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In The Pilot Seat



Please observe the show calendar in this newsletter. I looked up all the show dates posted for the whole 2021 year and listed them. During an E-board meeting last week I brought up the question of moving our show from March 27th to October 2nd with reasons. There are two main reasons for this. The Covid pandemic is beginning to increase and if a vaccine isn't perfected soon we will probably find ourselves trying to postpone the event to the Fall with other shows scrambling for dates. In addition to this we will be spending twice the fees to re-advertise. The Freeport Rec Center is not intending on booking any events until next October so we still stand a chance without a show again next year. The E-board unanimously voted to agree to move the RepLIcon date to October 2nd and hope for the best. Even if we search for alternative places, which I tried to do in the past, it will cost a lot more in a hotel large enough and we would have to sign a contract. I'd rather not lock us into that.

Another video club meeting took place last Tuesday and it appears that about 12 participated. If anyone wishes to do this, even if a selected few, members emails are on our website under Member Area tab but to see the list you must have the password when asked. If you do not know it, you have to ask me. My brother in-law passed away that threw a crimp into this video meeting. I understand that not everyone was sent an invite. We will try another before Thanksgiving.

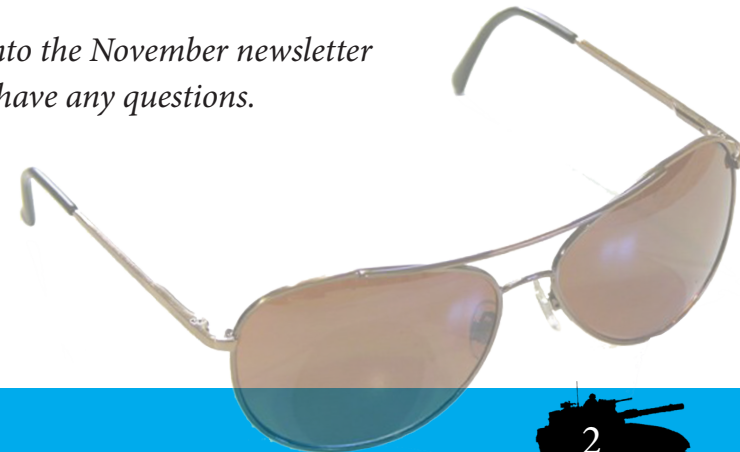
Last month I talked about the new Revell paint line. Jim at Men at Arms Hobby was talking to me about possibly getting them in but had an issue with cost. These would be basic colors and not specialty colors that would be enamels in small cans like Humbrol, Acrylics in square plastic boxes, and Lacquer in spray cans. Personally, I don't see the need for a new line of paints for there are several competitors already out there, but it's the hobby store owners to decide.

A word of mention now, if you wish to post anything into the November newsletter please have it to me by Sunday, November 8th. Ask if you have any questions.

STAY SAFE!

Keep our hobby alive and well,

Bob



Trumpeter P-40F 1/32 scale



This kit is a couple years old now, but I finally got round to it because the onset of Coronavirus gave me a bit of a vacation. I got it for a Christmas present from my son Kyle, and I had been awaiting for a 1/32F model, dove right in. One of the kit's faults is that whoever did the paint and marking research did it poorly. The kit is a "short tail" (early) version. The decals given are for 3 "long tail" (later) versions and one incorrect short tail. Looking at pics online I came across a formation of short tail F models on a training flight, out of Texas. The paint scheme was interesting, and the weathering challenging, so this gave me the stimulus to move forward.



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There were two other noticeable issues. The nose profile was off, the line from the spinner to the windscreen being too curved. The canopy and windscreen were a bit too wide. The spinner might be a tad large, but overall, it looks like a P-40F. The rivet detail is nicely done, the radiator/oil cooler section is done correctly, machine gun barrels are staggered properly. They actually got the interior right, a first for a Trumpeter P-40. I actually could not decide from pics if the grooved tires were correct, but I think they were an option.

So construction is simple just follow the adequate direction sheet. I took a file and sanding sticks and shaved down the cowling line as much as possible. Otherwise minimum filler is needed. My trainer P-40F showed no



drop tank provisions in the photo, so I left them off. To the paint shop (my backyard). For this model I used Vallejo Air paint for the first time. It says use right out of the bottle so I did, and the paint job using my cheap Chinese airbrush came out well using US early Olive Drab.

The wing rudder and tail feathers were mottled with US Dark Green, and as per the photo, slopped around the ammo loading areas. Probably touch up from hard use, I guess.

On to the markings! I made a Tamiya tape stencil for the large "2"s on the nose. The diamond was masked and sprayed. Trumpeter's stars went on OK with some prodding from Solvaset. The rudder serial numbers came from a Hasegawa P-40N, which fortuitously (wow) had a whole set of yellow US serials on it. A touch large, but WTH. The little "MUTT" name, I brush painted, redoing it about 10 times till it looked close. Glosscoat, homemade (yes DeMaio, homemade) sludge applied as a panel line wash,

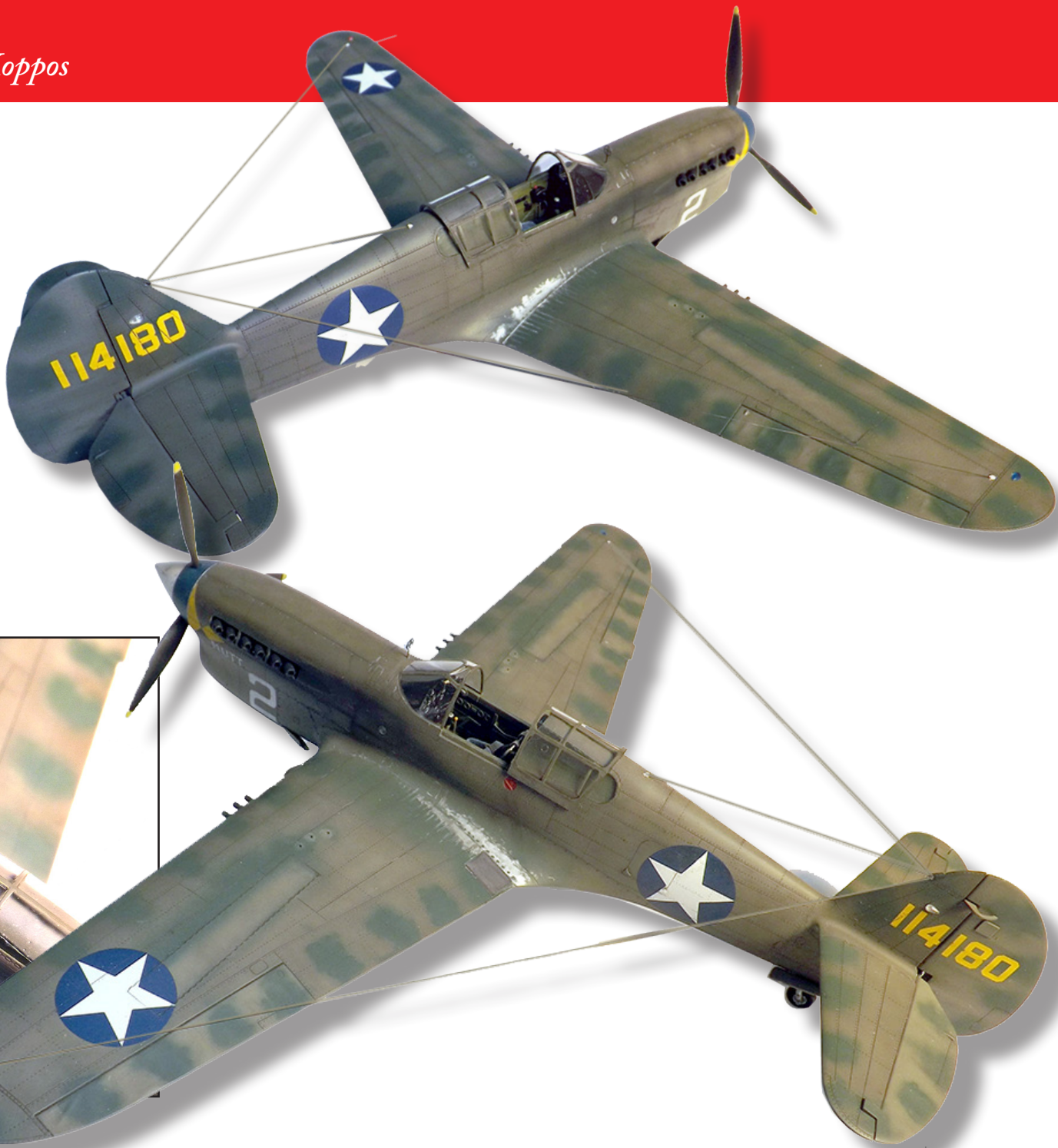
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another gloss then a flat. Wing walk wear was aluminum paint brushed on in the appropriate areas. Off she goes, into the wild blue yonder. According to an internet source for USAAF serials, 114180 was pranged and written off in summer 1943.

Finally a completed large scale P-40E. I am hoping for a long tail in the future so we can do all those wonderful color schemes available.



Dragon German Panzer V1 Tiger 1



After completing five aircraft models, I switched gears to building a Tiger I to add to my 1/35 scale cabinet collection. This isn't a 'what's in the box' or 'build review' but a completed kit picture collage. Dragon armor kits are usually my preference for detail, except for the 1/35 scale Leopold model I did a few years ago where Trumpeter detail was much better. My only issue with these Dragon kits is that you have to get use to their instructions. They are few or no words, and rely on arrows and some are not that clear where some stop at an edge where it should extend further showing it under a surface. Basic 101 Drafting practices like a dashed arrow beneath a solid surface to

its target. Each step shows a subassembly with part call outs already in place, and other subassemblies surrounding it and pointing to where that goes on the larger graphic. You have to focus on each step and compare your subassembly with the graphic before advancing to the next step. If you skip adding any parts make sure you mark them somehow to return later.



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1/72 MiG-17F “Fresco” (Shenyang J-5)

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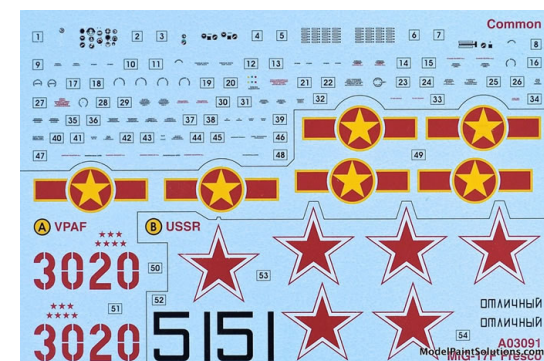
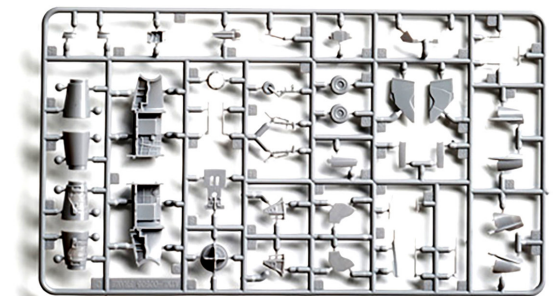
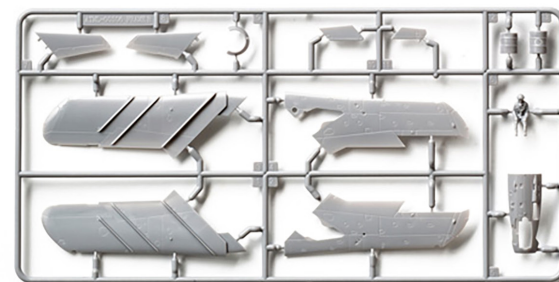
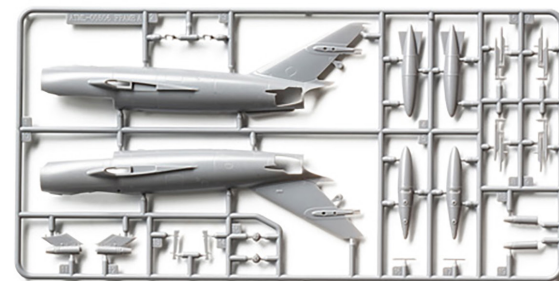
\$17.00 3 Sprues



The MiG-17F was the successor to the MiG-15, which proved to be a big surprise to the U.S. and its allies when it appeared in Korea. While the MiG-17 appeared to be a larger version of the MiG-15, it was redesigned aircraft with many improvements. While primarily designed to as a bomber interceptor, it proved to be just a big surprise to the U.S. when used by the NVAF. Aside from serving with the USSR, it was exported to many Soviet-aligned nations, it was also manufactured by China (as Shenyang J-5) and Poland (as the Lim-6).

Previously, Hasegawa had released a version of the radar-equipped variant of the Fresco. Dragon released a more up-to-date version, but that kit had its own idiosyncrasies. Airfix has now taken its own turn with the Fresco.

Airfix's release schedule usually finds them releasing their new kits first in England, and then releasing them in the U.S. anywhere from four to six months later. The MiG-17F was first released in England in the fall of 2019. However, just when I thought the kit would make it to the States, the pandemic hit. As much as I like to buy from the local stores, I chose to go through Amazon. However, my purchase was made from a shop based



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In The Box Kit Review *by Steve Adler*

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in England; I did not receive the kit until nearly three months after I ordered it.

Airfix advertises this kit as skill level 2. Upon opening the box (which has artwork for a NVAF aircraft that has just destroyed a U.S. Navy F-4), there are three sprues wrapped in plastic. These sprues are molded in a light grey plastic. There is also a clear sprue with the canopy parts and other parts for the fuselage. Detail is engraved and does not appear to be overly heavy. Unlike the Dragon kit, the fuselage is broken down into two halves.

The kit instructions indicate that there are two decal schemes included and two build options. The schemes are:

1. A Shenyang J-5 (Chinese-built MiG-17F) of the NVAF, flown by Le Hai of the 932nd Fighter Regiment in August 1969. This version is an overall dark green (except for the underside of

the wings and tail unit-those are natural metal), with a darker green mottle.

2. A MiG-17F from the USSR in the 1970s. There is a very long Russian name in English for the facility where the plane was kept; if I have to guess, it sounds like some technical institute as opposed to a combat unit of some sort. This version is overall natural metal with a black Bort of 51.

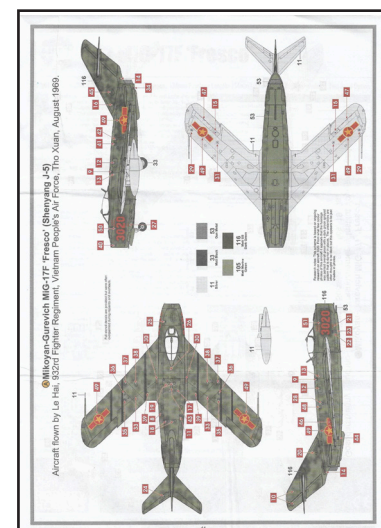
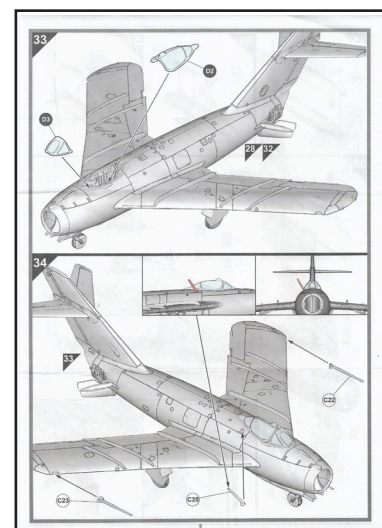
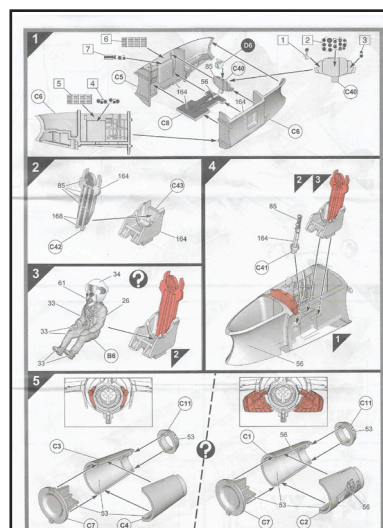
For those interested in other versions, there are various aftermarket sheets available. Xtradecals has just released a sheet with various options, including another NVAF aircraft in overall dark green with sand colored splotches. I have the sheet and will probably rely on those markings when I assemble the kit.

As for the build options, it can be built with landing gear up or down. While a stand is not provided, the instructions indicate where to

open the fuselage to install a stand that is sold separately. The gear down option also comes with a scale oil drum which is used as a support under the exhaust (this sounds similar to what AMT did when they released the F7F Tigercat, a notorious tail-sitter in real life). The instructions note that 20 grams of weight should be placed in the nose (specifically, in a space for that purpose in the cockpit).

Finally, there is a hint of future releases in the form of rockets and rocket pods; these were used by the Poles in their version (the Lim-6), which were primarily attack aircraft. My guess is that these will be released sometime in 2021. Overall, this looks like the kind of product that Airfix has been releasing since their rescue by Hornby.

Sample Instruction Sheets



Show Calendar Listing for 2021

Model Show Calendar Listing

All Northeast shows in 2020 have been cancelled as per IPMS website Event Listing.
Dates with a '?' are to be determined or verified.

Date/Day	Event & Location	Website
Mar ?, 2021 Sun	Vallycon Knights of Columbus 460 Granby Rd. Chicopee, MA 02020	www.wwmodelclub.org
Apr 10 Sat	Mosquitocon 1 Pal Drive Wayne, NJ	www.njipms.org
Apr 11 Sun	Downeastcon Saco Middle School 40 Buxton Road, Saco, ME, 04072	www.ipmsusa.com
Apr 11 Sun	Buffcon 37 Justin & Columbus Hall 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY, 14227	https://ipmsniagarafrontier.com/index.html
Apr 29 May 1 Thu-Sat	AMPS National Convention Marriott City Center 740 Town Center Drive Newport News, VA 23606	http://ipmsniagarafrontier.com/Bufcon2020/index.html
May 21-22 Fri-Sat	Noreastcon 49 Quality Inn & Suites 8250 Park Rd. Batavia, NY 14020	https://www.facebook.com/Noreastcon49/
Aug 18-21 Wed-Sat	IPMS National Convention Las Vegas, NV	https://www.natslv2021.com/

Date/Day	Event & Location	Website
Sep 12 Sun	Patcon 2021 Hudson Elks Lodge 959 99 Park St. Hudson, MA 01749	www.ipmspatriot.org
Sep 24-25 Fri-Sat	Armorcon Crown Plaza Danbury 18 Old Ridgebury Rd Danbury, CT	http://www.nemilmod.org/armorcon/armorcon.htm
Oct 2 Sat	RepLIcon 30 Freeport Recreation Center 130 E. Merrick Road, Freeport, NY	www.lisms-ipms.org
Oct 16 Sat	HVHMG Elks Club Hall 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	www.hvhmg.corg
Nov 6 Sat	Baycon 2021 Elks Hall 326 Farnum Pike Smithfield, RI 02917	www.ipmsbaycolony.com
Nov 13 Sat	LIARS Freeport Recreation Center 130 E. Merrick Road, Freeport, NY	https://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/
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