

The KETCHUP is NOT Quite KAUGHT UP But it's getting' there...

**The next monthly meeting for Capt. James J. McKinstry Chapter IPMS/USA
Friday, APRIL 20, 2018 – Arlington Hts. Memorial Library
CONFERENCE ROOM I ~ Meeting starts at 7:30 PM
Meeting theme for APRIL – ARMY AVIATION**

THIS is our 47th year as an IPMS/USA chapter

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Newsletter notes for the March 2018 meeting
The theme for the meeting was the Viet Nam War. Several models relating to the theme were on hand.

McWeb is current as far as newsletters, images and kit review/articles. It's worth a visit as there are 170 reviews dating back to 2001.

Here-s the link for IPMS McKinstry McWeb
<https://ipms-mckinstry.org/>

Dave Kopielski has a new web page featuring his model builds.

<https://davidsscalemodels.com/build-log/fw-190a-8/>

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Meeting Dates and Themes

Monthly themes 2018

Apr 20	ROOM I Army Aviation
May 25	HENDRICKSEN RM MTO WWII
June 15	ROOM I Battle of Britain
July 20	ROOM I AF and Navy 1950's
Aug 17	HENDRICKSEN ROOM Strategic Air Command

We have received the meeting room request forms from the library and should have dates and themes available in about 8 weeks.

MEETING NOTES

MEETING NOTES by ~

Paul Gasiorowski and The *Tick*

Membership There are now 21 paid members for the McKinstry club. We have 1 new member to the group and 3 members that we have not seen in a few years. What we need at this point is a larger meeting room. Last year the library moved us to a conference room and it is a bit crowded. Anyone who has a lead on some other venue we can meet at, in the same general area - please let Norris know. Meantime I trust everyone will have bathed before attending meetings.. It's the proper thing to do!

March meeting had 12 members in attendance: Brian Gardner, Jim Batchelder, Charlie (Charles, Chuck) Scardon ., Steve Kumamoto, Mike Hanlon, Paul Gasiorowski, Bill Dunbar, Dave Kopielski, Glen Estray, Frank Ress, The "*Tick*", and Lee Lygiros.

March Meeting Modeling tips:

- 1) Jim Batchelder demonstrated how to remove flaws, molding seams, and scratches from clear parts including canopies. And how to polish them clear again.
- 2) Frank Ress demonstrated practical uses for security strips found on packages which contain very thin pieces of metal enclosed in cardboard. Some uses include antennae, vortex generators, seat belts, possibly gear doors, etc. He noted they take very well to soldering.

The theme for the March meeting was the Viet Nam War. There were nine models for Show and Tell that included several subjects pertaining to Nam. The downside was that no one thought to bring background music featuring Bad Moon Rising, Light My Fire or California Dreaming!! Not one member thought to bring a guitar for the Star Spangled Banner ala Hendrix. AND, (I might add) no mention of Ravi Shankar nor was there even the faintest whiff of hashish in the conference room air...Just sayin'....

The theme for next month's meeting will be the MTO/WW II: The Mediterranean Theatre of Operations / World War II.

Models at the meeting included A-7E SLUF 1/48th scale, Hobby Boss ~ Dave Kopielski; F4U-1A Corsair, 1/48th scale, Tamiya ~ Mike Hanlon; Wooden display / CBI ~ Brian Gardner; A-4E, 1/72nd Scale Hasegawa; A-4C 1/72nd Scale, Fujimi ~ Steve Kumamoto

PBR Patrol Boat River Boat, 1/35th Scale Tamiya ~ Glen Estrey; TBM-3 Avenger 1/48th Scale, Academy (Accurate Miniatures reboxed) ~ Jim Batchelder; B-2 Spirit, 1/72nd scale, Model Collect ~ Frank Ress; F3D_2 Skyknight, 1/72nd Scale, Matchbox ~ Paul Gasiorowski; A-1E Skyraider, 1/48th Scale, Tamiya; F-104C Starfighter, 1/48th Scale Hasegawa ~ Norris Graser~ The *Tick* & Paul Gasiorowski

1/72nd scale A-4C (Fujimi) A-4E (Hasegawa)



MARCH MEETING

Paul Gasiorowski



1/72nd Scale Matchbox F3D-2 Skyknight
Converted to EF-10B ECM aircraft.
Markings for Composite Reconnaissance
Squadron One VMCJ-1 "Golden Hawks"
circa 1965-69

Steve Kumamoto



The kit was built OOB. It went together quite well. The wing to fuselage was sort of a butt joint, so Paul inserted a brass rod through the fuselage, he drill holes in the wings assemblies and slid them onto the brass tubing gluing to place. Markings (numbers and letters) via the decal spares box. Paints: Model Master Acrylics, gloss White, Dark and Light Gull mixed together 50/50

Both of these are older builds. The Fujimi A-4C having a "yellowish" hue due to the clear varnish used available the time.

A-4C is BuNo 147788/ VK/02 VMA -121 Green Knights. Deployed November 1962 to Cecil Field, FL. In support of the Cuban Missile Crisis.



A-4E WP/9 VMA-223 Bulldogs

December 1965 to Chu Lai, Viet Nam. The Bulldogs flew a record 1234 combat sorties in 1967



A-4C VK/2 VMA-121 Green Knights



Dave Kopielski



1/48th Scale A-7E SLUF Hobby Boss. Markngs for Dave's assigned squadron VA-37 Ragin' Bulls onboard the USS John F Kennedy.



Dave used Eduard PE parts and MicroScale Decals. Scratch built pitot tubes

James Batchelder



1/48th Scale TBM-3 Avenger Academy
(Reboxed Accurate Miniatures)

VT-84 white 307 aboard USS Bunker Hill
(CV-17) 1945

Testors paints. Kit decals were used Jim
said Afixing the ball turret was a challenge



Norris Graser



1/48th Scale A-1E Spad Tamiya Model
master and Gunze paints. AeroMaster
Decals which pose a slight problem for the
tail markings as they were designed to fit
the Monogram A-1E Skyraider kit. The
same markings sized to fit the Tamiya kit
can be found on SuperScale decals.



Norris Graser



1/48th Scale F-104 Starfighter Hasegawa



Model Master paints. SuperScale Decals.
Scratched RHAW mods common to Viet
Nam war 1967. (Pink) Pusseycat. Udorn
1967. 435th TFS/479th and 8th TFW.

Mike Hanlon



1/48th Scale F4U-1A Corsair Tamiya
Number 21 Squadron RNZAF May 1945
Pilot unknown One three Corsairs marked
with Enraged Duck. It saw service with a
number of New Zealand squadrons.
These Corsairs replaced P-40s in New
Zealand Royal Air Force service



Assembly: It's a Tamiya kit.
Decals: Eaglecalcs 162 - Corsair F4U-1
Corsairs Part 2
Paint: Tamiya Acrylics
Non Specular Blue: 5 parts Tamiya XF-17
Sea Blue, 3 parts Tamiya XF-8 Flat Blue
and 2 parts Tamiya XF-2 Flat White
Intermediate Blue: 5 parts XF-18 Medium
Blue and 4 parts XF-2 Flat White
Underside: XF-2 Flat White

This aircraft was sun beaten so the base
colors were lightened with lighter shades of
blue and white to achieve a worn finish.

Brian gardner



Flying Tiger CBI memorabilia





All these items purchased at Military collector shows. 1st items were 2 AAF cloth escape maps, 1 for Burma and the other Mandalay on 1 side and Rangoon on other. The Flying Tiger patch I was told were made for a reunion. The 14th AF patch was a theater made patch and the CBI patches range from a crude theater made patch to various leather, printed fabric to embroider to a nice silver bullion embroidered patch. There also is 1939 to 41 Chinese paper money and old coins

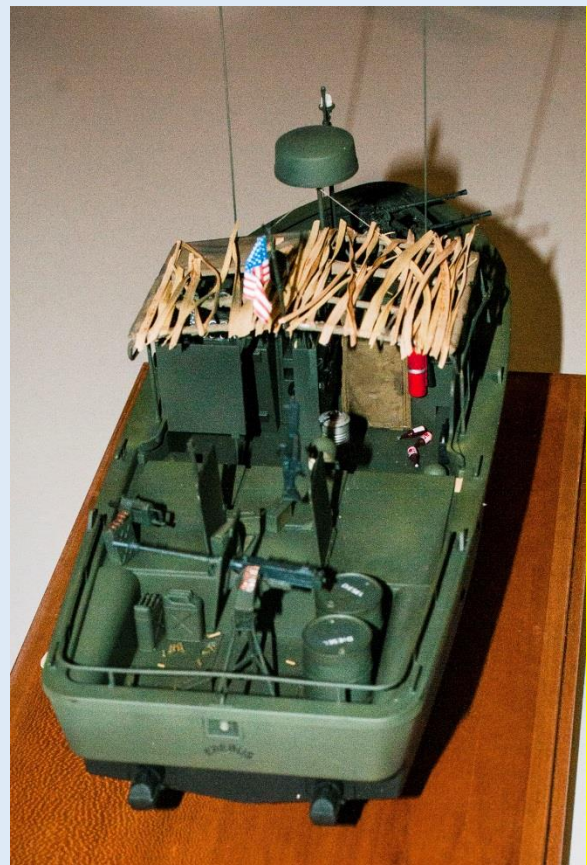
Did You know that Chinese and Philippine paper money was printed in USA? Also are USAAF pilot's wings and a set of wings I started to ask what the AVG stood for. I then shut up!!

The wings are older and the AVG is nicely done like from a jeweler. Some pilot may have had this done or it's fake. Don't know and can't find any info. Many pilots were AAF and could have done this. I have a jeweler's copy of WASP wings that was done for a WASP who lived here in Chicago. I also have AAF wings that were made in Mexico over the border from the air bases that are made and marked as made from coin silver. I think I may have 1 that was made as a sand cast as a replacement. The larger Chinese pilots wings are numbered and were to be awarded when Chinese pilots were being trained in the US The last item is a triangle shaped award I was told was given to JAAF pilots when finishing fighter training.

Glen Estray



1/35 PBR Patrol Boat River, Tamiya, Glen based the model on the one that appeared in "APOCALYPSE Now" movie from 1979. He indicated he watched part of the movie frame by frame to get the detail shown, including beer bottles lying around and spent cartridge casings from the machine guns. The roof is tissue paper and vegetation. Cartridge casings were made from very small brass tubing



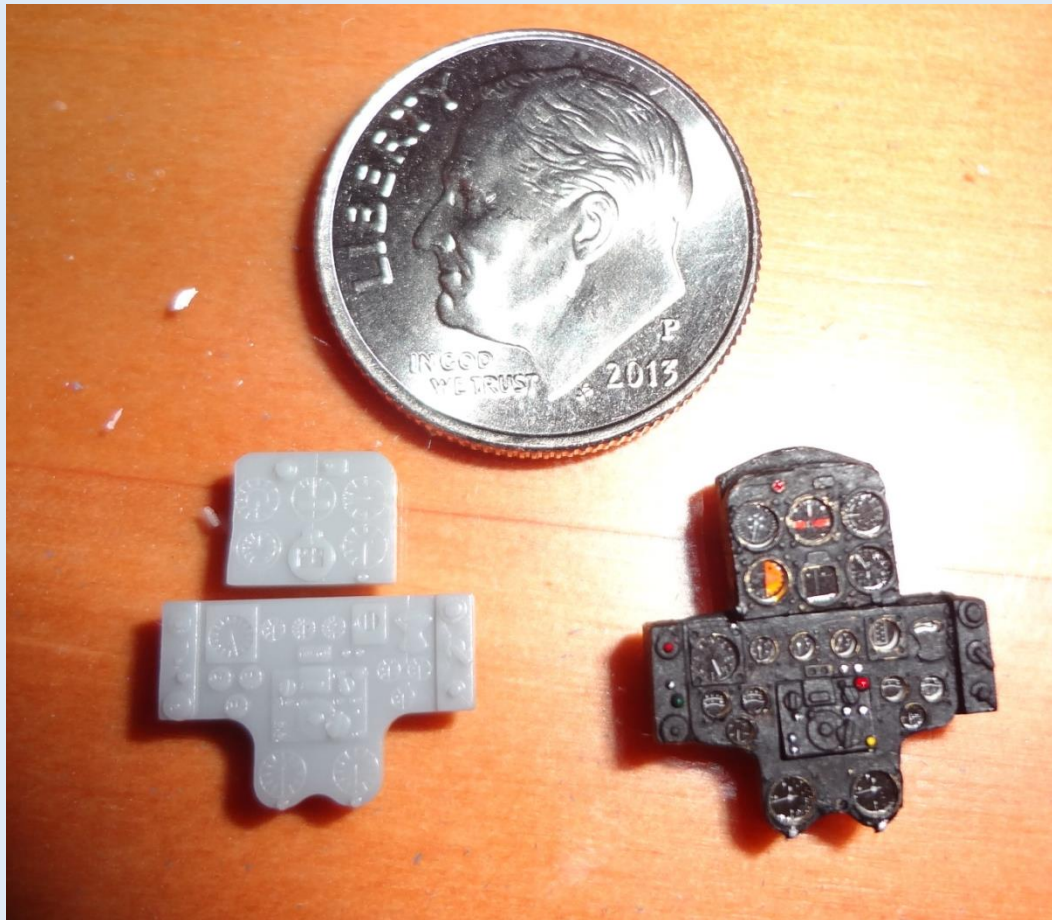
1/48 Hasegawa Nakajima Ki43-II Late Version Hayabusa (Oscar)



By David Kopielski

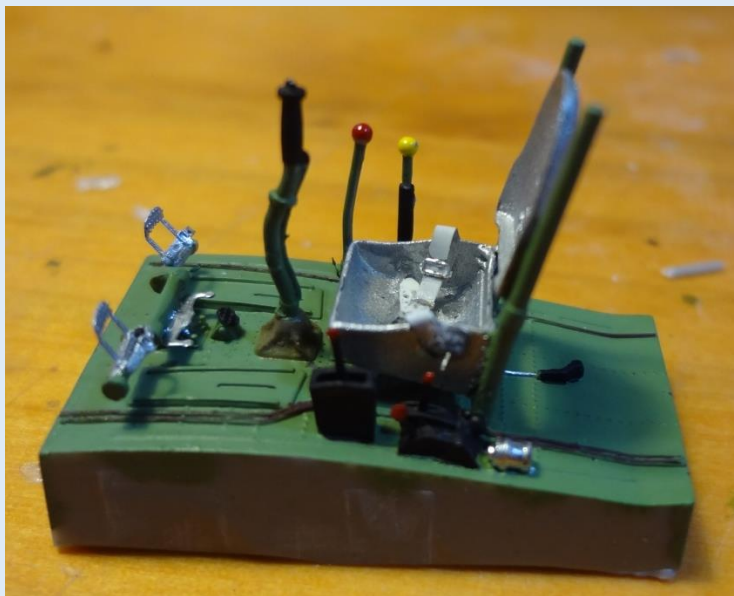
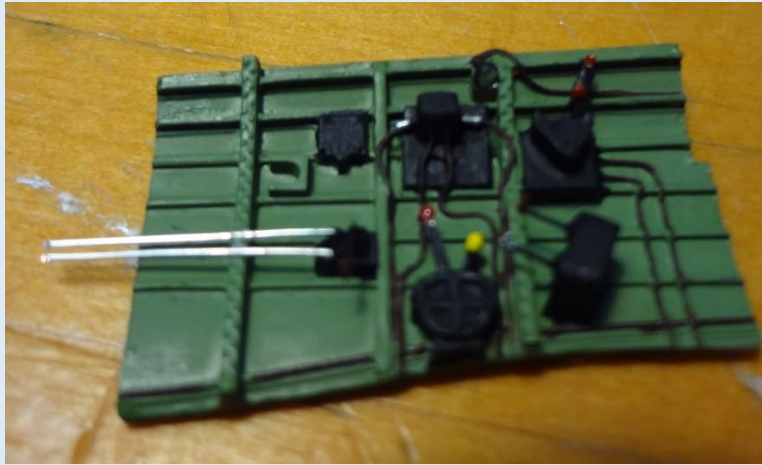
The Nakajima Ki43 Hayabusa was one of the Japanese Army's most successful fighters. Nicknamed "Oscar" by the allied forces, the aircraft fought in China, Burma, the Malay Peninsula, New Guinea, the Philippines, South Pacific islands and the Japanese home islands. Many referred to it as the "Army Zero" because it bore a certain resemblance to the Japanese Navy Mitsubishi A6M Zero. One of the interesting features of this aircraft was its combat maneuvering flaps on the inner trailing edge of the wings. These allowed the aircraft to pull tight high "G" turns without stalling giving it the ability to outmaneuver many other aircraft.

The kit is molded in light gray consisting of five sprue trees and one clear sprue tree. I also used the Eduard photo etch set (49202). Starting with the cockpit I used the Eduard parts. The left is the kit dash and the right is the Eduard completed dash.



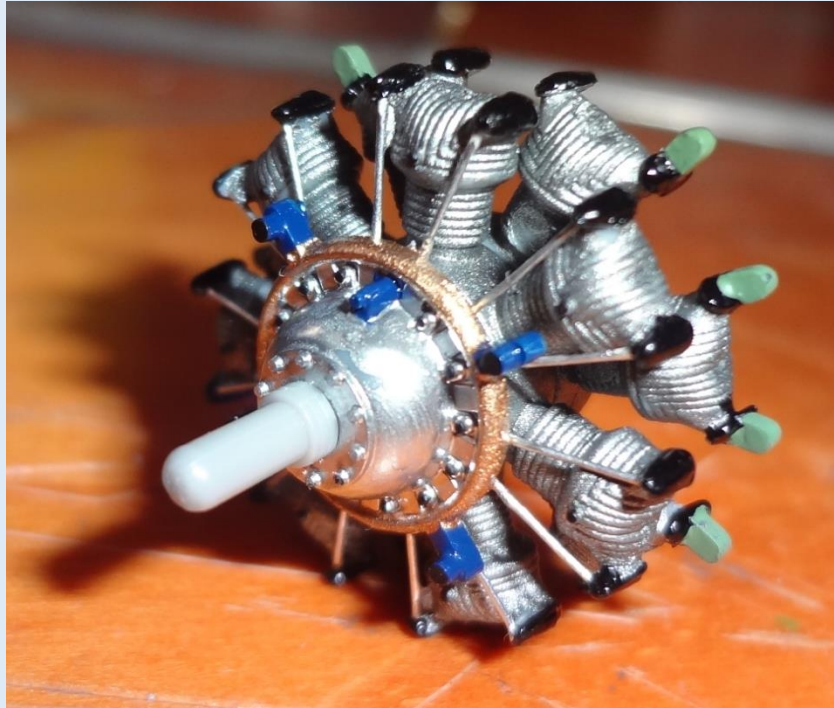
The seat and sidewalls were then detailed and painted. I used some 32 AWG wire to add in more of the control rods and cables.





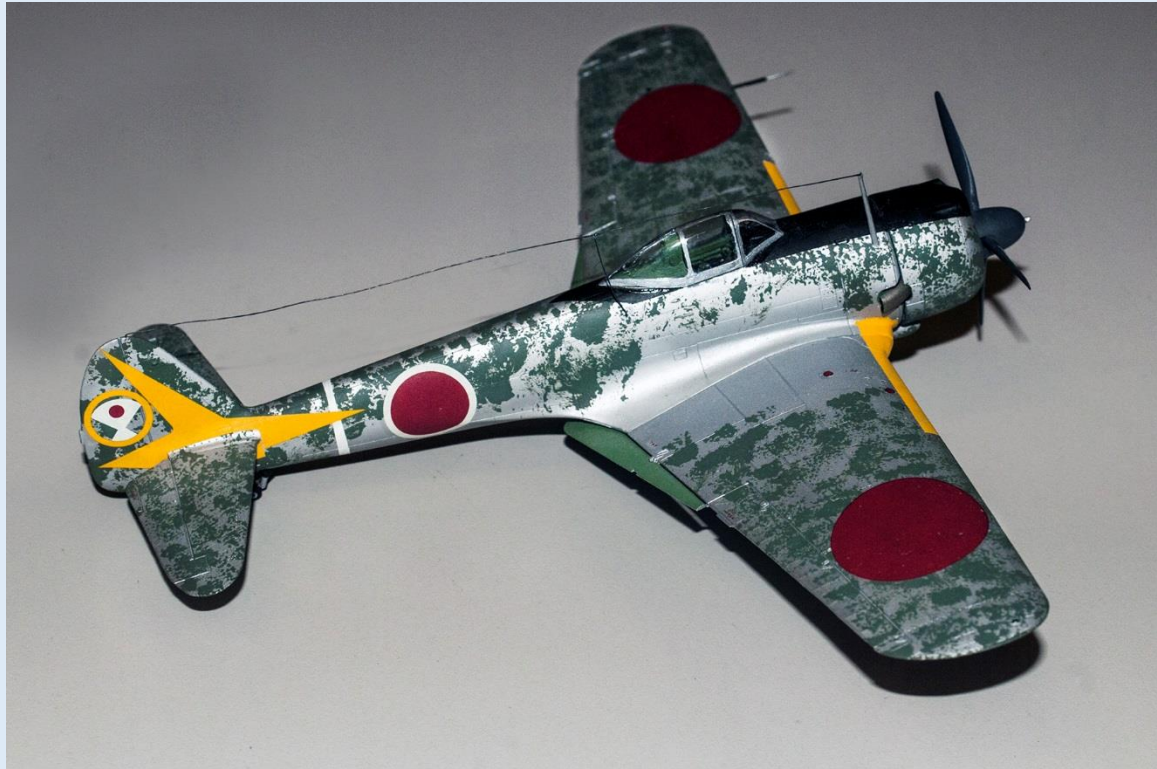
Moving forward the engine was then detailed using 32 AWG wire replacing the pushrods on the radial engine. The engine was then assembled and painted.





The fuselage was assembled and the fit was very good. Only minor filler was needed on the bottom section where the wings meet the fuselage. I mounted the combat maneuvering flaps in the open condition to highlight this interesting feature of the aircraft. The aircraft was painted with Tamiya Bare Aluminum Metal Silver (AS-12) and then I used Tamiya IJA green (XF-13) applied with several small various shaped pieces of cut up foam to create the mottled pattern depicted on the box art. The Tamiya Flat Yellow (XF-3) used on the leading edge of the wings was almost a perfect match to the yellow of the tail decals. I utilized the decals representing the 54th Flight Regiment 2nd Squadron, aircraft of Captain Yukinchi Kitakoga, June 1944, Kashiwabara Air Base Horomushiro Island. The decals for the tail and horizontal stabilizers were a little tricky to fit but once aligned and some Microsol decal solvent, laid down on the surface very well. The antenna rigging was done with EZ-Line thin. Overall I enjoyed building this interesting aircraft of the Japanese Army Air Force.







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