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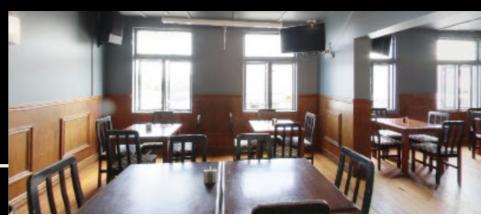
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From the Editor

Just when we thought we had sorted the meeting venue issue a new spanner has appeared in the works. A stop-gap venue has been secured for the may meeting. This From Mark Robson.

The agreed venue for club meetings unfortunately let us down. This Tuesday we will meet in the upstairs room of The Clare Inn at 274 Dominion Road at 7.30 pm. Street parking is free at that time and Bellwood Avenue is available over the road. There is also the Countdown carpark about 70 metres away. We can debate future meeting locations on the night.

New May meeting venue - The Clair Inn





NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18th May 2021 : 7.30pm

The Clair Inn,

274-278 Dominion Road

Mt. Eden

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Membership Type	Description	Cost
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Please add your name and details so we know who has paid!

EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

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

NOTE

We have a new temporay meeting venue for May: The Clair Inn, 274-278 Dominion Road Mt. Eden

May

Tuesday 18th April. A talk by Richard Alexander on the end to end process of designing and manufacturing a plastic kitset

MODELLING EVENTS

Nothing to report this month!

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Hobby Boss Junkers Ju88C-6

By Dave Stewart



1/72 Kit # 80297, \$NZ34.00

The Hobby Boss Ju88C6 is the 'newish', well it was previewed on Modelling Madness in 2013, but anything moulded this century is 'newish' to me.

Hobby Boss Ju88C6, in keeping with most of their 'lower end' kits has minimal parts, in fact with the upper and lower fuselage attached and the engine nacelles in place the kit is about 80% built.

The build is very straight forward, however there are some things to watch out for:

- 1. The gondola under the nose that holds 2 additional cannons is set about 10mm too far to the rear. This means the groove in the fuselage for it has to be filled and the gondola refitted forward.
- 2. In the cockpit the pilot and radio/radar operator seats in the centre, they should be on the left side of the cockpit.
- 3. There are no tailwheel well doors in the kit.
- 4. I am not sure the 'hakenkruze' is the correct size, some references have this size, some smaller.
- 5. The machine guns in the rear of the canopy are offered as barrels only to be fitted last (I replaced them with 2 spares from the Italeri Ju88A-4 kit)
- 6. There is a position for another machine gun in the front right side of the cockpit, they weren't fitted in this a/c

There was very little filler needed in this build, just a bit in the horizonal fuselage joins fore and aft of the wing. The canopy was nearly a perfect fit and I added a few bits of resin to represent electrical boxes etc in the cockpit (which along with the machine gun breaches I can barely see) and masking tape seat belts.

I chose the RLM71/70 upper surface and RLM65 under surface scheme and used Gunze and Tamiya acrylic paints (the first time I have used acrylics completely

The decals went on extremely well and settled down with Mr Mark Softer. Both of the 'diving eagle' like markings on the extreme tip of the nose are printed facing the same way. When I applied the 2nd one I flipped and wiped it on the wet decal paper to add glue and applied it up side down so both were diving forward.





I enjoyed this build and I have a soft spot for the whole Ju88/188/288/388 family (not so much for the proposed Ju488

Eduard 1/32 Messerschmitt Bf 108B Taifun (Typhoon) - ProfiPack by Brett Peacock

Bf 108

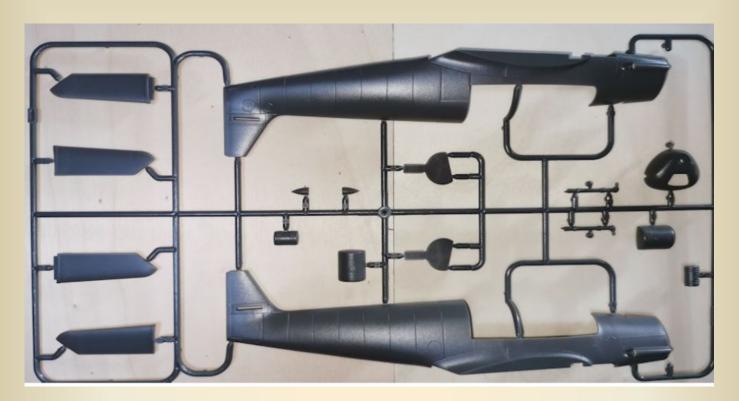


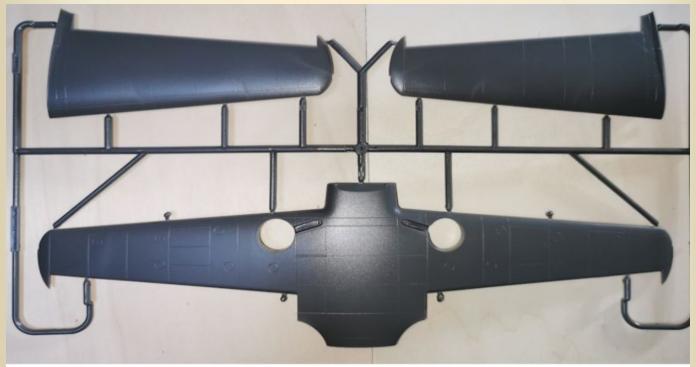
Kit # 3006, \$115.00 (NZ from The Model Roon, 124 Grey parts on 6 sprue tree, 9 clear parts on 1 sprue tree, all in plastic, 2 Resin parts (Propeller and hub, and 1 sheet of colour photo etch and canopy masks as usual for a Profi-pack. There are 5 marking options, all with Luftwaffe markings, although 2 options are based in Eastern Europe – Romania and Hungary, as liason aircraft. The cover art option is the very well known machine from Sonderkommando Blaich in North Africa.

Designed in 1934 at Bayerische Flugzeug Werke (BFW: hence Bf-108,109 and 110 – shortly to become Messerschmitt AG) as an entry for a prestigious 1934 air race featuring civilian aircraft, it was in incorporate many new features, many to soon be found in Willi Messerschmitt's next design, the Bf 109, but many more are still found today in low-wing 4 person light aircraft. Although it performed well in the race, flown by Theo Osterkamp, it only managed a 5th place finish – not bad for what was basically a prototype aircraft, still in need of some refinement. The Luftwaffe immediately placed an order for 150 and civil orders followed as well. Later, over 800 would be built, most for the Luftwaffe or LuftDienst, with some post war production on France as the Nord 1000. There are numbers of 108's still flying today.

The kit itself is a Eduard re-box of the 2002 dated kit by an outfit called "Striped Tiger", whom I confess to never having heard of! With a brace of Profipack goodies added. More are available from Eduard including resin tires, exhausts and PE external details and a "Look" Cockpit set. (I have a couple put aside for mine!) It is currently listed as OOP by Eduard, but that may be a factor of their recent Warehouse fire. There is or was also a Weekend Edition of this, minus all the Profipack add-ins. I had ordered my kit before the fire....

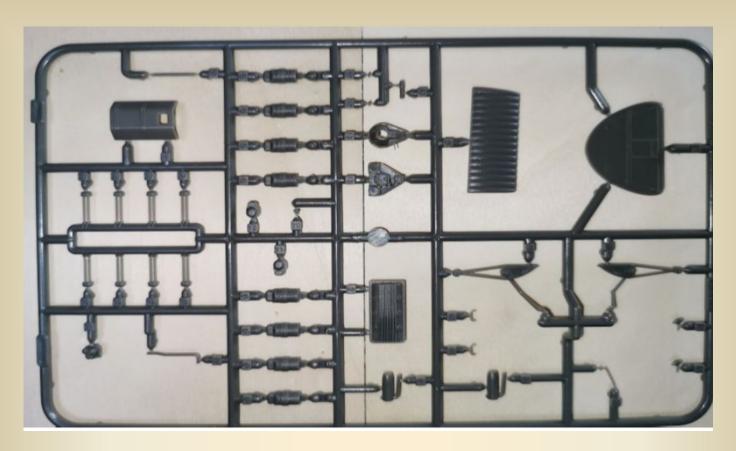
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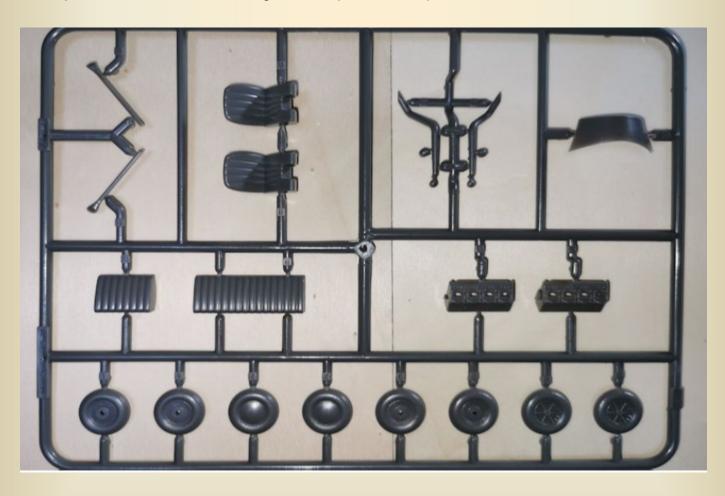


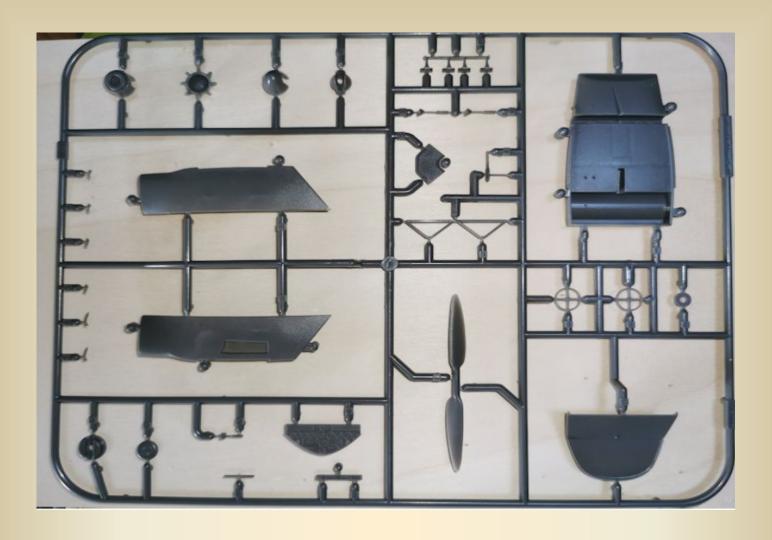
Main Airframe sections, as can be seen, are fairly simpole and the detail is of a good standard.

There is a complete Argus Aircooled V8 engine to hide away in the nose.



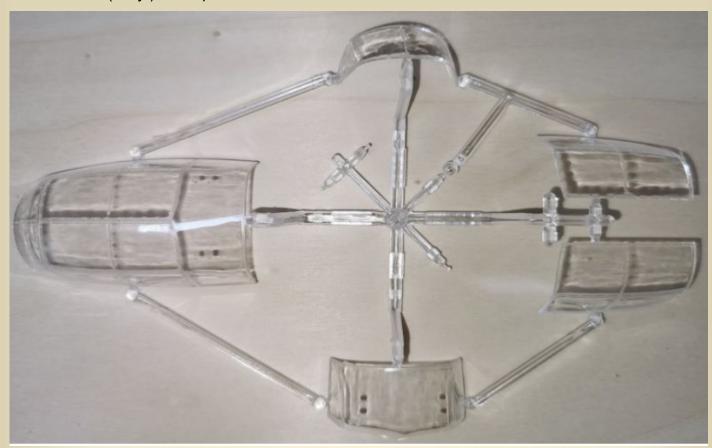
Cockpit, controls and undercarriage make up the other sprues





Lastly are the control surfaces which include flaps, ailerons, elevators and rudders.



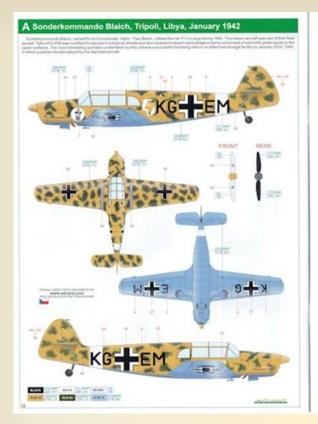


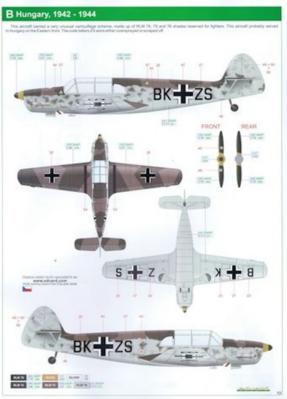
How clear?.... This clear....

Oh, and you get two canopies, one is buttoned up for flight, the other can be opened out for ground use.



Most reports of construction are fairly positive with one some minor joins needing any putty at all. Moving along to the markings of which 5 options are provided.



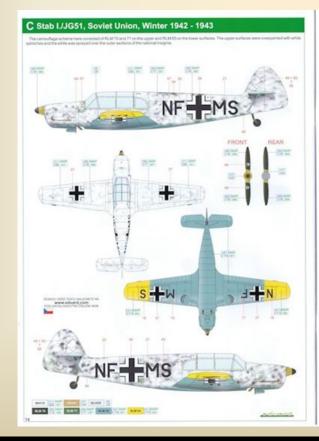


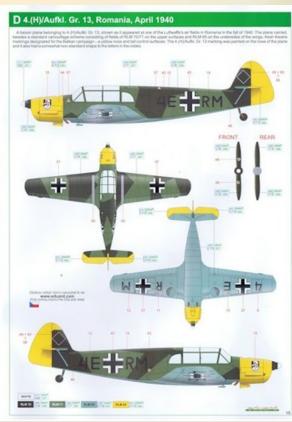
Option A: KG + EM - Sonder Kommando Blaich, Tripoli, Libya in January 1942.

Option B: BK + ZS - Hungary, between 1942 and 1944.

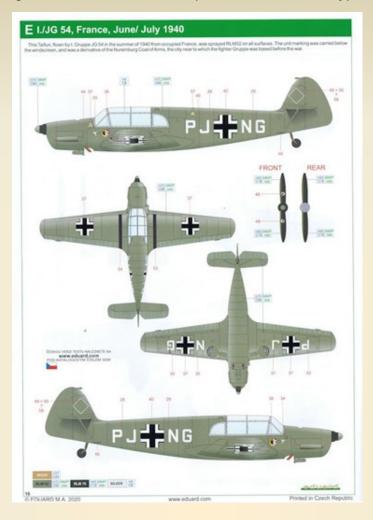
Option C: NF + MS - Stab I/JG51, Soviet Union, Winter 1942/43 (in Winter white)

Option D: 4E + RM – 4.(H)Aufkl Gr 13, Romania, April 1940? (It wears 1941 era Balkan Yellow Theatre markings so may be from 1941 or even 1942.)

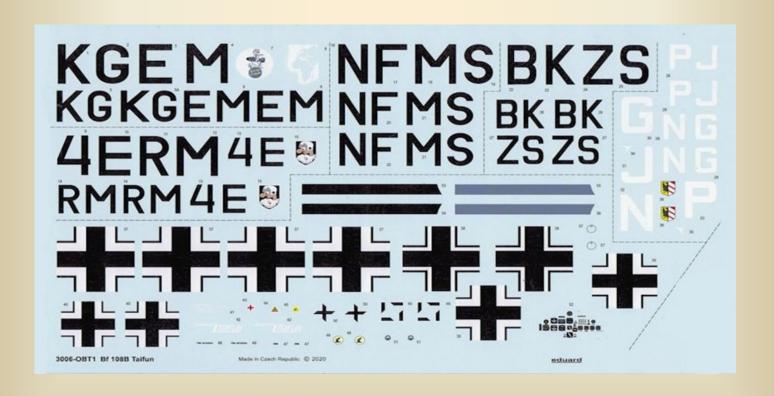




Option E: PJ + NG I./Jg 54, France, June 1940 (Allover RLM 02 Grey)



The rather sizeable decal sheet:



Note that in my sample the corner at the bottom Right holds 2 complete Hakenkreuzen where as the incomplete ones are included in the rest of the sheet, making for 4 hakenkreuzen in all.

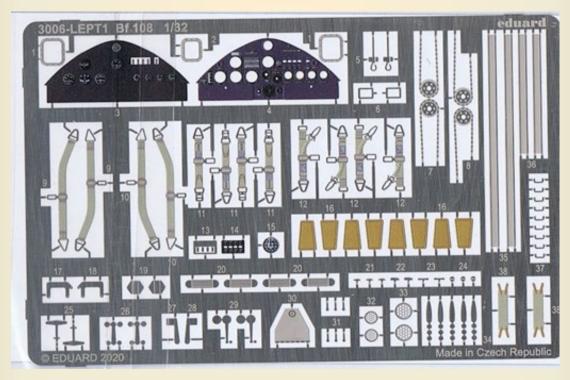
These are Eduard's own decals and, based on past reports, are eminewntly useable. Colour density and registration are excellent, if not actually perfect.

Lastly the Profipack extras: First -The canopy masking Sheet....

The Resin Propeller and hub (probably 3d printed)



The colour PE Sheet



Conclusion: This kit of the Bf108 is a welcome addition to any 1/32 collection as, although largely overlooked today, it was the template from which Many, Many other designs, both Military and Civil, were to take their own shape. Its style of construction was also a pioneer, and the Bf109 and 110 owe much to this trim little 4-seat plane. If I have one nitpick it would be the lack of any way to open the engine cowlings to display the very nice Argus engine. But, at least you know it is there!

BTW, do expect Covid to have an unfortunate effect on retail price. This came into Model Room stock last year!

A new Kiwi aviation book from Ventura Publications

Hello everyone,

We have now released the Ventura Publications book on the RNZAF Corsair - sorry it took so long :-).

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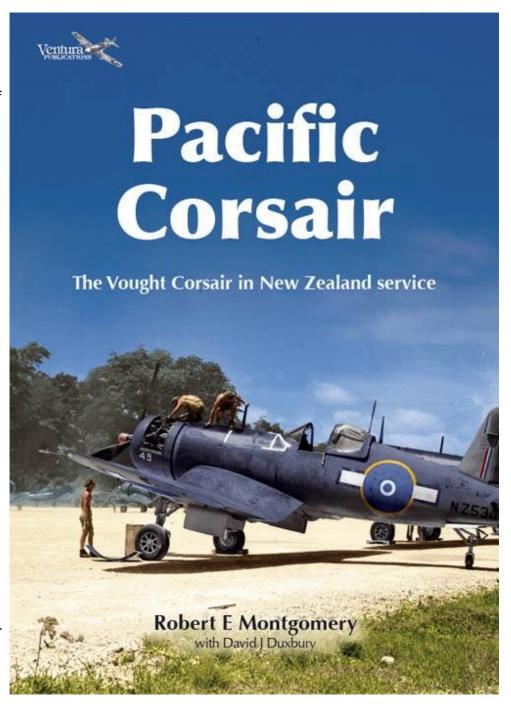
Robert E Montgomery has recorded information about New Zealand World War Two aviation history since childhood. His father was Transport Officer with the 35th Battalion through the Solomon Islands Campaign.

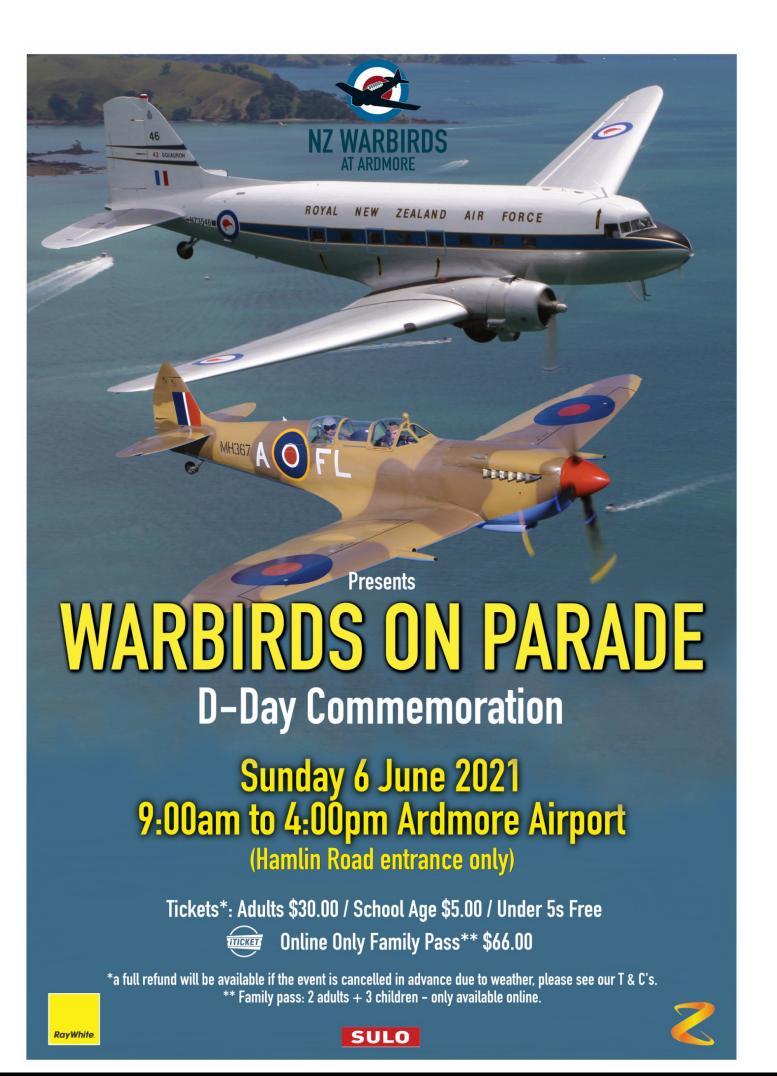
David Duxbury is a leading expert on the RNZAF in the Pacific war.

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Because the book is much heavier than the Classic Warbirds series we cannot mail it at "letter rate" to non-NZ addresses. Therfore the best deal for NZ and Australia based customers is our local TradeMe site

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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.

