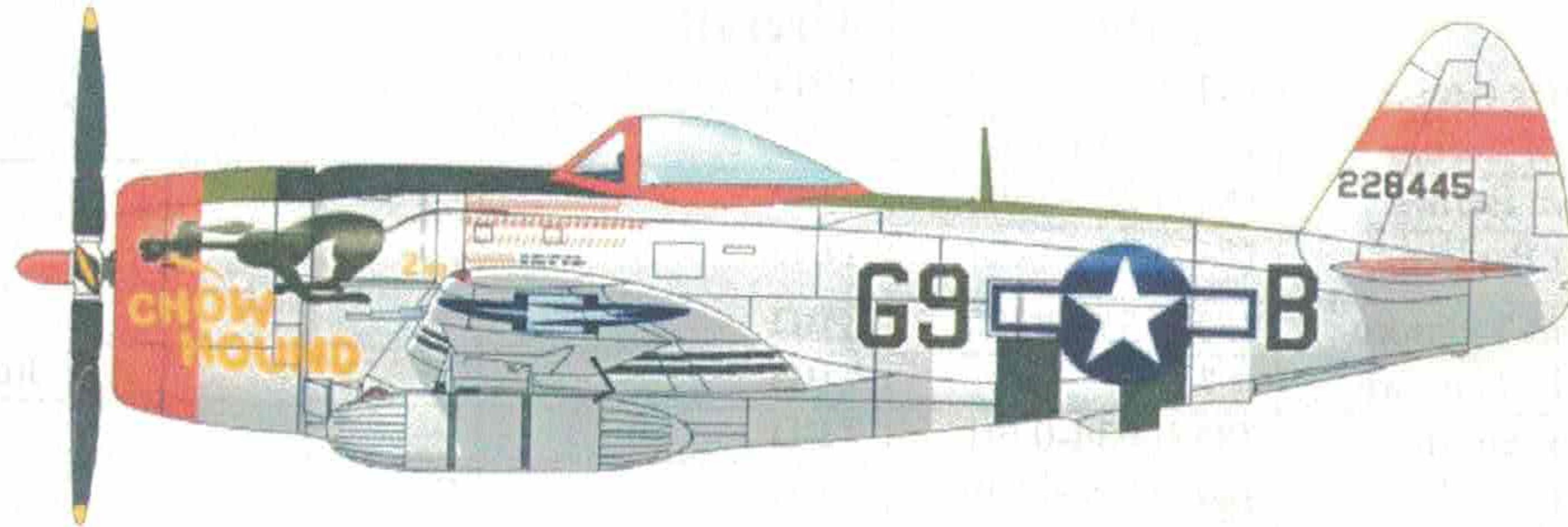


Announcing:

Operation Thunderbolt



Purpose:

For selected members of the IPMS McKinstry Chapter to build and enter a collection of 1/48 scale P-47 aircraft of the 405th Fighter Group in the 2001 IPMS National Convention to be held July 4th - 7th in Chicago, IL.

Project Coordinator:

Trent Tidmore



- evenings
M-F 8:00am- 5:00pm
at work (Call me before faxing)

Confidentiality

I think it would be in everyone's best interest to consider this project **Top Secret**. That way we get to kill somebody if they open their big mouth (Cool, huh?) The idea is to build as many 405FG aircraft as possible as a club entry. If we do this right, we stand a decent chance of winning, so let's not blow it by giving another club the same idea.

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Aircraft Assignments:

To be fair to everyone, aircraft will be assigned to each builder based on a lottery to be held at this month's meeting. You will pick a number, which will determine the order in which you get to choose the aircraft you wish to build. If you want to build more than one aircraft, you will get to choose the second aircraft a later date. At the meeting, we will have all of the profiles available. If you cannot make the meeting this month, please e-mail me your 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choices and we will draw for you.

Builder	Phone Number	Assigned Aircraft	Pilot Name	Comments
Norris Graser	613-333-5555	TBD		
Geoff Barbier	613-333-5555	TBD		
Steve Berner	613-333-5555	TBD		
Dan Paulien	613-333-5555	TBD		
Trent Tidmore	613-333-5555	TBD		
Cody Tidmore	" " " "	TBD		Junior builder
Dick Smith	613-333-5555	TBD		
Phil Smith	613-333-5555	TBD		
Tom Curda	613-333-5555	TBD		
Mike Hanlon	613-333-5555	TBD		
Paul Hackmann	613-333-5555	TBD		
Mike Polk	613-333-5555	TBD		
Steve Kumamoto	613-333-5555	TBD		
Charlie Scardon	613-333-5555	TBD		

Kits

Mike Hanlon has procured a 25% discount on Hasegawa P-47D Thunderbolts and will take orders at the Sept meeting. Norris Graser has several Monogram Bubbletops & Razorbacks for sale at low prices.

You can use any model of the 1/48th scale P-47 Thunderbolt available. However, the recommended kits to use are:

First choices: Hasegawa Minicraft
Second choice: Monogram/Revell Bubble Top & Razorback
Third choice: Otaki razorback

Please stay away from the Testors/Hawk kit....Norris says it is way too much of a pain to build into a contest winner.

Models are to be built to the best of your ability. You can add as much resin & modifications as you want, or you can even build it out of the box. We may even have a couple of junior builders, which will be assigned their aircraft after the adult modelers.

You may build more than one kit, as long as you feel that all kits you build can be completed by the deadline. You may pick your second aircraft after everyone else has chosen their first one.

1/48 Scale P-47D Bubble Top Aftermarket Parts

Manuf	Category	Prod #	Description
Aires	Resin	4044	P 47 Thunderbolt separate control surfaces
Aires	Resin	4059	P 47D Thunderbolt cockpit
Aires	Resin	4077	P-47D Thunderbolt Wheel Bay
Airwaves	Etched Metal	48086	P-47D Thunderbolt Detail Set
Black Box	Resin	48024	P 47D Thunderbolt cockpit
BlackMagic	Masks	48159	P-47 Wheel Hub Masks for TD48009
BlackMagic	Masks	48160	P-47 Wheel Hub Masks for TD48026
BlackMagic	Masks	48160	P-47D Bubbletop Canopy & Wheel Hub Masks for Hasegawa
BlackMagic	Masks	48309	P-47D Bubbletop D-Day Stripes for Hasegawa
BlackMagic	Masks	48390	P-47D Bubbletop Canopy & Wheel Hub Masks for Academy
BlackMagic	Masks	48397	P-47D Canopy & Wheel Hub Masks for Hasegawa
Cutting Edge	Resin	48155	USAAF K-14 Fully Detailed Gunsight
Cutting Edge	Resin	48174	USAAF N-3 Gunsight
Cutting Edge	Masks	48431	P-47D Bubbletop Canopy & Wheel Hub Masks for Monogram
Eduard	Etched Metal	EDFE105	P-47D-25 Thunderbolt
Eduard	Masks	EDXF013	Canopy Masks
Eduard	Etched Metal	48105	Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Detail Set
Eduard	Etched Metal	48197	Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Detail Set
Eduard	Etched Metal	48236	Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Detail Set
Eduard	Etched Metal	48240	Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Detail Set
Engines & Things	Resin	48156	Pratt & Whitney R-2800 -21/63 P-47B, C, D Series 1/48 Kits
Engines & Things	Resin	48161	Pratt & Whitney R-2800 -59 For P-47C, D, E w/B-Type Engine
Engines & Things	Resin	4828006	Pratt & Whitney R-2800-21 Republic P-47C, D
Engines & Things	Resin	4828027	Pratt & Whitney R-2800-59W: P-47D-20, -22, -23, -40
Engines & Things	Resin	4828029	Pratt & Whitney R-2800-63; P-47CP-47D-10, -15
Falcon Industries	Vacuform	FA132	Canopies: USAAF WW II P-47D BubbleTop
Fotocut	Etched Metal	4748	P-47 Detail Parts
Hi Tech	Resin	48021	P 47D Floor, instrument panels/side walls, seat, rudder, wheels
Jaguar	Resin	64805	Republic P-47 Cockpit
KMC	Resin	485011	Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Control Surfaces
KMC	Resin	485013	Curtiss Electric Propeller
KMC	Resin	485014	Curtiss Electric Propeller
KMC	Resin	485015	Curtiss Electric Propeller
KMC	Resin	485063	Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Control Surfaces
KMC	Resin	485072	Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Hamilton Standard Propeller
KMC	Resin	485075	108 Gallon Drop Tanks (P-47/P-51)
KMC	Resin	486011	Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Cockpit Set
Mustang Models	Resin	148003	Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Cockpit Detail Set
Mustang Models	Resin	148008	Republic P-47D Engine Cowl and Flap Set Upgrade
Paragon Designs	Resin	48109	Republic P-47 Open Gun Bay
PART	Resin	48045	P-47D-25 Thunderbolt Cockpit For Hasegawa
Squadron	Vacuform	9503	Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Bubble Canopy
Teknics	Resin	4846	Republic P-47D Thunderbolt Cockpit Set
Teknics	Brass	4849	Republic P-47 Thunderbolt Landing Gear
Teknics	Resin	4864	Republic P-47 Thunderbolt GunBays
True Details	Resin	48009	P-47 Thunderbolt Wheel Set Diamond Tread
True Details	Resin	48026	P-47 Thunderbolt Open-spoke Main Wheels Diamond Tread
True Details	Resin	48466	Republic P-47D-30/40 Cockpit Detail Set for Hasegawa Kit

Ultracast	Resin	48017	P-47 Thunderbolt Seat (with armor plate)
Verlinden	Mixed	vp1171	P&W 2800 18cyl. Radial Engine
Verlinden	Mixed	1212	Republic P-47 Thunderbolt Update Set
Waldron	Photo	1148	P-47 Cockpit Placards

Depending on the aircraft you have been assigned, the propellor may be asymetrical or symetrical. Norris will donate several Hasegawa prop kits if they are needed. Included are asymetrical and symetrical. We may do some resin casting of props if needed.

Decals and Markings

The club has procured 2 copies of each Aeromaster decal for the 405th Fighter Group. Besides the AeroMaster decals, there are other 405FG markings available including The Turtle, Touch of Texas, etc. Norris Graser may have a few duplicates and will be willing to sell them.

The cowl colors will be standardized. (Testors red in the little jars is ideal..Norris will get the FS number...)The metallic finishes & olive drab can be what ever you are comfortable with. No standardization is needed for the overall paint schemes, since every aircraft would have weathered differently.

I will provide phone numbers & names of guys who can help with metallic finishes requested. If you would like to be a contact person to help provide assistance, please let me know so I can indicate this on the chart above.

Norris has photo documentation for all of the subjects, which will be very helpful if we are to include a biography for each aircraft and pilot.

Rules

Rules for the collection contest entry from Mike Polk will be published shortly.

Display Base

I could use some more ideas for the base and may ask for a few volunteers to help work on it. So far, I have two suggestions, with the first being my favorite:

1. One large base that is finished to look like an airfield. Grass, weeds, dirt runway, etc. The large base would cover the length of the table, have plenty of room to display up to 30(?) aircraft and have the ability to be broken down into segments for portability. The sections will perfectly fit together and lock securely in place. Finished oak trim along the edges will complete the base. Behind the base, on a verticle wall, will be the pictures, biographies, etc.
2. Still have the vertical wall for the biographies, and pictures, but have a separate square base for each individual plane. Very labor intensive.

I have the ability and tools to build the base at my house.

We will try to convince Mike Titre to dress up in his authentic, original pilot's uniform and stand perfectly still next to the display for two days. (Just kiddin'...)

Chris Kowal is an artist & does printing. He may have a painting of Ski-U-Mah to hang with the display!

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Deadline

All models should be completed by the May 2001 meeting so we can piece it altogether. I will bring in the finished base at that time, so everyone can see it.