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Tuesday 19 Jan 2021 : 7.30pm  
Freemans Bay Community Hall,  
Function room  
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## From the Editor

Happy New Year to you all. It's time to leave 2020 behind and to hope that 2021 will provide less challenging times. Don't forget we still have the nationals to plan for in October and hopefully that will go ahead as planned. It's time to kick off meetings again and this month we have a half finished night planned. It will also be time to reflect on those estimates of how many models we would complete in 2020 and to make more rash predictions for 2021.



# BULLETIN BOARD

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so we know who has paid!*

## EVENTS

### CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

IPMS Auckland Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every Month at the Freemans Bay Community Hall, 52 Hepburn Street, Freemans Bay, Ponsonby

**Note our meeting  
time is back to 7.30 pm**

**January** Tuesday 19th January,  
Bring along your half finished models

**February** Tuesday 16th February.  
Workshop on decaling basics

### MODELLING EVENTS

# BULLETIN BOARD

## CLUB SUPPORT

The following retailers have kindly agreed to offer IPMS Auckland club members a discount on their purchases upon presentation of their current IPMS Auckland Membership card.

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# Revell 1:48 Bristol Beaufighter Mk IF.

By Brett Peacock



163 Parts on 14 "Standard" sprues and 3 Clear sprues. Markings for 2 1941 Nightfightersd are included, NG-R – R2101 of 604 Sqn, Middle Wallop, April 1941 & WM-E, X7983 of 68 Sqn, High Erccall, Late 1941. Both sport the early war style roundels and fin flashes and are painted in Overall Night.



Following on from their 2018 TFX this kit eliminates the Arms fit (Torpedo and Rockets) and the two differing types of dihedral tailplanes and elevators, replacing those with the early Horizontal Tailplanes and elevators. The gunner's blister is also gone, replaced by the earlier domed observers position. Other than that, the sprues are all the same as provided in the earlier TFX kit I reviewed some months back. BUT there is One oddity: This mark of Beaufighter is molded in a dark metallic black/grey colour, not a pale grey, which will make spotting flaws and mistakes somewhat difficult. I foresee a LOT of grey primer, here.....

Revell, I know molding the kit in "black" (for all that it's not...quite... black) for an all over black nightfighter sounds like a good idea... trust me, it is NOT. It entails a lot of extra work and complicates painting the overall night scheme.

*This next text is From my Review of the TFX kit in the October 2018 Newsletter, slightly edited to apply to this kit:*

*The main components follow a similar breakdown to that of the Tamiya kits, other than the lower wing half which is moulded as a full length section but without the flaps and ailerons moulded in as with Tamiya's. These are provided as separate items that can be posed as required. The upper wing sections do have the basic internal details moulded into the upper flap area, and a spar is provided to block off this construction and also provide some extra strength. The fuselage upper wing root fairing has several locating tabs moulded in to make sure the upper wing is well supported, so should make for a cleaner joint. I do recall having a bit of bother with this area on the Tamiya kit when I built it several years ago!*

*Internal ribs are moulded into the interior of the fuselage and the floor is built up in a similar manner to the Tamiya kit with a multi-part pilots cockpit, the escape doors and 'tunnels' for the pilot and Navigator, a seat, and the armoured bulkheads. This also incorporates wing root blanking panels.*

*There are no other detail parts supplied for the area behind the pilot's position where the main radio/radar black boxes live in racks on the real aircraft, and these will have to be added by the modeller (Sadly still true in the NF1 Kit) as this area can be seen through the cockpit! there are also several other items missing from this area that will need to be added for the more 'anal' amongst us!*

*There are no details incorporated into the rear position other than a basic rear former and a rear armoured bulkhead with closed doors. If the rear canopy is fitted in a closed position, not much will be seen here, but if positioned open, then more will have to be added around this area.*

*The other departure is the way Revel have supplied the main engine nacelle covers, as they supply these in three sections so these can be left off to show the engine detail. The nicely detailed Bristol Hercules engines come as multi part sections incorporating the rear intake tubing and the front exhaust tubing and collector ring. The cowl gills come in both closed and open styles to further enhance the build. Both short and long intakes are supplied and the exhaust outlet pipe incorporates the two intake tubes that are so prominent, and the 'Porcupine' exhaust tailpipe.*

*The wheel wells are fully detailed inserts that are built up into the lower wing sections. The main undercarriage is a multi-part unit, and is well detailed. The wheels come in two halves without any bulging or flattening*

*The undercarriage doors come in one moulding, and if the model is being built with extended landing gear, will have to be carefully cut in half. They do incorporate very nice internal detailing. The tail wheel assembly comes as either extended or retracted form. The props appear a little anaemic to me, being a little bit slim in plan view? I feel Tamiya made a better go at these. Prop spinner cones and backing plates are provided to use as necessary.*



The very clear transparencies supplied include the pilots canopy with the roof hatch as a separate item, the "bubble" rear canopy as a one piece section incorporating the hatch area so it can be posed open, the wing landing light cover and the wing tip navigation light covers

My conclusion from the Earlier kit has not modified, either:

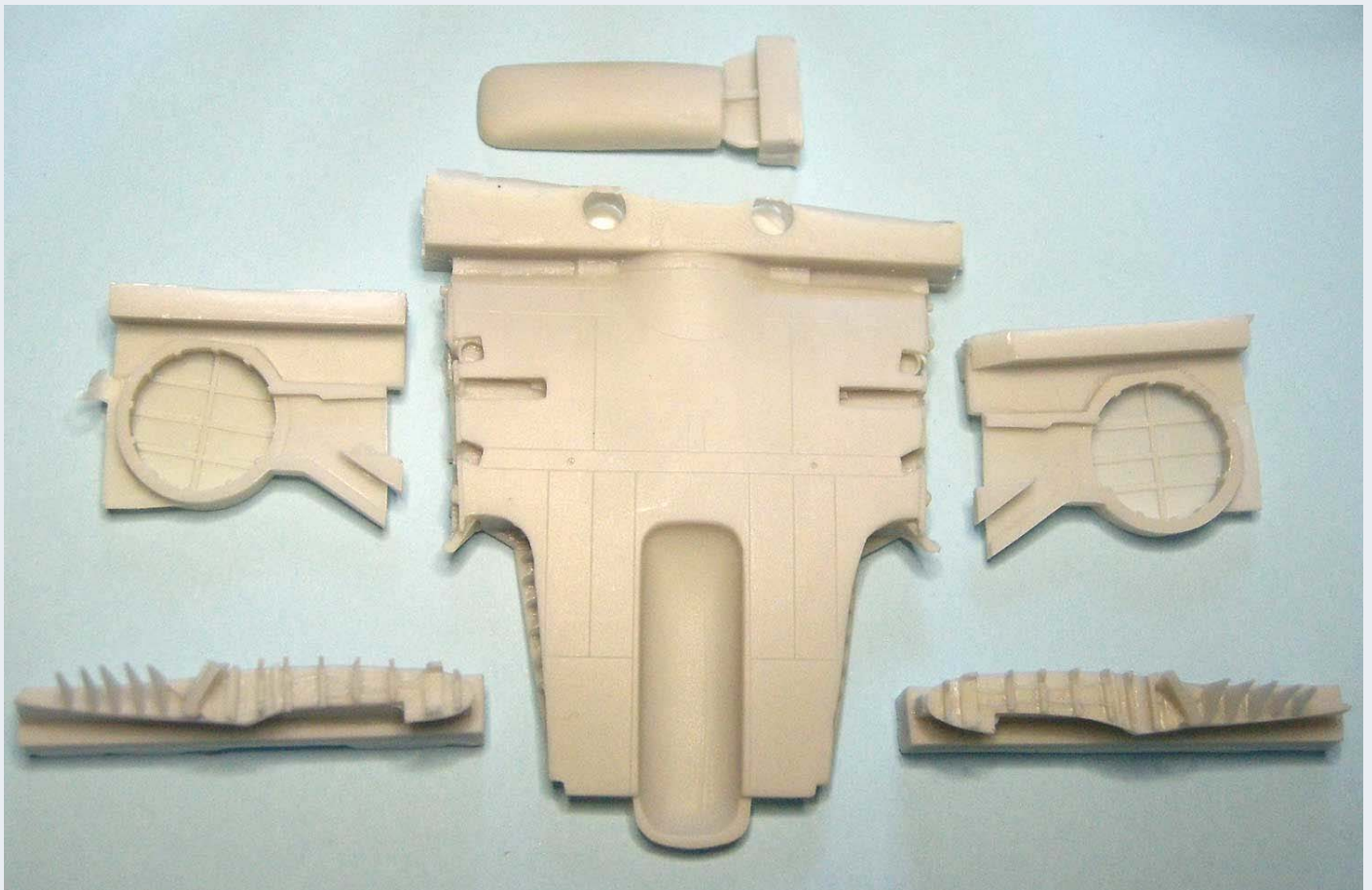
Overall I feel this is a very good job from Revell, and gives us a nice blank canvas to work with incorporating all the latest advances that have come with plastic moulding since the Tamiya kit first saw the light of day. Don't get me wrong, The Tamiya kit is till a good kit, but I still feel that it was rushed into production too soon at that time without all the research being properly carried out, hence those damned battle repair patches on the wings!

**ALLEY CAT MODELS 1:48 BLACKBURN ROC AND SKUA WINGFOLD SET  
AC48021C  
By Pete M.**



Probably one of the easier wing fold kits on the market, the Alley Cat kit contains 6 resin components designed to fit the 1:48 scale SPECIAL HOBBY Skua or Roc kits.

No cutting is required other than some thinning of the inside of the main wings to allow the inserts to fit.



The underside of the fuselage and central lower wing is cast in one piece (as per the SH kit) and includes the wing root structure and details moulded in. One extra part is included to fill in the well for the bomb that is applicable only to the Skua, the Roc didn't have the well.



New and more refined wheel wells are supplied, along with the inserts for the root of the main wings. These will require some 'fettling' to fit into this area.

One page of written instructions with several photos are provided and have helpful notes for the building of this upgrade, and working with resin as well.

If you are running out of room on your display shelves, or want to build a 'shipboard' display, this gives a good option to build a better replica of a Skua or Roc.



### AC48021C – Blackburn Roc or Skua Wingfold Set

1. This set has been designed to be used with the relevant Special Hobby kits.
2. This is a six part resin set consisting of a new lower wing (that replace the relevant kit part), lower wing insert panel (to be used with the **Roc only**, i.e. the roc does not have the hollow section in the lower wing) replacement wheel well parts and two inserts for the outer wingfold. No cuts are required to fit this set, however the outer wing sections will require the plastic to be thinned to allow the inserts to be fitted.
3. As can be seen in **Picture 1** we recommend that the modeller drills a small hole to accept a metal pin (not supplied with this set) to strengthen the joint. Note there are very small index points in the resin, for positioning of the metal pin. We suggest that the pin is fitted to outer wing joint first (as shown) and then the wing can be positioned as shown in **Pictures 2 and 3**.
4. Please wash all parts in warm soapy water. Any parts that would benefit from slight straightening or small adjustments to the shape, can be placed in HOT running tap water and with care the modeller can reshape the part.
5. Resin parts only glue with super glues and a mask should be worn when sanding resin parts.
6. To fill resin use "Super Glue" or "Milliput", as these are better fillers to use with resin products.
7. Avoid using styrene fillers, such as "Green Stuff".
8. Should you have any problems with the product or instructions, please feel free to contact me at the address below.

Thank you for supporting us by purchasing this product. We reserve the right to improve the quality of our products. If you have any comments or suggestions we would appreciate hearing from you.

This kit is intended for modellers with some modelling experience and is not suitable for children. There are sufficient parts to complete one model.



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



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# ALLEY CAT MODELS 1:48 RAF VENTURA CANOPY AC48048C

By Pete M.



One item missing (other than a set of RAF type bombs) from the lovely Revell 1:48 scale RAF Ventura B.I/II is the cockpit canopy with the prominent vision blisters.

This blister canopy only appears to have been used on RAF export Ventura I and II's and some very early B-34's used by the USAAF. The port side blister can be seen in the Lockheed factory picture below. The starboard side one was positioned on the starboard side of the canopy top.



The Alley Cat canopy is a one piece casting in clear resin and in my example, it unfortunately contains a few surface 'blobs and pinholes' that will require polishing out. Hopefully a good dose of Future/Kleer will smooth it all out.



This is basically a no-cut 'drop-in' replacement for the Revell supplied canopy, something that Revell themselves should have added along with my previously noted lack of RAF type bombs.

# GALLERY

CLUB NIGHT MODELS

Check out our Website gallery for photos taken of models at our monthly meetings

<http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com>



And as usual -check out the IPMS Auckland website as we're trying to keep the content a bit more dynamic. We won't be regurgitating content found on other websites but will provide links to sites we think are of interest to members.

