

**The KETCHUP is NOT Quite KAUGHT UP  
But it's getting' there...No... no....JUST kidding, it's not  
ever going to be Kaught up..  
YES! This IS the (slightly) late AUGUST 2019 Newsletter**

**The next meeting for Capt. James J. McKinstry Chapter IPMS/USA**

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The August 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 meeting was held in the Hendrickson room. The theme for the evening was Oldies Night (Lindberg, Hawk, Frog etc)

As is the custom, the meeting did not start on time. Attending were Brian Gardner, Bill Soppet, Ed mate, Dan Paulien,

Mike Hanlon, Paul Gasiorowski, Scott Olsen, Frank Ress, The *Tick*, Lee Lygiros and Bill Dunbar

Business NO Meeting for September as the scheduled date was 2 weeks after the August meeting. By Paul Gasiorowski  
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# AUGUST MEETING

Paul Gasiorowski



## 1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Lindberg XF-88 Voodoo

The theme for July was oldies but goodies. I picked up Lindberg kit of this XF-88 Voodoo, precursor to the F-101. It looked like Lindberg made a series of kits called the Firepower Series. Other planes in this series were, B-17G, B-58, F-100D, F-104C, F-8J and TBF Avenger. First flight was in 1948, it under performed because of the lack of an after burning engine. Only 2 XF-88s were built. The planes were converted to using J-34-22 after burning engines which gave them the desired speed at the cost of range. One was converted to an XF-88B, with the big prop on the front. The Air Force dropped the project in 1950, for the lack of funds. After the Korean War the Air Force revisited the project for a penetration aircraft, which then morphed into the F-100, which flew in 1954. The 2 original planes were scrapped in 1958. The kit consisted of one sprue with all the piece parts, plus the wings and fuselage were on another sprue. The clear parts consisted of a 2 piece canopy and three clear pieces for a stand.

I started by assembling the wings, the engine assembly which would be hidden once it was put inside the fuselage. The engine could be detailed with some paint and adding some wires for tubing. There is a maintenance panel on top of the fuselage, which if left open could reveal some portion of the engine. I decided to keep it closed. After gluing the fuselage halves together, some work was need on the seams. There was a lot of rivet detail, and a lot of this detail would be lost, if I decided to really attack the seams.

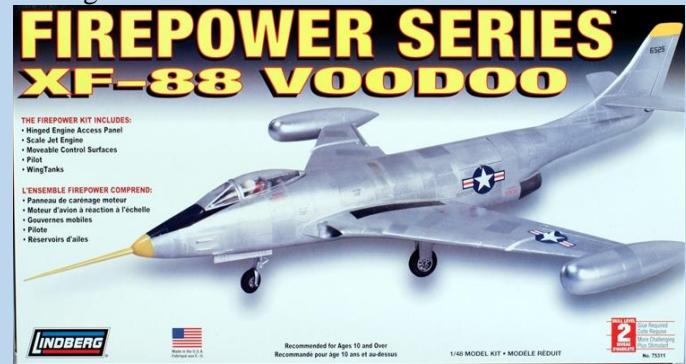
The seat that came with the kit was a little clunky, there was some detail on the sides of the seat. I found a resin ejection seat in my spares box and decided to use this instead. I had to make a platform in order to have something to attach the new seat too.

Before gluing the fuselage I installed the new seat assembly. I also added some side panels for switches,

etc. I used some printed panels and glued them to a piece of sheet styrene.

The fuselage and wings were assembled, with the horizontal elevators and the tail. After doing some seam work I gave the plane a couple of coats of Tamiya grey primer. I also drilled out the gun ports, three on each side of the plane.

I spent some time masking off the canopy, giving it a coat of green zinc chromate, but attaching it to the fuselage.



Reviewing some pictures of the XF-88, some planes were bare metal and one or two pictures showed a gray color. So I passed on the bare metal scheme and went with a Gloss Gull grey color instead. The nose showed a yellow color along with the probe. The nose should have been masked off and a flat white applied. The grey undercoat is taking several coats of Insignia Yellow to get the grey undercoat to go away.

The nose wheel doors are butt joints, so I drilled some no. 74 holes in the edges and on the fuselage. I then added some stiff wire to the doors and cemented them to the fuselage. The main gear doors are also butt joints, but there is room at the edges to insure enough area to apply glue to.

To finish the model I added the decals in the appropriate places. There were no issues with the decals. I did add some weight to the nose but it wasn't enough. So I had to build to add a tail stand to the rear of the plane. All in all it was not a bad kit to construct. More time could have been spent cleaning up the seam line on the top of the fuselage, but some of the rivet detail would have disappeared. Model Master acrylic paints were used.



Dave Kopiaelski



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Accurate Miniatures TBM-1C Avenger Paint: Model Master Sea Blue Built out of the box. Kit decals depicting TBM-1E #36 one of 5 Avengers that went missing Wednesday December 5, 1945. All 5 Flt 19 a/c are included in the kit



#### **FT-36 TBM-1E BuNo 46094**

PILOT Capt Edward Joseph Powers Jr, USMC  
CREW  
Howel Orin Thompson, Sgt., USMCR  
George Richard Paonessa, Sgt., USMC



TBM-1E FT-36 It's not known if any of the pictured were crew on #36 on the December 5<sup>th</sup> mission

#### **FT-28 TBM-3 BuNo 23307**

PILOT Lt Charles Carroll Taylor USNR  
CREW  
George Francis Devlin Jr. AOM 3c, USNR  
Walter Reed Parpart ARM3c, USNR



TBM-3 FT- 28, lead plane of Flight 19 taken 26 JUNE 45 at Ft Lauderdale. None of the personnel shown flew on the December 5<sup>th</sup> mission.

#### **FT-81 TBM-1C BuNo 46325**

PILOT 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Forrest James Gerber, USMCR  
CREW  
William Earl Lightfoot, Pfc., USMCR

#### **FT-117 TBM-1C BuNo 73209**

Pilot Capt. George William Stivers Jr., USMC  
CREW  
Robert Francis Gullivan, Sgt., USMC  
Robert P. "YoYo" Gruebel, Pvt., USMCR

More info:

☞ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flight\\_19](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flight_19)

☞ All 5 a/c also available on SuperScale 48-1051

☞ Non model info and photos, via Norris Graser

**Bill Dunbar**

1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Mfr. Unknown T-33 built by Bill Dunbar in 1956

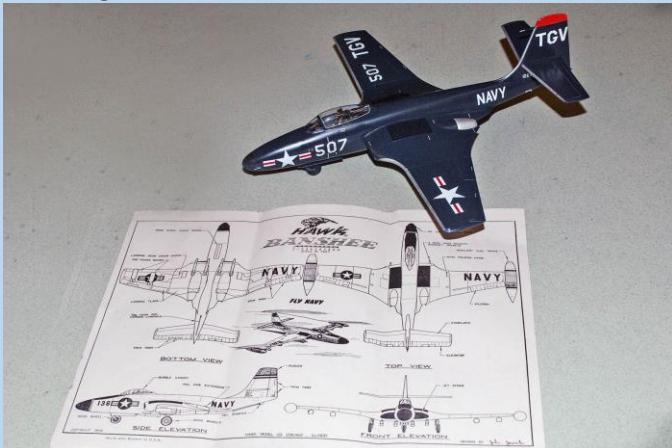
**Paul Gasiorowski**

1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale Italeri AS.51 Horsa Glider



**This** was a pretty good size model in this scale, about a 10 in wingspan. A fairly simple model built out of the box. The cockpit window took a lot of work with about 20 panes to tape off. It was painted with MM acrylics, Flat Dark Green 4726 and Flat Dark earth 4708. Invasion stripe were included in the kit. The areas for the invasion stripe were painted using Tamiya White Primer and then taped off before applying the camouflage colors. A lot of interior detail was left undone, because sealed up, it would be unseen.

## Carl Geiger



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Hawk F2H-1 (prototype) conversion to actual F2H-1 configuration. Markings are for an F2H-1 Banshee BuNo 122553/ 507, CIC School assigned to NAS Glenview, 1954.

This model was 1<sup>st</sup> released in 1957 and so needs some updating. The following is what Carl did to convert it to an F2H-1.

The cockpit, including seat are scratch built.

The canopy is not close to the actual shape or length and needed to be replaced. This was done by gluing pieces of basswood and then sanding to the correct shape. Carl added brass strips for the framing and then vacu-formed a new canopy over the new master.

Intake openings were enlarged and built out slightly with filler, then sanded to shape. Splitters were scratch built as well as the intake interiors and included turbine blades borrowed from another kit.

The landing gear is completely scratch built and includes a True Details wheel set for the T-33 that was determined to be close enough to the Banshee to replace those supplied in the kit.



Fuselage and wings: The fuselage was lengthened a scale foot, the area between the canopy and vertical was found to be arched. An image showing the profile revealed that this area was fairly flat and was sanded to shape. The lower aft fuselage also needed to be reshaped. Brass tubing from ballpoint pens were used for the exhaust section as well as other interior exhaust details from the spares box. The stabilizers needed reshaping. For the wings, the hard points were eliminated and navigation lights were added.

After complete assembly, the entire model was sanded eliminating raised panel lines which were then re-scribed. Of note is the removal of raised outlines provided as a feature for insignia and NAVY.

Paints used were all Model Master Enamels: The overall color is Gloss Sea Blue FS 15042. Leading edges are Non Buffing Aluminum, NMF exhaust area are painted in Titanium and the fin cap is International Orange.

Decals for insignia, NAVY, numbers and lettering came from various utility decal sets. The white canopy sealer are thin decal strips.



### Mike Hanlon



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Accurate Miniatures Grumman F3F-2 USMC VMF-2 San Diego 1937-1938

### Mike Hanlon



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Accurate Miniatures F-6A Mustang  
Kit decals - The markings are for F-6A serial number 41-37365  
which was assigned to the 111<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance  
Squadron, 69<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group.



Paints used were: Alclad, Gunze Sangyo and Model Master



The 111<sup>th</sup> was an activated Texas National Guard unit and in 1943, the squadron flew out of Berteaux Aerodrome in Algeria

### Bill Soppet



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale ESCI A-7E Conversion to TA-7C Bill's been  
working this one for a long time. You would think he is



Utilizing an aftermarket vac kit or resin kit? But no! He actually is kit bashing 2 ESCI A-7E's.

Ed Mate



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Hasegawa Republic P-47D-5-RE  
Thunderbolt

56th FG, 63rd FS Halesworth, England November 1943

Capt. Walker "Bud" Mahurin - 20 3/4 total victories

Finished in February 2000.

Kit has been modified slightly. Cowl flaps reconfigured to represent the D-5 version. Added side view mirrors. Waldron seat belts added. Guns and pitot probe are stainless steel tubing. Model is painted with Floquil colors. Markings are from Superscale and Aeromaster decals.

Ed Mate



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Hasegawa Republic P-47D-25-RE  
Thunderbolt "Missfire"

56th FG, 62nd FS Boxted, England July 1944

Captain Fred Christensen – 21 1/2 confirmed victories

Finished in February 2003.

Kit has been modified using Eduard instrument panel & seat belts. Ignition wires added to the kit engine. Wheels and Hamilton Standard propeller are from a Monogram kit. Drop tanks are from a P-51D kit. Guns and pitot probe are stainless steel tubing. Model is painted with Alclad II and Floquil colors and weathered with artist oils. Markings are from Superscale and Aeromaster decals.



Ed Mate



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Tamiya Republic P-47D-22-RE Thunderbolt

365th FG, 386th FS A-84 Chievres, Belgium November 1944  
1st Lt. Robert C. Thoman **“Ma Cherie”**

This P-47D has been enhanced using an Edward Zoom photo etch set, Ultracast seat, and Obscureco wheels. Ignition wires were added to the engine. The model is painted with Alclad and Model Master Colors. Markings are from Thundercal decals and is weathered with artist oil paints and pastel chalks.

Ed Mate



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Tamiya Republic P-47D-15-RE Thunderbolt  
**“TURNIP TERMITE”**

365th FG, 387th FS, Beaulieu, England June 1944

Capt. Arlo C. Henry, Jr.

The model has been enhanced using an Edward Zoom photo etch set, Ultracast seat, and Obscureco wheels. Ignition wires added to engine. It is painted with Alclad and Model Master Colors. The markings are from Thundercal decals and is weathered with artist oil paints and pastel chalks.



Ed mate



1/48th Scale Tamiya Republic P-47D-25=RE Thunderbolt  
78th FG, 84th FS, Duxford, England September 1944  
Major Benjamin J. Mayo -4 confirmed victories. **"No Guts No Glory"**

Enhanced using an Edward Zoom photo etch set, Ultracast seat, and Obscureco wheels. Ignition wires were added to the engine. The model is painted with Floquil Military & Model Master colors. Markings are Thundercal decals and the model is weathered with artist oil paints and pastel chalks

Norris Graser



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Mauve Models Curtiss P-40N-5-CU 502<sup>nd</sup> FS  
337<sup>th</sup> FG Army Pilot Class 43-K Napier Field, NOV. 1943



Vacu-formed True Details canopy, Paint: Gunze sangyo  
O.D & FS 34092. SuperScale decals 48-519.



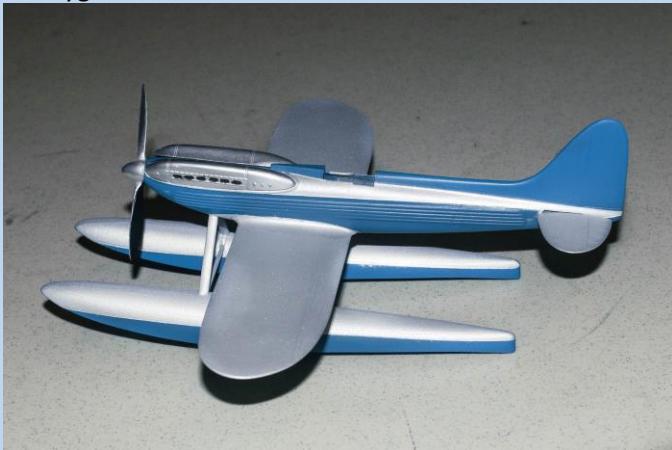
Below: An easy build and Parrot decals applied easily



Below: James Weir climbs into #15 J. Weir Photo



Lee Lygiros



Supermarine S6B

The airplanes were all from old model night and are issues from the 60s. The two float planes; Hawk Supermarine S6B and Curtiss R3C-2 racer are 1/48 scale Hawk Models... 60 cents each according to the box. The Savoia Marchetti is Authentic Models and looks like 1/94th scale. Box says 1 buck. Tamiya silver on all with the rest of the paints being Model Master.



Stegosaurus by Lindbergh. Ground crew is DML 1/48 scale Luftwaffe ground crew and bomb loading cart. All colors model master. Decals from my spares box. I call the piece "Loading the Mk I "Thagomizer."



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Hawk Curtiss R3C-2 racer



1/94<sup>th</sup> Scale Authentic Models Savoia Marchetti



1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale P-47D Bubbletop and Razorback Thunderbolts ETO Part 1  
84<sup>th</sup> FS/78<sup>th</sup> FG/8th Air Force; 336<sup>th</sup> FS, 387<sup>th</sup> FS/365<sup>th</sup> FG/9<sup>th</sup> Air Force



Thundercal decal No. 48-006

Models using decal set 48-006 on page 8 and 9 of this newsletter

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That's all, folks!! The *Tick*