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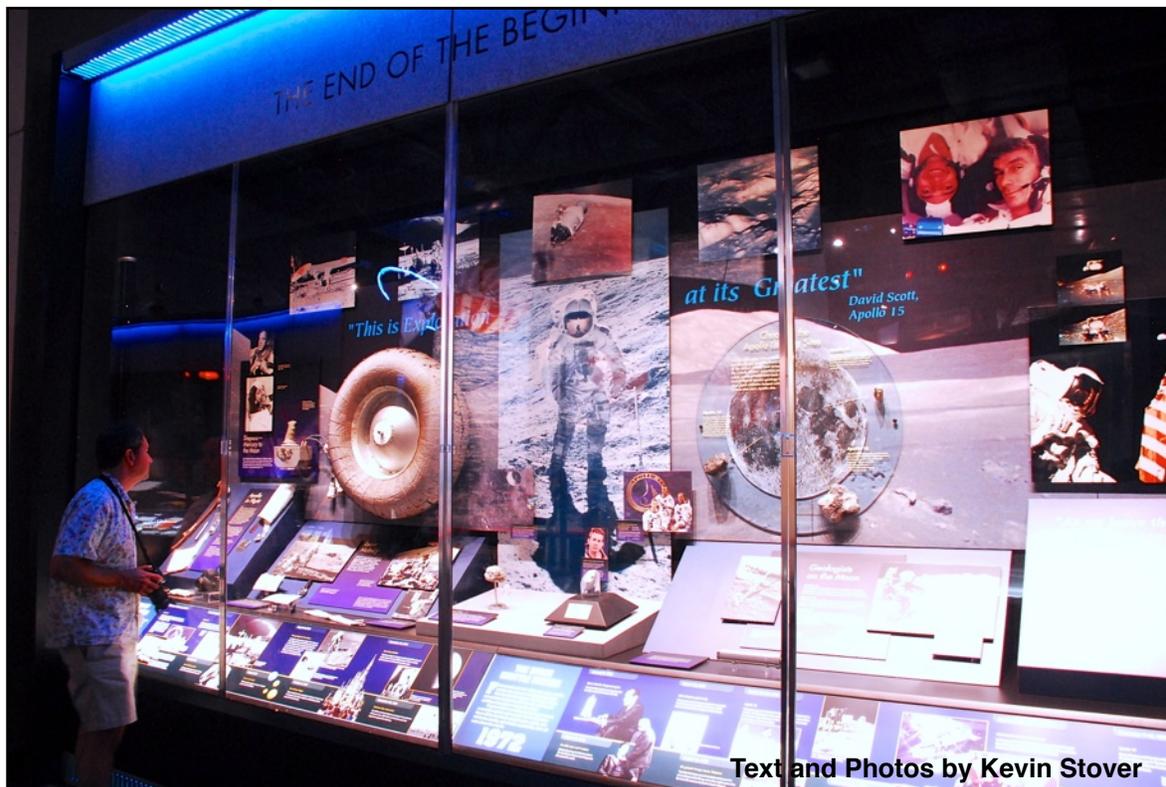
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The Rightest Stuff in Cape Canaveral



Text and Photos by Kevin Stover

One of the best parts of the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., is the United States Astronaut Hall of Fame, a salute to those who risked it all to further our nation's space exploration goals. Not a small building, it houses exhibits on everything from the "original seven" launches up through the space shuttle flights.

Apollo plays the biggest role here, with all of the moon landings and the first walk on the moon conducted by Neil Armstrong. Original "moon boots," vehicles and other pieces of lunar equipment are plentiful. The exhibit leads you from the early days

(late '50s) into our latest adventures in outer space.

The many ups and downs as well as the tragedies are covered here as well. The most prominent ones are the Challenger accident and Jan. 27, 1967, when Apollo mission AS-204 caught fire and burned on the pad during a pre-launch test, killing astronauts Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee.

There's also an actual hall of fame room within the museum, honoring many heroes. If you ever make it down to Florida and want to see the real Cocoa Beach of astronaut lore, this is the place for you.

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"From El Paso to the Luftwaffe" by Jens Ritter, pages 4 and 13.

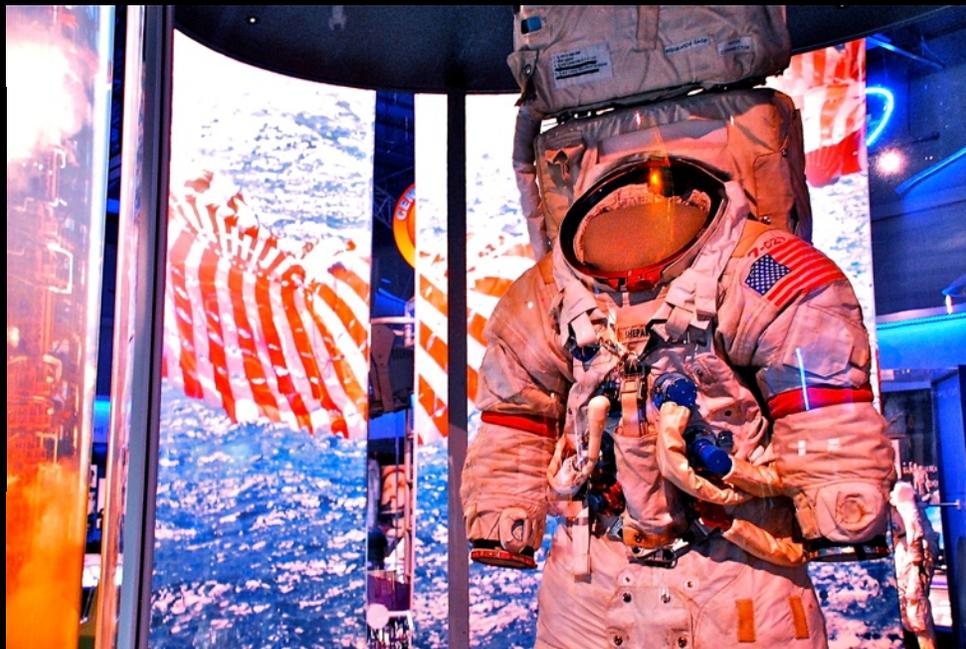
"The Panzer III Reborn" by Jack Bruno, pages 16-17.

Book Review: "Sea of Thunder" by John Kaufman, page 20.

Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting at St. Paul's Church on Friday, January 10, 2014 7:30 pm.

Special Theme: "Camo Crazy!"



Well, another annual BOH holiday party has flown by. If you couldn't make it, you missed a great time of food and fellowship. Forty-three members attended. The meeting started off with a paint sale for the Boy Scouts and a box full (hundreds) of free decals for the taking. Next, we elected a new slate of officers for the coming year:

President - John Bishop
Vice President - Stan Kurcz
Secretary - Ihor Hlohowskyj
Treasurer - Don Smith
Contact - Ron Thorne
Newsletter - Kevin Stover

I'll be replacing Mike Pikulyk, who could not return as VP. Thanks, Mike, for a job well done! We appreciate your efforts during the past year. There was another fine selection of models brought in for display, topped off by Keith's scratchbuilt 1/16 roadster. The holiday spread was another good one, and it capped off a great year for the club. I hope you all had a great holiday with family and friends and a Happy New Year. See you all in January!



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.

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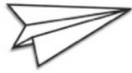


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From The Party!

at our December meeting





letters



to the editor

From IPMS El Paso back to the Luftwaffe!



My name is Jens Ritter. I am Master Sergeant in the German Air Force, better known as the Luftwaffe. Currently I am in my 21st year of service in the German AF. I have been a scale modeler since 1996. Back then I served with the 73rd Fighter Wing, equipped with the Russian-built MiG-29 Fulcrum. I loved that fighter and got inspired to have it as a scale model. Finally, 22 of 24 jets were sold for a symbolic 1 Euro to Poland. Of the other two jets, one crashed and another one was no longer airworthy.

Many years later, in 2004, I applied for a position with the German Air Defense School based at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Teas. When I came to El Paso in 2007, most of my scale models got damaged. It was a hard work to fix it again. I found great help with the IPMS El Paso.

I knew I would have to go back to Germany one day, and I searched the Internet for better options for the transfer back to Germany. I tried different things. What I finally created was a mix of ideas of others and mine, but in the end, you need to build one of a kind for every model. When I got back to Germany, only two models out of 23 I shipped suffered minor damages. All the others were fine. The packing idea had worked great!

Now I serve with the 62nd Air Transport Wing and I'm still building scale models, mostly F-15, F-16 and F-18 fighters, but I have no intention of building a model of any cargo aircraft. After my last deployment to Afghanistan I got inspired to build an HH-60L Black Hawk in honor of the neighbors next to us. They were U.S. Army Air Medics from Fort Bliss. Great guys!

Thank you for the interest. I feel honored. Attached is a picture of all the boxes with scale models inside before the transfer back.

Greetings to Chicago!

J. Ritter





DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH IPMS/EL PASO, TEXAS

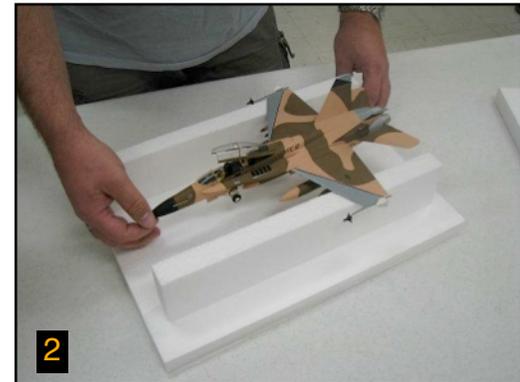
BUILDING AN AIRCRAFT STORAGE / TRANSPORTATION DEVICE

BY JENS RITTER

PART 1



Photo 1: Determine the size of the base for the particular model that will be on the base.



Photos 2,3,4: Cut a base to fit your model.



Jens, a member of the Luftwaffe, moves from posting to posting and needed a method to transport his models without having them damaged while moving.

This is his method of protecting his models from the movers.

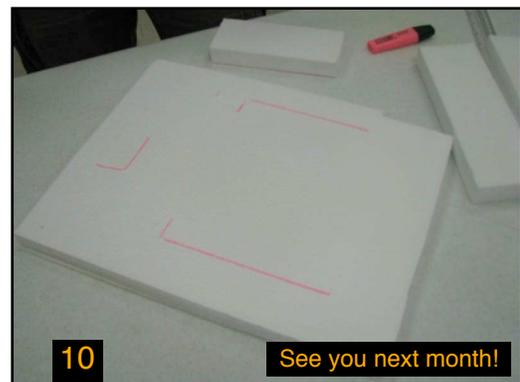
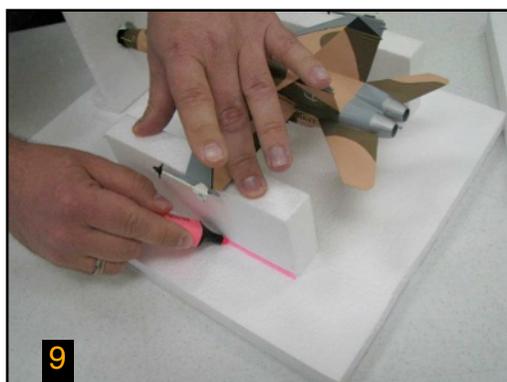
The supplies required are Styrofoam sheet, silicone and some two-and-one-half-inch sheet metal screws.



Photo 5: For jet aircraft, cut a piece to fit over the nose.



Photos 6, 7, 8: Cut a hole in this piece to fit the nose cone into, making it high enough to lift the front landing gear strut above the base.



Photos 9,10: Outline the position of the fixed supports so they can be glued in place afterward.

See you next month!

PLEASE HELP YOUR NEWSLETTER!



WE CAN'T DO THIS
ON OUR OWN!

The Display Table



Carl Knable did a great job on this F-82!



Kurt Van Dahm brought us this replica of the Chicago fireboat Schlaeger as it once cruised the waters of Lake Michigan...also befitting theme night.

The Display Table



This captured P-51 Mustang from **Darren Herde** looks ready to fight for the "other side" -- once you warm up the engine.

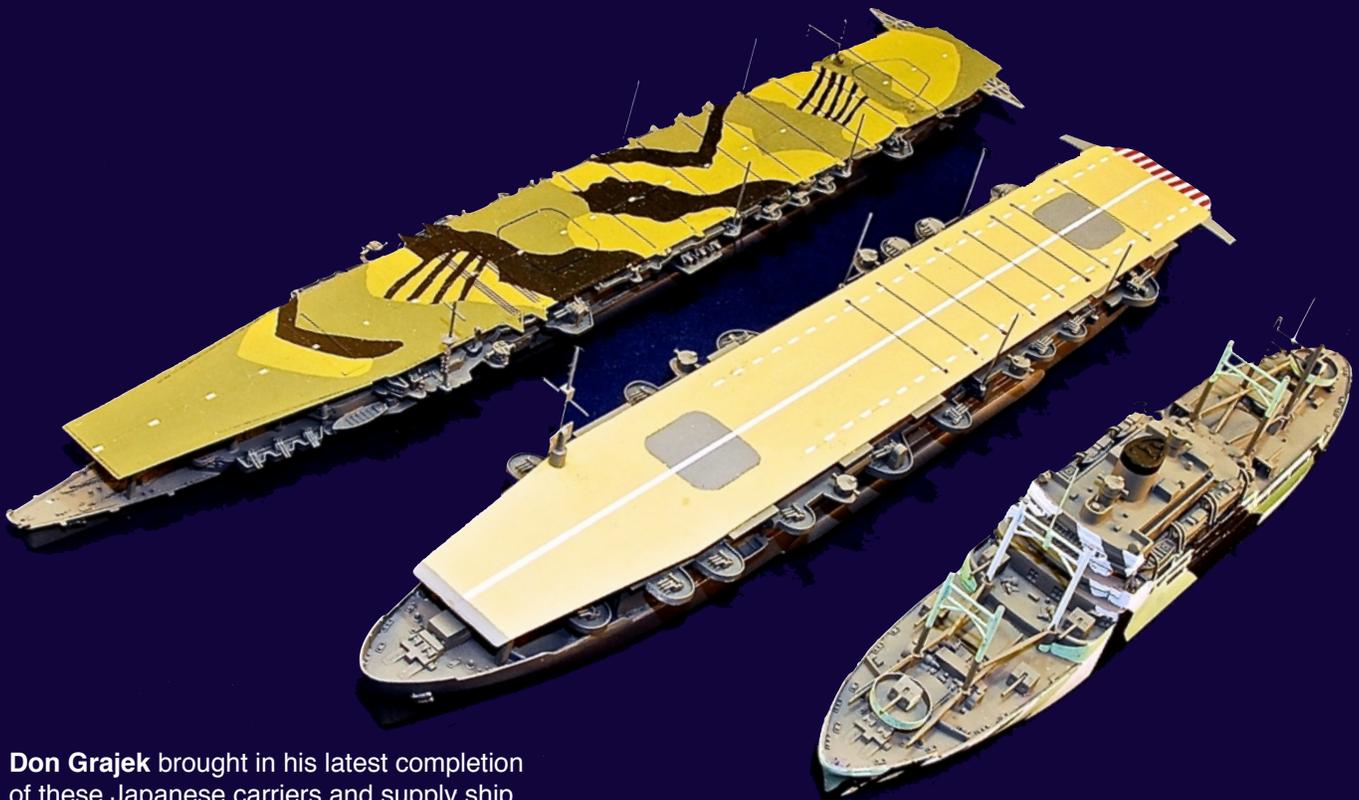


Darren strikes again with this FM-2 Wildcat.

The Display Table



The John L. Harvey fireboat is from "NEW YORK CITY." Thanks, Kurt.

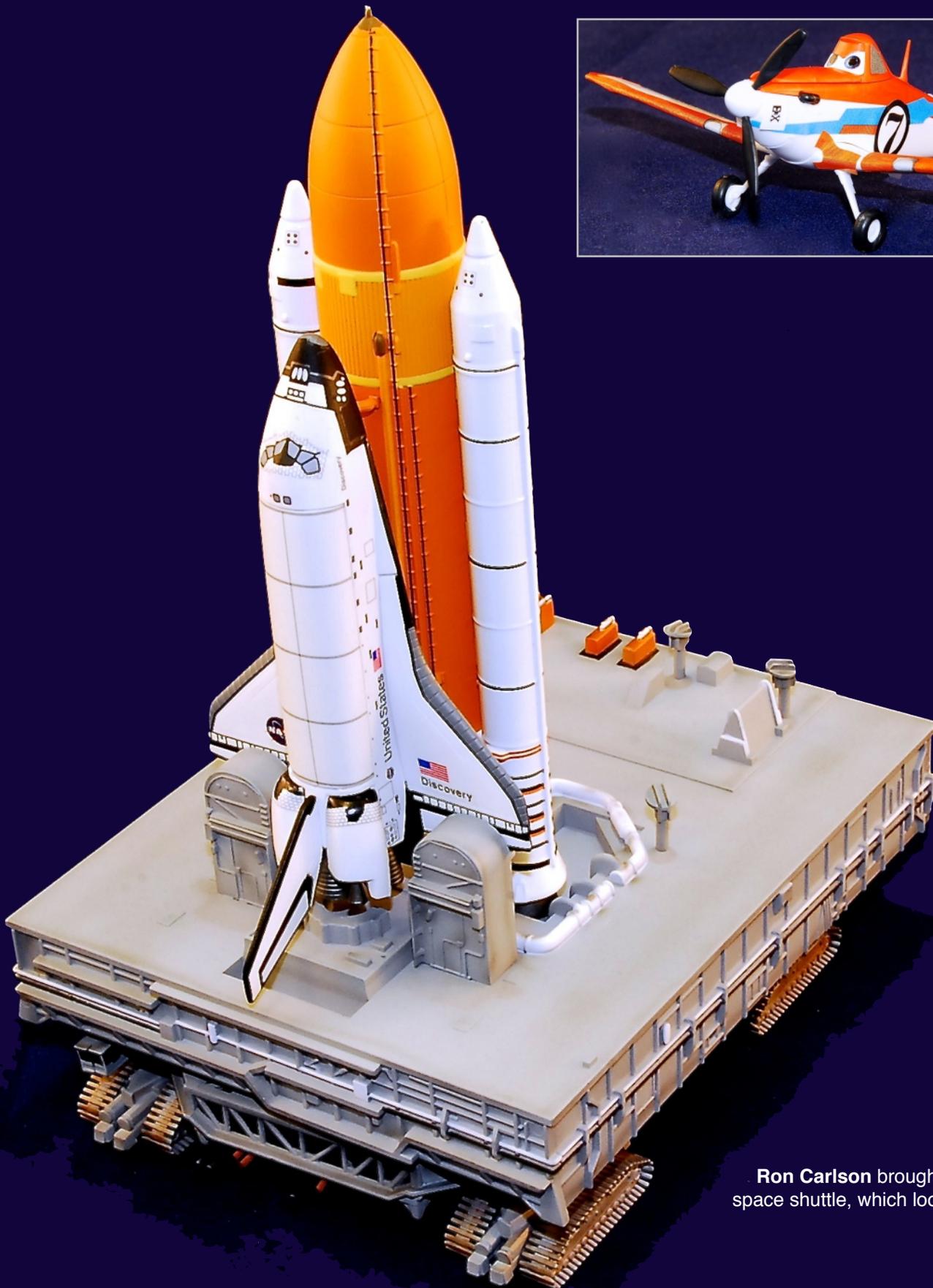


Don Grajek brought in his latest completion of these Japanese carriers and supply ship.

The Display Table



Boy, "Dusty" never looked better!



Ron Carlson brought in this diecast space shuttle, which looks ready to lift off.

The Display Table



Keith Ward scratch built this beautiful 1/8 scale sprint car honoring Ted Horn. Notice that no seat belts were used back then. Keith says Ted always felt racing was safer without seat belts because you could be ejected from the crash with no injuries. Ted was killed when he was ejected and run over by another car...



Mark Brzezicki says: "This is an N scale Fox Valley Models ES44DC GEVO. GEVO stands for GE Evolution. To meet new pollution standards, GE and EMD have new engines: GE has the ES44AC or ES44DC and EMD has the SD70ace. The engine comes with the sun shades and grab handles and wiper blades that can be installed separately. Though the grab handles and wipers are smaller than an eyelash, actually an eyelash would be easier to handle than the parts that come in the kit. There are little dimples where one can drill with a number 80 drill bit to make the hole for the handles."

The Display Table



This PBM-5 Martin Mariner is a great example of craftsmanship, Carl.



Nick Pikulyk's miniatures are tiny and impressive.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



This 1/72 scale Curtiss P-40 should be done soon.



The M-26 in 1/16 scale is enormous!



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TAMIYA'S PANZER III AUSF. N.

BY JACK BRUNO



Many, many years ago when I was in the Reviewer Corp, I was sent this new Tamiya Panzer III Ausf. N. I built it up and even entered it in a show. But I had Friul tracks on it and it just didn't seem right. So I was removing a few links on each side when I dropped the kit and it exploded all over the place. Well, the remains went into a plastic bucket (ice cream container) with an old Pepsi shirt on top of it, and it remained there for over five years. Last week I was finishing up a few projects and found this kit in the storage area, and decided that it would be a HOOT if I could salvage what I could. (I found The Panther Ausf. D too.) I started removing the track and really thought that the damage was not as bad as I had thought it was, so I started to work. It got a repaint/weathering/pigments/new Magic track/oil wash/oil dry brushing and a new base.

The very first thing I did was collect all of the pieces that I would need for the rebuild.

The hull and chassis were already separated, and I replaced two of the road wheels that were missing with a Stug III kit that I had in the stash. (Those wheels were replaced anyway, using the resin set that had wear/tear on them.) On a previous project I had used the Friul "Witterketten" set and had an extra set of Magic track that fit perfectly, and after about the time it took for the Chicago Cubs to lose a game, I had those assembled. While the glue on the track was just about cured, I slid it over the wheels and return rollers and wrapped it around the drive sprocket, making sure it was snug/tight and the teeth pressed into the holes. TAKE YOUR TIME. The proper Panzer sag was done at this time, using a pencil to shape the track into place. Make sure you have proper alignment and all the wheels are touching the ground. This was put off to the side to dry.

Next came the upper hull, where some of the tools were replaced. The wooden handles were rejuvenated using Tamiya Buff, and after that dry, raw sienna oil was used to bring out the sexy wood grain effect. Dark Grey was used for the metal area and then given a small application of pencil lead for a used look. After this dried, a little flat coat was brushed on to seal it. The extra Friul track was originally used as extra armor protection and I left that in place. Elmer's Glue was applied FROM THE INSIDE to seal the driver's viewing port and will appear as armored glass when it dries.

I was looking at some pics from books in my collection and was going for a war weary tank that looked like the desert took its toll. I took out my Grex and started to spray high points with a flat brown. From there I went to a darker middlestone shade and my Panzer started looking like new again, only much mo' betta! I was careful to get close enough to the turret markings without



botching that up because I really did like this division. I kept the chassis and hull separated, and then my attention turned to the lower half of the tank.

The tracks were given the same treatment as the hull only with darker shades. I selected the pigments I would use and gave both halves a Future treatment and prepared for the oil wash. I used Winsor & Newton oils and pre-made a batch of turpentine with a long sliver of Dick Van Dyke Brown. A light application is what I started with, and after three more treatments I liked the look and let the turpentine evaporate before a sealing coat of Clear Flat, by Vallejo. I really needed something new, so I opted for an air recognition flag, draped over the storage boxes on the rear hull. I should have mentioned that the scratchbuilt stowage rack survived that original mishap and was still used in this project. It was constructed by plastic strip, Super Glue and green putty to simulate weld beads.

The flag was made from foil. Using a template, I cut a stencil for the circle. VERY CAREFULLY the foil was shaped by pressing it into the area where it was to be located. First the white paint, then I applied the stencil, then sprayed red. This was Futured, and after it dried a decal was stolen from a superscale set that I use for armor. Again, this was sealed with a flat coat. I started to carefully dry brush using yellows and a hint of white in some areas. Pigments were then used along the track area, and I took an eye dropper and carefully applied Tamiya thinner to the pigments, a small drop at a time to keep them in place. Further applications of pigment may be needed to build up the amount of grunge you're looking for. DO NOT saturate the pigment--use just enough to let it spread on its own. It dries very nicely, and you'll be surprised at how well it works. You'll be sold on them. I used MIG for this and the European dirt and Africa sand, and some track brown color pigment was used in the track area.



When everything concerning the tank was drying I went to my local Goodwill store, not only to scope out the talent but to pick up a few wooden bases that the girlzz put on the side for me! (You'll be surprised at what they will do for a Starbucks once in awhile.) I pictured a moving column of tanks in the desert, single file to hide their numbers in the sand, and laid out my base using Celluclay mixed with water and white glue. I spread it out over the selected area and pressed some curbside stones into it and even had some sand left from Mike's days at the Coolidge school sandbox. It looked great, and I pressed Panzer IV track into the road to give some route for my completed tank. When this was all dry, I painted it by air brush with the same colors and washes used on the chassis. Looks GREAT! Now all I needed was to put everything together.

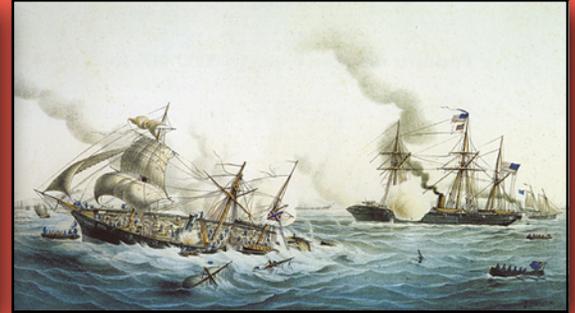
After carefully putting some droplets of Super Glue on the mount points, I rejoined the hull/turret onto the chassis--finally together after five long years. The track sag was perfect, and I marveled at what it looked like now as opposed to then. Everything came out better than planned, and I put it off to the side to dry and finished the base with a generous Dick Van Dyke oil wash. After this set up for the next few days, I mounted the tank to the base and then it was off to get its picture taken.

I really had fun doing this resurrection, if you will. So much so that on the table right now is another "find" from years ago in the Dragon Panther Ausf. D. You might want to try giving one of your old kits a makeover. You'll be pleasantly surprised!



This Month in *Military* History

Jan. 11, 1863 – The Confederate ship Alabama under Capt. Semmes flies a British flag and lures the USS Hatteras out of Galveston harbor. The Hatteras is quickly sunk.



(TDMH)

Jan. 23, 1953 – The U.S. Air Force's 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing flies the last F-51 Mustang mission of the Korean War.



(TDMH)

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1, 2014
17th Annual Hope It Don't Snow Show
Ramada Hotel & Convention Center
1517 16th St. SW [Map](#)
Rochester, MN
[Chris Krco](#) 507-254-4646

April 12, 2014
Surgicon 20
The Euclid Room
2540 E. Euclid Ave. [Map](#)
Des Moines, IA
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March 8, 2014
Mad City Modelers Annual Show
Double Days
4586 Baxter Road [Map](#)
Cottage Grove, WI
[Rob Teubert](#) 608-295-9258

April 26, 2014
Fleacon 10
Landmark Aviation, Eastern Iowa Airport
3411 Beech Way [Map](#)
Cedar Rapids, IA
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March 15, 2014
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Kansas City, MO
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May 9-10, 2014
"More For '64"
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FROM THE OVAL OFFICE



I hope all is going well this "building season" and everyone is able to find some time to enjoy our hobby! I am happy to report that the new shipment of awards has arrived and that all non-club members have had their contest awards shipped to them. BOH members can pick up their awards at the January meeting.

We had some good focus last year on things we could do better as a club – I certainly learned a lot in my first full term as a club officer! One thing I'd like all of you to consider is how YOU can contribute to our club and our hobby. I hate generalities, so here are some SPECIFIC ways you can tell if you are contributing:

1. Are you bringing in items of interest for discussion at meetings?
 - a. New kits
 - b. Current projects
 - c. Research material
 - d. Past projects
2. Are you providing content for the newsletter in any form?
 - a. Build articles
 - b. Museum/research reports
 - c. Tools/technique discussions
3. Helping with the planning/preparation/setup/teardown at the annual contest?
4. Helping with the planning/preparation/setup/teardown at the annual dinner?
5. ????

You get the idea! I love people with ideas – I respect people with ideas who are willing to invest sweat equity to make them happen!

Happy Holidays and Happy Modeling! *John*

REGION 5 NEWS WITH KELLY QUIRK

Hello Region 5 members,

I have been swamped so this will be fairly short. The 2014 contest calendar is filling up fast. Please remember to book your show with me as early as possible for the best chance to get your desired date.

The Region 5 Convention on Oct. 18, 2014, is shaping up nicely. The host club, IPMS/West Central Missouri, has some special things in the works. One of them that I can confirm right now is that the contest theme is "In Country - The Vietnam War." They will have a special guest for the day, famed helicopter pilot Hugh Mills. Hugh will be on site for chatting with, book signing and photo ops, and he will be presenting the special theme award trophy to the lucky winner.

The club will also be hosting a Make & Take event during the show, not to mention the excellent venue, awesome raffle and one of the best trophy packages out there. Please share this info with all your club members!

Hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Kelly Quirk
Region 5 RC



Sea of Thunder

by Evan Thomas

Reviewed by John Kaufman

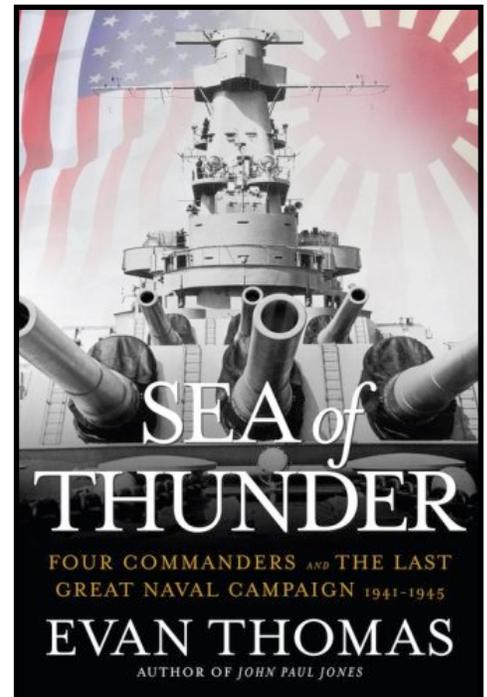
“Sea of Thunder” by Evan Thomas follows four commanders who participated in the last major sea battle of World War II off of the Philippines. Two of the commanders are Americans, Admiral Halsey and Commander Ernest Evans of the USS Johnston, and the other two are the Japanese Admirals Kurita and Ugaki. The four men came together at the battle off Samar, where the Japanese battle fleet met Taffy 3. The book starts before the war with the education of each man, and then follows the commanders through the beginning of the war until the battle, highlighting their attitudes and beliefs from their own writings or from sources who were with the commanders as they made decisions. Some of the commanders’ children were also able to tell how their fathers reacted to the war.

The battle of Samar is distinguished by several apparent blunders by both sides. The book explores what the commanders were thinking and what they could have known at the time they made their decisions. It explores the communications breakdowns on both sides of the battle and how they affected the actions off of the Philippines. It also examines how the attitudes and personal beliefs of the commanders influenced the outcome. For example, Halsey has been criticized for not guarding the San Bernadino Strait, which allowed Taffy 3 to be attacked by a force that it had no hope of defeating or even surviving.

“Sea of Thunder” explains how Halsey processed the information he had through the lens of his strong desire to defeat the Japanese navy and chose to go after the carriers instead of babysitting the landing force. The weak (pathetic) communication between Halsey and Admiral Kincaid (who worked for General MacArthur) basically left each one thinking the other was guarding the strait. That let Kurita and Ugaki the enter the area unopposed and get the drop on Taffy 3.

The book describes the way Evans reacted in making smoke and attacking the Japanese fleet of battleships and cruisers with a destroyer, actually getting a good torpedo shot in on a cruiser. Equal time is given to the Japanese side of the equation and how and why they made their decisions as well. It shows how the fog of war and the personality of the commander can influence the course of history.

“Sea of Thunder” reads as a well-researched, in-depth study that shows how the battle off Samar developed and how the mistakes and blunders on both sides happened. It shows the human faces of the commanders and the struggles they went through as they tried to do their duty as their honor and their personalities allowed. The reader will gain an appreciation of the struggles of the commanders and their humanity, as well as the legends. This book is an interesting read, especially for those interested in World War II naval history. It also is fascinating to see how the real people reacted to the stress of war, something that is still applicable today. Enjoy!

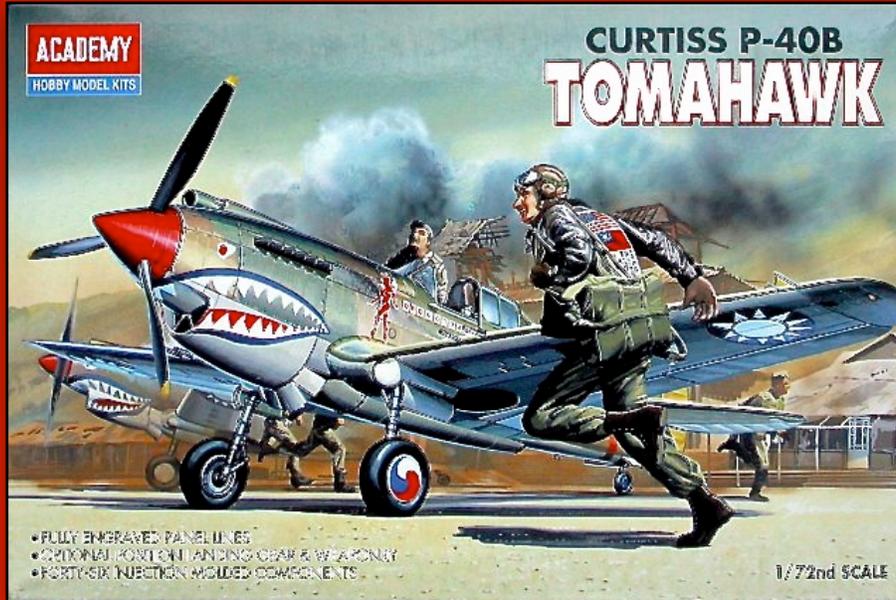


Interested to know what happened to all those USAF fuel tanks that were jettisoned over North and South Vietnam after the fuel was expended during their missions? Apparently they're being put to good use as boats in the navigable rivers of Southeast Asia.



New Kits...and stuff

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



1/16 SCALE BBSOUND "NON SMOKE"
US M26 PERSHING SNOW LEOPARD



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Upcoming Schedule 2014

Date	Theme	Demo/guest
January 10	**Camo Crazy	Scribing Panels (Don Smith)
February 14	Cold War	Drybrushing (Steve Day)
March 14	**Navy Birds	Build-it Night #1
April 11	Axis Night	Weathering Treads (Jack Bruno)
May 9	**Anything RED	Auction Night
June 13	Boeing	Airplane Antennas (Carl Knable)
July 11	**Non-Federation	Basic Airbrush Maint. (Steve Day)
August 8	Civilian Dress	Canopies (Kevin Stover)
September 12	**Six Day War	Real Wood (Keith Ward)
October 10	USS Anything	Build-it Night #2
November 14	*****	CONTEST!
December 12	**Snow Covered	Xmas Party



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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**