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January News

The new year got started for Fame Cities on January 21, 2008. New President Dave Morrisette got right into setting an agenda for the year.

With the idea of a club sponsored invitational contest shelved for the foreseeable future, the question of what to do with our growing treasury was raised. Rather than just allowing the funds to sit, several ideas were floated. First, let the club underwrite the Christmas Party in full. This met with approval. Second, the club will sponsor and provide awards for non-theme models whenever a theme contest is held.

On the subject of monthly contests, a tentative schedule was set with dates and themes. The full schedule will be found on page 4 of this newsletter. Note that if you wish to sponsor a theme contest during one of the months not already taken you may do so by offering your idea at a meeting - but please remember that people need time to build for your contest, so don't delay. In addition, several demos were scheduled, and these are also listed on the page 4 calendar. Again, if you wish to present a demo, or have a subject you would wish to see done in a demo, speak up.

For those of you who have not heard, Fame Cities plans to enter the Group Build category at the 2009 Columbus Nationals. The subject of our build is 'At Ease', U.S. Navy aircraft at rest. This means that if an aircraft had a folding or stowed wing design, the wings on the model will be folded or stowed. In the case of helicopters, the rotors will be in a stowed position. For those few naval aircraft that did not feature folding wings (the Dauntless and Skyhawk, for two), an 'at ease' configuration will still be a requirement. Just how to achieve this will need to be discussed. All models will be in 1/48 scale. On page 5 and 6 of this newsletter we have reproduced the list of eligible aircraft compiled by Larry Davis and Ed Kinney, along with notations of those models already built and those which have been chosen for building already. Please note that if you have built or want to build a model that is 'taken' already, you may do so but we must require it be in different markings than the listed model. In that regard, your markings must relate to a carrier based aircraft, which excludes land based training units, etc. USMC aircraft which were ship based are, of course, welcome. The list will be updated as required. We have a good 18 months to complete as much of this list as possible, and everyone is welcome to tackle a subject and join the fun.

Next meeting February 18

Cutler Real Estate



Our new Executive Board

Dave Morrisette realizes what he's got himself into.

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January Models



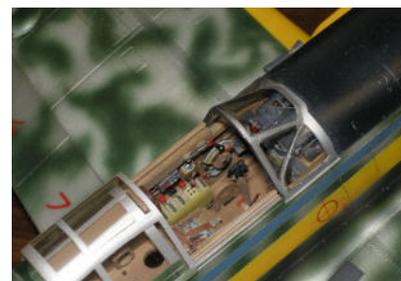
Larry Davis

Kinetic/Monogram 1/48 F-84F



Ed Kinney

Hasegawa 1/32 Tony



Larry Davis

Hasegawa 1/48 P-39



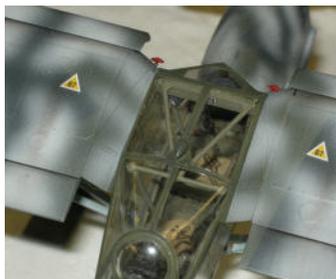
Jeff Fisher-Sheehan

1/35 IS1 Tank

A work in progress by our newest member.

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Ed Kinney

Tamiya 1/48 Fieseler Storch



Mike Meredith

Italeri 1/48 Tornado



Al Hubert

1/72 FW-190



Gary Wolfe

USS Intrepid



Mike Meredith

Hasegawa 1/48 Grace - WIP



Andy Miday

USS Enterprise _ WIP

Fame Cities 2008 Meeting Schedule

Below is the current 2008 meeting and contest schedule. Please note that changes due to unforeseen circumstances can occur, and that additions to the listed events can be made by making a request at a regular meeting. We are slightly revising our contest procedure by adding awards for non theme models at theme contests. The club will subsidize these awards. All regular meetings are at Cutler Realty at 6:30 PM on the third Monday of each month.

February 18, 2008

March 17, 2008

OV-1 Walkaround video presented by Brian Patterson.
Demo - Filling pesky ejector pin marks.

April 21, 2008

Theme Contest - "Thatsa Eytalian!" Anything Italian from Mario to Macchi's.
Sponsored by Ed Kinney

May 19, 2008

Double Theme Contest - "Models for the Visually Challenged - 1/72 Scale Only"
and "American Cars 1955 to 1957 (and maybe 1958)"
Sponsored by Larry Davis

June 8, 2008 - Special

Annual Club Auction - 1:00 PM at Goodrich Aerospace

June 16, 2008

Demo - Installing Photoetch Parts. Note that this does not include ways to kill the Carpet Monster.

July 21, 2008

Theme Contest - "First to Last" Two kits representing the first and last of a type
Sponsored by Andy Miday.

August 18, 2008

IPMS-USA Nationals Report

September 14, 2008 - Special

Annual Club Picnic hosted by Ed and MJ Kinney.

Theme Contest - "Polishing A Turd" Model must be built from a 'turd' kit, a real piece of elephant dung. Sponsored by Ed Kinney.

October 20, 2008

Theme Contest - "Scratchbuilt" Model must incorporate at least two scratch built items.
Sponsored by Amers Hobbies and Ken Patterson Jr.

November 17, 2008

December 15, 2008

Annual Christmas Party, combined with Chinese Kit Auction. Bring a wrapped \$20.00 kit - anything goes!
Theme Contest - "Reserve and National Guard"
Sponsored by Ralph Nollan

AT EASE

IPMS Fame Cities Group Build Project

1/48 scale US Navy or Marine Corps aircraft of all eras. Must be built with wings or rotors folded if the aircraft had this feature. Otherwise, must be built with landing gear in kneeling position or in some form of 'rest' configuration. If there is any question regarding a particular subject, direct your inquiry to Larry Davis or Ed Kinney. Markings must relate to an aircraft carrier, not a land based unit, and when volunteering for a subject please specify your markings choice. Duplicate subjects may be allowed, but NO duplicate markings. You are encouraged to select a subject that is not already "taken". The following is the current list as of the publication date; it will be updated monthly.

World War Two

Douglas TBD Devastator	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	<i>Gary Wolfe</i>
Grumman TBF/TBM Avenger (Accurate Miniatures)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Grumman F4F Wildcat (Tamiya or HobbyBoss)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Grumman F6F Hellcat (Hasegawa or Eduard)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Grumman F7F Tigercat (Italeri or AMT)		
Grumman F8F Bearcat (Academy or Italeri)	<i>Jerry Royer</i>	
Grumman S2F Tracker (CollectAire)		
Curtiss SB2C Helldiver (Accurate Miniatures)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Douglas SBD Dauntless (Hasegawa or Accurate Miniatures) ***	<i>Ken Patterson Jr.</i>	
Vought SB2U Vindicator (Accurate Miniatures)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Vought F4U-1 thru AU-1 Corsair	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	<i>Ralph Nollan</i>

Post World War Two 1946 to 1970

McDonnell F2H-2 / 2B / 3 / 4 Banshee (Testors)		
McDonnell F3B Demon (Grand Phoenix)		
McDonnell F4H / F-4B/J/N/S Phantom (Hasegawa, Monogram, others)		
McDonnell-Douglas RF-4B (Hasegawa)		
Grumman F9F-2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 2P / 5P Panther (Monogram and Trumpeter)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	
Grumman F9F-6 / 6P / 8 / 8P / 8T Cougar (Fonderie Miniatures)		
Grumman A-6A/E/EA-6 Intruder (Monogram)	<i>Dave Morrisette</i>	<i>EA-6B</i>
Grumman F11F-1 Tiger (Fonderie Miniatures)		
Douglas F3D Skynight (Czech Model)	<i>Dave Morrisette</i>	
Douglas AD-2 / 3 / 4 / 6 (A-1) Skyraider (Monogram and Tamiya)	<i>Ralph Nollan</i>	
Douglas F4D-1 Skyray (Tamiya)	<i>Dave Kinney</i>	
Douglas A-4/TA-4 Skyhawk (Hasegawa and Monogram) ***	<i>Bob Ulrich</i>	
Vought F7U Cutlass (Hobbycraft)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	<i>Larry Davis</i>
Vought F8U (F-8) Crusader (Monogram, Hasegawa, ESCI)	<i>Bob Ulrich</i>	<i>F-8E</i>
Vought A-7A/B/E Corsair II (Hasegawa)	<i>Mike Meredith</i>	<i>A-7E</i>
North American FJ-1 Fury (Czech Model) **		
North American FJ-2 / 3 Fury (ESCI)	<i>Larry Davis</i>	
North American FJ4/4B Fury (Grand Phoenix or HobbyBoss)	<i>Larry Davis</i>	
North American A-5/RA-5 Vigilante (Trumpeter)	<i>Ed Kinney</i>	<i>Dave Morrisette</i>
Ryan FR-1 Fireball (Czech Model)		

Post World War Two 1946 to 1970

Boeing(McDonnell-Douglas) F-18A/B/C/D Hornet (Hasegawa, Monogram, others)

Boeing F-18E/F Super Hornet (Hasegawa, Revell, Italeri)

Bob Ulrich F-18F

Grumman F-14A/B/D Tomcat (Hasegawa, Monogram, Academy, others) ****

Lockheed S-3A Viking (Italeri and ESCI)

Boeing MV-22 Osprey

Steve Dottavio

Helicopters

SH-60 Seahawk (Italeri)

Ed Kinney

H-3 Seaking (Hasegawa)

Ed Kinney Steve Reisch

H-53 Sea Stallion (Academy)

Ed Kinney

Notes

- ** Wings do not fold, but has nose wheel kneel.
- *** Wings did not fold, but one example needed to fill out collection.
- **** Wings in oversweep position for storage.

Most of the kits listed do not include folding wings out of the box. Conversion kits may be sourced from Cutting Edge (Skyraider, Bearcat); Wolfpack (Crusader, Hornet, Super Hornet); Aires (Wildcat); and Avionix (EA-6). This listing is based on a quick Internet search and may not be comprehensive. There are also out of production conversions from Dangerboy and Cutting Edge, which you may be able to track down and acquire (at a price).

Breaking News

Nuremberg Toy Fair

As we go to press, news is coming fast from the annual Nuremberg Toy Fair. The complete listing can be found on the IPMS Germany website (www.ipmsdeutschland.de). Highlights for aircraft modelers include a 1/48 Canberra/B-57 series from the rejuvenated Airfix (this should be easier on the wallet than the Calssic Airframes kit); a new tool 1/48 F-22 Raptor from Academy (thank you, thank you); and new tool 1/32 scale P-40E from Hasegawa. The latter will probably be the first in a series of P-40 versions, like the 1/48 scale series Hasegawa already has, and if so that will be good news indeed. Check out the list for yourself, it is extensive and I haven't even scratched the surface here.

Scale Scriblings

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Kit Review

Kinetic F-84F 1/48 scale

The Kinetics F-84F kit in 1/48th scale was a complete surprise to me. Kinetics is a China-based company that I had never heard of before. But I was very pleasantly surprised as I'd wanted to build an F-84F for some time, but was not relishing the idea of rescribing the old Monogram kit. Kinetics solved that problem for me.

Upon opening the Kinetics box I was delighted to see a nicely scribed kit. It looked more than a little familiar to me. It should. It's the old Monogram kit with several updates. First of course, was the fact that the Kinetics kit had recessed panel lines versus the raised ones in the Monogram kit. A bit overdone but definitely workable.

The cockpit, landing gear and wells, intake ducting/nose wheel well, and drop tanks were virtually identical to the Monogram kit - with updates. Then I noticed that the fuselage halves had a large hole in the nose area. Kinetics had added an open gun bay. GREAT! Another needed added part. I was excited over the prospect of building the kit.

But there were some problems of note. First off, every piece had a 'texture' to the finish, which wasn't conducive to a natural metal finish. Then there were the large runner attachment points that if you weren't careful (I wasn't!), would leave a large ragged hole at the point of attachment. But the main problem was the 'textured finish'. It would probably be OK for a camouflage finish like the NATO birds or Air Guard F-84Fs, but had to be smoothed out for a natural metal finish. So I took my trusty 400 grit paper and started, wet sanding the entire exterior finish once with new paper, and a second time with worn paper. Then did it again with 600 grit paper.

I then assembled and painted the cockpit using Model Master Grey #36231, with Black consoles and instrument panel, picking out details with red, yellow, green, and silver, and filling the lenses with Future floor wax. Of special note is a problem with the forward part of the fuel tank behind the pilot. It has what appears to be a headrest molded in. This is incorrect and should be removed. The cockpit is a direct copy of the Monogram cockpit, which was very nice in its day and still is. The seat is quite nicely detailed and just needs some good belts and paint details. The hydraulic pump assembly for lifting the canopy is a separate piece and looks very good, as does the control stick. All that's needed is a throttle and some T-handles to really bring everything out.

One nice thing about the Kinetics kit is the fact that they give you two large steel balls to correctly weight down the nose. These are installed between the intake duct halves and under the cockpit. But be sure and use lots of super glue to keep them from rattling. Ed Kinney used the AMS intake and cockpit and could NOT use



With the intake duct finished and installed, the fuselage halves are ready to go together. And they just click together. Don't forget to install at least the gun 'deck' as you cannot fit it in after the fuselage is together. However, the nose cap is a problem. It's slightly oval in shape and should be replaced with a Monogram part. And it doesn't fit!!! The upper part of the fuselage around the gun area, is woefully undersized. It needs to be widened using a small piece of sprue or something. The nose matches up nicely except for that top area.

The wings also fit together nicely although the trailing edges are a tad thick for my liking. But now we get to the interesting part - mating the wings to the fuselage. Dry fitting revealed the fit to be poor. You had a choice - glue the upper edge of the wing to the fuselage and have a 1/16th gap on the underside, vice versa with the gap on top, or split the difference. I chose the first one and glued the wing to the fuselage on the upper edge. Then used plastic card to fill in the underside gap. It wasn't fun but worked out.

Drop tanks and ordnance go together well. I used the Monogram Mk.7 nuclear bomb found in their early F-84F kit and scratch built the nuke weapons pylon. It's very different from the drop tank pylon. The nuke pylon leading edge is swept forward instead of aft as on the drop tank pylon. And the underside is curved to conform to the shape of the bomb. The bomb itself is quite accurate in shape and size. I added some antennas to the bomb, painted it Olive Drab, and used some innocuous decals to make it look busy. The Kinetics drop tanks were then built and wet-sanded with 400 paper, then primed and painted. The underfuselage RATO unit comes in the kit. It was used whenever a nuke was carried. Remember, it's a Republic airplane and needs all the help it can find to get off the ground.

Now to the finish. After filling all the seams and wing joints with Mr. Surfacer, I wet sanded again, then used Floquil primer over the entire surface. This was then wet sanded with first 500 then 800 paper. At this stage I differ from many other guys on underbase finish. Alclad has a black undercoat enamel. I hate it! Takes forever and a day to dry. And it has problems. I use Floquil Gloss Black thinned with lacquer thinner.

I sprayed a couple of light coats on the entire airplane. It dries in an hour but I let it sit overnight then wet sand with 800 and 1000 grit paper. Then re-spray with more Floquil Black until I get a smooth finish. At this point I pick out certain panels or areas and spray them with one of the other Floquil gloss colors, either dark blue or light grey. This will give a different tone to those areas. When it's all dry I polish the entire finish with pads from 2300 up to 12000 grit.

Now it's time for Alclad (or foil). The finish has to be immaculate as it will show every scratch or dust mark. On this model I used Alclad Duraluminum for my base color over the forward fuselage and wing. Then painted the aft fuselage with Alclad polished aluminum for contrast. Then picked out panels here and there in other Alclad or metalizer shades, and set it aside for at least 24 hours. After 24 hours I masked off the antiglare panel, black antenna areas, and gear wells, painting them Republic Green.

I chose to use the old decals in the original Monogram kit, those being 78th FBS based in England. Since both kits were literally identical, the decals fit nicely - almost. As anyone will tell you that knows about kits manufacturing, when you clone a kit it will be minutely larger in every way. Thus the decals for the Monogram kit were roughly 1/16th of an inch smaller than they needed to be. I made adjustments and used a second set of decals to make up the difference. There were problems with the nose color bands since the nose ring didn't fit very well, which I didn't notice until the end of the build. After decaling I overcoated the unit and national markings with semi-gloss just to tone down the gloss. Then added the landing gear. Here I liked another Monogram part over Kinetics - the nose wheel/fender. Kinetics split the tire/wheel/fender assembly down the middle, Monogram didn't. So I chose to use the Monogram wheel/fender unit on the Kinetics nose gear.

Another problem with the Kinetics kit was the attachment of the underwing pylons. The locating holes were too small and too shallow. After I opened the holes I also had to shorten the pins to get the pylon to seat against the bottom of the wing. Finally, the canopy actuator arms were a bit fiddly but workable.

All in all, an enjoyable build with a few problems. I ended up using up two kits in my collection to get it finished but then I have too many kits anyhow. Would I build another one? I already have a second one under construction. Does that answer the question?