

**McKinstry newsletter for February 2022**  
**The KETCHUP is NOT Quite KAUGHT UP**  
**B U T WHAT the hell, it might be someday!!**

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- Buffalo, P-38F Lightning and HandleyPage Victor were present at the meeting. Modelers sent in enough infon hses to be presented as articles/reviews

**Scheduled meeting nights for IPMS McKinstry 2022**

**MAR 25** Hendricksen room USCG  
**APR 15** Hendricksen room JUGS  
May TBA: Something I  
shoulda finished a long time ago  
**June 24** Hendricksen Room Missiles &  
Drones

**July 08,** Hendricksen Room Movies and  
TV  
**August 19** Armor & artillery  
**September 23** Ships  
**October TBA** Theme?  
**November TBA** Jets

# FEBRUARY MEETING

John Koziol SR



**1/16 Gulliow, Bf-109, balsa**

Balsa wood understructure with formed aluminum skins applied. Not representative of a specific 109 type and decals were sourced from whatever John could find!



John the Jr



**1/32 Aurora B-25**



**Originally released as a screw together model as a U control flying model with gas engines**

**Mike Hanlon**



1/48 Tamiya F2A-2 Buffalo



Tamiya XF-19 Sky Gray and XF-2 Flat White  
Mixed 50/50 Neutrality Gray, Starfighter Decals  
F2A Buffalos VS-201 USS Long Island Summer  
1941

**Mike Hanlon**



1/48 Tamiya P-38F/G

Paints used: AK Interactive Olive Drab 41 over  
Neutral Gray



Decals are Aeromaster Fork Tail Devils Part II  
"Hold Everything" 431FS/475 FG  
New Guinea 1943.



## Airfix 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Handley Page Victor K-2 Tanker



**Paul Gasiorowski**

This was a very old kit that was molded in 3 different colors of plastic, green, white and gray. A lot of gaps, and was missing the canopy, so I used a vacuum formed substitute. I wanted to build the kit because of the interest I found that it was used during the Falkland war of 1982.



I built the model in several sub-assemblies. I used Tamiya Gray primer for the upper surfaces and Tamiya white primer for the lower surfaces. I applied several coats for white, so I wouldn't need to use gloss white. The final coat was going to be Testors Dullcote. The camo scheme was as close as I could get using the paint scheme on the instruction sheet for reference. I used Model Master Dark Sea Gray and Dark Green for the upper surfaces. I cutout the camo scheme placing it just above the

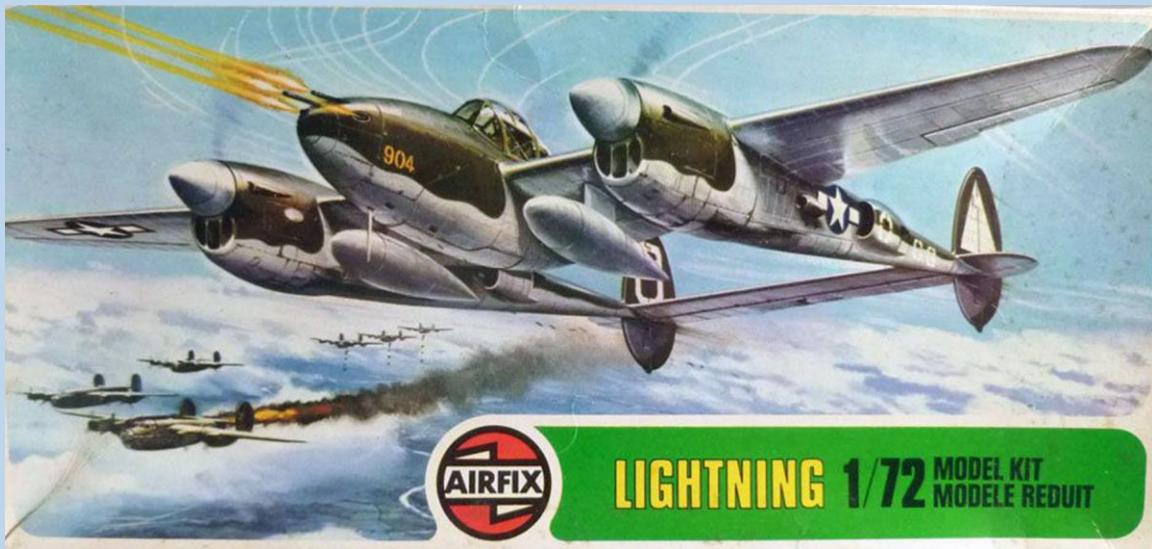
surface to give it a soft edge. Decals used were from Xtradecal set X7299.



The K-2 tankers were based at Wideawake Airfield on Ascension Island, 3500 miles from Great Britain. To complete a bombing mission of the airfield and other facilities in the Falklands it required 2 Vulcan bombers, one as backup and 14 K-2 Tankers, with 2 as back up. It took 15 Victor sorties and 18 refueling hook ups to complete one mission. At the time it was the longest bombing mission till the Iraq war in 1991. You can google Ascension Island Falklands war or any variation to find photos and information. I spent 2 1/2 years there working on the Air Force Missile Test Project as an Employee for RCA who was the contractor for the radar sites.



## Airfix 1/72 P-38F



Frank Ress

I started this kit in the late 60's, finished while I was in high school, '72 or '73, probably. I've brought it to meetings once or twice before.

Airfix 1/72 P-38F, circa late 60's. I still have the box, \$2.49. (I've always thought this kit was an 'E', don't know why – I've been looking at the box for over 40 years and that never sank in until I looked again just now.)



I sanded off most of the raised detail, left just faint remnants to provide a little surface variation. Carved out all the scoops on the booms. The right boom required quite a bit of work to get it to set vertical, I don't recall what was wrong with the mating surfaces to cause that problem.

Mostly OOB except for a vacuform canopy and stretched sprue antennas (which I broke

immediately prior to the meeting this month). I also cut the drop tanks off the pylons and just mounted the pylons to the wings with a bit of brass wire to represent the shackles. I put a bunch of lead sinkers and modeling clay in the nose, but the balance is such a near thing that any disturbance will cause it to tail sit.



Painted with custom mix of Floquil paints to match the box art. Kit decals - it came with 2 options, a 347<sup>th</sup> FG plane from Guadalcanal 1943, or a 14<sup>th</sup> FG from Algeria in 1942. I chose the latter, mostly because I just didn't care for the shark mouths of the 347<sup>th</sup> scheme. The decals were kind of thick, and I recall trimming all the carrier off to avoid silvering. So the boom lettering had to be pieced together as individual letters, although most of that would have been necessary anyway, since they overlaid the big air scoop bulges.



# 1/48 tamiya Brewster Buffalo



By Mike Hanlon

Released in 1974, the Tamiya Buffalo was made available for the astronomical price of \$6.00. 1/48 scale model kits of the time sold for \$1.00 to \$2.00. A 1/32 scale Hasegawa Hellcat sold for \$6.00 and that was also considered a very steep price for its time.



A few years ago I was browsing decal sheets on E-Bay and came across LF Models Buffalo over Japan sheet depicting two Eduard masks, some of which are very small. In total there are over forty panels that require masking.

Buffalo B-339D's flown by the Dutch that had been captured when Java fell in 1942. Dutch Buffalos were camouflaged in Khaki and Olive Drab over a painted silver underside. With the Japanese Hinomarus it make a very striking scheme.

Construction of the Tamiya Buffalo is very simple. The interior has very few parts and benefits from Eduard photo-etched instrument panels, seat belts and shoulder harnesses. The cockpit canopy is very clear but cannot be displayed open so any additional detailing may not be visible. Tamiya includes masks for the canopy and bomb aiming window in the belly of the plane. As is their custom, Tamiya does not cut these masks leaving that task up to the modeler. I used a set of



The remaining construction was very quick and simple and the kit lacks any detail in the landing gear bay. It is one of the first kits to be scribed and Tamiya appears to have refurbished the molds when the kit was re-released in 2004. The camouflage was masked using Blu-Tak and Tamiya tape. Tamiya paints were used for everything except the painted silver underside which painted with Alclad White Aluminum.

I had such a nice time building the Japanese Buffalo that I recently built a second one, this time a US Navy aircraft from 1941. The decals for this version as well as parts used exclusively on Navy Buffalos are included in the 2004 re-release. Tamiya decals being on the thick side, I opted to use the Starfighter Decals F2A Navy Buffalo sheet which included markings for the same aircraft. These aircraft were repainted in 1941 in a color then called Neutrality Gray which survives to this day as FS 36640 Light Gull Gray.



Once again, I used Eduard photo-etched parts for the interior and masks for the clear parts. The interior of this aircraft was painted with Tamiya LP-11 Silver Lacquer. Being painted in overall gray also sped up this build. Construction was simple and pain free. For Neutrality Gray I mixed Tamiya Sky Gray and Flat White fifty/fifty. Detail parts were painted with Tamiya paints.



All though nearing the fiftieth anniversary of its release the Tamiya Buffalo is still a very pleasant build and once finished does not look out of place among kits produced in recent years.



F2A-2 Buffalo Starfighter Decals F2A Buffalos

Neutrality Gray Tamiya XF-19 Sky Gray and XF-2 Flat White Mixed 50/50

VS-201 USS Long Island Summer 1941





Tamiya B339 Buffalo LF Model Decals Buffalo Over Japan Tamiya XF-62 and XF-49  
Khaki over Alclad White Aluminum Captured Dutch Aircraft Java 1942



*That's all Folks,*

*The Tick*