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March News

There was a lot of business discussed at the March meeting, so we will get right to it.

Treasurer Joe Staudt reiterated his concern about what effect the \$25.00 monthly charge for the Cutler meeting room would have on our fiscal situation. One proposed solution would be to raise the \$12.00 yearly dues by one or two dollars. This was taken under advisement, but no action was taken. (Editorial comment: our current dues are quite low. You can't feed the family at McDonald's for twelve dollars. A one, two or even three dollar raise should be well within reason. Editorial comment over.) A measure which was proposed and adopted is the establishment of a 'Cash Can' at each meeting to collect any extra money a member might wish to contribute. An idea to establish a 'Cuss Can' was rejected as infeasible.

The money discussion lead into a discussion on our membership levels and possible actions to draw in new members. We have seen a small decline in membership, although this has been offset by some new members. Possible actions include setting up public displays in local libraries or other venues. This will be explored, but it would require that we have literature available for prospective members. A flyer, to be laid out by the Scale Scribblings staff (AKA me) was approved. The flyers will be available for hand out at any public event or contest, and will be placed in local hobby shops. Mary Jane Kinney will also send a flyer to any local new members of IPMS-USA.

In other news, we have now definitely lost our webmaster, as Bill Weckel has informed the club he will not be continuing his membership, nor the website management. The website is still active, and can be handed over to whoever we designate to take it. Yes, that means we are in need of a webmaster. Anyone who can take on this job will be welcomed with open arms, and that's no exaggeration. If you can handle running a website, or feel you can learn how, please strongly consider this position. It pays exactly the same as every other executive position.

The Wingfold Group Build is proceeding. On Good Friday, April 10, there will be a gathering at Ed Kinney's home to work on assembling and finishing the display base sections. If you can make it please come on over.

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Next meeting April 20

Cutler Real Estate



Steve Dottavio's Dry Brushing Demo

April Demo

For April's meeting, Ken Patterson Jr. Will present a demo on opening scoops and vents, and general airframe detailing for aircraft. Simply opening up the molded details on a model kit can greatly enhance realism, so this is a demo not to miss.

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March Models



Bob Ulrich

Academy 1/72 B-24J



Gary Wolfe

Revell 1/48 UH-1



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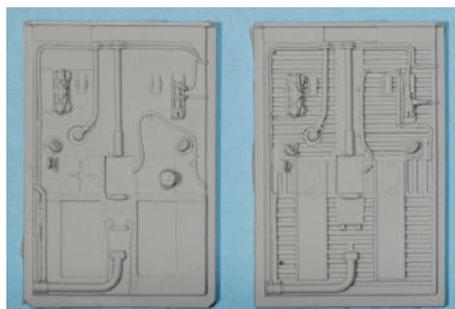
The Columbus 'BlizzardCon' was another successful outing for Fame Cities' modelers. Taking home awards were Larry Davis, Jerry Royer, Al Hubert, Ken Patterson, John Shimek, Mike Meredith, and Steve Dottavio. Congratulations, guys!

In hobby news, Larry Davis presented a hands on report on the Special Hobby 1/32 F-80 kit previewed in last month's newsletter. A overall positive report, although some construction issues were noted. Ed Kinney reported that Alclad has released some new colors (additional transparent colors for heat shading effects), and plans to release more new metallic shades, including some that will not require a primer coat on Hasegawa or Tamiya plastic. If you are building a Trumpeter kit all bets are off.

By the time you are reading this the Hasegawa F-16I Sufa and TA-4J kits in 1/48 scale should be on hobby shop shelves, or at least in mail order inventory. Hasegawa has also announced a 1/32 scale Tojo. If this is done to the standard of their Frank, and there is no reason to believe it won't be, it should be gorgeous.

First Look Aftermarket Review

Model Design Construction 1/32 P-47 Cockpit Set for the Hasegawa P-47D



Above: both flat and corrugated floors are provided. Below: floor detail is exquisite.

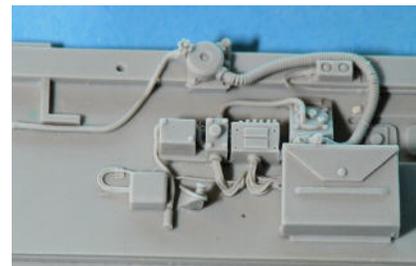


Model Design Construction is a British firm that many are probably not familiar with. Their line is not extensive, but it is top shelf stuff all the way. This newest release is a complete replacement cockpit for Hasegawa's 1/32 P-47D, and it will make your Jug a showstopper.

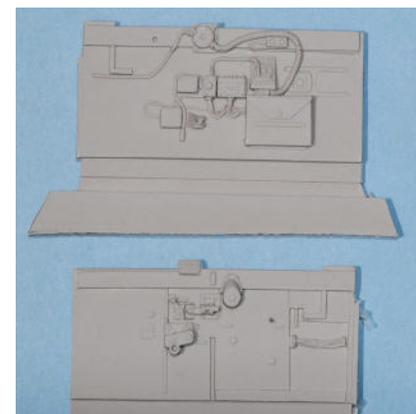
This is a true multi media set, with resin, photo etch, decals and even lead wire for wiring the instrument panel back. The resin parts are extraordinary - beautifully cast and stunningly detailed. The photos included here are just a sample of lifelike and scale sized details this set features.

Many of the individual parts, such as trim

wheels, throttle, rudder pedals and more are cast as separate pieces. In turn, many of these parts are further enhanced with photo etch details. Each rudder pedal, for example, consists of two resin parts and two PE parts, but the assembly is completed with the damper cylinders made up of a resin part and a PE part. The entire set shows this extreme dedication to providing every possible detail. Additionally, where needed the set provides different versions of the same part to enable modeling any P-47D up to the Block 40.

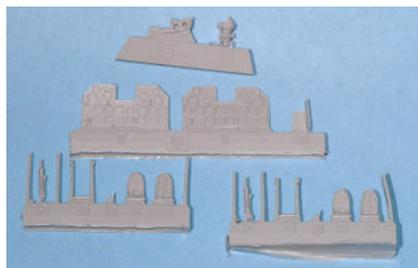


Above and below: sidewall details - many of the port sidewall details are cast separately.

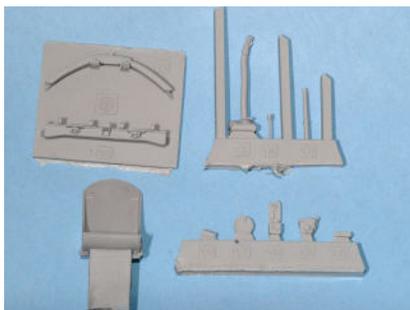


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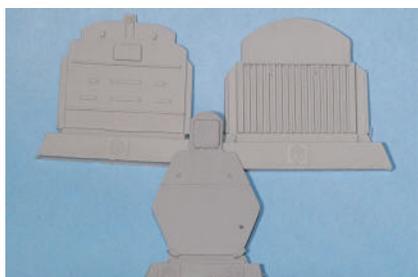
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Above: cockpit details. Note the inclusion of two types of instrument panel and rudder pedal.



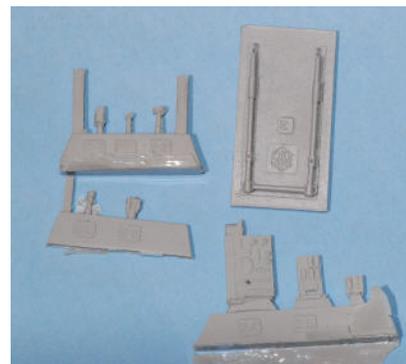
Above: more cockpit details. particular block number aircraft are spelled out. The instrument face decals



Above: fore and aft bulkheads and pilot armor plate.

are very nicely done, and can be bought separately. MDC also offers RAF and Luftwaffe instrument decals. Note also that this set provides resin instrument cases for the back of the panel, with holes for wiring and even a length of lead wire!

The photo etch fret includes a number of small parts for detailing the resin pieces, and the break down between resin and PE is well thought out to maximize the advantages of each material. Complete PE belts are provided, but also separate buckle hardware so that you can fashion belts



Above: seat frame, trim wheels and other sidewall details.

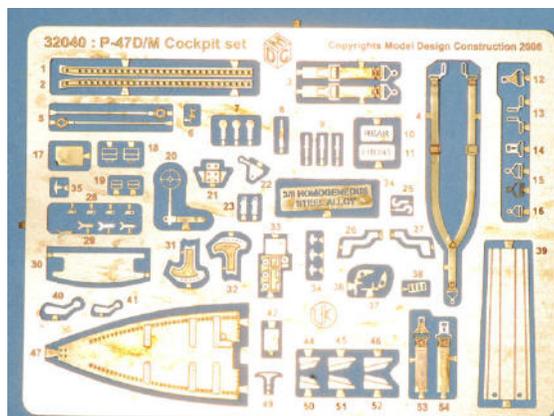
from lead foil or some other material. There is even a tiny PE stencil for adding the data markings on the armor plate.

Right now you are thinking: this thing has to cost a fortune. Guess again. The price for this amazing set is just 18.50 British Pounds. With the current exchange rate below 1.5 you do the math - its a bargain. The entire MDC range is reasonably priced, and it is worth your while to browse their website. The website, by the way, is how you must order their products. They take credit cards, and my set arrived by Royal Post less than two weeks after I placed the order. Go to: modeldesignconstruction.com.

Very, very highly recommended for the Jug fan (and who isn't)



Above: instrument panel decals. These are also available separately.



Above: the comprehensive PE fret. Note that both full PE belts and separate belt fittings are provided. The stencil in the middle of the fret is for spraying the armor plate data.