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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.

www.models4troops@gmail.com



Hi All.

We have a fun meeting this month. We have a Sci-fi and Gundam themed quarterly contest with Lionheart Hobby gift cards for the top three models. Jackson Hunter will give us a presentation on the slap chop method for mini figure painting.

This month we are going to change the order of activities in our meeting. After greetings and introductions we will get right to the presentation, then follow that with the quarterly contest. Business will be addressed after the break.

We've had a busy month, completing the refurbishing of the Bergstrom History model display at Bergstrom Intl. Airport, participating in Scalefest 2024 in Grapevine, three of us making a visit to the San Antonio meeting where Dana Mathes' judging reform initiative was discussed, and topped off with a successful and very fun BBQ and kit auction event held at the Hauptrief home. Lots of fun and good things are happening with ASMS.

Come join the fun and remember, make time in your schedule to GO BUILD A MODEL!





HOUSE CLEANING



Third Thursday each month 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm at Mr. Tramp's Sports Pub 8565 Research Blvd Austin, TX 78758

No Reservations Neccessary!

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.





June 22 – SummerCon

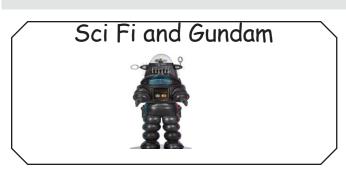
Location: Robert H Burns American Legion Post 16

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Registration is open from 8:30am -12noon on Contest date.

Theme - At the Movies: models depicting topics from cinematic releases, figures, etc. POC: Claude Zeringue Phone: 504-250-7717 E-mail: claudez3@outlook.com

Club Quarterly Contests



Monthly Meeting Presentations:

Slap Chop paint method by Jackson Hunter.

Building the Hobby Boss FJ-4 by Tim Robb



The FJ-4B was the last of the Naval FJ Fury series of fighters from North American. The first, the FJ-1 was a straight wing design produced in limited numbers and briefly served with only one squadron. It did not pass carrier qualifications.

The second, the FJ-2 was a navalized version of the F86E with a longer nose gear strut, arresting gear, and upgunned to four 20mm cannons. It was a different airplane than the FJ-1 and as such should have been the F2J but it was more politically expedient to alter the already pproved FJ-1 contract so FJ-2 it was. The Marines ended up with them.

The following FJ-3 got it right, adding folding wings among other corrections. It was operated by 23 squadrons. Late production FJ-3s were capable of carrying Sidewinder missiles and were designated FJ-3M.

The FJ-4 was a new airplane and again should have been F2J or F3J but it was still easier to keep changing the existing contract. All FJ4-Js were Sidewinder capable so there was no M suffix.



The FJ-4B had a strengthened wing with three hard points per wing instead of two on the FJ-4 and the Low Altitude Bombing System (LABS) for delivering tactical nukes. The FJ-4B also had a second set of speed brakes added low on the fuselage near the tail pipe. The second set of speed brakes is the visible difference between the FJ-4 and the FJ-4B.

FJ-4Bs entered service in December 1956. FJ-4s and 4Bs were all phased out of front line service as of 1962.

Hobby Boss' FJ-4B kit isn't an FJ-4B. There is no provision for the second set of speed brakes. The pylons and ordinance for the three hard point FJ-4B wing are provided. During assembly holes are opened from the inside the wing for the pylon fit desired.

The kit assembles well with good part fit. Cockpit detail is good OOB, but could be enhanced by super detailers. I just added seat belts. The kit speed brakes are designed to be posed open. Why do kit manufacturers do that? I did not find any photos of parked FJ-4s with open speed brakes. When you glue them in the closed position they don't fit well. Filling and sanding is required.

Likewise photos of parked FJ-4s show some of the gear doors up, two of three on the mains and one of two on the nose. Again they are separate parts and don't fit well when installed closed. More filling and sanding.



Decals are provided for a Navy FJ-4B and a USMC FJ-4. Curiously there is no bureau number decal provided for the FJ-4. A friend made them for me. The kit decals worked well using the MicroScale system. Upper wing insignia and modex decals are split to fit around the wing fences. The split on the insignia decals doesn't allow for the thickness of the wing fence. I battled through this piercing one side of the insignia.

All decaled, sealed and ready for panel line wash I found the panel lines aren't crisp enough to hold a wash well or maybe it's just me. I ended up using a Prismacolor medium gray pencil to apply panel lines.

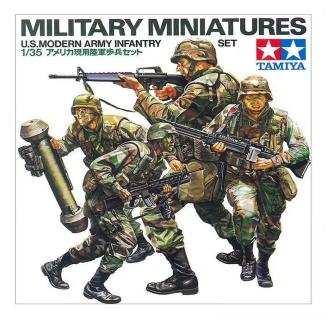
These were drawn over a clear flat finish. My mistakes were easily erased with my Pink Pearl and the re-drawn.

Some kits I build have fiddly bits with the landing gear, not this one. The landing gear fits and the parts engineering is very good. This model was an easy one to get the gear on aligned properly. What a pleasure!

Model finished, I like how it came out.

The references I used were Squadron Signal FJ Fury in action by Jim Mesko, and FJ Fury in Detail & Scale by Bert Kinzey. Go build a model!







ASMS' display at Austin Bergstrom International Airport

by Tim Robb



As some of you know when ABIA was being built 25 years ago they approached ASMS about a model plane display commemorating the history of Bergstrom AFB.

In short, they built cool airfoil shaped aluminum and plexiglas display cases which we filled with 1/72 models and they supplied the signage for the display. The display is currently located in the baggage claim area.

The group I met with is charged with maintaining it. It is in fantastically good condition for being 25 years old. They dust monthly.



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The original signage crediting ASMS and giving ASMS contact info is all still good except the contact info. Milton's land line number will be replaced with the email address president@austinsms.org. so it will be good whoever our future presidents are.

ABIA wants to link our websites, I said yes. We ought to spotlight this display with a short story and photos on ours. They said cool.



There are 6 models that need various repairs. The most challenging will be the C-118. Ron McCracken ASMS 'resident 1/72nd ace aircraft builder volunteered to tackle the C-118 and to build an F101 to fill an empty slot in the case. There was a ceremony Wed. May 22

celebrating the 25th anniversary of the airport.





Ron was able to do an extraordinsary job on restoring the C118 including tackling the sagging dihedral.

He was also able to locate and build a newly released Valom kit of an F101 with Bergstrom decals



I praised these folks for the excellent care this display has had for 25 years. Models ASMS has placed in prior years at the Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg and at the Commemorate Air Force Museum in San Marcos were trashed out pretty quickly. Bummer.

I would vote to say no if those two ever approach us again.

I have already received emailed meeting notes covering the meeting and future plans from the airport decorating staff.

Hopefully this will be a fruitful relationship between ABIA and ASMS.

2024 Scalefest Model Show

by Tim Robb



All photos in this article credited to the Youtube Channel Hobby View.

Four intrepid warriors made the trek to Grapevine to compete this year. Charlie Hauptrief, Mike Frazer, Sam Taylor and Tim Robb.

According to Tim the models were beautiful and the competition was tough. The 1/48 A6M-2-N Rufe that won Best of Show in Houston was second place in its category here. Best of Show was a USMC diorama.



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They saw a pretty 1/48 yellow winged PBY that was Best of Show at his last event but weren't sure whether it placed.



Charlie brought three ships and scored a second place. Tim took five airplanes and scored two firsts. His BF 109E and F6F-5 that were gold medals did not place. His F5-A that was first place at our 2023 show did not place.









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1st 2nd and third medals were placed by the models on the tables taped to the correct entry forms to avoid error. Tim's red F104 was first in 1/48 single engine jet.





The theme award which was Red went to a gorgeous red car.



Great bargains were to be had at a few of the vendors. Monogram airplanes were selling for \$5.

After a visit to Bruam's for some ice cream the team headed home. A great visit to Scalefest.









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

1/72 Bf109G-6 ProfiPack

1/144 HG Forbidden Gundam

Spinosaurus Snap Kit

1/48 P-47D-28RE Free French Thunderbolt

1/144 HG Immortal Justice Gundam





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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 meeting this month. Let's start off with Dave Edgerly our out of town contributor.

Dave has been working on several projects, the first being his Tamiya 1/12 scale Porsche Turbo RSR Type 934, a 1-160 Kenworth and a 1/48 Tamiya Heinkel 219.



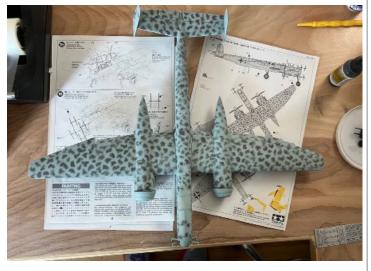




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Ron McCracken brought in his C118 and F101A models before they took their places in the ABIA display.



Gordon Stiemens bvrought in a Hobby Boss 1-700 scale Typhoon submarine.



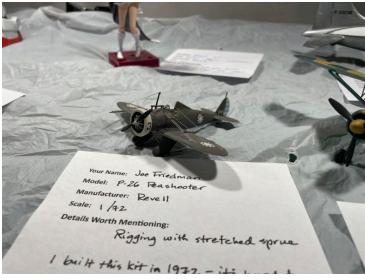
Rick Herrington brought in his Atlantis Enterprise NX01 .



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Joe Friedman brought in two models. The first was an Italeri 1/72 HS126. The second was a Revell 1/72 P-26.





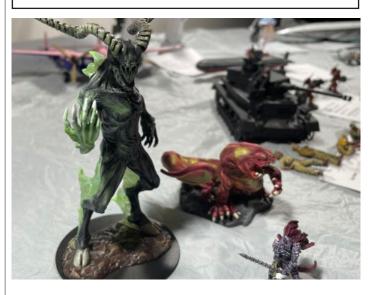
Jacson Hunter brought in a Work in Progress with some 1/35 Panzer riders and a Panzer. The models are a mixture of Tamiya and Italeri.



Jackson also brought in some Games Workshop 28mm Incursors which he painted for a friend.



Clayton brought in some 25 and 28mm figures including Pumpkin Monsters, Nightwalkers, a Salamander and a Knight.



Fred Wang shared completed models , the first was a pink 1/48 Tamiya P38J.

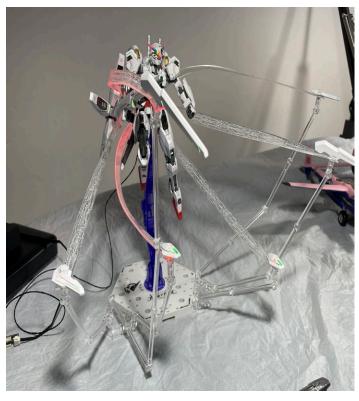


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The scond was a Bandai 30MS Meguru Hachimaya



Finally Fred shared a Bandai 1/144 Caliburn featuring fluorescent panel line and a Kosmos lighting kit.



Ron McCracken won model of the month with his Valom F101A



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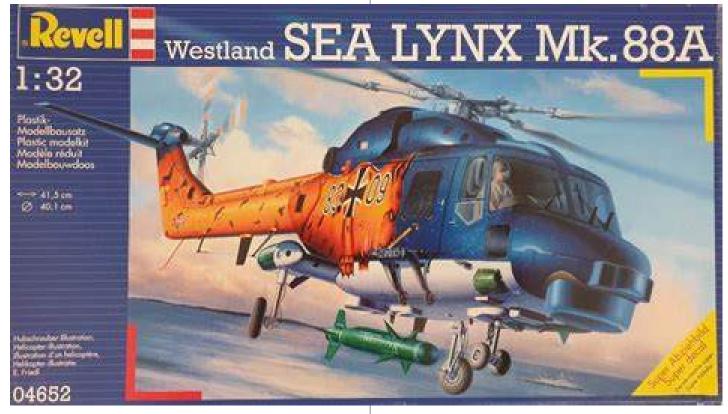
Old Rumors and New Kits

New and In View Aircraft by Ron McCracken

Offerings for June include three new-tool kits along with a wide selection of re-pops some of which include new parts or new decals.

1/32nd Scale:

Revell has re-released their Sea Lynx Mk.88A with new decals for a very colorful aircraft.



1/48th Scale:

Dora Wings has released a new-tool MS.406C1 in Battle of France markings.





WEEKEND

scale 1/48

Eduard has re-released their Spitfire Mk.Vb in a Weekend Edition kit with Operation Overlord (D-Day) markings. Keep in mind the Weekend Edition kits lack refinements such as photo-etch, masks, etc. found in the standard kits.





Spitfire Mk.Vb OVERLORD

Fine Molds has re-released their Shisei Kikka twin-jet fighter. Not clear what, if anything, has changed.



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Hasegawa has re-released their F-16CM Fighting Falcon in 'Maiden Flight 50th Anniversary' markings – and indeed the markings do look like those of the original prototype.



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HobbyBoss has re-released their F4U-2 Corsair (the early night fighter variant) with some new parts.



1/72nd Scale:

Amodel has re-released their An-24 in an "early version" kit.



Amodel has released a new-tool EMB-110P-1 in Insel Air markings.



Dora Wings has released a new-tool Norseman Mk.IV with four markings options.



Eduard has re-released their B-26F/G Marauder in a Limited Edition kit with some new parts and several markings options including both U.S. and French markings.



Eduard has re-released their Bf 109G-6 in a Profipack Edition with six markings options.



Hasegawa has re-released their aging S2F-1 Tracker kit in JMSDF 11th FS markings.



Revell has re-released their Ar 240 with new decals. Since the last release of this kit was in 2008, it is timely.



1/100th Scale:

Platz has re-released their T-4 kit in Blue Impulse 2024 markings.



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1/144th Scale:

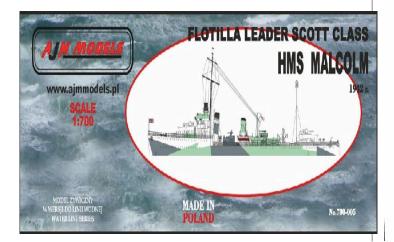
Academy has re-released their KC-97L Stratotanker kit. As far as I can tell this is just a re-boxing of the original kit.



And there you have it for June. Go build a model!



Ahoy mateys! Some great releases to get to this month so let's get started with 1/700. AJM is up first with the HMS Malcolm,





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Next up is Fujimi with a full hull IJN Akizuki.



Pit Road is next with the US heavy cruiser CA-72 Pittsburgh as she looked in 1944.



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Pit Road is also releasing a JMSDF DDG-174 Kirishima.



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Vee Hobby is releasing USS Houston in a regular and Deluxe version.



Flyhawk is releasing the USN Aegis cruiser USS Bunker hill (1991)





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Last in 1/700 scale is Fujimi's IJN Haruna in dazzle camouflage.



Moving on to 1/350 scaleTakom is releasing a Russian Project 22350





Last in 1/350 scale is a release from AJM of a British E Class destroyer.



Last in the column is a 1/75 Heller Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria.





Hello tread heads! Lots of new releasess this month and not all of them Tiger tanks. Let's start off with 1/72 scale. Trumpeter is up first with a Canadian Leopard 2A5.

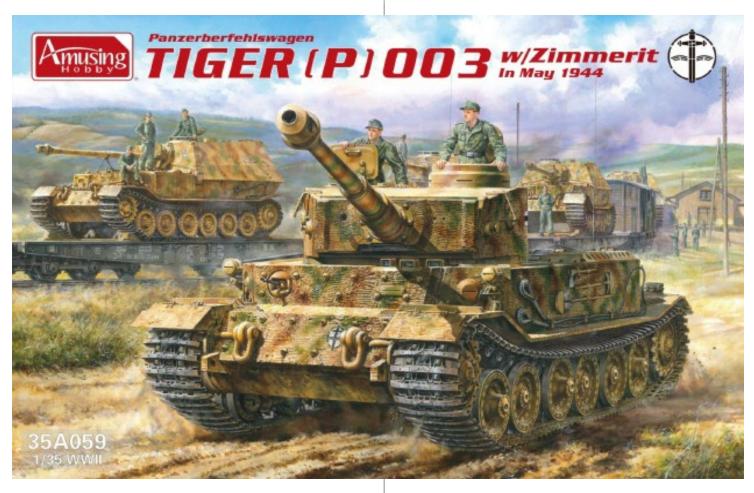


Unimolds is releasing a Flakpanzer 4 Mobelwagen



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Moving on to 1/35 scale, lots to get to, and not all of them Tigers. Speaking of Tigers Amusing Hobby is releasing a Tiger (P) as it would have looked in 1944.



Blitz is issuing a SturmHaubitze 42 Ausf G. The difference between this vehicle and a Sturmgeschutz is the 105 mm howitzer it mounted. It was designed as an infantry fire support vehicle.







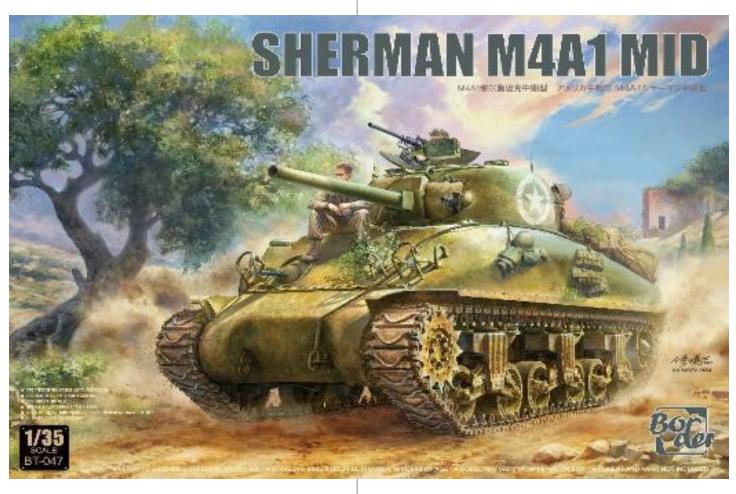
Takom has two new releases for us. a 38T Flammpanzer and a 38T Kugelblitz Flakpanzer.

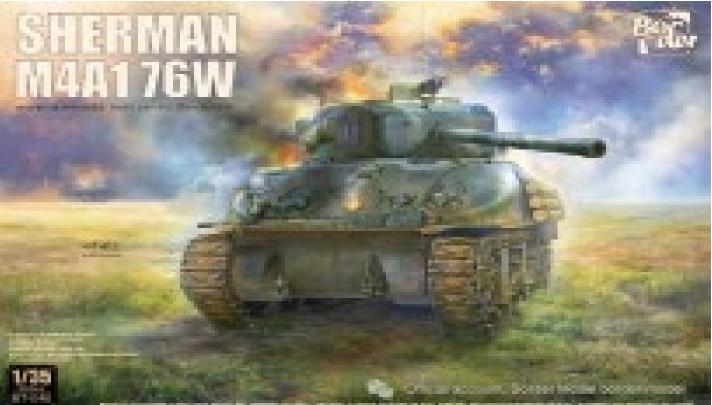


FLAKPANZER 38(t) 'Kugelblįtz'



Border Models is releasing a new-tool M4A1 and an M4A1 76mm.





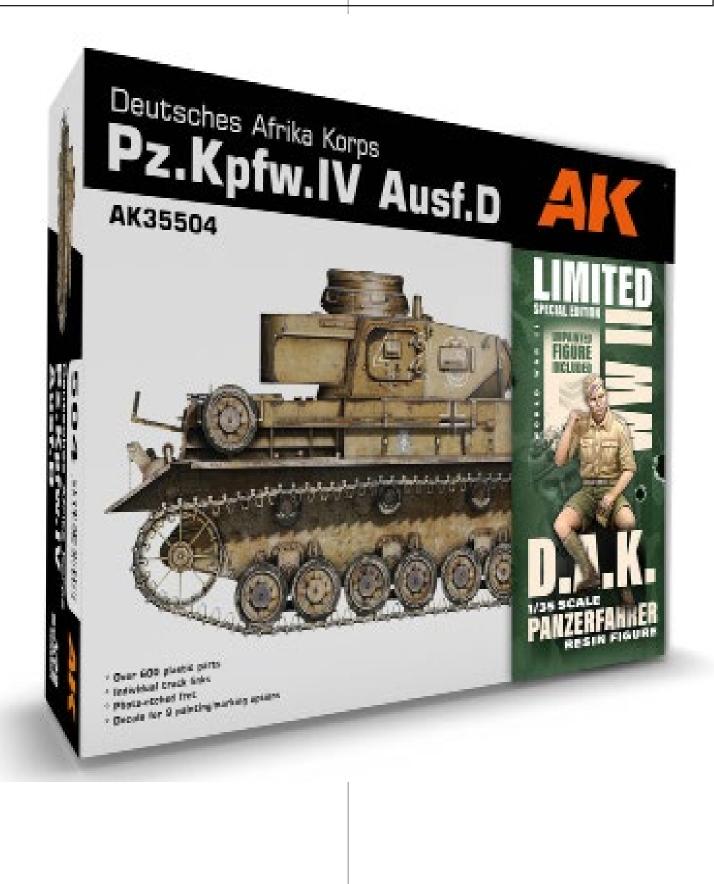
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AFV is releasing an M15 half track with a 40mm gun. CGMC





AK is releasing a Panzer 4 with an Afrika Korps figure.



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Hobby 2000 is releasing a Polish Army K9A1





RFM is releasing an M1A2 SEP V_3 including the Trophy system.



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M1A2 SEP V3 ABRAMS







Thunder Model is releasing LRDG F30 wireless truck.



Trumpeter has three new releases for us this month. The first is an MRAP.





Next from Trumpeter is a T-72M1.



Finally from Trumpeter is a Russian MTLB with a twin ZSU-23.



MiniArm known for their fine aftermarket updates for Russian vehicles has an update for a T-90M and a conversion kit to make a T-72 B3M.





35255 T-72B3M (mod. 2022) Conversion Set

Finally, MiniArt has a German 3ton truck for us.



That's all for this month tread heads. Grab a kit out of that stash and build it.

Double Dog Dare Ya'

June 15th was the date of ASMS' annual Picnic/Auction. The Hauptriefs (Charlie's mom and dad) were kind enough to host this year and provide some savory fixin's (BBQ) for hungry modelers.

One of the features of the auction is to be able to Double Dog Dare someone to build a kit from the auction. Here's the list so far. Seth Souza: 1/72 Airfix Puma by Tim Robb Jack Johnston: 1/144 Bandai HG Gundam by Tim Robb

Kon McCracken 1/72 Vacform Seversky AT-12 by Tim Robb

Tony Wang: 1/48 Williams Btothers Pitcairn autogyro by Seth Souza

Tim Robb: Monogram 1/48 P-39 by Charlie Brock Severson: 1/48 Hasegawa KI-27 Nate by Charlie Sam Gurrka 1/48 Esci HS-129 by Charlie Fred Wang 1/48 Lindberg Grumman Goose by Charlie

Charlie H. :1/48 ICM Mig 3 by Sam Gurka Gordon Stiemans: 1/144 Academy F4-E twin Pack by Ben Morton

Arthur Legge: 1/72 Airfix DH Tiger Moth by Sam Taylor.

Chris Chany: 1/72 Novo/Frog Blackburn Skua by Tim Robb

The contest for the 2023 DDD is scheduled for our July meeting and will also be the unveiling of the traveling Double Dog Dare trophy.

Please note the contest is for the DDD's received at the previous auction not this year's.

Thanks again to Charlie and his folks for allowing us to invade their home. A great time was had by all!

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IPMS USA is soliciting articles. We've got some great modeller's in this area and you can help the mother organization to flourish by submitting an article to the Journal.

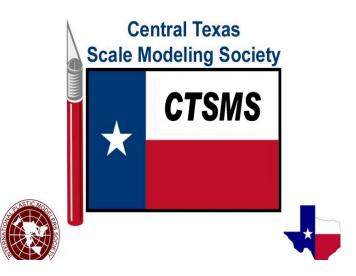
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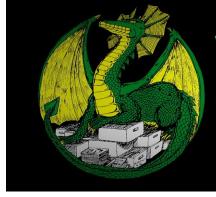
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