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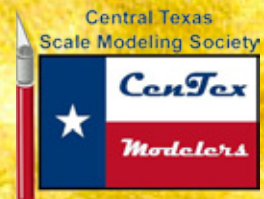
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The IPMS/USA initiative was established to provide model kits, supplies and reference materials to our servicemen and women serving in combat zones, recovering in hospitals, and rehabilitating in specialized facilities.

The program is expanding into other areas as well. Some local programs take place in USO facilities, some are centered around active duty personnel and are scattered across the country.

The IPMS/USA Support The Troops program is still going full-tilt. The national program director is Jon Emery. Jon is accepting any and all contributions and is sharing them with all of the active programs around the country.

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*El Presidente***By Aaron Smischney****Greetings fellow modelers!**

Do you have “Advance Modeler’s Syndrome”? It’s an affliction I struggle with personally all the time. See if you answer yes to any of these:

- Do you get stressed about finishing a model in time for a show?
- Do you feel the urge to get every aftermarket set before you can even start your project?
- Do you sweat profusely over minute details no one else notices?
- Do you feel if something isn’t 100% correct it’s not finished?
- If someone else has done the model better than you can do you scrap doing it yourself?
- Do upcoming shows cause knots in your stomach trying to finish your masterpiece?

Worse yet, do you have terminal advance modelers syndrome?

I consider the affliction terminal when you start projecting your insecurities onto other people’s models. If you look at someone else’s model and think less of it because they didn’t use the latest photoetch correction set, or didn’t correct the number of bolts on the hull that only 3 people in the world know is wrong, you have reached terminal stage. You are in danger of becoming “that guy” that no one wants to be around because you become pedantic about every little detail. It’s bad enough to stress over your own models, don’t spread it to others!

So if you answered yes to the above or god forbid have veered into terminal stage I have some good news, there is hope!

First off admitting you have a problem is the first step. What you can do next is **FINISH A MODEL**. Get a newer Tamiya release (airplane, car or tank) and build it out of the box. If you are a tank guy get the new Easy 8 (kit #35346 or #35359 for the Korean War version with bonus Soviet Jeep) or the newer Tamiya jeep #35219



I am sure the airplane guys can help you out picking a good out of box easy build airplane. Just **BUILD IT OUT OF THE BOX!**

Yes the best way to get over your advanced modelers syndrome is to just do an out of box kit, try to finish it in a weekend for bonus points! I have found finishing stuff to be the best medicine. The Tamiya easy 8 or Jeep kits are already detailed enough, are easy to put together, and look great finished. I have found I suffer my worst “advanced modelers syndrome” when i feel self- conscious about my own skill level and aptitude. Nothing gives a better boost to self-esteem like finishing. When you look at other people’s models **DON’T** go looking for mistakes, look at all the good things first! How is the finish? The markings? The weathering? In AMPS judging we tell judges not too deduct points for mistakes, you award points for good work. That’s a good thing to carry with you in all things. Next I would recommend staying off of modelers forums that are haunted by rivet counters. When you start reading about all of the problems with a kit found by an armchair modeler you will start getting self- conscious about your efforts. I find it best to just avoid the arguments.

The next piece of advice I can give is this: It’s a hobby. A hobby is supposed to take your mind off of the daily grind, not add to it.

If I can overcome Advanced Modeller syndrome you can too! So go build a model!

Aaron





## Building the Wing, Sword's 1/48 Northrop N-9MA, kit #48001

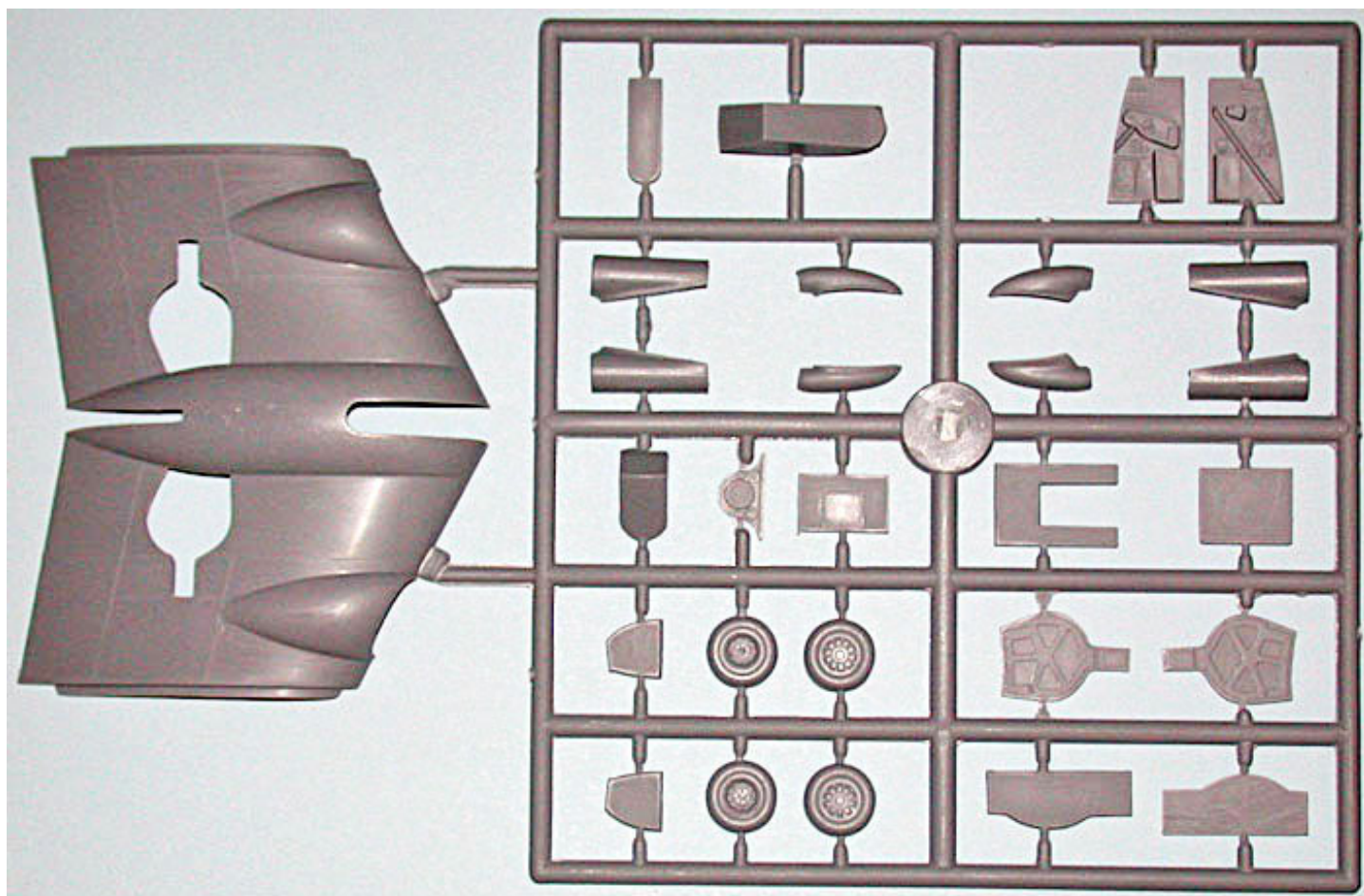
By Tim Robb



The Northrop N-9M was built in 1942 to test flight characteristics of the flying wing design after Northrop received a preliminary order for the B-35 flying wing bomber. The N-9M had a 60 foot wingspan, one third the size of the B-35 design. Four N-9M aircraft were built and all were a little different. The N-9MA was the third of the four. The color scheme of trainer yellow on the upper surfaces and trainer blue lower surfaces was chosen so spotters could quickly tell the attitude of the aircraft when looking at it. If, for instance, you were to see it alternating rapidly between yellow and blue, well, that would be bad. At least one of the first two aircraft had the colors reversed, blue upper surface and yellow lower surface. Wikipedia has a good short history of the aircraft that includes a dandy bibliography of more than a dozen other articles and books on the aircraft.





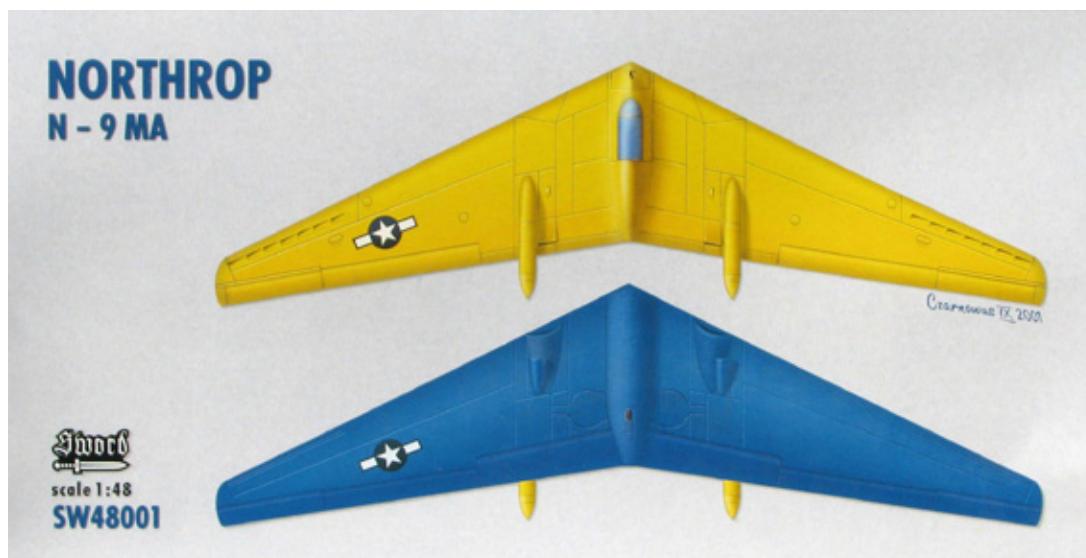


The kit is molded in gray plastic that is softer than found in most kits from other manufacturers. It sands easily and quickly so take care to not overdo it. The Wing has six main parts, top and bottom pieces for the outer panels, and a top and bottom for the center section. Fit between the outer panels and center section is good, requiring just a little bit of fitting, filling, and sanding. The cockpit and wheel well parts all fit in between the wing center section parts. Photo 1 and 2

I found the instruction sheet to be vague on parts placement, however, it will all go together only one way and that is the right way. The canopy is a one piece vacu-formed part and is nice and clear. The mainwheels looked

a lot like P-51 wheels to me, with the same size and spoke pattern. I subbed in some resin P-51 wheels to get nicer looking more crisply detailed main wheels than the kit parts.

There are only three decals on the airplane, upper and lower national insignias and a Northrop logo on the nose. I applied the lower wing insignia





first. It shattered and didn't stick well so I replaced the national insignia decals. I applied the small logo decal into a puddle of wet Future and then covered it with more and it worked just fine that way.

Photos of the airplane show the front nose gear cover extended away from the main nose gear strut by four little rods. These are not included in the kit. I used plastic rod for these. Maybe they are the right size and maybe they are in the right places.



The most time consuming parts of the build for me were re-scribing panel lines lost in sanding the soft plastic, and polishing the paint finish to get it as smooth as I could after I did a poor job of spraying the gloss paint on smoothly.



The completed model is a nice addition to my model case, very colorful, and a different, eye catching shape. It was an enjoyable build and one you can be sure most of the kids on the block will not have in their collections.

Go Build a Model!

Tim







## Vallejo Mecha Color

by Rick Herrington

all the kit's surface details. The colors of the range have been carefully selected to provide the modeler with the shades most frequently used for painting all kinds of Mecha figures.

The advertisement features a large image of a mecha head painted in Vallejo Mecha Color, showing a weathered, orange and black finish. A yellow banner in the top right corner reads "COMING SOON!". The Vallejo logo is in the top left. Below the mecha head, the text "MECHA COLOR" is prominently displayed in a stylized font, followed by "WATERBASED ACRYLIC AIRBRUSH COLORS". At the bottom, three bottles of Mecha Color paint are shown: "MECHA COLOR 70-841 GREY", "MECHA COLOR 88-007 ORANGE", and "MECHA COLOR 88-813 OIL SLIM".

**MECHA COLOR**  
WATERBASED ACRYLIC AIRBRUSH COLORS

WATERBASED ACRYLIC AIRBRUSH COLORS FOR MECHA'S. SATIN FINISH, FAST DRYING. EXCEPTIONAL ADHERENCE ON ALL TYPES OF PLASTICS. GREAT RESISTANCE TO IMPACTS & SCRATCHES 24H. AFTER APPLICATION. USE DIRECTLY OR DILUTED WITH VALLEJO AIRBRUSH THINNER.

The colors can be mixed with one another and diluted with Vallejo Airbrush Thinner or Flow Improver. The range includes a series of metallic and fluorescent colors, weathering effects and auxiliary products such as primers, thinners, chipping Medium and varnishes.

Silk matt shine

- Fast drying
- Extraordinary durability on all kinds of plastic
- Maximum resistance to severe stress
- Including weathering effects and primers

So, here's what to expect this paint to be:

- Airbrush ready without any mixing from the get-go
- Greatly adhering to plastic, much more than the other Vallejo lines
- Far more durable
- Very matt

Mecha Colors have exceptional adherence on all surfaces, and have been tested on resin, plastics, steel and white metal. The colors can be used directly, without the need for a primer. In case of a dark surface, a first application of primer will increase the luminosity of the finish.

*M*echa Color, a range of acrylic airbrush colors, has been designed especially for painting Robots, Gundam, Transformer and action figures. The innovative formulation of the colors, although water-based, guarantees a maximum resistance to manipulation, impacts, friction, scratches and overall extreme wear. Once dry, the color appears the same as the injected plastic color, respecting

Shake well before using. Pour the paint directly into the airbrush, either undiluted or previously diluted with Thinner. The colors are self-leveling, dry rapidly, and permit immediate application of weathering effects. 24 hours after application maximum resistance is achieved. Mecha Color can also be applied with a brush to highlight small details.



**Mecha Weathering:** A range of water based acrylics, consisting of washes, dirt and engine effects and rust textures, ideal for the creation of dirt and wear on all kinds of robots.

**Washes:** Very fluid transparent colors, for use both with brush as well as airbrush. The washes flow into the smallest details, are perfect for the enhancing of panel lines, rivets, bolts and screws, and provide volume with shadow and contrast to the model. The washes dry in approximately 20 minutes, although it is recommended to allow for 40 minutes intervals between the application of layers.

**Weathering Brown Engine Soot (69.818):** A matt brown color which reproduces accumulated dirt and remnants of lubricant and dust. **Weathering Rust Texture (69.821):** A dark brown mat color to reproduce the rough dry look of rusted metal.

**Varnishes:** The varnishes have been formulated especially for airbrushing. Drying is very fast. Varnishes can be applied directly or diluted with

distilled water or Airbrush Thinner. In some cases, a layer of varnish is enough but if more layers are required, an interval of 5 minutes is suggested between each coat. Once protected by the varnish, the colors resist the application of oils, glazes, and even pure turpentine and light washes with alcohol.

**Airbrush Thinner:** The Airbrush Thinner can give more flexibility to the color without causing a loss of adhesion, opacity and covering properties. The product also helps to delay the drying of paint inside the airbrush mechanism, so that is advisable to add a few drops of Thinner while working. For dilution with Thinner, the recommended proportion is 1 part Thinner to 3 parts paint.

**Airbrush Flow Improver:** A medium designed to improve the flow and delay the drying of paint on the needle while airbrushing. It is recommended to add 1 drop of Flow Improver to 5 drops of paint in the cup of the airbrush.

**Decal Softener:** Decal Softener is a medium which protects the decal and smoothes its edges so that they blend with the surface of the model.





Decal Softener also softens the decal to adapt it to surface details such as recessed lines, raised edges, screws or bolts. The amount of Decal Softener coats needed depends on the quality and thickness of the decal. Final varnish can be applied to the Decal if desired.



Chipping Medium: A product which can be used by brush or airbrush to create effects of wear, rubbing and chipping on acrylics.

Airbrush Cleaner: Airbrush Cleaner is the solution for cleaning the airbrush between one color and another. The product quickly removes the remains of the old paint and also lubricates the airbrush without damaging its mechanism. While painting, the tip of the airbrush should be cleaned occasionally with a cloth moistened with cleaner to remove traces of dried color; this will prevent splattering or the clogging of the airbrush. Airbrush cleaner can also be used on the model as a stripper to remove paint or to correct errors in the application of the colors.

The viscosity of Mecha Color lets you work with airbrushes as small as 0.2 mm without diluting the colors. Environmental conditions can alter the viscosity of the product and cause the need for further dilution.

The previous was borrowed from Vallejo's Mecha Color site on the Internet.

I tested Mecha Color on a Reaper 25mm Iron Golem figure. I primed it in black as I do most of my models and then sprayed it from underneath the figure with Allclad Dark Iron and from overhead with Allclad Chrome.

I intended to chip the colors after applying the Mecha paint. This didn't work out so well as the durability of the paint made it difficult to chip once painted.

The colors I selected for the test run were 69-015 Blue Grey, 69-020 Electric Blue, 69-057 Green Fluorescent and 69-522 Desert Dust.

The Blue Grey and Electric Blue both sprayed and covered well.

The Green Fluorescent is transparent and requires a light colored primer under it. I used yellow although a white primer would have worked well.

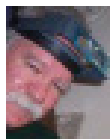
The Desert Dust is best used with an airbrush to give a light coating of dust to your model. I brush painted it on the Golem's lower half and was happy with the result.



After painting the color blocks over the hair sprayed base I attempted to chip the color and was more or less successful. Mostly less. These colors are VERY durable and are hard to remove once applied. I ended up pulling out the old Vallejo Black Grey and chipped with a fine brush.

I was very pleased with my investment in these colors and would recommend them for their ease of use and durability. King's is stocking a full selection of these colors.

Rick



## The Cotton Report: *It's the Nats!*

By Rick Cotton

So, the Nationals are coming to Texas. I can hear the fluttering hearts all across the Houston club. I can feel the rising pulses down at GBASMA. And I can see the sweat breaking out on Dick Montgomery's forehead.

As Alamo Squadron has volunteered themselves to host this enormous event, it's only natural that they will be reaching out to each and every other club to help out with volunteer personnel. There are a million and one jobs to be done at a NATS, from setup, to takedown, to registration, to assisting vendors.....

Vendors... VENDORS... OMG VENDORS AT A NATIONALS!!!!

Ok, I am starting to save right now. Right freakin' now. No more purchases of unnecessary things like clothes, or school supplies, or underwear. None of that cr\*p. We can eat Spam and Ramen noodles for a while. We can skip two Christmases. Maybe I can sell all my stock and get a paper route. I don't know. Oh, the thought of wandering through a Nationals vendor room gives me some major, major jollies.

For once, just for once, shopping where I can get nearly ANYTHING I want, without the word "Amazon" being involved. No shipping fees, no endless waiting for the USPS, and doubts as to whether said postal service can actually find your address. No "out of stock" like that place with the stylized black eagle, and its associated "quest". None of that ridiculousness.

Just endless tables of stacked-high goodies to slobber and hyperventilate over.

The "big boys" will be there – DMZ and Hasa-freakin-gawa. Zookey Murkey, or Zooney Deschanel or whoever. Tamiyagawa. Oh-Crap-Shima. The Chi-





nese Blowhards. Hobby Floss. Maybe even Revell – oops, scratch that one. Big model outfits with NEW items and COMING items, and DON'T YOU WISH YOU HAD THIS items! Oh, my pulse is quickening!

And then... then there is the actual contest itself.

Make no mistake about it – this will be the Big League. The Super Bowl. The “Show”. If you plan on competing, it had better be something with a track record, and a string of past awards a mile long, or else something new that you have gone totally Bob Bethea/Boyd Waechter/David Hogue/Henry Nunez on, and cut apart, rebuilt, reshaped, repurposed, reformed, and super-duper detailed inside and out. It had better have ZERO flaws, because in this contest, “really good” is not going to be good enough. This is the contest where GREAT modelers go, and get skunked regularly. You will be going head-to-head with the big boys. Just take a look at pictures of Marc Shachter's P-47 and Sea Fury – THAT's what you're up against!

By the way – these same “big boys” will be judging. They will miss exactly nothing. I hope you are not planning on doing a 1/48 ME-109, reason being, there will be more ME-109's there than the Germans actually ever built. They will probably take up an entire series of tables, and unless yours takes off, flies around, and strafes the HK B-17 sales display in the vendor room before landing, it may not even get noticed.

Same with Mustangs, F-16's, Spitfires and FW 190s. There will be gobs of them, so unless yours is a monster of a build... well... good luck. Build something odd. Something weird, that makes people turn their heads, point, and say “WTF is that?” Get noticed.

Are you going to start now... right NOW?

Are you going to sweep your arm across the workbench, table, or TV tray, and rid your work area of the current substandard local show cr\*p you are building to start your “Nationals Project?” I'll bet some of you are.

Some of you are already online, spending big bucks for that kit you could never justify to SWMBO, before, and telling her “it's the NATS! I NEED IT!!!” SWMBO is probably thinking you have lost it. Which you have, but hey, it's the NATS!

Some of you are racing to finish up what you are doing to clear the desk for “the Nats Project”. That's a mistake. You will hurry, bang the pooch on something, and come in Second. Slow down, you have time.

Some of you are staring at the stack of kits reaching to the ceiling in the closet, wondering “which one?” If you are **Rick** Richard Kern, you are wondering “which twenty-five?”



Some of you are already cutting away like mad. Some are sanding and filling and painting. A few may have already thrown an offending kit against the wall, screaming “NOT GOOD ENOUGH, %^\$#&@!!!!”

Yeah, I get it. It's the NATS, and they don't get this close too often. I myself must consider what I will build. It must be a no-holds-barred stunner. Nothing held back. No limits. No boundaries, because....

It's the NATS!



**SOME SAY MODELLING IS A CHEAP HOBBY**  
I just say it is a way of spending the kid's inheritance....



# On The TABLE

By **Flanged End Yoke**

Last month's meeting tables were full.



Let's start with Mike Lamm's 1/35th MiniArt T-60 which was the top vote getter this month.

Randy Bumgardner brought in an in progress Pzkw 4 from Dragon. He'll fill up his parts box with extras after this kit is done.



Bob Bethea continued his run for most prolific modeler with several pieces. Bob brought in several Copper State 1/35th armored cars and a Takom M3 Lee recovery vehicle.



Bob also brought in an FER miniature offering, a barbarian bust.

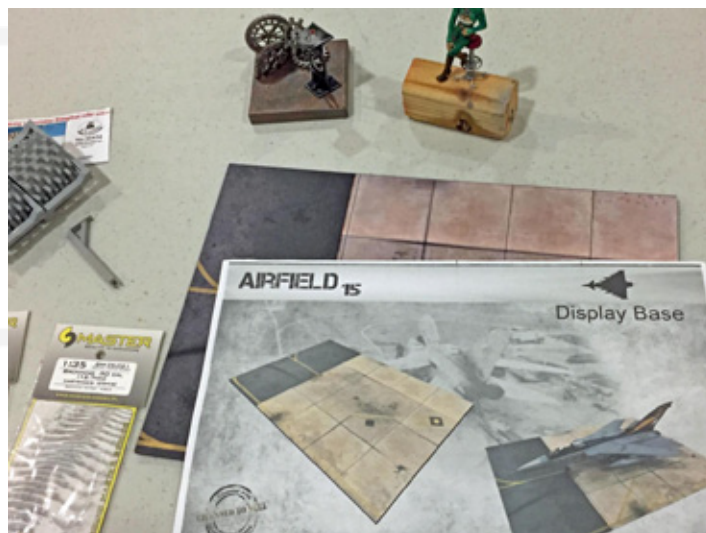




Tim Robb brought in a 1/48th Hobby Craft Burmese Seafire.



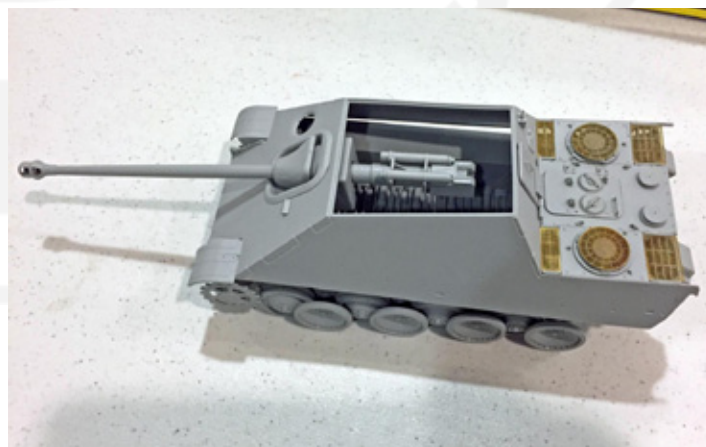
Ben also brought in some products he's reviewing for the IPMS journal.



Alex Gashev brought in his completed Tamiya SU-76 in 1/35th scale...



and an in progress DML Jagdpanther.



Ben Morton, our eclectic model reviewer and columnist brought in an in progress piece a MasterBox 1/24th scale girl called "Don't even think about it."







Dave Edgerly brought in a 1/72nd F-89...



and Skybow 1/35th M41.



Eric Choy brought in some goodies for us to ogle. The first was a Scale 75 bust.



The second was Valkyrie's Victory Day 1/35th set including our favorite election buster Vladimir Putin.



Finally Bob Bethea gave a great presentation on dioramas and base work.



Thanks everyone for sharing your work. See you at the next meeting.

Flanged



Aaron Schmischny brought in a Master Models Zombie King. Remember... winter is coming.







# OLD RUMORS/NEW KITS

Rick Herrington, Randy Bumgardner, Aaron Smischney, Golzar Shahrzad

## Shipping News

By Rick Herrington

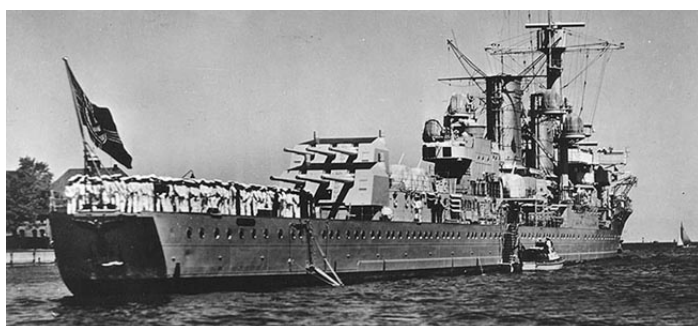
Slim picken's for this August issue of the Sprue Examiner. We'll start off with 1/700th scale.

1/700



Flyhawk has announced a couple of eagerly awaited releases. The first is the German battleship Bismarck. What? That's not new! It is if it's by Flyhawk. They're known for the super detailed brass sets and their plastic kits are just as detailed. Although I have at least three versions of the Bismarck in 1/700th in my stash I will buy this one when it is released.

The next release from Flyhawk is the German Light Cruiser Konigsberg. Models of DKM light cruisers are few and far between so pick this one up when it's released.



Pit Road is up next with a modern day JMSDF Destroyer Asahi.



Hasegawa is releasing a kit of the IJN Aircraft carrier Shoho. This carrier was sunk at the Battle of the Coral Sea. The kit is listed as a Hyper Detail one and includes a photo etch set and several sets of aircraft for the deck.



Five Star Model is releasing something unusual, WW2 IJN Type 538 Torpedo boats. The kit includes 3 boats.





Only two offerings in 1/350th.

1/350

We're still waiting on Trumpeter's 1/350 HMS Exeter in 1/350th scale.



Finally VeryFire is releasing a "What IF" USN battleship the USN Montana. . In this case it was the proposed successor to the Iowa class battleships. They were to be slower, more heavily armored and armed but were abandoned in favor of the Essex class carriers.



That's it for this month. Get a kit out of that stash and build it!

It's too hot to be outside.

Rick



## ASMS MEETING

Third Thursday each month

7:00pm - 8:45pm

at the

Old Quarry Branch Library

7051 Village Center Dr.

**Next meeting August 16th, 2018**

**No Reservations Neccessary!**



## ASMS Club Dues Are Due!

Annual ASMS club dues are \$25.00/individual  
or \$30.00/family.

You may bring your dues to a club meeting or remit same  
to Eric Choy, 13213 Marrero Drive, Austin, TX., 78729.





## The Air Report

By Ron McCracken

August appears to be a banner month for the large-scale fans, with quite a selection in 1/32nd Scale:

On the heels of their announcement of their “Red Baron” Albatross, described in last month’s issue, those busy bees at Wingnut have come up with three more aircraft of the aces. Now available for pre-order from [shop.wingnutwings.com](http://shop.wingnutwings.com) with shipping from late September or mid October 2018 are the following:



• Kit No. 32603 - 1/32 Fokker E.II “Max Immelmann”



• Kit No. 32606 - 1/32 AMC DH.2 “Lanoe Hawker”



• Kit No. 32607 - Sopwith Triplane “Raymond Collishaw”

Like the Red Baron kit, these are re-releases of out-of-stock kits with new decals and including a figure sculpted by Mike Good available exclusively with the model.



In addition, they have announced a new release of a Junkers D.1, kit number 32065.

An outfit called DayGlo Models has announced a 1/32 scale FIAT G91. The kit has 76 parts cast in grey resin, which allow all versions of the small Italian single seat Jet to be depicted. Both early and late





canopies are included. Landing gear legs and the gun barrels are supplied in brass.

Moving on to 1/48th scale, Eduard has released in their Profipack series a Fokker DVIII and a late-version SPAD XIII. Otherwise rather a thin month for this scale.



In 1/72nd scale, we have a number of new items coming into view.



In a somewhat unusual move, Brengun, well known for their accessories, has announced a kit of the Ohka MXY7-K1 Trainer. The Ohka, of course was a

rocket-powered manned bomb. The Ohka K-1 was an unpowered trainer version with water ballast instead of warhead and engines and was used to provide pilots with handling experience. Unlike the combat aircraft, it was also fitted with flaps and a landing skid.



Dora Wings, a newer model manufacturer from the Ukraine, has announced a kit of the Percival Proctor Mk.I in Czechoslovak Service. The kit consists of 49 parts in grey styrene, 8 clear parts, and one PE fret with 20 parts, canopy masks, instrument panel film, and one decal sheet with markings for 2 airframes.



Sword has announced Kit No. SW72113 - Lockheed RT-33. This is basically their earlier T-33 kit with the recon nose added. The only other model of this variant of the T-33 in this scale is the ancient Heller kit, and having built both a Sword T-33 and the Heller T-33, the Sword kit has to be the better option.



Horizon Models has announced the release of a Redstone missile. I suppose, strictly speaking, this isn't an aircraft, but it flies so what the heck! This release contains parts and decals to model the WRESAT flight - Australia's first satellite; The Juno I with Explorer I satellite (America's first satellite); and the Redstone IRBM which served in the US Army.



Finally, we come to the ultra-braille scale, 1/144th. Eduard has released their 1/144 UTI MiG-15 as a dual-combo kit. The only difference between this kit and their single-seaters is the double-seat fuselage, and of course, the decals.



That's what's new and in view for this month. Happy modeling until the next issue!

Ron



## Article and Presentation Assignments 2018

During last month's meeting, we tried to assign club members to do a monthly presentation, or write an article for our National Award-Winning newsletter. We actually went through this exercise in February too. I know this, because our amazing Club Secretary has notes that says we did...not because I remember it.

Below is a list of assignments through the end of the year, as you can see, there is still an opening for you to display your talent or expertise or ability to B.S. Volunteers will be much appreciated.

Thanks, - Ed.

### Monthly Newsletter Article:

August ..... Mike Lamm  
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## It Figures

By Michael Lamm

Aaron asked for assistance pulling together a list of latest figure releases, and I offered to help. This is my first time, so please be gentle.

Let's start in Singapore. Mirico Collectibles brings us their latest in a series 1/10th scale busts with Sara. This very nicely detailed model is sculpted by Raul Latorre and was released in mid-July.

<http://www.mirico.sg/>



Next up, Scale 75 has a number of new releases. They continue their "Steam Wars" line of 75mm (1/24th) steampunk figures. The latest release in the series is a duo, Liz Coppercotton & George Steelheart. This pair remind me a bit of BioShock's Elizabeth and Big Daddy.



Closer to home, and closer to projects in my stash, there are a few new releases in their War Front line. A second set of German Tankers in the aptly names "German Tankers 2" set. I can tell you the first set is awesome, and this one looks no different. It includes one full figure, and 2 half figures of German







tank commanders. Looks like they're currently only releasing 1/72 and 1/48 scale, but I'm sure 1/35 will be coming soon.

Don't need tank commanders? Don't worry Scale 75 is also releasing some ground troops.

Not surprisingly, more Germans with some excellent 1/72 and 1/48 Panzergrenadiers, and believe it or not, an Allied soldier in 1/35, this time a British Lance Corporal that looks great too.

<https://scale75usa.com>



United Empire Miniatures has a new 75mm resin figure from sculptor Yuri Serebryakov, the Highlands Warrior. The sculpt looks pretty nice, but something about his face reminds me of Uncle Jessie from The Dukes of Hazard.

<http://www.unitedempireminiatures.com>



For those of you who have built, or plan on building Wing Nut Wings 1/32 Eindecker, you're in luck! Wings Cockpit has a pilot just for you, and he looks great. The 1/32 resin figure even comes with your choice of 3 heads.



Don't want to put a pilot in that beautiful cockpit, well they've got you covered there too. You can add a ground crewman with their excellently detailed 1/32 German crewman enjoying a relaxing break.



<https://www.facebook.com/WingsCockpitFigures/>

That's it for this month, now go build a model and paint a figure.

Mike



## Tracked Topics

By Aaron Smischney

Greetings armor fans and hello to all you armor curious folks!

Last month I wished for more variants of the LVT from Vietnam and Amusing Hobby must read this column because voila!



This is the engineering variant and looks like one mad piece of machinery, I love the big plow on the front and am drooling over the weathering opportunities!





Next up is a trio from Hobby Boss, all “modern” kits of the Russian variety.



The first is the 30N6E radar system:

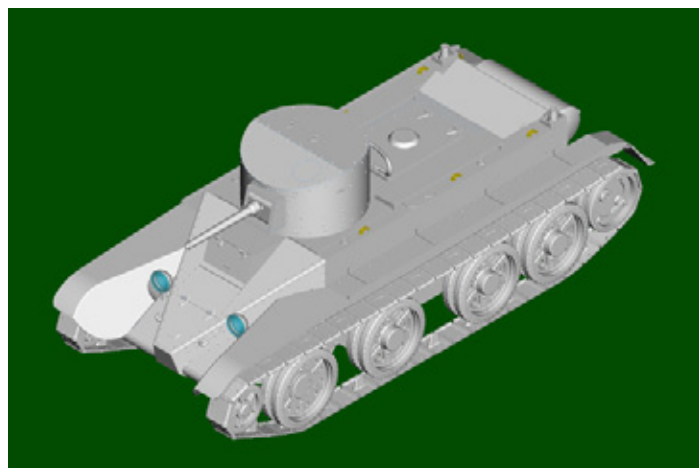


The second is the S-300V SAM system, which looks like a beast.

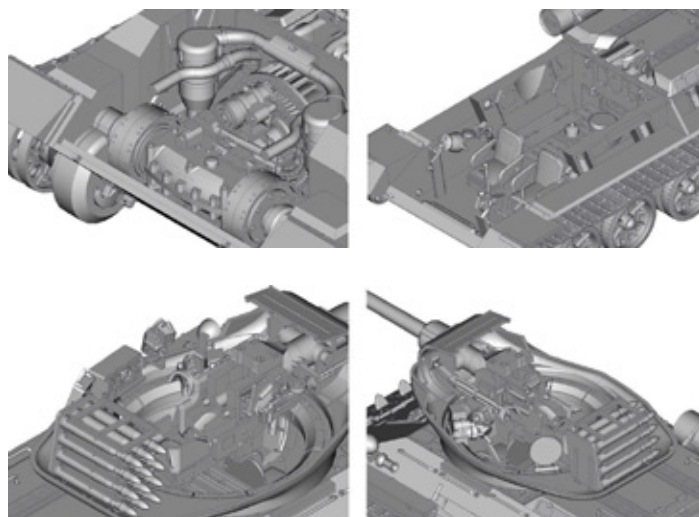


Finally to round out the modern Russian equipment, a 2S34 Hosta Self-Propelled Howitzer.

Let's keep the Hobby Boss rolling with the early days of Russian armor, an early BT-2 that looks spiffy as heck. From the CAD model it looks like we will get some photoetch and clear parts, maybe link and length track?



Italeri has a surprising announcement of a T-34/85 with full interior. This looks like a completely new tool and includes photoetch and some really nice detail.





Meng has a new kit, a Russian 9k37m1 air defense system that looks complicated but neat.

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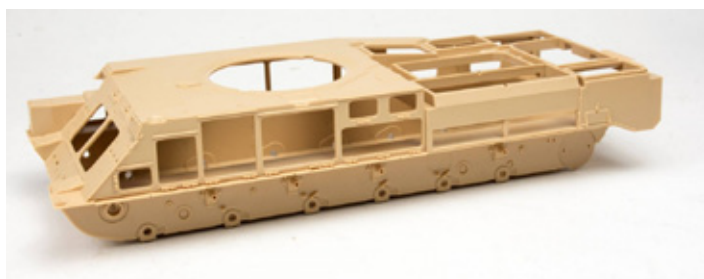


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Some very nice molding on this.



Looks like some of the hoses will be molded in rubber.

Yu-Fan has two releases coming in 1/35th. The first is an Ultra Light ATV (ULATV). The other is the crew to man it.



## 组装详解

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For you Israeli fans AFV will be releasing a 1/35th Magach 6B.



That's my highlights for this month, till next time!

Aaron







## Sundries

By Golzar Shahrzad

Just in case it isn't mentioned elsewhere, ASMS will hold the next Quarterly Model Contest at our September meeting. The theme is the Bondo Contest. As you may recall, kits that are appropriate for this contest were obtained from the estate of Phil 'Bondo' Brandt. 'Bondo' modeled aircraft and had an affinity for the odd, unusual, or were one of a kind. With that in mind, there are some new offerings that would fit the bill for odd, unusual, or one of a kind.



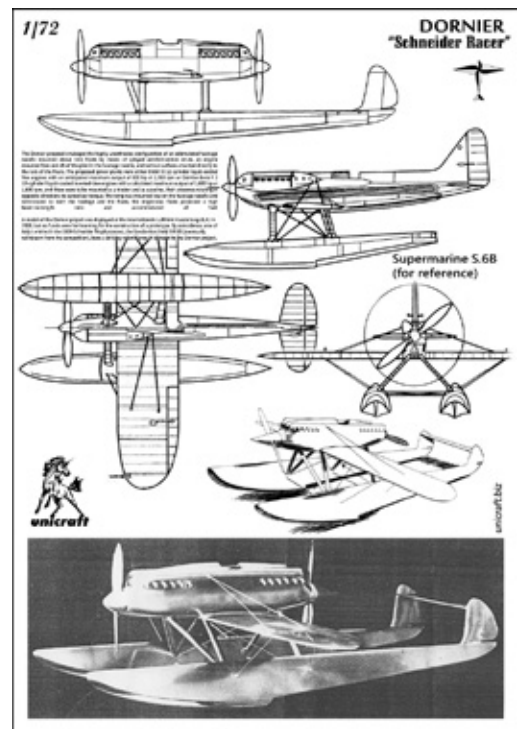
Among them is a 1/72nd scale kit from Unicraft. This all resin kit is Goodyear's (the tire people) entry into the Lightly Armed Reconnaissance Aircraft competition that eventually lead to the OV-10 Bronco. Who knew a tire company could design and build an aircraft. Goodyear did manage to build a single prototype, the 3G LARA.



The next two aircraft models fall into the weird and wonderful as well but represent racing airplanes from the between the wars era. One is from AviS and is of the Bristol Racer that was supposed to compete in the 1922 Coupe Deutsch de la Meurthe race. The Bristol Racer was entered the race but the mechanics just couldn't get the thing to go. This is an injected molded kit in 1/72nd scale.



The last oddball aircraft is another offering from Unicraft and is the German Dornier Schneider Trophy racer project of 1928. This is a resin kit in 1/72nd scale. The Dornier proposal envisaged an abbreviated fuselage nacelle mounted above twin floats with an engine mounted fore and aft of the pilot in the fuselage nacelle. Vertical surfaces would have been attached directly to the tails of the floats. Weird and wonderful!







AFV Club is releasing a new 1/4th scale US M1A1 carbine. Previous offerings of 1/4th scale infantry weapons were done by sister company, HobbyFan. This all resin kit is the paratrooper model with a folding stock and will cost a tad less than the \$850.00 bucks you'll need to get a real one. Which is a re-production.



Pit Road/Skywave are releasing a 1/144th scale Me 323 Gigant D-1. This giant troop/cargo transport began life as a glider but this is the one with engines. This injected molded kit has been available before but that one was from Matuo Kasten and in resin.



As small is beautiful, Eastern Express has a 1/144th scale Antonov An-22 transport coming soon to a hobby shop near you. (Remember, support your local hobby shop.) This injected molded kit is of the early version of this aircraft and includes one decal sheet, thirteen parts sprues, and one sprue with all the clear bits. Glue and paint not included.

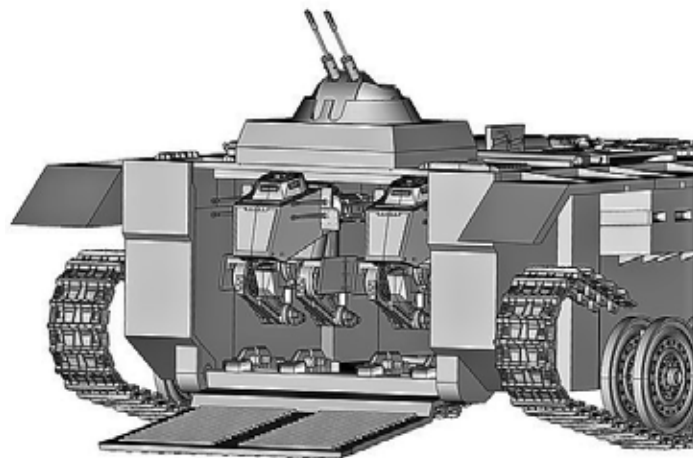


Rocket Models has been releasing some German What-If projects in their Fists of War series. Their kits are a little hard to find in this country but if you exercise some patience you'll find them under the Model Collect banner, eventually.





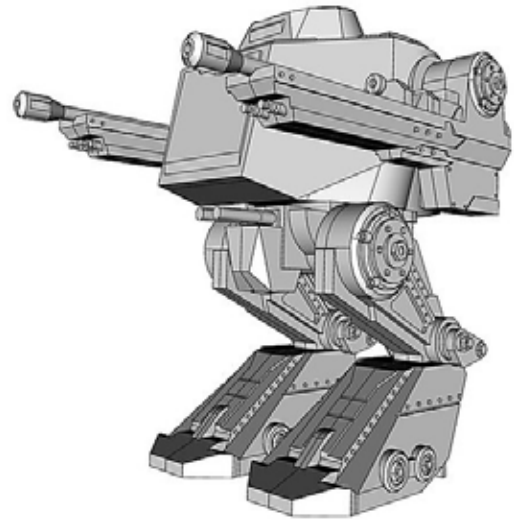
One of the newer items headed our way is the Traegerkreuzer (not a wood fired grill.) BCF-100. This 1/72nd scale, injected molded kit is a transporter tank that includes two types of barrels for the top turret.



What that tank transported are some BLF-100 Ein Mann Kampffahrzeugs. (That's two-legged, one man walking weapons, in English.) This Rocket Models kit is injected molded, in 1/72nd scale, and



has parts for four walkers. A fun aspect about these kits is the back story that has been created for them, part of which envisioned them being fielded in 1947!



Special Hobby has a re-issue (sort of) for flying boat fans. The Loire 130 CI flying boat will soon be available. This version is injected molded and in 1/48th scale. The re-issue part kicks in when you consider that this is the Azur kit with some new parts. This aircraft has been available before from Fonderie Miniature.



ICM continues to amaze with the introduction of a Standard B Liberty, a WWI US Army truck. The injected molded kit is in 1/35th scale and has a detailed chassis and engine with markings options for four vehicles. Via Wikipedia: The Liberty truck





was designed by the Motor Transport section of the Quartermaster Corps in cooperation with the members of the Society of Automotive Engineers. Production of the 3.5 ton truck began in 1917, and the first models appeared ten weeks after the design was standardized. Of the almost 9,500 produced by 15 manufacturers, more than 7,500 were sent overseas. The Liberty's four-speed transmission coupled with its 52-hp engine gave the truck a top speed of about 15 miles per hour. For local club members, there is a surviving example of the Liberty truck at Camp Mabry.



Camp Mabry has a nice collection of military armor and rolling stock and admission is free! What they don't have is a Porsche 356 coupe. Revell of Germany does...or soon will have. This injected molded model is in 1/16th scale and boasts new tooling and rubber tires. This kit is part of Revell's Easy Click assembly series, which means you won't need any glue. Don't let the SnapTite nature of this model put you off, the fit and finish on this series of kits is very nice. Specific details are a bit sparse but it may be safe to assume that this will be a curbside model (IE. no engine, detailed suspension, or drive train.)



Go build the your model.

Golzar



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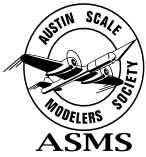
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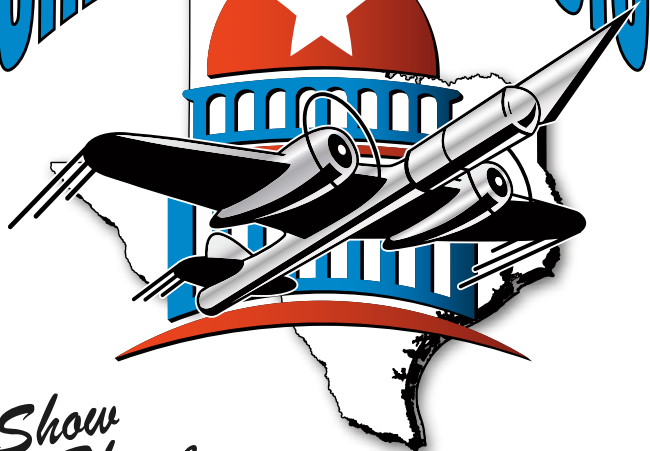


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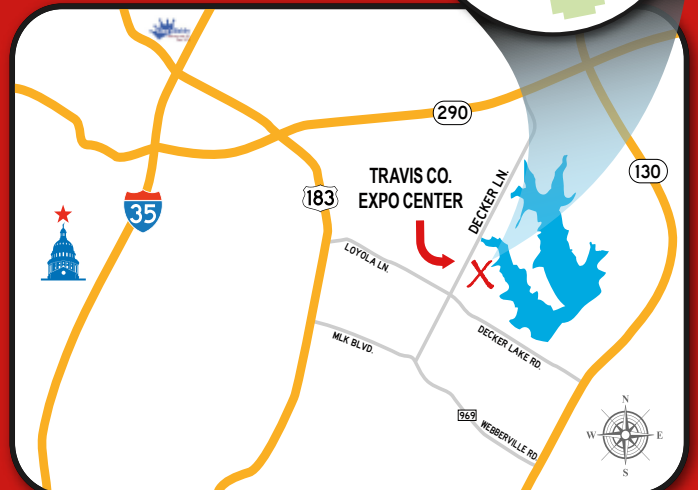
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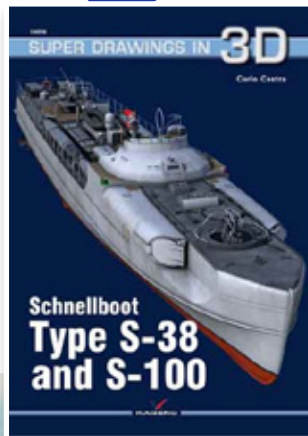


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