

AMS Chronicle



IPMS Denver
Rob Wolf Chapter

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“Gratitude is the most exquisite form of courtesy.”
-- Jacques Maritain

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00pm
Burt Chevrolet, 5200 S.
Broadway (near Bellevue)

This Month's Program:
Jeff Osborne talks ships – Part
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Prez Deppe

I think we would all agree that last month's meeting was an interesting one: a little bit of controversy; a lot of “show-n-tell”; and an enjoyable program on model ship building presented by Jeff Osborne.

Speaking of that, Jeff will return in June for part II of his ship building program. Even if model shipbuilding is not your area of modeling interest, Jeff's enthusiasm for his subject is quite contagious and he has some painting and construction tips that are applicable across the entire spectrum of model building.

June is our traditional nominating month for elections to fill our club officer positions. Don't be afraid to step forward and nominate your favorite candidate. Elections will be held in July.

I would like to thank our 'serial' guests Jim Landon and Brent Tripet for attending our May meeting. We hope you two will follow the example set by Darrell Ray and join us as new members. Special recognition also goes out to Terry Cooper for bringing his sons along to the meeting.

I take pleasure in embarrassing Jim Landon at this time by doing some in print 'ooing and aahing' over his 1/16th scale scratch-building project of the Salmson biplane in which Lt. Francis Lowry (of Lowry AFB, now neighborhood, fame) met his fate. That certainly is a modeling work of art in progress Jim, and I thank you for bringing it in to show us.

Joining in with Shawn in his eternal plea for newsletter articles, I would like to ask your help in my ME-109F project. Most of my research is on the G version, so if any of you have the following publications and would let me borrow them, I would be most grateful: (1) Militaria #54 ME-109F; (2) Model Art #408 Bf-109F; (3) Monogram Close-up #9 Bf-109F.

Before I forget, I would like to mention that the proprietor of Blue Yonder Hobbies in Aurora is offering IPMS members a 10% discount.

ELECTION TIME

At the June meeting, we will be nominating people for officer positions for the next year. The following officer positions are up for election (or re-election as the case may be):

President	Vice-President
Treasurer	Secretary

Newsletter Editor
(Yes – I will be stepping down after the July 2004 issue)

YOUR ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

Don't forget that your annual dues are coming up for renewal in June. If you wish to continue your membership (and why wouldn't you?) from June 2004 through June 2005, please visit with Dallas Lloyd or Cliff Davis during the next couple of meetings.

The Time Has Come...

A little while back, I realized that I've been the AMS Chronicle newsletter editor for four years! That's quite a bit of time to be the only voice for the crowd so it is time that I step down from the editorship and let someone else take the reigns and guide this newsletter into its next phase, whatever it may be. The timing is perfect, as it is our annual election period and a great opportunity for someone new to take over.

These last four years have been a blast. It has been a pleasure to be the newsletter editor (even if I did complain about articles), and hopefully I've done a pretty good job of keeping the newsletter going and improving it bit by bit every year. The next editor will have his or her opportunity to put their mark on the newsletter and continue to grow it to accommodate the Rob Wolf chapter.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank several people who really helped me out during the last several years. First of all, I'd like to thank the presidents of our chapter, Al Gonzalez, Derek Brown, and Tom Deppe. They were instrumental in keeping the club moving in a forward direction.

A HUGE thanks goes out to Terry Tuytschaevers for being the club secretary. Without his wonderful note taking, we wouldn't have the meeting minutes to post in the newsletter. Terry also supplied the "What's New" column that highlighted the latest and greatest kits and books available to us. Thanks Terry!

Thank you Cliff Davis for keeping me up to date with contest dates and the latest information from other clubs around the region. Thank you Dallas Lloyd for supplying member names and addresses throughout the years so that the newsletter made it to everyone. A big thank you to Mike Gawell who gave us space on the US Aircraft website for our newsletter. Thanks guys!

Another HUGE thanks goes out to everyone to write articles for the newsletter while I was your editor. I couldn't have done it without you! A special thanks goes out to Earl Hosmer, Al Gonzalez, and Steve Lawson for stepping up big time with article production. Thank you thank you thank you!

My work here is done. Thanks for everything!

What's New In Town

By Terry Tuyschaevers

A+V MODELS

1/72 Kawasaki Ki-108 Kai

AMT/ERTL

1/25 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1

1/25 1969 Ford Galaxie Hard Top

1/25 1975 Plymouth Duster Hard Top

1/25 1965 Buick Riviera

ATTACK HOBBY

1/72 15 cm Nbw 41 "Nebelwerfer"

1/72 3,7 cm Pak 35/36

1/72 8,8 cm Raketenwerfer 43 "Püppen" on Skis

1/72 8,8 cm Raketenwerfer 43 "Püppen" on Wheels

1/72 12 cm GrWr 42

1/72 7,5 cm LeLG 18

1/72 2,8cm SPzB 41 and JF8 Anhängen

1/72 Anhängen JF8, JF8/1, NSU

1/72 Handwaffen No.1

1/72 10,5 cm LG 42/1

1/72 PzKpfw III Ausf F

1/72 PzBefWg III Ausf E

CLASSIC AIRFRAMES

1/48 Northrop F-5A USAF

1/48 Northrop F-5A NATO Allies

1/48 Northrop RF-5A Recon

COTTAGE INDUSTRY MODELS

1/96 USS Keokuk

1/96 CSS Palmetto State

DRAGON/DML

1/72 US Army Bradley M2A2 ODS Iraq 2003

1/72 King Tiger Sdkfz. 182 France 1944 With Display Case

1/72 M1A1 Abrams with Mine Plough

1/35 German Anti-Tank Team France 1940 (4-figures)

EDUARD

1/48 Sopwith 2F.1 Camel

1/72 Lavochkin La-7

1/144 Junkers Ju-87G

EXTRATECH FROM CZECH REPUBLIC

1/48 SO 1221 DJINN

1/72 Sud Aviation SE.313B Alouette 2

1/72 Aerospatiale SA-315 Lama

1/72 SO 1221 DJINN

1/72 Feuerliebe F-55 SAM

1/72 Wurzburg Riese FuSE 65 Radar

1/72 Ba-64 Armored Car

1/72 NKL-26 Assault Motor Ski

1/72 Beaverette Armored Car

1/72 Dorchester AEC 4x4 Armored Car

1/72 Autoblindata AB-41 Armored Car

1/72 42cm M. 17(t) Heavy Howitzer

1/72 Feuerliebe F-55 SAM

1/72 Tetrarch Mk 7 Light Tank

1/72 Cromwell Mk IV Tank

1/72 Cromwell Mk VI Tank

1/72 Austin-Putilov Armored Car

1/72 Panhard 178 Armored Car

1/72 Citroen 11 CV

1/72 Wurzburg FuSE 62 Radar

1/72 Panzerspahwagen P 204(f)

1/72 Mk II Light Recon Car

1/72 Flak 40 12.8 CM

1/72 M8 Greyhound Armored Car

1/72 M20 Armored Car

1/72 Skoda RSO

1/72 Fries 1 6T Field Crane

1/72 FUMG 401A Freya LZ Radar Station

1/72 Bulldog 30HP

1/72 Marmon-Herrington Mk IIIA

1/72 AEC Mk II/III Armored Car

1/72 sFH18 Schwere Feldhaubitze

1/72 Marmon-Herrington Mk III Armored Car

GRAND PHOENIX PRODUCTIONS

1/48 Supermarine Seafire Mk.46/47

HASEGAWA

1/200 Generic Lockheed L-1011 Tristar (No-Decals)

1/32 Focke Wulf Fw-190A-8

1/32 Northrop F-5E Tiger II Aggressor VFC-13

1/32 Mitsubishi A6M5 Zero Fighter Type 52 (Zeke)

Up-Grade Version

1/48 Kawanishi N1K2-J Shidenkai (George) Early With Belly Tank

1/48 Mitsubishi A6M5 Zero Fighter Type 52 (Zeke)

1/48 Hughes 500 MD IDF Defender

1/72 Supermarine Spitfire Mk.VIII 'Pointed Wing'

1/72 Northrop F-5A Freedom Fighter

1/72 Mitsubishi A6M2b Zero Fighter Type 21 (Zeke)

1/72 Mikoyan MiG-23s Flogger B Swing-Wing Fighter

1/72 Kawanishi N1K2-J Shidenkai "George" With

Painted Canopy

1/72 Focke-Wulf Ta-154A-O Night Fighter With Radar

Arrays

1/72 DeHavilland Mosquito FB Mk VI Fighter

1/72 Sabb J-350 Draken "Austrian Millennium" Special

Markings

1/72 Mitsubishi Ki-51 Sonia Type 99 Light

Bomber/Recon Plane

1/72 Mitsubishi A6M2b Zero Fighter Type 21 (Zeke) -

Pre-Built

1/72 Mitsubishi A6M5 Zero Fighter Type 52 (Zeke) -

Pre-Built

1/72 North American F-86F Sabre "Starburst"

1/72 Kawasaki Ki-45 Kai Hei Toryu (Nick) 5th Flight

Regiment

1/72 Macchi Mc.202 Folgore

1/72 Mikoyan MiG-29 Fulcrum "Strijni"

1/72 North American P-51D Mustang "Uno-Who?" -

Prebuilt

1/72 North American P-51D Mustang "Short-Fuse" -

Prebuilt

1/72 Northrop F-20 Tigershark "Capt. Shin"

1/24 1971 Lamborghini Miura P400 SV

1/24 1966 Ford Thunderbird W/Flames

ITALERI

1/32 DUKW w/105mm Howitzer

1/35 Sdkfz 10/4 w/FLAK 30

1/72 Vought A-7D "Sluff"

1/72 Republic P-47N Thunderbolt

1/35 AH-1W Super Cobra

KP

1/72 Letov S-328

1/72 Avia S-199 'Mule'

1/72 Supermarine Spitfire F. Mk. IX C 51. Stormo

1/72 Spitfire Mk VII Spirit of Kent

1/72 Sukhoi Su-17/22 UM-3K

1/72 Sukhoi Su-22M4/R "Desert Shield"

1/72 Sukhoi Su-22M3 "Gulf of Sidra Conflict"

1/72 Sukhoi Su-20/R "Last Flight"

1/72 Sukhoi Su-25 UB

1/72 Sukhoi Su-9 Fishpot B

1/48 Sukhoi Su-25K Frogfoot A

1/48 Sukhoi Su-7 BKL

1/48 Sukhoi SU-7 BMK

1/72 Piper L-4H w/ Floats

LEGATO KITS

1/72 Zlin Z 381 (C-106)

1/72 Nardi FN-305

1/72 Lockheed AH-56 Cheyenne

1/72 Crane Bilstein 480

1/72 Sdkfz 9 w/ Crane

1/48 Lohner Dr. I

1/72 Eurocopter BO-105 CBS

1/72 Aero L-159 A Alca

1/72 Shavrov Sh-7 Amphibian

1/72 Yakolev Yak-5 Fighter

1/72 Supermarine Seafire F Mk. IIC

1/72 Cansa Fc-20 Bis

1/72 Caproni AP-1 2 Seater

1/72 Savoia Marchetti SM-93

1/72 Werner W-1 'Broucek'

1/72 Caproni CA-100 Fiat Engine

1/72 Zlin Z-26/ C-5 Trainer

1/48 Robinson R-22 Beta II

1/48 Robinson R-22 Mariner

MINICRAFT

1/16 Rolls Royce Phantom Squire

1/144 Lockheed 1049G Super Constellation

1/144 Boeing 727-200 United Airlines

1/144 Douglas VC-54C Truman's "Sacred Cow" The

Original Air Force One

1/144 Lockheed L-1049G Super Connie Northwest

Airlines

PLATZ

1/35 Pkw.K1 Kubelwagen Type 82

POLAR LIGHTS

1/350 Star Trek USS Enterprise NX-01

REVELL/MONOGRAM

1/48 Republic A-10 Warthog

1/48 MDD AV-8B Harrier With Operation Iraqi Freedom Book

SPECIAL HOBBY

1/48 WWI German Pfalz D. Xii Late Version

1/72 Bell P-59A/B Airacomet "Smokey Stover"

1/72 Junkers W34 Hau "Bramo Motor" (Radial Engine)

TAMIYA

1/35 M551 Sheridan

1/72 Republic P-47D Razorback "Little Chief"

1/24 Enzo Ferrari Rosso Corsa

TRUMPETER

1/35 USA M1 Abrams II (M1 Panther II) Mine-Clearing Tank

1/72 Chinese Shenzou 5 Spacecraft

1/24 British Spitfire Mk.Vb Float Plane

VERLINDEN PRODUCTIONS

1/72 Seehund German Midget Submarine

1/72 Stone Bridge System

1/35 USMC "LAV" 50-Pc. Stowage - Iraq War

1/6 Luftwaffe Field Division Machine Gunner WWII

1/72 Stone Bridge Section - WWII

1/35 Ruined Church Interior Hideout (Resin Diorama Base)

1/35 Set Of 12 Optional Heads For WWII Russian

Figures

1/35 "Approach To Stalingrad" - 4-Figure Vignette

1/24 US G.I. With Thompson Machine Gun - WWII

Europe

1/35 Wounded German Soldiers WWII (2 Figures)

1/35 USMC WWII "Trophy" (2 Figures)

1/35 Soviet Infantry WWII "Charge!" (2 Figures)

YANKEE MODELWORKS

1/350 USS McCain

1/350 AS-3 USS Holland

1/350 USS Daniel Webster

1/350 USS Polk

1/350 USS De Haven

1/350 USS Sumner

CLASSIC COLOURS

Jagdwaaffe - The Mediterranean 1942 - 1943

Jagdwaaffe - The War In Russia - 1942 - 1943

CLASSIC PUBLICATIONS

Jagdwaaffe V4/Sec3: The War in Russia

Kampfflieger: Bmbrs/Luftwaffe Vol.1

CONCORD PUBLICATIONS

Panzer-Division in Russia

Rolling Steel - NATO's Self-Propelled Guns

DACO PUBS

Boeing F/A-18 A/B/C/D Hornet

DIALOG PUBLICATIONS

Military Vehicles of WW II

KALMBACH

How to Build Armor Dioramas

OSPREY PUBLICATIONS

The Spanish Invasion of Mexico 1519-1521

German Airborne Divisions Blitzkrieg 1940-41

The D-Day Companion

Israeli F-4 Phantom II Aces

'Twelve to One' V Fighter Command Aces of the Pacific

M18 Hellcat Tank Destroyer 1943-97

The German Army in WW I Pt.2 1915-17

Warriors at the Little Bighorn

Cassino 1944

Saipan & Tinian 1944

SCHIFFER PUB

Battle Colors Vol.1

The Tiger Project

US Marine Corps Unit Insignia, Vietnam, 1961-75

The Prussian Army to 1815

SPECIALITY PRESS

Antonov An-2

Black Cross Vol.1 Junkers Ju-188

German Airdropped Weapons

SQUADRON SIGNAL BOOKS

Bf-109E Walk Around

M24 Chaffee in Action

MINUTES FOR MAY 5, 2004

Our President, Tom Deppe, called the May 5, 2004 meeting to order at 7:12 PM at the Burt Chevrolet with 29 members and guests present.

TREASURY:

Cliff Davis reported that we currently have a balance of 4044.68 in our club account.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Cliff Davis received information on the IPMS Western Region Contest being held at the Imperial Palace Hotel in Las Vegas Nevada on May 14th and 15th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ben Fulcher apologized for bringing in the Monogram M4 Sherman tank that was missing parts to last month's auction. The model was put into his box by mistake. He also felt insulted at some of the remarks that were in the last newsletter. Cliff confessed to writing the remarks and he sort of felt apologized for writing them. Ben will get even at Cliff's next haircut.

Derek brought up that we seem to be taken some of these little events, such as this auction or the gift exchange, way too seriously. These should be fun events and everything should be taken lighter. Thank you Derek.

David Reinecke brought in some sheet metal plates that could be used in modeling. He also mentioned that I had called him Dale Reinecke in the last newsletter. My apologies go to Dale Summers for this mistake. ☺

NEW BUSINESS:

Carl Barna brought up an idea of having our next club contest at Rockler's Woodworking on South University Blvd. They probably have plenty of room in the basement that we could use.

Mark Persichetti mentioned that he had no new Qwest Info on contest rooms. He also mentioned that a show and contest is still possible at the Budweiser Events Center up near Fort Collins although it could be somewhat expensive. Vendors will be allowed at this sight though. Mark is going to the next ship model club meeting at Rocklers and he will see if space is available for a contest.

Tom Deppe mentioned that we need programs for our upcoming meetings and articles for the newsletter. If you have anything that you would like to see or do, let somebody know.

SHOW & TELL:

Jeffrey Osborne showed us a completed 1/72 Academy Fieseler Storch, the new 1/350 Polar Lights Enterprise starship kit, and a 1/700 Skywave IJN Oi Japanese light cruiser converted to a torpedo cruiser. **Derek Brown** is working on his second Restoration series CD that will be on the Lockheed P-38 series of aircraft. He needs any information on models available, pictures, photos, stories, anything that can be related to P-38's. **Terry Tuyschaegers** brought in a completed 1/48 Hasegawa Vought F-8E Crusader, a completed 1/72 Hasegawa Grumman F-11F Tiger, and a 1/72 DML Northrop P-61 Black Widow that was still under construction. **Ben Trippit** had a completed 1/35 DML Jagpanzer IV L 70 with a long barrel that was all ready for the Nationals. **David Nelson** is currently working on a 1/48 Monogram Northrop F-20 Tigershark. **Doug DeCounter** showed us a completed 1/35 Tamiya 250/9, a completed 1/35 Tamiya Marder III M, a completed Dragon T-34-85 Soviet Main Battle tank, a completed 1/35 Italeri DUKW with Verlinden storage, and his favorite was a completed 1/35 RPM Mainenraumer mine clearing vehicle. Looked like a John Deere tractor on too many steroids. **Mark Persichetti** brought in two little 1/1200 IJN Battleships. The Yamato and the Musashi. You had to look really close to see the fine detail railings and rigging that he used. Not!!! **Ben Fulcher** showed us his current project of a 1/48 Modelcraft F-82 Twin Mustang. I won't repeat here what he thinks of this kit. **Gerry Cole** had a MAP photo CD of a P-40K and an old photo of a P-40K somewhere in China. **Jim Landon** was back with his beautiful scratchbuilt 1/16 Salmson. **Chuck Stout** brought in a 1/72 Revell Fokker D.VII. **Jennifer Jordan** mentioned that there will be an open cockpit day at the Wings Over The Rockies Museum which will include the B-52 Stratofortress. **David Reinecke** brought in his completed 1/48 Tamiya Dornier Do-335, a 1/32 Revell North American Allison powered P-51 Mustang project, and a 1/350 Polar Lights NX-01 Enterprise Kit. **Todd Cooper** (Terry Cooper's son) had three nicely done 1/25 die cast models including an American Grafitti 1955 Chevrolet Coupe and I think a Fast and Furious Eclipse. **Dale Summers** brought in a bunch of diminutive spacecraft models.

PROGRAM:

The program for the evening was a discussion on the tricks of the trade on building ship models by Jeffrey Osborne.

Nieuport 17 N1895

'Under the Skin, Birds of Prey #1

By: Steve Lawson

The Nieuport 17 airframe was built around the 120 hp LeRhône Rotary. The sesquiplane layout had proved itself in the Nieuport types 10-12 & 16 (80 hp & 120 hp motors) The first type 17 appeared at the front in about May 1916 and it became the mainstay of the French fighter Escadrilles serving well into early 1918. First examples of the type 17 were armed with an over the wing unsynchronized Lewis machine gun. Mid production aircraft had either twin Lewis guns or a single Lewis and a single Vickers. Final designs had single Vickers machine gun. License built in Russia and Italy the French sold to America, Belgium and British air services.

This review will look at the combined variations of Eduard's 1/48 Nieuport 17 kits. These views will include basic kits (# 8023 & 8024) plastic parts, the photoetch found in the 'Profi-pack' issue (#8033) and the aftermarket metal fret (#48249.) Since the Plastic parts of the kits are all the same, I will only reference the 'Profi-pack' photoetch when comparing between the aftermarket pieces. Purchase a set of 'highlight markers' used for college textbook studies and etc. Use these markers to highlight the portions of the kit instruction's, dealing with a building step that you intend to alter, complete, delete or replace. My colors are green = alter/scratchbuild, pink = complete, yellow = delete, blue = replace. This helps you keep your ideas in front of you and your less likely to forget a sub assembly. If your working with aftermarket pieces and two sets of instructions you will have lots of the 'complete' colour on one set and the other set will have the other three colours predominate. If just working with one kit it still helps you see at a glance what you have done or intend to do. (If you go several weeks from one step to another it is a great record to refresh your memory.)

Step 1.) The Brass etched components provided in the 'Eduard Profi-pack' kit # 8033 (kit 33) and in the aftermarket fret #48249 (kit 249) will be discussed throughout this `construction and referred to as (kit XX). After preparation and pre-drilling all Rigging and Strut holes begin the interior work. The Cockpit tub is built in three parts as the Sidewalls (kit 249 PE 1 & 8) and the Flooring (PP A 3)(kit 249 PE 15.) Have care with the crisscross rigging between the bays. These will bend easily. Paint the framework as varnished wood. The inner face of the Fuselage from firewall to the Vertical framework on the interior of the Plastic Fuselage sides (PP A 1 & 2) is TulipWood strips steamed and glued together. Light diagonal parallel scribing at a 60-degree angle, painting and light staining or a wash should be convincing. The Fairings could be removed from the Fuselage frame for maintenance. Though this was probably done after the Wings were removed. The outer surface of these TulipWood Side Fairings, were covered in fabric and doped in a similar manner as the rest of the airframe.

Instruments (kit 33 PE 13 & 28)(kit 249-PE 19) need dial faces and a compass and a Fuel Pressure hand pump will be fixed to the Right Fuselage Half (PP A1) near the floor level (PP A3) (kit 249 PE 15.) The Empty Ammo Belt Collector Box (PP A 6) is attached to the left Half of the Fuselage (PP A2.) Or the Facade item (kit 249 PE 24) attaches directly to the Fuselage Right Sidewall (kit 249 PE 1.) These Boxes would house a large diameter flat spool and is the main cause for the asymmetric fuselage cross-section. This was prevalent on Nieuport 17 types that carried the Vickers .303 7mm machine gun as the spool collected the empty canvas Ammunition Belt. The Air/Fuel Lever (kit 33 PP A 10 or PE 5-7) (kit 249 PE 2,6 & 21) will attach to the Left Fuselage sidewall (kit 249 PE 1.) The Seat assemblies are tied directly to the predominant use of either the stock kit (kit 33 PP A 4) the 'Profi-pack' (kit 33 PE 14) or the aftermarket version (kit 249 PE 13 & 17.)

The Rear panel of the Ammunition Box (PP A26) attaches directly to the Spent Cartridge Chute (PP A25)(kit 249 PE 22) and the left Fuselage half (PP A2). I would add some scrap plastic behind PP A26 to give it and the other minor parts attached more strength. Heating/ Annealing the Seat Harness' (kit 33 PE 1 & 2)(kit 249 PE 18 & 20) will help them lay down and conform like the fabric/ leather originals. The Seat Support (kit 249 PE 7) can be added to the P Flooring (kit 249 PE 15) The Seat Support will also have a stub to catch on the Fuselage Sidewalls (kit 249 PE 1 & 8.) I would scratchbuild the Control Column rather than modify the kit part (kit 33 PP A 5.) In any event next add the Rudder Bar (kit 33 PP A 7.)

If you are only adding the plastic parts here, you can add two pieces of scrap to the assembly of the Cockpit Floor (PP A3) and the Control Column/Seat Support (PP A5). These scrap pieces should add a lip edge again for further strength to the whole assembly when dry.

At this time I would measure fine wire to represent Aileron Actuation Rods (PP A19 & A20) seen in the instructions at step 6. My change will have them travel in one piece for each side the full depth of the Cockpit, out of the Fuselage to their eventual resting posts in the Top Wing. Even with the 'Profi-pack' you will have to manufacture a Starter magneto, a Hand pump to pressurize the Fuel tank, Fuel and oil gauge can be PE 13 and PE28. You will still need another gauge to serve as the Tachometer and finally a compass. There is also Tom's Modelworks French Interior Detailing Parts in 1/48 scale. It has many fine and unusual details, like the Forward Fuselage Access Panels and comes at a reasonable cost.

Step 2.) When the Fuselage Halves (PP A1 & A2) are joined to the Rotary Shaft assembly. (PP B3) you could add a section of plastic to represent an Oil Tank. The spout will be adjacent to the Top Dead Center of the Fuselage joints on the Cowling (PP B9 or B10). This crescent shaped tank will be attached directly to Fuselage Half (PP A2) between the inner lip for the Cowling (PP B9 or B10) and the Rotary Shaft assembly (PP B3) on the firewall. Its length will be slightly less than 1/4 the circumference of the Cowling (PP B9 or B10) with its ends squared off. Erase all seams in the Fuselage joints.

Step 3.) Begins with the Cowling (PP B9 or B10) assembly. Thin the lower rear edge of the cowling for a scale thickness. You will find it important to drill a small hole adding a section fine wire to the Rudder (PP B14) and its joint surface at the Stern Post of the Fuselage assembly. You may want to add fine wire to the spark plugs traveling back to the Rotary Shaft assembly (PP B3). While this part is very simplified that is what it's supposed to represent. The Control Horns, Rotary Engine, Lewis Gun Support and the Vickers Gun assemblies are the same in both the 'Profi-pack' and the aftermarket fret instructions. The only variance is the individual numbering of the pieces is different.

Step 4.) I replaced the Front Cabane Struts (PP A21 & A22) with brass-rod. Attach the Top Wing (PP A11 or B12) and set to dry in a "Lego" Block jig. When thoroughly dry begin the rigging process. Fortunately the Nieuport fighters are a good first kit for attempts at rigging a WWI aircraft. Remember always to drill the smallest hole to anchor your rigging material. The more lines to anchor enlarge the hole. Wait until the anchored lines have dried thoroughly. Pass the other ends through their next hole and hold them tight by clipping a spring type clothespin to the lines end. Touch the smallest drop of Superglue (Cyanoacrylate) to the area and again wait till dry. Only a sharp razor knife should be applied to the loose ends of the strands. I like to fill any remaining holes with resin dust, wood dust (when I cut my own laminated propellers) or even baking soda to holes with the glue drops already in them. This filler takes only a small amount and dries almost instantaneously with thin consistency Superglue (Cyanoacrylate.).

Step 5.) If you read a "Workbench Review" in the December 1998 'Finescale Modeler' by a Bill Gebhard don't take it for gospel. He notes that the landing gear struts are about 1/8 too long. It was his method of attachment that was wrong. The kit parts (PPB16 & B17) are fine. Don't cut them! Mr. Gebhard should have laid the Axle (PP B15) in the crotch of the Landing Gear (PP B16 & B17) vee's.

Next wrap Upholstery thread around the front leg back to the rear leg and then forward again. Several rounds should do. This traps the axle and represents the bungee shock chords used on the original. I replaced the Horizontal Stabilizer struts (PP A17 & A18) with brass-rod and then added the TailSkid Housing Support Clasps (kit 249 PE 16 X 2). Continue any unfinished rigging at this time. Don't add the propeller yet.

Step 6.) Here is where you can add the replacement metal rods I spoke of in Step 1. This will allow you to delete the plastic parts (PP A8, A9, A19 & A20.) Eduard's Lewis Gun (PP B21) can be augmented by replacing the gun barrels with metal rod. I Like the after market items from Copper State Models.

Step 7.) I would add the propeller at this point. The French propellers were built up in the conventional way by laminations. For Nieuport & Spad fighters finishing included a solid uniform coat of red-brown shellac in most cases. If your adding the Spinner/ Cone de Penetration (PPB6 & B8) drill a hole in the prop-boss and add a metal rod to insert into the Cone's base (PP B6). Complete any unfinished rigging here.

The national markings were used in the normal locations. They will cover up any patch that you have to do concerning the rigging holes. Just make sure that the surface itself is smooth/glossy to the adjacent areas for better decal adhesion.

Markings: This aircraft is very well known amongst the students of WWI aviation. N1895 of Sous Lieutenant Charles Nungesser (45 victories and 17 crashes) of Escadrille N.65 in the autumn and winter of 1916-17. When this bird got beat up so badly the serial number was simply transferred to a new machine. Nungesser carried the serial N1895 on several subsequent Nieuport Fighters even a type 25.

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KIT(S) FOR SALE

I have a few 1/9th scale ERTL (ESCI) Zundapp KS-750 WWII German motorcycle with sidecar kits for sale. Each kit also has the "pioneer gear", which includes weapons and personnel gear. These are the kits that ERTL re-released using the old ESCI molds and advertised in their Blueprinter magazine. The price is \$35 / OBO
If anyone is interested, please contact
Shawn R Schwaller
20836 E. Belleview Pl.
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WANTED

Fujimi (if possible) Ferrari F-355 kit.
If you have one of these kits that you would be willing to part with, please let me know.
Cliff Davis – ctpmDavis@comcast.net

Website of the Month

Martin Sagara sent in this great website:
This guy works for Revell-Monogram and has amassed an AMAZING collection of kits and other model-related "stuff". Make sure to check out the "Unbuilt Kits" and "Vintage Kits" pages.

http://www.toys-n-cars.com/model_kit_museum.htm

Upcoming Presentations

Contact either Prez Deppe or Editor Schwaller (Contact info on last page of newsletter) to schedule a presentation.

WE NEED PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR PROGRAMS!!

June: Jeff Osborne Talks Ships – Part 2

July: <still open>

August: <still open>

Calendar Of Events

June 2 – Club Meeting; 7:00pm,
Burt Chevrolet, Denver

July 7 – Club Meeting; 7:00pm,
Burt Chevrolet, Denver

If you have contest dates or other dates of modeling interest, please send them to the newsletter editor for placement on the Calendar of Events

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