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Converting the 1/24 Airfix Sea Harrier to an FA.2
by "Bondo" Phil Brandt

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Slowly but surely in his sunset years, this curmudgeon's kit interests have swung upward and away from his well-populated 1/48 stash into the 1/32 and 1/24 realm. These scales today are largely ruled—*Revell of Germany* is coming on fast, though— by continual price and accuracy complaints of a certain niche of modelers not withstanding, by elves from the, dare I speak its name, Peoples Republic of China. And the shift's not because of my eyesight, which isn't that bad, if you don't count the cataract surgery I've been putting off...it's just that teeny, tiny, toy like stuff just



doesn't do it pour moi anymore; size really does matter!

It seems as if it's been ten years since Bondo Industries acquired and began the big *Airfix* Sea Harrier (SHAR), later picking up the *Heritage Aviation* FA.2 conversion set. But after recently staring at the considerable number of started projects in the 100 degree heat of the plastics repository at the "El Rancho Loaf", I plunged back in to the industrial strength project.

Very helpful color pictorial (soft cover) references:

"The Sharp End", Neil Mercer, *Airlife Publishing Ltd.*
 "Sea Harrier, a Comprehensive Guide for the Modeler", Andy Evans, *SAM Publications.*



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SuperCon2012, Bob Duncan Community Ctr., Arlington, Texas www.fortworthscalemodelers.org	9.8.12
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Local Club Meetings

CenTex Modelers, Trinity Lutheran Church, Copperas Cove, Texas www.centextmodelers.com	8.16.12
Austin Armor Modelers Society, Old Quarry Branch APL, Austin, Texas www.austinarmorbuilders.com	9.5.12
Austin Model Cars, King's Hobby, Austin, Texas	9.6.12

Other Events

Wings Over Houston Air Show, Ellington Field, Houston, Texas www.wingsoverhouston.com	10.27/28.12
Fall Fly-In & Picnic, Old Kingsbury Aerodrome, Kingsbury, Texas www.pioneerflightmuseum.org	11.10.12

IPMS Wounded Warriors Chapter

Several IPMS members have since 2009 been managing the Warrior Family Support Center in San Antonio, Texas. The center is located at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

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Through the generosity of hundreds of IPMS members, IPMS chapters, and modelers the Warriors stationed at BAMC have received models, tools, books, movies and other hobby related items through the IPMS Wounded Warriors Chapter.

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Message from the Prez...

Tim Robb

Greetings Fellow Modelers,

Thank you to all who attended the summer picnic/auction and most of all thank you to Lisa and Jack Johnston for hosting. The auction raised around \$950.00 for the club -- well done! Our 2012 Austin Show is drawing closer so please come to the meeting this month prepared to sign up somewhere on the show work schedule.

And as always, bring a model and bring a friend.

Happy Modeling!

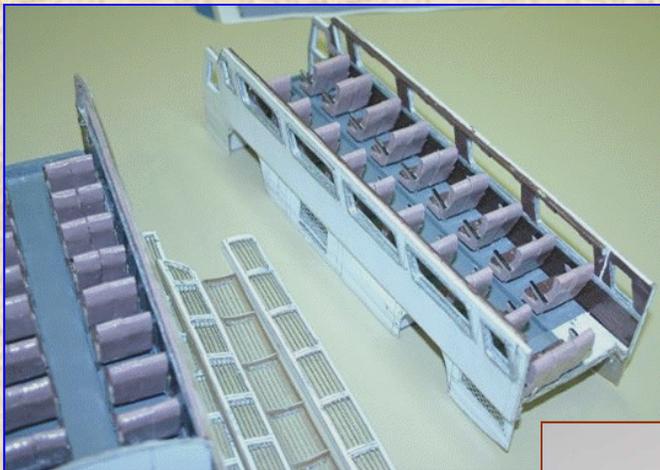
Tim



Tales from the other side

This is an occasional item gleaned from the newsletters of some of the other IPMS clubs. This month's installment comes to us from *The Glue*, the newsletter of The El Paso Scale Model Society. Their club has some great modelers.

More photos are available of other subjects at www.ipmselpaso.us.



When I first chanced upon these photos I was immediately impressed. First, they're bus models, secondly they're paper models, and thirdly they're made out of paper!

The modeler, Jose C. Diaz, designs the model, prints it out on paper stock then starts cutting and gluing. (I don't doubt for a moment that there is more to it than that.)

These award winning models have several working features (doors, posable wheels, windows, etc.) I don't know if the driver does transfers though.

A special thanks to Jose C. Diaz and El Paso Scale Model Society for allowing me to use their material.

Ben



The large resin aft fuselage plug furnished by *Heritage*, along with the redesigned radar nose, were the two main pieces to be dealt with. Also helping considerably in the overall project: David Parkins' extensive *Flightpath* PE set for the big SHAR, and his cast metal nose gear/wheel set, as well as *Heritage* resin intakes, large 190 gallon external tanks and seat.

Based on impressive 1/48 Harrier models seen in the second reference above, I decided to add "busy-ness" with an open canopy and engine hatches. Other modelers have done lots of beautiful detailing on the large engine, but I elected to go "stock" since the hatches would be open just part way; I did add interior walls with ribbing around the engine, and structure on the inside of said hatches, as well as with scratch building the arch which supports the hatches.



Overly thick vortex generators on the wings were sanded off and *FlightPath* PE ones substituted; same, same for various added cockpit sidewall and instrument coaming details.

Flightpath PE also contributed speed brake

interior detail. *Heritage* furnishes two small cast metal pieces to fare over the sharp "saw tooth" in the standard SHAR wing leading edge into a rounded transition.

Neither the *Airfix* nor the *Heritage* standard SHAR resin instrument panel represented the latest model FA.2 version-- *Heritage* says they'll soon be doing an updated panel-- so I scratch built called-for additions. The *Heritage* SHAR seat is very nicely detailed, and I used it as is; *FlightPath* furnishes all kinds of PE enhancements for the painfully plain *Airfix* seat but I didn't need the aggravation when all that detail and more was already cast in to the *Heritage* product.

Getting rid of the very aggressive airframe riveting (now we know where the disappearing *Matchbox* "trencher" went) was, as has been mentioned by other modelers, a real pain; I



used a mud-like, thinned application of Acryl Blue lacquer putty, which is really easy to wet sand. I scratch built the relocated pitot tube fairing to the vertical fin (note that I haven't yet replaced the fell-off-and-was-lost first tube attempt).

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I chose to build the *FlightPath* PE accessories: the red SHAR aircrew ladder, as well as red metal intake FOD covers--SHARs apparently use a later, inflated edge-style cover--and yellow nose gear chocks, because they contrast nicely with the boring overall gray expanse of airframe. Additionally, but not shown in my pix, I built the cast metal *Flightpath* Aim-9L seeker head covers with PE Remove-Before-Flight streamers, as well as streamers for the external tanks; more much-needed color.



The practice weapons pod on the centerline station was scratch built.



Finishing began with the standard iterations (for Bondo Industries employees, at least) of Acryl Blue, automotive gray lacquer primer and wet sanding. *Tamiya* white spray can primer

was used for wheel wells and undercarriages (forgot to mention *FlightPath* PE detail on same), followed by overall airframe application of *Tamiya* Medium Sea Gray (FAA 2) lacquer, also een ze spray can. For large airframes with only one or two colors, IMO, you can't beat the rapidity and ease of application that *Tamiya* spray cans offer. For touchups I decanted some through a section of large slurpee straw from a local gas station/convenience store. Naturally one has to wait for the decanted mixture to warm up and the dissolved gas to perk off.



Decaling wasn't attempted until I had gone over the applicable areas with up to 8000 grit pads. Then, at the final stage of the project, big trouble....as in decals that didn't want to part from the backing paper--I had stored them in air-



conditioned comfort all those years--on the custom FA.2 sheet included with the *Heritage* set, even after prolonged soaking. Some of the decals I was able to lift and coax off with the tip of an *x-acto* blade. Others simply broke up, including the prominent flying clenched fist logo on

the right side of the vertical fin.

The pink warning stripes? Fuggeddaboudditt! I custom mixed some pink lacquer and hand-masked the warning strips and large "X"es. Rather than go through the laborious task of hand cutting a clenched fist mask and then mixing proper pale white paint (good luck on that), I emailed Ian at *Heritage* regarding my decal woes, and he kindly sent me, gratis, a replacement sheet which, I'm happy to say, worked perfectly, and I was then able to photograph both sides of the fin!



Glad it's finished--still have to decide on whether or not to shoot a water-based acrylic flat clear coat. And now, back to the overpowering 1/72 *Amodel* An-22 trash hauler which, I'm guessin,' can hold, oh, about twenty of those cute lil' 1/144 fighters...



Bondo

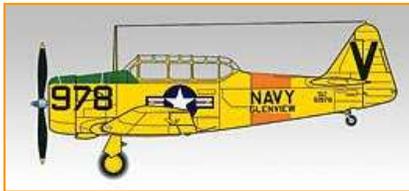
Monthly Program Schedule

Month	Who/Subject
August	Bill Delk / lighting models
September	TBA
October	TBA
November	Bobbie Wilson/ ruined and wrecked

If you have an interest in making a presentation at our club meetings please contact Ron McCracken at rmccrack@austin.rr.com

Building the Revell/Monogram SNJ in 1/48 by Tim Robb, IPMS 34705

Some kits I build because they are the latest and greatest. Some kits I build because I figure I'll be the only kid on the block to have one. Some kits I build because they are cheap and so am I. And some kits I build because I like the subject, the paint scheme, and I don't care how old it is or how many I already have I just want it in my collection. This SNJ falls squarely in the latter category. The kit is a great old kit of great airplane with almost endless choices for markings. Surface detail is raised with lots of rivets and that is just fine, these airplanes had lots of rivets.



The latest release of this kit is in a Revell box.

Options provided are:

- Two front upper fuselage panels, one with a .30 caliber gun and one without.
- Choice of two canopies. The original molded in 4 pieces with complete framing plus windscreen, or a new one piece rear section that is molded with the lighter framing for later marks like the SNJ-6. You use the same windscreen with either.
- A .30 caliber gun is molded into the right wing that can be cut off if your subject didn't have it.



- An optional long exhaust pipe is provided to enable building of Harvard variants.



- A venturi tube and prop spinner are provided to enable building of variants calling for those.
- Decals are provided for an SNJ-3 post war from NAS Glenview (overall trainer yellow with an orange reserve band on the fuselage) and a U.S. Army AT-6C gunnery trainer from Luke Field in early 1942 (natural metal with a red and white cowling).

I made a decision some years ago after building my first T-6 that my next one would be done as a yellow wing U.S. Navy trainer with the colorful red tail, cowl, and wing bands, and the red ball in the center of the insignia.

Although sorely tempted by other decal sheets I have acquired since, I stuck to my original decision and built this colorful USN bird. The kit has super detail right out of the box. My only additions to it were *Eduard* seat belts and *True Details* wheels. The build was straight forward and very enjoyable.

The decals came from *Aeromaster* sheet number 48-387 and are for an aircraft at NAS Pensacola in early



1942. The sheet did not include the U.S. Navy markings on the rear fuselage. That marking is shown in the illustration of this airplane on the back cover of *Squadron's T-6 In Action* book and my other references indicated that USN airplanes of this period should have it. So I added that marking and a few stencils.

I hope you enjoy the finished model. I hope to build several more of these as I have several more decal sheets for attractive SNJ's, T-6s, and Harvards.

Go Build a Model !

Tim

How clean is *your* work surface? by Ben Morton

I was reading an article on *Hyperscale* about a modeler's fascination with the P-38. His comments sparked a memory. While living in Oklahoma City, my brother and I stumbled upon a derelict P-38 at a small warehouse/storage area outside the confines of the Will Rogers World Airport. From what I remember there was the main fuselage with attached tail booms, undercarriage and the engines. The outer wings panels seemed to be missing. The cockpit, as I recall, was complete although the canopy glass was pretty smashed up.

As the author begins his build of *Academy* P-38 there is a photo of the work surface/cutting matt the modeler is using. One particular thing about the article was the pristine nature of the cutting matt underneath the displayed parts. I think the only time the cutting matt I use was that clean was the day I purchased it. But I build on my cutting matt and others probably just use them as intended, you know, as a cutting matt. (!?)

I thought it might be fun to send in photos of various members cutting matts and compare.

Ben



Bob Bethea doesn't have a cutting matt but, "I do use a piece of laminate flooring for cutting."



"As you can see, I work, cut and paint all over mine."

Mike Gilsbach



"I use my cutting matt as a work surface. I also have an acrylic cutting board under it. The cutting matt is covered by an 11x14 sheet of white copier paper so I don't lose little parts. Those are some Trumpeter Modern German ISAF figures."

Rick Herrington



"I know it's a mess. But, I'm thinking that if that frogman leans over far enough he might just snag an article"

Ben Morton

Ron McCracken reports that... "my cutting board is pretty basic — a block of scrap pine lumber."

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ASMS Lending Library is Now Open

The ASMS lending library is now available for, well, lending. Following is the list of available titles. Contact Jeff Forster at jforster@gmail.com with your selection and he will bring it to the next meeting. View the DVD at your leisure in the comfort of your own home. Just bring it back to the next meeting so that others might share in the collective joy. Happy viewing!

Movies:

- Battle of the Bulge(1965)
- Frogmen(1954)

Documentaries:

- Prelude to War
- The True Glory
- F4F Wildcat Vol. 1 & 2
- F4U Corsair Vol. 1, Vol. 2, & Vol. 3

Model Contests:

- IPMS Nationals: 2005/space, science fiction and figures
- IPMS Nationals 2005/ Aircraft models
- IPMS Nationals 2005/ Military models
- IPMS Nationals 2005- WWII airmen forum
- Wonderfest 2008, part one/ two
- ASMS 2002 Show Pictures

Airshows:

- Alliance(Meacham Field) 2010
- Blakesbury: 2009
- NAS Corpus Christi 2010/2011 & NAS JRB 2011
- Barksdale AFB 2011
- Central Texas Airshow 2011
- Blue Bonnet Airshow 2010 & 2011
- Brownsville Air Fiesta 2011
- Farnborough 2010
- RAF Fairford 2009 & 2010

Instruction:

- How to Use an Airbrush with Bob Downie
- AFV acrylic techniques by Mig Jimenez
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- Master Class Clinic: Part 1-Building the Bf-109G-8

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- Expert Model Craft: Painting and Finishing Military Figures with Rob Hendon
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- Tamiya M4 Tank (in-action)
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- Roker. Aero- The V-2 in America
- Rocket. Aero- Bomarc IM-99 Sentinel
- Rocket. Aero- Hustler: The B-58 bomber
- Rocket. Aero- Wings of Fire: Me-163
- Rocket. Aero- FJ Fury: Wings for the Fleet
- Rocket. Aero- Little Joe: Mercury's First Steps
- War birds of WWII: Wings to Victory/ Fighters of the RAF, Defenders of the Reich, Fighter tactic's 101
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ASMS BBQ/Auction Report by Ben Morton

ASMS held its annual BBQ/ Model Auction on the 14th of July at the home of Lisa and Jack Johnston. Coincidentally, that was also Bastille Day although not one beret was in evidence. Attendance at this year's event was



larger (apx. 35) than the previous event held at the same location. Our club garnered more money from the auction than last year, as well. I suspect that Angela will let us all know the exact amount at our August 9th club meeting.

In addition to the number of members in attendance, there was more than enough food from both Rudy's BBQ and the vast assortment of side dishes provided by fellow club members. I'm still trying to walk off those Brazilian Cheese Bread things. They were so good!



It seemed that everyone had a good time. Plenty of good conversation, camaraderie, and the odd smart-aleck. A demographic that is often under represented amongst a group of modelers.

Did I mention that we had games? Well, one game at any rate. Tim Robb and Ron McCracken conspired to provide a contest for the assembled multitude. "Name that Nose" is

a poster of aircraft taken from as you might imagine, nose on. The object being to identify as many as you can and the one with the most correct answers...well, you know the rest. Jeff Forster was the contest winner but his victory may be called into question. Jeff taught aircraft recognition in a former life and might have to be disqualified. (Just kidding!) Nicely done, Jeff!

Jeff also appeared to be the winner in the sheer number of models taken home from the auction.



After his third trip to the car, I quit counting! The auction itself was fun and everyone participated. Maybe not all at once. I know one of our auctioneers got excited when there was more than one person with a interest in a select kit. Even Lisa, our hostess, got into the act. She bid against her husband Jack for a kit. Maybe she's a budding modeler after all? Maybe not! A note of eagerness was injected into the proceedings by Mr. Ziggy. He bid against himself at one point. You really need to admire unbridled enthusiasm.

I believe that I can say without equivocation that a good time and a pleasant afternoon at the Johnston home was had by all. A special thank you to Lisa and Jack for letting us invade their home.



Should I outbid Jeff for that dragster model?

[All photos courtesy of Milton Bell]

Editor's note: My most humble apologizes to Jack Johnston. I brought an incomplete kit for which he was the winning bidder. Instead of the highly touted anti-tank gun there was only the crew figures. I simply grabbed the wrong kit from the stash to bring to the auction. A situation I fully intend to rectify. My Bad!

Ben

Internet Modeler

by Mike Poole

This month I thought I might try something different than the usual model subject. The internet has dramatically improved my model hobby over the last several years. I've discovered a variety of techniques and products that are all due solely to this wonderful invention. I'd like to share some of that discovery, so over the next months I'll mention some of my favorite websites for shopping, learning new techniques, and sharing build threads.

In my never-ending quest for the absolute lowest prices I'm always looking for deals. Financial turmoil in Greece and other eurozone countries has been in the news lately because of difficulty in servicing their huge debt while in recession.

Usually, a country in such a jam would just start printing local currency. Remember those 100,000 Mexican peso notes back in the '80s? It helps pay creditors, reduce the value of outstanding loan balances, and stimulate exports to get the local economy moving again. Unfortunately, Greece can't do that because the euro is common with neighbors like Germany that are doing well, thank you, so they're stuck begging them for bailouts. I promise, this does have something to do with models.

The big slow-down in 'euroland' has now spread to surrounding countries and they *have* been printing money like Gutenberg on crack! In the last year, countries like the Czech Republic (-22.8% koruna/dollar) and Poland (-25.9% zloty/dollar) have seen dramatic drops in the dollar value of their currencies and they also have scale model hobby industries as good as Japan. I've been buying *Eduard* kits for \$14, *Choroszy* kits for \$18, and *PART* photo-etch for as little as \$6! The only caveat is that I have to buy in korunas and zlotys, not dollars and my credit card company charges a small currency exchange fee.

Two websites I have frequently ordered from and highly recommend are www.eduard.com and www.jadarhobby.pl. Both feature English versions of their websites and dollar pricing with the click of a button. *Jadar* is a hobby shop in Warsaw that decided to establish an internet site featuring several eastern manufacturers. The site is as easy as buying from Amazon. When you register on *Jadar's* website with a non-Polish address the local value added tax (VAT) is also automatically removed from the listed prices making the deals even better. The *Eduard* site is the manufacturer's

direct sales site and is also easy to navigate. There are monthly newsletters about upcoming product releases and occasionally product boxings limited only to website customers. Both sites are some of my favorites.

So, while we wait yet another year for the Japanese yen to come down to earth take a look at Eastern Europe. They're making great quality products and their native currency prices are incredible right now! Coming soon: Yahoo! Auctions Japan.

Mike

Quarterly Contest Schedule

by Ron McCracken

Vice-President

Just a reminder, our clubs quarterly contests are held on the last month of each calendar quarter. Here are the dates and themes for the remainder of 2012.

Date	Theme
September	<i>Dragons: Dragon kit or dragon model</i>
December	<i>White Elephant/Gift Exchange</i>

First Contact!

Occasionally one club member or another wants to get in touch with another club member. The odd question about how to straighten out a wrapped resin part might be a good reason for wanting to contact a fellow club member. The internet does take some time and often, I for one, am in a hurry. Or it might be that you just want to see what the weather is like in Weir? Either way, it has been suggested that a contact list of our members be assembled and distributed to the club membership.

Now comes the audience participation part. If you wish to be included on this list, send me your phone number via web mail (benmorton@grandecom.net) and I'll put it together, make some copies, and bring them to the meeting for your personal use. Be sure to include your real name as some of you have some 'weirdo' e-mail addresses.

Old Rumors and New Kits 2G

by Aaron Smischney, Mike Poole
Randy Bumgardner & Rick Herrington

Automotive

Fujimi follows the release of their debut injected, 1/24th



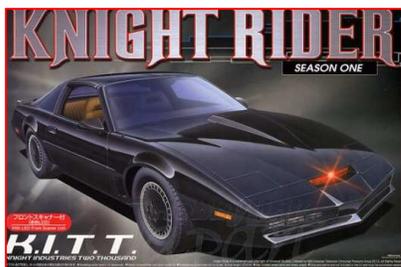
Pantera GTS kit with a new “street” version. The kit has received high praise for its quality and body accuracy among critics.

Unfortunately, it

has no 351 Cleveland or ZF transaxle to fill the engine room as, like the GTS, it’s also a curbside. But hey, it’s a new *Pantera* kit for \$35! Steal an engine from that Mustang kit you’re never going to build...

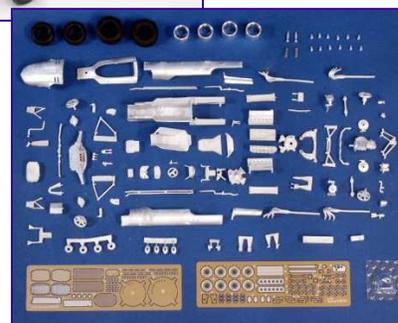


Aoshima has released a new version of the K.I.T.T. car (a modified ’81 Pontiac Firebird) from Knight Rider Season 1. The new “kitt” includes a preassembled LED sweep module for the front that runs on a couple of button cells and hits the street at around \$50.



Model Factory Hiro (MFH) is a multimedia kit manufacturer in Japan with a reputation for producing some of the highest quality kits in the world but reputation coupled with the strong Yen have made their kits all but unobtainable for many modelers. *MFH* recently announced they will be offering versions of some of their 1/20th kits in 1/43rd scale without sacrificing much in the way of detail or materials. Each kit will be comprised of white metal with some photo-etch and turned aluminum for the usual bits. The new scale, while still expensive, will make it

somewhat more affordable. The 1/43rd Gurney Westlake Eagle pictured with its big brother above will be available in September for about \$170. And, much like the real one, they will go fast.



Mike

Armor

(Any problem caused by a tank can be solved by a tank.)

Greetings Armor fans and the armor curious. Some good stuff coming your way!

First up is the imminent new release from *Tamiya*, the Elephant tank destroyer. The sprues and buildups look promising. The kit does not have any zimmerit on it, but *Tamiya* is selling a separate detail set with paper zimmerit. From initial reports this “sticker” zimmerit is not very “deep” in detail but is easy to apply. You can, of course, trowel on your own. :)



Tamiya has also just announced a “Simca” staff car. This thing is tiny and looks like the smart-car of its day.

Whoever green-lights kits at *Tamiya* is a strange duck. For 1/48 scale fans *Tamiya* is releasing a cracking good Matilda kit! I am pretty interested in this one, as the Matilda is a fun tank with lots of camo possibilities. It even comes with metal weights you can glue into the tub to give it “realistic weight”. You can omit them and use them as fishing weights, I guess. Personally, I like the new plastic hulls that they are using the metal ones were kind of hard to work with and where lacking in detail.



Dragon's “Cyber Hobby” branch has a big surprise! A new TIGER! Wow, never saw that coming. The Tiger in question is kit #6763 “Otto Carius Tiger I Mid Production, Battle of Malinovka.” I swear *Dragon* has more Tigers than the 3rd Reich. All kidding aside, this looks like an excellent kit with all the trimmings. The zimmerit pattern is all new and very finely reproduced. If you want one you



better act now, as it is a white box kit and will be sold out soon.

Dragon is also re-releasing their venerable but very good Ferdinand kit in “premium” form with all the fixings including photo etch and metal bits. I built one of these recently and it's a very nice kit, no extras needed. I am sure this is in response to *Tamiya's* elephant, but competition is never a bad thing, right? Also new is the Pz.Kpfw.IV Ausf A. From what I understand this completes all versions of the Panzer 4 in the *Dragon* stable. You can now build every major version of the '4' using their kits!

Tasca has a new Sherman coming out, the Firefly IC with composite hull. I am sure it will be superb! Buy 4!



Bronco has some new stuff as well. A big nasty Russian Su-152 self propelled gun. If you like big, ugly, and Russian this ones for you. If you like the obscure, *Bronco* has the Hungarian “Zrinyi” which looks like and elongated Stug.



That's the highlights, 'til next time!

Aaron

Shipping News

As Ed Sullivan would say...”We have really big news... and when I say big, I mean big! In 1/200 scale (Arizona size) we have *Trumpeter's* release of the Bismarck. It's definitely a wallet buster and the after-market companies are already producing products for it including gun barrels and a wooden deck. It appears to have some minimal photo-etch with it but you will still have to come up with deck railings. This monster is around 4 feet long and just to buy the kit would take up most of my modeling budget for the year. (around \$250 or more). I hope bigger and thus more expensive is not the trend in ship modeling.



New planned Trumpy releases in 1/350 scale.

PLAN DDG Taizhou DDG 138 Chinese modern destroyer.
PLAN FFG-529 Zhoushan – Chinese missile frigate.



HMS Kent F78-
Modern Duke class
Royal Navy frigate
Battleship HMS
Warspite – OK,
another Warspite...
kinda like Tiger 1
E's. PLAN Aircraft
Carrier- Modern

1/350 Type 45 De-
stroyer from Airfix -
Royal Navy modern
Daring Class air
defense destroyer.



1/700: also from
Trumpeter. Z-30
1942 -Narvik class German WW2 destroyer, Z-28 1945"-
Another Narvik class.

Other new releases from *Fujimi* and *Airfix* include the fol-
lowing. In 1/700 IJN Unryu Final Ver. By *Fujimi*-Japanese
Aircraft Carrier. Simplified version of the Hiryu design.



IJN Aircraft Carrier Rytuh Short Deck by *Pit Road*-The
Ryuh(Dragon Phoenix) was a Japanese Light Aircraft car-
rier. Sole ship of her class, she was later converted to a sub-
marine tender.



HMS Sheffield Type
42 Destroyer Batch 1
by *Dragon*-Royal Navy
guided missile de-
stroyer sunk in the
Falklands.

That's all from the shipping lanes this month. Smooth seas
and Happy Modeling.

Rick

*Our regularly scheduled broadcast will not be shown today
in order that we may bring you the following special pro-
gram...*

*My guess is is that our aircraft correspondent got hung up in
limitations and was unable to file their report for this month.
I trust that all is well.*

*Until next month, please enjoy this reprise of some addi-
tional photos that Dennis Price took at NAS Kingsville this
past Spring.*





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