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MAY MEETING

Vacform Demo with Henry Ludlam

Tuesday 21st May - 7.30pm
Leys Institute (upstairs)
20 Saint Marys Road
Ponsonby

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CHAIRPERSON'S BIT

Hi Everyone

Firstly a huge vote of thanks to Mike Rather for the brilliant newsletters, friendship and to quote Barry Crump, for just being a good bastard. We're going to miss you mate, but don't think just because you're south of the Bombay Hills we won't be catching up with you. We'll save some space on the table at Nationals for your Luftwaffe '46 special projects.

Web Meister Rob "Murdoch" Willis (I have no idea what he means with that reference. Ed.) (aaah - an obscure reference to Rupert... let the phone hacking begin! Ed.) has taken the newsletter reins temporarily and produced a publication of similar high standard - respect! So keep those articles flowing in.

At last month's AGM we settled the opening time and prize-giving times for the Nationals Show in September. We have now gone "live" with the show information on our club website. The poster has been printed (see Page 5) and should now be appearing in model stores. It's time to build awareness, so please make sure you visit the website and familiarise yourselves with the details and tell your friends, workmates, anyone

who you know who would be interested about the show. Closer to the show we'll do a major marketing campaign, but now is the time to start talking.

The "around the table" discussion of our individual projects is as popular as ever. For a change, each month we'll be nominating a different person on the night to keep the discussion flowing along smoothly.

Circle Queen's Birthday Weekend in your diary and if you're staying in town come along and help out at Model-X, it's great fun and a wonderful way to socialise with other club members.

Okay models don't get built behind a keyboard... time to hit the cutting mat.

Cheers Peter



BULLETIN BOARD

NOTICES

New Members and Subs

Subs for 2013 are now due - see below for club account details or see the club secretary at the next club meeting.

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
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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.

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12 Kent St Newmarket
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p: 09 520 1236
10% on kits

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(Note: not in conjunction with any other promotion)

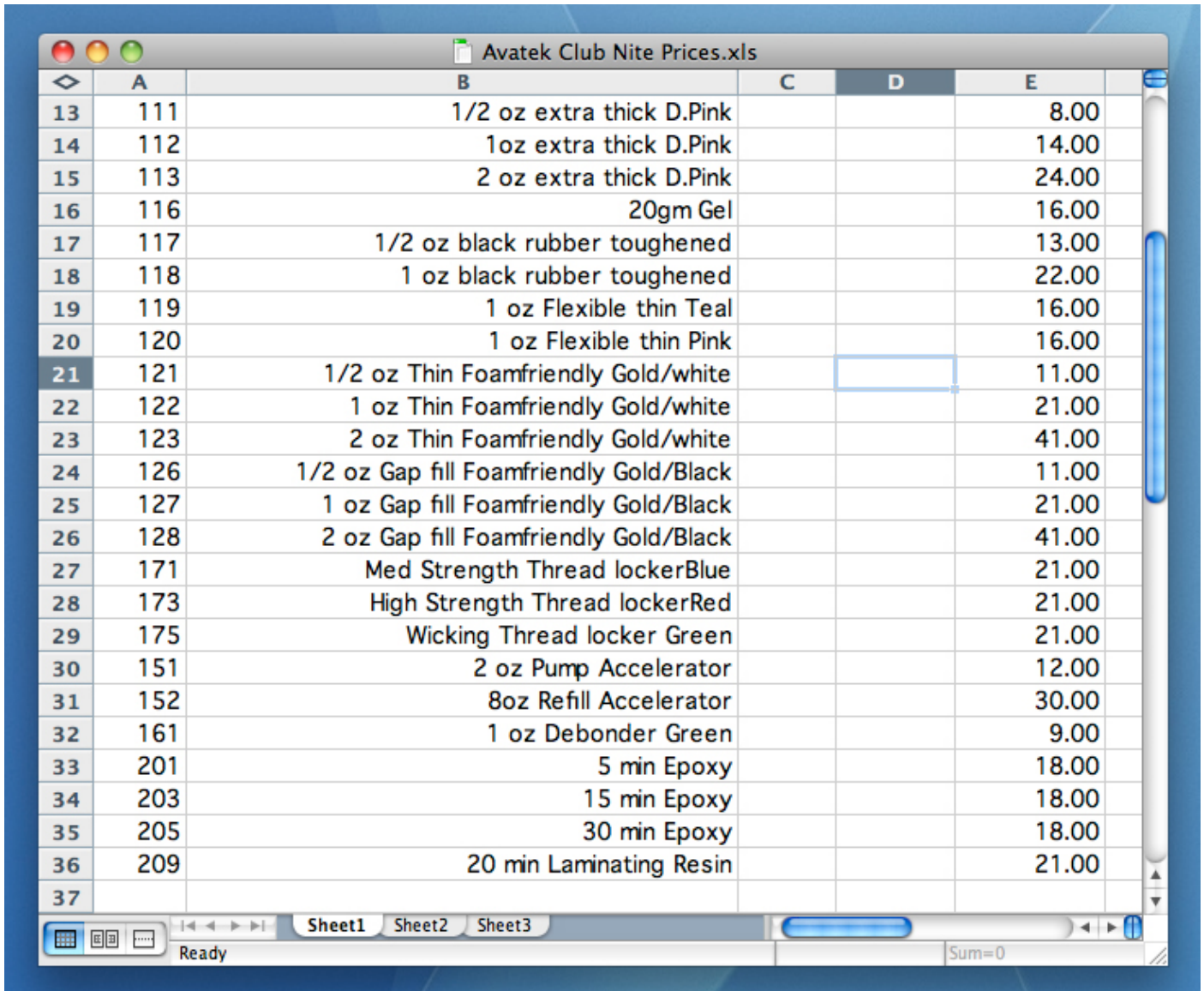


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Special glue prices for our members from our friends
at Avetek.



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	A	B	C	D	E
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14	112	1 oz extra thick D.Pink			14.00
15	113	2 oz extra thick D.Pink			24.00
16	116	20gm Gel			16.00
17	117	1/2 oz black rubber toughened			13.00
18	118	1 oz black rubber toughened			22.00
19	119	1 oz Flexible thin Teal			16.00
20	120	1 oz Flexible thin Pink			16.00
21	121	1/2 oz Thin Foamfriendly Gold/white			11.00
22	122	1 oz Thin Foamfriendly Gold/white			21.00
23	123	2 oz Thin Foamfriendly Gold/white			41.00
24	126	1/2 oz Gap fill Foamfriendly Gold/Black			11.00
25	127	1 oz Gap fill Foamfriendly Gold/Black			21.00
26	128	2 oz Gap fill Foamfriendly Gold/Black			41.00
27	171	Med Strength Thread lockerBlue			21.00
28	173	High Strength Thread lockerRed			21.00
29	175	Wicking Thread locker Green			21.00
30	151	2 oz Pump Accelerator			12.00
31	152	8oz Refill Accelerator			30.00
32	161	1 oz Debonder Green			9.00
33	201	5 min Epoxy			18.00
34	203	15 min Epoxy			18.00
35	205	30 min Epoxy			18.00
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EVENTS

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June 2013

SAT 1st SUN 2nd MON 3rd JUNE 2013
QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
MODEL-X FEATURING IPMS AUCKLAND
CLUB STAND
Westwave Recreation Centre
Alderman Drive, Henderson, Auckland

September 2013

SAT 21st & SUN 22nd SEPTEMBER
SCALE MODEL SHOW & IPMS NATIONAL
COMPETITION
Mt Eden War Memorial Hall
487 Dominion Rd, Balmoral, Auckland

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

May 21st 2013

Vacform demonstration by Henry "The Helicopter" Ludlam

June 18th 2013

Judgement Day – The IPMS Nationals judges explain how to interpret the rules regarding categories and the judging criteria for the 2013 IPMS National Competition in September. Examples of winning models from previous shows will be on display as part of the discussion.

July 16th 2013

Quiz Nite – Compete for prizes in a fun activity based around your knowledge of modelling and the 2013 Scale Model Show. Crib sheets will be provided. Visit our club website and start swotting now.



2013 IPMS NATIONALS

2013 Scale Model Show



Saturday Sept 21st

11am - 6pm

Sunday Sept 22nd

9am - 4pm

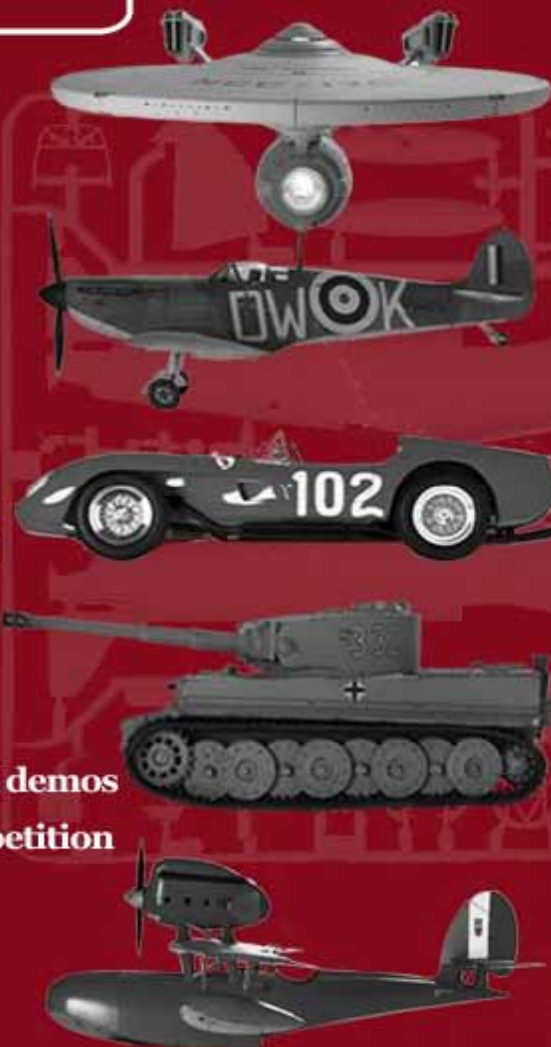
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**Mt Eden War
Memorial Hall**

**487 Dominion Road
Balmoral, Auckland**

Adults (over 16) - \$5
Children (5 - 16) - \$2
Family (2 Adults, 1 or
more children) - \$10

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- IPMS National Modelling Competition
- Open modelling Competition
- Project Airfix build and take
- Plus lots more...



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOW VISIT:
<http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com/nationals.html>**

2013 IPMS NATIONALS

News & Information

Themes for the Show

Greetings fellow club members. It is now May and the Grand Show is in September and I know you are dying to know what themes I've concocted for the club display. I'm not going to flood your imagination with too much information at one time. So I'll start with this theme :



That's right, Spitfires! What I would like you as members to do is search through your built kits of this wonderful aircraft and let me know what you would be willing to share for the display. Any scale is fine. What I'm aiming for is a complete representation of all marks of Spitfire "IF POSSIBLE" and any gaps can be filled with unbuilt kits in boxes and art work.

So please have a rummage around and let me or the committee members know what you have available by next club night.

Many thanks, Dimitri.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOW VISIT:
<http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com/nationals.html>

BUY, SELL & SWAP STASH

Sun. 23rd June 2013
Wellington Toy & Diecast Fair
Saint Marys College Gym.,
Hawksstone Street
Thorndon. Wellington
11.00am till 3.00pm.
Tony Dowman p: 04-9711 090
Steve Brown e: sara@pie.co.nz ph 04-970 7653

Sat. 20th & Sun. 21st July
Taupo HOBBY EXPO.
Enquiries to Brent p: 07-378 2691

Sun. 28th July
TOY Collectors Fair
Mt.Eden War Memorial Hall
Dominion Road AKL.
10.00 till 1.00pm.
p: Allan 09-2724648
p: 279 0101 evg.

Sunday 4th August 2013.
TOY Collectors Fair
COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE
569 FERGUSON STREET, PALMERSTON NORTH
11.00am – 2.00pm.
p: Bernie Brady 06 353 7475

Sat. 28th September 2013
AUCKLAND CITY COLLECTORS FAIR & HOBBIES EXPO.
Freemans Bay Community Centre,
Cnr. Wellington and 52 Hepburn Sts. Auckland City
11.00am till 3.00pm
Adults \$5.00
Web-Page and Booking Form:
www.aucklandhobbyfair.wordpress.com
e: graemeah@orcon.net.nz
p: 09- 480 9117

Sun. 24th November
Mt.Eden War Memorial Hall
TOY Collectors Fair
Dominion Road AKL. 10.00 till 1.00pm.
p: Allan 09-2724648
p: Ross 279 0101 evg.

For future information on Collectors Fairs, Hobbies
Expo's, Swapmeet etc, may we suggest you visit their
web-page:
www.aucklandhobbyfair.wordpress.com



International Trade

Ever bought goods from hobby shops offshore?
Share your experiences with good/bad traders here.

A2ZeeModels

ALLEY CAT RANGE



A2ZeeModels - <http://www.a2zeemodels.co.uk>

A2Zee Models specialise in a small range of resin kits, aftermarket accessories and decals in 1/72, 1/48 and 1/32nd scales. I've bought a few things off them over the years, most recently an AlleyCat 1/48 De Havilland Vampire FB 5 all-resin kit. The buying experience each time with A2Zee is one of the best I've encountered. You do need to create an account to order but it's an easy process - I placed my order online with them on the 23rd of April, paid with PayPal (my payment method of choice - A2Zee offer other methods including credit cards, etc). Within a few minutes I had confirmation that my payment had been made.

The following day I received an email from A2Zee with an update to my order status which had moved to 'posted'. Six days later, a well-packed parcel arrived on my doorstep courtesy of Fastpost Couriers. Happy days! So overall the experience was more than hassle-free and blindingly fast considering the order came from the UK.

I would highly recommend them to anyone - especially if you're after some after-market accessories or want to dabble in your first all-resin kit.

Rob



BNA ModelWorld - <http://www.bnamodelworld.com>

I first bought off BNA ModelWorld some years ago when they sold a lot on TradeMe. Not sure if they then moved to Australia and developed their online presence or were always in Australia - anyway, all my dealings with them have always been quick and hassle-free. They still pop up on TradeMe occasionally - you can tell their items as they state they are shipped from Australia. They carry a range of kits and accessories in most genres and clearly state which items are in stock and which aren't - very handy.

Recently I've been after a few shades of paint for a kit that I could not source here in NZ - my usual brands didn't do the colours I wanted so I searched the InterWeb. I decided to try some Vallejo and LifeColor paints and BNA ModelWorld have most of both ranges listed. So I registered a user account on the site, added the colours I was after to my shopping cart and proceeded to the checkout. A quick transaction with PayPal and it was a done deal. Email confirmation came through shortly to say my order was processed.

A feature of the site is a countdown to the next dispatch - I got in about 2 hours before the next one. A few hours later I received an email from BNA stating my order had been processed and shipped! This was on a Thursday evening and the following Wednesday morning a small package arrived on my doorstep - fantastic. So all-in-all an excellent and quick service from a site that carry a reasonable range of kits, after-market and accessories.

Rob

Plastic Rescue



Can an old model be rescued?

Back in my misspent youth, when I was blissfully unaware of the value of stuff, other than I couldn't afford stuff, and when I say stuff, I mean models... most of my models came from my gran who lived in the UK. Twice a year we would get a care package from gran with Airfix and Matchbox kits – these were duly held onto by my mother and distributed at the appropriate celebratory points during the year – birthdays, Christmas, etc.... Moving on a few years and my father started travelling to the US on a regular basis – subsequently I moved from Airfix/Matchbox kits to Monogram and Revell, with the odd Hasegawa kit thrown in. The value of those early Airfix/Matchbox kits suddenly slumped in my youthful eyes. Some years later, when I discovered girls weren't keen on modelling nerds so much, a fit of misguided maturity saw me dump many of the kits, built and unbuilt....

Leap forward a few decades and now of course I regret those actions, especially the

dumping of the unbuilt kits – and yes they were unbuilt Airfix kits (queue 'you dodged a bullet there' type noises) and although I don't view those kits with the rose-tinted nostalgia that afflicts some of us, I recognise now the value of that nostalgia.

Which brings me to the point of this article – what do you do with an old kit, maybe one that is partially built or built many decades ago by less than skilful hands? Or what to do with a second-hand kit that you've been asked to repair or pretty up? So I thought I'd write about a few experiences I've had with restoring a kit.

A few years ago my parents handed me a box of old models – obviously survivors of that great purge. Some useless bits, left overs of kits – a prop here, landing gear leg there – a few built kits and a few unbuilt. Surprisingly the unbuilt ones are still around in various forms (Monogram 1/48 B-17 for example) but I decided to tackle two kits specifically. A F-104 Starfighter and a TA-4J Skyhawk. Both Hasegawa, both 1/32 and both quite clunky kits in



comparison to today's offerings – raised panel lines, soft detail here and there, raised rivets, etc.

This month I'll look at the TA-4J – I would have started this at least 28 years ago and surprisingly (not), never finished it! It was hand painted and with half the decals on it – the decals on and off the kit had yellowed and I didn't fancy my chances of the unused ones surviving a dip in water. So I made the decision to pull the kit apart and strip the paint. First step was to remove the dangly bits (on the kit...) - this was reasonably straight-forward – most of the dangly bits came off without leaving too much plastic stuck to the main kit. Soon I had a pile of



parts – landing gear, landing gear doors, flaps, etc.

Now to strip the paint – to do this I sprayed the kit with Mr Muscle oven cleaner (outside on the grass) and then put it into a plastic container with a lid to keep the fumes contained. After a few hours I scrubbed the kit with a scotchbrite pad which took off 90% of the paint (making sure I wore gloves initially as

Mr Muscle is pretty harsh on my manly skin – ask me how I know this...). A few more applications removed all but a few stubborn bits of paint. This works well on most paints – this would have been Humbrol enamel as that is what I used to use. I have also stripped acrylic paint using this method. I have heard bleach removes the paint but have only tried bleach to remove plastic 'chrome' – which is brilliant by the way.

Next - dismantle the main components of the kit – I'd read that freezing the parts would help..... it didn't.... In the end a sharp knife, razor saw and screwdriver managed to prise the parts apart. There was some damage to the plastic here and there, mainly where the glue refused to give way – but nothing some filing and filler wouldn't fix later.

Plastic Rescue



Next came some work on the interior. I came very close to buying a resin cockpit from Black Box but at \$60 plus freight to NZ I just couldn't justify the cost of the cockpit compared to the overall value of a 30 year old kit... So I added a few plastic consoles, painted the instrument panels and weathered the interior a little bit. I will add resin seats which hide much of the lack of detail in the kit – these are Quickboost items sourced from Hannants in the UK.

Of course since I started this restoration and subsequently glued it all back together, a number of cheaper, more readily available aftermarket sets have been released for the Trumpeter A-4 kit - so I could have added a cockpit, landing gear wheel wells, avionics, etc, etc.

I then spent some time re-scribing some of the raised panel lines – I decided not to go too overboard here as you get to a point where you don't know where to stop – do you re-scribe every panel line or only some, what about panel lines that are too

deep compared to the ones you're scribing, etc, etc. In the end I re-scribed the main straight panel lines (because I'm rubbish at curves) and lightly sanded the raised lines and rivets in other places. Under a coat of paint the results are fine. I will add some rivet detail in places but after the primer coat – I prefer the softer result of riveting into paint than onto plastic.

I added a bit of detail into the wheel wells - some pipes and wires, but again not too much. I'll add some hydraulic cables to all the landing gear struts and a set of True Detail resin wheels. Assembly then carried on as normal – glue the fuselage together, wings together, fuselage to wings, etc, etc.

I now have a primed, partially scribed TA-4 kit ready for paint. The next question was what paint scheme – I fancy a RNZAF bird – partly because I'm a Kiwi and partly because an early three-tone SEA scheme will lessen the visibility of the scribed lines, suits the era of the kit (i.e. very early TA-4 pre-Kahu and any other upgrades....) and

would look pretty cool I think with my 1/48 Scooters.

I was lucky enough to pick up a Ronin 1/32 Skyhawk sheet a year or so ago (before they sold out super-fast) so can get some of the markings from that sheet (stencils, squadron markings, etc). I've decided on a really early SEA scheme with white undersides and with RNZAF roundels in the old style of roundel and silver fern which was briefly on a few airframes – inspiration came from an official McDonnell Douglas (Boeing) photograph of an A-4 and TA-4 (NZ6251) in flight pre-delivery to NZ. Roundels and fin flashes will come from a generic Ventura sheet of RNZAF roundels which include many sizes – I'm hoping at least one size fits....

So that's it for this month – painting and progress hopefully next month....

Rob



1/32 A-4 Ejector Seat by Quickboost (sourced from Hannants)



Above and right - 1/32 A-4 weighted wheel set by True Details (sourced from Hannants)



Above - The kit so far - next step is to detail the landing gear wells and struts, mask the canopies, tidy up some seams and prep for top coats.



Hudson

1/48 Classic Airframes RNZAF Lockheed Hudson
by Bruce Salmon



INTRODUCTION

This project was initiated as part of an IPMS Auckland group build of RNZAF aircraft to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our Air Force in 2012. I had already completed an RNZAF Skyhawk earlier in the year but still hadn't gotten rid of the RNZAF bug – so what to build? I had a half-built Aermacchi MB 339 but without decals it will have to languish in the box for now. I also had an Avenger, Mosquito, Harvard, Dauntless and Shagbat in the stash but I was after something that would be a fairly quick build. Enter the Classic Airframes Lockheed Hudson. I was at the point of ditching this kit in favour of the nice shiny new Revell Ventura - so how to turn this plastic monstrosity into a fast easy build? Hmmmmmm... The slots in the wing tips would need an interior made to connect the upper and lower surface so how about we just cut off those nasty wings. The resin engines are also a bit rough and the cowls lacklustre – let's biff those out too. It's really going to need a fuselage interior but I can't be bothered so why not just fog up the windows so it can't be seen. Hey it's half built before I've even started and not only that it's only half an aeroplane to

paint as well. Moreover I have a truckload of walkaround photos I took of the MoTaT Hudson when it was being restored just itching to be used. The decision had been made; the can of worms was opened.

DIORAMA

The diorama is basically a model railroad grass mat glued to a piece of MDF and then hacked up using my electric shaver to make it look more realistic. All I had to do was add some 44 gal drums – two to prop up the tail and one to keep the bomb doors closed. Some sheep were then enlisted to give it a distinctly Kiwi feel. The cast metal sheep were a bit rough but a couple of coats of super glue evened out the surface.

CONCLUSION

So it looks like a decent model can be made from the CA Hudson after all even if you do throw half of it away. Not the fast build I was after but once I got involved it was a fight worth winning. There are just so many flaws in this kit, including several I accidentally introduced, that it would be a mission and a half to fix them all. CA gives you the basic shell and it's up to the builder to make a decent job of it.

Having said that "wrecking" an aircraft can solve all manner of kit problems from lost or broken bits to lack of decals and ruined canopies. I can highly recommend the challenge of building an abandoned, derelict or wrecked aircraft for your next group build.

Note: Bruce submitted this article to Hyperscale in February. Read the full article including construction notes here:

http://www.hyperscale.com/2013/features/hudson48bs_1.htm





Taking it to the Swap Meets

Last month at the Freemans Bay Collectors Fair 27th of April



With the fabulous show poster designed by web-meister Rob Willis and one thousand flyers printed out it was time to take our message of model making munificence to the world (no and that's not a misprint!).

We met loads of modellers keen to come along to "The Big Show" in September, had the welcome support of club members past and present visiting the stand... and Dimitri and myself got in early enough to snaffle a few bargains...

Dimitri's Dr Who Tardis, Wallace & Gromit and Lost in Space Robot were clear crowd pleasers.

Thanks to Peter Foxley for the pictures.



Italian Jobs

Kits of Classic Italian Aircraft & Vehicles

Warrior Models 1/48 Breda Ba.88

INTRODUCTION

A propaganda triumph when its appearance was trumpeted by Mussolini's Fascist regime in 1936, the Breda Ba.88 Lince (lynx) was a sleek all-metal shoulder-wing monoplane. In April 1937 it established two world speedover-distance records. Regarded as an aeroplano di combattimento, suitable for attack, long-range reconnaissance or bombing operations, the Ba.88 then had its military equipment and weapons installed. Immediately, performance and flight characteristics fell off dramatically, but by then production orders were already being executed.

On 16 June 1940, just after Italy's declaration of war on France and her allies, the Ba.88 had its first taste of action. Twelve aircraft from the Regia Aeronautica's 19° Gruppo Autonomo made bombing and

machine-gun attacks on the principal airfields of Corsica; three days later nine Ba.88s made a repeat attack. Analysis of these operations showed that the Ba.88 had only limited value, and any remaining doubts were settled when Ba.88s of the 7° Gruppo Autonomo joined action in Libya against the British. Fitted with sand filters, the engines overheated and failed to deliver their designed power. Attacks on targets at Sidi Barram had to be aborted in September 1940, the aircraft failing to gain sufficient altitude or maintain formation, and reaching a speed less than half that claimed by the manufacturers.

By mid-November 1940 most surviving Ba.88s had been stripped of useful equipment and were scattered around operational airfields as decoys for attacking British aircraft.

Three Ba.88s were modified by the Agusta plant in 1942 to serve as ground-attack aircraft. Wing span was increased by 2.00m to alleviate wing loading problems, their engines were replaced by Fiat A.74s, nose armament was increased to four 12.7mm machine-guns, and dive brakes were installed. These Breda Ba.88Ms were delivered to the 103° Gruppo Autonomo Tuffatori (independent dive-bombing group) at Lonate Pozzolo on 7 September 1943. They were flight-tested by Luftwaffe pilots, but that was the last heard of the Breda Ba.88 which represented, perhaps, the most remarkable failure of any operational aircraft to see service in World War II.

Source: <http://www.aviastar.org/air/italy/breda-88.php>



THE KIT

Poland's Warrior Models is apparently a one man band in his garage making resin kits. And it's a kit of my favorite type of subject - interesting and obscure.

There is something I have always loved about this aircraft - the side view always intrigued me with the cockpit almost at the same level as the engines. Imagine my disappointment when reading about the aircraft that it looked better than it went!

As I build mainly in 1/48th, this was the only choice of kit, so when it came up for sale on Trade Me, my wallet flung open at a great rate of knots. If you want to build in 1/72, there are kits from MPM (still available online) and Planet Models (also still available around the Interweb).

This is a mixed-media kit with the main components in resin, along with white

metal, wire and vac-form bits to complete the kit.

The resin is nicely cast with no pitting or bubbles on the surface that I could find, although that may change once I get paint on it. Surface detailing is finely engraved, perhaps a little too fine in places - again it will be interesting to see what it looks like under paint.

Cockpit details are a mixture of resin and white metal. The landing gear units are also white metal - this may prove to be the most challenging part of the build as I have read elsewhere on the web that the white metal is quite soft and not able to support the weight of the finished kit. Mind you I now have the advantage of trying to scratch-build these prior to assembly rather than find out the hard way....

The white metal parts overall are well moulded but will require some clean up - unlike the resin where virtually every piece has already been removed from its moulding block and look almost ready to glue together - if only it were that easy...

Only one vac-form canopy is supplied so that doesn't leave much room for error - and I'm pretty sure it would be very difficult to replace should I damage it during construction.

The instructions consist of one A4 black and white page with an exploded view of the entire kit so interpreting part locations will be tricky. On the same A4 are two colour schemes - again in black and white so additional references will be essential. An additional A5 page has a few diagrams of the interior and landing gear detail.

Italian Jobs

Kits of Classic Italian Aircraft & Vehicles

Warrior Models 1/48 Breda Ba.88

The decal sheet is the same as provided in Warrior Models Breda Ba.65 kit apparently with a few additions for the Ba.88. One of the schemes appears to show the Italian colours on the tailplanes but these are not provided on the decal sheet - again a lack of colour profiles will mean a reference check elsewhere.

BUILDING THE KIT

So how will it build - well I haven't started the kit yet but some preliminary fiddling shows that the wings will go together nicely - the trailing edges of the wings being very fine so care will be needed in handling those. Test fitting the engine/landing gear nacelles shows a fantastic fit with virtually no gaps between nacelle and wing.

The fuselage may be a different matter though - no locating lugs will make it tricky to put together while holding the interior contents in one place. One half of the fuselage seems to be slightly warped which hopefully can be sorted with some hot water and careful bending....

The myriad of tiny white metal and resin parts for the interior and landing gear, including the necessity to strengthen the gear as previously mentioned, will be a test. And the vacform canopy without a backup will be a nerve-wracking cut.

I plan to start the kit later this year so hopefully will have a build report to post - famous last words....

WHERE TO BUY

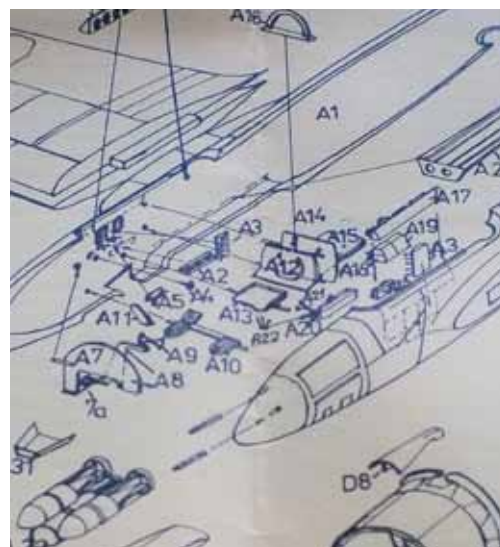
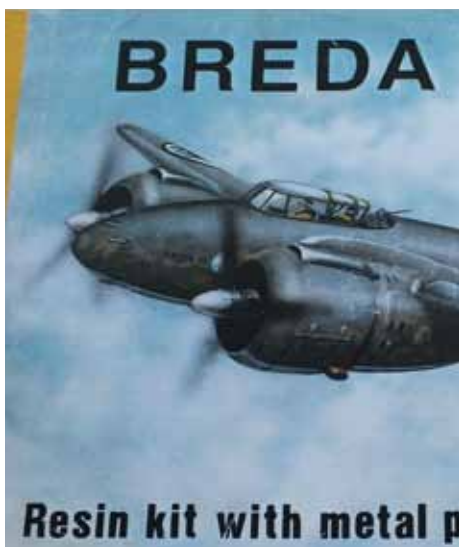
I was lucky enough to pick mine up on TradeMe last year, but Pacific Coast Models in the US still have it listed on their site: <http://www.pacmodels.com/index.php>

OTHER BUILDS ON THE WEB

Check out this build by Chris Busbridge: <http://modelingmadness.com/review/axis/ity/busba88.htm>

And my apologies for the photographs - I'm working on it...

Rob



MODEL X 2013

The Model X Committee presents: Something for Everyone

MODEL X 2013

HOBBY SHOW

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

JUNE 1st, 2nd, & 3rd


WEST WAVE Recreation Centre	Alderman Drive Henderson
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OPEN - Sat. & Sun. 9am - 5pm
Mon. 9am - 4pm

ADULTS	\$6.00
CHILDREN, SENIOR CITIZENS & STUDENTS (with pass)	\$3.00
CHILD (under 5 years)	FREE
Family (2 adults+2children)	\$15.00

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
LOTS OF PARKING


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WHERE THE BEST TOYS COME FROM


AIRFIX


www.model-x.org.nz

MODEL X 2013

Our club has the great opportunity to put its best foot forward at Model-X this coming Queen's Birthday Weekend. The show is loads of fun, and a chance to show the public some of our work, introduce kids to model making via the Project Airfix "Build and Take". Events like this are great for getting to know your fellow club members better and share tips and ideas. You also get to mingle with model makers from other clubs as well as hobbyists of diverse interest and there's usually a heap to buy in the way of books and models to add to the stash.

Typically we set up on Friday night from 6pm onwards, and this is usually just a case

of bringing some models along, helping to unload the vehicle with the show barricades, table clothes and signage and then putting up some trestle tables and posters. Easy-peasy so please come along and help out, as many hands make light work.

This year Model X is of even greater importance to the club because we will be promoting our own Scale Model Show and IPMS Competition by talking to the public, handing out flyers, and recruiting new club members. Bring along your fettling box as some of the fun of the show is simply working away on a project for the public to view and enquire about. I don't know if we're going to do anything crazy like build a big model in 3 days like we did last year...

but you never know and it just takes one person to start the ball rolling.

If you can help out by manning the stand or with the Project Airfix let us know. If you can help for a half-day, day or more it's all good - every little bit helps.

All rostered helpers will have their names forwarded to the show organisers who will supply a name tag at the registration desk giving free entry to the show for the weekend and complimentary tea and coffee.

You can add your name to the roster of helpers at the May club night or simply email club secretary Peter Foxley at: peter.foxley@xtra.co.nz

MODEL X 2012

A few images from last year



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MAN CAVE

WHAT A MESS!!!

Dave Stewart's 'Man Cave'
(the description given to it by our
Honourable Chairman)

It all started about 11 years ago, just before I moved into my current home. On measuring my model display case I found that it would fit into the No. 4 bedroom on the ground floor with about 10mm to spare, or just about the length of the catch on the door latch. This also meant not having to haul the thing up a flight of stairs.

After that it was (according to my daughter) downhill.

The room was previously a study and the east wall has floor to ceiling book shelves. The west wall was just right for the display cabinet, the other 2 walls are French doors

to the North (sunny side in the afternoon) with a patio outside. There are narrow rise and fall windows on either side just perfect for the cats own entry to the house. Finally a 'wardrobe' and the inside doorway make up the layout of the room. The 'wardrobe' is of course storage for all those wonderful little pieces of cast resin from Quickboost and the like, as well as the spare parts boxes and dead kit collection.

In summer (and we have just had a beauty!) modelling here with the doors open to the patio is extremely pleasant and in winter the room is small enough to warm up with a small fan heater.

The one problem I have managed to create is the 'Stack of Shame' has partially migrated from the wardrobe to the

working space on my modelling desk and most of my modelling is now done on a board on my lap.

I should tell you that the Main Stash is stored in a double car garage with just enough room for one car. As long as you sidle past it to get to the Stash, enough room to rummage through the storage boxes looking for that elusive Flogwopper Mk 5D I'm sure I brought on that first trip to Sydney all those years ago.

Dave Stewart
(and no, I wasn't in the Eurythmics...)





"THE HUFF"

1/72 North American F-86 Sabre By Peter Harrison

North American F-86 Sabre Sabbatical

This is another out of the box builds from the spate of new tool 1/72 Airfix releases. It came together in a fortnight with the majority of the time spent ensuring a decent fist was made of the decalling which was the make or break part of finishing this model for me.



It all goes together with minimal effort in one's limited spare time so it really is a true sabbatical in that sense. A handy reference was "The Airfix Book of Scale Modelling" which includes a step by step build.

I'm quite keen on this book as it covers a range of relatively quick in an easy to follow form, so expect some easy armour and first time figures soon from me soon.

I picked the kitset up from Stokers Models for \$25 less 10% upon presentation of my IPMS Auckland Membership card.

GALLERY

ON THE TABLE - APRIL CLUB MEETING



1/72 Airfix De Havilland Vampire T.11 by Henry Ludlam



1/72 Grey Helicopter by Henry Ludlam



1/72 White Helicopter by Henry Ludlam



...another 1/72 Helicopter (this one, yellow...) by Henry Ludlam (I did ask him to name them...)



1/32 Hasegawa P-47M by Barry Flatman



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GALLERY

ON THE TABLE - APRIL CLUB MEETING



1/48 Tamiya Heinkel He 219 Uhu by Rob Willis



1/48 Roden Gloster Gladiator by Rob Willis



1/48 Hasegawa Messerschmitt Bf 109C by Rob Willis



1/48 Hobbycraft De Havilland Vampire Mk 1 by Rob Willis



1/32 Wingnut Wings Fokker D.VII (OAW) by John Darlington



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GALLERY

ON THE TABLE - APRIL CLUB MEETING



1/24 Heller Citroen C4 WRC '10 by Vince Kelleway



1/35 King Tiger by Sean Ford (and apologies if it's not a King Tiger - being an AFV peasant it looks like a tank, smells like a tank, etc, etc.....)

IN PROGRESS BUILDS



1/24 Heller Brabham BT33 by Ian Robertson



1/24 Heller Talbot Lago 4.5L by Ian Robertson

SIGN OFF



Can someone please send in a photo of one of their kits and stop Mike showing off every month!
DONE - Hasegawa 1/48 Hawker Typhoon Mk1b "Shark Mouth"

LAST WORDS FROM ROB

I have volunteered to take over putting together the club newsletter for the time being - either until someone else volunteers or I get sick of it.....

I have to say a big thanks to Mike who has handed over the documents and files he has collated over the last few years putting together the newsletter. Amongst the files are templates and graphics which has made my first foray into publishing fairly easy - I'm still getting my head around the software though but without the headstart provided by Mike it would have been a mountain to climb.

So if you have anything to contribute, be it images of an event you went to, a model you're building or reviewing or anything else even remotely modelling related you think may interest the rest of the club, send it through to me at: jaxbw@orcon.net.nz

Cheers Rob

