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## February News

February saw a good turnout on a cold night, with a nice selection of models on the tables, a lot of business and a demo. Oh, and there was a little interesting talk to be found.....

Treasurer Joe Staudt pointed out in his report that the new \$25.00 monthly fee for the use of the Cutler facility may not be sustainable in the long run. Each meeting will effectively eat up the full membership dues of two people, which will not help the treasury's bottom line. This is a shame, since the facility is the nicest we've had in the club's entire history, but the numbers are hard to ignore. It was agreed that we should seek other accommodations, but will remain at Cutler until we find something. Who would have thought the real estate snafu would effect a model club!

In other business, President Davis reminded us that the wingfold group build deadline is edging ever closer, and took a report from the members on their progress. In that regard, several of us spent part of a Saturday afternoon examining and piecing together the display base sections in Ed Kinney's basement, and determined quickly that we will need more than we have in hand. All these base sections will need painted and finished, and anyone wishing to help out with this should contact Ed Kinney.

The club has added another DVD to our collection, dealing with weathering WWII aircraft. I've seen it, and its worth a look. See Joe Staudt about borrowing it.

Larry Davis and myself presented a demo on techniques and tools for rescribing. As usual the ensuing discussion brought out comments and tips from others, which is what makes these demos so valuable. See below for the March demo information.

The meeting was rounded out by a group discussion about hobby news in general and the Nuremberg Toy Show in particular. Lots of new stuff was announced there. If you log on to Hobbylink Japan's website there is a short interview with Mr. Tamiya that is pretty interesting. The ever increasing prices of new kits was much discussed, and it is altering both the buying habits of builders and the operation of hobby shops, who cannot afford to stock their shelves with megabuck kits that may or may not sell. Both Ken Patterson of Amers and Kevin Hess of WhistleStop advised that they will gladly order anything they do not stock.

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Cutler Real Estate

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## MARCH DEMO

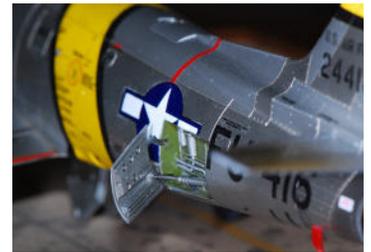


Steve Dottavio will teach you the secrets of dry brushing for enhanced detail and weathering effects.

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## February Models



Jerry Royer  
*Hasegawa 1/48 F-86F*



Steve Fern  
*AMT 1/25 '35 Plymouth Modified*  
*AMT 1/25 '37 Chevy Modified*



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Bob Ulrich  
*Hasegawa 1/72 B24J*



Mike Meredith  
*Acc Miniatures 1/48 P-51*



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Andy Miday  
*Trumpeter 1/48 F9F-2*



John Shimek  
*1/72 M46 Pershing*



Bob Ulrich  
*Hasegawa 1/72 F-111F*

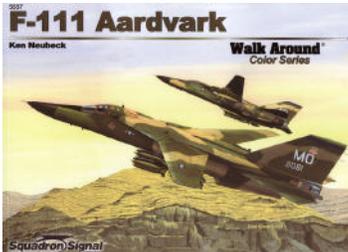


Andy Miday  
*Hasegawa 1/48 F-18E*  
*Hasegawa 1/48 F-14D*

Works In Progress



## New Product Briefings

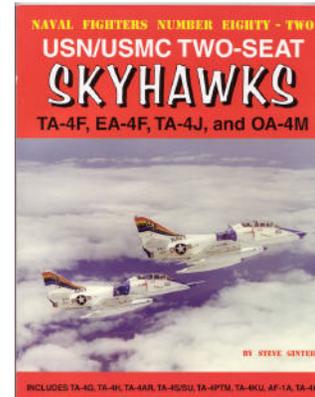


### F-111 Aardvark Walkaround

Squadron-Signal Publications

MSRP \$18.95

The latest in Squadron's All Color Walkaround series. Eighty pages, with four pages of color profiles and the rest of the book devoted to detail photos. Typical Squadron effort, good coverage of cockpits and gear wells, and lots of period photos of the different variants.



### Two-Seat Skyhawks

Naval Fighters Number 82

Steve Ginter

MSRP \$36.95

Well-timed with the April release by Hasegawa of the TA-4J in 1/48 coming fast. Standard Ginter format in 160 pages. Lots of Tech Order drawings and cockpit layouts, complete unit by unit operator history and a short program history. Look for a full review on the IPMS-USA website.



### F-16C/N Aggressor 1/48

Tamiya

MSRP \$66.00

Reissue of the superb Tamiya 1/48 F-16C in aggressor livery. This is probably the kit to buy, since it includes all the parts needed to build an Air Force Block 30, 32,40,50 or 52 Viper and the Navy F-16N - both light and heavy landing gear, both GE and Pratt&Whitney intake/exhaust, and even the wide angle HUD for the Block 40 jets. The kit also includes a new sprue of aggressor-specific parts, including ACMI pods and the odd looking AN/ALQ-188 ECM pod (for the first time in an injection kit that I am aware of). The kit does not include the strengthening plates and RAM panels - you will have to buy the detail set for those - and it also does not include the array of weapons that are in the earlier releases of this mold. Since most of those weapons, such as laser guided and satellite guided bombs, are available elsewhere its not a great loss. The fact that in one kit you get the option of building so many block numbers more than makes up for the missing bomb sprues.

Markings for four airplanes are provided. The famous Arctic Aggressor scheme bird from Alaska is the feature jet. Other markings cover a Top Gun F-16N, and two 57th Fighter Weapons Wing aggressors from Nellis, one in brown/brown/green and one in three tone grays. Very highly recommended.



## F-80C Shooting Star 1/32

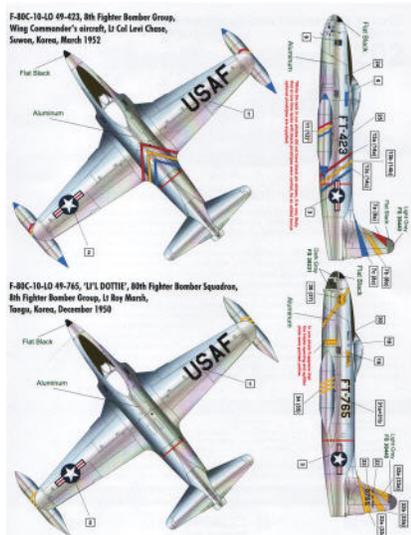
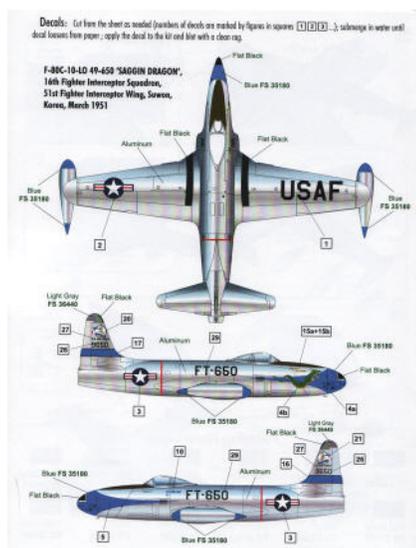
Special Hobby (Squadron)

MSRP \$79.95

For someone old enough to remember when 'they' said 1/32 scale is dead this kit is a joy to behold. No, it isn't a Tamiya masterpiece, but it's a darn fine kit considering its limited run nature. The injection molded parts feature fine recessed panel lines and a logical parts breakdown. Some flash is present, but it's no big deal. The ejection seat and wheels are done in nicely cast resin, and the kit includes a stunning color PE fret for the instrument panel. The two piece instrument cluster and single piece lower panel mount on an injection molded panel, or you could use the optional panel with molded on detail. Given the quality of the PE parts I can't see why anyone would not use them. They are simply beautiful, they have to be seen in the flesh to appreciate. The injection molded cockpit tub has raised console detail, although my references indicate that is somewhat incomplete, probably due in part to molding limitations. The resin seat is complete with harness, and needs only a good paint job.

Complete intake trunking is provided, and reasonably well detailed wheel wells and speed brake wells. The interiors of the well doors are detailed with stiffeners and there are no ejector pin marks on the door interiors (are you listening, Trumpeter?). Landing gear struts are also nicely done. The clear sprue includes separate canopy and windscreen, landing lights and wingtip formation lights. Both the Lockheed standard tip tanks and the 265 gallon Misawa tanks are provided, along with bombs and pylons.

The instruction booklet calls for some comment. The multi-page booklet is printed in color on slick paper, with very detailed color callouts and a reference panel of color chips. These instructions will find a place in my reference files.



The feature aircraft of the decal sheet is the famous 'Saggin Dragon' of the 16th FIS out of Suwon during the Korean War. This is a great looking F-80 and likely will be the choice of many modelers. Two other birds are included, however, and they ain't bad either. The 8th FBW Wing commander's bird features multi color command stripes on the tail, around the fuselage and around the tip tanks. The third airplane is 'Li'l Dottie' of the 8th FBW, with yellow squadron markings and nose art. The decals are by Cartograph and are what you'd expect, beautifully printed and thin. Complete stenciling is also provided.