



# SCALE-MAIL

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## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21st May 2019

Leys Institute (upstairs)

20 Saint Marys Road

Ponsonby

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## From the Editor

It's a new membership year and the incoming committee has begun the process of organising next year's nationals. We will confirm dates and venue ASAP and then begin the process of working through all the details.

As those of you who were at last month's AGM will recall that due to unforeseen circumstances we were unable to complete all the normal formalities associated with an AGM. As a result of this, and in order to fulfil our legal obligations as an incorporated society we are calling a special general meeting in conjunction with our normal June event. This meeting will include the chairman's report and financial report that were unable to be presented at the AGM. We anticipate that this will be a fairly short part of that meeting but a necessary part none the less.

We have planned a programme of events for the next 3 meetings and will endeavour to maintain this amount of advance notice.

We have also accepted a proposal to hold a special event where members are challenged to invite a modeller along who has never been to an IPMS meeting before. We will also try and combine this with a workshop on a frequently asked about subject. As an incentive one invitee and one inviter will be drawn out of a 'hat' and will each receive a \$50 Modelair voucher. We all realise that there are many 'closet modellers' out there and it might be that some of these people might actually enjoy mingling with like minded people.



# BULLETIN BOARD

**NEW MEMBERS AND SUBS \*\*\*\*\* 2019/20 NOW DUE \*\*\*\*\***

Subs for 2019/20 now past 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 3rd  
Tuesday of every Month at the  
Leys Institute (upstairs), 20  
Saint Marys Road, Ponsonby**

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| 21st May  | An introduction to reusable moulding materials                |
| 18th June | Power tools for modelling and a short special general meeting |
| 16th July | A workshop on primers and fillers                             |

### MODELLING EVENTS

2019 IPMS nationals



### **2019 New Zealand I.P.M.S National Competition & Model Expo**

Air Force Museum of New Zealand, Wigram,  
Christchurch

7 & 8 September 2019

# 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.

The discount only applies on selected product lines and remains at the discretion of the retailer.



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# AN UPDATE TO APRIL'S PRELIMINARY BUY & BUILD GUIDE FOR THE HOBBY BOSS 1/32 NORTHROP P-61 BLACK WIDOW KIT

By Brett Peacock



There was one small Point missing from last month's Article on the P-61. This update belongs after the engines update and alongside the Aileron/Spoiler reversal modification. Naturally I did not pick this up until I read the article in the April Newsletter!

“Well, that's the engines done. Next we travel outboard to the wingtips and the Airbrakes/spoilers. Hobby Boss provide these as Photo-etched parts, but tell you to install them backwards, so they open INTO the airflow, instead of rising up to deflect it a bit. One of the external Eduard sets has correctly configured PE parts for this or you can always adapt the Hobby Boss parts”.

Once the engines and spoilers are done we turn our attention to the underside drop tanks. Hobby Boss correctly provide 4 drop tanks of the teardrop shaped P-38 variety, and, for the P-61B, this is accurate. BUT to make a P-61A you only need the inner pair of drop tanks, between the Main fuselage and the engine nacelles. (Because the P-61 only carried two drop tanks) Hobby Boss have molded all four pylon mounts on the lower side of the wings, meaning the mounts outboard of the engine booms must be deleted and filled and the details restored. Not an easy job. The pylons themselves are molded with the droptanks and a plug to mount into the fairing on the wing underside.

Sorry 'bout that, Chief!

Brett Peacock

# GETTING ORGANISED!

By Pete M.

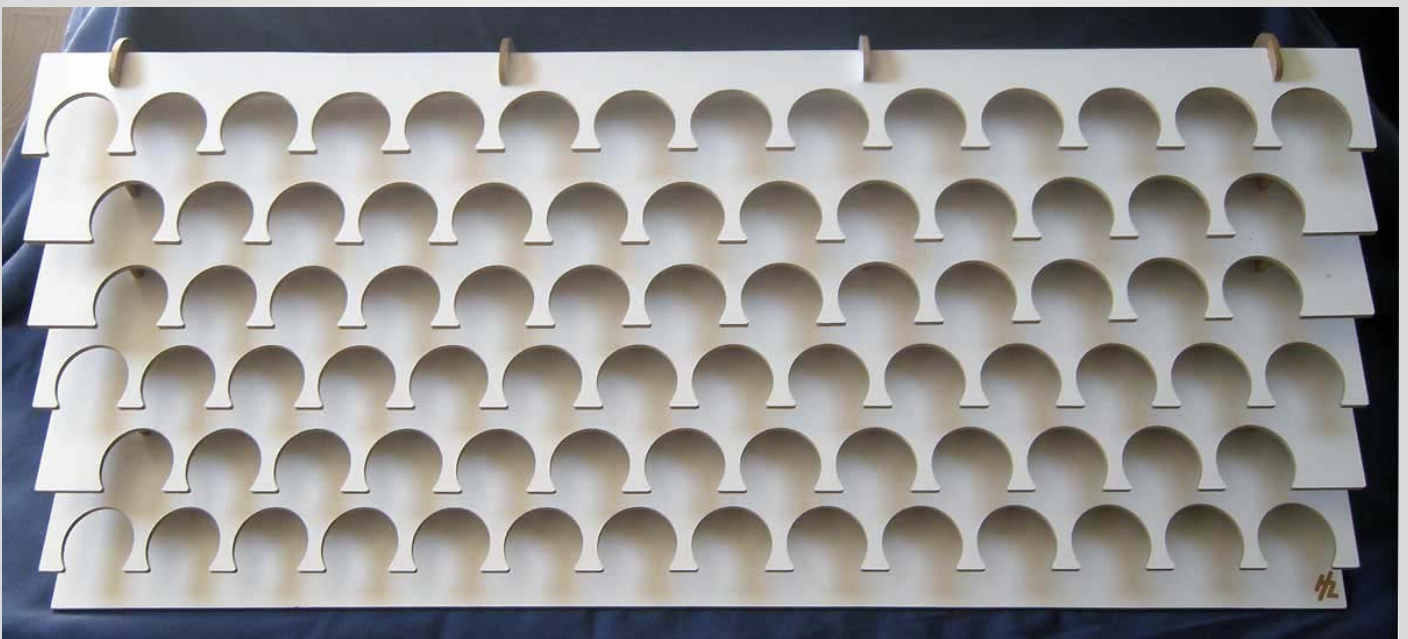
Now I am finally a 'gentleman of leisure', I now have no excuses and have been sorting out the various little jobs around the house that have been put off for many years! The first one completed was a re-organisation of my shed with the changing over of the lighting to LED strips, adding and re-positioning of the power points, and a good tidy-up including a metal shelving rack to replace the grotty wooden shelving fitted there by the previous owner!

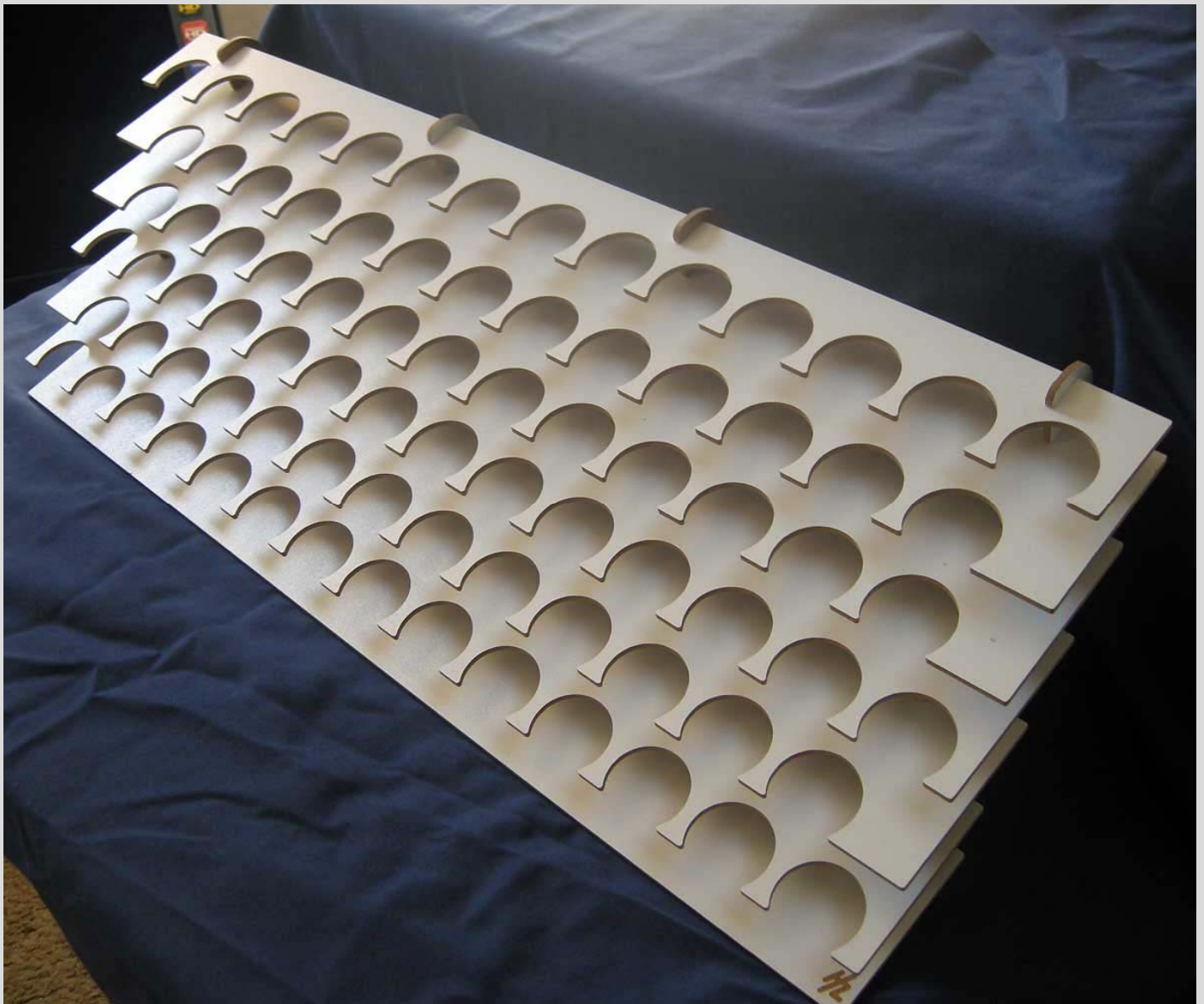
The next task has been to sort out my modelling table which gradually becomes a right 'shambles' with tools and such like scattered around and under other items, and unable to be found quickly when required! I have always had a problem with paints as they were stored in various boxes and trays, and an old fold-out sewing cabinet that had belonged to my late mother.

Several weeks ago I had watched a You-Tube video touting an acrylic plastic paint storage system made in the UK, but the price, and the probable cost of freighting it to New Zealand would have been astronomical. I visited a local plastics supply company just up the road from my home, and to have a set made up by them would have been even more expensive, so promptly scrubbed that idea!

Bang on cue, I received a newsletter from one of my usual hobby supplies companies (BNA Models in OZ) showing a range of modular paint racking systems made in Poland by Hobby Zone. These units have been available from several European suppliers with their own logos, but are all the same units. BNA had them at a special release price, so I jumped in with my card and placed an order for several of these.

Made from machined MDF board with one surface laminated in white, they come as a flat-pack requiring some basic assembly. Mine arrived without any instructions whatsoever but a quick search found several YouTube videos showing how to do it. The three units I had ordered were assembled in about half an hour, only one required some gluing with PVA to make it properly secure.





The first unit (HZ-s2b large) has 81 holes for bottles with a diameter of up to 36mm. The dimensions of this stand are 60cm x 23cm x 14cm. It will take most bottles and tins from the following paint lines:

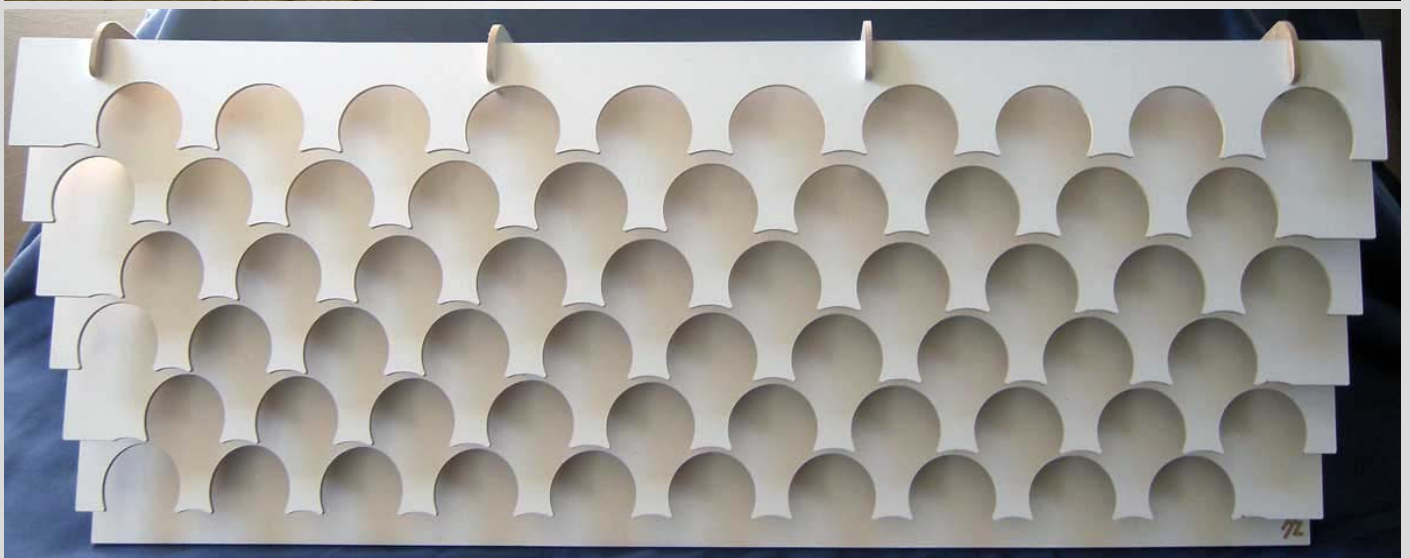
Humbrol standard tins

Alclad II bottles

Aeromaster Vallejo - 30 ml / 35 ml AK Interactive - 35 ml /30ml AMMO - 35ml Games Workshop/  
Citadel - 12 ml Life Colour - 22 ml Formula P3 - 18 ml Mr. Hobby Gunze - 10 ml

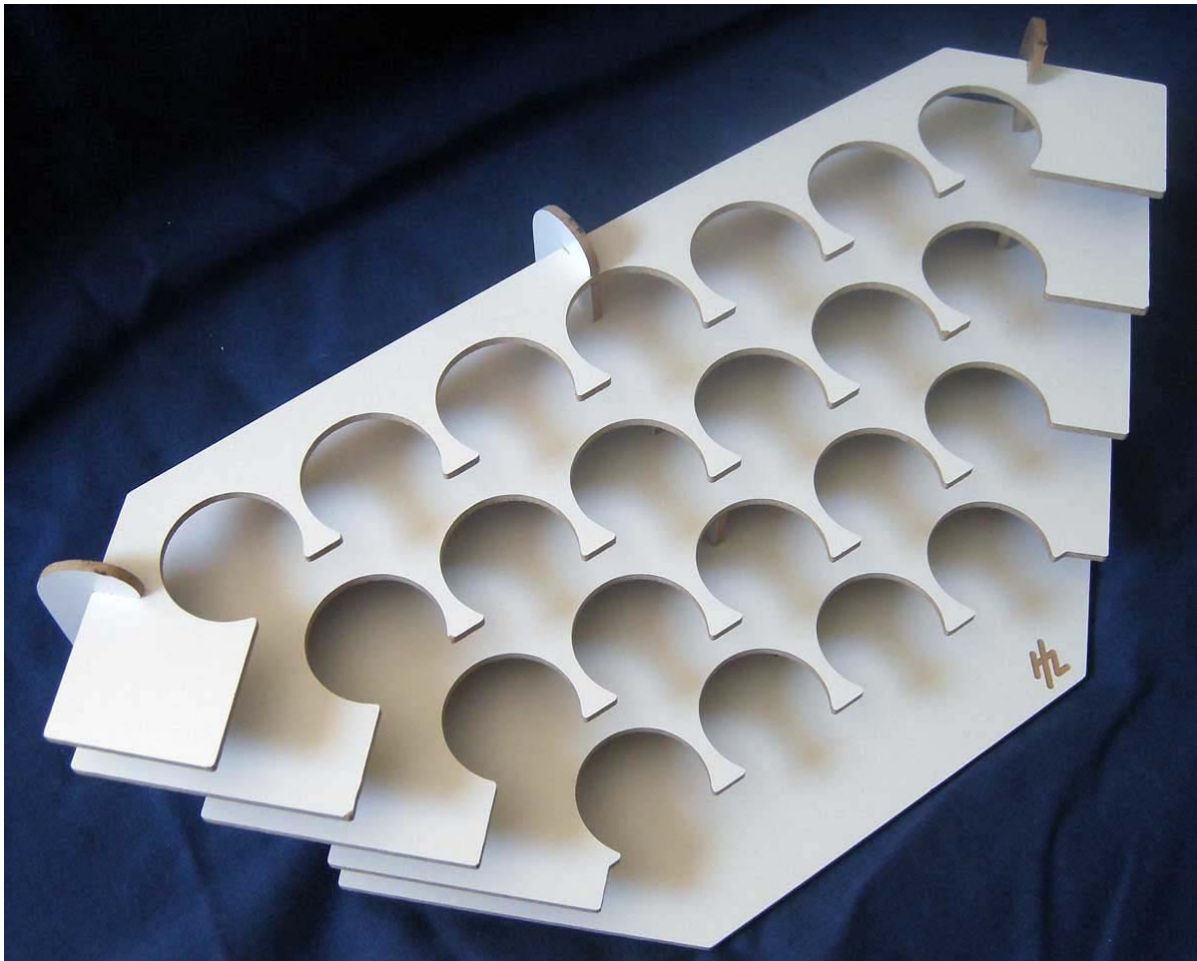
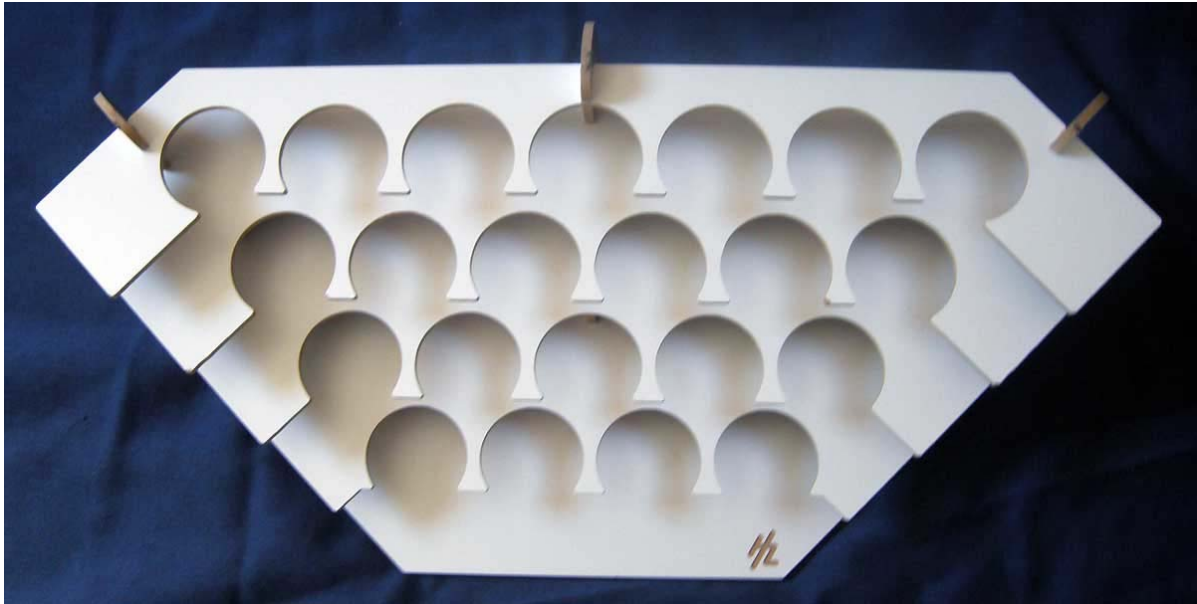
Mr.Color - 10ml Tamiya - 10 ml Model Car World - 1oz bottles Testor Model Master - .5oz bottles  
Vallejo Primer - 60ml bottles Revell (enamel) - 14 ml Italeri - 20ml bottles

Most of the common paint lines will fit in this stand.



The next one is the large rack (HZ-s02xb) for up to 41mm bottles. 60 holes are provided and the following paint lines should fit:  
Tamiya 23ml bottles  
Floquil 1oz bottles  
Humbrol 29ml round bottles (matt, satin, gloss varnishes etc.)

I found I didn't have much in these sizes, so overestimated on getting the large rack! There is a smaller version available (HZ-s01xb) having only 28 holes.



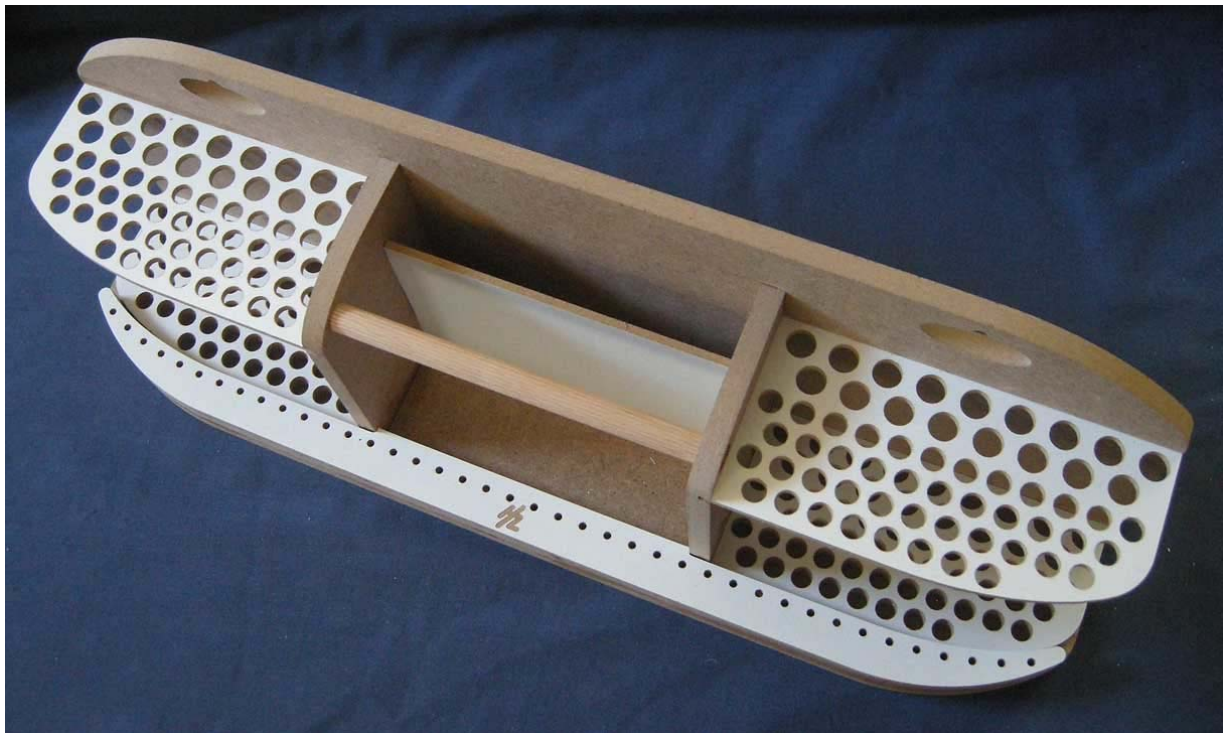
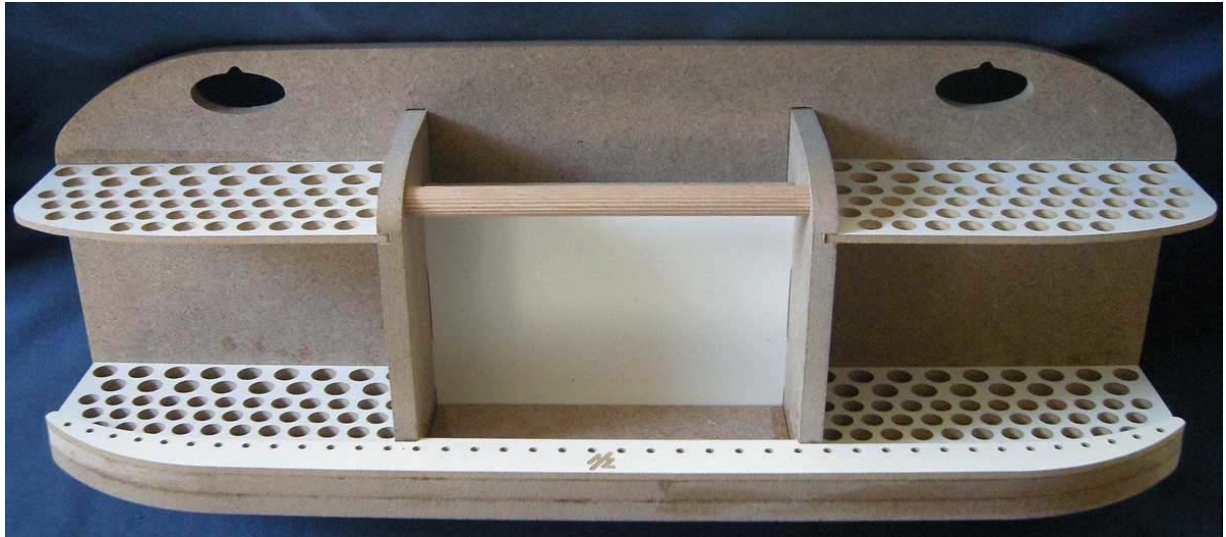
The next one is a corner rack (HZ-s1nb) with has 22 holes and measures 28cm x 28cm x 9.5cm. This will be for my metallic's, washes and weathering paints.

Hobby Zone also produce a lot of general modelling tool and brush holders, bins and organisers designed in a modular system, so the hobby bench can be organised to ones needs and requirements.

All in all, a great and budget priced solution to storing most of ones paints in plain view, and ready for action. Much needed in my case!



Stop press! I have just received another of the large 36mm hole paint racks, and with it, the Hobby Zone paintbrush and tool holder unit HZ-pn2.



This unit is also made from MDF board, but requires some gluing for assembly. At least with this one there were instructions supplied! I assembled it using clear PVA glue and it took about half an hour to assemble. To locate the front sections which are drilled to take drill bits or cutting /grinding tool bits, I found three nails that fitted perfectly through the holes and used these to line it all up when I glued it to the base. To be sure of a good bond, I also used plastic clamps to secure these two sections while the glue was setting off.

Various sized holes are drilled in the horizontal racks designed to take paint brushes or tools such as knives, scribes, chisels and suchlike. The round dowel is there to hold cutters or tweezers, and the compartment behind it can hold scissors, Touch and Flow applicators and similar items. Keeps all this organized instead of rolling round all over the bench (theoretically)!

As can be seen from the photos, there is a lot of bare MDF board showing, so the next job is to give it an overall coat of white paint. Pictures of all the units filled up and in place on my modelling table will hopefully appear in the next newsletter.

# HANDY LITTLE POWER SCREWDRIVER-DRILL UNIT FROM MICROMARK TOOLS

By Pete M.



For many years I have been purchasing some of those 'hard to find' tools and modelling supplies from MicroMark in the USA. I spotted the subject of this review in their latest on-line mailer, and decided it was worth a try after recently having a bit of a struggle drilling out a hole in a resin casting using a pin vice and trying to finish it off with my large cordless 18V drill! Naturally, I got 'off-line' and broke through the side of the moulding.

I thought it would be a handy addition to my tool armoury and help with drilling operations where a pin vice can be annoying to use for such as myself with slightly arthritic hands that cramp up at the most inopportune time!

The unit is sold as a small powered screwdriver as per the heading photograph, but MicroMark also do a small chuck assembly that will fit to the shaft of the unit to convert it into a powered pin vice..very handy.

The main unit comes supplied with 2 AAA batteries (yes, batteries ARE included!) and a set of six 5/32 inch hex shank bits: #0 and #1 Phillips, 1/8 inch and 1/16 inch flat blades, and T5 and T6 torx. Power is controlled by a two way switch for forward and reverse motion. The body has soft grip finger pads to help hold it comfortably. It is a very sturdy unit and weighs in at approximately 80gram (2.5oz).

To convert into a mini power drill, the adjustable 3 jaw chuck slips onto the shaft and is held in place with a grub screw. It does take a small amount of fettling to get it properly centralised so there is no visible 'wobble' with a drill fitted into the chuck.

The chuck will take from 0.20mm (1/64") to 3.0mm (1/8").

I have yet to experiment with the unit, but I'm sure it can also be used as a low speed grinder with a suitable bit mounted in the chuck.

Note: Photos are from the MicroMark website as my camera is playing-up at present!



# In Box Kit Review: HiPM & Plastic Planet 1/48 Focke-Wulf Fw-56 "Stoesser"



HiPM kit: 48011 – 39 parts on 1 grey sprue tree, 3 clear parts, 1 Acetate sheet and PE parts on 1 fret.

The Plastic Planet kit is largely similar, but the clear sprue is replaced by acetate sheet and PE frame for the windscreen. The Grey parts are the HiPM moldings, and labelled as such.

The Focke-Wulf Fw 56 Stoesser was a lightweight fighter designed by Kurt Tank for a 1932 RLM proposal for such, and it was approved for production in 1935, after easily beating 2 rivals in a fly-off competition – the Heinkel He72 and the Arado Ar-76. It was armed with 2x 7.92mm Machine guns and also provided a bomb-rack mount for up to 100 kg payload. Although it was rapidly overtaken by the advances taking place it was re-tasked to a new role by 1938 – That of an advanced single seat fighter trainer, a role it would retain until the end of World War 2. The “Stoesser” was a high, Parasol winged monoplane with a good field of view and surprising manoeuvrability, and numbers were exported throughout Europe during the 1930’s, many still in frontline service at the Outbreak of war in 1939.



Then about a year ago I acquired the HiPM kit in 1/48 and salted it away into my stash where it lay, quietly, for about 11 months, until, one day at the Model Room, Alan pointed me at this new brand “Plastic Planet, who had just produced this “Foreign Users” boxing to go with their Luftwaffe boxing – Which he had sold out of! It actually never crossed my mind (until I had a close look at the bits) that this was a Kit I essentially already had, so I handed over the money and carried it out, happy to have found it.

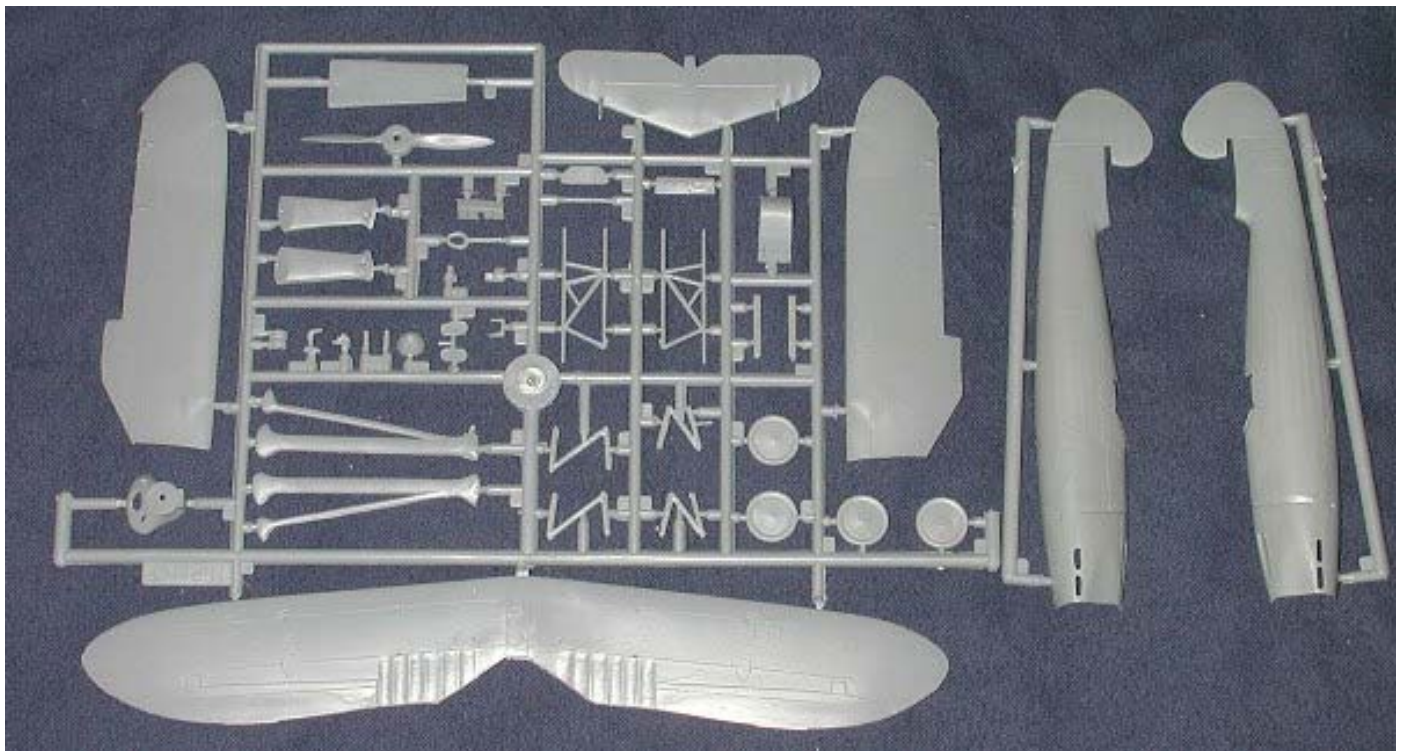
Once I had it at home and opened it up for a closer look I started to get the curious feeling that I had seen this kit before...and I recalled the HiPM kit, so dug it up from my stash to compare the two. Aaaand, yes...I had duplicated (Mostly) my purchase. There are some small differences, which I will point out, but 95% of the two kits are the same.

The HiPM kit has Marking options – 1 Royal Bulgarian Air Force, 1 Republican Spanish AF, 1 Hungarian AF and 1 Luftwaffe. Decals are by Propagteam.

Plastic Planet also provide 4 markings: 1 Royal Bulgarian AF (Different serial from HiPM), 1 Republican Spanish (Same as HiPM option), 1 Hungarian AF (Differs in Paint scheme and serial from HiPM and 1 Austrian marking (Pre-Anschluss). No provenance for the Decals is given, but they resemble Propagteam/MPM decals.

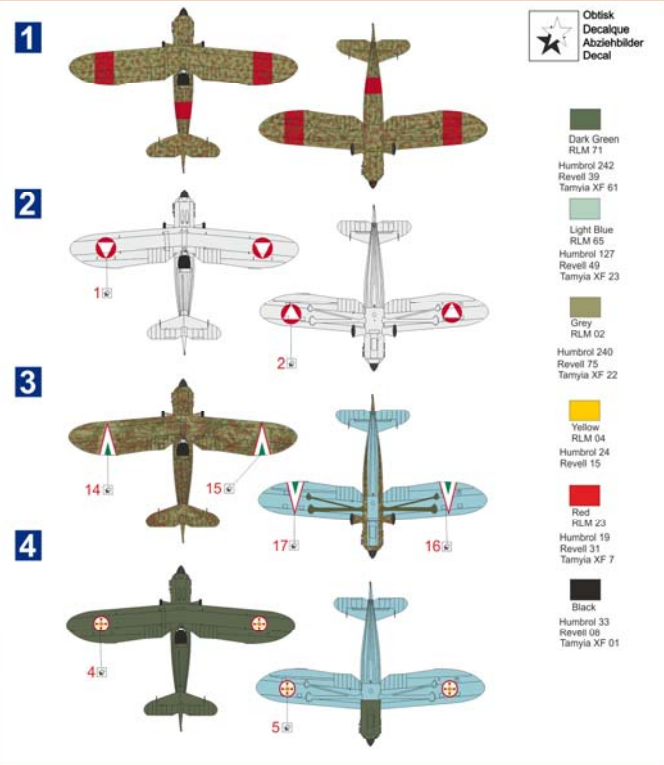
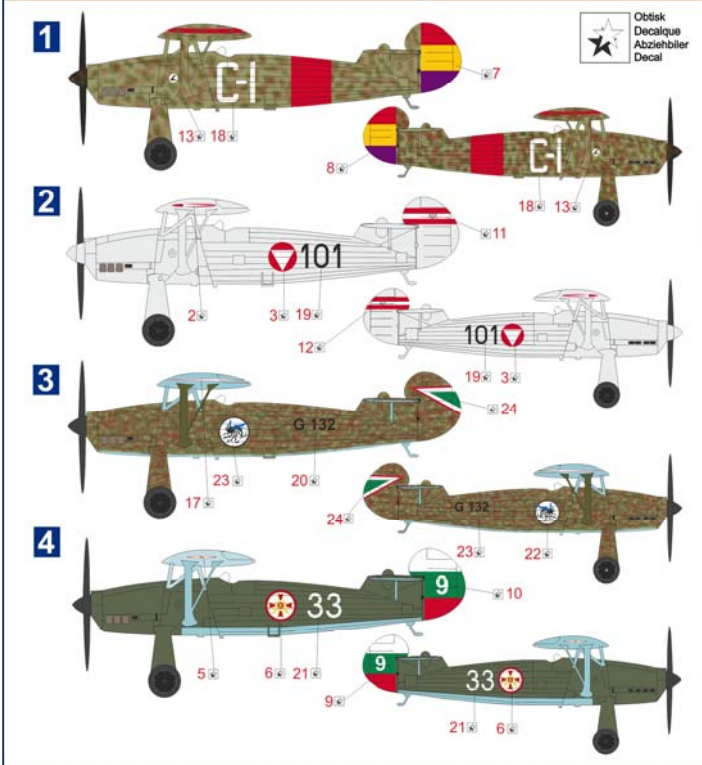
All the decals are commendably thin and have good colour density – the backing is a medium blue and does not show through any white areas of the decal.

Right are the Propagteam decals and acetate sheet for the HiPM kit. (the Luftwaffe markings are for a machine from 1942. Below are the Plastic parts common to both kits, right down to the HiPM label above the upper wing.

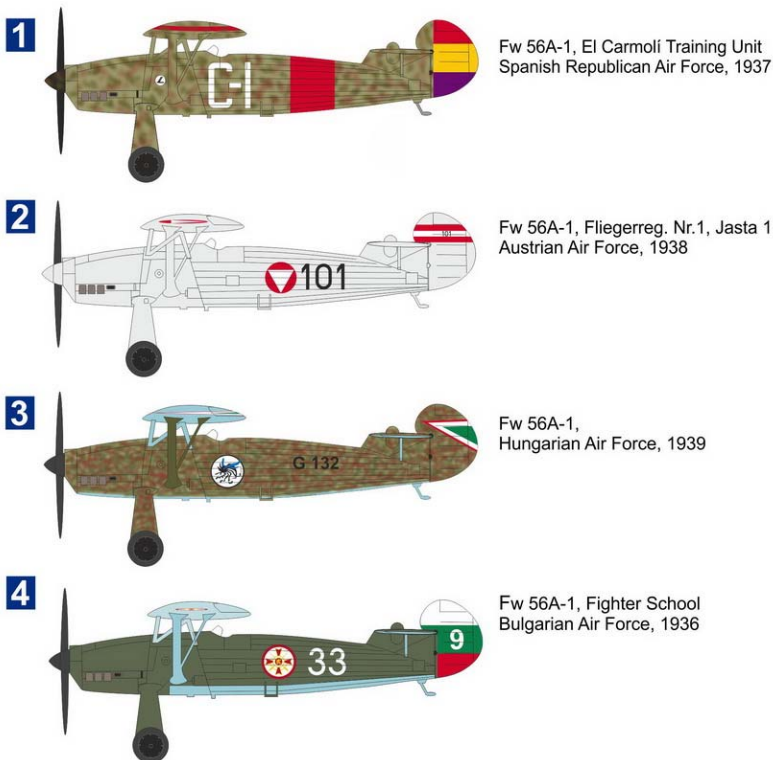


The first real parts issue is the Acetate sheet for the Plastic Planet kit. Somehow they managed to print the Instrument panel image about 75% too large, it simply will not fit behind the PE instrument panel and no dials will line up. The fix is tedious – you will need to cut out each dial individually and affix each to a new, scatchbuilt, backplate and aligning each to the PE part, manually. The HiPM kit gives you an Injection molded Windscreen whereas the PP kit gives you a printed outline of the panels to match to a PE frame on the PE fret. I know which one will give the best result, but it is also the most difficult of the two to achieve.

Reviews of the HiPM kit also indicate that the Main struts for the parasol wing are a fraction too short, meaning that you may need to extend the struts or their mounts a little, for a better fit to the wing and fuselage. Another small issue is that the Cockpit floor may be too wide and needs to be sanded to a narrower measurement to close the fuselage halves. – Not a difficult fix.



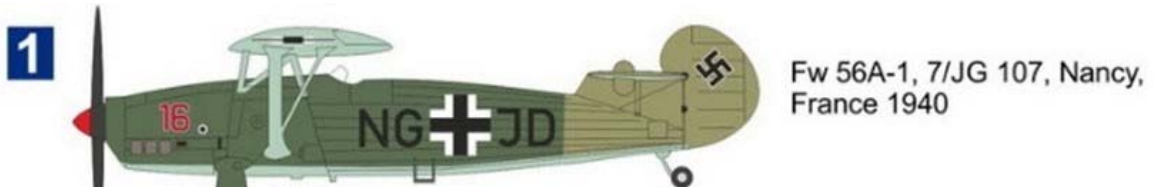
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To sum up: this is a very nice, limited run kit of a rather important interim Luftwaffe aircraft that served in a number of European Airforces (Including the Dutch and Norwegian AF) just prior to the outbreak of war, and a number survived long enough to be captured by advancing Allied armies in 1945. It will take a bit of extra effort and skill to make over a modern tooling like any Japanese for even Czech outfit like Eduard, but the return should prove well worthwhile. HiPM seem to have left us but as long as companies like Plastic Planet continue to bring out these kits, we should happily support their efforts, because it is very unlikely that a mainstream maker will consider this plane important enough to produce their own kit of it. I know I will be keeping an eye out for their Luftwaffe boxing as it has 2 or 3 very attractive marking options.

Note that PP (Plastic Planet) also do a Luftwaffe boxing of the Fw 56 with the options below:



Fw 56A-1, 7/JG 107, Nancy, France 1940



Fw 56A-1, EJGr. Ost, Krakow, Poland 1942



Fw 56A-1, JG 101, Flieger-Ausbildungs-Regiment 23, Germany 1940



Fw 56A-1, I./NJG 2, Germany 1940

HOBBY SEARCH



# 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.

