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CHAIRPERSON'S BIT

Hi Everyone

In model making as in life it's always good to change it up and try something different. Last month's "Project Airfix" meeting was just that. It was heaps of fun as well as a great opportunity to break the sprues with club members new and old and get to know each other better. A huge vote of thanks goes out to Peter Foxley "Super Secretary" for organising the event.

Thank you to everyone who chooses to wear his Membership Card/ Name Badge on Club night. This simple gesture is especially helpful in making new members to our ranks feel welcome and helps some of us forgetful old hands and it's only getting worse with age! For our club to prosper it is also important to encourage new people to join. With this in mind we

are working on posters and leaflets for display and distribution at retailers. If you need some at your work place simply let me know and we'll sort some out.

Our 2013 Model Show is the big goal we are working towards. Arthur Winterton's column inside will keep you all up to date. Dimitri Berdebes has now joined the Event Task Force and will be organising our club table and display. This is essentially a cunning ruse to ensure display space for all his Sci Fi figures! Ha ha. You can help Dimitri by sending him a list of what you are planning to display when he requests it.

The November meeting will be business as usual. Remember to bring your RNZAF builds along for the competition. I'll be rushing to get my Brewster Buffalo finished in time.

Cheers Peter

NOVEMBER MEETING

Tuesday 20th November - 7.30pm
Leys Institute (upstairs)
20 Saint Marys Road, Ponsonby

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NOTICES

New Members and Subs

New members wishing to pay see below for club account details.

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Thanks.
Arthur Winterton
10-10-12

Special November Meeting Guests – Avatek Limited

Gwyn Avenell from Avatek Limited has kindly agreed to attend our November meeting to show us his company's range of top quality

cianoacrylates and epoxies. Gwyn will demonstrate the products and also give us an overview of the type of modelling that he undertakes.

Club members will be able to purchase the Avatek products demonstrated at greatly discounted prices on the night. To make this as

easy as possible please bring cash in smaller denominations (most products will be in the \$10 to \$20 range).

To find out more about Avatek club members can visit their website:

avatek.co.nz

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.



EVENTS

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.

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

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:



BUY, SELL & SWAP STASH

COLLECTORS FAIRS, EXPO'S & SWAPMEETS LIST - 2012 / 2013

Sun. 25th Nov; 2012; Mt.Eden War Memorial Hall.....
TOY Collectors Fair
Dominion Road AKL. 10.00 till 1.00pm.
Phone Allan 09-2724648 Phone Ross 279 0101 evg.

2013 2013

Sat. Sun. Mon. 30th 31st March & 1st April, Rotorua
Model Train Show.
Rotorua Race-Course Easter Week-end
Contact; Peter phone 07-357 4655,
or Barry Phone 07-348 1450

Sat. 27th April 2013 AUCKLAND CITY COLLECTORS
FAIR & HOBBIES EXPO.
Freemans Bay Community Centre,
Cnr. Wellington and 52 Hepburn Sts. Auckland City
from 11.00am till 3.00pm Adults \$5.00
Web-Page and Booking Form www.aucklandhobbyfair.wordpress.com
email; graemeah@orcon.net.nz enq.
phone 09- 480 9117

Sun. 23rd June 2013 "Wellington Toy & Diecast Fair"
Saint Marys College Gym., Hawksstone Street
Thorndon. Wellington
11.00am till 3.00pm. Tony Dowman ph 04-9711 090
Steve Brown email sara@pie.co.nz ph 04-970 7653
Sat. & Sun. 20th & 21st July. Taupo HOBBY EXPO.
Enquiries to Brent phone 07-378 2691

Sun. 28th July; Mt.Eden War Memorial Hall.... TOY
Collectors Fair
Dominion Road AKL. 10.00 till 1.00pm.
Phone Allan 09-2724648 Phone Ross 279 0101 evg.
Sunday 4th August 2013. COMMUNITY LEISURE
CENTRE
569 FERGUSON STREET, PALMERSTON NORTH
11-00 - 2PM. Contact Bernie Brady 06 353 7475

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

For our future information on Collectors Fairs,
Hobbies Expo's, Swapmeet etc.. may we
suggest you visit these web-pages;; www.aucklandhobbyfair.wordpress.com

ALWAYS CHECK to CONFIRM for DATES AND TIMES of
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Arthur Winterton



MAN CAVE

Rob's 'ManLand'



Following on from last month's inaugural Man Cave entry from Dimitri, here are pictures of my own mess my wife sarcastically refers to as ManLand....

We have an old bungalow that has been undergoing renovations for the last 3-4 years so my modelling space is limited to the dining room table and a small single garage in the backyard. Despite having a 4 bedroom house and only two persons dwelling within, I still haven't managed to acquire a modelling room - yet my wife has a guest room and a dressing room - go figure! The photos here are around about 30% of my collection - many more are stuffed into boxes and stored at my folks place

who just happen to have a large dry basement bless them....

I tend to build numerous models at any one time - partly due to the setup of my shed (explained below) and partly due to my low boredom threshold! I try to build things with similar requirements (like all needing the same interior colour or all needing a gloss white finish, etc...). My shed is one of the un-powered varieties so has no lights or power for all my man-tools (i.e. air brush - not to be confused with lady-tools such as a hair brush...). So most of my fettling, fiddling, gluing and detail painting is done at the dining room table and dirty

tasks like sanding over the laundry sink . I then accumulate the afore mentioned models with similar requirements, run a power lead out to the shed, and spend a few hours air brushing. The builds then continue over the next few days or weeks with masking, etc, until the next air brush session out in the shed.... Unless I get bored of course at which point I start something new! I have a habit of starting stuff because it happens to be the colour paint I have loaded in the air brush - the number of Spitfires I've built that way because of that weird interior green shade I can tell you...



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Token gesture to Airfix



My main area of interest is 1/48 aircraft, pretty much any era although I do tend to lean towards Italian WW2, Allied WW2 and RAF Cold War. I do build 1/32, an interest reinvigorated by the Wingnut Wings kits, and I've dabbled in 1/72 and 1/144. I love unusual models of unusual subjects, like prototypes or obscure aircraft types. I also build a bit of sci-fi, the odd figurine, a ship or two and a few subs. AFV don't hold much interest but I have built one or two. My other main area of interest is classic cars and F1, in 1/24th and 1/20th respectively. I also tend to buy/build in themes - I love a road and race version of the same car for example, or a series of the same aircraft from the prototype through to the final version.

I don't tend to focus too much on super-detailing my builds - not too fussed about resin this and photo-etch that - kits are pricey enough without adding all that as well. Having said that, if the kit parts are glaringly poor, and an after-market part is available, I may use it. I'm a bit the same when it comes to colours and basic shapes - I tend to build for the pleasure of the process rather than get hung up on building an historically accurate representation of the real thing... repeat after me: it's only a hobby, it's only a hobby....

I've recently started building more of my kits focussing on the style of painting often called 'spanish school' - can't quite bring myself

to go all out on them just yet and still resort to basics like washes and dry-brushing, but I would say my preferred style is to over-accentuate the detail. I guess close-up they look over-done, but on a shelf 6 feet away they look just right... And as for displaying my models, alas, having lost claims on any of the good rooms in the house, all my models go into boxes on completion and shoved in a wardrobe or shelf somewhere. I have plans for display cabinets but have to complete parts of the house renovations first - master bedroom and ensuite on the go at the moment, kitchen next year.... Maybe one day I'll get around to that display cabinet!!

Cheers Rob



THE COBBATON COMBAT COLLECTION

by Pete Mossong

Located down some very narrow lanes in a rural area of Devon, 5 1/2 miles South East of Barnstaple, this collection is a MUST VISIT for any AFV or military fan.

What first began as a small collection of militaria by one man, Preston Isaac, has now grown to a rather eclectic collection of militaria and military vehicles, many of which are unique to this collection.

Housed in three Romney buildings (like huge Nissin huts!) the vehicles and displays are crammed into what available space there is. This can make it a bit awkward to photograph (which is fully allowed) but the available lighting is pretty good,

unlike some other museums! Many of the vehicles are runners, and are often used for display purposes, and several have been used in film or TV work.

The collection includes the following:

Morris C8 Quad, Mk3, No 5 Body. 7/44; Ford F60S LAAT, Canada 8/44; Morris C8 GS 1945; Windsor Carrier, Ford Canada 4/45; Loyd Carrier 1941; Daimler Dingo Mk2 1942; C15TA, APC 24/04/1944; Standard Beaverette Mk3 1941; Centaur Mk4 Cruiser Tank 7/44; Churchill Mk7, Crocodile 1944; Standard Light Utility 1944; Morris C8 FAT Mk2, Quad 5/40; Mercury W D cycle 1940s; Trailer, 7 ton, 6 Wheel, Light Recovery 1942; Leyland

Hippo, Mk2 1945; Ford F15A, No 12 cab; 1941 Austin K2 ATV + Dennis & Gwynne pumps 1941; Farmall Model H tractor, USA 1944; Cranemobile crane 20/07/1944; Sexton Mk2 25Pdr SP 1943; Scammell TRMU 30 1943; Thorneycroft Tartar WOF/DC/4 22/04/1944; Fordson 7V converted to NAAFI from HPU C1941; BSA Folding Parabike 1940s; 90cm Projector 1940; 25Pdr Mk2 1943; 25Pdr Limber Mk2 1943; Universal Carrier, No 3, MkII, Canada 1943; BSA M20 1943; FV 432 "Trojan" 1950's; GMC 3 Ton, film conversion to LRDG Chev 1939; 40mm Bofors, Sweden, Mod 36 1940; Sherman V M4A4, ex range target. 1942 T34/85 44/45; Tatra OT810 3/4 track 1950; 87mm Recoilless Gun, Czech 1950s; 3.7" Medium AA Gun



1943; 20mm Flak 38 1944; 122mm Mod 1938(M-30) Howitzer, Russian 1940s; 15cm sFH 18 Howitzer, German 1939; T54 MBT, Czech 1954; FV434 1966; Morris C9B, SP Bofors 1943; Centurion AVRE 1949 Ex First Gulf War; 40mm Bofors Mk3C, Otis Fensom Elevator Co. Ltd 1942; Ford Y, 8HP Saloon 1936; 5.5" Gun, ex range target. 1943; Comet, Cruiser Tank. Unrestored 1945; Phillips WD Cycle, Mk IV; 25 Pdr Mk3 L, Airborne 1942; 105mm, Recoilless Anti Tank Gun. ex Argentine C 1965; Trailer 4 Wheeled, Light, Medical, 2 Stretcher No1 Mk1 194 ?; David Brown VAK1 1947; 1944 Morris Eight 1936; White Scout Car M3A1 1942; Welbike Mk2; Daimler Armoured Car Mk 1 1942; Mercedes G Wagon ex Argentine Falklands War; 17 Pdr. Anti Tank gun 1944; Willys Jeep 1943; Diamond T 981 1944; Land Rover 110; Field Cooking Unit No4 Mk2 1986; Royal Enfield "Flying Flea"; Horsa Glider Fuselage, Film prop "Bridge too far" and a

British Mk8 Torpedo. This list as of 25/06/2012.

The walls and isles are lined with display cases containing examples of personal weapons, equipment and various military ephemera, and decommissioned weapons can also be purchased! I had contemplated getting a Bren gun, but the thought of trying to get it back to NZ through customs put me right off the idea!

My biggest disappointment was that I ran out of memory in my camera, and had to shoot up to Barnstaple to get a larger card. When I returned, after taking some of the attached pictures shown here, the blasted battery went flat! Damn....

The worst part was when I returned back to NZ, I found that there were none of the pictures I had taken on the smaller card, and that included the several hundred I had taken at the Tank Museum at Bovington the day before – I tried all methods of

recovery from the card, but to no avail, the whole lot had gone, and only the first six photos I had taken when at Old Sarum in Salisbury were still there. %**###@@@***. Looks like I will have to do a return visit to both on my next trip to the UK!

Highly recommended for a visit, even if you are not an 'armour' fan, but plan on a full day there, as there is just so much to take in.

There is plenty of reasonably priced accommodation around the area. I stayed in a old church converted to a B&B (The Travellers Rest Old Church) just up the road.

<http://www.cobbatoncombat.co.uk/>







NEW AT MODELAIR

A quick look at Bronco Models



Bronco is the newest brand to arrive at the store and is a welcome addition to the AFV range of products we are now offering. Bronco has been around for a while now and has steadily built up an interesting range of unique products. It's nice to see a manufacturer throw some energy into doing some of the more unusual topics like the British 17 Pounder Anti-Tank gun and Comet tank. Not to mention a good range of British crew figures for artillery and tanks.

We thought we'd do a quick run through a typical Bronco kit to highlight some of the great features of this 'New to our Market' brand.

We're featuring Bronco models kit CB35038: The German 5t 'DIANA' Half Track as this provides an excellent example of Bronco's production standards.

The Diana itself was a hasty amalgamation of the (captured) Russian 7.62mm ATK Gun mounted on to the German Sd.Kfz.6 chassis to form a hasty mobile gun platform. Add on some steel plate sides and you've got an improvised tank destroyer (of sorts). A good use of recycled war trophies but not that successful as a weapons platform.

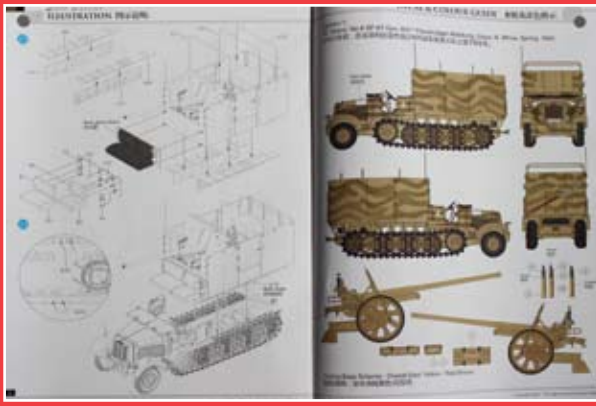
From a modeling point of view however it is a visually striking vehicle with its angular rear end and exposed gun bay, and of course its very different from the regular AFRIKA KORPS fare of Panzer 2, 3, & 4s and 88mm Flak 36's. As modelers we tend to like the unusual as much as the well known.

First off, the Diana's striking box art is eye catching and shows a good example of the vehicle in service

in North Africa. The quality artwork also extends inside the box with what are some of the best instructions I've ever seen.

Printed on high grade paper and prepared as an A4 size booklet in full colour, they start with a full painting guide cross referenced to Gunze, Humbrol and Tamiya paints. This is followed by a detailed parts breakdown showing all sprues, decals and PE included in the kit. The build drawings themselves are spacious and well laid out (take note Dragon) and have an almost Tamiya esque feel to them. A nice extra touch is that highlight points are presented in colours which makes them really stand out.

Building this model is in fact like building 2 kits. First you do the vehicle then the gun, then, you bring both together. The kit provides some



stowed ammo for the 76.2mm and some crew rifles but no crew figures are included.

The final 2 pages of the instructions provide a full colour painting and decal guide with 2 options for vehicles of the 605th PzJgr Abt. 1942.

The plastic parts count is pretty high in this kit, with 14 sprues, 2 individual parts, a PE sheet and a decal sheet supplying all the kit contents.

Also included was a print of the box art (minus all the words).

At \$79.90 the Bronco 5t Diana delivers pretty good bang for buck. We haven't made one yet though I have seen a finished one on the Tamiya magazine facebook site.

What we have started building from Bronco is their British Tank crew set and these were an easy build and will be going into an upcoming

project we're doing on the Tamiya M4 Sherman. The poses are brilliant and the figures will look right at home on their new ride! Check out the Bronco range the next time you're in, we have the main catalogue to browse through also and are taking forward orders for the next shipment for any out of stock items.

Richard T

BUILD

The Tamiya 1/48 P-51D Mustang

by Barry Burton

The Tamiya version of the P-51D is probably the definitive offering available in this scale. Like all of Tamiya's offerings it has been dealt with in an almost clinical manner as regards presentation, with good visual outline accuracy and easy assembly.

The RNZAF connection with the Mustang started with the delivery of thirty examples in August 1945 – the first batch of 370 ordered to replace the Vought Corsairs then in squadron service. These arrived by sea at Auckland and were immediately barged down the Waitemata to Hobsonville into storage. The remainder of the order was cancelled

at the cessation of hostilities with Japan.

In late 1951, early 1952 they were brought from storage and refurbished, to be used by the four Territorial Air Force Squadrons – Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury and Otago. Each squadron receiving five examples.

Thus began the halcyon days in this scribes' memory, an era which ceased in early 1956 when the Mustang was taken out of Air Force service.

My first encounter as a teenager with a live machine was probably early in 1952 at a Whenuapai Open Day. Whilst perched near the top of

the No.1 Hangar just prior to being removed by Security, a lone example put on an impressive handling display. I was forever hooked.

For the next four years fine weekends were eagerly looked forward to and anticipating seeing and hearing the sight and sound of TAF Mustangs exercising above the Auckland Isthmus, wangling rides on the Johnsons Airport Bus to Whenuapai when a weekend exercise was due to take place and being mesmerised in my Mountain Road classroom by the sound of a lone Mustang on Naval gunnery cooperation turning overhead on its runs to the Devonport Naval Base several dozen times. Not much



Mustang



French being learned it can be assumed.

To me at that time these guys were heroes, several of whom I later worked with in our National Airline.

For my miniature version of the P-51 which was my second effort after disposing of the first to a family member, I chose a machine (NZ2425) of No.1 TAF SQDN. This particular aircraft was posted as missing on a flight North of Auckland in March 1955. The markings are contained on a Ventura Decals sheet V4883.

On the first model built I thought that the dihedral angle of the completed model was a little flat so I increased it slightly on the second example.

The silver finish is Dulon Aluminium Auto Acrylic over a Duco undercoat. I have had this particular paint near to twenty years and it features a very fine pigment. I am not so sure it is matched by its modern equivalent.

I elected to use a Falcon Vacform replacement canopy fixed in the open position. I was unable to affix the windscreen portion at the angle I thought necessary and have all the

edges align adequately. Maybe just individual to this particular model. An Ultracast (Canada) resin cuffless propeller was substituted for the kit example as was the pilot seat.

Overall I doubt whether a better representation of the Mustang is available in this scale. The kit to track down if an RNZAF version is being built, is the Korean War example, as this contains the closest kit representation of the cuffless propeller required.

Mustang

REVIEW

Antonov An-26 Curl Anniversary Markings

by Mark Davies

First Look

I like it when special markings are applied to transport aircraft as they otherwise so often wear drab run of the mill paint schemes. The review decals represent an anniversary scheme first worn in 2008 by an An-26 of the Czech Air Force; the scheme celebrates 90 years of flying from the Prague-Lbely Air Base. The same aircraft had markings on engines added to this scheme when it attended an air show at Waddington in the UK during July 2009. The decal set includes these extra engine markings as an option. The decals come packaged in a close-fitting and sealed cellophane bag. This is hard to cut open because its sealed edges are so close to the contents, and once opened there is the risk that the decals will fall out.

Whatever Kopro saves in cost over the more typical zip-lock polythene bags used for decals is not worth it in my view. I find that the cellophane kind annoying to use.

Inside the bag is a single A-4 page paint and markings guide and the decal sheet. Printed in colour, the instructions have a three-view placement guide that is clear and easy to follow. The Paint colours are in English and Czech; and they are cross-referenced to Humbrol, Agama and FS.595.

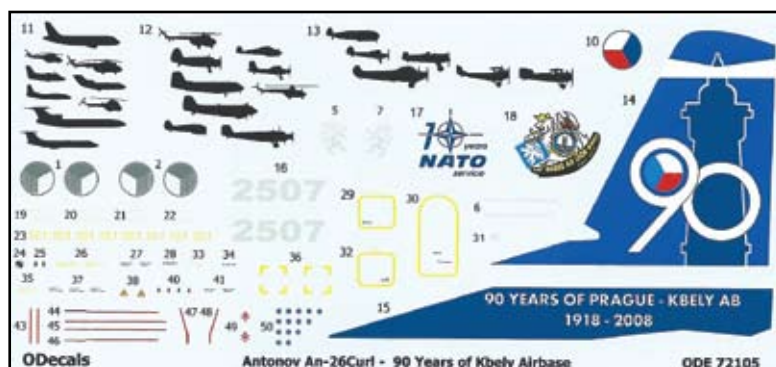
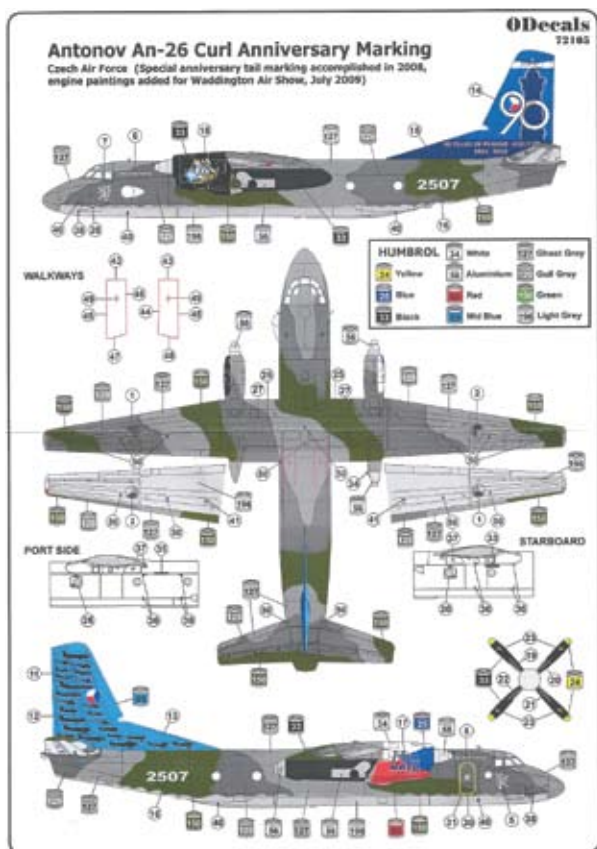
The decals have good registration and colour density looks good too. It could have been helpful to include the red and blue portions of the background to the starboard engine NATO motif, but it does not matter much that one is not provided.

Conclusion

These are good quality decals with simple and clear instructions. I think that the choice of scheme is an interesting and attractive one (I now wish that I had not disposed of my A Model An-26 kit!). The use of tight-fitting cellophane bags may help reduce cost, but I regard them to be frustrating to use. I hope that Kopro considers changing to the zip-lock polythene bags that most decal makers use. Despite this, I recommend these decals.

Take time to check Kopro's large range of decals; the number of interesting and useful subjects they cover surprised me.

Thanks to Kopro for the review sample.



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