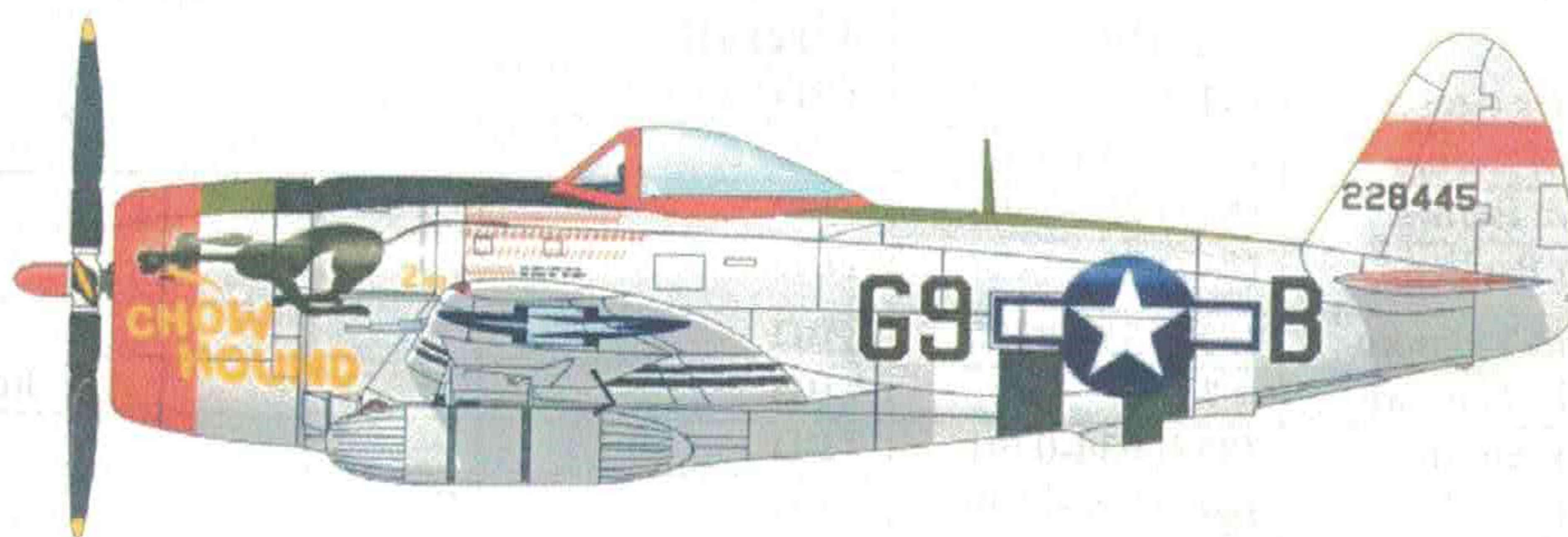


Announcing:

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

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.

TOP SECRET

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 | | TBD | | |
| Geoff Barbier | | TBD | | |
| Steve Berner | | TBD | | |
| Dan Paulien | | TBD | | |
| Trent Tidmore | | TBD | | |
| Cody Tidmore | " " " " | TBD | | Junior builder |
| Dick Smith | | TBD | | |
| Phil Smith | | TBD | | |
| Tom Curda | | TBD | | |
| Mike Hanlon | | TBD | | |
| Paul Hackmann | | TBD | | |
| Mike Polk | | TBD | | |
| Steve Kumamoto | | TBD | | |
| Charlie Scardon | | 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 |

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| 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 asymmetrical or symmetrical. Norris will donate several Hasegawa prop kits if they are needed. Included are asymmetrical and symmetrical. 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 vertical 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.