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The Prez Sez - Howie Belkin

Thanks to Capt James Brundige USAF (Ret) for his talk last month and to Fred for introducing us to him. Who'd of thought that Gabreski AFB's F-102 gate guard just got there by the seat of Capt. Brundige's pants, or that airliners use retreads, or you'd meet somebody other than the president who claimed to fly F-102s in Texas?! That didn't quite come out right but you can redefine it however you feel about our president. While you try to make sense of that, may I remind you that dues are due? Bernie may be late but Henning, our VP knows how to count better than I do and will collect your \$25.

Our March, Tuesday 3/27/2007 meeting starts at 8pm and is a club contest with a theme award for "Your Worst Model! (a Beauty into a Beast)." You can enter any model that hasn't already won in our club contest, in any category. In addition, there is one award for a "Your Worst Model" theme. Your definition may very well determine the winner, if by simply looking at it doesn't clinch it! Our idea was that you started with a relatively decent model that you should have enjoyed building and done well with in contests, but instead, the gremlins came out to play. Nothing went right. And just when it seemed to come together, flllllinnng, across the room flies your flivver's doo-dad, off into the twilight zone. Sorry, 'collections of worst models' are not eligible. Please arrive a little early to get sorted out for the contest and pay your dues...

This meeting is just days before RepLIcon (Sat. 3/31/07); therefore I'll host a judging clinic to help explain how we judge our contest. We welcome you to judge our club contest as well as RepLIcon, even if you've never judged before. We do things a little differently than other clubs do but if you want to win contests it helps if you know what the rules are and what the judges look for. In most shows, the host chapter invites people to help judge. It's not always a closed clique. In fact if you've ever complained about judging, then this is your opportunity to do something about it!

Nick Buro will hold a seminar on some aspect(s) of how he builds awesome models! Nick will have the floor some time after the coffee break. Remember, no coffee or food in the meeting room, and please step outside if your conversation with your neighbor disturbs us. Please let us know what you'd like to compete for in our November 27th theme; bring something in for 'show and tell,' buy a raffle ticket and please check our membership list to make sure it's correct. Dave W., please bring in your camcorder equipment (and plan on shooting RepLIcon too).

We're passing around our 'volunteer schedule' for RepLIcon – please 'sign up' and let us know what hour(s) you can give us working the show, and in what capacity. We need some more people throughout the day. Real hard labor like covering the contest tables with paper tablecloths, put out category markers, help vendors find their tables, help at the registration tables, help people find their model's category, sell raffle tickets and guard our many priceless prizes, clean up at the end, etc. Seamus volunteered to run our 'Make and Take' session but if enough kids show up, we've got models for them and our biggest raffle ever, thanks to IPMS and Fujimi, HobbyLink Japan, Revell-Monogram, Sprue Brothers, Xuron Tools and some of our table vendors – so we may need a few volunteers to help him, or run another 'Make and Take' session or help run the raffle!

As said before, if we know in advance we can try to avoid anybody working their butt off while someone else skates. You don't have to participate; you can pay like any other attendee. Most of you have been amazing when called upon and I thank you! This is already shaping up to be one of our best shows ever!

Spread the word that there's free admission to military personnel in uniform and their families; we're collecting models, cement and paint as well as sundry items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, books, etc) for vets in the V.A. hospital in Northport. We will have real live military vehicles from an in-service Humvee to a potential parade of pampered and restored WWII jeeps, deuce and a halves 'and more.' Bob Cuce will speak about being a gun truck gunner in the 'Nam while Tom Gwynne will visit us from the Cradle of Aviation Museum to talk about aviation on Long Island. A few things that qualify for our Anniversary Award in the contest are fittingly, the A-10 (prototype 1st flight), and the F-14 (entered service). Help promote RepLIcon and get free raffle tickets!

Our club member in Iraq Richie Marotta, should be home now and enroute to Disneyworld with the wife and kids. Meantime Fred Seitz' son Rick, has his orders and he is being deployed to Baghram AB in Afghanistan. First, he goes to Fort Bliss, Texas on 15 April, for training in Detainee Ops, Cultural Awareness and more Combat Infantry Training. Then on 11 June he will be 'in country' until 11 Dec, 2007. Hopefully he'll be home by Christmas. Since I've been repeating myself, 'let's hope and pray that he gets home safe and sound and hassle free!' Did you notice any oxymorons in that last paragraph? How about Fort Bliss, Texas? I'll bet it's not very blissful! Cultural Awareness? And more Combat Infantry Training? I hope there is intense training on "Your legal rights as an American Citizen Soldier!" These are tough times.

I had a look at HobbyLink Japan's website <http://www.hlj.com/> and read their report of the Nurnberg Toy Fair (the world's largest) and I can't wait for MPM's 1/18 scale B-17 nose, Hasegawa 1/32 P-47, Revell 1/72 F-22 Raptor, HobbyBoss 1/72 Corsair II and 1/48 F4F-3, Tamiya 1/48 F-16 CJ (Block 50), PlusModel 1/35 Lanchester Armoured Car, Italeri 1/35 Staghound Armoured Car and 1/72 SM-82, and don't hold your breath but Academy showed off the blueprints for a 1/72 Dragon Wagon!! Yep, the hobby is in deep doo so they go and spend zillions of deutsche marks to bring out some awesome, long awaited models. That makes as much sense as not guarding your borders from terrorists?! More on the mysteries of life in the next edition!

Howie Belkin

Calendar

March 27th, 2007 LISMS Meeting 8 PM Levittown Library. Club contest. Extra theme award for your worst model – Turning Beauty into a Beast. Dues due. Also, Nick Buro will be speaking and revealing his award winning building secrets and techniques.

March 31st, 2007 LISMS RepLICon 2007 Contest at the Freeport Recreation Center. Contact Steve Adreano at sadogbeach@optonline.net. There will be a 35th Anniversary Award open to any entry related to 1972. Consult our flyer or website definition for more info. There will be a “Make & take” and a few military vehicles in the parking lot.

April 7th, 2007 Mosquito Con 2007, Wayne, NJ, Wayne Police Athletic Hall. Presented by IPMS/New Jersey. For more info contact Dave Schwartz, racer3@optonline.net, 973-628-1377 or Ron Dobrzelecki, rdobrze@optonline.net. You can also visit www.njipms.org.

April 19-21 Harve Grace, MD, AMPS National Show and BBQ.

April 24th, 2007 LISMS Meeting 8 PM Levittown Library.

April 27-28, 2007 IPMS Region I, Poughkeepsie NoreastCon, <http://.hvhmg.com/NoreastCon07/index.html>

May 26th, 2007 Memorial Day weekend, American Airpower Museum at Republic Airport. They need volunteers. Air Show includes the Thunderbirds, etc, etc.

May 22nd, 2007 LISMS Meeting 8 PM Levittown Library.

June 26th, 2007 LISMS Meeting, 8 pm Levittown Library. Club contest. Extra theme award for “your most unusual model”.

July 4th, 2007 Jones Beach Air Show.

July 24th, 2007 LISMS Meeting 8 PM Levittown Library.

August 22-25, 2007 IPMS Nationals Anaheim, CA

August 28th, 2007 LISMS Meeting 8 PM Levittown Library.

September 25th, 2007 LISMC Meeting 8 PM, Levittown Library. Club contest. Extra theme award for your “favorite unfinished model”.

USN WWII Aircraft Interior colors - Part 1 of 2 Parts

This article, by William Reese, was passed on to me by Freddie Seitz for inclusion in the Newsletter. I am printing it here as I received it. I can only add that there is nothing here that I don't agree with completely. As most of you may know I am a bit of a nut on aircraft interiors. And go to great lengths to photograph aircraft interiors, particularly unrestored interiors. I particularly agree with his comments that nothing is set in stone and always check photos of the aircraft you intend to model. With that said – here it is:

William Reece
USN & USMC Aircraft Interiors of WWII
Tue Apr 20, 2004 14:30
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For those who might not have this I'll post it here since I don't do rec.models.scale much anymore. I hope it's helpful. Remember this is the latest word on this subject not the last word. Anyone who tells you anything is set in stone about a WWII USN aircraft and it's paint scheme especially the interior is a fool and has the village idiot for an editor. That said this is the best I can come up with after years of research and looking at photos and parts of various aircraft in stages of neglect, from nearly new to barely recognizable.

USN Aircraft Interiors: The answers here are complex. Until recently everyone assumed that the interior of all USN WWII aircraft was FS 34151 Interior Green. This is not always the case as is obvious from the Accurate Miniatures, TBF/TBM Avenger instruction sheet. Mr. Larry Webster an aviation archeologist and airplane restorer has extensive knowledge in this area. In addition to being a friend of mine Mr. Webster has many original parts from WWII USN aircraft to document his conclusions. Additionally, he is a director at the Quonset Air Museum and is a volunteer with the New England Air Museum.

Here is some help on this subject with all credit to Larry Webster. Credit must also go to Dana Bell, author and friend for his help in this area. His article in the October 1997 FineScale Modeler magazine should be required reading. His 3 volume set Air Force Colors contains some useful info.

TBF-1 / TBF-1C, Avenger. Cockpit: Exactly like the Accurate Miniatures instructions show. FS 34058 Bronze Green forward from the bulkhead with the window (in front of the turret). FS 34151 Interior Green for the rear crew areas. Light Gray (Grumman Gray) inside the cowling, (FS 36440 is very close) and accessory area. The stainless steel 'Dishpan' firewall was unpainted and often quite bright. Torpedo bay: FS 34151. Remember on all of these a/c the general rule is that the wheel bays, landing gear struts, wheel centers, landing flap bays, etc. are the under surface color. On the Avenger the inside of the flap itself was the upper surface color with the inside of the flap well on the under surface of the wing being the bottom color.

FM-1 / FM-2 Wildcat. Cockpit: Interior FS 34151, Interior Green, similar to the TBM below. Wheel bay (cutout for the tire) was the exterior color. The engine accessory area (the area behind the firewall) was Light Gray. Tri-color FM-1's likely had Light Gray engine cowling.

TBM-1, -1C, TBM-3C, -3E Avenger. Cockpit: FS 34151 Interior Green. This also included the crew areas and fuselage interior. Early TBM-1s and -961C's had cowling interiors like those of the TBF-1 with Non-Specular (flat) Light Gray from the firewall forward except for the dishpan. Later production aircraft would have had everything from the inside of the cowling all the way back in interior green. The landing gear and bays were the undersurface color, i.e. Insignia white bottom would be white. Glossy Sea Blue TBM-3 a/c would have GSB landing gear and flap interiors. The inside of the flaps would be similar to the TBF-1 above.

F4F-3 / F4F-4, Wildcat. Cockpit: FS 34058 Bronze Green. Some may have

been painted FS 34151. Bronze Green is the first choice. The only area that was Bronze Green was the pilot's portion of the cockpit above the 'Floor'. The fuel tank under the cockpit was light gray or black with an interior green supporting structure. The area below the floor was Interior Green. The inside of the engine cowling and main gear bay were Light Gray, as was the interior of the fuselage all the way back to the tail. Tri-color aircraft would have had Insignia White wheel bays (cutout for the tire). Tom Cheek who fought the Japanese at Midway says that he painted his cockpit red to keep him alert!

Anything is possible. interiors and the rear fuselage was Light Gray also.

F6F-3 Hellcat. Cockpit: The first 100 F6F-3s almost certainly had Bronze Green cockpit interiors. The rest had FS 34151 cockpits. The engine cowling and the fuselage interior including the area behind the cockpit where the small windows are located was Light Gray FS 36440 (Grumman Gray). Remember on all of these a/c the general rule is that the wheel bays, landing gear struts, wheel centers, landing flap bays, etc. are the under surface color. The area ahead of the rear main spar in the wheel bay was interior green. This area was unmasked and so may have had some significant white over spray. Interior Green should be the dominant color.

F6F-5 Hellcat. Cockpit: FS 34151. Later a/c with BuNo's higher than about 80000 had the interior above the consoles in black. Any F6F with the rear windows will have the rear fuselage in Light Gray. (Grumman Gray Take note: those building David McCambell's Minsi III.) The inside of the engine cowling could be Light Gray, Interior Green, or Zinc Chromate Yellow FS 33481, respectively according to production batch. Later F6F-5's may have had a Flat Black cowling interior ahead of the baffle seal between the front and rear cylinder banks. This was most likely done at overhaul. The remainder was Interior Green. The inside of the fuselage on the F6F-5 without the windows would normally be FS 33481 ZCY. Very late a/c with BuNo's in the 94000, range had Interior Green fuselage interiors and black upper cockpits. This is exactly according to the USN specifications at the time. All other areas of the airframe that were exposed to weather were painted Glossy Dark Sea Blue, ANA 623. Remember on all of these a/c the general rule is that the wheel bays, landing gear struts, wheel centers, landing flap bays, etc. are the under surface color. There should be no Interior Green visible on the exterior of any factory finished F6F-5. No F6F-5 aircraft were factory finished in the tri-color paint scheme. Note: ANA 623 is not FS 15042. FS 15042 is an FS 595 color that is close too, but not the same as ANA 623 color used during WWII. Although the variation is very slight they are different.

TO BE CONTINUED

Any errors contained in the above are the sole responsibility of the author. Any additional comments or suggestions are welcome.

11/21/02

Regards,
Freddie

In the Box Kit Review

Focke-Wulf Fw 190A-8, 1/48, Eduard #8173, \$39.95 Steve Muth



“Not another Focke-Wulf !” you say. Well, yes, but it is not just another Fw 190. The A-8 was the most produced of all Antons, with a total of some 1400 being built. The A-8 included the lengthened nose introduced on the A-5 and also introduced the nitrous oxide boost for extra combat power. The

A-8 served as the basis for the superb Fw 190D version with the in-line Jumo 213A-1 engine.

This looks to be a great kit of the longer nosed Anton! I had already built two of the Monogram A-4 offerings many years ago and I thought they were pretty good but this kit puts them to shame. These are new molds and right up to the state of the art. Moldings are excellent and very clean with no flash.

There is more detail in the kit as it comes out of the box than you would ever want - Fully detailed engine, cockpit, landing gear wells, gun bays and weapons. There is a drop tank, two W.Gr. 21 rockets and a large bomb. You have a choice of either the blown or straight canopy and either of two styles of wheels. All in all there are eight sprues, a painted P.E. fret and a painting mask for the canopy and wheels. There are decals for four aircraft and the registration appears to be very good. There is even a complete set of stencils. There is a sixteen-page color instruction booklet of the exploded view type that has very little text but is very clear. I guess you could get a resin cockpit when it comes out, but truthfully I don't think it will be necessary.

So.... It is probably the best Anton I have seen to date and Eduard is to be commended for producing it.

Finance

Club Equity @ 2/28/07	\$4453
Club Equity @ 1/31/07	<u>4493</u>
Reduction	(40)
Balance 1/31/07	4493
Income	
Raffle	22
Coffee	<u>16</u>
Total	4531
Expenses	
Coffee (3 months)	62
Newsletter	16
	<u>78</u>
Balance 2/28/07	\$4553

Note: These figures do not include any Replicon receipts or disbursements. These will be incorporated when Replicon is over.

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