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**June News**

The June meeting suited the beginning of summer, kind of laid back and easy. JR Bruegger's contest for Hot Rods and Fast Jets brought out some neat car models, as you will see on the photo pages. Congratulations to the winners, and especially to new member Mark Gamble who took home awards from his first Fame Cities contest. Thanks to JR for his sponsorship.

The business meeting was short and simple. Joe Staudt reported that our trophy package sponsorship for the Columbus Nationals has been sent. We do not know at this time what category we have sponsored.

On the subject of our defunct website and the revival thereof, Jerry Royer volunteered to contact Bill Weckel and get the files from him in some form. Once this has been done we can work with Dick Montgomery, Director of Local Chapters, to get the site onto a server and running.

Once again, progress on the wingfold group build for the Nationals was a hot topic. Those in attendance all reported good progress on their builds. Ed Kinney has finished his base section, the WWII deck, and the other deck sections are in work.

Not much in hobby news was noted, things are a bit slow just now, due in some part at least to the sagging world economy. Trumpeter has released some sprue shots of their 1/48 Super Sabres. The F-100D looks pretty good, but the F-100C tail looks a little off. A new tool F-100 in this scale will be welcome regardless. Larry Davis reports that the Squadron/Special Hobby T-33 in 1/32 scale is imminent, and that True Details will issue a 1/32 scale ground power unit for your F-80 or T-33 display. Aires continues their prolific releases with wheel wells for the Trumpeter Crusader, 1/48 F-15 cockpits, and a cockpit for the Hobby Boss Mig 17 amongst others.

A final note: Dave Morrisette's father is quite ill and has been placed in hospice. Give Dave an email or phone call if you can.

**Next meeting July 20**

**Cutler Real Estate**

**JUNE CONTEST**

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**JULY CONTEST**

**SCRATCH BUILT**

July's contest is Amers' Hobbies annual 'Scratch Built' event, postponed from the May meeting. Bring any model you wish, but include at least two scratch built items. Prizes are gift certificates to Amers Hobbies.

# *Scale Scribblings*

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## June Models



Joe Staudt

*Revell 1/25 '29 Ford Rat Rod*



Mark Gamble

*Tamiya 1/48 P-47C*

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Mark Gamble



*Hasegawa 1/48 KI-84 Frank*



*Hasegawa 1/48 FW-190A-8*



Larry Davis

*AMT 1/25 'T Phone Booth'*



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JR Bruegger

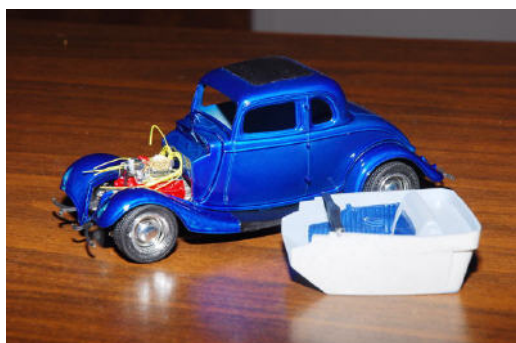
*Revell/Monogram 1/25 '32 Ford 3-Window Coupe*

*Monogram 1/25 '57 Corvette*



Bob Ulrich

*Hasegawa 1/48 F-104C*



Dennis Ankeny

*AMT 1/25 '34 Ford 5-Window Coupe*

*Work In Progress*



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## THEME CONTEST

## Hot Rods 1929 to 1950 and Fast Jets 1950 to 1960



First Place

Joe Staudt



Second Place

Larry Davis



First Place

Bob Ulrich

## NON THEME CONTEST



First Place

JR Bruegger



Second Place

Mark Gamble



Third Place

Mark Gamble



## KIT REVIEW

**Eduard F6F-5 Hellcat Profipack**

Kit No. 8222  
MSRP \$35.00

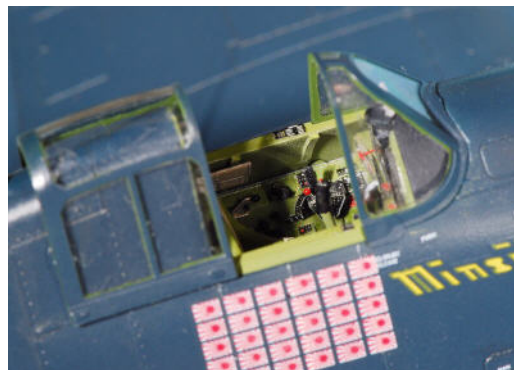
This latest release in Eduard's line of Hellcats follows the Royal Class boxing, which included parts for both an F6F-3 and F6F-5. The kit is billed as an F6F-5, and it is, but it curiously includes a second complete F6F-3 fuselage. Also included are two typically superb Eduard photo etch frets, one of which is colored, resin wheels, canopy masks, and decals for four different aircraft. All the decal markings are interesting, and it will be a tough choice to pick just one.



The basic kit plastic has been reviewed many times, and I have little to add to what has already been said.. Surface detailing is very well executed, including the overlapped panel effect on the aft fuselage. The various cowlings variations are all included, so be careful you get the correct one. I will not stick my neck into the cowlings 'grin' controversy other than to say it looks pretty good to me, given the limitations of injection molding. Eduard chose to mold each wing separately, which eliminates some tricky underside joints found on the Hasegawa kit.

Each wing fits into a deep pocket in the fuselage side, and no filler was required. You will have to be careful to get the side to side alignment right, though. Of special note is the landing gear and gear well detail, which is easily the best in this scale. Hellcat landing gear is especially complex, and Eduard made a great effort to capture it. Even the brake lines are molded with the struts, although I scraped them off and added my own lines from soft wire. Everything goes together with little fuss.

Eduard's basic plastic cockpit is OK, but not a world beater. This boxing addresses that with a comprehensive color photo etch fret that replaces almost all the plastic detail. A total of 53 (by my count) separate pieces are provided, and they are beautifully rendered. Some are so small it is difficult to see them, much less handle them, and some experience with PE and a good magnifier are recommended. I have found that a two step process works best for me: first I glue the PE piece in place with white glue, which allows me to correct the inevitable misplacement before the glue sets. Then I go back with thin CA glue applied carefully at the edges with a fine wire to lock the parts solidly. The PE control levers for the throttle and other devices consist of a thin lever section topped by a disc representing the knob. I mixed a small batch of 5 minute epoxy and applied tiny drops to both sides of the disc sections, forming perfect spherical knobs. Since you are using the kit plastic as a base, there are no fit problems with the cockpit.



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The R-2800 engine looks basic on the sprues, but once painted and detailed it looks fine buried inside the cowling. I did not use the PE ignition harness, but replaced it with fine wire. Eduard also includes the famous Pratt and Whitney logo badge for the engine, in both decal and color PE. Nice touch. If you simply must, Quickboost has a resin engine specific to this kit, that looks terrific.

As noted, construction presented no difficulties. The kit includes two sliding canopy sections, one for the closed option and one for the open position. The open canopy fits perfectly, as does the windscreen. The included masks made painting prep much easier. One note of warning: the instructions would have you add the tiny catapult bridle hooks to the wing bottom early in construction. Leave these off until the very end, as in handling the model during painting and decaling you will surely break them off. Guess how I know this.



The markings options are all interesting, but as for colors, you better like dark blue. I used an old but never opened bottle of Aeromaster Gloss Sea Blue, thinned with lacquer thinner, and it came out very nice. Gosh, I miss that paint. I chose the markings for David McCampbell's 'Minsi III'. Other offerings include a cat mouth VF-27 bird (Robert Burnell's 'Paper Doll'); 'Death and Destruction' from VF-83; and Bob McCuddin's bird from VF-20. Also provided is very complete stencil detail. The decals went on without a problem, and worked as well as any I have ever used.

Eduard has provided the modeler with a highly detailed but easy to build kit, has added another feather in their cap with the Hellcat series, and at a price that by current standards is very reasonable. Highly recommended. My thanks to Eduard for providing the kit and to Dave Morrisette, for the opportunity to build it.

