

We just want to see what you're working on !

Hello All!

Here are all your contributions that I received to put together this newsletter. It's kindof a "What we would have seen if we had an April meeting" thing. I think you'll like it – I certainly enjoyed seeing all these pics as it was coming together. A lot of really fine, interesting work going on. Enjoy!

Mike Sullivan

Here are a couple of in-process pieces. Both Japanese, A 'BABs' FineModels on the left and an old '70s(?) Otaki 'Jack' on the right. These are the 2nd and 3rd planes he's built in 30 years. The first is an Aichi 'Val' that Mike is also still working on. He wasn't able to provide a photo for the Val, but he says the canopies are a real beast. The Val has 35 window panes.



Paul Wojciechowski

Paul mentioned that he'll be very interested to see what everyone is doing. He said that he has been inspired by Phil P. and Paul S. (and others) for the great bases they prepare for their models. His recent inspiration is a grassy/dirt field that he's preparing for his 1/48 Ju-52 that's NOT YET finished. But, here it is with a 1/48 Curtiss P-40. Interesting to see how the camo works.



Peter Leas

Pete said he hopes that many people contribute to this newsletter. (Mission Accomplished Pete !). Below are 3 pictures. The first two are of a 1949 Ford Gasser. The front straight axle came from a 1050 Ford Convertible kit. The rear end was raised with scratch built shackles and shocks. The slicks came out of my parts stash.



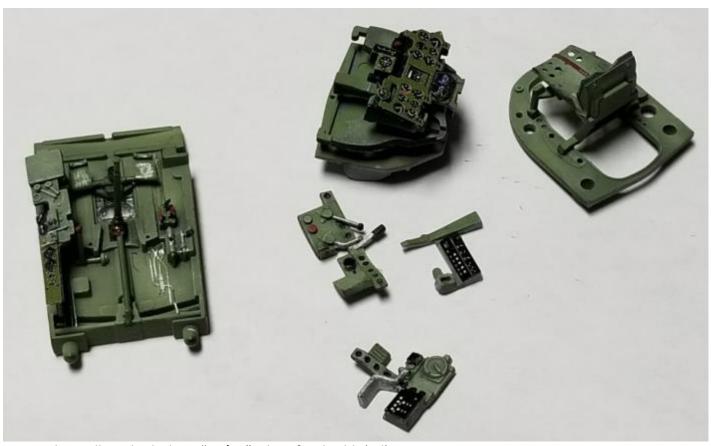


The next photo is of a 1925 Ford pickup which is being built as a "barn find". Pete still has some more dust and dirt to add to this one.



Armand Miale

Armand has started work on the interior of a 1/48th A6M5 Tamiya Zero. A lovely kit, to which he is adding an Eduard Zoom cockpit interior.



A Zero that will no doubt be a "10/10" when finished! (ed)



Steve Coykendall

Here are some pics of two projects Steve is finishing up. Sleeping Beauty is a commission paint job and will be shipping out to Washington hopefully at the end of the week. She was left pretty much stock and will break down in six pieces for shipping.





The Pirate Lass is Steve's own sculpt that he molded and cast. She is cast in four pieces. The doubloons base was painted with Alclad pale gold, then an umber oil wash was applied and finished with a gloss clear coat. The metals on the dagger and rapier were also Alclad paint.



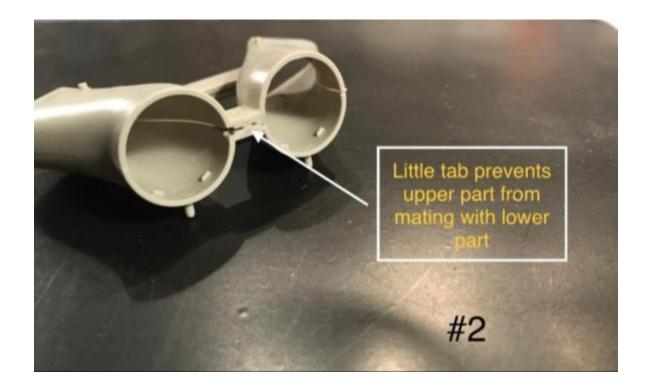


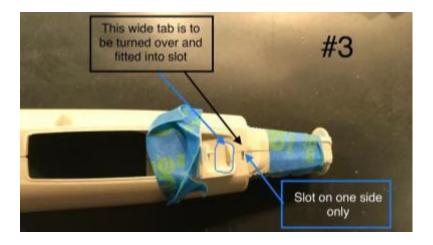
Donn Wells

Donn Took on the 1/48 F-101B by Kitty Hawk, (Photo 1) to see if the larger scale would be easier (in his words) on "these old – correction = "slightly older"- eyes".

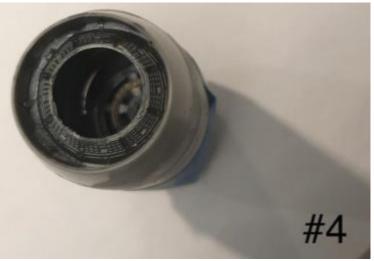


He thinks the kit is turning out to be a bad choice for a sample project! This kit has many odd errors of production that require shaving, sanding and dry fitting (Photos 2 and 3) . . . plus vague instructions.





In spite of some really nice details (Photo 4)



 \dots the frustration level got so high that Donn will attempt a new approach; He's throwing the parts on the work bench in a pile (Photo 5) and watching to see if maybe they will come together and look like an airplane --!!



deep cleansing breaths Donn! ... deep cleansing breaths

Paul Stirrup

Here is Paul's 1/35 Sheridan M551 1A/TTS from Rye Field Models

Exquisite details including the photo etch 'Butterfly Trigger', bolt heads sliced off from the sprues . . .



... and photo etch for the ammo box, (that you can't see)!



Ah – but you know it's there Paul! . . . and now we do too.



Stowage from Value Gear.





More stowage from Value Gear and home printed C-Rat and Water boxes.



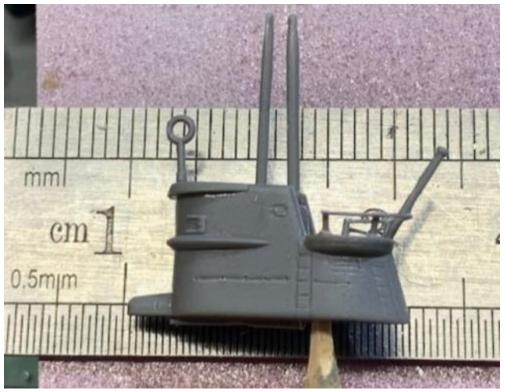


Other additions were the antenna made from guitar strings, thanks to my dealer Armand, I have a ready supply. This time I soldered a larger string to the base of a narrower one with low temp solder, I shall be using this method going forward.



And here's a floaty... (actually a "Floaty - and Sinky - and Back to being Floaty") thing.

Airfix 1:400 Das Boot.... and there are more diorama buildup details on the ROC City Modelers FB site!



That's just less than an inch wide - for all us here in the US









Ted Thull

A recently finished Revell 1/48 scale P-51D Mustang... Ted mentioned that this is not a very detailed kit.





Bill Gillman

Bill is currently building two resin kits in "God's scale", the CMR Blackburn Firebrand Mk.5 and the CMR Martin AM-1 Mauler. He wasn't sure they were photogenic yet. \bigcirc

1/72 Czech Master Resin Blackburn Firebrand:





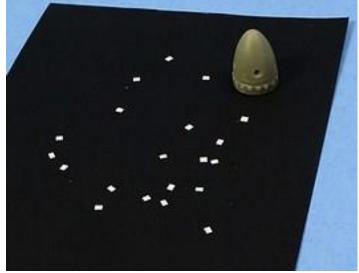












OK Bill - This is just nuts!





1/72 Czech Master Resin Martin Mauler



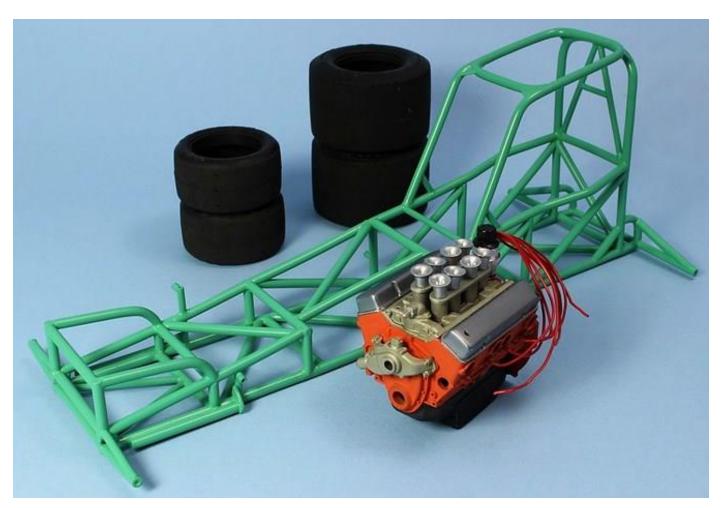




For something a little MORE exotic, Bill is building the "8 Ball Supermodified" - a scratchbuild project that is on hold until he can get a 3D printer.







Richard Senges

Still adding detail to the 1/6th scale (yikes !) 1942 Desert Raider Jeep. It has 619 (81%) scratch built parts and full engine detail.



John Trippe

Here are a couple photos from John along with his descriptions:

John Says: "The first picture shows what I've been reduced to . . . A picture of a vintage kit I'm cleaning, doing sub-assemblies and getting ready for paint and the build. Never did I think my prep work would include the Visible Frog! But... it is a hobby as I'm running out of high quality kits to do prep work on...



1/144 Roden Boeing 727 just being started.



The last picture is of my work space upstairs. A part of my life I haven't been able to get to, with any length of time & quality, since my surgery. Thus, all the prep-work is being done downstairs. I will do anything to build! Miss all of you!



"BOAT STEVE" Smith

And all the way from the great State of Ohio come these floating gems. We knew we could count on you Steve!





Chris Boss

One of my favorite aircraft subjects is the Hawker Hurricane, and I've had an idea rattling around in my head for a while: a take-off diorama with three Hurricanes. So here are (3) 1/72 Airfix Hurricane Mk I's. The plan is to put them against a blurred backdrop photo of an airfield. (You know – the RAF airfield at Bullis Park in Macedon that was so strategic during the Battle of France in 1940.)



The lead a/c (right) has its gear fully retracted, while the other two are in the process of retracting. When watching videos of Hurricanes at take-off, I noticed that the gear didn't retract symmetrically as they got close to full closure – so the one on the left is showing that "wonkiness".



different sets of fuselage codes.



They all look the same underneath!



And here is the 1/72 Academy Grumman Avenger with wingfold. It is now finished with some pastel chalk weathering that was done after the photos were taken.



And What ????! Could it be . . . a late *AIRCRAFT* submission by none other than . . . **Paul Stirrup ?**

A BIG Scale 1/32 Revell Tornado GR.1... Gulf War. Scratch built ladder and intake covers ... finished in a bespoke mix with Tamiya acrylics.

For all of us on the west side (of the pond) . . . I'm pretty sure that "bespoke" is British-speak for: "custom blended just for this model".











Phil Pucher

Phil Says . . . These will be my entry into the collections category. It is a collection composed of 5 Japanese float planes. In counter-clockwise order starting from the lowest position, the a/c are as follows: Aichi M6A Seiran (an actual a/c is at the Air & Space Museum), Mitsubishi F1M2 Model 11 (Pete), Kawanishi N1K1 (Rex), Nakajima E8N1 (Dave), Mitsibishi A6M2-N (Rufe).



The base is constructed as follows: Base is 18" dia., 1" thick. Each stem is made from a 1/2" dowell, 2 turned wood candle holders, a 4" dia. Plaque and an 1/4" disc 8" in diameter. The purpose of the red disc is to fill a visual void.

Individual photos of 4 of the 5 a/c . . .





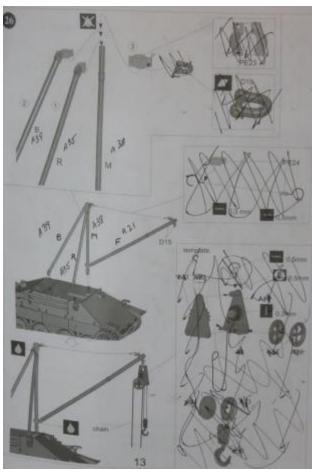




Also from Phil . . . 2 Armor pieces:

Bergepanzer 38 Hetzer. This vehicle was created from the Hetzer. The top was removed and a powered winch was installed in the fighting compartment. A lifting apparatus incorporating a chain hoist was designed to be installed on hardpoints attached to the upper edge of the hull. Some vehicles had a spade attached to the rear of the vehicle. The kit is made by Thunder Models. It includes a complete interior and engine compartment. P/E was included, but the instructions for applying it were poor, so I didn't use most of it. Tracks are link and length. They were difficult to install, as were the p/e parts on the hoist.





1/35 Hetzer



Sd.Kfz. 234 w/2cm Schwebelafette. This vehicle was the attempt to mount a 20cm gun on this chassis. It was followed by an improved version (234/3)that included a larger, 6 sided turret with screened overhead coverings. The 20cm gun was fully enclosed and there was provision for a coaxial MG. The kit is made by Dragon. The only negative was that the instructions for the gun mount were not good. The fighting compartment details are difficult to see.



Thank You All for your submissions!

I hope you are all keeping safe and healthy, and I also hope that these few pages have provided some entertainment value and encouragement to build during this time.

Looking forward to seeing y'all again when we can meet.

That's All Folks!