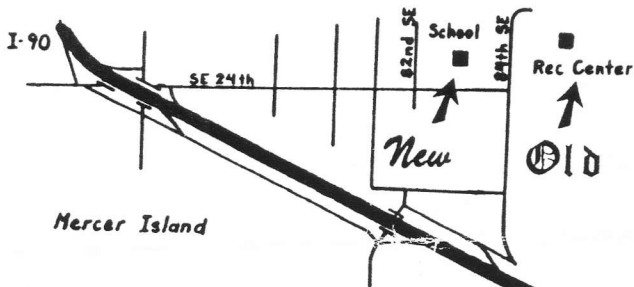




Seattle Chapter News

JAN 17 MEET

Same time, DIFFERENT PLACE! As we announced at the last meeting, the school on the hill above the Recreation Center has been acquired by the Park, and we will be meeting there from now on. The school is on the north side of SE 24th between 82nd and 84th SE. See the map below. Simple. You can't miss it.



For those of you who successfully find our new location, it will be business as usual. This month will be a contest month and we will also have a few slides of last month's Can-Am and the Portland figure competition.

There are several things to report from last month. First of all, the club's administration was unchanged by December's ~~fair~~ election. We did however, vote in a few other changes. Our Annual Dues are now \$3 and except for a few commendably prompt members, EVERYONE'S DUES ARE DUE. (If we are going to see our future plans through successfully, such as our upcoming Regional Convention and publication, it is important to know where we stand financially now, so please renew promptly. If you won't be able to make the January meeting, please consider mailing in your dues to our Secretary, Bill Hawkins, 1602 NE 73rd St, Seattle, WA 98115.) Also, due to the rising price of kits, we will have the door prize drawings on alternate (non-contest) months.

Next, we have the results of the delayed "November" contest:

FIGURES

- 1 Jeff Glockner, 90mm Series 77 1944 Marine
- 2 Jeff Glockner, 77mm Phoenix Royal Military Policeman
- 3 Jeff Glockner, 90mm Ray Lamb Clark Gable

VEHICLE

- 1 Steve Cook, 1/35 Tamiya British LRDG Chev Truck
- 2 Steve Cook, 1/35 Tamiya Sukiz 223
- 3 Chuck Gardner, 1/24 MPC 1967 Inoy 500 Turbine

AIRCRAFT

- 1 Roger Sawyer, 1/72 Airtec/Hasegawa Lockheed Electra
- 2 Wayne Snowdon, 1/72 Revell SK-71
- 3 Barry Baldwin, 1/72 Tamiya Frank

We also had the Model of the Year Contest, and the winners were:

- 1 Matt Hargreaves, 1/72 Newport Triplane conversion
- 2 tie Steve Cook, 1/35 Tamiya British LRDG Chev Truck
Terry Moore, 1/48 Fujimi Fw-190D

Congratulations to one and all. Also thanks to those members who brought their monthly winners back for the contest. It was an excellent turn out.

Rumors

HELLER's 1981 announced releases: 1/48 RAF-84F, SA-350, 1/72 SAAB Safir, T-28, Gloster Jalenin T.3, Ouragan 1/8 BMW 100 RS, BMW 100 RT, Kawasaki 1000 LTD, 1/24 Jaguar Cabriolet, Talbot 1941, Delange D.8SS, 1930 Blower Bentley, 1950 Talbot Lago Record, 1932 Renault Viva-Strella PG 7, 1/12 1960 Renault RE 20/23, 1/43 Land Rover Stationwagon, 1930 Citroen 11, Renault Turbo, 1/200 N/O Le Suroit Oceanographic Survey Ship. (1/48 Mirage IV dropped from list)

WINGS 72 (KPM now marketed in US) Kikka (out), Kayabu ka-1 (Kellet type autogyro) (out), B7A Grace, R2Y Keiun, Hansa Brandenburg UFAG, Douglas XB-42 Mixmaster, 1/48 Jill, Grace, F-9C Sparrowhawk.

HASEGAWA 1/72 F4U-1, F4U-4, SR-71, U-2K, F-101B (?), A3D Skywarrior (?), 1/48 F4U-4, Shinoen, F-105, 1/32 TA-4J

MATCHBOX 1/72 Nordwyn Norseman, Fokker G.1, H. P. Victor PBM-5 Mariner, Lockheed Ventura, Short Singapore, 1/32 Hawker Hunter

FUJIMI 1/72 USMC UH-1N, USAF UH-1N, AB-212ASW, CH-53, SH-3H Sea King

TAMIYA 1/32 F-14 (\$681)

AIRFIX 1/72 FJ-4 (?), 1/48 FW-190A-8/F-8

USAIRFIX is said to be retooling the 727-100 into a 200. LS 1/144 C-130, Kawasaki C-1.

ITALEKI 1/72 B-58, C-54 (?), C-119 (?), 1/48 SR-71, YF-12.

ESCI 1/72 F-15A, F-104C, F-104G/S, Fiat G.91R (?), MB 326 & 339, Aeritalia G.222.

RAREPLANES 1/72 XP-75, Spitfire 22, Beechcraft VC-12

IPMS France is working on a 1/72 vac of the Mystere V

SQUADRON in Action series: BF-109 pt 2, P-51, Albatross (WW1), Battleships, Blue Angels.

Review

FBD-1 GREGOR

We were delighted last fall to learn of a new model company founded by one of our fellow modelers up in British Columbia. Ed Dickson, alias "Can-Vac Models", is obviously catering to the neglected Canadian market as he intends to concentrate on Canadian designed aircraft. Although his first release is certainly obscure, on this side of the border (it took me several days to figure out what it was), future releases will have a more familiar ring.

The FBD-1 Gregor was one of the last biplane fighters. It was a "one-off" built by Canadian Car & Foundry in 1938. It featured a P&W wasp Junior radial engine, a fully enclosed cockpit, retractable landing gear, two 50 cal machine guns and achieved 300 mph. However, the day of the biplane had passed and no contracts were forthcoming.

Can-Vac's rendering of this subject was clearly influenced by Airframe. The parts are vacuumformed in fairly thin stock over male molds. The detail is accordingly mushy. Only the main components are provided. All fiddly-bits (landing gear, engine, prop) must come from the spares box. However, for the experienced modeler, it can indeed be done, as we saw by Ed's own beautifully finished Gregor at last month's Can-Am.

The kit also features a comprehensive instruction sheet. A professional cover illustration, exploded assembly drawing, scale four-view and detail sketch are given, as well as historical, assembly and coloring notes.

The kit is available directly from Can-Vac Models, 2255 Cape Horn Ave, Coquitlam, BC, Canada, V3K-1J6, for \$4.00 Can (ppa in US & Can, BC residents add 4% sst) or locally from Triple Alliance.

SMMS

For those of you who don't already belong, we'd like to bring the Seattle Military Miniature Society to your attention. The group has been organized for about a year now and was co-host of the very successful North-western regional Military Figure Competition last November down in Portland. They are currently meeting twice a month at The Triple Alliance. A regular meeting, which includes some kind of demonstration/presentation, is held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM. A second "workshop" meeting is held on the third Sunday from 2:00PM at which members watch and help each other work. Any one with an interest in miniatures is invited (even urged!) to attend. For more information, call Tom Weinel, 453-8939 or 282-0371

New in Town

AMERICAN EAGLES:

Monogram 1/48 F-16, A-4b/A, 1/72 F-18 Snapdite, F-18; Testors/Italeri 1/72 RF-4, F-18; Airfix 1/72 MiG-23, Lancaster B.III, 1/48 Mosquito, plus reissues: 1/32 Dennis Firetruck, 1/76 M3 Lee/Grant, Bren Carrier, 1/72 Yak-9, Gnat, Westland Scout, Fw-189, Cessna Bird Dog, Beagle Basset 206, DH Beaver with floats, DH Comet 4B, Angel Interceptor, Hawk Spaceship, Eagle Transporter; Bando 1/48 wespe 105mm, reissues: Flak 18, Panzer IIF/G Panther G; Nichimo 1/35 reissues: Tiger II King, Tiger II Porsche, Elephant, Panther G; Revell reissues: 1/32 F-4F, Harrier.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE:

Heller 1/48 Mirage IVA, 1/24 C Scania LB-141, 1/400 German TBM; Hasegawa 1/48 George, Airfix 1/72 Banshee, Alpha Jet, MiG-23; Microscale two sheets of USAF low visibility national insignia, TAC unit badges, B-36H; Model Decal; #56 BAC Lightning, Attacker, Lynx, T-33, #57 Sea King, Buccaneer, Sea Hawk, Alpha Jet.

CAMPUS HOBBIES:

Fw-190 at war, Bf-109 at war, Naval Fighters #2, McDonnell Banshee F2H (both by Steve Ginter), Blitzkrieg Armor Markings by Steve Zaloga, Monogram B-26 Snapdite, Hasegawa 1/48 George, Monogram 1/48 Blue Angel A-4, F-16 Airfix 1/72 Banshee, MiG-23, Alpha Jet, Testors/Italeri 1/720 HMS Hood, Graf Spee, Deutschland; Microscale B-36H TAC unit badges, F2H Banshee, USAF low visibility markings

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