

Tim Robb's 1/144th Electra



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Greetings modelers.

May 4th was a banner day for ASMS as our members attended two events that day. Five of us attended Model Mania in Houston as entrants plus three more as vendors.

The same day we had four representing us at Pioneer Flight Museum's spring Fly -in event in Kingsbury. Next up in NCT's show May 25 in Grapevine. Who wants to go? I do. Carpooling is safe ---- no tunnels. :)

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Club Quarterly Contests

Monthly Meeting Presentations:

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Tim Robb's 1/144th Lockheed L-188 Electra by Tim Robb.



This is the Minicraft 1/144 Lockheed L-188 Electra II. It goes together quickly and I was into the bodywork and paint prep stage quickly.

I need to mention here that I almost always have half a dozen or more models in progress. This Electra was not at any time the top priority model on my workbench so it took a couple of years calendar time to finish. But I always tell myself that a model can't be finished if it's never started and I think I have a pretty good track record for not completely abandoning started projects.

So one day I looked up and after all the sanding, painting, re-sanding, polishing, and re-painting Mr. Electra was ready for decals. The kit came with decals for Eastern Airlines and KLM, both very attractive schemes. The decals, however, were very badly out of register and unusable. I knew that from the beginning and found Braniff International makings on line from Vintage Flyer Decals. Yes, I saw many Braniff Electras at Love Field so this was a good choice for me.



Some years ago I built a DeHavilland Comet model with a white top to the cabin. I painted it flat white and then glossed it up with several coats of Future prior to decalling and again post decalling. When finished my white had turned to a creamy yellow and I was disappointed with my result. Since then I have primed with flat white and then painted with gloss white Testor's enamel in the little square bottles that cost fifteen cents in the 1960s (I remember when the price increased from twelve to fifteen).

I let the gloss enamel dry at least three days and then the decals go straight onto the gloss white and get one thin coat of Future for sealer, and that not all over just over the decals. This gives a nice white airliner fuselage. To put on the cheat line decals I cut them into smaller parts, five parts per side on this Electra. I also cut the Braniff Inernational Airlines decal of the fuselage side into three parts, one for each word. I also decal only one side of the model at a time, waiting a couple of days for the other side. A tricky part to decalling an airliner is the nose where all the cheat lines and cockpit window decals come together. The after-market decals I've used all included some extra decal film of the color needed so this area can be pieced together. I haven't mastered this, some decal overlaps are there to see on close inspection.







My Electra model is mostly out of the box. The exceptions are I cut landing gear doors from thin plastic sheet to replace the thick clunky kit parts.

Î also sanded the tips of the prop spinners flat and then drilled a little hole there.

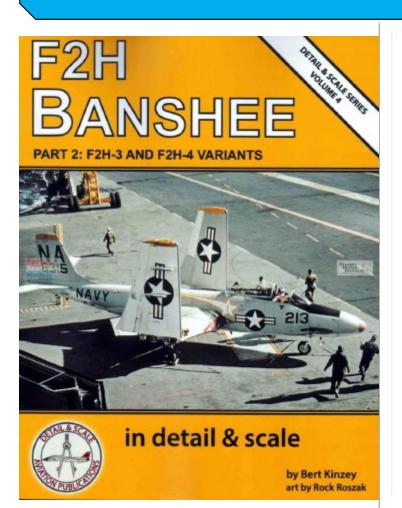
You could see this detail on the Electra from the rooftop observation deck at Love Field.

If you haven't before, try an airliner model. They are fun and a nice change of pace. I am well pleased with this one.

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Detail and Scale F2H Banshee Part 2: A review by Floyd Werner.

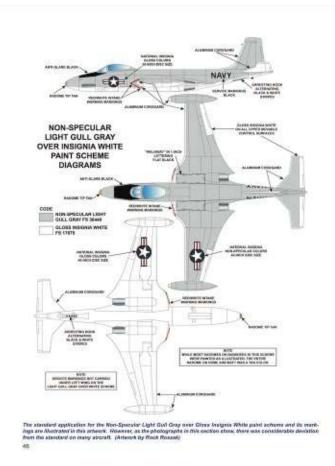


The Banshee Part 1 was released in 2016 by Detail & Scale (D&S) which covered the early 'short' variants from the prototype to the F2H-2. This volume picks up where that left off and covers the Big Banshees, the -3 and -4. Typical of the whole D&S series of books this softbound book is everything that a model builder would need. Printed on 102 pages of high-quality paper printed by Amazon on request, this book has over 280 beautiful and clear full photos with 170 in full color. Noted historian and modeler, Bert Kinzey has produced another in a series of books that will be the reference for this naval fighter. To accompany the text are 15 beautiful color profiles done by noted artist Rock Roszak.



This winning combination has produced a fantastic reference book.

Starting with the developmental history, we are treated to what made the Big Banjo so much different than the earlier variants. This is just a warmup to the individual variants. There are some colorful options in markings for these aircraft, including the Canadian use of the aircraft. So colorful were the paint schemes that there is a special chapter dedicated to them. Everything from overall GSB to Natural metal, and then aluminum paint, to white and light gull grey. So, they are very colorful, especially when you add in the squadron codes and markings.



NATURAL METAL FINISH



An early F3H-3 assigned to VF-141 is ready to isanch tree Car 2 abcord USS RANDELPH, CVA-15, in 4844. The dif ferent busiss of multi an avident on the naturit mela surface. Megnesium panels, non-ciad elaminum panels, and Filerigius surfaces were policient with Autoinum loquier, MMAM) Fiberglass synlaces were po



Specifications for the natural metal scheme called for SUVY to be painted in large black latters under the left using. This #26-3 was assigned to Composite Spassfran THREE (VC-3). (Suffran Collection)

Then comes the part that D&S are known for, the detail photos. Starting in the cockpit and working their way around the airframe the modeler will find this section particularly useful. Of course, armament options are included las well.

The modelers section is the part of the book that set Detail & Scale apart. This section covers, 1/144th, 1/72nd and 1/48th scale models.

MODELERS SECTION



Very few kits of the F2H-3 and F2H-4 Banshees have been released. Today, only the Miniwing resin kit, shown at the center in this photograph, is available in 1/144° scale. At left is the HobbyCraft 1/22° scale model, and at right is the Academy relissue of the HobbyCraft kit. The 2017 release by Academy is still available as of this writing, and atthough it has many shortcomings, no other 1/72° scale injection molifed kit of the "Big Banjo" has even been produced. (Kinzyk)

Miniwing F2H-3

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Miniwing F2H-3 Although Miniwing labels the box as an F2H-3, it can also be built as an F2H-4. The kit comes with decals for an aircraft from VF-11 and alternate markings for a Canadian Banshee ssigned to VF-70. The resish to consists of several major pieces, including the tuselage, right wing, left wing, right and left horizontal tails, and two advantal to tarks. Smaller items are midded on a single base and include the nose gars strut-and wheel, the left and right mining last struts and wheels, doors for the landing gent, the virtical part of the ejection seal, and the bumper skil. Other Mining labs what and wheels had the submper skil. Other Mining labs what would have had vacuformed canopies, but this one has the canopy molded in clear plastic. All parts are relatively free of flash, and the shapes and outlines are all reasonably accurate. The one no-tionable issue with regard to share accurate, shaft the lower canoon fairings on the sides of the forward fuselage are to big. big

big. For a model this small, several items that are specific to the F2H-3/4 are not provided in the kit, because they would be easily torken if cast in resist. These include the topic probe, the fast vent, the small scoop near the top of the leading adge of the vertical scal, and the eight profiles. Use the ways. The instructions show the two cubbard pylons that ge under the instructions show the two cubbard pylons that ge under the pipth will, but the parts are not in the kit, and there is no in-struction to make them from plastic card. Although these gives the series are the parts are not the cala archite in most parse. lons were not always present on the real aircraft, in most or they were, and all eight are easy to add from card stock.

What more could you ask for in a reference book? Nothing. This is the best book on the Big Banjos. Lots of historical photos, drawings, profiles, and plenty of detail shots that will prove very useful for the modeler. Highly recommended You can obtain your copy by visiting their website at www.detailandscale.com . If you order the printed copy, you will be redirected to the Amazon page to purchase it. The book is also available in Apple books

and Kindle format for less at the same place

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

1/48 Eduard #11181 P-51B Mustang Overlord Dual Combo

1/48 Eduard #R0019 P-51B Mustang Royal Class Dual Combo

1/48 Eduard #82107X P-51B Mustang Overtrees

1/35 Rye Field Model #5110 SdKfz.234/2 Puma

1/16 Takom / Andy's HHQ #008 M8 Greyhound

Detail & Scale Publications P-38 Lightning Part 2: P-38J through M

1/48 Great Wall Hobby #4829 A-10C Thunderbolt II

1/72 Modelsvit #72025 Mirage 2000D

1/72 Trumpeter #1641 A-6E Intruder

1/25 AMT #1389 Dodge Pickup "Touch Tone Terror"

1/25 MPC #1004 1973 Mercury Cougar

1/25 MPC #1003 1979 Chevy Nova



What's Up 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.



Austin Scale Modelers asupported the Houston Show this year. Here's the group that attended.



Tim, Pete, Ian, Sam and Jackson had a great time and got to experience IPMS's new judging technique first hand.

Lots of great models at the meeting this month. Let's start off with contributions from Bob Bethea. Bob and Eric Choy just returned from the AMPS nationals where they gave a presentation on ground work.





Jackson Hunter shared a couple of projects with the group. The first is some Verlinden Panzer Grenadiers.



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The grenadiers will later be posed on a Tiger 2 that Jackson is working on. Jackson also brought in a Dilanza Sol Bandai Gundam in 1/144. Jackson affectionately named it Blueberry.



Fred Wang brought in his High Grade GM Spartan. This is a 1/144th Bandai kit.



Tim Robb brought in his 1/48 Hobbycraft Sea Fury.



Jorge Martins brought in his Special Hobby 1/72 Dornier DO-27A4 with Shapeways 3D printed Matra RL-181 Rocket Pods.





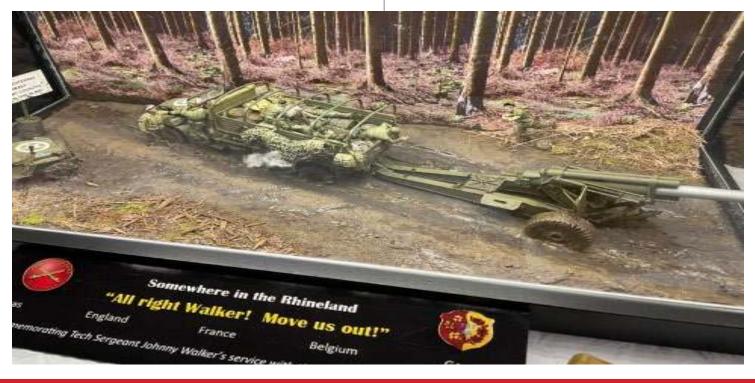
Mike Gilsbach shared his Tamiya 1/48 M4A38



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Steve Anthony brought in an impressive diorama somewhere in the Huertgen forest.







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Steve's diorama was a comemorative gift to his father in law. His older brother is the driver/ tech sargeant.



Charlie Hauptrief brought in his 1/350 scale AFV Club Type VII U-boat. Rick Herrington brought in his 1/35 Trumpeter BMD-3.



Jackson Hunter shared his Games Workshop Necrons.



First up from Ron McCracken is a 1/72 Italeri YF-23. Ron re-scribed the panel lines and scratch built the engine intakes.



Next from Ron is a Special Hobby 1/72 Brewster Bermuda.



Ron also shared his 1/72 Bell UH-1N by Fujimi.



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Last from Ron is an Emhar 1/72 MsDonnell F3H-2.



Gene Myers won Model of the Month with his Tamiya McDonnell Phanton II F4D in 1/32 scale. Gene made custom ejection handles and used Eduad photo etch to enhance the aircraft.



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New and In View Aircraft by Ron McCracken

Offerings for May are mostly in the two predominant scales of 1/48th and 1/72nd. As far as brand new-tool offerings, there are two in 1/48th scale from Eduard and ICM. Otherwise every-thing in view for May is a re-pop of an existing kit, generally with a new set of decals.

1/48th Scale:

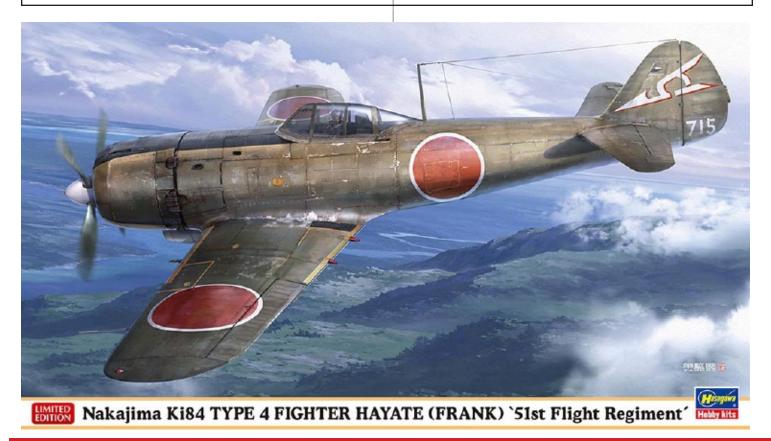
Eduard has released a new-tool special edition "Overlord: D-Day Mustangs Dual Combo" featuring two P-51B/C kits and 10 different markings for aircraft that participated in the D-Day invasion.



Eduard has re-released their Spitfire Mk.IXc late in a Weekend Edition kit with four markings options.



Hasegawa has re-released their Ki-84 Hayate in 51st Flying Squadron markings.



HobbyBoss has re-released their MiG-35 as a Fulcrum F with some new parts.



ICM has released a new-tool B-26B-55 Marauder (the last production run of the B model) with three markings options for D-Day participants – one O.D. finished aircraft, and two bare-metal schemes.



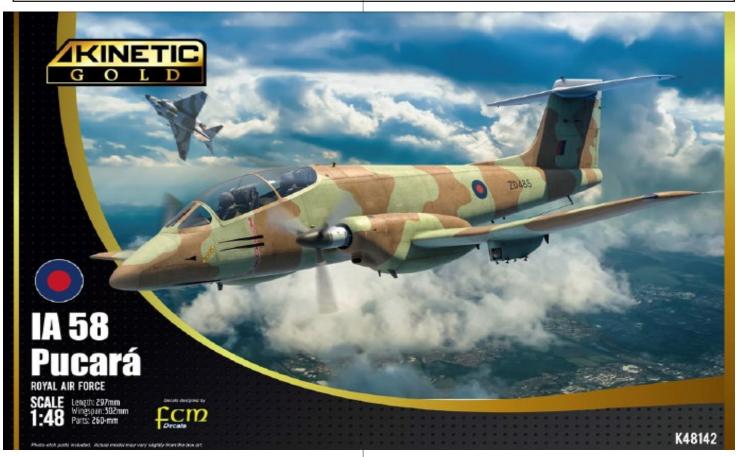
Kinetic has re-released their F/A-18A Hornet in RAAF Operation Okra markings.



Kinetic has also re-released their F-16A/B kit as a Block 20 RoCAF 70th Anniversary "Flying Tigers" kit.



Kinetic has also re-released their IA-58 Pucara in RAF markings, with new decals.



Revell has re-released their Do 335 Pfeil, unsure what, if anything, has been updated since the previous release (2010).



1/72nd Scale:

Eduard has re-released their Spitfire Mk.IXc late in a Weekend Edition kit.

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Fine Molds has re-released their F-15DJ in Aggressor markings.



Fine Molds has also re-released their F-15J in Aggressor markings.



Platz is re-releasing its F-15J Eagle in Tactical Fighter Training Group markings.



1/144th Scale:

Revell is re-releasing their A340 Airbus as an A340-300 in Lufthansa New Livery



1/200th Scale:

Hasegawa has re-released their EC-1 in Electronic Warfare Operation Group markings.



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



Ahoy mates! Welcome to the menagerie of Naval Modeling. A smattering of new releases this month including a couple in 1/200 scale and 1/72nd scale. Let's start off with 1/700 scale. First from Hobby Boss is a PLAN Type 094 SSBN.



Hobby Boss is also releasing a model of RMS Olympic as she looked in dazzle camouflage during WW 1 as a troop ship.



Pit Road is releasing a kit of the French battleship Richelieu as she looked in 1943. Pit Road is also releasing a kit of the Italian battleship Rome also as she looked in 1943.



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Aoshima is releasing the USS Washington one of the fast battleships.



Riich Models is releasing an Ohio class SSGN which includes a Seal Delivery Vehicle.



Finally in 1/700 scale Kami De Korokoro is releasing a JMSDF observation ship the Nichinan.



Moving on to 1/350 scale Trumpeter is releasing the French helicopter carrier Jeanne D'Arc.



Trumpeter is also releasing the WW 2 French light cruiser Georges Leygues.

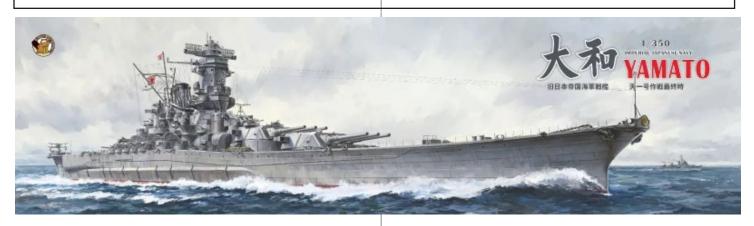


Finally from Trumpeter is the USS Montana.



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Finally in 1/350th scale Veryfire is releasing a IJN Yamato. This one will set you back a chunk of change but but the premium version has all the bells and whistles and has the added bonus of being engineered by Veryfire.





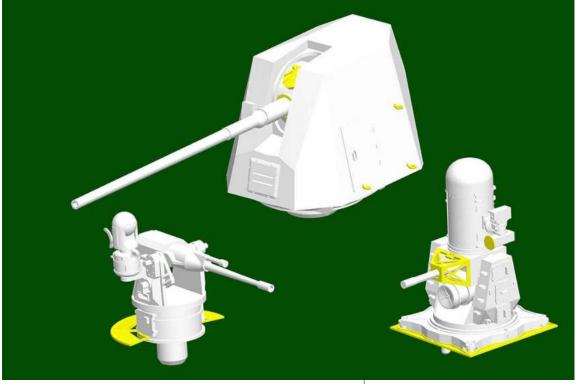
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Moving on to shelf buster scale (1/200) we have two releases, both from I Love Kit. The first is the USS Pinkney.





The second from I Love Kit is DDG-54 Curtis Wilbur.



Last entry in the ship column is in 1/72 scale. ICM is releasing a set of K-Verbande midget ssubmarines. K-Verbände, full name Kleinkampfverbände der Kriegsmarine Its tasks were to conduct sabotage and assault operations on rivers, at sea and in the coastal zone.



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Tracked Topics By Danzer Lehr

Strictly 1/35 and 1/16th this month. First up is AFV Club with an Australian M113A1



Amusing Hobby has a couple of new releases for us this month. The first is a Russian Black Eagle Object 640. This tank never entered production and was a test bed for cutting edge Russian tank design. It was based on the T-80U





Next from Amusing Hobby is a Leopard 2A8.





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Hobby Boss is releasing a kit of the IDF Eitan. From what I understand this kit is based on the prototype of Israel's newest APC. It is different from the production vehicle that's being used in Gaza.



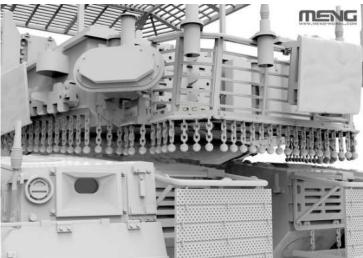
Meng is releasing a second version of its Merkava 4. This one includes turret slat armor that protects the tank from enemy drones.











Meng's Merkava includes the trophy active protective system.

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Model Miniature is releasing an EBRC Jaguar. This is a new French recon vehicle.



Takom is releasing.....wait for it.....another...Woo Hoo! Tiger 1 kit. This one is a Gruppe Fehrman (1945) version. Apparently the manufacturers beleive the saturation point on Tigers hasn't been reached yet.







Tiger Models is releasing their own Tiger 1





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Trumpeter is releasing the Vbm Freccia an Italian 8 wheeled armored car.



RFM is releasing a late model Panther G with steel wheels and roof armor.



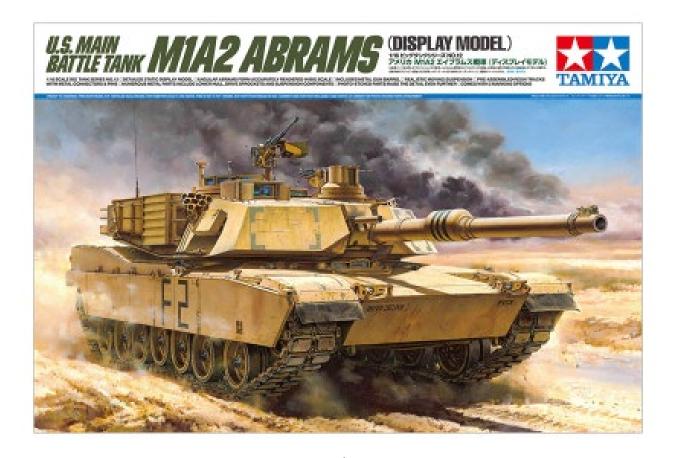




Takom is releasing an M247 Sargeant York. I wish I could say this was a long anticipated release, but at least it's not another Tiger.



Tamiya is releasing/re-releasing? their M1A2 in 1/16th scale. The box says it's a display model. Scalemates says this was originally designed for RC.







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Sticking with 1/16th scale Andy's Hobby is releasing an M113A1 Acav.





That's the armor column for this month. See you at the meeting!

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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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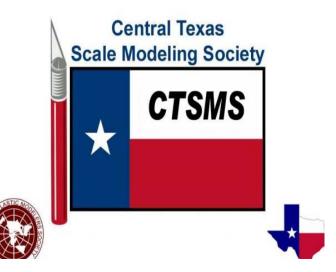
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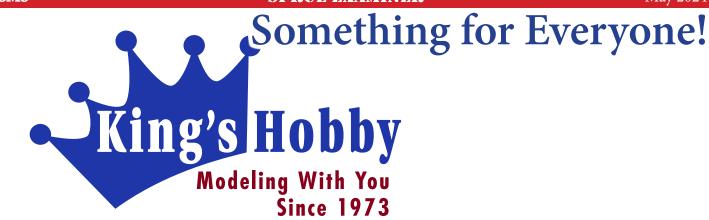
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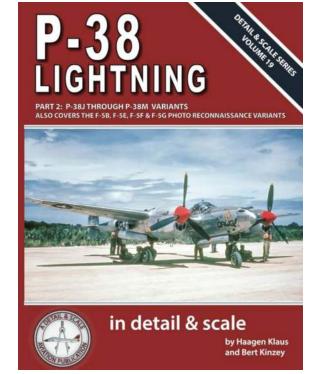
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