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7.30 pm Tuesday 19/4/22

Royal Oak Bowls

146 Selwyn St, Onehunga

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From the Editor

2022 is rushing by and it's AGM time already. We have a session on detailing cockpits to follow the formalities and this will be a god opportunity to talk about some of the new types of products that the aftermarket producers have dreamed up.

Don't forget those subs as they are now due. We have no change to those from last year which I'm sure you will appreciate.

Lets hope we can enjoy the increasing relaxation of COVID restrictions while keeping safe and well. Obviously the world situation is not looking the best at the moment with war in Europe, increasing and inflation and frustrating supply chains but all that is beyond our control. I still feel lucky to be in a part of the world where are still able to enjoy our leisure time and freedoms. I'm currently getting a good amount of bench time and it's great to have a hobby where you can get into something that is creative and satisfying.

As you can see below the club is making a small gesture of support for the people of Ukraine in our theme build for this year. I hope you all get behind this as there are plenty of options out there.

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See inside for full details

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Subs for 2021/22 now due –see below for club account details or see the club secretary
at the next club meeting.

Membership Type	Description	Cost
Full	Living in the Auckland Metropolitan Area	NZ\$45
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EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

IPMS Auckland Meet on the
second Tuesday of each month
at 7.30pm

**Venue: The Sports Lounge
Royal Oak Bowls
146 Selwyn St, Onehunga**

April 19/4/22. AGM, followed
by detailing cockpits/
crew compartments/
interiors and 3D printing.

MODELLING EVENTS

IPMS NZ nationals October 1-2, Dunedin



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- ICM
- Roden
- Wingsy
- Armory
- Dora Wings
- MiniArt
- Master Box
- MikroMir
- AModel
- ModelSvit
- Sova-M

1. Model must have been started after 1 Jan 2022 (yes, if you have built something already this year or started something this year, they are still eligible)

2. Model must have Ukrainian focus i.e. if you chose to build a Russian tank, it must be being towed by a Ukrainian tractor, be destroyed or captured with Ukrainian forces present or be in Ukrainian markings.

3. You can build the model however you chose, out of the box, in a diorama, and use after-market as long as it adheres to the theme

4. Prizes will be supplied by ModelAir and decided by members votes.

5. End date to be confirmed

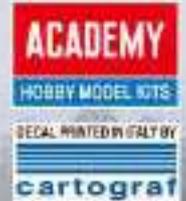
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1/48th Scale

#12328

USAAF B-25D "Pacific Theatre"



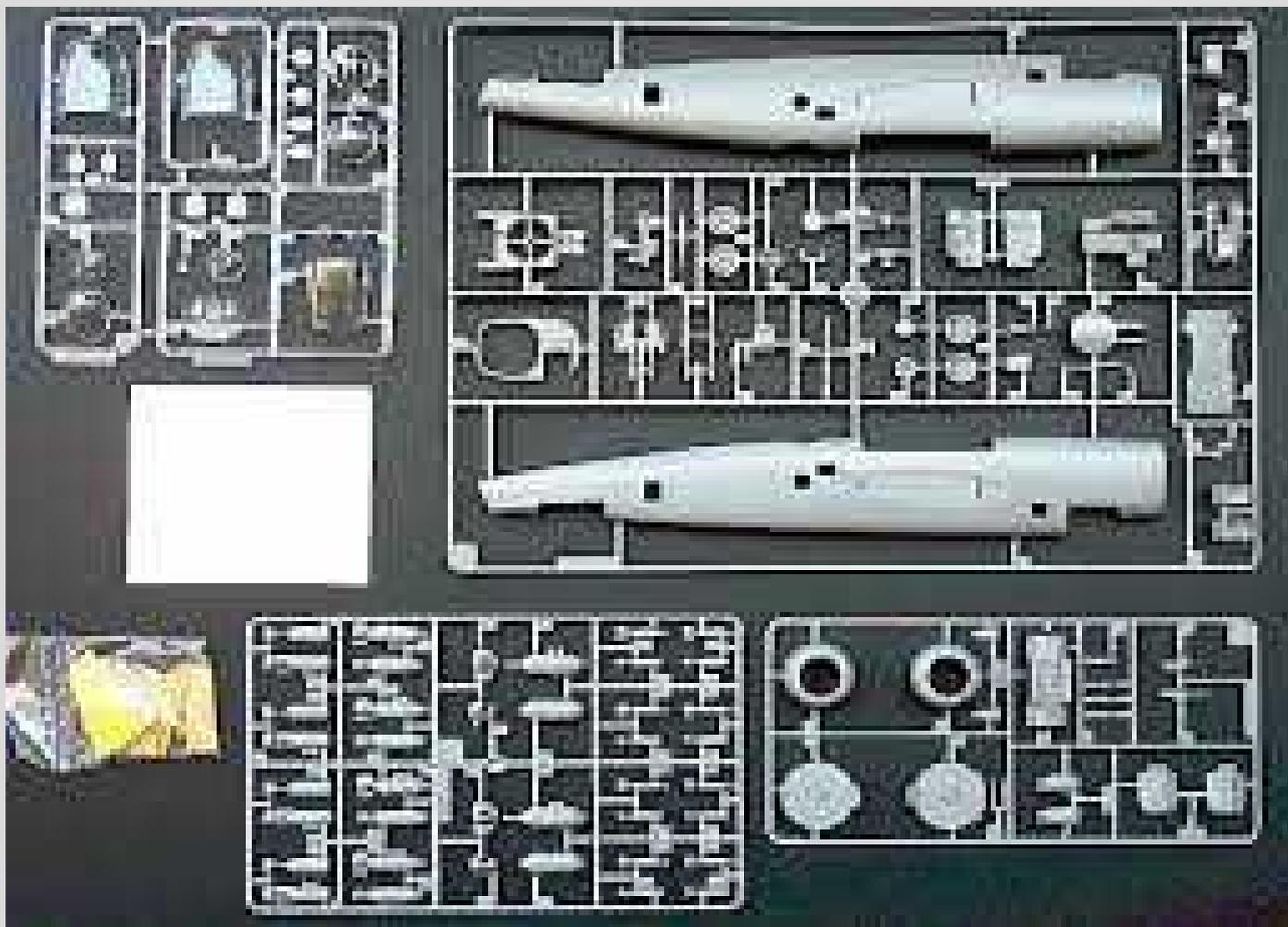
And Yes, this is yet another re-box of the old Accurate Miniatures B-25C/D kit, without the nose weights. So far this kit has been released by Accurate Miniatures, Italeri and Revell and, I believe, one other manufacturer. For all that use, the molds are still very crisp and have held up well.

Kit # 12328, 8 Grey sprues, 4 Clear sprues, The Grey Sprues are in Academy's typical pale blue-grey Plastic, not unlike Hasegawa plastic in rigidity and crisp details. Markings for 3 B-25D's are included. And the decals seem to be of the recent, quite well done Academy style. In fact Academy have the makers - Cartograf - printed on the box and in the instructions, so have confidence, there. As a PLUS there is a Die cut masking sheet for the Canopies. (About 40 Parts in total are marked as Not for Use in this kit (including a set of B-25B Cowlings). The box is quite large, about the same dimensions as the Italeri Boxing (Which I also own) but a centimetre or so deeper, top to bottom.

While there are some who would simply dismiss this kit as another rebox, it does have decent decals and the Mask set to set it apart from its other iterations. And it was cheaper than either the Revell or Italeri boxing have been of late. (I picked mine up using some of my Store credit at Modelair, who also had the Revell in stock at about \$25.00 more than this kit cost.) A win on value, there!

I know there are those who would point out that the AM kit had it's flaws (Notably the shape and opening size of the Cowlings, but the model still looks a lot like a Mitchell when finished. (AM originally released it as a B-25B as flown by the Tokyo Raiders of Lt Col. Doolittle, and only later released the C/D and G. The good news it that because you get both styles of cowling, you can also produce a B model from the box, provided you have markings for Doolittle's force.

While this is not a complete set of the sprues, it does show the fuselage and C/D style cowlings with exhaust ports incorporated, some of the bombs and other detail parts.



Marking wise there are 3 options, 2 are machines from the same unit, the 3rd from a different unit. There is one small caveat about the 2 machines, the colour guide is a little vague about the differentiation as both share very similar nose art

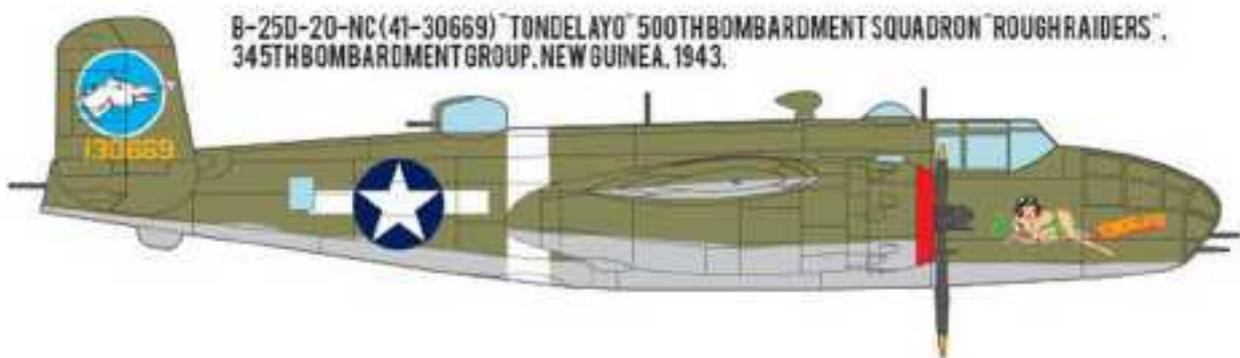
Option A: B-25D-5 NC (41-30024) "Red Wrath" 498th Bombardment Sqdn, 325th Bombardment Group, based in New Guinea in 1944 (this is the Box artwork)

Option B: B-25D-1 (41-30026) "Near Miss" or "Hilda", Same Unit, at Port Moresby, 1943

Option C is the Best Known of the 3 -

B-25D-20-NC (41-30689) "Tondelayo" of the 500th BS, (Rough Raiders), 345th BG, New Guinea 1943

육군항공대 B-25D "태평양전선"에는 3종류의 마킹 선택 재현이 가능한 1대분의 카르토그래프 데칼이 포함되어 있습니다.



As can be seen above, Options A and B are very visually similar and the kit colour guide is rather small, making it difficult to tell them apart. Note the early "Star and Bar" insignia without the blue outline on the bars. Option C allows you to add these outlines as some Photos of "Tondelayo" show they were added at some point, so both would be "right".

Academy's Instruction sheet covers all stages of assembly and includes fairly comprehensive paint guide, although you will need to squint (or use a Loup) to read the lettering for each colour... they are THAT small! But the drawings are well laid out, and very clear with only a couple of small "Niggles" about some indefinite part placement – a big improvement over 10 years ago or more.

IN conclusion, I can only say that this a re-box that is certainly worth the time and cost. Academy have improved their game and while the molds are not theirs, their extras and decals certainly have added value to an almost 25 years old kit.

Revell's Boxing, and Italeri's below that. Both will be worth the outlay, but I feel that Academy has the edge in value. (Italeri's has 6 marking options including Dutch (in Australia) and 2 RAF .)



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RNZAF Grumman TBF Avenger, Pacific Theatre and post-war.

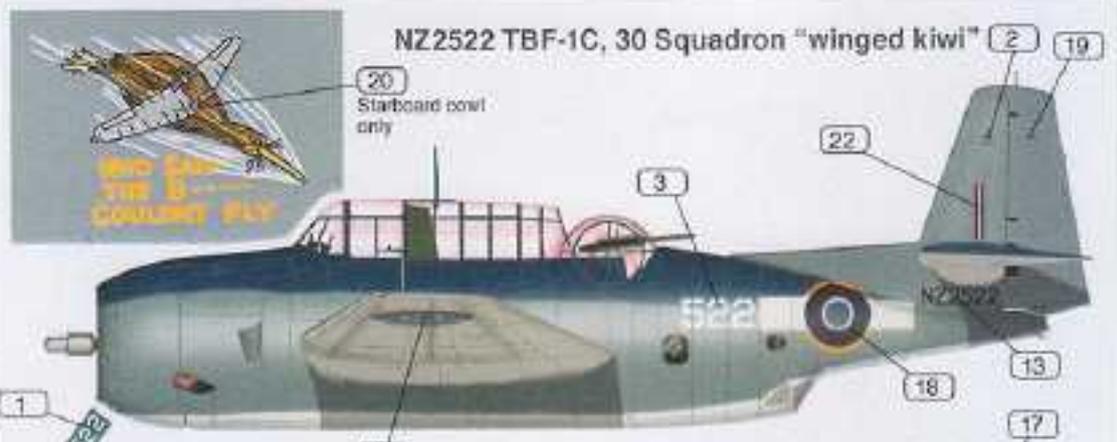
Review by Pete M.

Ventura Decals

V48101

RNZAF Grumman TBF Avenger,
Pacific Theatre and post-war

1/48th
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Another one from the current crop of revised and new issues from Ventura is this set covering the Grumman TBF Avenger in the Pacific theatre of operations and a post war target tug.

The first option is a TBF-1C NZ2522 of No.30 Squadron based at Piva airstrip on Bougainville. It has the 'Flying Kiwi' with the caption 'WHO SAID THE B---- COULDN'T FLY' nose art on the star-board cowling. The upper wing roundels are the white barred parallel style with the lower roundels having no white bars as with most RNZAF Avengers. The fuselage roundels have parallel white bars, an Orange/Yellow outer surround with the Blue/White Blue roundel consisting of an outer ring of RAF Dull Blue and a centre of RNZAF Roundel Blue.

Note: All of the deliveries of TBF-1's and TBF-1C's we received appeared to have arrived here with RAF/FAA markings which were repainted in New Zealand, hence the parallel white bars.



Above. Avenger TBF-1C NZ2523 being re-armed at Piva on Bougainville, about May 1944. This is the same scheme as NZ2522. Note the white 523 on the lower nose and large RNZAF blue roundel, which appeared under both wings. (RNZAF)

No.30 and 31 Squadron. No.30 Servicing Unit

On 26 January 1944, the first nine Avengers left for Espiritu Santo and arrived on the 27th. By the 30th all the Squadron's aircraft had arrived and commenced operational training. No.30 Servicing Unit travelled by Hudson or ship and by 10 February all were on Espiritu Santo to service the Avengers. No.30 Squadron pilots completed their tour in May 1944 and were replaced by the pilots of No.31 Squadron who arrived in the Islands on 25 May 1944.

Camouflage scheme

RNZAF Avengers were delivered in the US Navy 'Basic (Non Specular) Camouflage Scheme' as follows:
 Upper fuselage and leading edge of wings, Non-Specular Sea Blue. Upper wings and tail planes, Semi-Gloss Sea Blue. Fuselage sides and fin/rudder, Intermediate Blue. Undersurfaces, landing gear struts and wheel wells, Insignia White. Wheel hubs, Natural Metal. Propeller, cap is black or natural metal, blades are black with Orange Yellow tips.

Interior. Cockpit, Bronze Green (FS 34048) to wall of rear cockpit. Remainder of interior, Interior Green. Bomb bay, Bronze Green.

Target Tug scheme

NZ2503 of the General and Utility Flight, Ohakea. Colour scheme is overall matt yellow (FS 33538) with gloss black bands. Many sources report the rudder as gloss red (FS 11136), however it appears to be yellow in the photos included on the next page.



Upper wing scrap view for NZ2522. "winged kiwi" and "Donald Duck".



Lower wing scrap view for "Donald Duck" while still in New Zealand.



Lower wing scrap view for NZ2522 in the Pacific war zone.

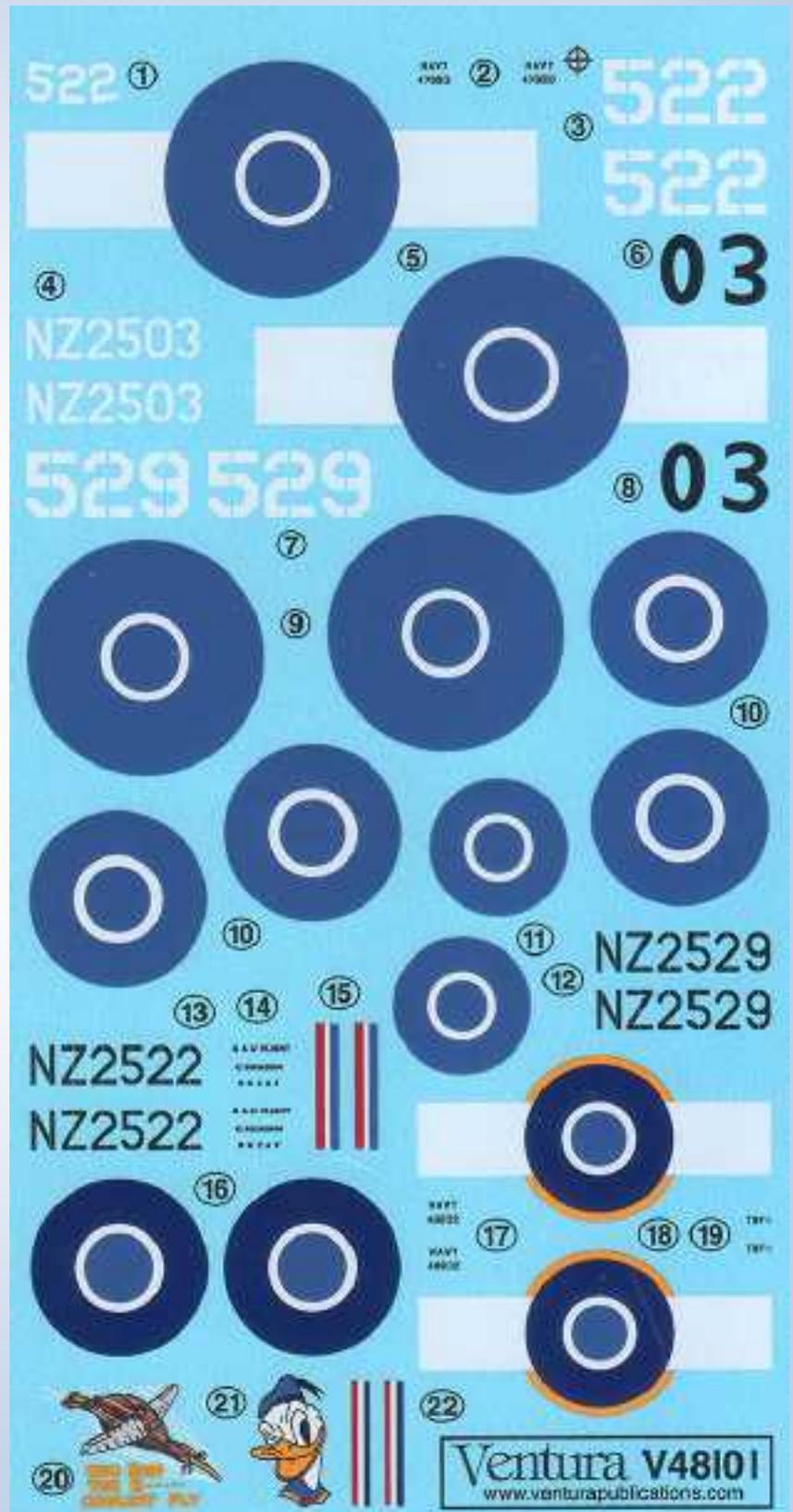
The second option is also an operational TBF-1C NZ2529?..(Note: Ventura state the serial is provisional as it is still not 100% sure that this was the correct serial for this aircraft) with Donald Duck nose art on the starboard cowl. The scheme is the same 'Four Tone' US Navy scheme as NZ2522 but also includes a pair of smaller diameter lower wing roundels in RAF Dull Blue/White and RNZAF Roundel Blue as noted in some photos of this aircraft before leaving New Zealand for the 'Islands'. This was overpainted when on operations with a larger diameter roundel in RNZAF Roundel Blue/White/RNZAF Roundel Blue.

The third option is one of the colourful post-war TBF-1 target tugs, NZ2503 in a Yellow with Black bands scheme. There is some debate over the rudder colour of this machine, usually recorded and anecdotally quoted as having been painted Red. It is very hard to tell from black and white photos but I was told many years ago by one of our older IPMS Auckland members who had seen this aircraft that he recalled it as being Red!

Note: If building this option, as it was a TBF-1 it had the cowling mounted mg 'slot', no wing guns and the rearward sloping aerial.

It also would have had a target towing winch mounted in the ventral gun position with the rear Perspex panel removed. The type of winch fitted is still unknown but would have most probably have been an electrical or hydraulic device as there are no signs of a wind driven unit as used by the Vildebeest's and Vincent's that had previously carried out this task earlier in the war.

Once again another very handy sheet from Ventura for one's RNZAF collection.

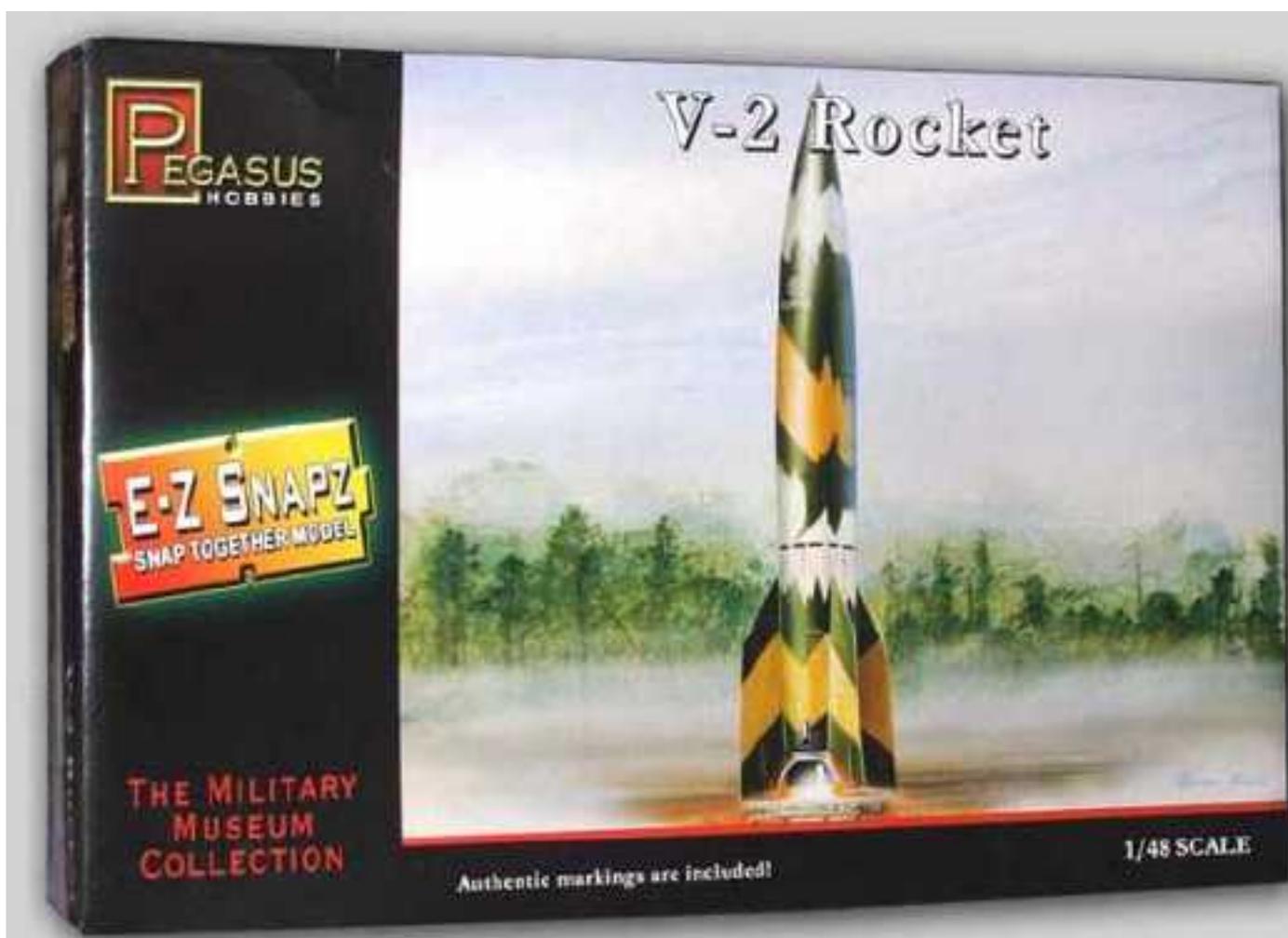


A Triple Build. 1/48 Pegasus EZ Snap V2 kit (2 of) & Amusing Hobby 1/48 Focke-Wulf Triebflugel.

By Brett Peacock

I have been a little busier than usual lately as I approach retirement age. I decided to extract my digit and get on and finish at least 3 models; The Pegasus V-2 kit I reviewed and then started, one for a friend who has developed a serious illness (MND) for his space model collection, and the second for my own collection, bought to replace the first. (And now I'm considering a 3rd!)

I was complimentary to the Pegasus kit, the fit (even for a snap together was very good and the detailing even better, but there is nothing in the kit to prevent the use of cement.



The stages are simple. First assemble, being very careful to follow the instructions as it is crucial to get the assembly in the right order (Ask me how I know! I was lucky that the Tamiya Extra Thin had not set!) Once that is done there is a tiny (Comparatively) amount of filling and the model is ready to prime.

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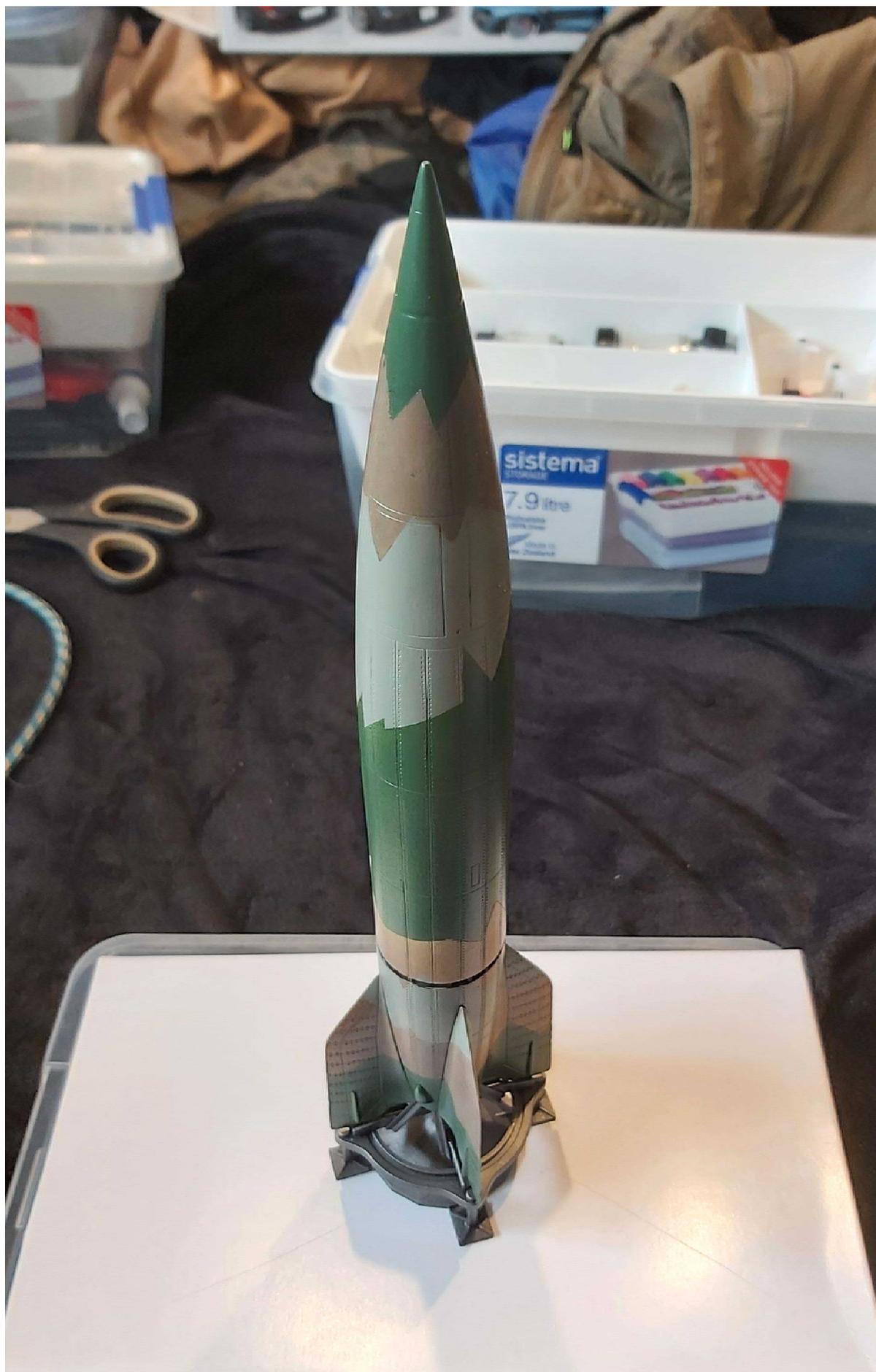
This is the 3 part Base piece (The MobileLaunch Pad) assembled and ready to prime. I will use Mr Finishing Surfacer 1500 Black as it gives a beautiful smooth coat and thins readily with Mr Levelling Thinner.



And here is the primed V-2 and Launch Pad. (The tan thing is part of the Triebflugel kit, begun then also.)



Pegasus only give 1 option, an SS operated V-2 as used to launch missiles at London and the area from Western Germany, Holland and Belgium in 1944/45. I "adjusted the colours used a little and my own version of the Splinter Camouflage scheme.



This is the Version I gifted. For the second the steps were the same, except I elected a new Paint scheme, A Wehrmacht Test V-2 as seen in 1944, probably at Peenemunde.

This is the initial finish, but I was not overly satisfied with it, so a little remasking was in order...



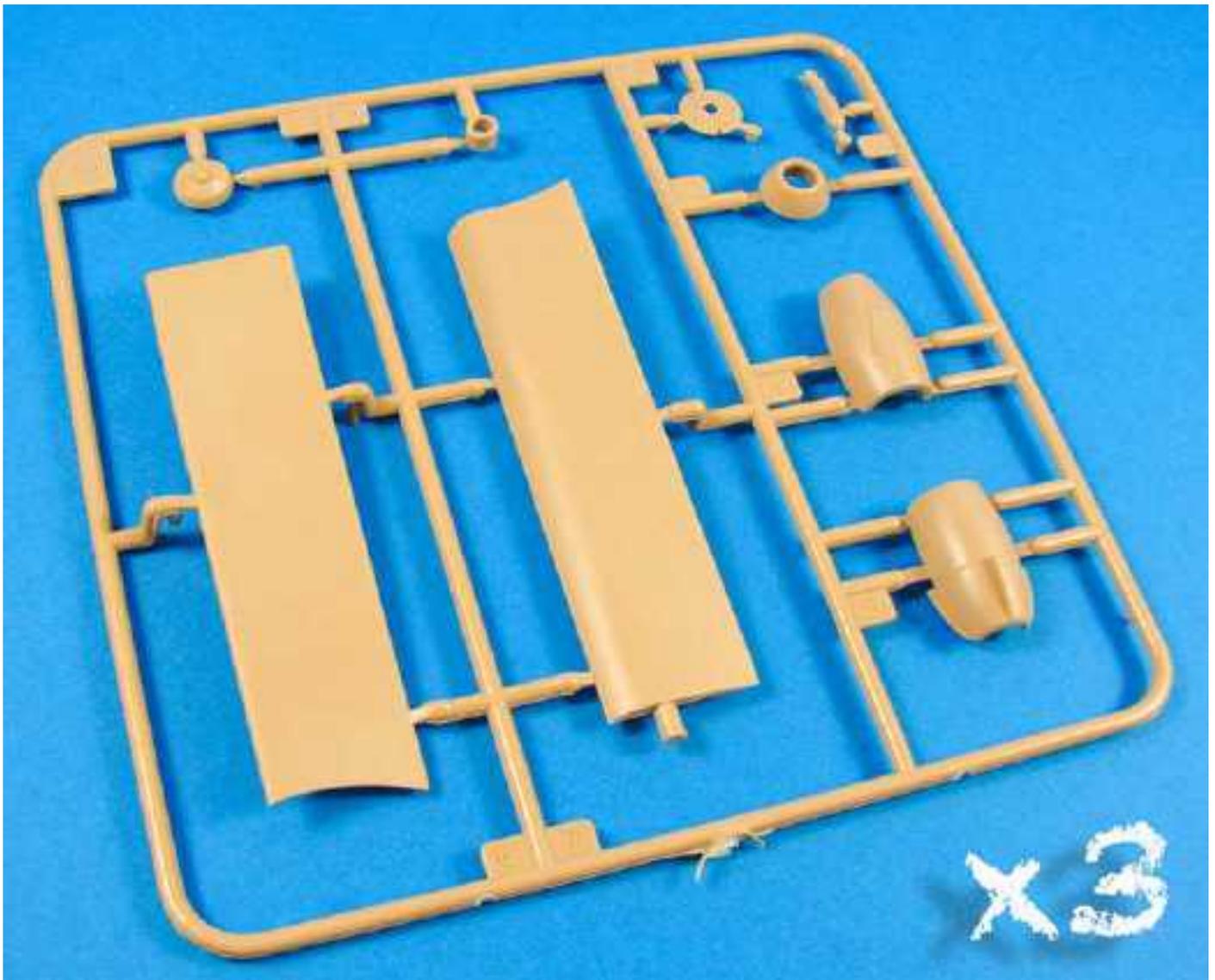
I re-masked the Yellow ID band and set about thinning the band around the Vents, and the result is as you see: Lastly I applied a light wash to bring up some of the detailing. (White areas – It barely shows on the black and green areas....) This one is one for my display collection....



And so... onto the Amusing Hobby Focke-Wulf "Triebflugel" kit, which I began about 2 days after reviewing it. For more details on the kit, refer to my In-Box-Review of earlier this year.

I am pleased to advise that the fit was beautiful, requiring only a tiny smidgeon of filler on one or two spots and I do mean about one Cubic Millimetre's worth at most. The rest of the kit has nearly perfect fit, but some of the smaller parts are (1) very delicate and (2) VERY easy to lose.

You saw the initial stage of assembly above, which was test-fitting parts and deciding on sub-assembly procedure. As I noted in the Review there are no colour guides. I painted the cockpit in RLM66 (the standard colour) and internals in RLM02 Primer. You actually get 4 of the sprue below, not 3 and this is where one omission in the instructions comes in: Above the upper wing (Centre) is a small collar piece. It is not referred to in the instructions, but it FITS perfectly around the stub at the bottom of the wing! This means that you can, with careful assembly and glueing, make the wing pitch variable – Amusing Hobby simply advise you to glue the stub into the main collar around the fuselage!





And the collar itself is interesting, slipping over a lower guide in the bottom of the fuselage and that has a central pillar to glue into the top fuselage guide, making the collar and the wings rotateable! Combined with the Pitch Rotation, you can now pose it for Take-off/Landing or Inflight as you wish. You also get the choice of Main Landing Gears position Open/Extended or Closed (in Flight)

Like the V-2 I used Mr Finishing Surfacer Black, thinned with Mr Levelling Thinner for a primer, then set about painting it. Below is the Cockpit in RLM 66 SchwartzGrau, the Lower fuselage has to await the installation of the Central collar and Top fuselage for its coat.



Bottom left is the assembled Triebflügel awaiting the Ramjet assemblies. Then the Primer. Below is the

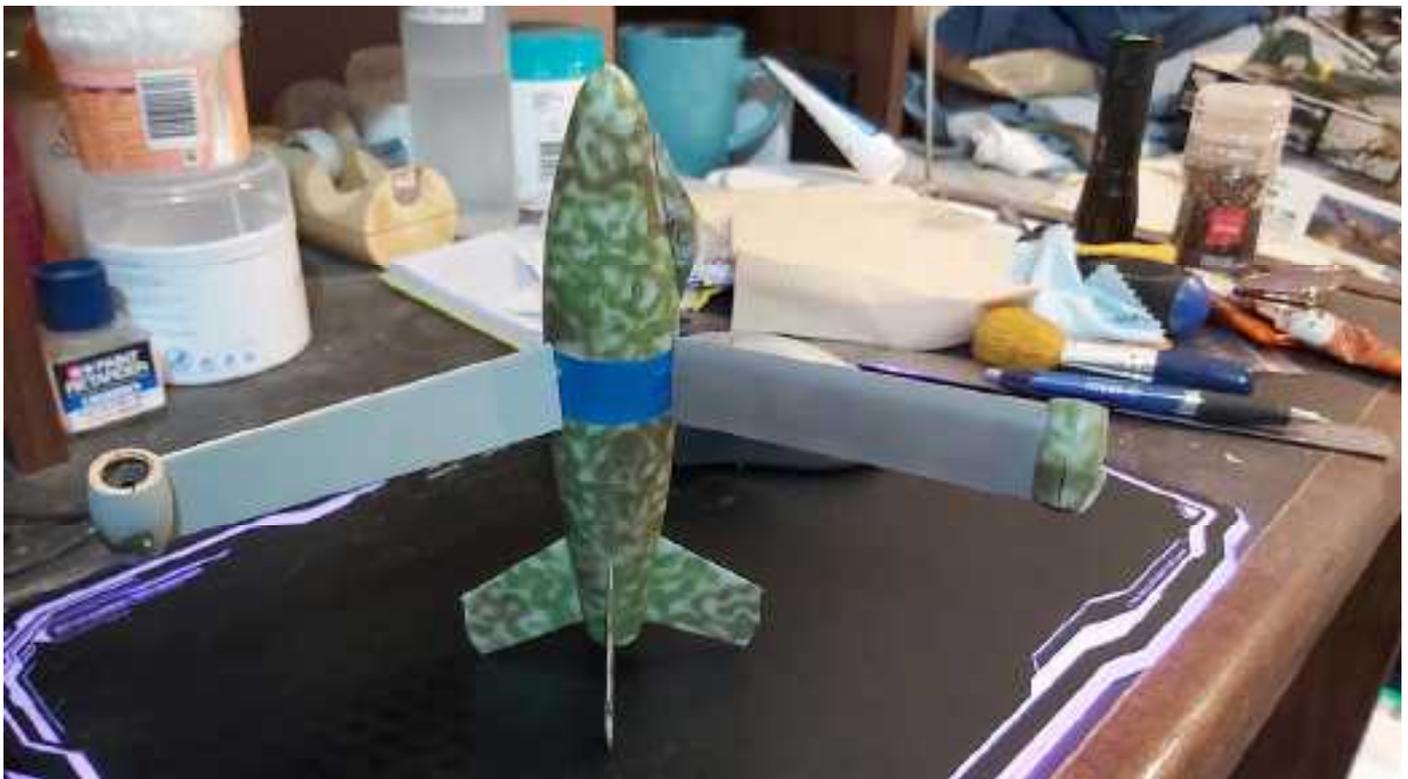
Initial scheme I chose, RLM 76 Below with RLM 75 above. (the 76 is Masked off still.)

Overnight I changed my decision and unmasked everything except the upper wings and applied an all-over coat of RLM 76.





Much better, then a applied a Blue central band to the main Collar, to act as a “Reichs Defence” band as it seemed to be a logical place to put it. Once that was masked off I then applied RLM 81 Braun-Violett and RLM 82 Licht-Grün in a Wellenmuster pattern, to aid in ground conceal-



As can be seen the Intakes for the Ramjets are still not applied.

And, as an aside, should anyone else wish to make the fuselage band like mine, I STRONGLY suggest painting it BEFORE assembly and masking it until after the main paint is applied. (Because masking it with the wings in place was a Cast Iron female dog!) (ie Paint it fresh of it's connecting stub on the sprue.)

Below are the small parts. The Intakes are in Polished Aluminium, thanks to Alclad, which is why they have not yet been attached.



(The unpainted wing is the spare, used to check fit and seams before committing to main assembly of the wings.) The silver stubs are the Ramjet intake bullets and fuel dispensers. I aligned them with the wing on assembly. The butterfly things are the 4 outrigger Landing gears and housings, with the main wheel and housing in the centre.

Onwards and upwards: Here is the final Paint job, with Main gears installed. I left the wings in 76 beneath (left) and 75 above (Right) as any camouflage that was not going to be visible unless the wing were not rotating. Amusing Hobby advise applying Balken Kreuzen both top and Bottom of the wings... why? In flight they would not be seen....

Sooo... I restricted all markings to the Fuselage and tails.



All that is left is to apply the now unmasked windscreen, canopy and gunsight and treat her to a light weathering wash, hopefully in time for the meeting on the 19th.

Both these kits were a pleasure to make and paint, and to give some Idea,



I wrote an email to Amusing Hobby to order their newest 1.48 kit... A Messerschmitt Me 262 HG III. Which looks like the Bastard Child of a Me 262 and a De Havilland Comet ! But Dayum, it is Pretty!

(Cost including post about \$65.00) With any luck It MIGHT get here before the 19th!

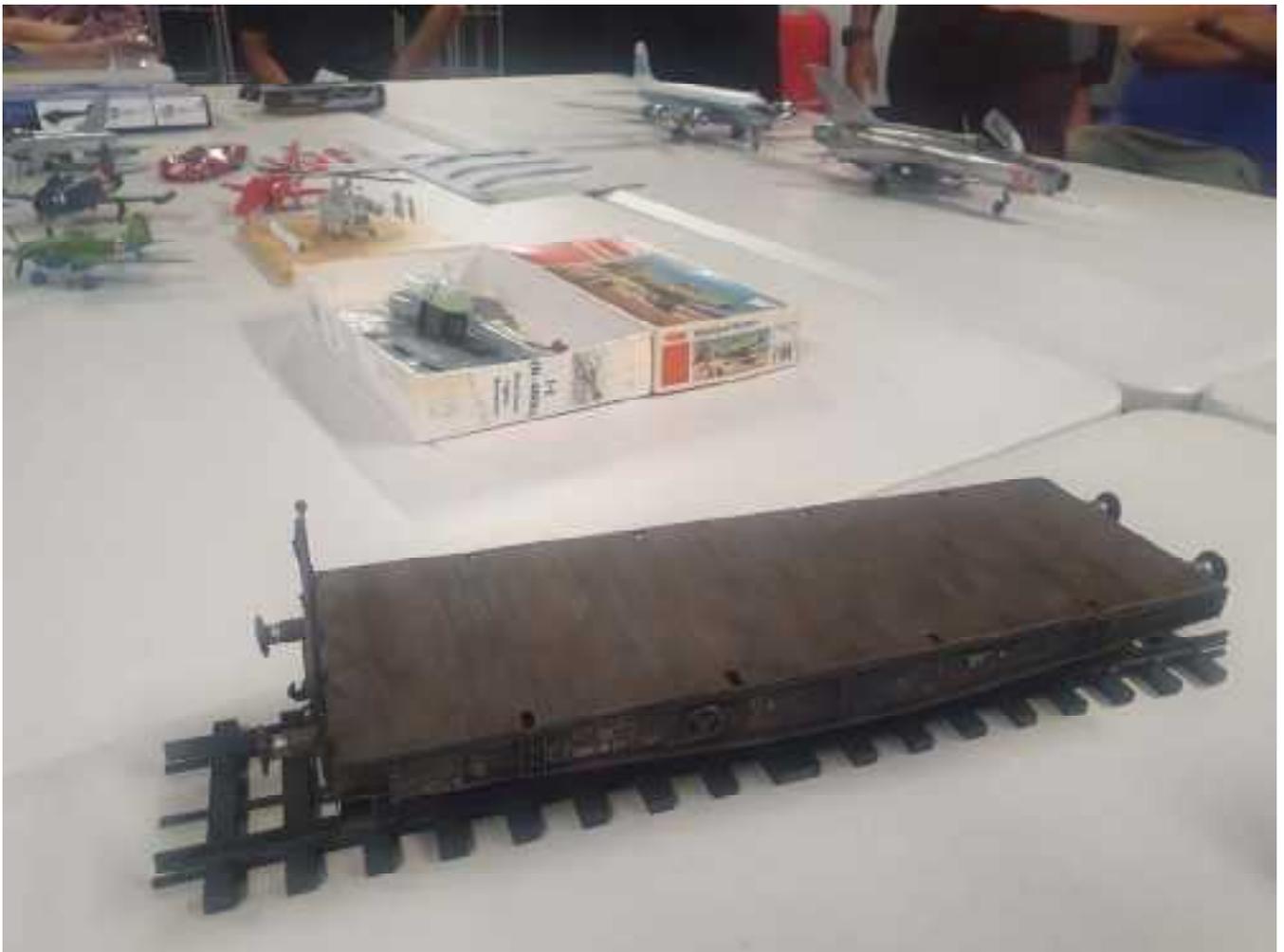


On the table at our March meeting





















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.

