

May 17 Meeting

This month is a contest month. From the look of the last few meetings we expect a good turn out. Remember, if your model doesn't have an information card, it won't be judged.

Last month we passed out new nametags. Our survey indicated that about half of the attendees at our meetings have been members for less than one year, so please remember to wear your nametags and try not to lose them. (We are indebted to Alan Rousseau for printing them for us.)

We want to thank Terry Moore for the weathering demonstration and Tom Foote for the slide show last month.

REMINDER

The IPMS Vancouver contest will be held the weekend after our meeting, May 24. (See last News for details.) If you need or can offer a ride up to Vancouver, please mention it during the meeting so we can co-ordinate our plans.

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Bulletin Board

John Greer (243-5499) wants the main gear struts from the Revell MC 200. Condition unimportant.

Matt Hargreaves (246-0645) is planning to drive down to Salt Lake for the Convention and is looking for fellow insomniacs to share the cost of the trip.

Dan Kehoe (747-3763) is still looking for information on the Brewster Buccaneer. Does anyone have Aero Album Fall 70, v3n3 which contains photos of it?

New in Town

AMERICAN EAGLES: Matchbox 1/72 Corvette (ship); ESCI 1/48 two Bell Hueys; Fujimi 1/48 MBB Bo-105PAH-1, Bo-105M, Aerospatiale SA-341F Gazelle, SA-341D, 1/72 Bell AH-1S Cobra (Japanese); LS 1/144 F-18, F-15J (?), F-4E/J; Tamiya 1/35 "Grief" Rommel's Half-track.

CAMPUS HOBBIES: Heller 1/72 F4U-1 Corsair, 1/24 Bugatti T.50, 1/43 Renault Dauphine; ERTL 1/25 Corvette convertible, Pontiac Trans-Am; Monogram 1/24 1932 Cadillac V-16 Dual-Cowl Phaeton; Naval Fighters #1, F11F-1 by Steve Ginter; SALE on old Heller kits, 20% off.

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Reviews

AIRFIX Hawker Hurricane Mk I, 1/48

This new kit from Airfix should gladden the hearts of all 1/48th fans as it represents by far the best Hurricane available in this scale.

The 55 parts are, in the main, dimensionally correct, although the extreme rear fuselage does suffer from an over-enthusiastic taper in the vertical plane around the control cable inspection panel area. One eminent reviewer has stated that the kit has no dihedral. This is incorrect. The dihedral is there, about 1° to 1½° but could be made more prominent. Regrettably Airfix has perpetuated the undercarriage errors found in their recent 1/72nd kit. The angle that the main gear brace makes with the oleo strut should be far more acute. Unfortunately this means the wheelwells and gear covers are in trouble too. (Revell and Heller are the only manufacturers to get the undercarriage right.)

The cockpit area is very good with molded side detail and a nice instrument panel. General surface detail is excellent with sensitively portrayed fabric effect on the control surfaces and rear fuselage, and exceptionally fine Dzus fasteners on the cowl panels. Early "kidney shaped" ejector exhausts are supplied and alternative propellers, Rotol and DeHavilland; are provided. The blades are separate and are located by the "peg and disc" method, a rather messy treatment I feel. The differences in blade profile and spinner shape are neatly brought out, but couldn't we have had a lovely two-bladed Watts instead?

Fine touches abound, such as the bifurcated carburetor intake, the thin landing light covers, and the correctly shaped seat. But small irritations are present too, with the integrally molded rear-view mirror (which is going to be hard to clean up) and the separate gun covers (pieces 49 & 50, why?).

The decal sheet is quite good, giving a choice of Battle of France 85 Sqn machine (DH prop) based at Lille/Sedin April 1940 or a Battle of Britain 501 Sqn Mk I (Rotol prop) at RAF Kenley Oct. 1940. A full set of stencil markings are supplied. The sheet in my kit was in good register and reasonably matte.

On the whole this is a very welcome kit and one which lends itself to quite a number of conversion possibilities, providing you don't mind a little correction work first.

REFERENCES

Hawker Hurricane, Classic Aircraft (Airfix) Series, Cross and Scarborough, PSL, London 1972. (Directed at the 1/24 Airfix kit but many excellent detail photos and drawings.)

The Hawker Hurricane Mk I-IV, Aeromodeller plans #2731, April 1960

The Hawker Hurricane, Francis Mason, Kookaburra Publications

The Hawker Hurricane I, Francis Mason, Profile #111

Hawker Hurricane, James Goulding, Camouflage & Markings #3

Hawker Hurricane Mk I-IV, Christopher Shores, Aircraft #33

Tips

EPOXY FILLER

Using Sears "Filled Epoxy Cement" (#80605) for model work has several advantages over the usual autobody putties like Green Magic and its relatives. The epoxy is a two part mix and cures, (8 hrs at room temp) rather than dries. This means it doesn't shrink and crack. It is stronger and tougher than body putties and sands more like plastic, making it easier to smooth and blend contours. The epoxy contains no solvents so it is ideal for working on vacuform model's thin plastic without causing warpage, and filling around canopies without fogging the clear plastic. While it shows less tendency to flake off, like most fillers it bonds best when the surface is oil free and slightly rough. Before it cures, the epoxy is water soluble making it easy to wipe off tools and to remove unintended applications.

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HAWKER HURRICANE MK I

Russia's Lone Wolf

The colors are RAF Dark Green and Dark Earth upper surfaces and Sky underside and spinner. The wolf, the number 60 and the slogans over the fuselage star are white. The serial, BM 959 is black. The gun port panel is red. The stars on the fuselage are red with white outline and those underwing are red only.

PORT SIDE 3A ПОДУМЬ "For the Fatherland"

STB SIDE 3A СТАРУХА "For Stalin"

