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AUGUST MEETING

Tuesday 21th August - 7.30pm
Leys Institute (upstairs)
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CHAIRPERSON'S BIT

Hi Everyone

I hope you are all well and making the most of the long nights to get some modelling done. We've had some terrific meetings recently.

Peter Foxley's demonstration of how to take great photographs was very warmly received. Now that the website is revamped, it's time to put those new found skills into practice by getting pictures into our website galleries. Be brave and put a picture of yourself up there as well, it's interesting for visitors to our website to see who is the author of some of the great work that is being produced by the club.

Robin Hartley's June demonstration of how to make convincing sea bases was inspirational, and it will be interesting to see if there is an increase in maritime models on the table this year. Thank you Peter and Robin.

The organisers of Model-X thanked the club for its participation. Model-X was great success with public visitor numbers up from previous years. As a result our club received a windfall of \$300 for its efforts. So thank you once again to everyone who helped out.

Also on a positive level the club's financial membership is up from previous years. This is great to see. The committee is keen to see benefits going back to its members with prizes for participation in club competitions and the odd surprise raffle. John Darlington was the lucky winner of a 1/32 Airfix Aston Martin DB9 at the June meeting. It's also great to have the facility to purchase resources for

special events on club nights. We will have the next batch of membership cards ready at the August meeting and there are still some Airfix Catalogues available for those who have recently paid up.

Henry Ludlam is putting the finishing touches on a Club League Table Competition. There is a major prize of a large kit worth over \$100 plus monthly certificates and other awards. We are starting with entries from next month's meeting. Look out for details in this newsletter and on our website.

We're keen to add to the range of businesses offering discounts to club members, so if you have good rapport with a business that would be of interest to club members talk to the committee about how they can become a discounter.

I also had the pleasure of catching up with Waikato Scale Modellers last weekend. Pencil into your diary Armistice Weekend on the 10th/11th November in Cambridge and watch this space. We are cordially invited to participate in the model competition and display, and it is an event jam-packed with action all weekend.

Finally, it's not too late to get something built for IPMS Nationals in Alexandra on the 22nd and 23rd of September and Central Otago is a great place to visit, and say goodbye to winter.

This month we are having an Airfix for August competition. I'm working to finish a Canberra and Nimrod and hope you all have something exciting to put on the table.

Cheers Peter

BULLETIN BOARD

NOTICES

Subs

Annual subs are now due and can be deposited via internet banking or at your bank into the club account below. Make sure to include your full name in the transaction details so we know who has paid their fees.

Access to club rooms on meeting nights

AA have requested members not to use the AA meeting room and kitchen as access to the IPMS

meeting area at the Leys Institute.

If you arrive and the club rooms are not open, please wait for one of the committee with an access key to open up.

IPMS Nationals 2012

Nationals are being held 22 - 23 September in Alexandra and will coincide with the annual blossom festival. For more information, go to http://www.rexedra.gen.nz/coms/IPMS_2012.html

CLUB SUPPORT

The following retailers have kindly agreed to offer IPMS Auckland club members a discount on their purchases upon presentation of the current IPMS Auckland Membership card. The discount only applies on selected product lines and remains at the discretion of the retailer.

Modelair. 12 Kent St Newmarket, Auckland Tel: 520 1236
10% on kits

Stoker Models. Cnr Market Rd & Gt South Rd, Auckland Tel 520 1737
10% on kits and modelling supplies

Apix Photographic Supplies.

130 New North Rd, Eden Terrace, Auckland 307 3177
10% on memory cards, tripods, and accessories.



Annual Membership Fees

Membership Type	Description	Cost
Full	Living in the Auckland metropolitan area	NZ\$45
Out Of Town	Living 75km or more from central Auckland	NZ\$30
Junior	Same rights as full membership for those under 16	NZ\$25

IPMS BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER
WESTPAC BANK

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Please add your details so we know who has paid.



EVENTS

August: "Airfix for August": Follow on from Feb Frog. Bring along any Airfix kit built and/or finished in 2012 for members' vote

September: Demonstration: Making scale nav lights and vents

October: Build The Same... Night: RNZAF 75th Anniversary. Also includes NZPAF, all RNZAF squadrons and NZ designated Squadrons within the RAF.

November: Demonstration: Aerial wires and rigging.

December: Sci-Fi group build competition, and "2012 build" Closed

Club competition. Theme build for December 2012 announced at January clubnight: Sci-Fi. Sci-fi was clarified as anything relating to Science Fiction, eg; TV series or movies, or your own imagination, but doesn't include Luftwaffe 46, what if's (regular planes in 'other' markings!). So Star Trek, Star Wars, Babylon 5, Firefly, virtually any Gerry Anderson series, Dr Who, Lost in Space, Battlestar Galactica etc, all qualify.. as does Gundam and other weird Japanese Sci-fi and mecha...or some assembly of bits from your spares box... you get the idea.

As a summary of the above - if you are interested in participating in any of the build activities for

the year, you should now have started, or be thinking about, what you plan to build for the following subjects:

August - any Airfix kit
October - RNZAF 75th Anniversary
December - SciFi

Note that any entries for these builds must have been started, or finished in 2012.



MONTHLY ON THE TABLE COMPETITION.

PURPOSE.

To recognise the achievements of all members of IPMS Auckland outside of the annual best of year competition, in a competition that encourages a wider participation by all.

To promote interest in other genres.
To use inspire members through peer judging.

PROCESS.

Every model that is placed on the table will be automatically entered into the monthly competition and the results will be entered into a league. The outright winner will be the member who achieves the highest running total for the year (12 month cycle).

Every model entered will automatically score 1 point.

- 1: Model placed in the appropriate class. (See separate list of classes.)
- 2: Display card to be collected and filled in with the model name/title on the front.
- 3: Member's name to placed on the reverse for identification purposes.

4: After club business is concluded members will collect a judging sheet and select the best 3 models in each class, placing the model's number in each of the boxes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

5: Hand in completed judging sheets.

6: Judging sheets tallied up. 1st = 4 points. 2nd = 3 points. 3rd = 2 points.

7: Winners announced and certificates awarded at the end of the meeting.

8: Monthly winners and running results to be published in the newsletter.

COMPETITION RULES.

All completed models will be automatically entered.

Only complete and finished models may be entered.

Models can only be presented once in this competition. NB; This does not exclude those models from being entered in the monthly competition from being entered in the annual Best Of Year competition.

Models must be displayed in the designated class area. (This is for ease of judging).

Models must display a number with the description/type/title of the model. These will be given out.

The member's name must be written on the reverse of the card.

In the event of only one model being entered in a class, then said model will be declared default winner and a maximum of 5 points will be awarded. (Entry = 1point, First place = 4 points. Total = 5 points.)

In the event of there being NO entries in a class, then No points will be awarded, nor carried across to the next meetings competition.

Themed meetings will carry a separate themed class. The same rules apply but models entered previously can be entered again only if they fall within the context of the theme.

In the event of a tie for any of the placements, equal points will be awarded. 2 equal second places = 4 points each. Etc.

CLASSES:

Large Aircraft: 48th / 32nd / 24th.

Small Aircraft; 72nd / 144th / 200th.

Armour / Soft skin Vehicles; All scales.

Civilian Vehicles: All scales.

Maritime: All scales.

Figures: All scales.

Sci Fi: All scales.

Miscellaneous: All scales.

Diorama: All scales.

Junior: All Scales and classes.

Theme: All scales and classes.

PRESS RELEASE



The news you have all been waiting for
**THE DE HAVILLAND MOSQUITO FB.26
KA114 WILL FLY LATER THIS YEAR!**

After 8 years of intensive rebuild and restoration, **KA114** is virtually complete and will fly late September 2012. Because this is such a significant event in the annals of aircraft restoration, major celebrations are planned.

These will take the form of

DE HAVILLAND MOSQUITO LAUNCH SPECTACULAR

Starting on **Saturday 29 September**
(postponement day Sunday 30 September)
10am and going through till 4.00pm,
Mosquito KA114 will be on public
display. This will be a one off event.
There would be few people who would
have ever anticipated seeing a Mosquito
take to the skies, let alone one in NZ!

If that wasn't enough, there will be the
chance of seeing the Mosquito fly in
conjunction with her WW2 stable mates,
the Spitfire, the Mustang and Kittyhawk.

NZ is blessed with an exotic variety of
classic de Havilland aircraft from the
ubiquitous Tiger Moth to the ultra rare
Venom jet and everything in between.

Saturday will be a celebration of all
things de Havilland and you can expect
to see a feast of de Havilland aircraft
flying and performing.

Also in attendance will be the Harvard
Display team as well as a variety of
ex-Military jets, aerobatic and other
exotic types.

As well as flying displays there will be
a celebration of Classic British Cars and
a display of Military vehicles.

Tickets will be available through
Ticketek and gate sales on the day.

Ticket prices: \$25 Adults
\$10 Under 15years
\$50 Family

THE "HONOUR DINNER" SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2012, ARDMORE

This will be a commemoration of the
brave aircrew who flew Mosquito's
operationally, as well as the Mosquito
itself.

Additionally it will be a celebration
and thank you to **Jerry Yagen**, the
owner of **KA114**, who has made the
enormous investment in this project.
It will also be a chance to meet
Warren Denholm and the **Avspecs**
team of craftsmen, who have in
co-operation with **Glynn Powell**, of
Mosquito Aircraft Restoration, brought
this magnificent aircraft back to life.

This will be a special occasion where
veteran aircrew will join key members
of Government and the Armed
Services, aviation personalities and
a large attendance of anticipatory
diners who will want to toast this
magnificent achievement.

Center stage will be **KA114** as well
as a collection of key de Havilland
aircraft.

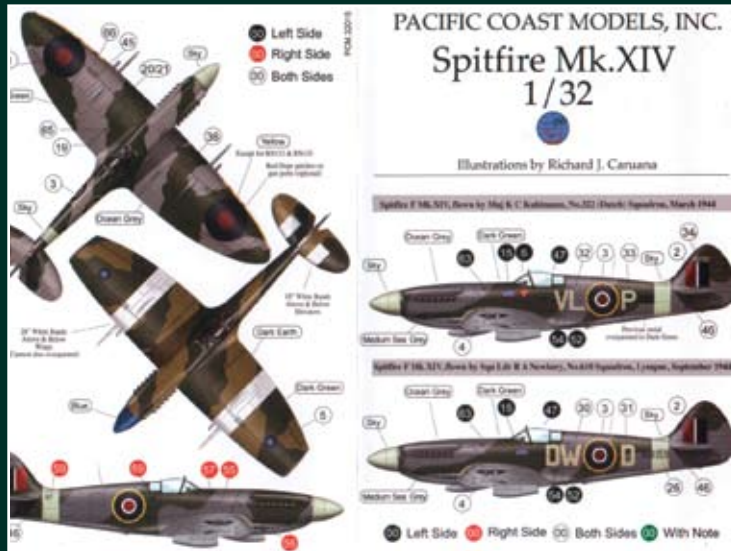
Tickets will be \$150 per seat (Tables of
10 \$1450) and will be available through
Ticketek and Ardmore Airport Ltd.

www.facebook.com/avspecs
www.warbirdrestoration.co.nz
www.nzar.co.nz



REVIEW

Pacific Coast 1/32 Vickers-Supermarine Spitfire Mk XIVc/e
By Brett Peacock



Credits on the box and instructions go to Sword for the injection moulded parts, Eduard for the PE and Cartograf for the large (almost A-4 sized) decal sheet, I am unsure of the provenance of the large bag of resin parts, but they also look very well done, and are tailored for this kit.

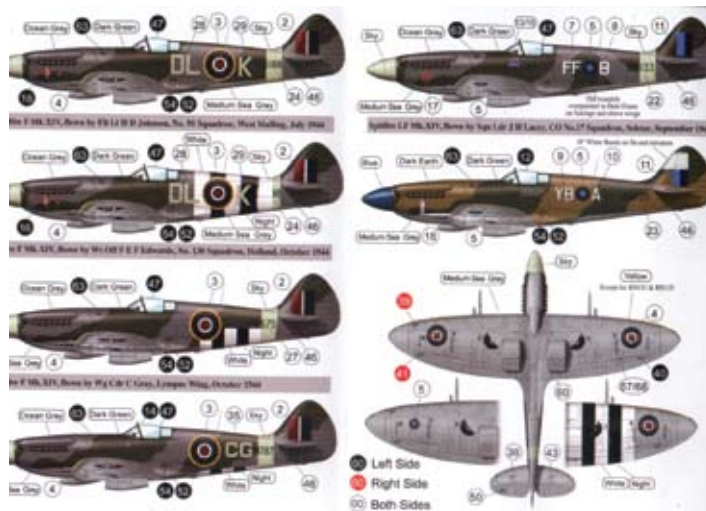
The box itself is small for a modern 1/32 kit, about half the size of a Tamiya 1/32 Spitfire box, but a bit higher when sitting next to one. Inside you will find 2 large sprues of the blue/grey very smooth Sword plastic (like the last Classic Airframes kits!), a very full bag of resin parts, which include cockpit walls & seat, compass and sundry levers, wheel wells (extremely nice ones), wheels and 2 sets of exhaust stacks (round & fishtail - the round exhausts were made standard fit in mid 1946, so will not apply to 7 of the 8 schemes). Comparing the 4 spoke wheels, which are correct for this plane, to a set of Barracudacast wheels of the same type, you can barely tell them apart; only a more

defined tyre to wheel seam in the kit parts separates them. I tend to think Barracuda's depiction would be a little more visually correct.

In a card-backed sleeve is a nice sheet of Eduard, pre-coloured etch for the seat belts and instrument panel, with more sundry cockpit

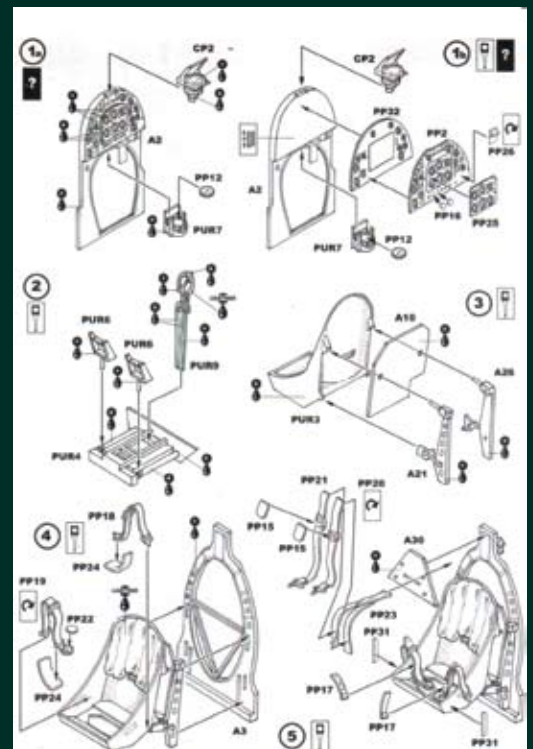
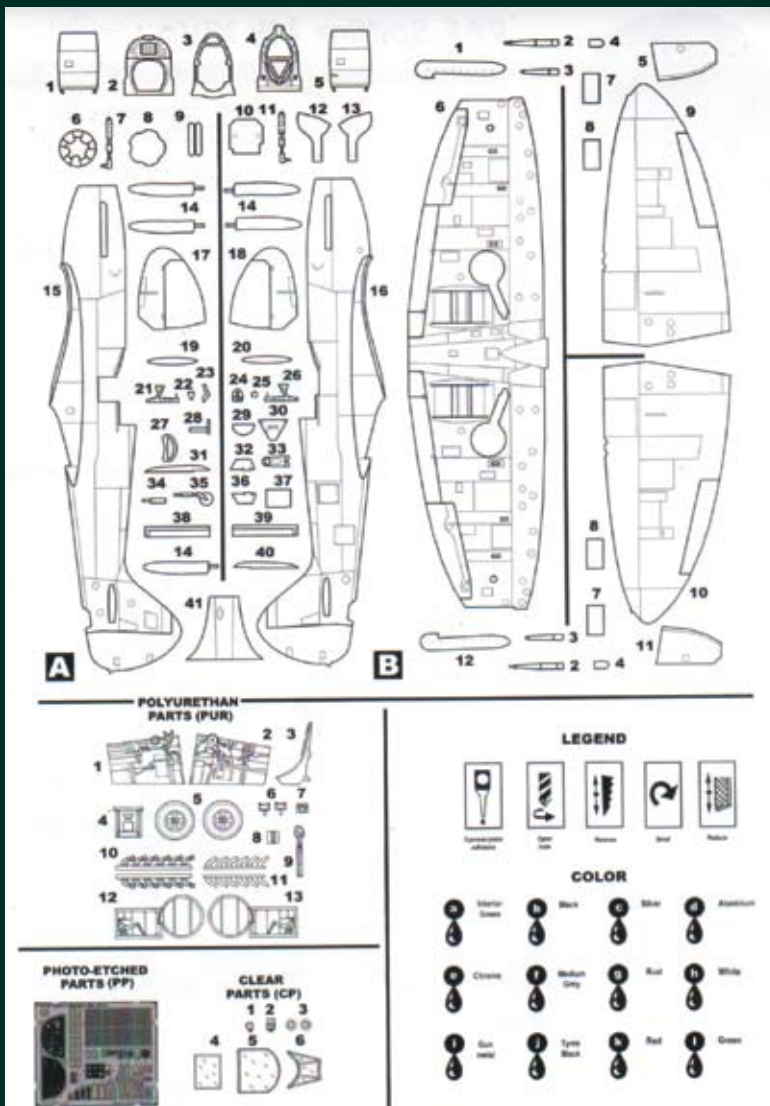
one instruction booklet and one full colour painting guide.

The breakdown of parts is fairly conventional, although the wing to fuselage join is a little odd, probably as a result of moulding size limits for the fillet at the rear underwing-to-fuselage fillet area. What you get is a small separate fillet to join to both the fuselage and the lower wing - and a really awkward join to hide. The elusive "gull-wing" of the Spitfire is there, but it looks like it may not be as well defined as others (read Tamiya) have done it. As a limited run kit, this is something like par for the course, so it's not a biggie to me. Others may not be so ready to let that slip. That awkward join traverses the gull-wing area neatly.



details and seat belts to add. The end result should be a very well outfitted cockpit indeed. In fact, if the Tamiya kits had not reached the market, I daresay this would be the best 1/32 Spitfire kit cockpit you could get. You also get one large decal sheet,

I think that taking extra care in assembly, test fitting and adjusting every step will pay dividends. I have seen a PCM Spitfire IX kit finished and it looked the part, even next to a Tamiya kit, so I expect this will also. The caveats about the kit are not



intended as a warning, just a note, as, with any limited run kit, there are areas that will need extra attention from the modeller, and describing them serves as a (I hope) guide for work that may be needed, rather than as a warning of bad kit parts!

The instructions are good and walk you easily through each step to completion, giving Humbrol paint numbers in the drawings and a key naming the colours on page 2. This is for all internal calls. There is a full colour guide for the schemes and it simply uses the RAF nomenclature: Ocean Grey, Medium Sea Grey, etc, for the colour calls. I like this way of thinking, they are not telling you that you "should" use any particular brand...

The decals are very well printed, with good colour and the yellow and white look to be quite opaque. The

elusive RAF Roundel Red is a nice dull brick colour, and the Roundel Blue a deep matt navy/midnight colour. Sky also looks well done. Now for the rather exciting bit: there are no fewer than 8 options to choose from. (although 2 of them are for the same machine, just a month apart).

The options are:
 322 (Dutch) Sqn flown by Maj Kuhlmann, code VL-P serial NH700, March 1944
 610 Sqn flown by S/L Newbery, code DW-D serial RB159, Lympne Wing, Sept 1944
 91 Sqn, flown by F/L Johnson, code DL-K serial RB188, West Malling, May/June 1944 (no D-Day markings)
 91 Sqn, flown by F/L Johnson, code DL-K serial RB188, West Malling, July 1944 (with full D-Day markings)
 130 Sqn, flown by F/O Edwards, no codes, serial RM675, Holland, October 1944

Personal aircraft flown by W/Cdr Colin Grey (a Kiwi), code CG, serial RM787, Lympne Wing, October 1944
 132 Sqn, flown by S/L Charney, code FF-B, serial RN133, Kai Tak (HK), February 1946.

All of the above are in Dark Green/Ocean Grey over Medium Sea Grey and have standard wingtips and appear to be Mk XIVc's

17 Sqn, flown by S/L Lacey, code YB-A, serial RN135, Seletar, September 1945.

Number 8 is a Mk XIVe and is in Dark Green/Dark Earth over Medium Sea Grey with white ID markings and clipped wingtips.

Numbers 7 & 8 both carry SEAC roundels. Four of the options (3, 4, 7 & 8) carry nose art also.

I have heard that some of the Markings options are not 100% correct, but not what, if any, the errors are.

The cockpit details (injection moulded) are not quite as crisp or well defined (think; not even as crisp as the old 1/32 Spitfire Vb by Hasegawa) as they could be, but I'm thinking that using the Hasegawa 1/32 parts from their Vb kit may fix that. That and a Barracudacast Spitfire seat! The cannon bulges are moulded separately from the wing uppers, so repositioning to do either a "c" or and "e" wing is no problem. However, in order to install the

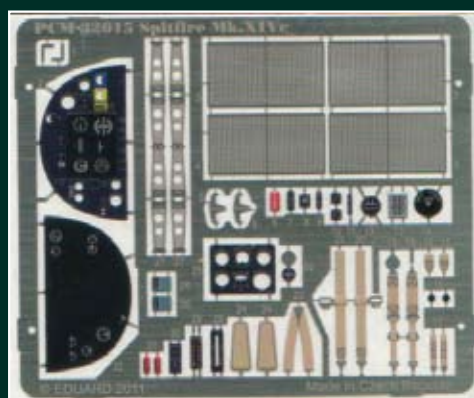
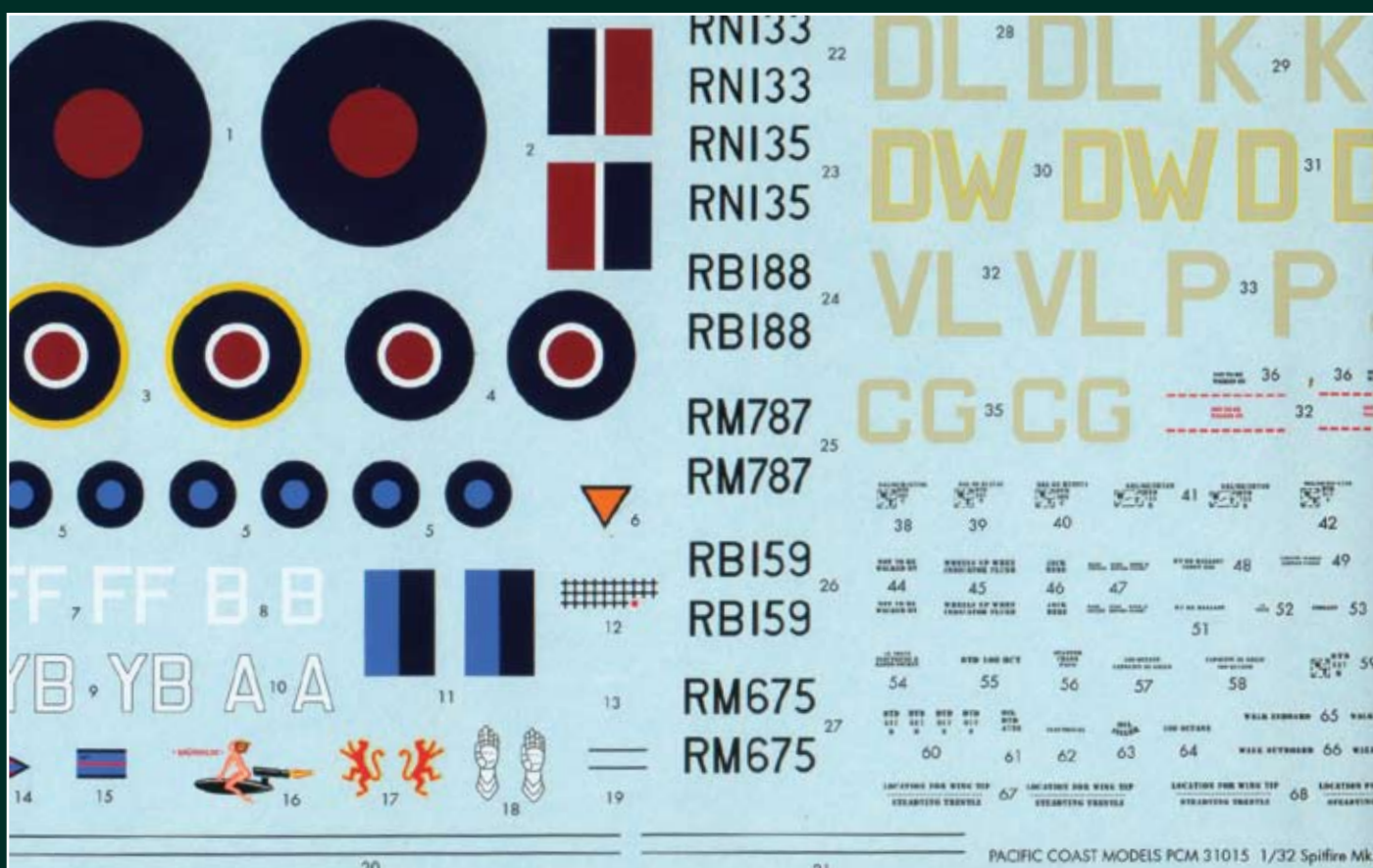
clipped wingtips provided for the 'e', you will need to cut off the standard wingtips from the upper wing parts. And that will entail a very tricky cut to cope with a tiny dogleg in the panel (as well as filling in the MG cartridge ports in the outer wings). Should you have a spare set of the clipped tips from a Tamiya Spitfire kit, they may well fit, and they have tip lights!

I'm intending to replace the plastic kit cannon (which are a bit anorexic) with Model Master turned brass barrels. The resin seat, while very nicely done and including the quilted leather backrest, is a size again

bigger than the Tamiya kit and Barracuda cast seats, so I'm thinking they may have used a Hasegawa Vb cockpit as a pattern, as the seat in that kit is also too big.

That covers what you will get in the kit. It's up to you if you think it's worth the price to get one. It certainly will be a real attention-getter on a table. Where else will you find a Griffon-engine wartime Spitfire in 1/32 (the Revell/ex-Matchbox F22/24 is a post war Spitfire.)?

Dare we hope for a F/FR XVIII, or even a PR XIX kit? I'd get one of each!



REVIEW

Special Hobby 1/32 Brewster Model 239, Buffalo (Talvaan Helmi or "Heavenly Pearl")
By Brett Sharmin



Most people who know of the Brewster Buffalo only remember its disastrous combat against the Japanese in 1941, where it was so heavily out classed by the Zero (and other fighters) that it was soon withdrawn from operations. The British also used it, largely in the same theatre, with equally poor results. However there was one nation that not only liked the Brewster Buffalo, they LOVED it. In Finnish hands the Buffalo had a better Kill to Loss (33 to 1) ratio than the American's vaunted Hellcat's 19 to 1!

Unlike the Americans and British the Finns utilised what strengths the Buffalo had, and minimised its poor points by intelligent tactics. And it didn't hurt that they were using a 'Non-Navalised' variant (model 239 & Model 339) as opposed to the US Navy and RAF whose F2A series Buffalos weighed in almost a ton heavier. The Finns also upgunned their Model 239's to fire 4x .50 cal machineguns, (two in the cowling and two in the wings.), the same arms fit as the P51A/B/C). The 75-odd Buffalos the Finnish Air Force flew shot down over 800 Russian Aircraft (for the loss of 19 in combat AND accidents!)

during the Continuation War (June 1941 to August 1944), until retiring them from Front Line service in late 1943. They continued to serve as second line defence fighters and as advanced trainers until the last Buffalo was retired in 1948! Their greatest ace, Hans Wind, shot down 75 Russian aeroplanes, 39 of that total while flying in a Buffalo..

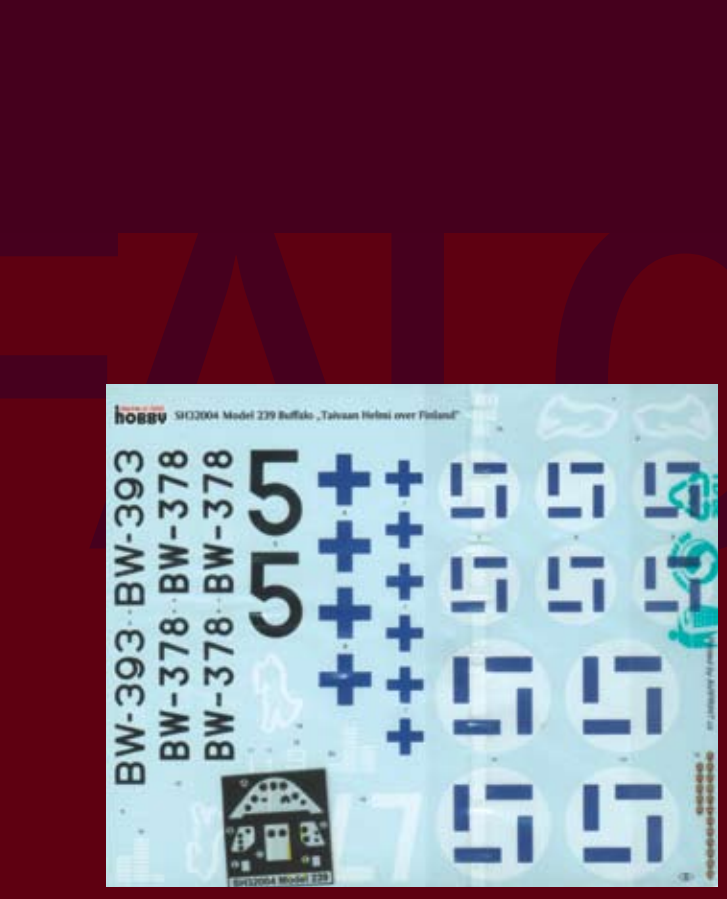
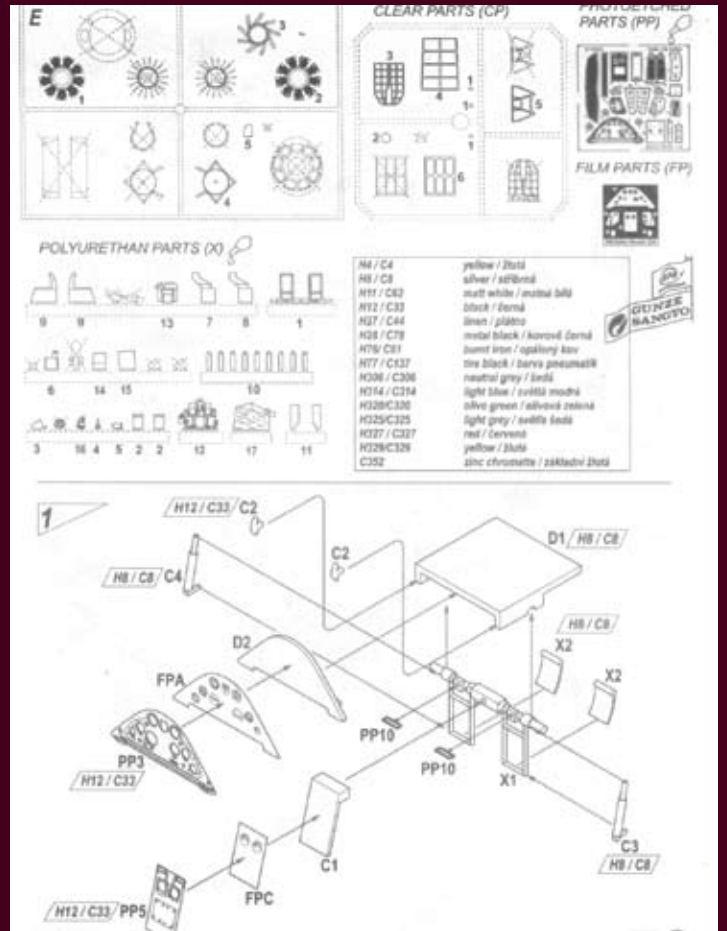
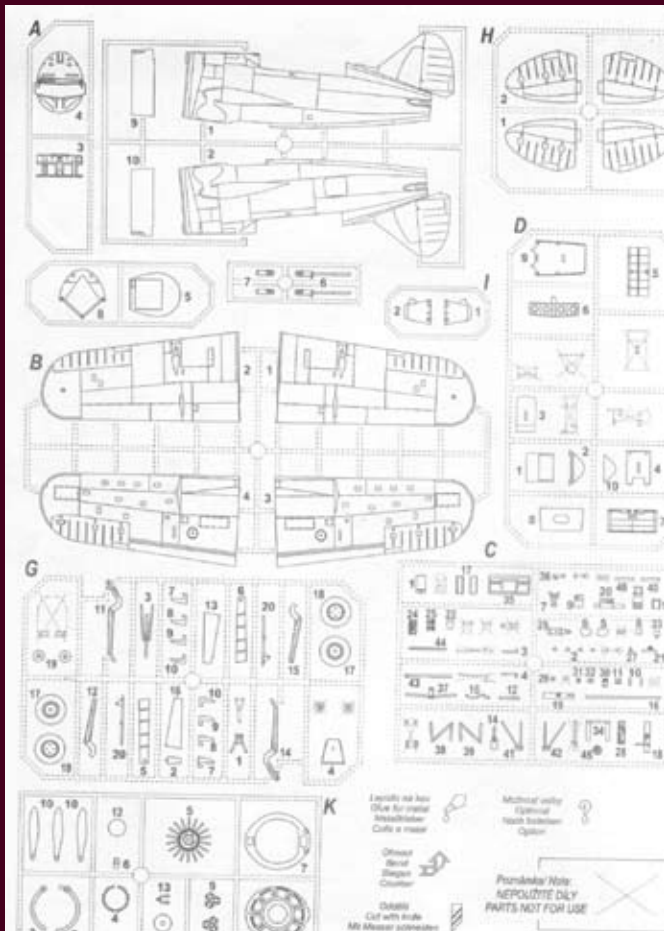


So to the Special Hobby kit. I ordered mine from Sprue Bros and it cost a little over \$55 US (post not incl). It comes in a sturdy box with a nice evocative painting of Hans Wind's winter camouflaged machine on the lid. The plastic is pale grey, like most Special Hobby kits, and seems quite malleable and flexible

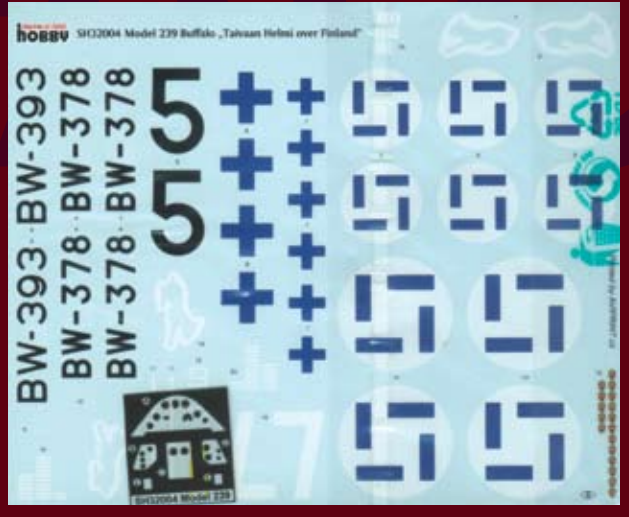
with a nice smooth but not glassy finish. It reminds me a lot of the plastic in older (and the new) Airfix kits, and should be good to work with. Like other Special Hobby kits there is a colour etch sheet by Eduard and resin detail pieces in a separate bag, Instructions and Aviprint decals complete the package.

This sizeable box is fairly full, for a start you will find 2 complete fuselage sprues, one for a 239 and the other for a 339/F2A. You will not need the 339 fuselages and cowls (and, indeed, I'm unsure if you would be able to make this kit into a 339 or F2A given what is in this boxing, but IF you could, then this boxing represents INCREDIBLE value for the money!). There are several parts on the 339 sprue that you WILL need for the 239, notably some engine parts and mounts and some cockpit details.

The Instructions come in a large booklet, and are clear and well thought out. They include a complete parts guide and painting callouts throughout construction. Like the P-39 kit, they are some of the best instruction sheets I've seen for a limited production kit like this.



BUFFALO



The Colour Markings guide has 4 options, 2 for Hans Wind and one for Eino Luukainen (Both high scoring aces in the Brewster). The last option is for a Swedish-Donated machine flown by Per-Erik Sovelius (12.5 kills). All of them feature the "lynx" badge of LLv24. One of the Hans Wind schemes has a winter white camouflage addition to the standard summer pattern of Finnish Green and Black disruptive pattern. Eino Luukainen had a unique way of recording his kills. After each kill, he would toast a bottle of Lahden-Erikois Beer in the mess that night and, after he drained it, his ground crew would steam off the paper label and then resecure it... to the fin of his plane!! Luukainen later passed on his Brewster to Hans Wind, who removed the labels and recorded his kills with the more standard white vertical line.

Special Hobby would have you paint the undersides in pale grey (or possibly pale blue RLM 65) but be aware that this was not promulgated into units until at least Mid 1943 and prior to that the undersides should be aluminium doped. (ie silvery, but not bare metal!) Clear parts are injection moulded and commendably clear and thin.

One note about the decals: All serials are provided but only in Black. If you lay them over the partly Black scheme they will vanish. You will need to carefully repaint them in camouflage green over the Black parts OR you can buy a sheet of Techmod various scale Finnish Serials in both colours! (my plan...)

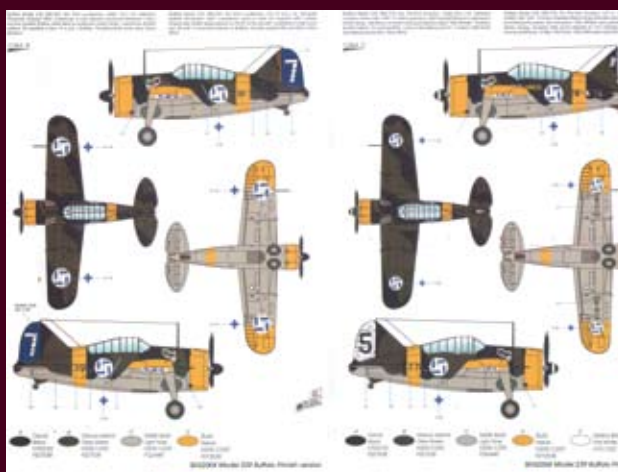
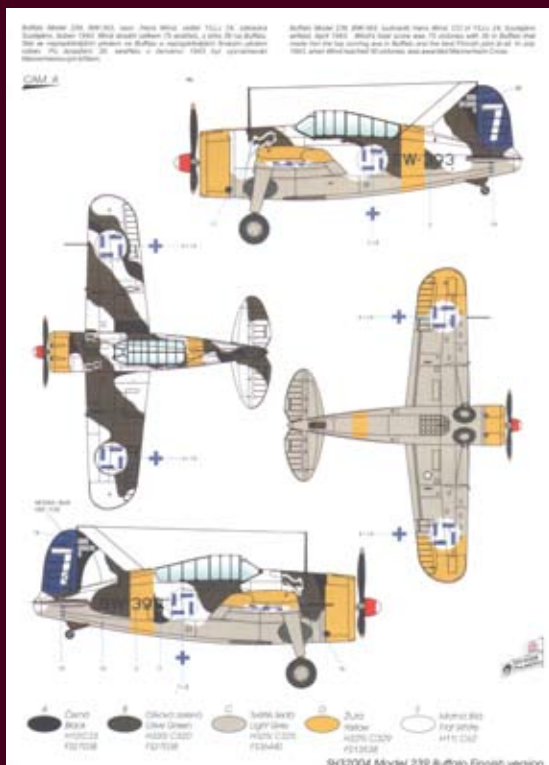
A little experimenting with major airframe parts shows that the general fit will be good, but do NOT expect Tamiya

shake and bake - you will have to do some fiddling to get the fit right. The internals are comprehensive, with a complete engine bay and mounts which back into the main U/C bays - A Super-detailers' delight! I cannot speak to millimetre/radian accuracy, but the parts look like a Brewster Buffalo in the box, and holding the two different fuselage to each other reveals some fairly subtle

differences have been included on each. I'm unsure if the Finnish 239's had the clear panel under the cockpit floor, but it appears that many had it replaced by an aluminium panel, so you may need to sand the frames off the clear part that is provided and paint over it, which is nothing too onerous, for a fix. (And you may even just paint over it, unmodified - some may have been done that way, too.

The Buffalo is a tubby, stubby little plane, and even its western Pilots admitted that she was a tough old bird, able to absorb quite considerable damage and still fly. Even if the Finnish option does not appeal to you, as it does appeal to me, then Special Hobby also do and RAF boxing and a US navy Boxing. Sadly Tamiya's ancient (1970s?) 1/48 Buffalo kit, while it assembles well and has good details, is a bit of a mashup of features of the F2A and Model 339 (they do differ a bit) and it's surgery time to create a Model 239 (Tamiya's fuselage is visibly too long, has a curiously incorrect cowl ring, and the exhausts are incorrect as well. Once upon a time there was a resin conversion available, but it has been OOP for at least 15 years.)

I have long wanted to build a larger scale Buffalo and I'm more than pleased with this kit. I think you will be as well. If it's a plane you like, the the Special Hobby 1/32 Brewster Buffalo will be a great addition to your display case.



BUFFALO

ON THE TABLE

GALLERY



Airfix 1/72 105mm Howitzer by John Watkins



1/35 STUG by Gary Young



Tamiya 1/48 F4U-1D Corsair by Rob Willis



Trumpeter 1/48 Me509 by Brett Peacock





Frog 1/72 Martin Maryland s by John Watkins



Special Hobby 1/48 Gloster Whittle by Pete Harrison



PM 1/72 DFS-194 by John Watkins



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