

**The KETCHUP is NOT Quite KAUGHT UP
B U T WHAT the hell, it might someday!!
So! This IS the (slightly) late FEBRUARY 2020
Newsletter! BUT it is an HISTORIC newsletter**

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UNDERSTATEMENT Historic? For McKinstry, yes. Historic in the sense that after 2 years or more, all of the newsletters covering every meeting have now been published and uploaded to the McWebsite. Exactly one year ago, McKinstry had its last meeting at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library before Gov. Pritzger mandated what should close down due to the "China Syndrome." So! This is it.... Maybe... I would say that in the strictest sense, the Ketchup has Kaught up. Now what? A new name for the newsletter? Possibly... except for one detail. Since last May members have been showing up and I have been photographing their model builds. Also, I am getting articles/reviews via email. So, an end of Summer Spectacular was planned for August. Kaught up? Maybe not

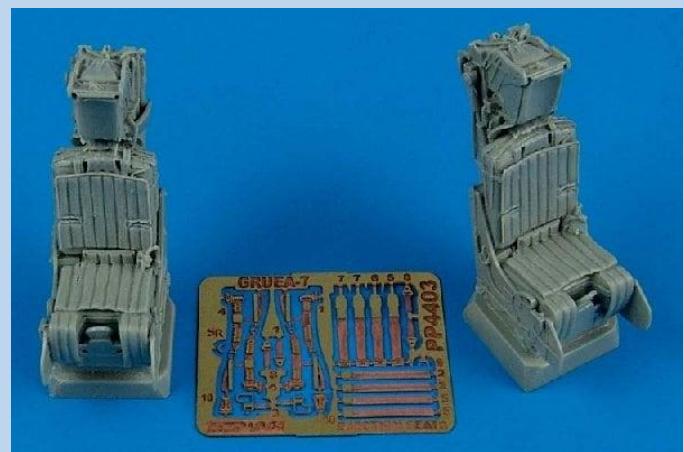
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FEBRUARY MEETING

Jim Batchelder



1/48th Scale Hobby Boss A-6E Intruder.



The cockpit was detailed with Eduard Photo Etch and a pair Aires (kit 4403) Martin Baker GRU -7 ejection seats. Paints used were a combination of Tamiya, Testors and Vallejo acrylics. Weathering was accomplished with oils and charcoal. Decals are from a Figitetown set, "Colorful Intruders" and the markings are for VA-165 "Boomers" on cruise with the USS Constellation, 1979.



Dave Koplinski



1/48th Scale Hasegawa AH-64D Longbow

An Eduard detail set and Master Model Brass chain gun were additional accessories used on this build. Paints used were Tamiya Acrylics. The main color is a mix of (70%) Black Green and (30%) Flat Black



Markings are from the 2010 IPMS National Convention decal set for the 285th Company "C" Los Lobos

Mike Hanlon



1/48th Scale Airfix Spitfire Mk. 22/24



Paints used were Xtracrylix Ocean Grey and Dark Green over Medium Sea Grey



Built as a Mk 22. Markings are from an Xtradecals set 48091 for R. Aux. A.F. Hucknell 1948; PK613 LA-H 607 (County of Durham)

Aftermarket parts included Barracudacast resin carburetor intake and propeller blades. An excellent fitting kit.



Dan Paulien



1/48th Scale Airfix PR XIX

Markings are for No. 81 Squadron Royal Air Force Seletar, Singapore, April 1, 1954. The decals are from the kit and printed by Cartograph



Built out of the box for the February theme; Bush Wars. The last operational flight was in 1954 during the Malayan Emergency, a guerrilla war fought in the Federation of Malaya

This is a descent kit as are most of the newer Airfix releases. The only issue is that I found the plastic to be a bit soft. Caution should be used on parts cleanup. The attachment points for the landing gear is a bit weak.



Paints: The top of the fuselage, wings and stabilizers are Humbrol 165 Medium Sea Grey. The undersides to midway up the fuselage sides were painted with Model Master PRU Blue. I don't know much about this color but it appears a bit too intense; perhaps too blue? If I were to use this color again, I would lighten it up just a bit



Lee Lygiros



1/72nd Scale Matchbox Hawker Hunter T67



Matchbox 1/72nd scale Hawker Hunter T67 the model is painted in Sultan of Oman Air Force markings. Model Master Paints were used overall. The markings are a mix: Omani markings from the Airfix 1/72 scale Sherpa. The Arabic tail numbers were hand painted on each side. I flew this airplane when I was deployed to Thumrait, Oman in 1986.

Lee Lygiros



1/32nd Scale Time Machine Miniatures Roman Auxiliary on Hadrian's Wall.



I brought this to the meeting because it reminded me of my year in Korea near the DMZ. I finished it in time for the 30th anniversary of my return from Korea. Paints are Model Master Chrome for the helmet and Rust Iron for the brazier and spearhead. I used Vallejo Paints for everything else.

Program for February 2020 meeting

A semi rare occurrence; the club was treated to a hands on demonstration by Charlie Scardon. Featured was soldering brass rod to make masts for ships, how to align them and how to control the amount of solder used.



An interesting demo with lots of info and he didn't even burn down the library! Thanks Charlie



1/48 Tamiya P-38F/G Lightning



By Mike Hanlon

ANYONE who's tried to build the Hasegawa P-38H/J kits knows how difficult they are. The Academy kits are better but very basic and missing many details.

Enter the Tamiya kit of the P-38F/G. The kit has separate instrument panels for each version as well as many other parts specific to each variant. Everything you have read about this kit is true and it is a truly fantastic build.



The design of the kit would allow Tamiya to release photo recon versions as well as P-38J/L's. Being Tamiya, just because they can doesn't mean they

will. Their F-16 kit was designed to allow the production of two seat variants, but fourteen years later they haven't shown up.



So now that I've given their well-deserved handy, let's nitpick.

The P-38 F/Gs were in service in 1942-43, the schemes available tend to be dull. OD over Neutral Gray, a minimum of squadron or personal markings. The more colorfully marked Lightning's were P-38H's. My markings came off an Aeromaster sheet, but it would not surprise me to find out it was really a P-38H. While similar to the



Decals are Aeromaster Fork Tail Devils Part II "Hold Everything" 431FS/475 FG New Guinea 1943. Paints used: AK Interactive Olive Drab 41 over Neutral Gray

F/G models, H's had larger supercharger intakes and differences in the interiors. In addition, the rear cockpit glass did not have the interior reinforcing strips present on the F/Gs.



Tamiya continues to include tape masks in their most recent releases but doesn't take the final step of cutting them, leaving this to the modeler.

Save yourself the time and get a set of Eduard masks, you'll need to get some seatbelts and shoulder harnesses while you're at it.

While ordering your Eduard supplies, order a set of nose guns. Tamiya supplies very anemic looking guns. The cooling jackets are represented by decals, a surprising pathetic solution given Tamiya's usual expertise. Eduard's resin guns are a direct replacement and slide in place and look much better.

To be clear, I am nitpicking, the engineering and molding of the kit are outstanding. The build is simple and fast. With the exception of the guns most of my complaints revolve around what the kit might have been and what may still be coming. Tamiya has just announced a limited run of P-38H's to be released this summer. I've already ordered mine.

Zemke's Wolfpack Commemorative Revell Germany 1/72nd scale P-47M Bubbletop



Model by Charles Scardon

Built out of the box, SNJ metallic was applied over a basecoat of Testor's Gloss White. In fact, I used the Testor's small square bottle line. Often overlooked, there are many excellent colors available. The red for the cowl is #1103 (not an insignia red.) The blue rudder is a mix of #1110 Bright Blue and #1145 White.



I used 3 Guys Replica Decals for this subject. Markings are for the 56th FG commemorative P-47M parked near the Eifel Tower at the end of WW II. The aircraft named in honor of the 56th's first Group commander, Hub Zemke- hence "Zemke's Wolfpack" proudly emblazoned on either side of the forward fuselage. It's worth noting 3 Guys Replica Decals was the only decal maker to publish these special markings. Long out of print but worth looking for!





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