



# Long Island Scale Modelers Society

## January 2024 Newsletter

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### From the Driver's Seat - Jim Boulukos



Hi there, and Happy News Years to all!

Well, the 2023 year is behind us all now, as we're into the New Year. I hope that the new year brings good health to all our club members and their families, along with providing us with some time at the bench for model building during the winter months.

Our December holiday party held at the American Legion Hall in East Meadow had 38 people including some spouses in attendance. As always, the food was excellent, and a great time was had by all.

Our Noreastcon 52 show is coming up on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at the Freeport Recreational Center. The date is listed in the IPMS Journal, and a quarter page ad will be in the Jan/Feb Journal.

Nick Buro's family has made a substantial donation to the club to fund the awards for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> show. As in the previous year the "Best of Show" will be the Nick Buro Memorial Award for the Noreastcon, and future RepLIcon shows.

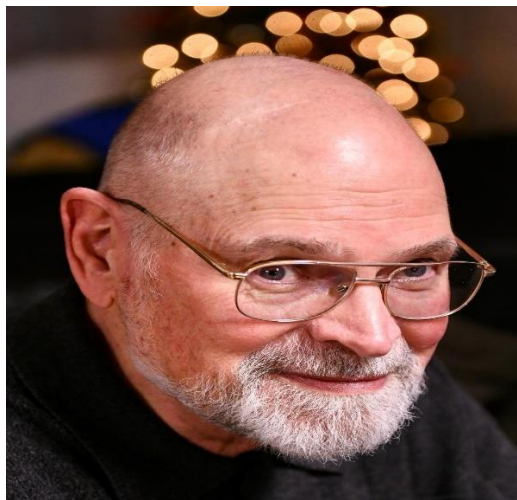
Our next meeting will be Monday January 22, 2024, at the Levittown Public Library in meeting room A , at 7:30 PM. There will be a brief discussion of the upcoming show and what needs to be done. Then it's time to talk about all the new model kits that we received over the holidays along with the normal "show and tell" of completed and WIP models on the back table.

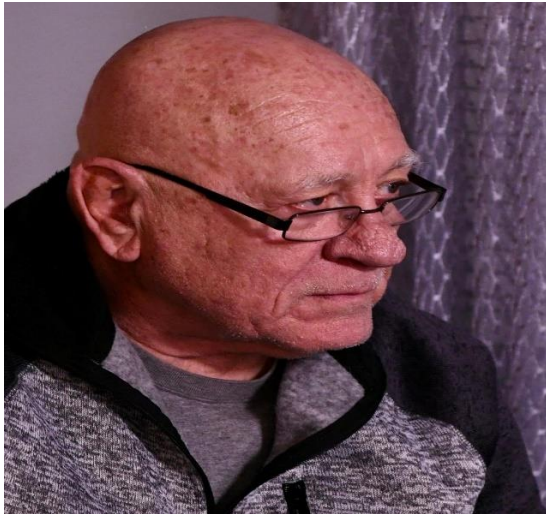
Doug Tantillo, our intrepid club treasurer/ secretary will be collecting dues for the 2024 year which are still \$25. The dues have been the same amount for the last several years. Doug will be collecting them over the next month or two.

The next club contest will be on April 15, 2024, meeting. The theme is anything with an animal/fish name. This covers several modeling categories to give you a wide choice of subject matters.

Special thanks to both Greg Hunt and Bob DeMaio for their articles on respective car and aircraft model builds in this month's newsletter. Both were informative about the kit build and their techniques.

### **LISMS December 11<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party Pictures**









We were so busy having a good time that we forgot to take a group picture at the American Legion Hall in East Meadow.

### New Model Company Catalogs

Click here for the: [Airfix 2024](#) model release catalogs

Click here for the: [Mini-Art Plastic Model Kits](#) release catalogs

Click here for the: [Copper State Models](#) release catalogs

Test shots for a future release of a Bf 109 K-4 by Kotare Models in 1/32 scale



[www.kotare-models.com](http://www.kotare-models.com)

K32009 Kotare 1/32 Bf 109K-4 (in development for late 2024/2025)

### January's Modeling Humor



## **Model tip of the month**

### **The Scale Modelers Critique Group Facebook Group from Warwick Gresswell**

Athletic Strapping Tape. This is great for anything in the 1:20 - 1:12 scale where you need something to look like fabric, on some of Maschinen Krieger kits, heat shield wrap.



## **Internet scams**

There's a lot of modeling sales scams going on right now on Facebook and other sites. Don't fall for the going out of business BS with \$50 dollar model kit selling for \$6.95.

They cut and paste pictures from real shops to suck you in. If it's too good to be true, don't buy it. It's January now and a few more bad players are still trying to get just your money and not deliver your order.

Just buy from online shops you know. Below are two pictures of B.S. sites that IPMS Region 5 Coordinator Jeff Herne posted with folks that are cashing in the holidays period.





## Kit Review Submitted by Greg Hunt

### 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham

from Atlantis Model Co. \$24.99

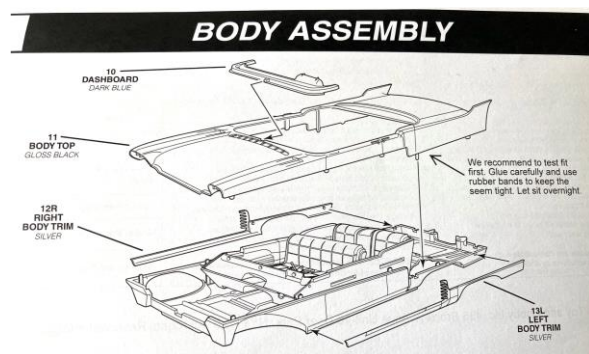
First let me say that the amount of flash was almost non-existent. The tires are hard plastic not vinyl. The decals are printed crisp and clear and went on nicely. Also, the chrome tree is beautiful and the clear tree is...clear. The instruction sheet has only 5 steps to completion plus 1 more for the two figures that are included in the kit.



The model is designed as a multi-part body meaning that the upper body and the lower body sections are divided along the side horizontal trim. The chassis is molded with the lower body section. The hood is closed and there is no engine. I found the assembly of the body a little troublesome given that the rear right quarter was warped. I felt the “easiest” solution was to cut out the molded-in chases and replace it with one from my parts box. That worked well but the seam along the side molding gets a little messed up, so I sanded it smooth and replaced it with Evergreen strip styrene.

Another interesting area is the roof. The front windshield, roof and rear window are the pieces that comprise the roof. There is no typical windshield frame the roof glues directly to the windshield and to the rear window creating the roof structure then to the body.

Another area that I had a problem with was the interior side panels. They were warped as well. At first, I thought that they were supposed to be curved because both sides were curved the same in a nice smooth arch, they need to be straight. All in all, I think it makes a nice model, just not for the beginner.



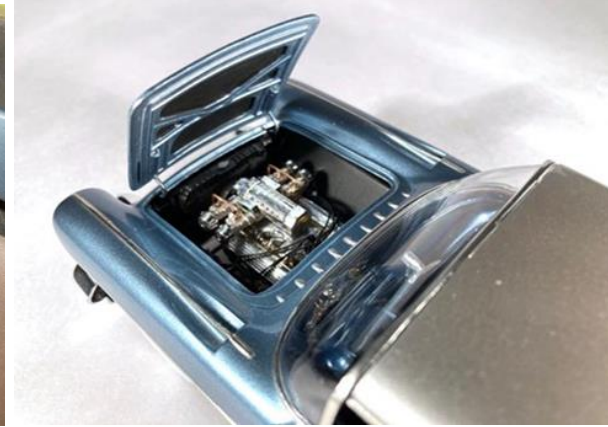
Your editor's comments:

The stunning 1957-58 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham is arguably the most lavish car that GM has ever built. It was by far the highest price American auto priced at \$13,074.00, with a regular Cadillac sedan cost \$4,781.00, which was twice that of normal American car of the time. This was produced in limited numbers to show that caddy was the luxury car king back in the day.

Greg has done some incredible work to a 65-year-old kit initially released by Revell, including opening the trunk, hood, and the doors. This was a curbside kit that he added an engine to along with a separate rear end and chassis from another car model kit to replace the molded kit rear suspension parts. This model has an unusual two piece “clamshell” body, which is shown in the illustration above, which as Greg mentioned created a challenge, but in my opinion, he nailed it. The complete trunk section with the spare tire was totally scratch built.



Here's several pictures of Greg's Caddy WIP phase and completed.

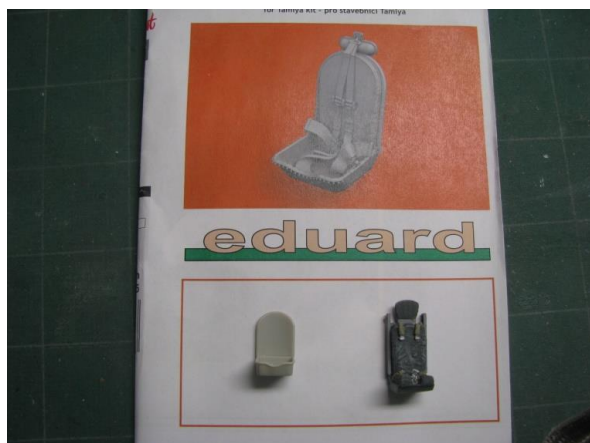


## Douglas A-1H Skyraider, U.S. Navy Tamiya 1/48 scale

### Kit build by Robert DeMaio

This kit was long overdue for me to build since its release in 2020 according to Scalemates.com and I'll tell you why with a little nostalgia for the elderly builders. I have a few model company catalogs from Revell and Monogram in the 60's and 70's but none have the kit I built of an A-1H Skyraider when I was in elementary school in the mid 50's. If I remember correctly it was about the same scale and had moving parts. The center pylon had a 2,000 pound bomb that when moved back and forth operated the main landing gear to retract and extend. Turning the prop controlled the fuselage brakes to deploy and retract. I didn't have cabinets to protect my models so I was limited on display space around the place. The model minding its own business rested on my brother's speaker box made it for some months before my mother accidentally knocked it off and broke. Oh well, it was an accident. I don't remember what I did with it. Does anyone remember this kit and who released it?

When this Tamiya kit was released I didn't hesitate to buy it, and sat in my collection until now when I got the urge to build it. Doing a review on this kit was a late thought in mid build so I will explain some photos as best I can.



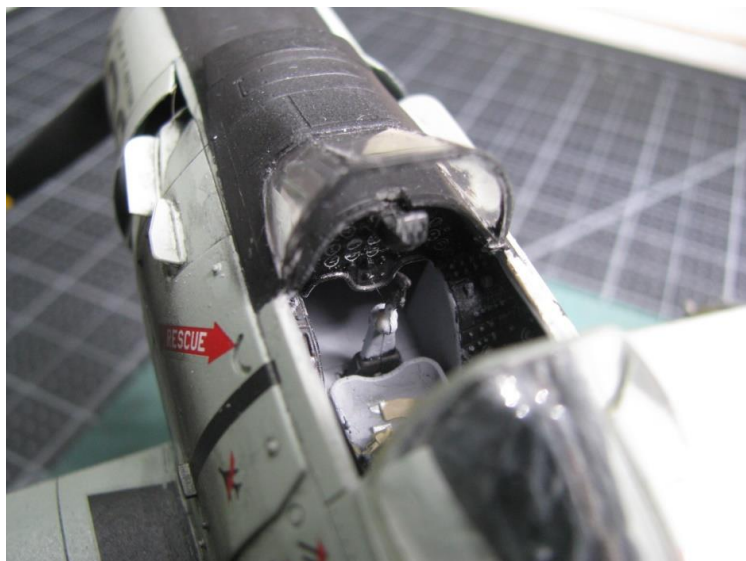
The Cockpit: The seat to the lower left is what Tamiya includes and is not correct. Maybe for test flying the prototypes but not production. After searching my personal library of books to view the correct seat I found this Eduard seat on Ebay and is accurate for the early Navy production aircraft. It has nicely molded seatbelts as well.

Pilot safety caused many changes to seat designs. Pilot's lives were at stake when they tried to bail out as if in a WWII aircraft. The speed of the jet age brought about the rocket propelled seat to eject the pilot 400 feet upward away from the aircraft. Thus the third seat in the picture with rails. This seat was the later production and retrofit seat. I am also building the A-1J and this rail seat will be in it. Seat changes took place in all military fighters.



Behind the seat is the canopy mechanism cover purchased on Ebay. No known company mold but well done and no flashing.





In this snapshot you can see the detail shape of the control stick, a few instruments on the forward panel and the right panel. The forward Panel has raised detail but any dry brushing over it will only pickup small circles. Tamiya provided a decal with fine dials. Applying the decal was not easy to line up the dials to the small molded circles under it. 1/32 scale is much easier. A notes about the Tamiya decals: they are very thin, and they will be in the water a while to soften up to slide off. If you try too soon to slide it off you risk splitting it.

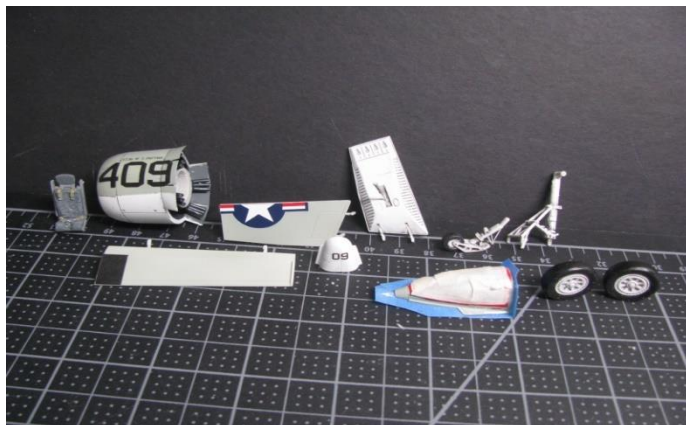


Tamiya does not give you any Federal Standard FS code callouts and just calls out a color: matt white and light grey.. After painting both the underside and topside I put it aside to dry overnight before applying Glosscote, and let that sit 24 hours. Meanwhile it was a good time to plan the weapons load and start painting them.



The status of this picture is after Matt White was painted, Glosscote applied, decals applied with Solvaset, and when ready the wash mix of black Acrylic paint, water and liquid dish detergent was spread all over it. After a good 45 minutes to an hour to dry thoroughly. Wrapped my finger in a damp cotton cloth and started wiping the surface wash off. This is the result. Do the same to the topside





Pieces not yet attached until almost complete.

The brake doors will be installed open, the rudders will be in the drop-down position, canopy open, engine cowling was left off to detail the fuselage area behind the fairings, and wheels are the True Details wheel set with flattened tire weight effect.



Tamiya includes a set of tires but two different wheel rims, early spoke and solid face. The picture above, I was scrapping the center raised plastic to lower the tire rim that sat too high. The wheel here is being used on the A-1J aircraft.





This was after applying the decals and wash to the topside. I started gluing on those parts above, and a mental note to be careful where to grab the model.



Pan Pastels are used to spread nasty dirty grim from the engine exhaust.



The markings on this model are of VA-176 "Thunderbolts" AK409 on the USS Intrepid Aircraft Carrier CV-11, 1966.

Note how the wash brought out the recessed panel lines. The pastel effects cannot be used on any Glosscote. They will just repel off the surface. After your application of Testors Dullcote and it dries 24 hours plus, you can apply the pastels. If you make a mistake or need alterations, the pastels can be removed with a damp cloth or damp Q-tip. Reapply the pastels when the surface is dry.





## **LISMS Meeting Dates for 2024**

Jan. 22, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

Feb. 26, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

March 18, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

April 15, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A (Contest Meeting)

May 20, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

June 17, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

July to December TBA

## **2024 Show Dates**

**March 23, 2024**, Noreastcon 52, Region 1 Convention will be hosted by IPMS Long Island Scale Modelers Society at the Freeport Rec. Center, New York

**April 6, 2024**, MosquitoCon, Region 2 show at PAL Wayne, 1 PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ, 07470

**April 7, 2024**, BuffCon, Region 1 show at The Knights Event Center (Justin & Columbus Hall), 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY, 14227

**July 17-20, 2024**, IMPS/USA National Convention at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center Madison, WI.

AMPS Shows

**February 9 – 11, 2024**, AMPS Atlanta 2024, , Peachtree Corners, GA

**April 11 – 13, 2024**, AMPS 2024 International Convention, South Bend, ID

## **The Final Word**

We would like to encourage club members to join the national IPMS. Help support the hobby on a national level. IPMS provides the insurance that allows us to have our RepLIcon events, and membership includes a Bi -monthly IPMS Journal magazine. Join IPMS/USA just click the link: <https://ipmsusa.org/> and just click the blue tab section "Join IPMS/USA."

BTW – I need articles, kit reviews, pictures, model show information, and stories from the club for the monthly newsletter. It can be anything hobby related. All submissions to the Long Island Scale Modelers Society Newsletter must be received by the Monday of the week before our scheduled meeting night.

Email your articles and/or pictures to [www.jnboul19@yahoo.com](mailto:jnboul19@yahoo.com)

Jim Boulukos

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