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The Kennedy Space Center

Photos by Kevin Stover



You've got to see this place!

While accompanying my wife to her editorial conference in Boca Raton, Florida, I took the chance to visit the Kennedy Space Center just an hour and a half north of Boca. You "I Dream of Jennie" fans will appreciate driving through Coco Beach where the fictional Major Nelson lived.

For miles around, the highest thing in the area is the overpass on the interstate. You can't have tall buildings around when launching rockets. The Kennedy Space Center sprawls dozens of miles and sees its share of tourists. There is a lot to talk about, but let's start with the Saturn V Building.

It's much longer than it is wide because it houses the entire Saturn V rocket on its side! Command and Lunar Modules are also present along with a dizzying array of NASA vehicles and equipment. Several tour packages are offered at various prices. The food is OK and even the kids exhibit is cool!

One tip is to buy your tickets online. The lines are pretty long and if there are language barriers, your wait could last 1 hour or more.

I can't wait to get back there again. The Space Shuttle Atlantis Plaza is now done! They were in the middle of construction when I was there.



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Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting at St. Paul's Church on Friday, March 8, 7:30 pm

Special Theme: **Under The Waves** (Subs, Diving Bells, James Bond's Car, etc)

"Build-it Night"
Bring Something...!



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The Whole Rocket

Lying on its side in the Saturn V building is the entire Saturn V rocket. Stages and supporting vehicles are included. It's a BIG building.



Standing Room Only

This LM (Lunar Module) trainer was used to prep the astronauts before they made the actual trip.



Lucky to Make it Back

This is the Command Module for the failed Apollo 13 mission. All three astronauts made it back after the oxygen tank ruptured on the Service Module.



Rocket Garden

Every manned rocket that flew from 1958 to Apollo is represented here (full scale) in the "rocket garden."

The Best Day-Off Ever! *By William Brethauer*

When I got my schedule from work saying I would have April 17, 2012 off, my dad invited me to go along with him to see the Space Shuttle Discovery arrive at NASM Udvar-Hazy. We watched the online streaming video of the take-off from the Kennedy Space Center before we headed off to the museum, knowing it would be sometime before they arrived in DC airspace. At the museum, once word got around that the pair were near, we joined the cheering throng jockeying for camera position.

For the first fly-over we stood near the entrance as seen in the photo attached. While the pair made their DC flyover and turned around (no high banked turns allowed), my dad and I moved towards the other end of the museum where I switched my camera into video mode and shot the two videos I have of the second fly-over and final approach. Some questioned whether the pair would land on the runway we were facing as we had only seen General Aviation on final, so we were all pleasantly surprised when it did.



With that part of the show over, my dad and I made our way into the museum (his first visit, my fifth). The STS Enterprise was still on display, but had the streamline tail cone attached in preparation for later ceremonies with the incoming and outgoing shuttles. My dad and I ventured up the observation deck which provided a view of where the mated pair had parked after landing with heavy lifting equipment ready to demate and mate.



Well, February's meeting had another good turnout. The attendance by members was good with a nice spread between models and new kits. Plans for the modeling classes are also continuing with the creation of a flyer to gauge interest. More details to come!

One refrain that is often heard at the meetings, is for more members to bring in their models. Please keep in mind that the meetings are not monthly contests! We all have a common interest in modeling. It's an activity that's meant to be enjoyed. We spend plenty of time alone at our benches working or dreaming about the build.

The meetings are often our one time to talk to others who share our passion. So bring in whatever you're working on; whether it's finished or still in the works, bring it in and share your successes as well as your "challenges." Once you get in the habit, you'll be surprised at how disappointing it feels when you don't!



Membership

IPMS/USA is dedicated to the hobby (and fun) of scale modeling. It was started by Jim Sage of Dallas, Texas, in 1964. There are now branches of IPMS all over the world. Our local regions and chapters sponsor model shows and contests every year, but you needn't be a member to visit the shows or attend the club meetings!

With **IPMS/USA** membership, you will receive the outstanding *IPMS/USA Journal* six times a year. It includes features on all modeling subjects such as aircraft, armor, automotive, ships, figures--you name it! You will also find listings of IPMS contests, swap meets, hints and tips, and reviews.

Membership also qualifies you to participate in **IPMS/USA** sanctioned contests, particularly our world-famous **National Convention**, held each summer. As a member, you'll also be able to access our online discussion board, where a wide variety of modeling topics are discussed, and enjoy interaction with other serious modelers for help with questions about modeling techniques or IPMS in general. Many hobby shops and model vendors around the country offer discounts to **IPMS/USA** members.

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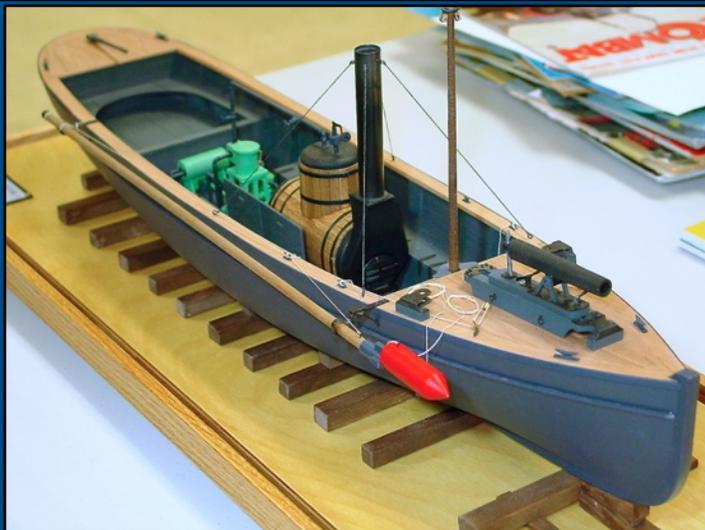
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The Display Table



← *Kurt's* picket boat from the Civil War is nicely done.

Carl's fleet of B-29s is very impressive! →



← More from this well detailed picket boat.



Nice work for a weekends worth of time *Ronbo!* →



← Nice He-111 *Ihor.*





The Display Table, cont

Carl's Qatar Airlines for royalty is cool as a C-17.



Mike's X-15 next to a 1/72 car gives real perspective.



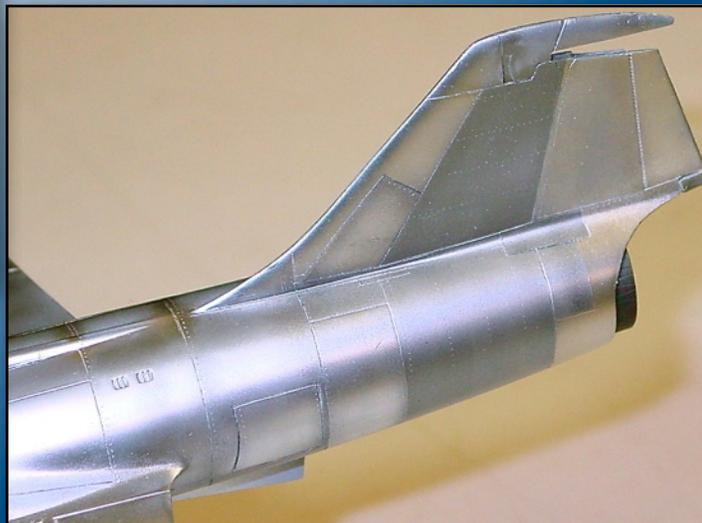
Don's Do-17F in Spanish colors looks great.



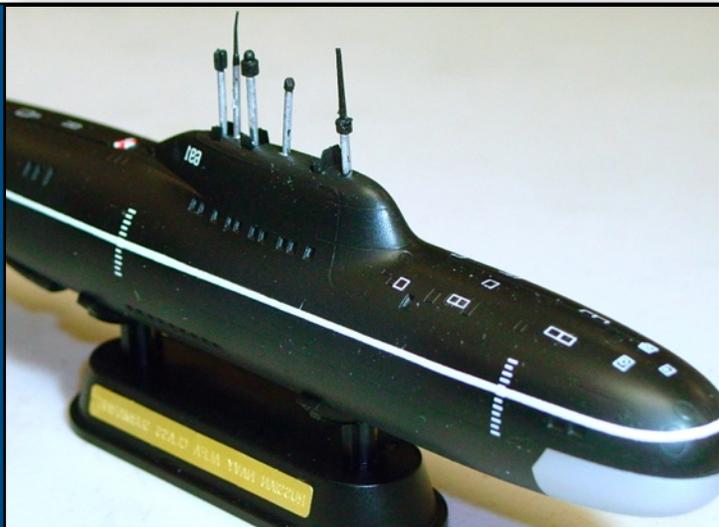
Don's Ju-88C is classic Germany.



Stan's F-104 looks great in worn silver colors.



The Display Table cont



← **Kurt G's** Russian Alpha Class sub is welcomed.

Kurt G's winning "Best Junior," M-3 tank is nice!



← **Bob's** Jedi Starfighter is a welcomed sci-fi addition.

Butch's SNJ in flight is very realistic!



← **Carl** is back with more strategic force!



UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Here are 3 photos of my latest project. It is a commission for the WI. Maritime Museum of a 23ft Burger Boat (Manitowoc company) from the 30's. The red piece is the carved plug that was used to make a plaster mold. The part on the blue background is the fiberglass hull that came out of the mold today. I can't bring in the mold as it is in small pieces in order to get the hull out. I Used 24 pounds of plaster for the mold. The real boat is down below, harbored in Green Bay, WI.

Kurt Van Dahm



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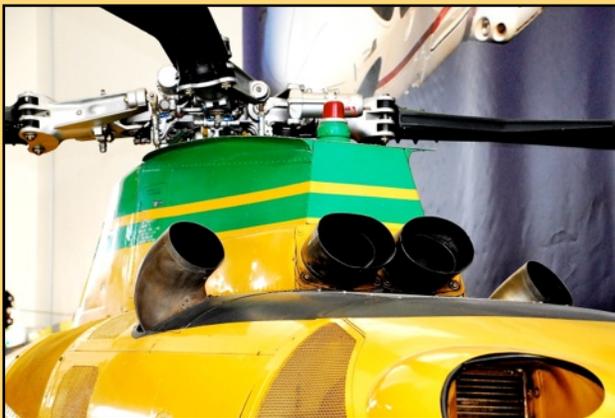
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- **Forever Timeless**..... 4438 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL, 773-545-6959
<http://www.city-data.com/businesses/218387017-forever-timeless-hobby-shop-chicago-il.html>
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<http://local.yahoo.com/info-17171034-ron-s-mundelein-hobbies-mundelein>
- **M & Models**..... 9329 S Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn, IL, 708-423-7202
<http://www.mmodelstore.com>
- **Past Time Hobbies**..... 9311 Ogden Ave., Brookfield, IL, 708-485-4544
<http://www.pthinc.com/>
- **Greenfield Hobby**..... 6815 W. Layton Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 414-281-1800
http://www.greenfieldnewsandhobby.com/about_us.html
- **Oakridge Hobbies & Toys**..... 7511 Lemont Road, Suite 100, Darien, IL, 630-435-5900
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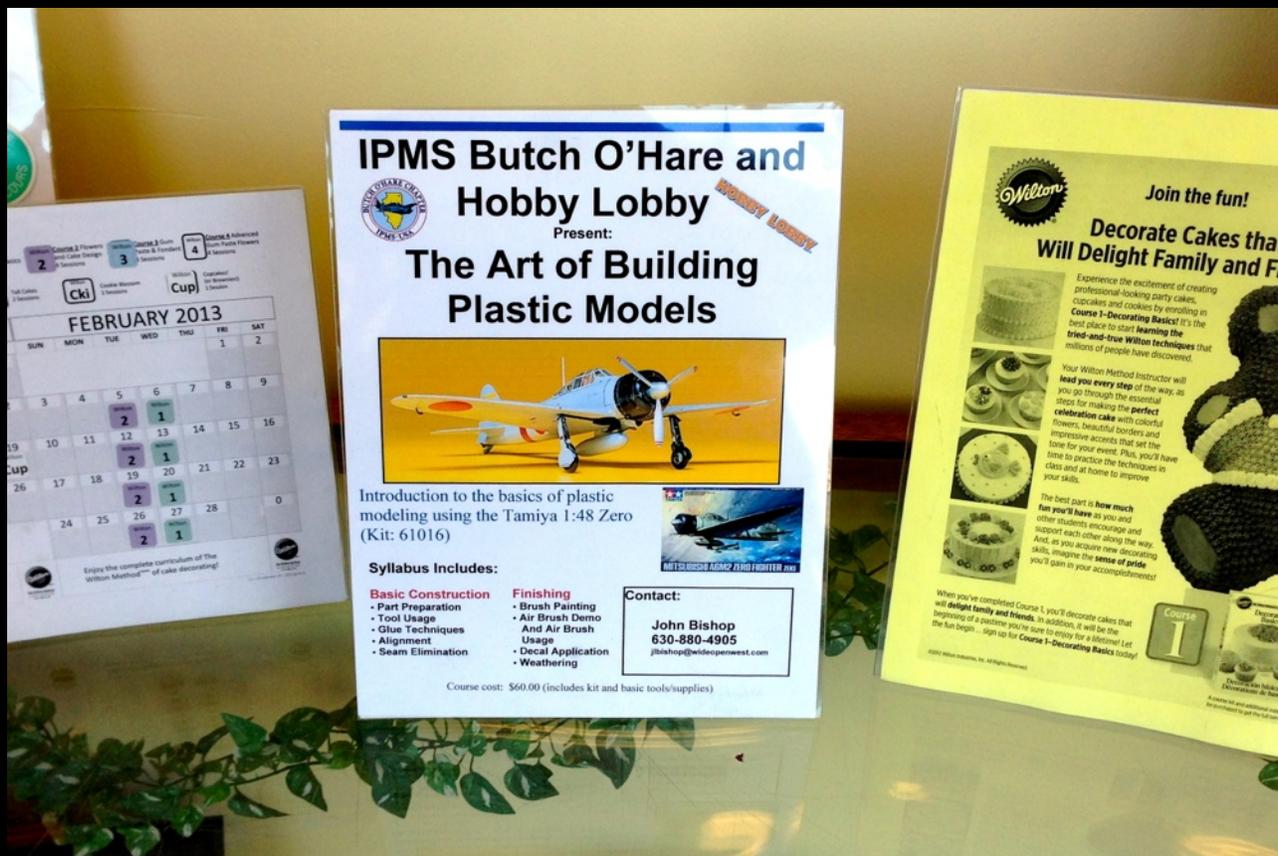
Tax Police!

Italian police really get down to business when it comes to tax collection. This Agusta helo is part of an entire fleet of aircraft used to prevent evaders from not paying their fair share. While we Americans whine about who pays enough tax, many other countries don't whine, they act. The Guardia Di Finanza is part of the Italian Armed Forces and is also charged with financial crime and smuggling.

This would be an interesting paint scheme for you helo builders out there!

Hobby Lobby Ready!

Wednesday Nights 6-8pm, starting in April



IPMS Butch O'Hare and Hobby Lobby Present: The Art of Building Plastic Models



Introduction to the basics of plastic modeling using the Tamiya 1:48 Zero (Kit: 61016)

Syllabus Includes:

- Basic Construction**
 - Part Preparation
 - Tool Usage
 - Glue Techniques
 - Alignment
 - Seam Elimination
- Finishing**
 - Brush Painting
 - Air Brush Demo And Air Brush Usage
 - Decal Application
 - Weathering

Contact:

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Course cost: \$60.00 (includes kit and basic tools/supplies)



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9, 2013
Madcity Modelers Model Show (Region 5 Regional Convention)

Doubledays
4586 Baxter Road [Map](#)
Cottage Grove, WI
[Rob Teubert](#) 608-295-9258

April 27, 2013

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Landmark Aviation
3411 Beech Way [Map](#)
Cedar Rapids, IA
[Bill Kreuger](#) 3193629602

April 12-13, 2013
WrightCon (Region 4 Convention)

Hope Hotel and Conference Center
State Route 444 at B Road [Map](#)
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
[Dave Koukol](#) 937-602-4033

May 4, 2013

Modelfest 2013: Theme-Roman Holiday

Ameristar Casino
Kansas City, MO
3200 North Ameristar Dr [Map](#)
[Kelly Quirk](#) 816-863-6659

April 13, 2013

SURGICON 19

Lakeside Center
400 NW Lakeshore Drive [Map](#)
Ankeny, IA
[Aimee Wright](#) 515-292-3395

May 17-19, 2013

37th Annual Midwestern Model Ships and Boats Contest and Display
Wisconsin Maritime Museum
75 Maritime Drive
Manitowoc, WI



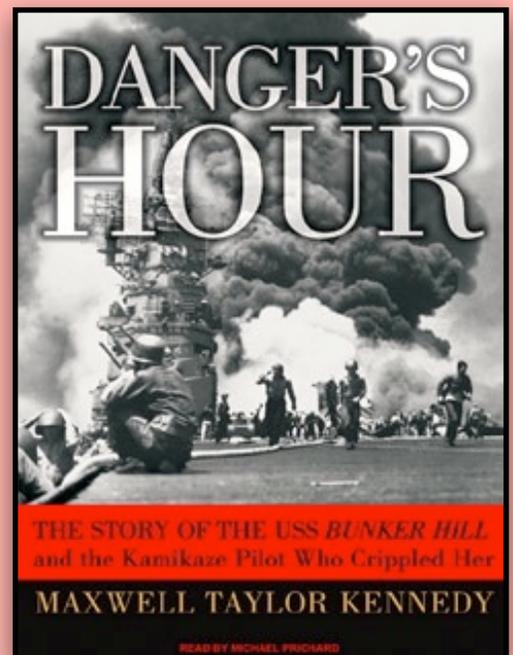
DANGER'S HOUR

Reviewed by John Kauffman

All of us know of the Kamikaze during World War II. However, they have always been nameless, faceless individuals flying airplanes like missiles into American and Allied ships. Danger's Hour by Maxwell Taylor Kennedy (Robert Kennedy's son) changes that. The U.S.S. Bunker Hill was struck by two Kamikazes in rapid succession on May 11, 1945 and the explosions and resulting fire almost destroyed the aircraft carrier. Through the eyes of her sailors and pilots, we experience the horror and carnage that resulted from this attack.

The descriptions are fairly graphic, as are some of the pictures, and will leave you with a sense of the fear and bravery experienced by the men of the Bunker Hill. Although the ship was saved, she suffered heavy casualties, including most of VF-17, who died in their ready room. The strike did put the ship out of the rest of the war, and in that aspect, the attack was a complete success.

What follows, 60 years later is what makes this book so fascinating. Kennedy was able to piece together, using fragmentary evidence that would have fit into any CSI episode, the identity of the two pilots that hit the ship. This in itself is quite a feat, but what is more interesting is the story of the second pilot, named Kiyoshi, who struck the ship and how he became a suicide pilot. This was no uneducated, desperate fanatic, but an educated young man who loved his country and had everything to live for, but still felt he had no choice but to volunteer to die for his country.



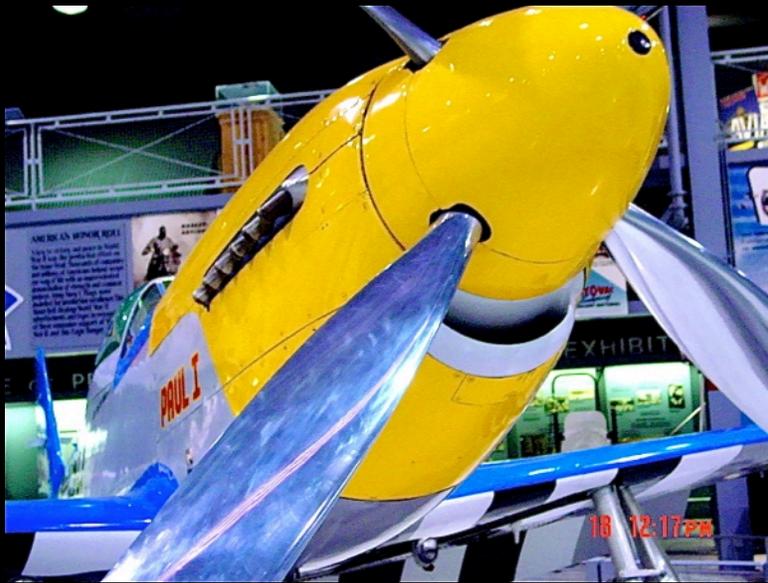
Kennedy was able to meet with several Kamikazes who were never ordered to fly and who still have reunions. These men knew Kiyoshi and were willing to share memories of him and their training. The way that they all were manipulated into volunteering and Kiyoshi's life story as reported in this book show much about the culture of Japan before and during World War II. The most frightening aspect of this whole story is how easy it was to manipulate these young men into becoming Kamikaze, and then how their honor kept them from backing out. Once they had made the commitment, they were going to die, and the only thing that could save them was the end of the war.

We meet the Kamikaze, and find out that he was as human as everyone else. This humanity changes how we view the men who flew these missions, and also how we must evaluate the choices made to end the war. In addition, it educates us about and changes the way we must think about the suicide bombers in the modern world, and how we should go about stopping them. While the book does not provide answers, it is thought provoking and will probably leave you disturbed.

I would encourage all to read this book. Enjoy, *John*

TOO MUCH IS NEVER ENOUGH

A Stroll through the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, WI.





FROM THE OVAL OFFICE



The building class is moving forward! Kevin did a great job on a flyer and it should be up in the Route 59 Hobby Lobby as we speak. If there is sufficient interest, we should have our first class beginning sometime in April. Right now I'm looking at Wednesday's from 6-8 pm but that is subject to change. Please remember to start bringing in kits for the May Auction! I know you've got a candidate or two-I certainly do!

A big thanks to all who have volunteered to do skill presentations at our upcoming meetings. If you haven't volunteered yet, please don't let that stop you! We are always looking for good presentation topics and would love to hear about your idea.

The #1 fear most people have, beating the fear of death, is the fear of public speaking. I fully understand why many choose not to present at our meetings, but it's really quite rewarding, you get a free lottery ticket, and the rest of us will really appreciate your effort! I'd like all our members to make it a goal to bring in SOMETHING this year. A project can be in any state of construction, or even some interesting historical/research information! Just bring it!

John

REGION 5 NEWS WITH KELLY QUIRK

Remember I am accepting nominations for IPMS Region 5 Chapter, Web Site, and Newsletter of the Year. Deadline is April 1, 2013. For Chapter of the Year (COY), just send me a short write up on what your club has been doing over the year and why you feel your club deserves COY. For Newsletter of the Year, please send me any 3 copies of your Newsletter along with your nomination. For Web Site of the Year, simply notify me of your nomination along with your URL and I'll check it out (KelDQ@aol.com).

Also, one thing I need to clarify on the Newsletter of the Year and Website of the Year: The Editor of the Newsletter and the Webmaster of the Website MUST be current IPMS members to be eligible. Please keep that in mind when making your nominations. Again, deadline is April 1, 2013.

Kelly Quirk
Region 5 RC



Easy Upgrades to Easy-Build Kits Part I

By Walt Fink

I admit to being semi-hooked on the Hobby Boss “Easy Build” kits, but in the vein of “you get what you pay for,” some of the inexpensive-but-very-nice line can just a little bit of help in turning out the finished product.

The P-40B kit needs something done in its cockpit as molded, the entire forward part is a bathtub---just a big amphitheater. No instrument panel and no sidewall details are included, and the control stick is an oversized baseball bat (photo 1).

I snipped off the molded-in stick and made a new one from brass wire, then used the Trumpeter kit of the P-40B for some measurements to make a new instrument panel from sheet plastic (photo 2). I don’t know for sure, but these kits look so close in appearance it almost seems the two Chinese companies shared some design work.

A couple of bits of plastic glued to the cockpit sidewalls were good representations of radio panels and so forth (photo 3). When painted up, they looked OK. You can see the hole I drilled in the cockpit floor for the new stick.

A couple other small details helped the build too....some masking-tape seat belts were added. The cowl gun fairings were drilled out to accept short bits of black-painted wire for the barrels. I punched out a circle of black decal to simulate the carburetor intake on the cowl, and added a ring sight in front of the windshield from a True Details brass set.

The canopy sills were pretty wide and flat, so I put a couple lengths of wire on them to simulate the rails which the canopy slides on. Other than those simple “improvements” and some stretched-sprue antennae, the kit is OOB including the decals (photo 4).

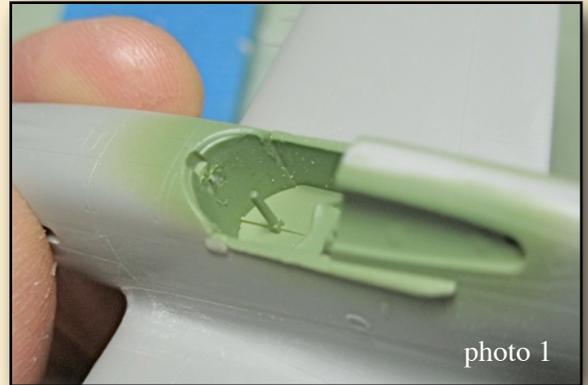


photo 1



photo 2



photo 3



photo 4

New Kits...and stuff

Thanks to all of the members who brought in these new releases for us to see.



Not New but still a goody



Hobby Boss's 1:72 P-38L-5-LO Lightning



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Upcoming Schedule 2013

Date	Theme	Demo/guest
January 11	*****	*****
February 8	*****	*****
March 8	<i>Under the Waves</i>	<i>Build-it Night #1</i>
April 12	<i>**76 Miles and up</i>	<i>Seam-Lines</i> Kevin Stover
May 10	*****	<i>AUCTION NIGHT</i>
June 14	<i>Islamic Republics</i>	<i>Resin Casting</i> Bill Soppet
July 12	<i>**Gone Hollywood</i>	<i>Paint and Finish</i> Keith Ward
August 9	<i>Tanks-a-Million</i>	<i>Build-it Night #2</i>
September 13	<i>Famous Aircraft</i>	<i>Dry Brushing</i> Steve Day
October 11	<i>**Police Vehicles</i>	<i>Photoetch Tools</i> John Bishop
November 9	*****	<i>CONTEST!</i>
December 13	<i>**Fire Fighters</i>	<i>Xmas Party</i>



Parachute into
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modeling
communities...
Come on in for
the
BIG WIN!

**"Actually TAKE
PRISONERS"**

All meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at:

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ
5739 Dunham Rd.
Downers Grove, IL**