to build all the big kits he collected. We wish him well and will stay in communication with him.*

*Howard Garcia lost his foot due to his diabetes and health issues. He is expected to move into his family home in Texas as soon as he is able to travel. Howard was also very helpful at many of our shows guiding vendors to their tables. He will also be missed but I will haunt him to stay in touch with us.*

**STAY SAFE!**

*Keep our hobby alive and well,*

*Bob*



## Tamiya Ford Mustang GT 4 1/24 scale sport car series, Item number 24354

Price MSRP \$53.00 – Release date of early May 2020 in the USA.



Inspired by the Ford Shelby GT350R-C, the Ford Mustang GT4 has been designed and engineered jointly by Ford Performance and Multimatic Motorsports to compete in sports car championship racing series globally, including the IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge, Pirelli World Challenge GTS/GT4, and GT4 European Series. The actual car is a race-ready powerhouse featuring honed aerodynamic form with front spoiler, rear wing and diffuser, high performance brakes, lightweight carbon fiber vented engine hood, roof, door panels and more, plus a big 5.2-liter V8 engine in the front.

I did a preorder with Up Scale Hobbies which also had free shipping for the

month of May for this kit, which arrived at my door on Monday, May 18, 2020. Up Scale Hobbies is an excellent on-line vendor and provides first class service along with good prices. I liked the kit so much that I've purchased two more of them from Jim at Men at Arms hobby shop in Middle Island after he was allowed to reopen.

First thing that did was do some online research to look at the different liveries that were raced along with seeing if any of the aftermarket decal companies have or plan on releasing different options then the two offered with the Tamiya kit.

The kit decals are for the number 17 gray color car that took place in the 2017 Goodwood Festival of Speed and the number 18 white color promotional by Ford in 2018. I didn't care for either option provided with the kit, so I opted for the aftermarket options. The first company to give us other livery options was Indycal Decals with four different decal choices. I've got with the Kohr Scudo number 60 car which is Ford performance red color with a black lower body vinyl wrap that also covers some of the hood and roof. I've purchased from Michael Portaro, the owner of Indycal decals many times in the past and he has a great product line and superfast service.

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The kit has two separate black sprue, one white sprue, a chrome sprue and separate clear sprue for all the windows and front and rear lights, plus a bag with the tires and ploy caps, masking sticker sheet for masking off the black sections on the window frames and the decal sheet. Sorry I didn't do a total parts count!

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## Now to the build:

Tamiya kits have been the state-of-art with their fit and assembly that we modelers have expect from their product line over the years. I've heard all the aircraft builders rave about the current release of the 1/48 scale P-38 kit and this GT 4 race car is no different. All the parts coming off the sprue are clean with no flash and just a very small amount putty is required for just a few parts which have the mold release points. The bottom side of the rear wing, that nobody sees need four little spots of putty and after using the sanding stick, all is good for paint.

The car body is just two pieces with separate front bumper which needs to be glued to the rest of the car body. Then the using a medium sanding stick to a small seam line on the rear bumper corners is the only clean up required before Tamiya white primer and painting the final color on. I've used Gravity Ford Performance Red paint and their 2K clear coat to give the body the super smooth finish to add the aftermarket Indycal Decals.

Using the masking stickers sheet over the front, rear and side windows and painted with Testors Model Masters chrome black enamel paint, then removed the masking sticker before the paint totally dried.

This kit recreates Ford's Performance customer race program Ford Mustang GT4 race car. It's a curbside model – no complete engine, nor does the hood or doors open. Some builders may miss not having an engine to show off with the hood open, but I don't have a problem with this decision. The chassis does offer more detail than usually seen and one can easily add some cooling, brake and fuel lines to their build if they choice to. Yeah, I've added some extra details to the chassis that nobody will see. The front and rear suspension with its upper and lower wishbone, coil over shock as-

semblies and brake and caliper details build up to nice completely accurate piece. I've painted these parts with different colors to make it look interesting and I will display the model on a raised platform with a mirror to see the extra detail that I've added.

Based on the production car chassis and body, the GT 4 racers have the same interior structure as the street cars, less the carpet, door trim and all other seats, but adds a Sparco drivers racing seat. There four separate interior parts that are painted black and added to the semi-gloss white interior. That's sweet, since painting these parts if molded into the interior floor is a pain. Both doors are separate parts and are painted either black or decaled with Carbon Fiber and glued into place which is also a time saver. The roll cage consists of five parts whose locator's points fit perfect into the other parts and no putty is required. The seat belts are just a decal, which I didn't use. I used aftermarket PE seat belts and installed them, but the joke is that once the car is completely assembled, you don't see it.

I recommend that you take WIP build pictures to show off your modeling skills and list all the paints and things you did on the kit with the build sheet to the entry form at any contest. People do read that stuff and may incorporate them in their future builds, so share with others.

At this time, I'm about 60 percent done with this build and should have it completed for display at the next club meeting once the COVID 19 situation is safe for all of us to meet again. At this time, I had zero issues with building this kit and parts just fall into place.

## Bottom line:

I was excited as a Mustang car owner to see this kit released. The kit itself was a dream to build and Tamiya quality and precision engineering has been the best in the plastic model world.

I'm just happy that Tamiya has released another Ford product after their release of the Ford GT supercar from over a year ago. The good news is just like the Ford GT, this model is being released in the USA a month before the world-wide release.

# Revell Viking Ship *by Robert DeMaio*



Boats and ships were a major importance in everyday Viking life and they were a symbol of wealth and power. Vikings were advanced in wood carpentry and it is mentioned often that Viking ships were lighter, slimmer and faster. However, there is little proof to suggest that those statements are true. There were extremely small buried Viking ship finds that can really prove what variety of ship designs existed. Archaeology plays a major role in learning about Viking vessels; the major discoveries include the Mästermyr tools, the Skuldelev vessels, the Oseberg ship, and the Gokstad ship.

When I took interest to build a Viking ship, the only one available was the Aurora production with figures shown here. It took plenty of filing and patients to make it look good. That was common with just about all of Aurora kits. After building it, a hobby shop in Hempstead put it on display for a while in his store. A customer

purchased the kit, returned a few days later and said the kit he bought couldn't be the same as the model on display. It took that much effort to make Aurora kits! I still have this in my cabinet and don't have the heart to dispose of it knowing all the work it took.



Heller of France who produced nice detailed galleons and sailing ships wanted to add a Viking ship to their inventory. Thirty some odd years later I was ready to build a better Viking Ship! The level of Heller ship details persuaded me pull out at their Viking ship from my stored inventory. I actually started one and thought I'd better research some reviews. It was believed that there existed various ship designs depending on the use of them. The Heller kit was considered by modelers to be a very unusual shaped hull being triangular. The Revell kit was close to the Aurora shape, more accurate and more detail, so the winning ship for me to build was the Revell kit. There are numerous Viking ship build reviews of Heller (yes modelers are still building these) and Revell kits online. One painted in all black wood. Some painted a lighter shade of brown, or dark brown and a couple of color stripes along the out board sides. As stated before, no one can tell you what colors might have been added to their ships. I decided to go with a darker look of brown thinking it would be more realistic. I made the deck a shade lighter.

I did not take pictures of this build as I went along because I didn't feel it necessary. I can comment on it from these pictures. Once you glue and clamp the ship halves together and add the figure heads forward and aft there will be some down time for you to work on all the 32 ores and 64 shields. Nothing like repetition of parts to make you feel you are on some kind

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of assembly line. Go back to a lot of filing on the ship's spine and work on preparing and installing the deck. The ores, shields, mast, and deck trees were airbrushed medium brown along with the whole ship. I dry brushed all the parts with a dark earth color for that wood grain effect except for the shields and ship. Any iron shown at the base of the mast and anchor I painted flat black Red was used for the ship's figure heads. On the deck between the cross beams I lightly drybrushed light grey for color changing wood streaks. When dried thoroughly, Glosscote was applied and while waiting for that to dry thoroughly, I focused attention on what to do with the Sail.



There were many experiments done on making realistic sails like tissue paper and watered down white glue. This plastic sail is actually not bad and close to representing how the sails were

made. Pieces of fabric discovered were made in square shapes and sewn together to make these large sails. Sails were thin like silk where you could see light through them, so I applied a thin coat of white and red paint. Pan Pastel white was used with my finger lightly and carefully over the raised squares, and the beige color in the seams. Both sides have to be done and not block the light penetration.



Back to the ship for effects. I used Flory black wash all over to pick out all the wood grain. After about an hour or more I started removing the Flory with damp pieces of cotton cloths. A lot of wash was left behind to give the ship a darker wood appearance. Lighter on the deck between the cross beams.

Just about all paintings and illustrations I have seen, Viking ships show the shields hanging

over the sides. Very unlikely the Vikings would do that. How would they remain on in rough seas? There had to be some kind of storage area in the ship for personal and weapon belongings. The Aurora kit shows figures sitting on the deck while their legs and feet hung in a cutout area. I would think this area would have enough room for storage. The Heller kit deck is totally flat. If this was so, they must have had many back problems after rowing, LOL!!!



There was one issue I had, that being these long sail rods that went from the bottom corners of the sail to the opposite sides of the ship for supports. These rods would have helped push out the sail away billowing from the mast. The rods weren't long enough so I placed them on the tree stands on the ship. To push out the sail from the mast I decided to use a piece of clear plastic sprue for

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separation. It really isn't noticeable. Well, now it will be if you look for it. I used my stash of threads instead of what came in the kit and followed the instructions for rigging and tie downs. The shield decals were not going to go down easily with a center raised hub. In the center of each shield decal I cut a cross where they will rest on the hub. When you apply the decal the center will give way and not cause any issues. Take note to use Solvaset before you apply each decal for the decals will not stick well. It's a shame that the shields will be covered by the decals for the wood grain is nicely detailed. Even the Solvaset did not sock down the decals into the crevices. Once you glue on all these shields, the ship looks awesome!

In the picture at the bottom left you can see the light penetrating through the sail and darker shade representing the sewn pieces. If you have an urge to build a Viking ship, this one is worth the effort and pleasant to the eyes.





# Show Calendar Listing for 2020

See Bob DeMaio for details

| Date/Day              | Event & Location   | Website   |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Aug 22<br>Sat         | Mosquitocon<br><i>Postponed from April</i><br>1 Pal Dr, Wayne NJ               | <a href="http://www.njipm.org/">http://www.njipm.org/</a>   |
| Sept 20<br>Sun        | Patcon 2020<br>Hudson Elks Lodge 959<br>99 Park Street,<br>Hudson, MA, 01749   | <a href="http://www.ipmspatriot.org">www.ipmspatriot.org</a>  |
| Sept 24-26<br>Thu-Sat | AMPS Natioanal Convention<br>Crown Plaza, Danbury, CT                          | <a href="http://amps-armor.org/SiteShows/ShowMain.aspx">http://amps-armor.org/SiteShows/ShowMain.aspx</a> |
| Oct 2-3<br>Fri-Sat    | Noreastcon<br>Quality Inn & Suites<br>8250 Park Rd.<br>Batavia, NY 14020       | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Noreastcon49/">https://www.facebook.com/Noreastcon49/</a>               |
| Oct 18<br>Sun         | Granitecon 2020<br>The Falls Event Center<br>21 Front St. Manchester, NH 03102 | <a href="http://granitestatemodelersclub.org/">http://granitestatemodelersclub.org/</a>                   |
| Oct 17<br>Sat         | HVHMG<br>Elks Club Hall<br>29 Overocker Road<br>Poughkeepsie, NY 12603         | <a href="http://www.hvhmg.com">www.hvhmg.com</a>  |

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