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April News

In April news, the recruitment flyers have gone out to everyone, and President Larry Davis has had high quality copies made. The flyer has already been distributed to some hobby shops, and we will make them available to anyone who asks.

We have no further action regarding the status of the website, but a possible new maintainer has been identified, and there may be news to report soon.

Ken Patterson had to cancel his demo, and it has been rescheduled to the May meeting (see below).

Kevin Hess has contacted the local libraries about both displays, and meeting facilities. Further information is coming.

The Pittsburgh show was attended by some Fame Cities members, and my information shows that Jerry Royer, Ken Patterson Jr., and Al Hubert took home awards. Congrats to all.

The next local show coming up is Toledo on May 16. Chapter contact Ken Patterson has info on this event.

Our hobby news discussion touched on new releases from Aires among others. There was not much new to talk about at the meeting, but since then the Hasegawa TA-4J and F-16I kits have finally arrived (see page 5 for a report). You can now also check out the IPMS Phillipines website and see sprue shots of the Trumpeter 1/48 F-100C, F-100D and F-100F (you read that right). While these kits may repeat the errors of the 1/32 scale kit, the presence of recessed panel lines and a more user friendly kit breakdown and assembly will please those who have struggled with the Monogram kit.

Next meeting May 18

Cutler Real Estate



April meeting: Larry Davis' F-110A drew a lot of interest.

April Demo

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Ken Patterson was not able to present his airframe improvement demo at the April meeting. The demo will be presented at the May meeting.

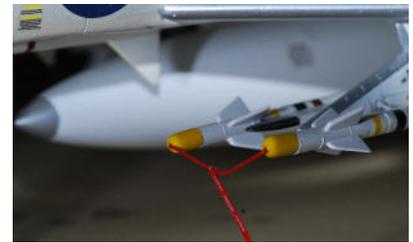
May Contest

SCRATCHBUILT

May's club contest is scratchbuilt, sponsored by Ken Patterson Sr & Jr and Amers Hobbies. Build any kit you wish but include at least two scratch built items. Prizes are gift certificates to Amers. We usually hold this contest in October, but it's been moved up this year.



April Models



Larry Davis
Hasegawa 1/48 F-110A Phantom



Joe Staudt
Revell 1/25 2008 Mustang 'Bullit'
Work In Progress



Scale Scriblings

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Gary Wolfe
Tamiya 1/100 A-7A



Trumpeter 1/35 Arriette MBT



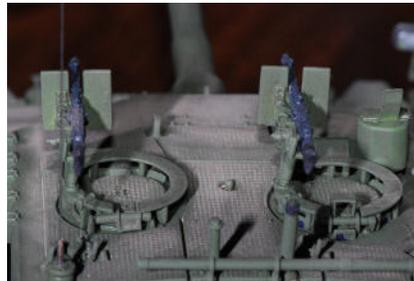
Hobby Boss 1/35 VietNam V-100



Tamiya 1/35 Humvee w/TOW

Rick Slagle

These models have appeared previously in Scale Scriblings, but Rick brought them in again to show off the awards they garnered at the latest AMPS convention. Congratulations Rick!



Wingfold Group Build Update

Good Friday in Ed Kinney's basement

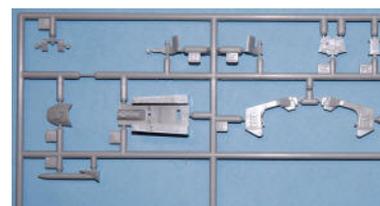
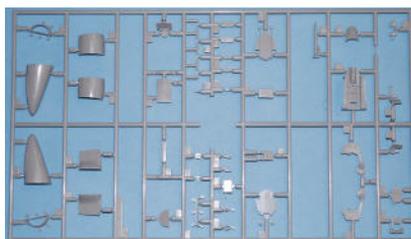
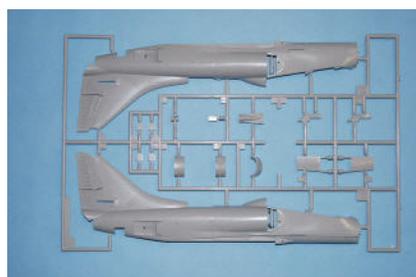


On Good Friday, April 10, Dave Morrisette, Steve Dottavio, Jerry Royer and myself gathered in Ed Kinney's basement to begin assembling the base sections for the Fame Cities group entry in the 2009 Nationals. Oh, Ed was there, too. All of the base sections on hand were successfully assembled and glued to heavy fiberboard sections which were obtained by Jerry. Jerry also contributed his expertise with professional contact cement, while Dave and Steve did the most of the gluing. I mostly took pictures, but they did let me assemble a few pieces. You know you can't trust an engineer to actually build something. Ed supervised our efforts and the ever gracious MJ Kinney gave us chocolate chip cookies. The cookies unfortunately did not completely offset the chemical buzz induced by exposure to lacquer fumes and contact cement fumes, but it went away after an hour or two in fresh air. We determined that another section of modern deck will be needed, and it is en route to us. The bases still need paint and weathering, and anyone who wishes to help can call Ed about doing so.



Hasegawa 1/48 TA-4J Kit 07243

MSRP \$56.50

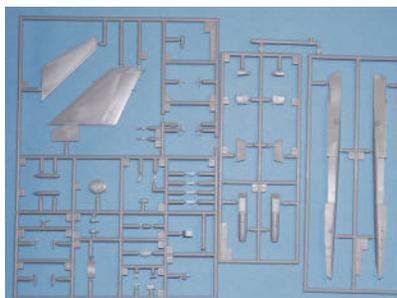
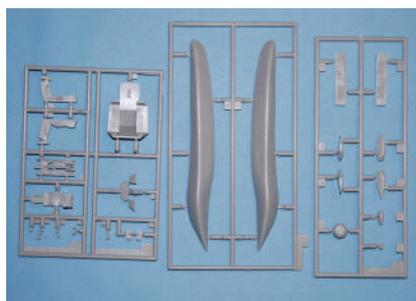


A much awaited kit, to say the least. Since Hasegawa released its new tool A-4 series there have been cries of "where's my two-seater?". Well, here it is, and its very nice. Most of the parts are carried over from the single seater kits, such as landing gear and flying surfaces. An entirely new fuselage is provided, along with other smaller airframe details unique to this version. The dual cockpits are pretty nicely done, and given their small size, the kit

parts should satisfy most modelers. The ejection seats will be the most visible things in the pits, and a nice set of resin seats would be a big and simple improvement. The decal sheet includes markings for a stunning bird from VC-1 at Barbers Point (the box art airplane), and another colorful Skyhawk from VT-7 with Dayglo wing panels. There are a ton of schemes for TA-4's, both trainers and Aggressors, so look for many reboxings of this kit.

Hasegawa 1/48 F-16I Kit 09857

MSRP \$63.00



The latest, Block 60 Viper has been the subject of several new kits from Kinetic, and conversion sets from IsraDecal and CMK. This is Hasegawa's entry, based on their venerable F-16D kit. Although the tooling on this basic kit goes back long, long way, it was still the standard of comparison until the Tamiya kits came along. The kit certainly lacks detail compared to Tamiya, in both the cockpit and landing gear areas, but it holds up pretty well otherwise and for a two seater there is no Tamiya equivalent (yet). The sprue shots show the major additions, in the form of the the upper fuselage 'hump' and the massive conformal fuel tanks/special equipment packages. The various lumps and bumps associated with the Israeli ECM gear are also provided. As usual, Hasegawa provides no ordnance beyond air to air missiles. Most modern American ordnance will work, and Isracast can happily supply Israeli ordnance. If you're really serious about things, an Aires cockpit and wheel wells will put you right into super detail area. This is a limited edition kit, so move fast if you want one (check Sprue Brothers).