



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## *The Good Old Days Model Directions circa 1975*

### KIT BUILDING TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

1. Trim all plastic parts from molding frame with sharp knife or nail clippers.
  2. Smooth all sharp edges with sandpaper or nail file. Remove the coating on metalized parts where cement is to be applied.
  3. Use "styrene" or "kit" glue (Testors and DuPont are good brands). Use a toothpick to apply and use sparingly so no excess is visible.
  4. Hold small parts in place with tweezers, or brace them until they hold firm. Rubber bands and straight pins are helpful.
  5. Be sure glue is firm in one joint before attempting the next.
  6. Paint parts before assembly (if possible), using spray enamel, available at your local toy or hobby store. Several light coats, with drying time in between, are much better than one heavy coat.
  7. Before gluing metal parts to plastic, use a coat of household glue on the metal for better bond.
  8. All parts will fit. If not, you've made a mistake. Time and patience will insure good results. Adding weight (clay, metal washers, old small-size batteries) to hidden locations in a model makes it easier to handle.
  9. Displaying your kit on a shelf, a board, or in a frame, will help protect it. Few kits survive a fall from a desk or table.
- If you break or lose a part (and who doesn't once in a while?), all is not lost. Send 50¢ for handling,\* and a good description of the part needed, to.

### SEE PARTS LIST BACK PAGE

\* \$1.00 for fuselage or wings.

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Date	Theme	Demo/Guest
Jan 8	Annual Membership	tbd
Feb 12	Anything with Figures	tbd
Mar 12	North Africa WW II	Scenery and diorama tips (Vinikour)
Apr 9	On the Bench/Unfinished	tbd
May 14	Sci-Fi and Fantasy	tbd
Jun 11	Out-of-Box Group Build – Members Choice	tbd
Jul 9	Middle East	tbd
Aug 13	WW II Pacific Island Hoping	tbd
Sep 10	NATO/Eastern Bloc	tbd
Oct 8	Navy Fighters	tbd
Nov 12/13	38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Show	Annual Show
Dec 10	What you got last Christmas/Hanukkah and BOH Annual Christmas Party and Show Recap	White Elephant Gift Exchange

**Drop into the Next Meeting: ZOOM Meeting – starts at 7:00 PM; see Page 5**

***All in-person currently cancelled and will resume at a later date.***

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
 5739 Dunham Road  
 Downers Grove, IL  
 Zoom Start: 7:00 PM



# COME JOIN OUR NEXT COVID-19 ZOOM CLUB MEETING

**Topic: Butch O'Hare Model Club Monthly**

**Time: Friday, February 12, 2020 7:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)**

Our next Zoom club meeting will be Friday, Feb 12, at 7:00 PM (not our usual 7:30 in-person start time).

Join the Zoom meeting on line, using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84945433476?pwd=RFpvaVQ3UXQ5NnB6UWo3OHRFclBIZz09>

**Meeting ID: 849 4543 3476**

**Passcode: 240770**

Send your Show-and-Tell items to Hector before the meeting. If you have any tech questions about how to log into Zoom, please contact either Hector at [hdcolon@yahoo.com](mailto:hdcolon@yahoo.com) or 630-809-9072, or our VP Bob at [rfryszak@luc.edu](mailto:rfryszak@luc.edu) or 630-234-5684. Please do not hesitate to contact either Hector or Bob with any questions for getting into the Zoom meeting.



## **NEWSLETTER SUBMITTALS**

**In place of our normal monthly meeting, we would like everyone to submit pics of your latest builds (completed and in-progress), kit reviews, book reviews, techniques, or interesting websites that we can put into our next newsletter:**

- **Take 1-3 pictures of a current model project, book, or kit, whatever state it's in;**
- **Write a short description;**
- **And TELL US HOW YOU ARE DOING**

**Email your submittals by February 23rd to '[ismpdf@gmail.com](mailto:ismpdf@gmail.com)' and we will include it in the February newsletter.**

## January 2021 ZOOM Meeting Recap and Other News

President John Novak brought the meeting to order. Eleven members were in attendance. John stated that we are still in a state of limbo regarding our November 2021 show. Of primary concern is that we have not found a location at which to hold the show. Treasurer Hector Colon stated that we still have adequate funds in the bank, and that we are still paying the church our monthly room rental fees. He mentioned that a number of club ornaments were returned. It is possible that the addresses we have for some members are no longer valid. Hector also mentioned that if we find a show location which costs more than we have paid in the past that we may have to increase model contest entry fees and/or admission fees. Club members then discussed their show and tell photos (see these photos elsewhere in the Newsletter).

At the close of the meeting, Hector reminded people to check page 26 of the December 2020 Newsletter for information on mailing in 2021 membership dues.



**Reminder: Any paid members who did NOT receive their BOH Christmas ornament please send Hector ([hdcolon@yahoo.com](mailto:hdcolon@yahoo.com)) your mailing address and he will resend the ornament.**

## January Show-and-Tell

Mike Knowski	Two Revell P-47Ms; an Italeri Spitfire Mk VI; and a Hasegawa P-40: all 1/72.
Dick Beemer	Chandra X-Ray telescope; Metal Earth.
Bob Frysztak	The continuing build saga of the Revell 1/96 USS Constitution .
Carl Knable	1/72 F7U Cutlass, Fujima; F2H-3, Hobbycraft; F-86K, Special Hobby; and F6F-5 Hellcat; Hasegawa. 1/144 VC-10, Airfix.
Stan Kurcz	1/72 F2H Banshee, Hasegawa; 1/72 Henschel HS 1/29, Tamiya.

If you have any comments or questions about any of these “Show-and-Tell “ entries, please email them to [ismpdf@gmail.com](mailto:ismpdf@gmail.com) and we will forward them to the appropriate builder.

**Mike Knowski:** First up for the new year is a P-47M in 1/72 scale from Revell. I made this because I had the markings for a British t-bolt on a decal sheet from Decals Carpania. Nothing special here just OOB.

Second is another P-47M from Revell in 1/72 scale. This got some resin tires from true details and some photo etched cockpit parts from Eduard. Decals are OOB.

Third is a Spitfire MK VI in 1/72 scale from Italeri. This one is all OOB.

And last but not least, a P-40 in 1/72 scale from Hasegawa. I put in a true details resin cockpit along with resin tires. The canopy was cut, and I added the front half of a true details vacuum formed piece. Markings are OOB. I had problems with the canopy. When I cut it out it was fine but after I glued it to the cockpit, the back end deformed. I'm not sure how to fix it other than replacing it. Any ideas?





P-47M



Spitfire MK VI



# Spitfire MK VI

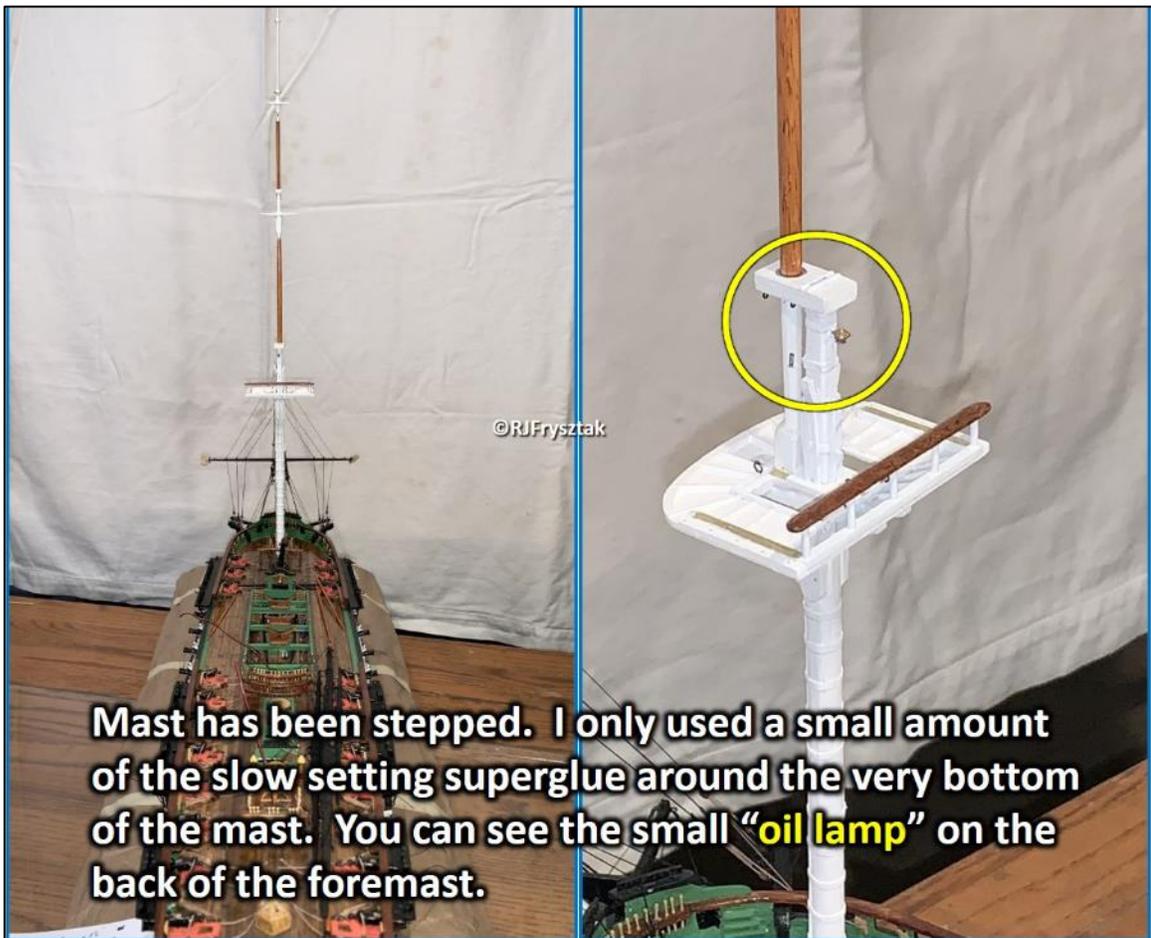
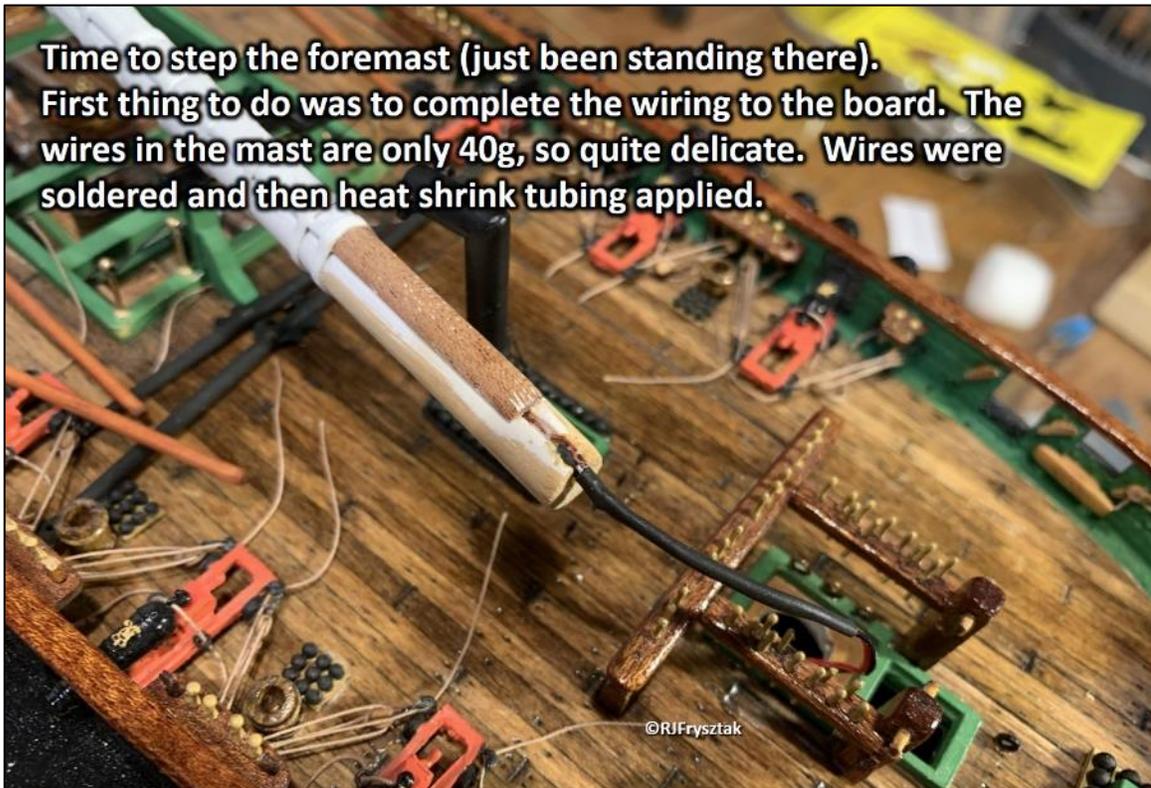


**Dick Beemer: Another Metal Earth kit. This time NASA's Chandra X-Ray telescope.**



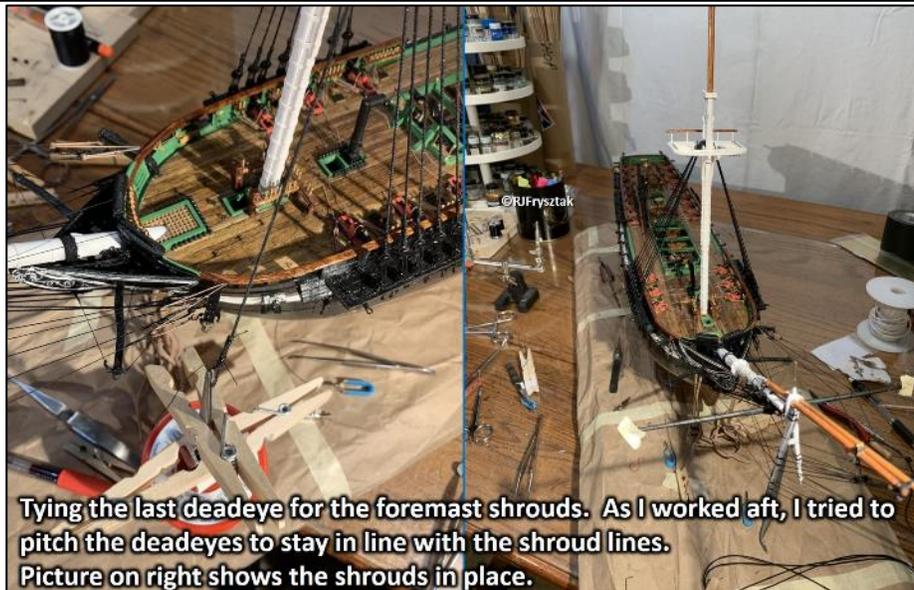
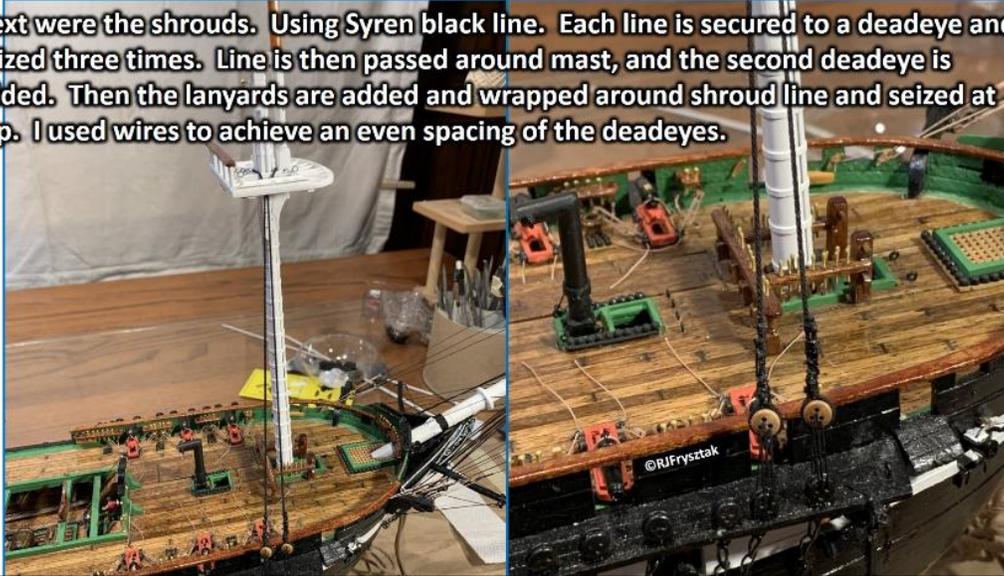
**Bob Fryszak:** The continuing build saga of the Revell 1/96 USS Constitution.

Time to step the foremast (just been standing there). First thing to do was to complete the wiring to the board. The wires in the mast are only 40g, so quite delicate. Wires were soldered and then heat shrink tubing applied.



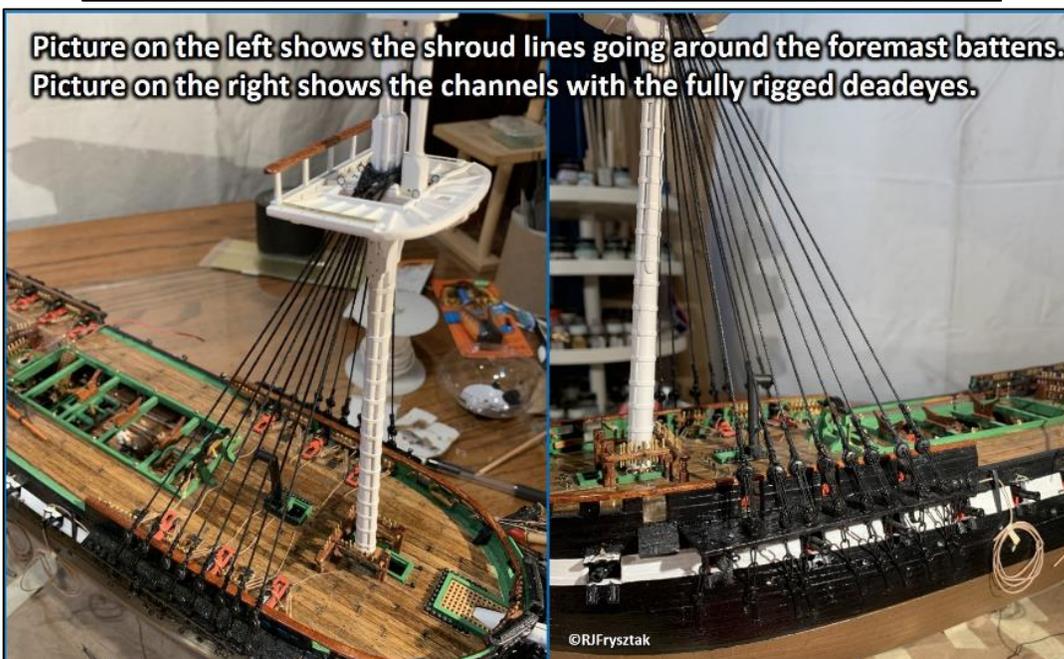
Mast has been stepped. I only used a small amount of the slow setting superglue around the very bottom of the mast. You can see the small "oil lamp" on the back of the foremast.

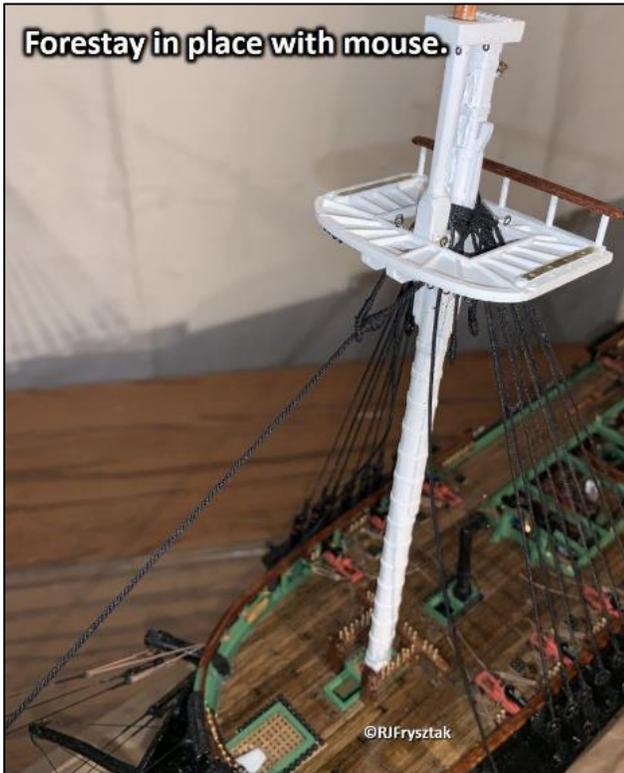
Next were the shrouds. Using Syren black line. Each line is secured to a deadeye and seized three times. Line is then passed around mast, and the second deadeye is added. Then the lanyards are added and wrapped around shroud line and seized at top. I used wires to achieve an even spacing of the deadeyes.



Tying the last deadeye for the foremast shrouds. As I worked aft, I tried to pitch the deadeyes to stay in line with the shroud lines. Picture on right shows the shrouds in place.

Picture on the left shows the shroud lines going around the foremast battens. Picture on the right shows the channels with the fully rigged deadeyes.





**Forestay in place with mouse.**

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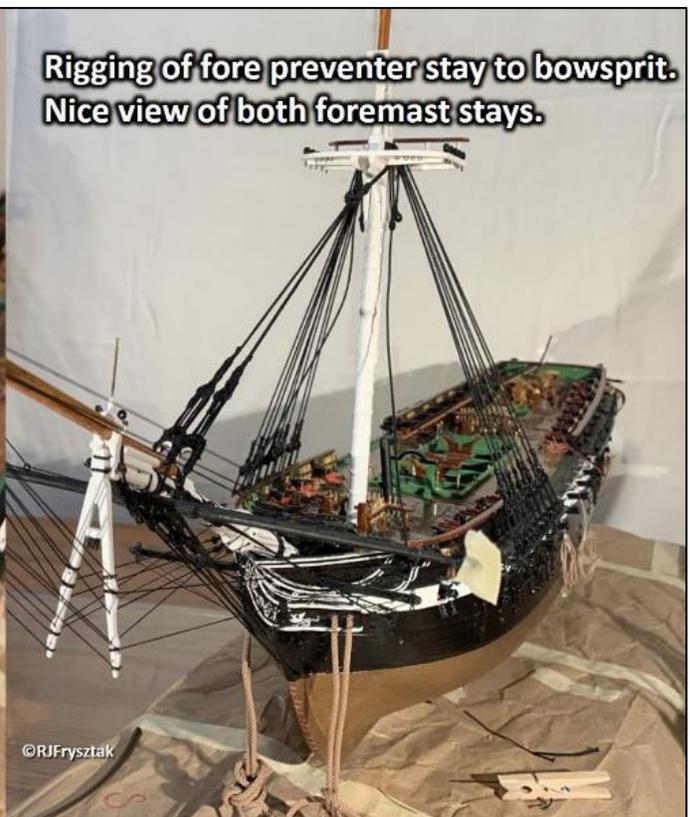


**Scratch built open heart for attachment to bowsprit. Bullseyes and landyards complete the rigging of the forestay.**



**Deadeyes for topmast shrouds added with scratch built stops.**

**Fore preventer stay was also rigged with a mouse.**



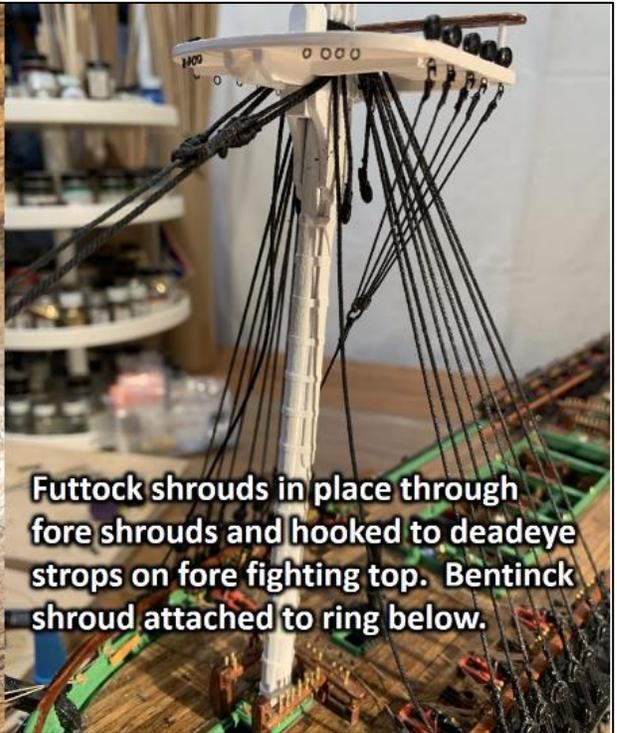
**Rigging of fore preventer stay to bowsprit. Nice view of both foremast stays.**

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Rigging of Futtock shrouds with hooks and ring.

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Futtock shrouds in place through fore shrouds and hooked to deadeye strops on fore fighting top. Bentinck shroud attached to ring below.



Bentinck shrouds rigged to opposite side of deck through **bullseyes**.

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**Carl Knable:** First up is a Fujimi 1/72nd Cutlass, built pretty much OOB except for vac canopy, and added wing pylons. Decals from the spares box.

Next is an Airfix 1/144th Vickers VC-10 - a pretty nice kit considering it is 1964 tooling. OOB except for re-scribed panel lines, modified outer wing leading edge, wing fences, and refueling probe. Liveries Unlimited decals.

After that is a Hobbycraft 1/72nd F2H-3. Number three Banshee for this year, clearing my Banshee stash. The Hobbycraft dash 3 kit is very similar to the Airfix dash 2 kit, but a lot nicer due to the recessed panel lines. Both kits are easy builds. Pictures include the just completed Hobbycraft kit, and group shots including the two previously completed Airfix kits. The F2H-3 is followed by a 1/72nd Special Hobby F-86K. Nice kit...OOB.

And finally, my last build for 2020! Hasegawa F6F-5 Hellcat carrying an early test version (circa 1950) of the SPARROW missile. Scratch missile and camera pod, vac canopy, decals from spares box.





Vickers VC-10



# F2H-3 Banshee







F6F-5 Hellcat



**Stan:** My last two builds of 2020 and first for the Jan 2021 newsletter.  
The F2H Banshee (Has 1/72) is actually one of my first builds in the club but I finally mounted it to a carrier deck base. The Henschel Hs-129 is a new and first attempt at a winter camo scheme. It's Tamiya 1/72 out of the box.



**F2H Banshee**



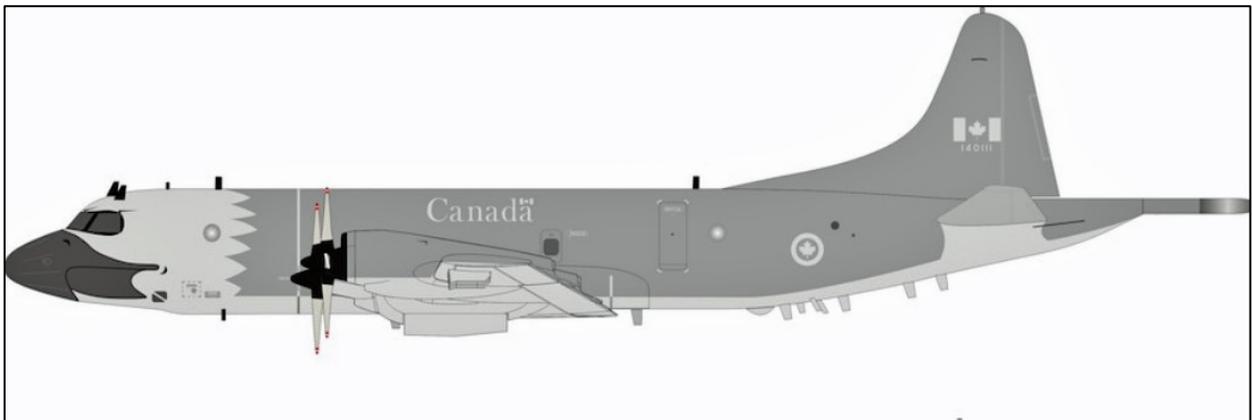
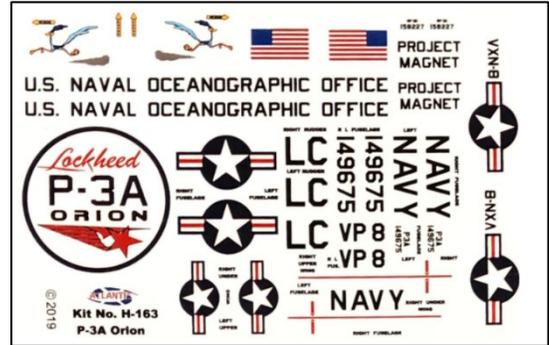
# Building the ATLANTIS (REVELL) P-3 ORION

by

Carl Knable

## WIP Part Two – Paint and Decals

The kit decals, which look well printed, provide for two paint schemes. I wanted to do a Canadian CP-140 with the special eagles head scheme (picture 2). Since this is a 1/115<sup>th</sup> scale kit, no aftermarket decals are available, so this would involve making all of the decals, and making paint masks for the nose markings.



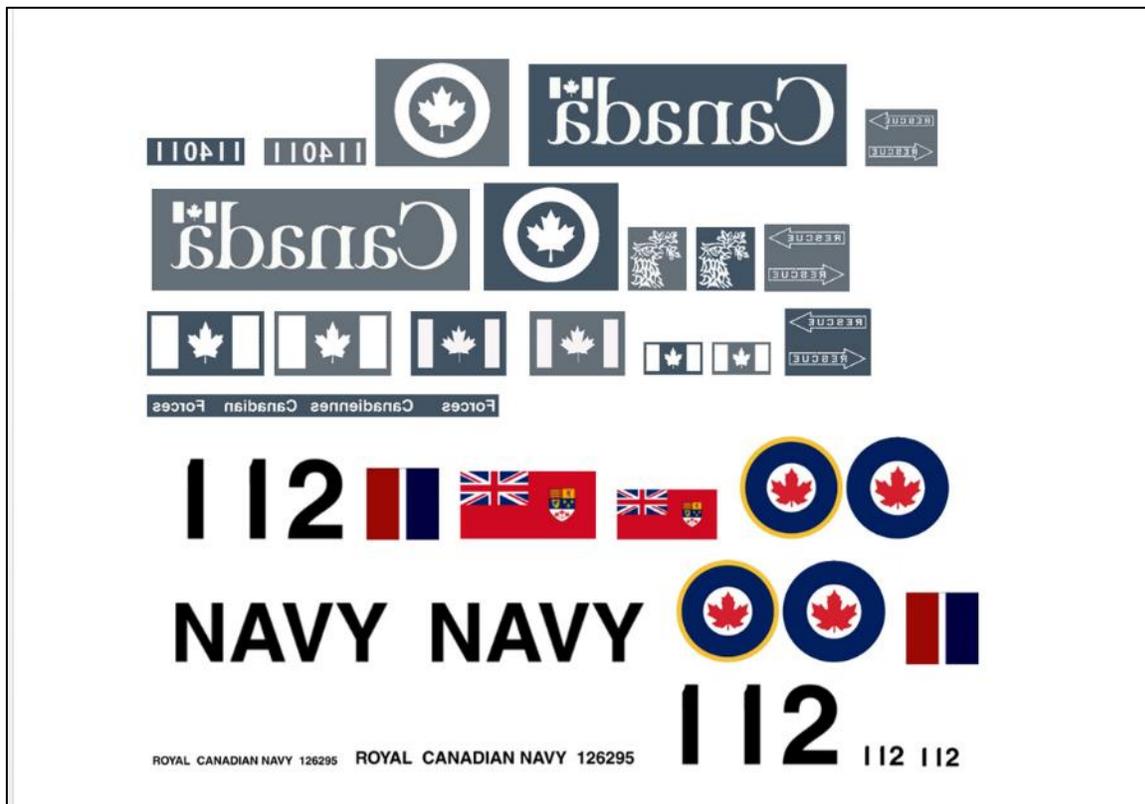
**Painting and Masks:** First, the model was sprayed light grey. The nose “eagle beak” markings were air brushed in dark grey using masking tape outlines. The “beak” was then outlined with thin black decal strips. Finally, the “eagle feathers” and lower fuselage were masked off, and the upper FS36375 dark grey applied.



**Decals:** Images of all the markings were downloaded from the Internet and manipulated using Photoshop Elements and Word. Since the aircraft markings are light grey, and laser printers cannot print white, the decals were produced in what I call the reverse color process. First, each marking was brought into Photoshop. For example, as shown in sequence below, the original "Canada" lettering image from the Internet, was black on white. The colors were reversed to white letters on black background, and then the black background color change to the upper fuselage color of the CP-140 (grey FS36375). Finally, the image (marking) was flipped horizontally, yielding a right-hand image.



The result of this process yields rectangular markings with a FS36375 grey surround to the actual markings, which are white in the picture and when printed on white paper, but clear when the decal is printed, since a laser printer cannot print white. Each marking image was then brought into a Word document and sized to fit the model. The Word document (see below) was printed on white paper and taken to my local print shop to print the actual decal sheet on their laser printer.



The decal sheet was given a coat of clear lacquer, and each decal marking completed as follows: a gloss light grey water based acrylic paint was mixed to match the lower fuselage color. This paint was hand brushed onto each marking on the decal sheet, being careful paint only the area within the rectangular outline of the marking (this provides a clear edge for subsequent cutting out each marking). Each marking was then cut out and applied to the model. Note that once the decal is ready to slide from the backing, it is carefully "flipped" as it is applied to the model, yielding a light grey marking with a dark grey surround, the latter of which blends in with the upper fuselage color (see picture 6). Note that the decals are floated into wet Future in order to secure them to the model.



In the end, I felt that the upper fuselage paint color ended up too dark with a bluish hue – note that the paint was mixed to match the dark grey of the decals, the color of which had started out ok in Photoshop, but appears to have shifted, first, with my printer's paper copy, and then again when printed with the print shop's laser printer. I could have started over, with new lighter decals, but just felt that it was not worth it.

### **Atlantis (Revell) 1/115<sup>TH</sup> P-3 (Canadian CP-140) Completed**

So, it is finished. Overall kit conclusion: save your money and time and build either the ARII/LS or Hasegawa P-3. That is, unless you are a glutton for punishment, or want to take a trip down memory lane. Personally, the ARII/LS kit is the best of the bunch.





## Suggested YouTube Sites for Scenery Techniques

### Bill Vinikour

On March 12, I am scheduled to give a presentation on scenery and diorama tips. This will be a modification of the presentation I gave at our 2019 Show; and will mainly be a slide show of scenery detailing tips, some of scenery items I use, and their use in my dioramas. The following are suggested YouTube sites that provide excellent videos on the process of actually doing the scenery (each site provides a number of various scenery techniques). In addition to the specific sites discussed below, by just doing YouTube keyword searches such as modeling scenery, modeling water, modeling trees, modeling snow, basing dioramas, basing gaming miniatures, and so forth will lead to many useful sites in addition to those listed below. Some of the sites below are aimed more at gaming miniatures, but the techniques are applicable to other modeling categories.

My list of recommended sites, in no particular order, are:

- High Eye Workshop <https://www.higheyworkshop.co.uk/>
- Black Magic Craft <https://blackmagiccraft.wordpress.com/>
- Vallejocolors (emphasizes the use of Vallejo products, but techniques are great) <https://www.youtube.com/user/vallejocolors>
- Paepercuts (note spelling) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiU2IFWyrmuwpV0AbDCqqUg>
- Eons of Battle <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDNHPNeWScAC8h8IxtEBtkQ>
- Real Terrain Hobbies <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ0ihYQ-HOCbDL69LWnDx3w>
- Luke Towan <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjRkUtHQ774mTg1vrQ6uA5A>
- Kathy Millatt <https://www.youtube.com/c/KathyMillatt>
- The Scenic Factory (his two-part video on the Ardennes 44 diorama is excellent) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUbyBiUcuuKMANsvN0Q-wtw>
- Squidmar Miniatures <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDvZTWvHZPTxJ4K1yTD2a1g>
- VMS (emphasizes their products) <https://www.vms-supplies.com/hd-diorama-picker>
- AK Interactive Official (emphasizes their products) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK0GcediTfRsVsedEpJkr8w>
- Trains and Dioramas (includes several videos on making highly-detailed wire trees) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCACuWtuJSOAcPX0KONWFkmQ>
- Vince Venturella <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgptSaRLvd1QH0SURdQNYgg>
- Hamilkar Barkas <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgptSaRLvd1QH0SURdQNYgg>
- Geek Gaming Scenics <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsmD5774MOQhjYBkXqu3Jdw>

- Andy's Hobby Headquarters (most of his videos are military model builds, but he does have several diorama videos)  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChnAgeghaNKLdftbfJY8zNA>
- The Terrain Tutor  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx\\_aro8CTHw7ZD5H661hC6Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx_aro8CTHw7ZD5H661hC6Q)
- Precision Ice and Snow (emphasizes their products); and Woodland Scenics  
<http://www.precisioniceandsnow.com/>

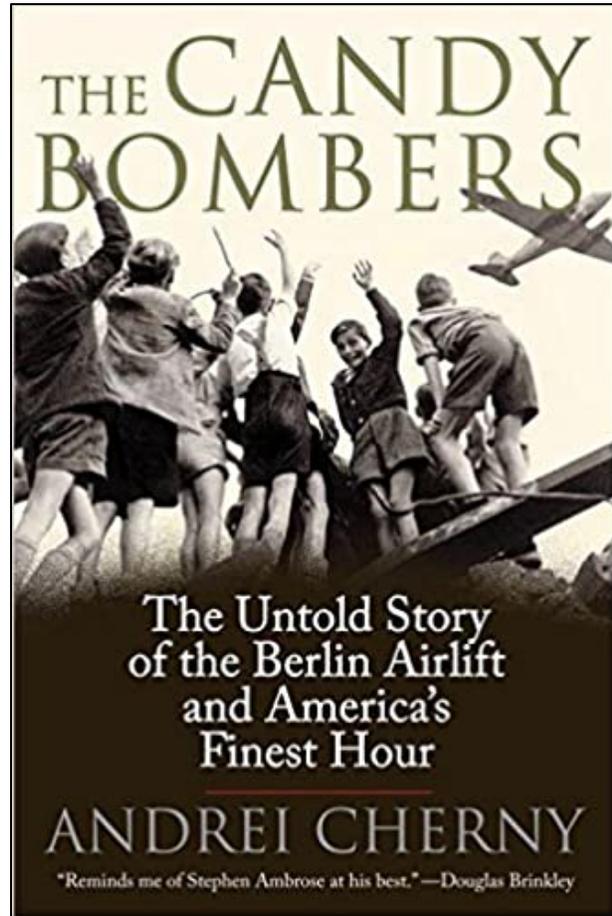


## The Candy Bombers Book Review by John Kaufman

Most everyone who knows any history has at least heard of the Berlin Airlift, where the Russians were trying to starve the Western Allies out of Berlin so they could have the prestige of owning the entire capital of Germany and the Americans flew enough supplies into the besieged city that the Russians had to back down. Some will have heard of candy being dropped from the transports as they landed in Berlin. Most will not understand the world-wide implications of these events and how they influenced America as well. Such is the story told by Andrei Cherny in "The Candy Bombers, the Untold Story of the Berlin Airlift and America's Finest Hour". He picks up the tale in the waning days of WWII, as Nazi Germany crumbles and the Russians and the Western Allies meet. It's the last hopeful event in the relations of the two former allies.

Germany is defeated and Berlin becomes an occupied city, split into 4 sections and ruled, in theory, but a joint council of the 4 occupying powers, America, France, Britain and Russia. Berlin was a broken city, and the occupation did not start smoothly. The Americans were kept out of their section for several days while the Russians thoroughly raped the women and pillaged the city. Many women committed suicide in the shame of the defeat after being raped multiple times. Only after the Russians had extracted their revenge were the Americans allowed to enter their section and start to rule. Neither did this start well, with the concept of punishing the Berliners to the point that they would never consider rising in power again. The military governor, General Lucius Clay, entered Berlin with the idea of punishing the Berliners for the war.

We also meet early in the book a transport pilot named Gail (Hal) Halvorson. Hal wanted nothing more than to get back home and marry his girl who was named Alta. Hal had spent the war flying supplies around the Americas and was surprised to be posted to Europe to begin flying supplies into the blockaded Berlin. One day, during a layover in Berlin, he decided to explore the city a little and ended up interacting with some famished kids outside the fence for the airport. He had some gum with him and was moved by how grateful the kids were. He then decided to drop some candy to them and let them



know he would waggle the wings of his plane to let the kids know that candy was on the way. Little did he know that this humble beginning would turn into literal box cars full of candy being donated to the cause and dropped into Berlin. He also could not have foreseen the impact this simple gesture would have on the morale of the Berliners and how it drove the Soviet agitators out of West Berlin.

Finally, the book goes through the political situation with Truman, Forrestal and others and how the success of the Berlin Airlift affected politics in America and the reelection of Truman in the face of overwhelming predictions to the contrary. These three aspects of the story are intermingled smoothly and compellingly with the logistical miracle that was the actual airlift. Also interspersed are some of the letters that were sent to “Uncle Wiggle Wings” thanking him for the candy. Hal figured he would be court martialed for dropping the candy, but his superiors had the foresight to use it to advantage. The book ends with an amusing anecdote. In October 1990, on the anniversary of Lt. Gail Halvorson Day, Berlin and Germany was reunited into a single country. Berliners had stockpiled food and supplies exceeding 200,000,000 pounds, including 18 million rolls of toilet paper. Once the country was united, this stockpile was no longer needed, and it was desired to get it to Eastern Europe where the former Soviet states were crumbling, and people were starving. Unfortunately, no one knew how to deliver it.

“The Candy Bombers” is the story about how simple human kindness can change the world. It shows how an activity begun in desperation and expected to fail can ultimately succeed beyond the wildest dreams of the people immersed in it. And it shows how a seemingly inconsequential act can have a profound impact on the entire world. I stumbled on the book in a used bookstore and am very glad I picked it up. I believe you will be glad to have read it as well. Happy reading!

John

## **Upcoming Events:** **February – April 2021**

**March 13, National Capital Model Soldier Society Virtual Washington Show**, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. National Capital Model Soldier Society.  
<https://www.ncmssclub.org/annual-show>

**April 17, Fleacon 17**, Monticello, IA. IPMS/Alexander Lippisch Chapter.  
<http://www.lippischmodelclub.org/Show/Fleacon.html>

**April 17, IPMS Roscoe Turner Indianapolis Invitational and Swap Meet**.  
Lebanon, IN. <http://www.ipmsroscoeturner.org/>

### **IPMS / USA**

IPMS / USA membership 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 boards, 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.

### **Memberships are available in several ways:**

Junior- 17 years or younger, \$17 per year

Adult - \$30 for 1 year, \$58 for 2 years, \$86 for 3 years.

Family - \$35 Adult membership 1 year plus \$5 for multiple cards.

Download the application from IPMS/USA and mail today!

<http://www.shopipmsusa.org/category-s/100.htm>

The **Butch O'Hare Chicago Chapter** of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) was inspired by the accomplishments and **heroism of Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare**, the U.S. Navy's first flying ace and Medal of Honor recipient in World War II. The original members of the organization therefore decided to take his name in memoriam. We welcome all those who have any level of interest in modeling to explore our web site and visit us at our monthly meeting.

**Meeting Location**

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

**Meeting Times**

7:30 PM, 2nd Friday of every month



During COVID-19 – 7PM Zoom meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month.  
 See page 4 of this newsletter for information on joining the meeting.

**Website: <http://www.butchoharemodelclub.com/>**

**BOH Annual Membership**

Membership Dues:  
 Regular: \$20.00  
 Family: \$25.00  
 Senior (Over 65) \$15.00  
 Junior: \$15.00 (Under 18 years old)

Membership dues should be mailed to:

Butch O'Hare Model Club  
 C/O Hector Colón  
 3136 Medford Court  
 Aurora, IL 60504

	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Seniors (Over 65) and Juniors (under 18)</b>
Jan-Mar	\$20	\$15
Apr-Jun	\$17	\$10
Jul-Sept	\$14	\$7
Oct-Dec	\$9	\$5
Family - \$25 annually		
Senior (over 65) = \$15		

## Local Hobby Shops

Chicago Land Hobbies	6017 N NW Hwy, Chicago IL, 773-775-4848
Forever Timeless	4438 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago IL 773-545-6959
Des Plaines Hobbies 2118	1524 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL 847-297- <a href="http://www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/">www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/</a>
Timberline Train Shop	5228 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL, 630-324-6136 <a href="http://www.timberlinetrainshop.com">www.timberlinetrainshop.com</a>
Games Workshop	947 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove, IL, 630-515-1428
Americas Best Hobby	865 Maplewood, Itasca, IL 630-467-1102 <a href="http://www.americasbesttrain.com/">www.americasbesttrain.com/</a>
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