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**Next meeting March 21**

**Green Public Library**

**2007 Kit Auction**

**Sunday, March 25, 2007**

**12:30 PM to 3:00 PM**

**Goodrich Aerospace**

**1555 Corporate Woods Pkwy**

**Uniontown, Ohio**

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First look at the Hobby Boss A-10  
Thunderbolt in 1/48 scale.

## March News

The February Fame Cities meeting was held on February 21. Once again we had a good turnout and a lot of models on the tables (see pages 2 and 3).

Ed Kinney's demo on weathering was postponed due to Ed's participation that evening in Meteor Productions' internet "webinar" on natural metal finishes. The meeting adjourned early so that those who chose to could go next door to Legends and view the webinar on Bill Weckel's laptop (with the kind assistance of Legends). The demo will be rescheduled to a later date.

We had no less than five new faces at February's meeting. These were Adam Tomlinson, Steve Fern, Jim Reese, Cody Reese, and Tim Reese. We hope to see all five back as members.

The annual Fame Cities kit auction will be held Sunday, March 25 at the Goodrich Aerospace facility in Green, as usual. Time is 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Directions for those who need them are included in Joe Staudt's email announcement. Directions will also be provided at the March meeting, and a map is included inside this newsletter. This event is a good fundraiser for the club as well as a chance to unload some of your excess kit inventory and replace it with more kits you'll never get around to building.

Fame Cities member and author Larry Davis traveled to Los Angeles in early March to advise on a History Channel episode of "Dogfights" on the 4th Fighter Wing in Korea. This will include considerable on camera time. Congratulations to Larry, and we will be sure to alert everyone when this episode airs.

Talks with the Cleveland chapter concerning a joint effort to host a Regional convention have been put on hold due to the illness of Lee Ainsworth, the Cleveland president. This is still a viable proposal, and we plan to be involved. Scale Scribblings and IPMS Fame Cities wish Lee a speedy recovery and best regards.

The Columbus 'Blizzardcon' was held February 17, with a large number of our members in attendance. This despite a very snowy day that lived up to the contest name. Results are posted elsewhere in this newsletter, but we did quite well. The high point, though, was lunch at Hooters which included a rare instance of Ed Kinney being temporarily rendered speechless by a lovely Hooters girl. Yes, there is a story here.....

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## March Models



Gary Wolfe's USS Intrepid



Madeline Staudt brought this nice Camaro. Dad swears he didn't help.



Two by Jerry Royer - on the left a Trumpeter ME-262, and on the right a Hasegawa Stuka



An armor piece by Bill Weckel? Bill's Panther was very nice.



J.R. Bruegger had another of his correctly wired and plumbed cars, this Plymouth Barracuda.



Jack Norton also had two models on the table - another Barracuda and this hot red Ducati.



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## More March Models



New member Steve Fern showed off this Dodge Super Bee and a 1935 Plymouth racer.



A wintery looking ME-109 by Ken Riedel.

Steve Reisch says this VW Bug was modeled after an old family car.



Mark Smith's ME-410



Mark Smith also brought this spectacular F-4 in Greek markings.

## Works in Progress



Once again Steve Dottavio's model defies description - a gremlin with what looks like the Hiroshima bomb.



ME-110 by Mike Meredith



Laser guided bombs with homemade ablatively coating by John Shimek.

## Blizzardcon 2007 Results

Mark Smith - First in 1/72 Single Engine Prop; First in 1/72 Single Engine Prop (Radial); First in 1/48 Jet; Second in 1/72 Multi-Engine Prop; Second in 1/48 Single Engine Prop.

Steve Reisch - First in Powered Ship 1/400 and Smaller (for his PT Boat seen in our last issue)

Larry Davis - Second in 1/48 Single Engine Prop

JR Bruegger - First in Motorcycles; Second in Competition Cars; First in Scratchbuilt Cars

Ken Patterson - First in 1/48 Single Engine Prop (USAAF)

Jerry Royer - First in Multi-Engine Prop 1/72; Third in Jet 1/71 and Smaller

Mike Meredith - First in Powered Ships 1/400 and Larger; Best Ship

Ed Kinney - First in Civil Aircraft; First in Helicopters; First in Scratchbuilt/Conversions (aircraft); First in Aircraft Diorama; Second in 1/72 Multi-Engine Prop; Best Aircraft; Best USMC

Bill Klingbeil - Second in Armor Diorama; third in AFV 1/49 and smaller.

## 2007 Kit Auction

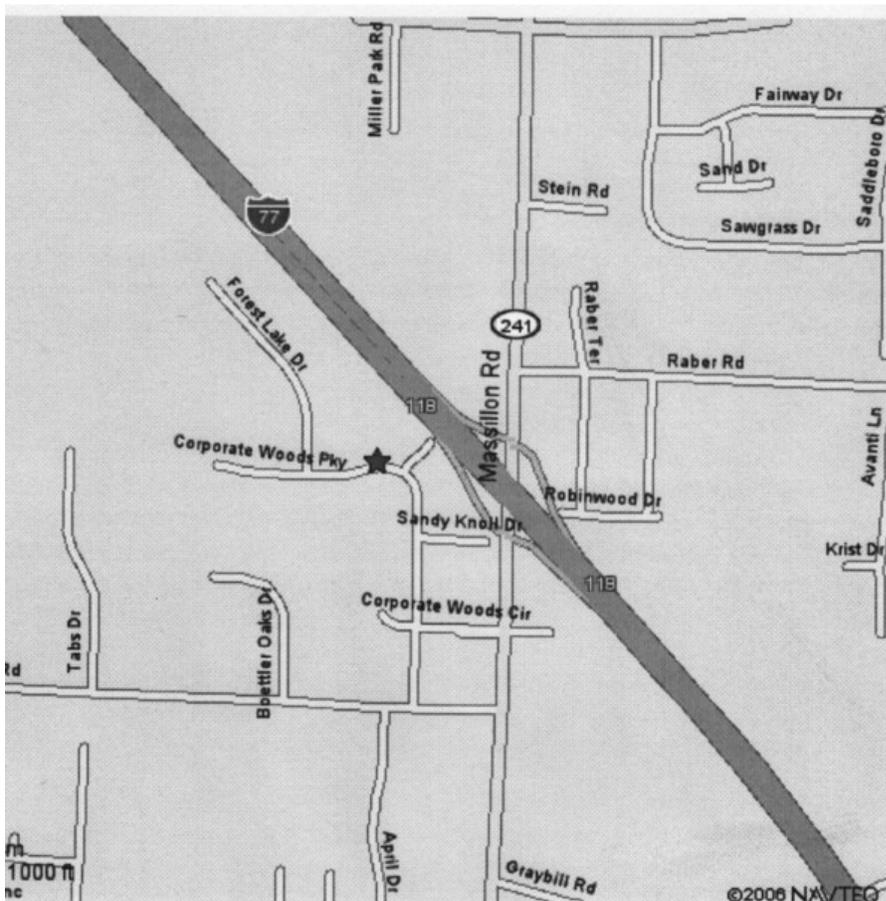
Sunday March 25, 2007 at the Goodrich DSS facility (see map), from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM.

Sale proceeds split 90% to Seller and 10% to Fame Cities.

Each Seller can auction as many items as desired, but we will limit each Seller's initial offering to 10 items, so that all may get a chance to participate. After all Sellers have had their chance, those with more items may go again.

Clearly mark each item with your minimum bid price, and pertinent information (missing parts, etc.) You may choose to have the auctioneer set a starting price. Auctioneer also will establish bid increments, and will usually provide color commentary on the items being offered.

All accounts will be settled at the conclusion of the auction.



## FIRST LOOK - HOBBY BOSS A-10 THUNDERBOLT

The what A-10??? Hobby Boss is not a familiar name to most of us, but if this kit is any indication it soon will be. I first began seeing mention of this line on the internet forums, and based on what was said it sounded good. The problem was that Hobby Boss has no US distributor (expect that to change). Hobbylink Japan listed the line, but was sold out. I finally got my hands on the kit through Lucky Hobby in Hong Kong. It was worth the effort.

The word is that Hobby Boss is somehow related to Trumpeter, and this kit shows a refinement that would not be expected from a company starting this business from scratch. Whatever their family tree is, Hobby Boss has leaped to the front of the pack of A-10 kits.



Breakdown is conventional, and the recessed panel lines and rivet detail is very nicely done. Purists, or those afflicted with terminal AMS, may quibble that the rivets on the rear fuselage should be raised, not recessed, but most modelers will probably happily ignore this. There is a lot in this kit to make you do that. Cockpit detail, though not up to Tamiya standards, is not bad. The seat is nicely done, and the whole provides a good base for the super detailer. Canopy shape looks good, which was a sore spot on Trumpeter's 1/32 kit. The wings feature separate flaps and offer the refueling receptacle on the port gear sponson opened up with interior detail. Fine detail on the wings and fuselage halves is really very good. Most of the numerous vents are open and feature thin edges. The kit represents a late, updated Warthog, with the ECM bumps and GPS dome behind the cockpit; these will have to be removed for a Desert Storm or earlier bird.

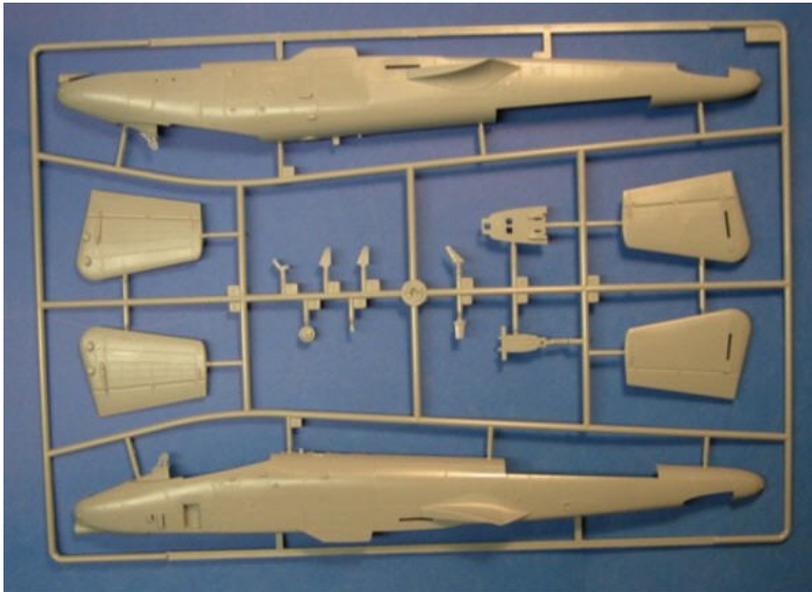
Landing gear struts are quite detailed, including nicely done brake hoses on the main struts. The nose gear well has interior details, but the main gear wells in the sponsons are rather barren. Vinyl tires are included, with detailed wheel hubs. The engine pods are broken down into an inner core with separate exhaust nozzle, which fits into the outer pods. Open panels are provided for the pods, but considerable detail will need to be added to the cores to look convincing. The separate pod fronts incorporate the compressor turbine, and you can actually see gaps between the blades! How they molded this mystifies me.

The kit betrays some Trumpeter influence with the 30mm gun. This is provided in full and gorgeous detail, including the ammunition drum and feed belts. Unfortunately none of this can be seen once the kit is assembled, a trait seen in many Trumpeter offerings. A lot of surgery and scratch building will be needed to display the gun. Four sprues of ordnance and stores are included, featuring dumb bombs, cluster bombs, laser guided bombs, Maverick missiles, Sidewinders with launch rails, ECM pods and mounting racks. These are again finely molded with good detail. The fuses on the MK82 bombs are especially noteworthy. The decals provide all ordnance markings and two Desert Storm birds in green and gray camo - a mistake, since as noted above this kit as molded is a post-1991 aircraft. There are plenty of aftermarket decals available, so this is not a big deal. Instructions are nicely done, but most will ignore the rather illogical assembly sequence.

Hobby Boss offers a two seat A-10 and a Rafale in 1/48, with an F-18C coming, as well as a line of 1/72 kits. Check out the Hobbylink Japan or Lucky Model websites for the complete list.

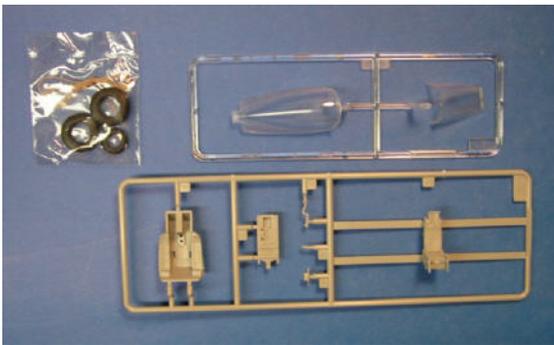
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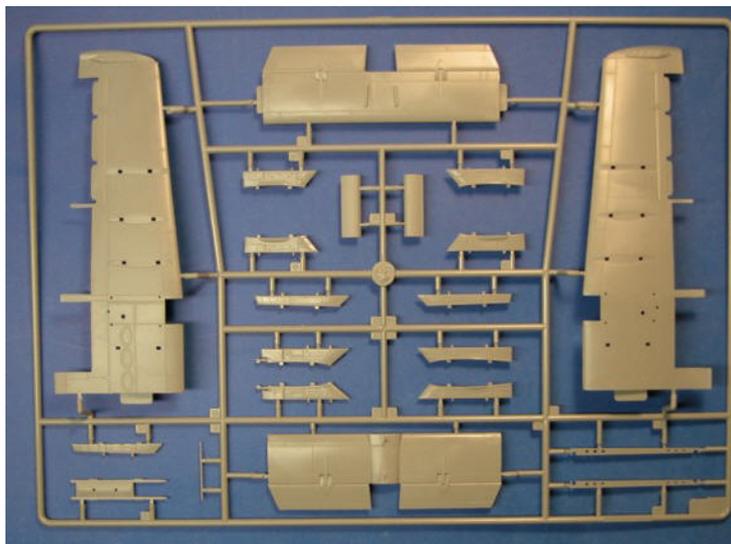
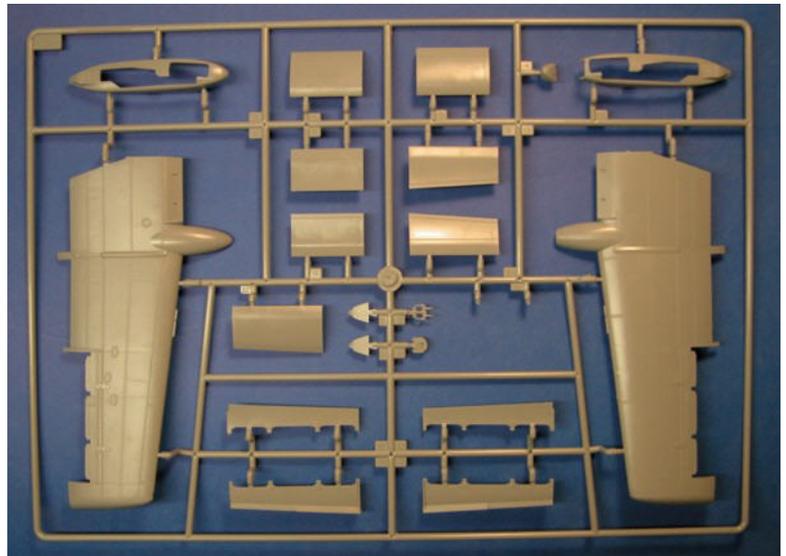


LEFT - The main fuselage sprue. Not readily visible is the fact that the various vents are all molded open, with very thin edges. Panel line and rivet detail is outstanding.

BELOW - One of the two wing sprues. Note the separate flaps and open refueling receptacle parts.



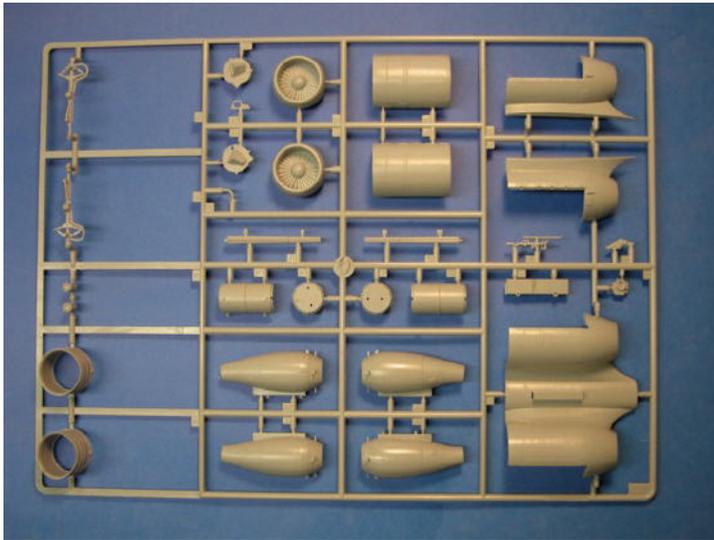
ABOVE - Cockpit, seat and canopy. The tires are vinyl, the cord is for the kit provided wheel chocks.



LEFT - The lower wings and tail surfaces.

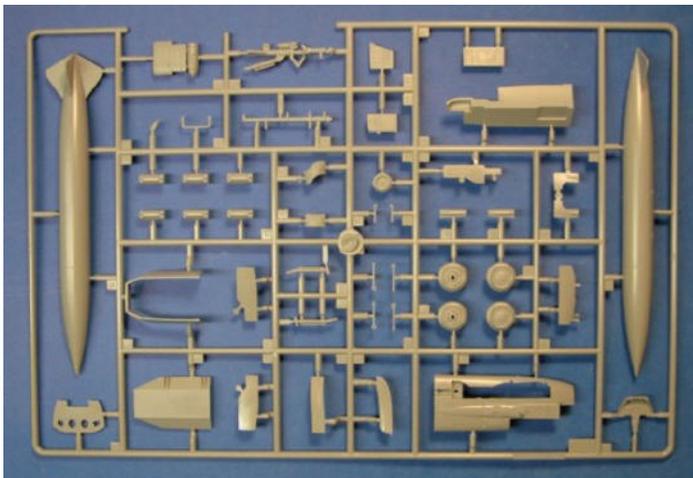
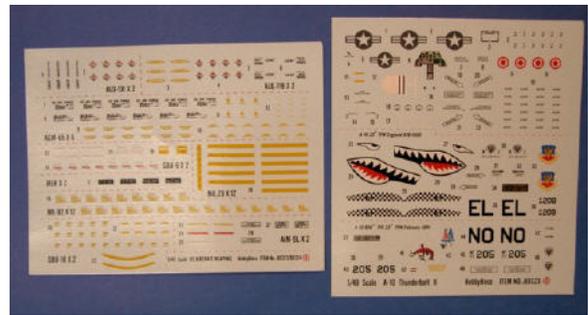
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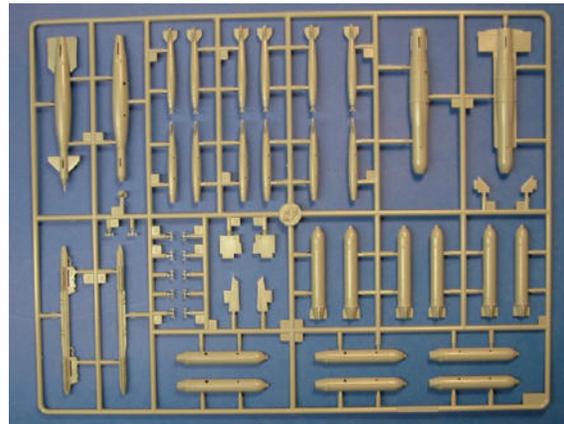
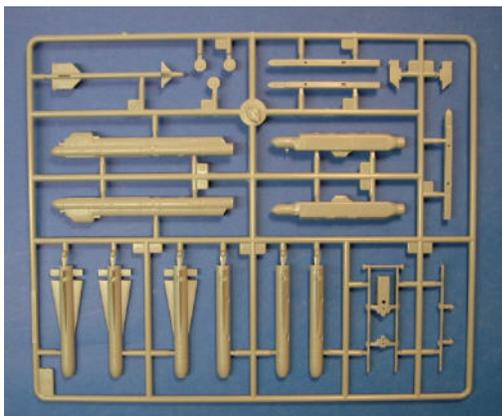


LEFT - Engine pods and related parts. You can actually see daylight between the intake compressor blades! Note the highly detailed main gear struts, complete with brake hoses.

BELOW - Airframe and ordnance decals.



LEFT - Miscellaneous parts, wing tanks, and nose gear strut and well.



ABOVE - the ordnance sprues. There are two of each in the kit.