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November News

The Monday before Thanksgiving brought a good turnout for the Fame Cities November meeting, with a table full of models. Amers Hobby Shop's contest had a good number of entries, but the non-contest end of the table was loaded as well.

In old business, Ed Kinney was applauded once again for arranging our visit last month by Col. Speed Wilson. The Cleveland Model Show was recapped, another excellent show by the Cleveland guys and a great showing (again) by Fame Cities' modelers. Check out the John Glenn website for full photo coverage. In news about our own prospective contest, another special meeting was set for Monday, December 10, at Cutler Real Estate.

December's contest is the traditional National Guard/Reserve theme, sponsored by Ralph Nollan. We will also be having our usual Christmas feast and celebration, with pizza and drinks provided by the club and extras by the members.

New business was dominated by the nominations for 2008 officers. Since all nominated candidates are unopposed, the executive board for next year is: President - Dave Morrisette; Vice-President - Jerry Royer; Treasurer - Joe Staudt; Secretary - Rick Slagle. In addition, Bill Weckel is retiring as chapter contact, and will be replaced by Ken Patterson (pattken@zoominternet.net). Bill reports that Fame Cities chapter renewal with IPMS-USA has been taken care of.

Other new business was presented by Ed Kinney and Dave Morrisette regarding a club group build aimed at the 2009 IPMS Nationals in Columbus. The build theme is 1/48 scale US Navy and US Marine Corps folded wing aircraft. A list has been compiled of candidate aircraft, and is currently being checked by Larry Davis. Those wishing to participate will be able to pick from this list so that we don't end with 50 Corsairs.

Rules and contest categories for the 2008 Nationals in Virginia Beach are available on the IPMS-USA website.

Next meeting December 17

Cutler Real Estate

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December Contest

National Guard and Reserves

Sponsored by

Ralph Nollan



Christmas Party 2007

The December meeting will again be our annual Christmas celebration. The club will provide pizza and soft drinks. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a covered dish or dessert.



Scale Scriblings

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November Models



Ed Kinney - Trumpeter F-100D

First Place



Jerry Royer - Tamiya F-4D

Second Place



Steve Dottavio - "Head Merchant"

Third Place



Larry Davis - P-51A



Jan Hubert - ME-262



Larry MacMillan - FW-190



JR Bruegger - 1967 Chevelle



Joe Staudt - 1965 El Camino

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Dave Morrisette - HE-162



Dave Morrisette - Type 70 Minelayer



Dave Morrisette - "Ernie"



Stan Mikush - FW-190



Mark Smith - EA-6



Larry Davis - M551 Sheridan



Mark Smith - Tamiya Gekko



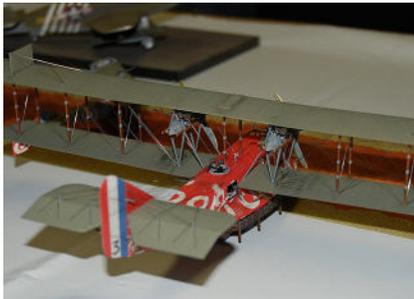
Mike Meredith - ME-110

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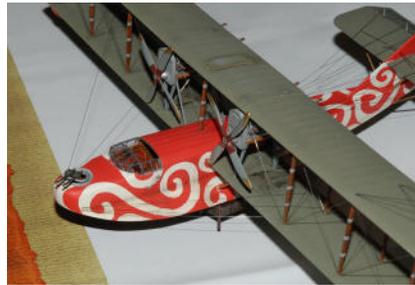
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Mark Smith - Sopwith Camel



Mark Smith - Felixstowe



Ed Kinney - Trumpeter F-100D



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Scratch Build (at least two items)
Sponsored by Amers Hobby Shop
and Ken Patterson JR.



First Place went to Ed Kinney for his eye catching Trumpeter F-100D.



Jerry Royer took Second Place with his Tamiya F-4D Phantom (this model also took a gaggle of awards at the Cleveland Model Show)



Steve Dottavio's 'Head Merchant' was good for Third Place. Note the Predator head on the horn - this is one tough guy!



Saturday Quilting Update



(Left) Jan Hubert and Ralph Nollan watch Ed work with awe and amazement.



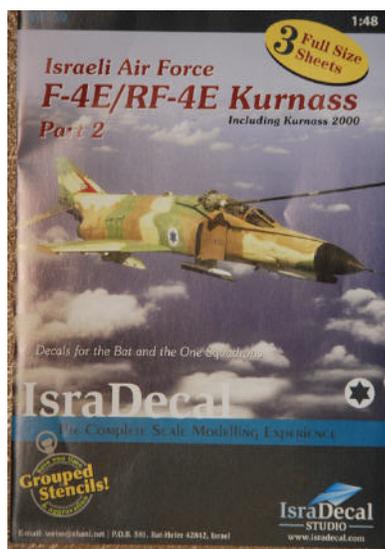
Ed demonstrates his new airbrush techniques.

Product Review

IsraDecal IAF-58 and IAF-59
Israeli Air Force F-4E and RF-4E Kurnass
MSRP \$40.00

Isradecal has produced markings for a large variety of Israeli Air Force subjects over the years, but until now they have not covered the F-4 Phantom in Israeli service. For fans of both the IAF and the mighty Phantom, this has been disappointing (I know because I fall into that category). The wait is now over with the release of these two decal sets, which comprehensively cover IAF Phantoms in all their glory.

Part 1 (sheet IAF-58) provides markings for the Hammer, Orange Tail and Scorpion squadrons. Included are decals for the famous Hammers squadron F-4E with the huge sharkmouth marking. There have been numerous rumors about this airplane for years, most not true. It appears that this bird never flew in combat with the sharkmouth motif. Nevertheless, this is such a striking scheme that it will be hard to resist. The Scorpion squadron also features some colorful markings, sporting a zig-zag arrow that runs the length of the fuselage. There were two different versions of the arrow marking, and Isradecal gives you both. The unit and national markings are on a single decal sheet, while one full size sheet and one half sheet provide complete (and I do mean complete) Hebrew stencil detail. The stenciling is supplemented by another half sheet containing aircraft numbers and the tiny panel number stencils seen on many Phantoms. Applying all the stencils and panel numbers will be a time intensive project, but should produce stunning results.



Instructions are mixed bag. The stencil placement instructions are very comprehensive and easy to read, but the actual markings placement is covered with rather smallish black and white photographs. These photos will be difficult to interpret, and I would recommend you have some sort of better reference material in hand when using this set. The instructions are one disappointing part of an outstanding decal set. Granted, the sheets cover no less than 30 different airframes, but still.... One nice touch is that the instructions indicate the type of stenciling each aircraft should have, English

or Hebrew. When first delivered, Israeli Phantoms had English stencils, and in many cases carried those for a long time. Typically the IAF changed the stenciling to Hebrew only when a full repaint was done. Isradecal offers full English stencils separately, or you can use any of a number of F-4 stencil sets produced by other manufacturers.

The second set (IAF-59) covers the Bat and One squadrons, and includes markings for the Israeli modified F-4E's known as the Kurnass 2000. These modified birds are mostly similar externally to the original Kurnass, but there were cockpit differences. This will be a problem for the AMS afflicted, since references on the altered cockpit layout are scarce. Like IAF-58, this set includes the Hebrew stencils. Both sets are beautifully printed by Cartograf.

Many of the aircraft depicted will require the Israeli external refueling probe. This can be found in Hasegawa's IAF Phantom kit of a few years ago, or can be obtained in resin from AirDoc, among others.

The \$40.00 price tag may be a bit off putting, but considering the sheer amount of stuff you are getting it isn't bad. And if you are a Phantom freak it won't matter at all.

