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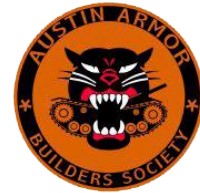
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The IPMS/USA initiative was established to provide model kits, supplies and reference materials to our servicemen and women serving in combat zones, recovering in hospitals, and rehabilitating in specialized facilities. The program is expanding into other areas as well. Some local programs take place in USO facilities, some are centered around active duty personnel and are scattered across the country. The IPMS/USA Support The Troops program is still going full-tilt. The national program director is Jon Emery. Jon is accepting any and all contributions and is sharing them with all of the active programs around the country.

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PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY TIM ROBB



Happy New Year to ASMS.

Our first meeting of the year is this Saturday Jan. 25 , 11:00 am at the Austin Northwest Rec Center, 2913 Northland Dr,. I hope you can all come and join the fun.

Our program this month will be presented by Joaquin Ridgell on gundam construction.

For this year's procrastinator challenge please come to this meeting prepared with a list of models on your shelf of doom. We will fill out 3x5 cards and pass them around the room, then someone else will choose one model from your card for you to complete for this year's Procrastinator Challenger Quarterly Contest. If you can't attend but want to participate please send your list by proxy. The Procrastinator Challenge contest will be held at our September meeting.

Reminder! This year's Started by Milton quarterly contest will be held at our March meeting so let's expedite those models! We will again display them at our annual show Nov. 8. This is year two of the three year Started by Milton Challenge Series.

Chris Chany has called a meeting of the show committee for 10 am this Saturday immediately before the club meeting, same room same place as our club meeting. We will make a decision on the judging method for our Nov. 8 Contest.. If you want to participate in this discussion and decision then please attend.





HOUSE CLEANING



ASMS MEETING

**Fourth Saturday each month
at 11:00 AM**

No Reservations Necessary!

Austin Northwest Recreation Center

2913 Northland Drive

Austin, TX

ASMS Club Dues Are Due!

Annual ASMS club dues are \$25.00/individual
or \$30.00/family.

You may bring your dues to a club meeting or remit
same to ASMS, 1928 Dragonfly Loop, Bastrop, TX
78602.



Events

WINTERBLITZ 2025

Saturday January 25, 2025
The Museum of the American GI

19124 Hwy 6
College Station, Texas 77845

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Club Quarterly Contests

Open Contest

Monthly Meeting Presentations:

Gundam Construction
with
Joaquin Ridgell

Tamiya's new German Infantry Machine Gun Team

by Rick Herrington

It's not often that I invest in a set of plastic figures as the detail of resin figures is usually so much better. In this case Tamiya's German Machine gun team (Mid WW2) figures rivals almost any resin figure and are considerably less expensive.

I did a review on Tamiya's last release of German Infantry figures and was highly pleased. The detail and poses were exceptional for plastic figures so I when I saw this set on display at Nationals I was looking forward to its release.





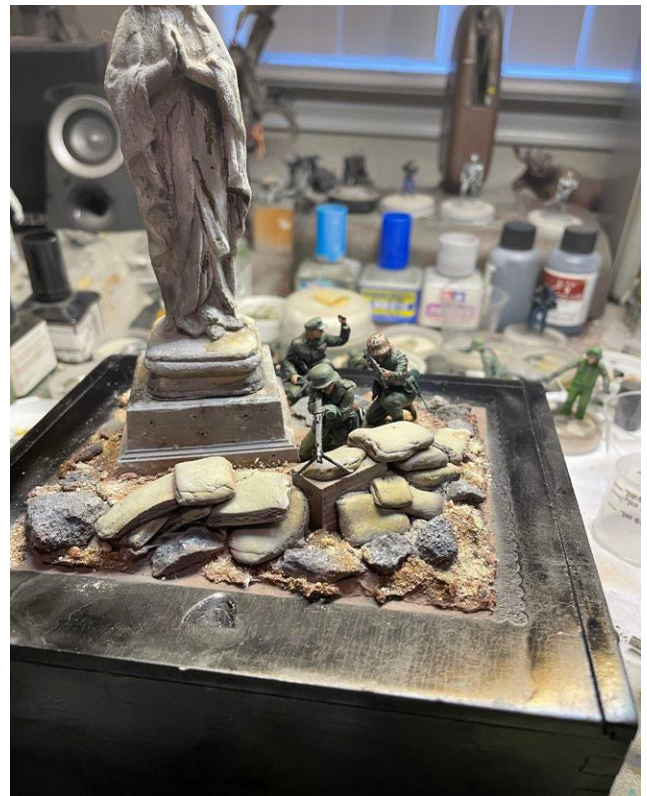
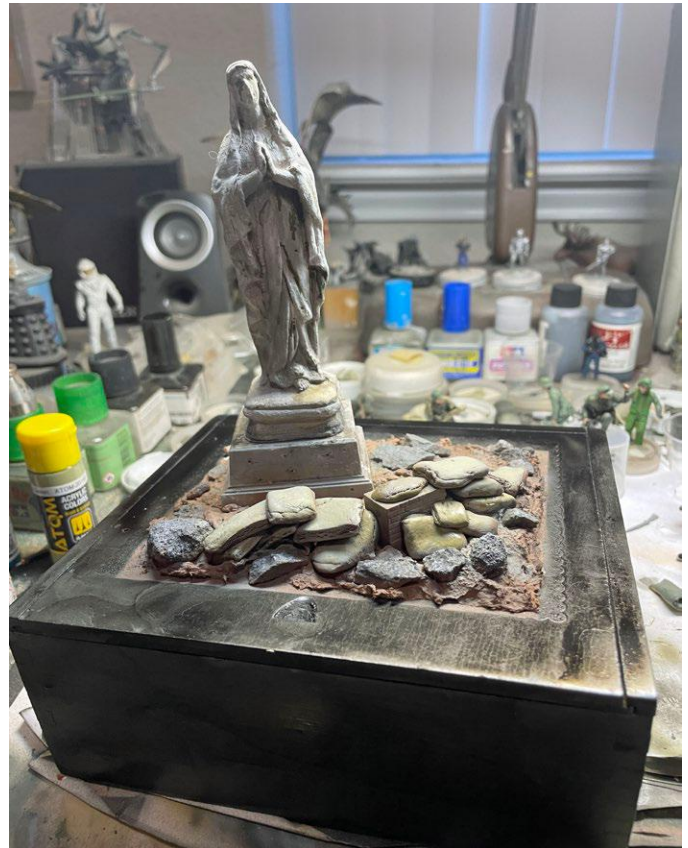
I had a Tiger Werke Roadside Shrine in my stash and now had an excuse to use it. The Tamiya kit comes with a segment of brick wall but I didn't think that was enough. Time to bring out the Epoxy putty and make some sand bags.



I just used two of the figures from the set and a figure from the previous German army figures set.. (the figure with the raised hand)



The Das Werke kit was easy and fun to paint up and I used one of my cigar boxes to mount everything on.





I would highly recommend this set to any WW2 figure enthusiast. The vignette garnered a bronze in this last Capital Classic show.

LIONHEART

— H O B B Y —

Here's this month's featured products from Lion Heart.

DIY Marble Run: Marble Spaceport

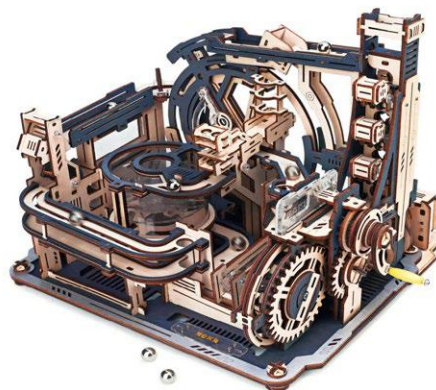
Combat Patrol: Blood Angels

1/24 1982 DeLorean DMC-12
6435

1/35 M7A3 B-FIST Bradley

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 *This product is a plastic model that needs to be assembled. *The illustrations used in the package and the product contents may differ slightly.

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1/35 SCALE 2006

M7A3 BFIST BRADLEY
 Fire Support Team Vehicle
 M7A3 BFIST 火力支援車

RODŌA XXIII

What's Zip wid You?

ASMS/Bill Delk sponsors an on-line ZOOM meeting with whoever wants to join us to talk about models and life. It happens almost every Sunday at 4:00.

Contact Bill Delk to have him send you a link to be able to get into the meeting.

Everyone is welcome.

Bill Delk`s e-mail address

Falconfyredeuce@gmail.com.



Lots of great models at the last meeting this time. This month's newsletter will be a catch-up. The editor spent some time in the hospital due to a nasty bout with pneumonia.

The meeting covered in this issue is the first in the totally awesome new venue.



We had a full house.

Bob Bethea started off the meeting with an airbrush painting clinic on the zenithal technique. It's great to have a venue where we can host demos like Bob's.





Michael Boudreax took best monthly model with his 1/48 Sword Reggiane R2001.

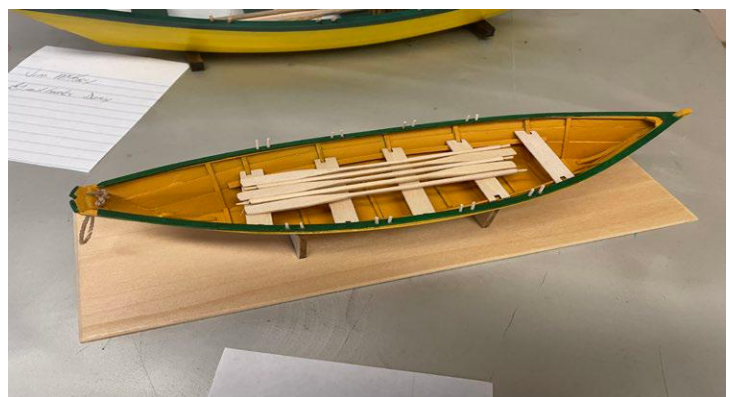


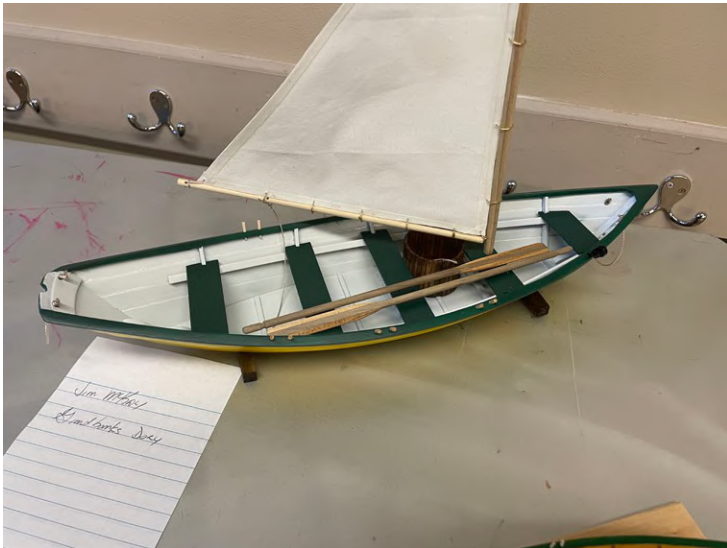
This month's contest was the final Bondo competition. Tim Robb was the winner with his H--tech Mystere IV marked as an Israeli aircraft. Congratulations Tim!

Michael Boudreux also had a Tamiya F4F with an Aires cockpit.

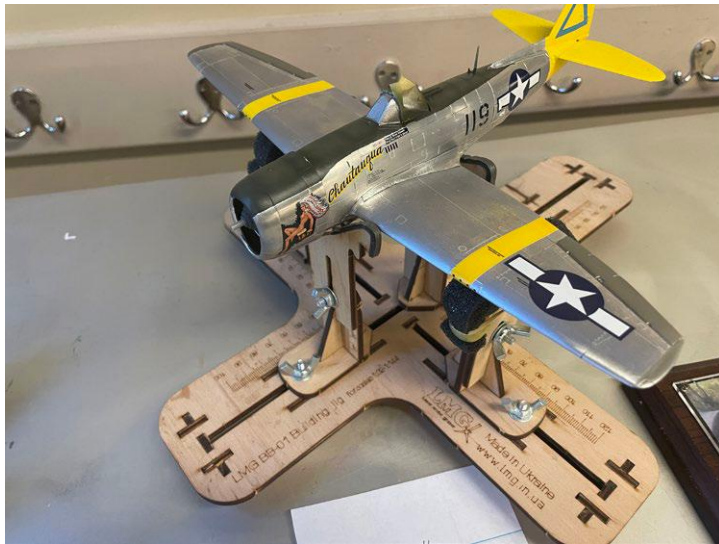


Jim McKay shared his Grandbanks Dory and his Towel Grandbanks Dory.





Carl Smoot shared his Pro-Modeler 1/48 P-47N in progress.



Mike Frazer shared his Academy P-47D Thunderbolt.



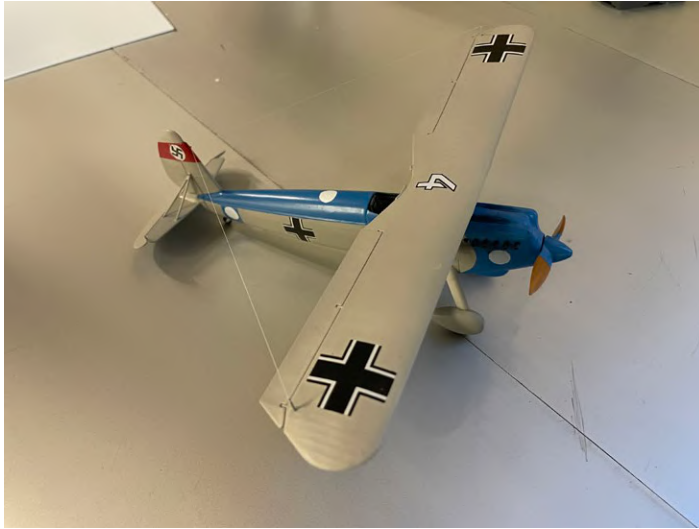
Rick Herrington brought in his Tamiya German Machine Gun Team vignette.



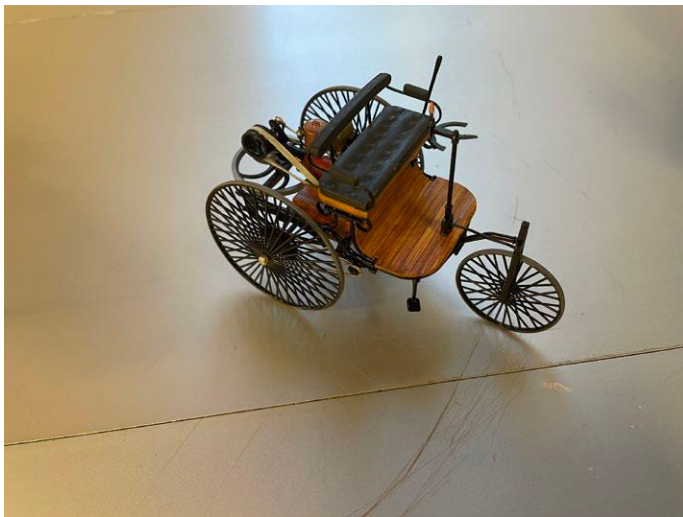
Scott Holmes shared his 1/9 scale BMW R75 with side car by Italeri.



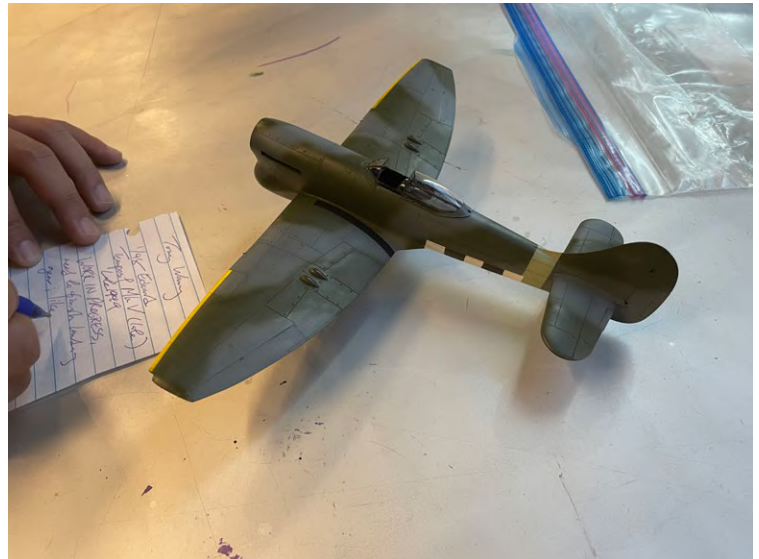
Ian Latham brought in an Arado 68F in 1/48 scale and a Benz Patent 1/24 ICM Motorwagen.



Tony Wang brought in his 1/48 Eduard Tempest Mark V in progress.



Ron Askew brought in a 1/35 Tamiya Recon Scout Team 1941 France diorama.



Gene Myers shared his Revell 1/48 SR-71A Blackbird.





Bryce P shared his Sinanjv Stien Narrative Version, a 1/144 Bandai kit.



Fred Wang shared his Megami Device 1/1 Buster Doll Tank by Kotobukiya.



Finally Vince Hutson shared his in progress booster.



Thanks to everyone that shared their work with the group.

Old Rumors and New Kits

New and In View Aircraft by Ron McCracken

There are two new-tool releases announced this month, an AH-1W from Trumpeter, and a TBM-3 from Hobbyboss. Otherwise, it is a month for re-pops. However, some of those re-releases haven't been available for quite a while, so they are welcome too

1/35th Scale

Trumpeter has announced a new-tool AH-1W Super Cobra, currently forecast for early 2025 availability.

AH-1W Super Cobra

Trumpeter | No. 05116 | 1:35

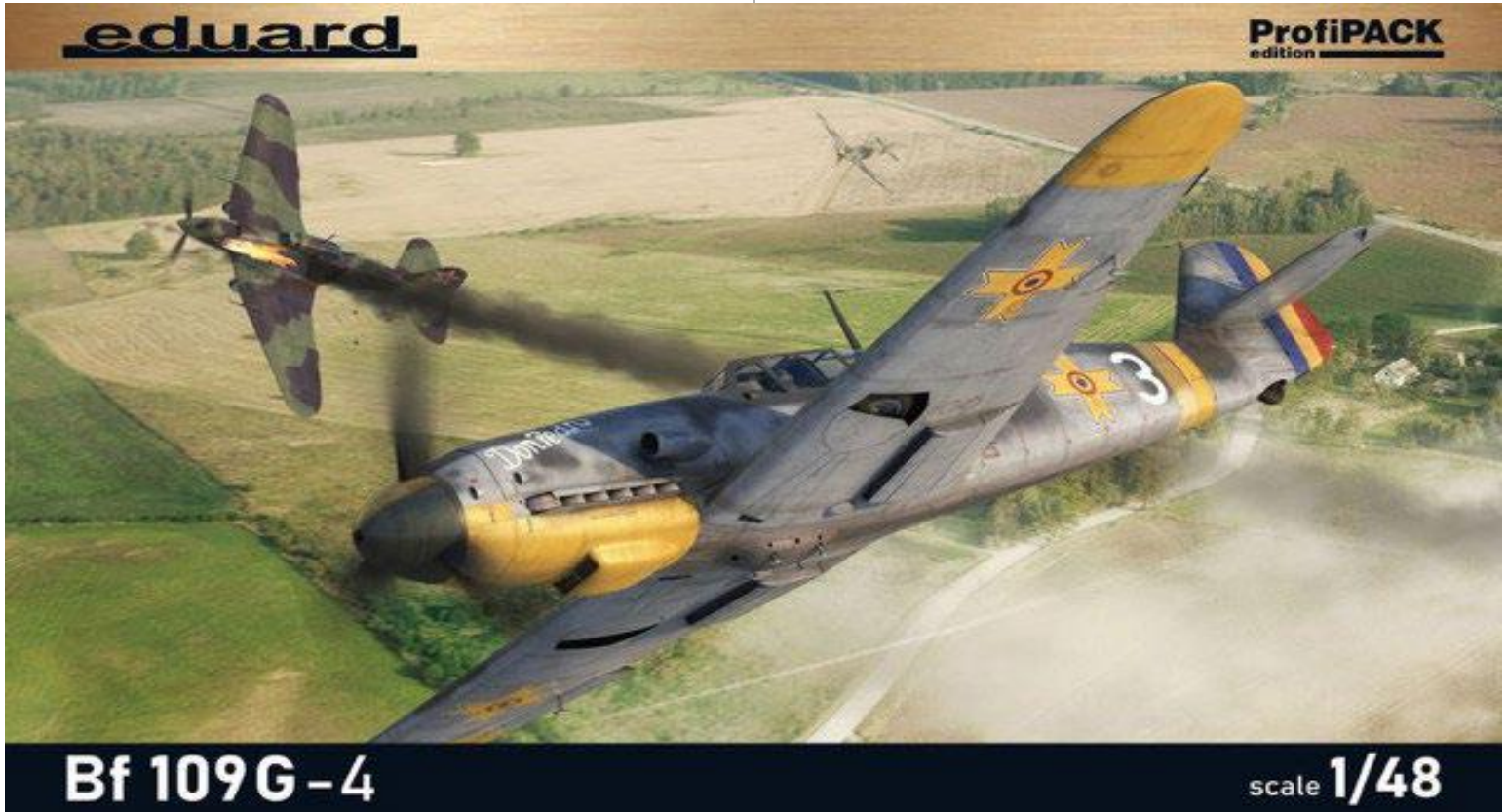


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Brand:	Trumpeter
Title:	AH-1W Super Cobra
Number:	05116
Scale:	1:35
Type:	Full kit
Status:	Future 2024* New tool
Topic:	Bell AH-1 Super Cobra » Helicopters (Aircraft)

1/48th Scale:

Eduard has re-released their Bf 109G-4 in a Weekend Edition kit. The Weekend Edition series generally does not have photo-etch or masks typical of other editions.



Eduard has also re-released their Mustang Mk.III in a Profipack Edition.



Hasegawa has re-released their CF-104D Starfighter with new decals.

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Hasegawa has re-released their F/A-18D Hornet in VMFA(AW)-224 Bengals 2024 markings.

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HobbyBoss has re-released their F/A-18E Super Hornet in VFC-12 markings.



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1:48 SCALE
AGES 14 +

Detailed scale kit for adult collectors to assemble.
Actual model may vary from image on box.
本产品与包装图形所示有所差别。
包装含有重要信息，应仔细阅读。
Please refer to the back of the box for more information.

*Wondeland**

Horst Kammhoff

ICM has re-released their Ki-21-Ib Sally with five figures



Ki-21-Ib 'Sally' with Japanese Pilots & Ground Personnel

1:48
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- The Ki-21-Ib 'Sally' bomber model with three pilot figures and two figures of technical personnel from the Japanese Army Aviation during World War II
- The bomber model is accurately designed to match the geometry of the actual aircraft and features detailed reproduction of the fuselage's external skin
- Decals for 4 marking options

ICM
Kids in the Seat

1/72nd Scale:

Academy has re-released their F-14B kit as an F-14D Tomcat in VF-2 markings with some new parts.



Eduard has re-released their Bf-109 kit as a Bf 109G-6AS/14AS Limited Edition Dual Combo kit with some new parts.



Eduard has re-released their P-51D-5 Mustang in a Profipack edition with five markings options.



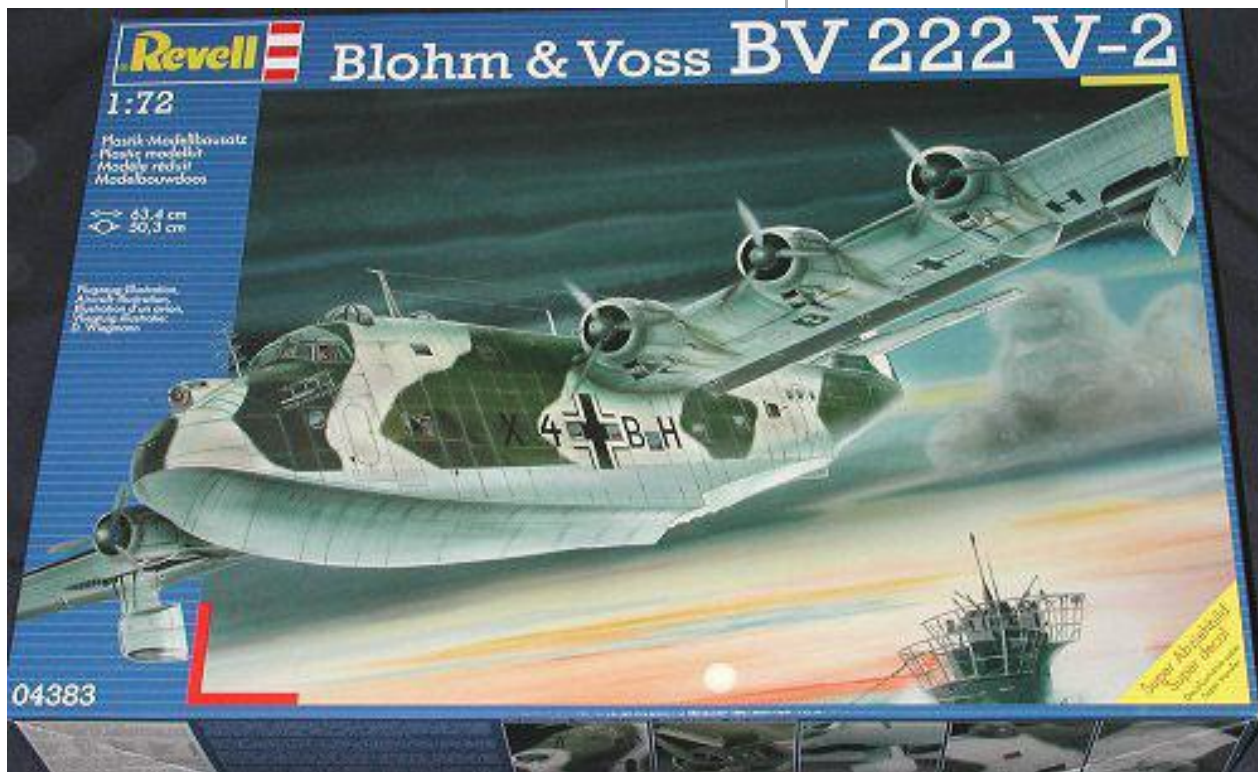
Hasegawa has re-released their P1Y1-S/S1Y2 Ginga Type 11/16 Night Fighter with new decals.



HobbyBoss has announced a new-tool TBM-3 Avenger



Revell is re-releasing their BV 222 Wiking.



Revell is re-releasing their Lynx Mk.88 Germany.



© Steve Lynes

1/144th Scale:

Hasegawa is re-releasing their YS-11 JASDF/JMSDF in a dual kit with new markings.



Roden has announced an XC-99 – the transport development of the B-36.



And that's it for January, so go build a model!



THE KITS THAT HAVE BEEN SITTING IN YOUR STASH FOR 10 YEARS WATCHING YOU BUILD THE MODEL YOU JUST BOUGHT

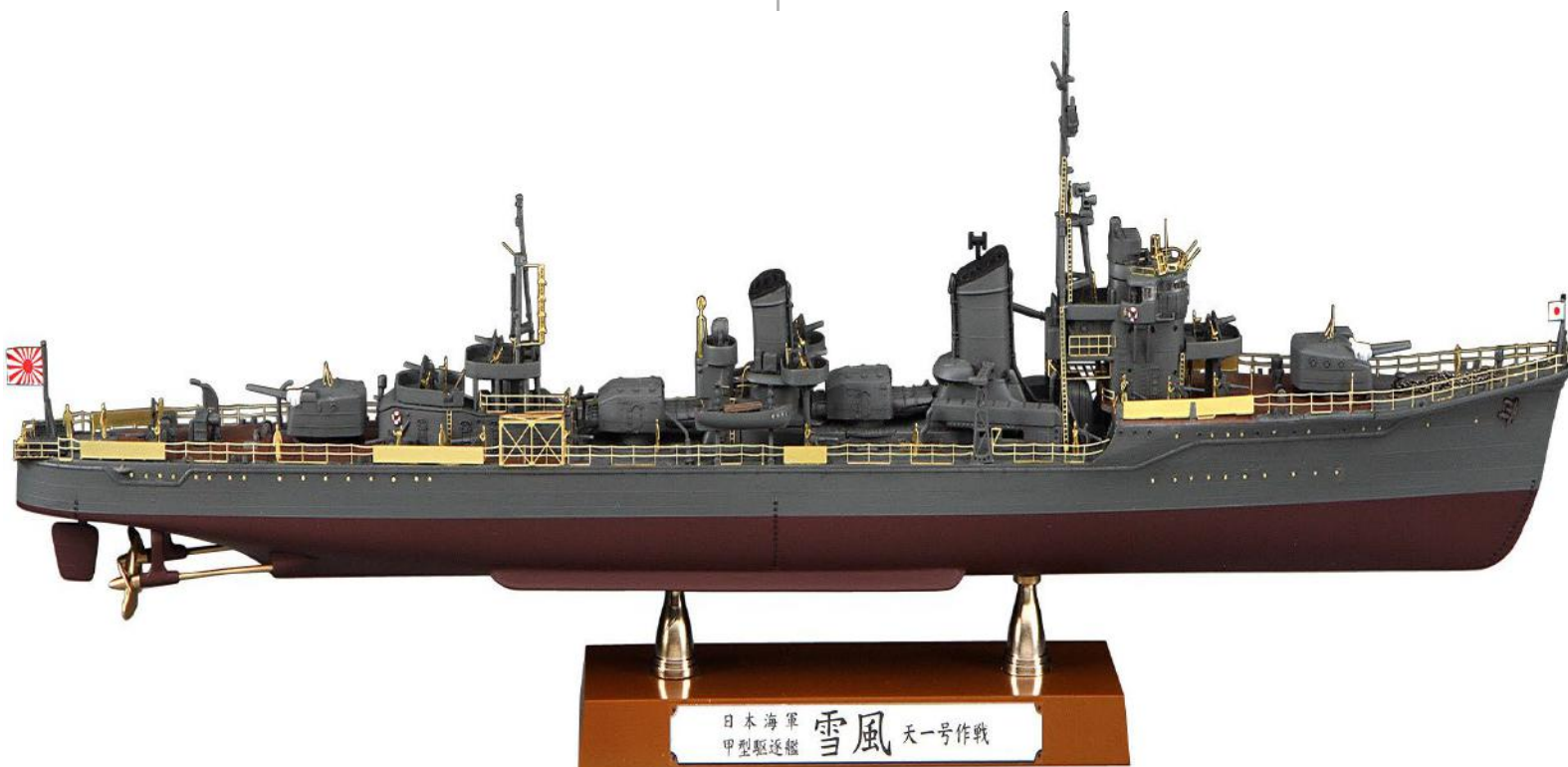
Shipping News

by Rick Herrington

Ahoy mates! Not a great deal of new releases to get to this month so let's get started with 1/700. Yamashita is up first with the IJN Ayanami.



Hasegawa is up next with the IJN destroyer KOH Yukikaze



ICM is up next with The Kaiser's Fleet. This set includes 4 WW1 German battleships of the Konig class. The battleships are the Konig, Grosser Kurfurst, Markgraf, and Kronprinz.

Kaiser's Steel Fist

ICM
Nets in the Best

- The set includes four models of German dreadnoughts from World War I.
- These ships served in the 3rd Battle Squadron of the German High Seas Fleet (Hochseeflotte).
- The models feature detailed reproductions of hulls, superstructures, decks, and gun turrets.
- Each ship can be built in either waterline or full-hull configuration.
- The set comes with display stands for all four dreadnoughts.

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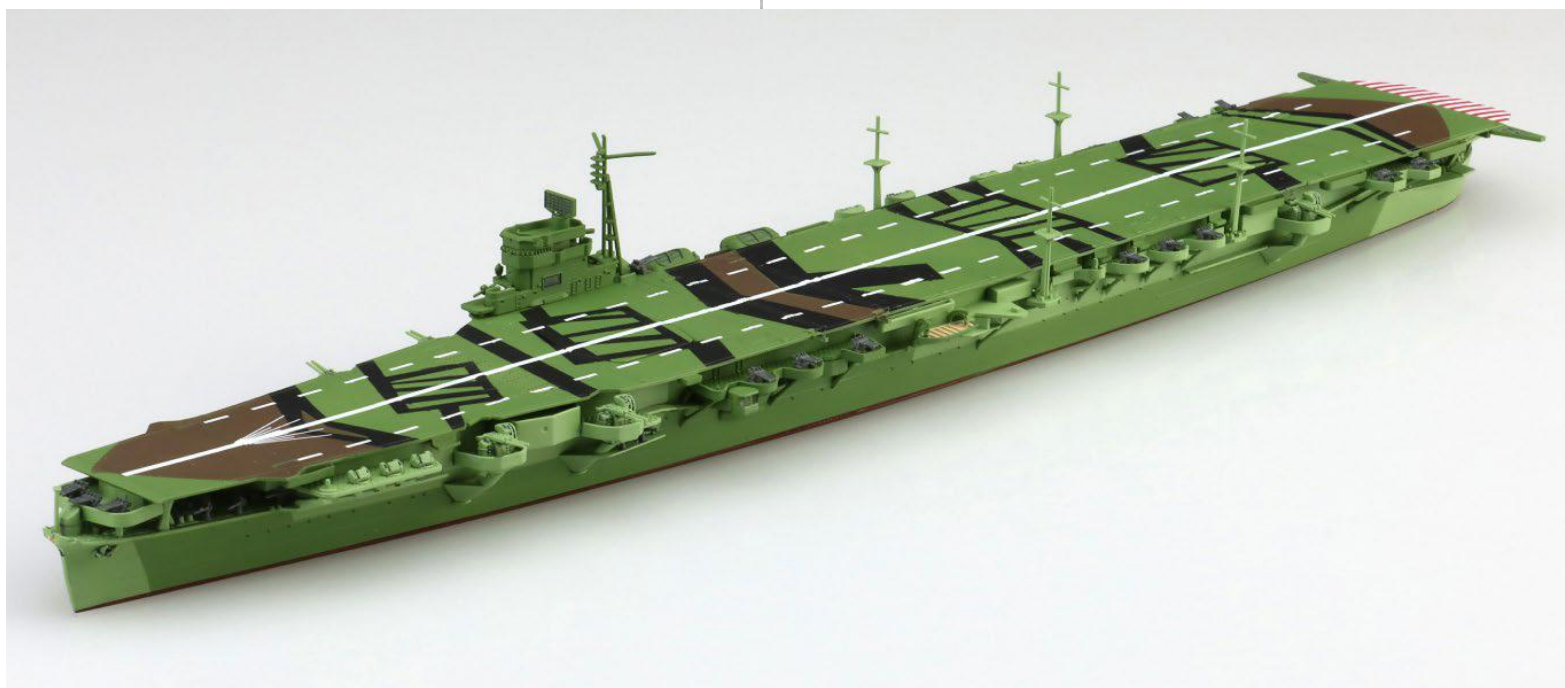
The next three releases are all from Aoshima. First is the IJN destroyer Akigumo.



Next from Aoshima is a sea plane tender the Chitose.



Finally from Aoshima is the IJN Carrier Unryu



Last in 1/700 from Freedom Model Kits is the D651 Normandie.

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1/700 SCALE
ITEM NO. 83002

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Moving on to 1/350th scale first up is Fujimi with their release of the IJN Carrier Zuikaku.



Trumpeter is releasing the USS Montana BB-67



Flyhawk is releasing a USS Cowpens CG-63



In 1/35th scale Paracel models is releasing a Mekong Delta Long Boat. perfect for your Apocalypse

MEKONG DELTA civilian LONG BOAT

Super glue & Putty required

ROPE 0.5 ~200 mm
ROPE 0.1 ~200 mm

1/35 scale
300 mm

1/72 scale
200 mm

The Family

PARACEL MINIATURES

Finally in the column GML Models German G7A Torpedo. This includes 3D printed parts.

GML

WW II German torpedo G7a
Німецька торпеда G7a

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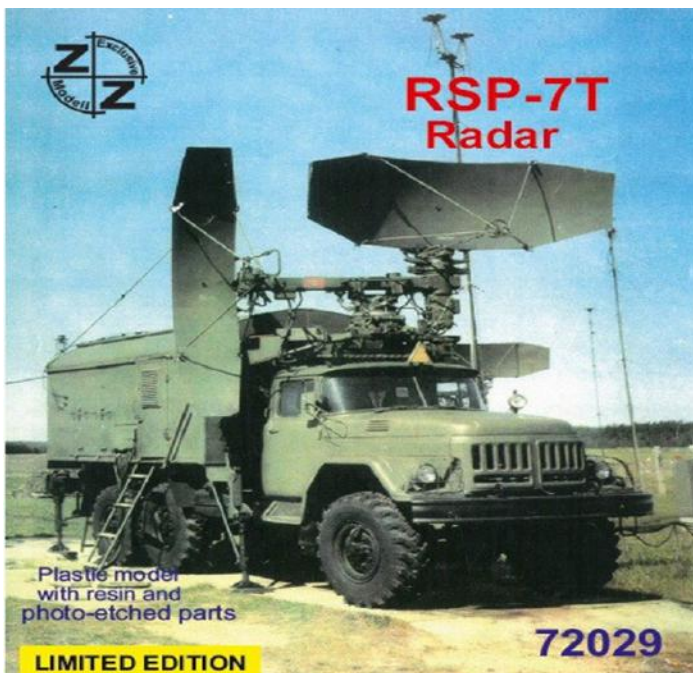
Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

Hello tread heads! A good bit of small stuff to get to this month so let's get to the 1/72nd stuff. Revell is up first with a new tool Challenger 1 IFOR.



ZZ Model is releasing a Soviet RSP-7T Radar



Fujimi is releasing a Komatsu light armored vehicle.





Trumpeter is releasing an M1240 MRAP.



UM Military Technics is releasing an RBT-5 RS-132



Mussini has 3 new releases in 1/72 for us. I believe these are in resin as they are pricey at \$55 each. The first is a Semovente M41.



Next from Mussini is a Horch 901 KFZ 15



Finally from Mussini is a German Sdkfz 232





Last from T-model is an M1097 Avenger.

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 1:72

全図
WALK AROUND



Moving on to 1/35th scale first up is AFV with a Bundeswehr Waffenträger.

AFV CLUB
 1/35 SCALE
 AF35352

Waffenträger Wiesel 1 Mells
 Mehrrollenfähiges Leichtes Lenkflugkörper-System
 Airborne anti-tank armored vehicle

徳軍傘兵 陸鼠 以色列長釘反戦車導弾載具
 ヴィーゼル1 空挺戦闘車 近代化改修型 Mellsミサイル搭載

Dragon is releasing an Artillery Tractor with a 25Lb gun.



Dragon is releasing a Kubelwagen radio car.



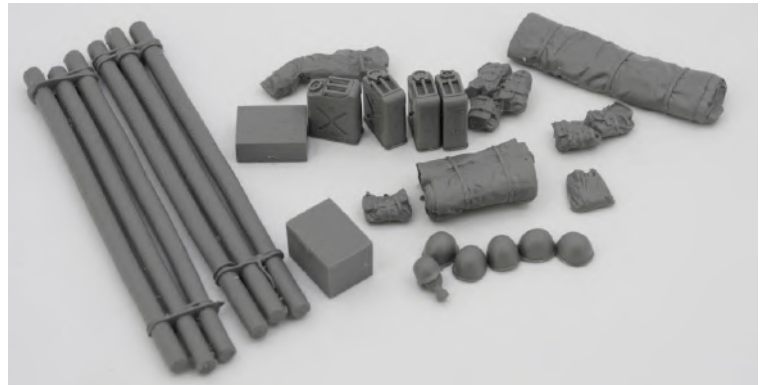
Dragon is also releasing a Marder 3 Ausf M



Border Models is releasing an M4A1 76W



Border also includes some stowage extras with the kit.



ICM Is releasing a Kamaz-43 10 Box truck in Ukrainian colors.



- Model of the AFU all-wheel drive cargo vehicle with closed body, type K4320
- Detailed reproduction of the exterior, chassis, engine, and cabin
- Option to build the model with a raised cabin and open engine compartment
- Includes pixel camouflage decals for AFU equipment

RFM is releasing a Panzerspawagen with a short 75



RFM is also releasing an M4A3 76w with VVSS suspension.



Meng is releasing a Kubelwagen Type 823.



Last up is from Lanmo Model, a BA-64 armored car.



That's it for this month, go build a model!

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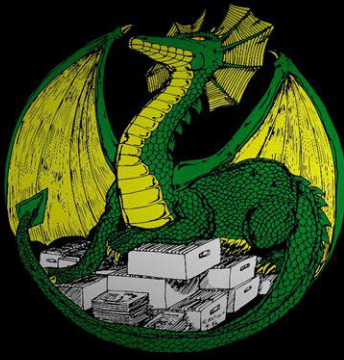
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