



SCALE-MAIL

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NEXT MEETING

Craig will be demonstrating his methods to get the best out of resin detail/conversion sets

Tuesday 19th October - 7.30pm
Leys Institute (upstairs)
20 Saint Marys Road, Ponsonby

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2010 IPMS Nationals -
Christchurch
Best of Show -
1/20th MaK Krote
by Greg Blick

FROM THE EDITOR

Another year and another enjoyable catch-up with fellow hobbyists from around Godzone over a few brews; some more war stories to be added to the repertoire, swapping of late night modelling escapades, comparing completed results and motivation to produce some neue wunder-projekt. All in all too many sore heads and bleary eyes. That was the Nationals that was...

Next year, these will be held in Wellington again to coincide with their Scale Expo in August, and the following year, in a first for NZ, the Nationals will be in a non-major urban centre, with Alexandra hosting.

Congratulations go to Brett Sharman, Jonathan Squires and Peter Harrison, all of whom travelled down from Auckland, and entered, and won awards for their kits; Brett for his 1/48 Corsair, Jonathan for his 1/48 Pogo (no sign of an Iroquois,

but it was a CIA one, so maybe it was undercover, or under the table) and Peter for his 1/72 MiG-15.

Must be a testament to the venue that despite 2 good sized aftershocks (among the couple of dozen registered during that period), there was no damage suffered by any models at the venue, though the effects of the 7.1 quake on modellers' cabinets were in evidence with displays of some of the bent and broken kits resulting.

The team in Christchurch put on a great, albeit slightly controversial, event and some of the results can be seen in the pages of the newsletter.

Look forward to catching up with everyone Tuesday night.

Craig



UPCOMING EVENTS

Scale Models Expo
19 – 21 August 2011
Wellington

Further details to be advised as they are made available.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NOVEMBER – Resin casting with Henry Ludlam

DECEMBER – “Animal Theme” competition / Club Champs. This is

for any models you have built this year with animal artwork on them.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Annual subs are now well overdue. The schedule of fees is as shown below. Please note that any unpaid

subs now incur a \$5 penalty fee. There were too many subs remaining unpaid last year and this impacts

the club’s ability to be able to hold events.

Membership	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

PICTURES FROM THE NATIONALS

Peter Harrison will have pictures from the IPMS NZ Nationals held in Christchurch earlier this month. A selection of pictures from the event

will be running on a small digital photo frame after the ‘show and tell’. It will be your opportunity to see the winning models and all the other fine

entries if you were not able to be at the show in person.

AN INVITATION

As some of you may know, Pete Harrison has been hosting Build-a-Kit-in-a-Day Sundays, as a way of attempting to break loose from rivet-counting paralysis and three year builds. Having trialled a few (and only vaguely finishing a kit), we are now pleased to announce the Kit-in-a-Day Challenge and throw down the gauntlet to anyone in the club who is game enough!

I will be playing host, on Sunday 5th December. This time, to put some fun back into modelling and to actually try and finish a kit on time, we will be building Hasegawa Egg Planes and all are welcome. Barbeque and refreshments will be laid on, so all you need to do is turn up, with your choice of egg plane, modelling stuff and "can do" attitude!

For those who have no idea what

I am talking about (which is good, because the whole point is to get people out of their comfort zone), you can find the complete range at:

http://nichemodels.co.nz/shop/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=17_1_12

And if you think these are a giggle, then check out the amazing creations here:

<http://www.eggstrememachines.net>

John at Modelair has agreed to "do us a deal" on a bulk order, so if you want in, please let me know which plane you want (and a second reserve) by 1st November. Price will be depend on quantity but will be in the \$18 - 25 bracket.

Children are welcome and all I ask is to please let me know if you will be coming (by e-mail: peter.foxley@totalise.co.uk or at club night), so I know numbers for catering (and table space). Numbers may need to be limited, so don't hang around too long before deciding!

To recap:

When: Sunday, 5th December 2010, 10:00 - 4:00 (ish)

Where: 87 Park Rise, Campbells Bay, North Shore

Lunch: BBQ (usual, sausages, burgers, salad etc), refreshments provided

RSVP: peter.foxley@totalise.co.uk by 1st Nov, with kit choices.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Peter Foxley



INVITATION



THE EGGS' FILES

BARRACUDACAST 1/48 SCALE RESIN Detail Set for FIREFLY Mk.1

By Pete Mossong



It's in the bag (BR48001.jpg)

BR48001 Prop and spinner correction set.

The infamous producer of those fabulous Cooper detail sets, Roy Sutherland, has resurfaced after a long break with a line of resin details now issued under the BarracudaCast line. Some of the final issues under his old label were the detail sets he did for the Grand Phoenix Fairey Firefly and these have now been re-issued as BarracudaCast sets. The moulds still have their original

Cooper Details logos!

While the overall Grand Phoenix/AZ kit is pretty good, with a very well done resin interior, it has several failings, one of which is the representation of the prop and spinner, and this set is a straight replacement for the sad looking effort supplied in these kits.

(BR48001a.jpg)

The spinner is a far closer match to plans and photos of the Firefly, and the propeller blades now look like they really do belong on an aircraft!

The resin has no visible pin-holes

or obvious flaws, and has very light flash around the edges that a few passes with a sanding stick will sort out.

BR48002 Cannon barrels. (BR48002.jpg)

This set of four long, and four short 20mm canon barrels correct the woeful jobs in the kit. The longer barrels are applicable to the Mk.I Firefly, and the short ones to the Post War Mk.V.

(BR48002a.jpg)



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BR48003 Corrected wheels. (BR48003.jpg)

It's pretty obvious to see the difference between the corrected wheels, and those from the kit (in grey plastic)! There is even a representation of the castellated wheel nut, the balloon type tyres and hub in the correct size and the hub detail is far crisper. All that's missing is the valve!

(BR48003a.jpg)

BR48005 Vacform canopy. (BR48005.jpg)

To finish off the kit, and show off the very nice interior details, is this very clearly moulded vac canopy. It has all the hallmarks of a Falcon product, and I wouldn't be surprised to find that Roy has had these done for him by Tore at Falcon.

The screen has the correct flat front panel missing from the kit's reasonable but very thick representation, and the frames are very petite.

(BR48005a.jpg)

Overall, a great set of corrections to make a very good replica of this long serving FAA aircraft. Highly recommended, and available directly from Roy at :

<http://barracudacals.com/index.php>

Watch out for more detail sets (and decals) in all the popular scales to come soon from this source, and for anyone wanting to 'Guild the Lily' with the Tamiya 1:32 line of Spitfires, BarracudaCast now has some real little gems to make them even better!



CZECH MASTER RESIN (CMR) 1/72 de HAVILLAND VAMPIRE

F. MK 6 SWISS AF - By Mark Davies



Contents & Media

89 x cream resin airframe & stores parts, 7 x black resin undercarriage parts, 2 x Eduard coloured photo-etch (PE) frets (42 & 12 detail pieces each), 1 x plain PE fret (65 mainly weapons pieces), 4 x vac-form acetate canopies, 3 x Eduard pre-cut paint masks and decals for 7 aircraft

Background

Flying only six months after Gloster's Meteor in September 1943, the Vampire was Britain's second production jet fighter. It would go on to be developed into a very successful family of fighter-bombers, two-seat all-weather fighters and trainers, as well as navalised versions. Widely exported, the Vampire was still in service with several air forces in the 1960's and '70's, and with the Swiss until 1990.

The Swiss Air Force was one of the earliest Vampire operators, and indeed also probably the last.

Following an initial Vampire F.Mk 1 order in 1946, an order for F.Mk.6's was placed in 1947, with the first aircraft arriving in 1949. The F.Mk 6 was based on the RAF's FB.5, and was initially used in the interception role. Following the introduction of the Dh 112 Venom in the interceptor role, the F.Mk 6's were increasingly employed in the ground support role, replacing the Swiss Air Force's P-51 Mustangs and Morane D3801.

The Swiss improved their Mk.6 Vampires with the addition of ejector seats in 1960, which necessitated a slight change in canopy shape. Between 1979 and '83 the Vampires acquired their pointed "Pinocchio" noses to accommodate an IFF transponder.

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Previous 1/72 Vampires

The 1/72 injected Vampire kits I'm aware of include the old Frog kit and far superior Heller/Airfix issue, both FB.5's (although Heller also offered a French Mistral). Revell has also boxed the Heller kit, and Marivox offered it with conversion parts to make an F.Mk 1. Recently released are an F Mk 1 & FB.6 by A-Model. These appear nicely executed, but



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have some troubling accuracy and shape. CMR has previously offered the Vampire prototype (called the Spidercrab) and some two-seat versions. Since 2009 they have been releasing a wide range all-new single-seat Vampire kits in "Hi-Tech" multi-media format covering many marks and versions. The F.MK 6 Swiss AF boxing reviewed below is the latest.

The Kit

The kit comes packaged in CMR's now standard sturdy top opening box. The parts and decals are in heat sealed plastic bags, which in turn are sealed in a further bag with the instructions and photo-walkaround.

The very detailed instructions consist of double-sided A4 page. The parts map and constructional illustrations are very clear and easy to follow. However, there is a lot to pay attention to, and CMR have gone to considerable lengths to provide detailed guidance where needed. This is one of those kits where the builder really should become

familiar with the instructions before commencing work. Indeed, scanning the instructions, I came to appreciate just how much research work and attention to detail has gone into this kit, and the subtle differences associated with the Swiss AF versions. It's a great deal more than providing two fuselage choices to cater for the IFF nose. Fortunately the many choices are cross-referenced to the various colour schemes. So my advice is definitely decide which one you're going to build at the beginning!

Double-sided pages give comprehensive painting and markings plans. Colour notes and other written instructions are in English, with FS 595A and/or RAL paint reference numbers provided as well. More double-sided pages provide an excellent photo supplement focused on various aspects of the Swiss F.Mk 6's. A brief history of Swiss AF Vampires is given in English and French.

The kit's resin parts are in CMR's usual cream resin, and very nicely moulded with virtually no

pinholes. A little flash is evident in a couple of places, but this can be removed easily and in seconds. The undercarriage is in a black resin that provides greater strength than the cream resin for fine weight-bearing parts.

The kit is awash with detail. Considerable attention to detail has been paid to the cockpit, wheel wells and flap bays. Detail levels are further enhanced by the pre-coloured Eduard PE set provided.

A choice of fixed or ejection seats is given, along with their associated style of canopy and cockpit rear bulkhead. Two copies of the canopy provide for insurance or practice when cutting out. They come with an Eduard pre-cut mask which simply serves to make life easy when it comes to painting. CMR have provided the seat belts on the pre-coloured PE fret. At first I was a little sceptical of this approach, as I quite like my belts cast with the resin seat in this scale. However, having recently completed seats for my CMR Jet Provost using the same system, I can advise that the



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finished result is very nice.

What is particularly interesting is the range of underwing ordinance, much of it unique to the Swiss, associated with the aircraft's later ground support role. A range of bombs, tanks and rockets are sure to add interest, especially once their very delicate PE fins are attached.

There are seven markings options, and special mention must be made of one and the payload associated with it. This is the "Operation Snowball" aircraft that has this title emblazoned on the rear fuselage along with the pilot's skis attached to the aircraft's tail-booms! These skis are provided on the PE fret

along with the straps to hold them on. A small photograph of this aircraft is provided separately from the photo supplement pages. The distinctive red and black striped option comes complete with pre-cut mask to make life easy when painting. And for those that like anniversaries there is the Vampire farewell scheme as an option too.

Decals are typical of CMR, being well registered and suggest good opacity. Based on past experience they should be very good to use; but like most Czech decals they will be quite thin and need to be floated into position, as they tend to adhere extremely well once there is no fluid under them. Markings for seven

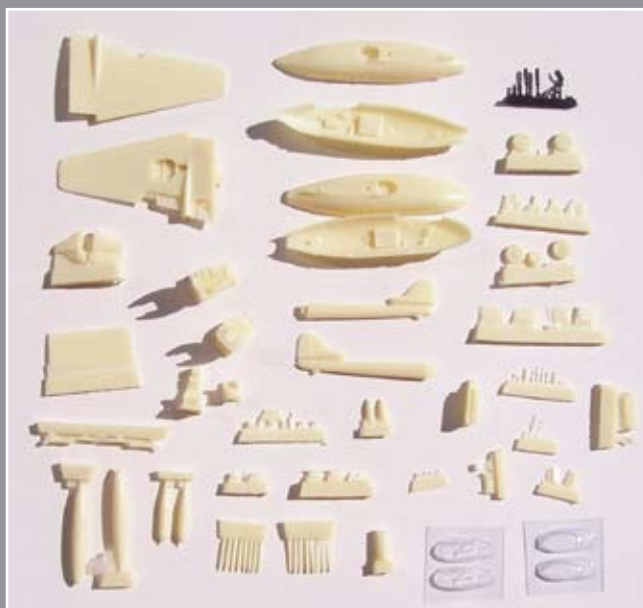
Swiss AF schemes are included.

Conclusion

This is a superbly executed kit reflecting some very thorough research and attention to detail. Despite some tiny parts and twin-boom layout it should go together in a straightforward manner – just be familiar with those instructions!

Without doubt, this is the definitive Swiss Vampire F.MK6 kit, and it is highly recommended.

Thanks to Czech Master Resin for this review sample.



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Stash 'n' Stuff

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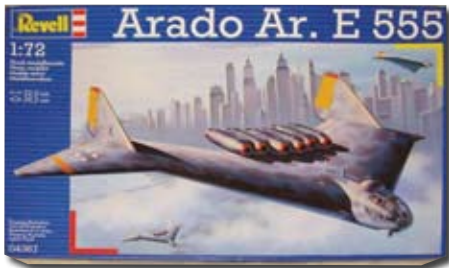
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Pilots Wanted

1/72 - 1/48 - 1/32 scale
I want pilots mainly in 1/72, but a few 1/48 and 1/32 would not go amiss. I notice most model makers do not tend to use them in their model cockpits, but I do so if anyone wants to donate a few pilots to me I would be grateful to repost them from their spares box into active service again.

Many thanks in advance.

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IPMS NATIONAL SHOW & COMPETITION - CHRISTCHURCH - 2010



Best in class and show winners and trophies on the table at the end of the show



Best Figure - Aussie Bren Gunner by John Belcher



Scratchbuilt Willie Apiata VC



Best Aircraft, non-IPMS competition(!) - Tamiya 1/48 RNZAF Corsair by Anthony Galbraith



Best Ship - 1/700 IJNS Sakura (and some serious competition for Pete Randall)



Best Armour - 1/35 Trumpeter E10 by Les Smith



Best Prop, Single Engine, 1/48 by Brett Sharman - Gold



Best Vehicle - Hasegawa 1/48 BMW327



Best Use of Hasegawa Product - 1/48 RAF Phantom



Airfix 1/72 MiG-15 by Pete Harrison - Bronze



Best Aircraft - Monogram 1/48 F-100D by Glynn Braithwaite



Wingnut Wings' new 1/32 Pfalz D.IIIA (Richard Alexander)



Wingnut Wings' new 1/32 Roland D.VIA (Richard Alexander)



Lindberg(?) 1/48 Pogo by Jonathan Squires - Silver

ON THE TABLE CLUB NIGHT



Dragon 1/35 Tiger I by Gary Boxall



Dragon 1/35 T-34/Flak 37 by Gary Boxall



Dragon 1/35 Sherman Firefly by Gary Boxall



Heller 1/72 Hurricane I by John Watkins



Hasegawa 1/72 Long Tom by John Watkins



Academy 1/72 White M3 Half-Track by John Watkins

ON THE TABLE



Aeroclub 1/72 Fiat G91-T by Henry Ludlam



Heller 1/72 F6F-5K Hellcat by Dimitri Berdebes



Hobby Boss 1/72 Rafale by Henry Ludlam



Revell 1/72 Me262B by Peter Harrison



Italeri 1/48 UH-1 by Jonathan Squires



Italeri 1/72 FAA Hellcat I by Peter Harrison

ON THE TABLE



Airfix 1/72 Hawker Hart by John Watkins



Matchbox 1/72 Curtis Cleveland by John Watkins



Airfix 1/72 Spitfire Vc by Henry Ludlam



Hobby Boss 1/72 Hawker Typhoon Ib by John Watkins



Tamiya 1/72 F4U-1A Corsair by Martin Short



Hasegawa Bf109E-7 by Martin Short

GALLERY

ON THE TABLE



Airfix 1/72 MiG-15 by Peter Foxley



Tamiya 1/72 Spitfire Ia by Martin Short



Airfix 1/48 Hurricane I by Barry Burton



Academy 1/72 B-29 Washington by Henry Ludlam



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RNZAF Bristol Freighter

This interesting shot was taken at an air show at Whenuapai about 1976. The Freighters were being retired and replaced by Andovers one of which can be seen in the background. I understand that this one was one of those which had been stationed in Singapore hence the map of New Zealand on the tail. This was very rare perhaps carried by only two aircraft. Note the small Royal New Zealand Air Force lettering at the bottom of the nose. Also of interest is the towing attachment on the tail wheel.

We haven't had an aircraft like these types since the Andovers were retired but hear rumours that a suitable replacement may be available in the future. See ya,

KEITH.

