



# THE LONG ISLAND SCALE MODEL SOCIETY

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## The Prez Sez - Bob DeMaio

Now hear this! There are five Tuesdays this month! **Our next club meeting is July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Mark your calendar! We don't want any of your smiling faces to be absent. Well, we had a nice turnout of models in the contest last month. Any are welcome back for members to view. I am going to the Nationals and plan on taking lots of pictures. I should have them ready to view for the August meeting. It won't contain exciting music and titles like Matt has done, but maybe I can pipe in music. For those who are going to the Nationals, visit the [www.ipmsusa2008.org/](http://www.ipmsusa2008.org/) website a few times between now and then for detailed updates.

Next up to take the hot seat at our meeting is Seamus with his building materials and techniques. Just as 'The Joker' in Batman once said, "Where does he get those toys?" Where does Seamus get those ideas?

If anyone else wants to build something for the Midway Display, let me know. We have a good variety ready to go and a few more being built. The Cradle of Aviation Museum has asked if we can pick up on displaying models in the Aurora Room sometime in September. If you recall, the wall is about 40 feet in length and 5 foot tall. When Tom at CAM gives me the okay that the shelves will be ready for us, I will schedule a Saturday in September for us to move the models from our display case over to the CAM's and we could add additional models to fill the wall. The Midway models can be placed into the case also.

Set your Computer Browser page to [www.lisms.org](http://www.lisms.org). That is our new website address thanks to Matt and John! And speaking about the website, we need to have a new picture of the Executive Board. Our names and titles have been changed but the faces in the picture

don't match. John said he thought about using Photoshop for alterations. John, I would like to be younger, taller and muscular in the touch up! John will take a picture of the board members at this next meeting. Bring your smile!

Congratulations are in order for Jim Boulukos who has recently gotten married. Will we see a decrease in Jim's model building output? Modeler's Questions after marriage: Has your model work space decreased? Does your airbrush hand shake when you hear your name called? Do your models vibrate on the shelves before you are led into the dog house? Did your new bride know about your 1,000 plus model kits in storage? Congratulations Jim! Best of Luck! And if the dog house gets too small, you always have friends at LISMS.

Happy Modeling!  
Bob

## Quarterly (June) Contest Results

### Armor Advanced 1/48 and Larger

Tiger I	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rob Riviezzo
Russian Field Car	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Boulukos

### Armor Intermediate smaller than 1/48

U. S. 2 ½ ton Truck	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joe Yeager
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### Armor intermediate 1/48 and larger

Desert Demag(?)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joe Yeager
Challenger	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marshall Voizard

### Automotive Intermediate 1/43

1970 Chevelle	1 <sup>st</sup>	Marshall Voizard
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### Aircraft Intermediate 1/72 and smaller

B-58 Hustler	1 <sup>st</sup>	Duane Yorke
P-38	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tim Kelly
A6M2 Zero	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger Carrano

### Aircraft Advanced 1/48

Fw 190D	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob DeMaio
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### Aircraft Intermediate larger than 1/48

Fiesler Stork Fi 156C	1 <sup>st</sup>	Roger Carrano
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### Aircraft Vac Forms and Major Conversions

Grumman F2F-1	1 <sup>st</sup>	Al Kuhn
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### Collection

Wonder Weapons of The Third Reich	1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Muth
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### Figures All Types and Scales

Luftwaffe Fighter Pilot	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joe Yeager
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## Tip of the Month

Store your putty/filler cap down so the heavy filler material settles at the cap and the filler will work better.

# Kit Review

## Fine Molds 1/48 Kikka Build by Steve Muth

SPECIAL ATTACKER  
**KIKKA** 特殊攻撃機 試製 橘花 **Fine**  
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This kit was reviewed some months ago as an “in the box” review. For a limited run kit it is not bad. It has very nice recessed panel lines, is crisply molded with very little flash, and has decent detail in the cockpit and wheel wells. There are locating pins which eases assembly. The canopy is very clear and the decals are for two aircraft – the prototype and a set for a fictional operational unit. All in all a nice kit.

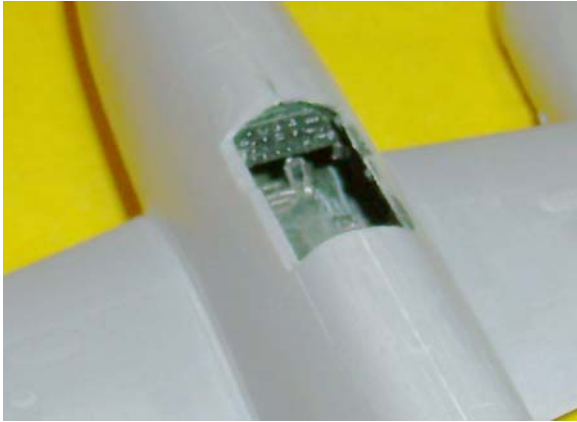
together quite well and although there is no complete engine (the write-up I saw said there was a white metal engine) the intakes and exhausts have nicely done turbine blades visible if you look into the openings. The build up and fit of the nacelles was good but not perfect. It took a little filing to fit the engines to the wing and wing to the fuselage. The one thing I appreciated was that the lower wing surface was one piece, assuring the correct dihedral. The fit of the



The kit goes  
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The wing upper surfaces is good but not perfect at the root because you have to shoot for the best overall fit with the nacelles and wing root. I opted for the nacelles fit since the root is easier to fix. The wing to fuselage fit on the lower fuselage took a little filing to click into place. It only needs a little putty.

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one sink mark along the lower leading edge of the port aileron. The cockpit builds up nicely. I didn't go crazy, only adding some old Waldron seat belt hardware to tape seat belts, since the canopy will be closed and not much will be visible.



The most onerous part of making a model, for me is masking the canopy. And, with all the panels on the Kikka canopy, I was not looking forward to it. I procrastinated for over a week. I used Future to gloss up the canopy then finally used Tamiya tape to mask it before gluing it on with Formula 560 canopy cement. See "Meandering Thoughts" below. The fit of the canopy on the fuselage is excellent. After the canopy was glued on the general area was sprayed with Tamiya TS-2 dark green to give the interior framing the same color as the cockpit tub.

The landing gear wheel well detail is rudimentary, if a bit shallow, but the gear itself is very nice and in scale. The wheels attach in a unique manner. Instead of an axle for the wheel there is a square peg with a matching square indent in the wheel hub. I like it because there is no ugly axle visible on the wheel hub and the tires can be given a small flat spot on the bottom. There are two small sink dimples on the nose landing gear door that had to be filled. The landing gear and wells are natural aluminum. Since the aircraft had only flown once I did not weather the gear but just gave it a light wash to bring out the detail and create shadows where they wouldn't show up on a model. This was done with the gear off the model to make masking the wells easier and avoid breaking them off in handling.

Next, since I wanted to depict the aircraft at it's first and only flight, I filled the two holes on the bottom for mounting the RATO units. Then, after sanding all the seams and using putty



where-ever necessary, the airframe was primed. I now had to decide whether to pre shade or not. I have never done this so I decided to try it. I figured the paint on the real aircraft would have been thin and a little uneven (wishful thinking?) so this might be a way to illustrate this.

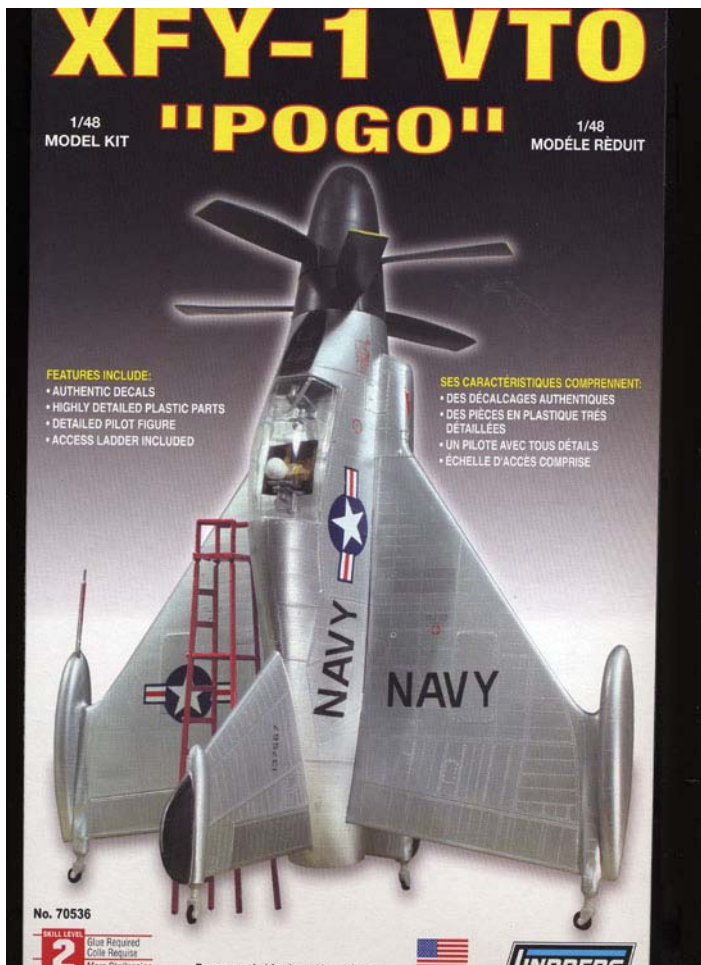
The first order of business in the painting is the orange leading edges so this was done and the orange taped off. Next, the model was given a light coat of silver and the pre shading on the panel lines before the dark green and gray final finish. *To be continued.*

# Meandering Thoughts on painting Canopies by Steve Muth

Over the years I have tried virtually every method of painting canopies. First was free hand painting – terrible! I didn't have the patience and rushing is not a good thing. As my skills improved I needed a better way to paint the canopies so I tried masking tape for a while. Worked fine as long as the edges are burnished down real good and you remove the tape either immediately after painting (Difficult when the whole model is wet) or at some propitious moment when the paint has dried sufficiently to get a good bite but not too dry that it flakes. It's different for every paint manufacturer. Ditto for Magic Mending tape except Magic Mending tape doesn't do compound curves too well. Also, if you leave it on for a long period of time (weeks for masking tape and months for Magic Mending tape) the masking tape adhesive starts to harden and is very difficult to remove without damaging the underlying paint. That led me back to freehand painting.

With the coming of paint masks I thought my prayers had been answered! But no, the first products were of clear material. Very hard on the eyes. Scratch that. Then they came out with colored mask materials. Hurray! But again, the gods were offended and in my experience the adhesive did not stick to the mask very well and some came off around the edges when peeled off the backing. This allowed paint to seep under. Bad. Very bad. This led me back to tape but this time there is Tamiya masking tape. Not the answer to my dreams but close. It is finer than regular masking tape, is low tack, takes to curves and doesn't dry out with age. In short it is great. It is thin enough that when burnished down with a chiseled tooth pick you can see the canopy frame underneath and carefully cut along the line to remove the excess.

So, that's where I'm at now. Tamiya tape. And I have more patience in my old age. I have heard that some masks are now made with Tamiya tape as the material. Maybe I will try one and see



## In-The-Box Kit Review by

Steve Muth

**1/48 XFV-1 VTO "Pogo" by Lindberg, # 70536, \$11.95 – It**

appears J. Lloyd International has purchased the mold and rights to many, if not all, the Hawk and Lindberg products. To my joy, one of their first re-releases is the XFV-1 Pogo. The only thing better would have been a new release by Tamiya or Hasagawa. Talk about exotic! It's a trip into yesteryear!

For your \$12 you get 28 plastic parts, including the canopy and 10 parts for the ladder, molded in white plastic. In tune with the times, there is a contra rotating propeller that turns. There are rivets galore – not recessed. Also, typical for the day, there is a pilot figure but no cockpit details at all. You'll have to scrounge a cockpit tub from your spares box or an old Monogram P-80. The decals are nice but the Bu. No. is for only one side. Also, there are none of the stencils and warning decals shown on the box art. How do they do that? Doesn't anyone there

do an overall review before release? The registration is good though. There is some flash but, hey, the molds must be almost 40 years old. All the parts are packaged in plastic bags except for the canopy, which is left to rattle around in the box. The instruction sheet is of the exploded view type and is perfectly adequate.

In short, I am thrilled that some of these older kits are being re-released and can't wait for more ( SM-62 Snark missile and Curtiss R3C-2 seaplane racer are also out). The price is right too! Kudos to J. Lloyd.

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### 1/48 SM-62 Snark by Lindberg, #91001, \$29.95 –

No sooner did I see the VTO on the shelf than the SM-62 Snark showed up! Wow! Why the increase in price? Well -- -- you get a maintenance stand (31 pieces), a tractor (37 pieces), a launcher (29

pieces), missile (34 pieces) and an engine (5 pieces) plus 6 crewmen. Neat! As with the Pogo, the rivets and panel lines are raised but they are restrained. The control surfaces are pose able as are the arms on three of the crewmen. There is very little flash but there are some shallow sink marks but nothing serious. Tires and treads (for the tractor/caterpillar) are of black vinyl while the styrene is white. There is a decent decal sheet with good registration for one of the colorful test birds – red and white. It would have been nice if they had put some decals on the sheet for an operational light gray bird but I'm being picky. The only problem is the only guide to their placement is the box top photo of the model, which leaves a lot to be desired for all the stencils. The instructions are a combination of exploded view and step by step text and are rather good. Please note: with a real aircraft wingspan of 42.15 feet and a length of 65 feet, this is a rather large model with a length of 16.25 inches and a wingspan of 11.29 inches.

As I recall, the Gulf of Mexico was said to have been Snark infested with “one a day in Tampa Bay”. This doesn't say much for the initial reliability. But then, the Snark was the first intercontinental (cruise) missile. It had a range of over 6000 miles and carried a thermonuclear warhead. Guidance was based on star tracking (in day or night) by Kollsman, I believe. Scuttlebutt had it that once the warhead was separated from the missile body in the pop-up maneuver, it was virtually undetectable by radar until it was too late to do anything about it.

## Finance

Income:	Dues	\$25
	Coffee	<u>17</u>
Total:		42
Expense:	Printer	13
	Coffee	23
	'09 Replicon Deposit	<u>500</u>
Total:		536
Income over Expense		(494)

# Calendar

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, LISMS Meeting**, Seamus will present a clinic on modeling techniques and materials

**August 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, IPMS Nationals, VA Beach, VA,**

**August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, LISMS Meeting, TBA**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, LISMS Meeting**, Quarterly Club Contest.

**September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008, AMPS EAST 2008, Sheraton Danbury Hotel**, 18 Old Ridge Rd., Danbury, CT, "Heavy Metal" show theme, raffles, 80 Vendor tables, Research & Modeling seminars, Free Make-n-take, special juniors program and more. For complete up-to-date info go to <http://www.ampseast.org> or call Bill Schmitt at (203)735-9014 or John Gazzola at (860)617-1413.

**October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008, LISMS Meeting, TBA**

**November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, LISMS Meeting**, Last Quarterly Club Contest of the year

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**TO:**

**Our May meeting will be Tues July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00PM at the Yours Ours Mine Community Ctr, 152 Center Ln, Levittown, NY 11756.**

**Coming East from Wantagh Parkway on Hempstead Tpke it's the next right after Shelter La (the street the library's on), or coming from the East it's the left before the left for Shelter La. It is about ½ mile south of Hempstead Tpke.**

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