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Coming Events

June 1-- Tulsa Figure Show and contest at the Wyndham Hotel in Tulsa

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Meeting Reports

Business Meeting—May 3

The open program night in June will now consist of pictures from Scalefest (IPMS Region 6 contest) and the Tulsa Figure Show.

For what it's worth, here is a current status of the MOM awards so we can plan on how the contest will move forward and what we need to buy:

Gold Painted-current MOM	16
Silver Painted-current Budget Build	3

Antique Gold-Old Style MOM

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So, with the next BB scheduled for July, we can go through the end of the year before making a decision on whether to continue the Budget Build—longer if we repurpose the old MOM awards.

Model of the Month— May 3



Tiger I

Mark Walcott



Slave I

Jake Sullivan

To Preserve the Past for the Future

Est. 1967—The tenth oldest chapter in the United States
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Frederick I

Jeremy Thomas



Ashigara

Jackson Clark



Apatosaurus

Rick Jackson

Missing photo

1970 Mustang Mach 1

Daniel Kuhlmeier



V-2

Dave Kimbrell



Leopold

Jake Sullivan



Boba Fett

Jake Sullivan

And there was one WIP



Mark picked up the win with the Trumpeter Tiger tank.

Program Night—May 17

We went back to an old program concept with a roundtable discussion. Everyone brought in something they wanted to talk about either as a how-to or a solicitation of advice on an issue. So, it was a little bit like the Model of the Month presentations, but not quite.





A few thoughts from the Head Chicken...

SATISFACTION IN WINNING



Many years ago, I learned to take satisfaction in winning and to do so without embarrassment. I have noticed some seem to have a problem winning. They seem embarrassed for some reason and this makes no sense to me. It takes courage to put your work out to be judged by your personal work, so there is no reason to feel badly. You don't have to be an obnoxious jerk, but there is no reason not to take pride in your achievements.

Building an award winning model is not something the majority of people can do. In fact, it's easier to make a basket from center court, than build a top notch model. When you think about that for a while, you realize you are in an elite group of craftsman. Be proud.

Dave Kimbrell

The Dark Side

Come to the Dark Side.....the long legged rustle of high heel boots call.

Buying on line

Now days we all seem to buy stuff on line. Here are some of the companies I have done business with and some comments about them. Keep in mind the remarks are based on personal experiences and may differ from others. Also, the companies do make changes over the years.



The major ones have shipment tracking and will notify you when things ship. Other than the 'it shipped' notice, the information links from Squadron are worthless.

Squadron Mail Order



I first ordered from Squadron (MMD) over fifty years ago when they were still in Kalamazoo, Michigan. In those days you filled out an order sheet and added alternative items of the same cost in case what you wanted was OOS. You wrote a check and sent it off snail mail. In the old days the monthly flyer was also a model magazine. In recent years, they have had some problems and have a lot of stuff listed as coming soon, but not in stock.

Sometimes it takes over a week to get the shipment versus the past when things came in three days (to OKC). Also, I am not fond of the current website design. Still, they are there and send out a monthly flyer with all the new stuff. They are a sponsor of IPMS and Hyperscale. Today, they do credit cards and PayPal. Ships USPS.
<https://www.squadron.com/>

Lots of Models



Ordered on Tuesday and received order Friday. They are out of Missouri. Uses PayPal and takes credit cards. I have only bought from them a couple times, so far. They have lots of stuff that is out of production because they buy collections. Some of the stuff is priced fairly, and some seems excessive.

Make sure to check prices before getting all fired up. I haven't seen any "new" kits, but there is a lot to look at and perhaps the hard to find item. Their shipping is prompt. <https://lots-of-models.com/>

Kitlinx



I got connected to these guys because they bought out Roll Model. They have a good website and show a lot of brands not seen on other sites. However, be aware label "available" means they will order it when you do. The first order I placed took three weeks because it had to come from Europe. They also take credit cards/PayPal. They provide links to *Scalemates* offering reviews of the product for many items.

<https://www.kitlinx.com/index.html>

Dragon on Line



I started ordering from them fifteen years ago. They have a limited line; most DML, but some other stuff as well. If you are looking for DML kits, I would start here. They are based in California and stuff usually ships in about a week. They do give a kick back which you can apply to your next purchases. Ships using FedEx.

<http://www.dragonusaonline.com/>

Sprue Bros



Sprue Bros has become my main go to on line source. They have a fairly good website and a wide range of products. They have also been a big sponsor of IPMS. They take PayPal and ship in a few days quite reliably. I really like their *What's New* page which comes up first thing. Shipping is USPS. <http://spruebrothers.com/>

Military Miniatures Warehouse



MMW is an excellent source for figures. I found them after Red Lancers went belly up and have been satisfied with the website and the shipping. They take credit cards/PayPal and list stuff as out of stock avoiding the disappointment. Lots of figure stuff and diorama supplies. They are in New York State and my orders have come in less than a week USPS. <http://www.milminwh.com/>

Mk35 Editions



They are based in France and have a line of mostly French civilians, soldiers, and buildings. I went in search of them when an order to Red Lancers failed because of closure. They have some very unique items. My order took about three weeks and came via USPS. They too take PayPal. <https://www.mk35.com/en/>

Lucky Model



Based out of Hong Kong, LM has a very good website, a large and varied inventory, and is very reliable on shipping. Most items take about two weeks to arrive although some items come faster. You should make sure you check the shipping cost on some items before you finalize the order. You will see a super good price, only to have a shipping cost bring it up to local costs. Many older items are listed for backorder. The dates are fairly accurate, so add that to the shipping time. I have had some items come postmarked out of New Jersey. They take PayPal. <https://www.luckymodel.com/>

Hobby Link Japan



HLJ has been around for a long time. If it comes out of the Pacific Rim, they will probably have it, and they do carry items not easily found on other sites. Also, they are slow to ship. You should figure on at least three weeks. For many years, all their pricing was in Japanese Yen, but checking the site as I write this, they are now showing in US dollars. They do show items in or not in stock. The current search engine is quite fast and works well, but they still put things in odd places which doesn't make grazing easy. They take PayPal and will ship FedEx and DHL. <https://hlj.com/>

MEGAHOBBY



MEGA is out of New Jersey. They show a large inventory and sport a scratch and dent section which has items with a damaged box, for those looking for a good buy. However,

the website seems slow and my first order did not go well. I used PayPal and had to switch cards. This locked up the Mega Hobby system locked up and would not reset which required me to wait for the MH people to reset things. This took over twenty-four hours. I finally cleared the original order and placed it all over again which seemed to go through. They show availability and most say “will ship in one business day”. Free shipping for orders over \$100. There is a newsletter and rewards kick back feature. The order shipped on Monday and arrived on Thursday via FedEx. <https://www.megahobby.com/>

General Knowledge and Private Information

No one expects the...Elefant?

Pulled this off the web; taken on a highway in Virginia as the Elefant Panzerjager was moved from Aberdeen Proving Grounds to Ft. Lee, Virginia. Not something you would expect to see passing you in the night.



Dave Kimbrell



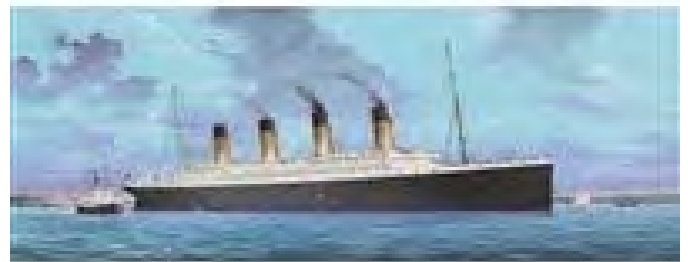
BATHTUB ADMIRALS

New(ish) Kits

Here are some of the recent kits released and/or announced. Most of this is really up in the air with so many of them from Chinese companies and the recent imposition of tariffs. Price and availability are big unknowns even if you buy on-line. One has to wonder if a purchase of a Trumpeter kit through Hannants, for example, would incur the Federal wrath.

Trumpeter

Speaking of Trumpeter, they have been by far the busiest of the manufacturers in announcing upcoming kits.



RMS *Titanic* 1/200 scale

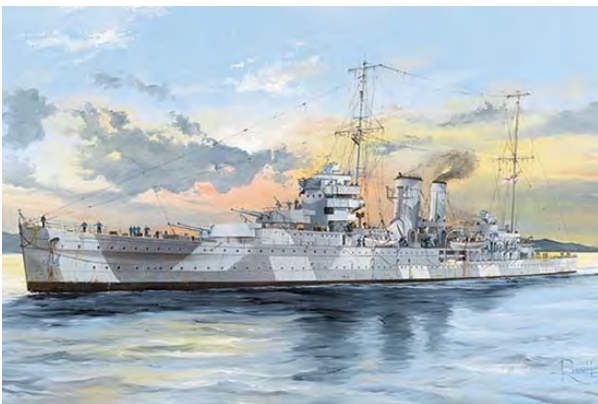
For everyone who can't get enough of big models, here is another up-scale of a familiar subject. Better have a lot of room as this one will check in at 53". It will be interesting to find out the lineage of this since Trumpeter doesn't have another kit already in its inventory to up-scale.



HMS Cornwall 1/350th

The British *County* class, or A-type, cruisers appear to be the ‘next big thing’ in modeling. Up to now there have only been resin kits or the ancient Airfix kit.

We’ve already seen a few entries by Aoshima in 1/700th. Now Trumpeter is putting out versions in 1/350th. The first one out is *Cornwall*. This will be fertile ground since 13 ships were built in the 20’s and there was quite a bit of difference in the appearance over time as new requirements were incorporated in later ships and many were rebuilt before and during WW II. The large aircraft hangar on *Cornwall* would be found on three other ships, but only *Berwick* is identical so it is probably the next one to be released. The other two ships—*Suffolk* and *Cumberland*—had the cut-down quarterdeck. Still, with a different hull and deck as the only differences it probably will be those two as the next ones released.



HMS York 1/350

This is no surprise given their release of *Exeter*, the other B-type cruiser, last year. Some vendors are mistakenly listing this as a destroyer in their ‘upcoming’ lists, confusing it with the modern Type 42 HMS *York*.



Schleswig-Holstein 1/350th

This pre-dreadnought was one of the few ships Germany was allowed to keep after WW I. She is famous for firing the first shots of WW II when she bombarded the Westerplatte ammunition depot in Danzig, Poland. This kit is listed to be as she looked in 1935 and is probably the same as she looked in 1939.



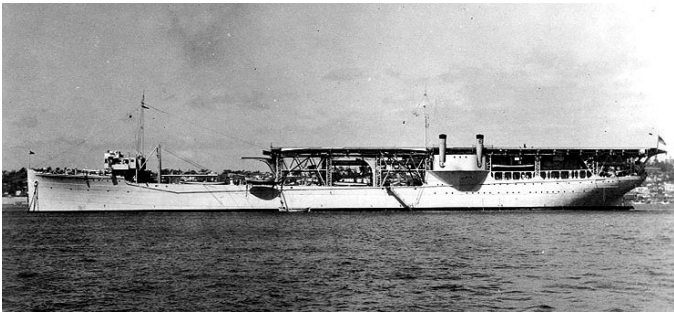
Viribus Unitis 1/230th

This is an interesting subject for a new, plastic kit. While rather powerful in WW I, the Austro-Hungarian navy has virtually no traction when it comes to popularity. Spending the resources to create a kit (and probably the other ships in the class are forthcoming) is unusual.



USS Langley 1/350th

US WW II carriers are continuing to be released in 1/350th scale. We’ve had *Yorktown* and *Lexington* class models for years. *Ranger* came out last year. The latest announced is *Langley*. Two versions are listed. There is a CV-1 which could be from the 1920’s through the mid-1930’s with any number of different aircraft embarked. This plastic version will supplant the Commander Models resin version in this scale released in the early 2000’s.



The other version is AV-3 which is the aircraft transport version that she was converted into from 1937 until she was sunk attempting to ferry aircraft to Tjilatjap in February 1942.



Gneisenau 1/350



Scharnhorst 1/350

It's been nearly ten years since Dragon put out their 1/350 kit to a tremendous amount of fanfare. It was for the final configuration in 1943 and since then they have put out earlier versions for 1941 and 1942. Here, Trumpeter is filling in the gaps with a wartime version of *Gneisenau* and what, if the photo can be trusted, appears to be the as-launched version of *Scharnhorst* with the straight stem and no funnel cap. Interesting, but since she only existed

in this from January to June 1939 before having the Atlantic bow added...



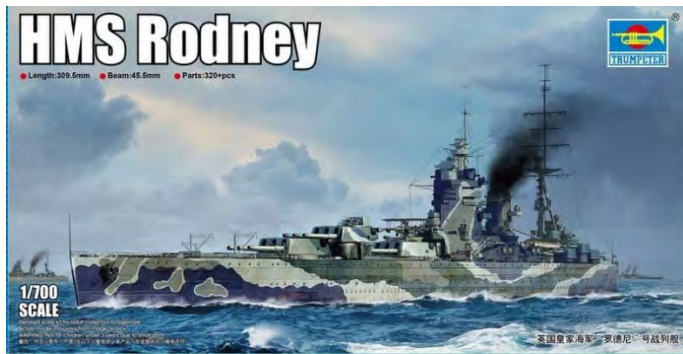
Yes, Trumpeter continues to tease that they will be releasing 1/350th scale editions of *Nelson* and *Rodney*. This goes back to about the same time they released the 1/200th *Nelson* back in 2011.



USS *Constellation* 1/700

This should be a scaled-down version of the 1/350th scale kit Trumpeter produced a couple of years ago. It should be a cinch that a scaled-down *Kitty Hawk* will also be seen in the near future.





Failure to produce on the 1/350th scale kits hasn't stopped Trumpeter from putting out kits of *Nelson* in *Rodney* in 1/700th. I would be curious to compare these to the Meng kit just to be certain they are not re-boxes. It's unlikely since the Meng kit has some easy-build features and Trumpeter does have the 1/200th scale kits as starting points. Stranger things have happened, though.



Type 23 Frigates 1/700

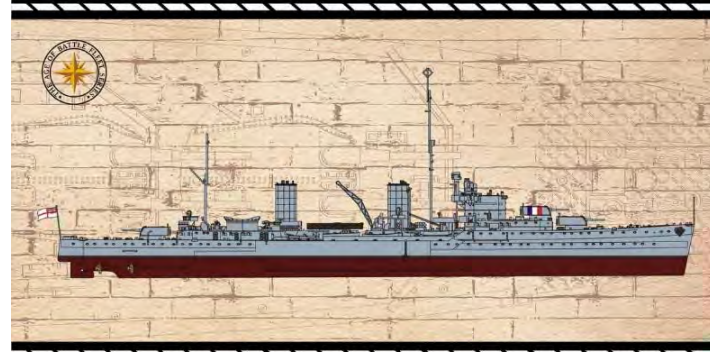
This group of ships were conceived as post-Falklands replacements for the *Leander* class ASW frigates in the 1980's. I've seen four different ship names so far, *Monmouth*, *Kent*, *Westminster* and *Montrose*, and, with sixteen ships in the class, there probably will be more. These weren't built in batches like the Type 42 ships as far as I can tell, so physical differences are minimized unless they produce as-built and modernized versions (not likely).

FlyHawk



Bismarck 1/700

A 'companion' release to the *Prince of Wales* kit I reviewed a few months back, this one is also receiving rave reviews—so much so that it is tamping down the 'do we really need ANOTHER Bismarck kit?' complaints. It puts me in the position of deciding whether to buy it and get rid of the Aoshima and Dragon versions in the stash because, you know, do I really need ANOTHER *Bismarck*?



HMS Galatea 1/700th

Another of the *Arethusa* class light cruisers. This has already been released in boxes as *Naiad*, *Aurora*, *Penelope* and *Chungking*.



HMS Legion 1/700th

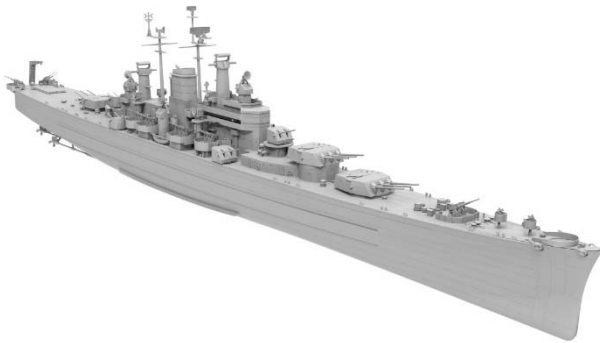
HMS Legion was one of the L-class destroyers launched from 1939 to 1942. They were in the middle of most of the war with six of the eight ships sunk. That means you can expect six more kits to be released (*Lance* is already out) in the future.

Blue Ridge Models



H-39 1/700

This is the follow-on class to the *Bismarck* class intended to be launched in the early 1940's had Hitler not jumped the gun and started WW II early. Two of this class were laid down but never went very far. They are very much like *Bismarck* with 16-inch instead of 15-inch guns. The most noticeable difference is the increased length and a second funnel. The name *Hutten* is often ascribed to be the planned name for this ship.

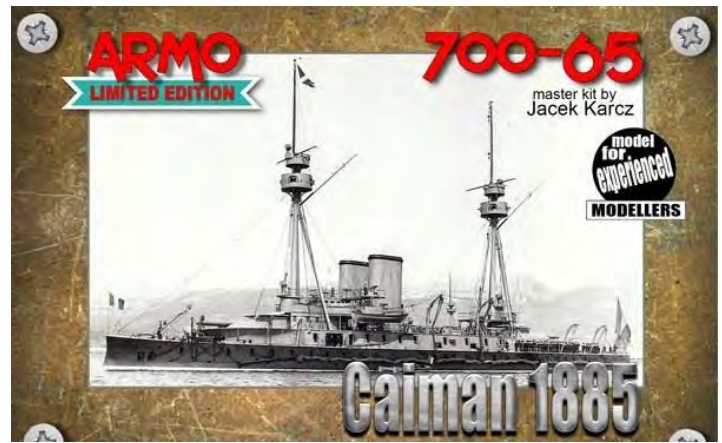


USS *Salem*

They also have announced a plastic kit of the *Salem*, a *Des Moines* class cruiser. She is the last heavy cruiser in existence and is currently a museum ship in Quincy MA. This essentially replaces the Yankee Modelworks resin kit of years ago at about half the original price and who knows what versus a vendor room price.

Armo

This is a manufacturer from Poland know for other subjects and accessories in armor but I just came across where they are getting into obscure (and not so obscure) European ships. These are resin kits and while the photos look OK they have typically higher-than-plastic prices.

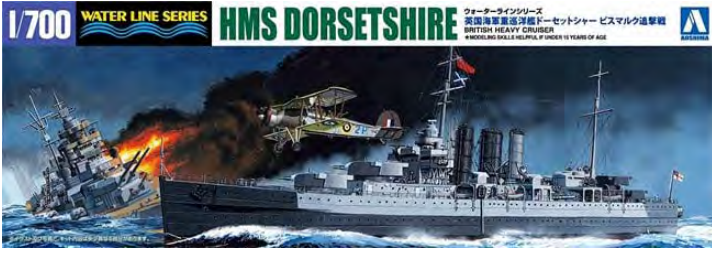


Judging from the kit numbers there are a bunch more kits than the 20 or so I've come across so far. Some box art shows the kits to be a little basic but where else are you going to get these subjects?

Aoshima



Aoshima takes sort of a break from their 'ships Japan sank' theme to release a sister of *Cornwall* and *Dorsetshire*—HMS *Norfolk* in 1/700th. Once you get past the absurd Battle of the North Cape box art you should get a late-war fit of a *County* class ship. *Norfolk* was in the same construction batch as *Dorsetshire*, so there is kit commonality there. This *should* be slightly different (AA and radars) than the other two since they were sunk in early 1942.



Speaking of *Dorsetshire*, Aoshima has released another version. This one represents the ship at the time of the *Bismarck* chase. With less than a year between this and her sinking, nothing changed in her appearance save a paint scheme. So, once again as with their *Exeter* kits, the model in the box is the same. Here, though, you don't seem to get any extra goodies in the box to influence you to buy a second kit.

Rick Jackson

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- 16 OHMS Meeting. Program night.

September

- 6 OHMS Meeting. MOM contest. **OFFICER ELECTIONS.**
- 14 **SuperCon 2019**, Bob Duncan Community Center - Vandergriff Park, 2800 S. Center Street, Arlington TX, IPMS - Fort Worth Scale Modelers, Dave Hibscher hurricaneyankee52@yahoo.com
- 20 OHMS Meeting. Program Night. Pictures from IPMS Nationals
- 28 CASM Sproo-Doo 2019 Contest & Swap-Meet, The Innovation Hub, 201 E. Broadway, North Little Rock AR. Central Arkansas Scale Modelers - IPMS Lt. j.g. Nathan Gordon, Contact Ron Leker - rleker@ct-t.com

October

- 4 OHMS Meeting. MOM contest. Budget Build contest.
- 18 OHMS Meeting. – Program night. Build Night.
- 19 Cajun Modelfest 32 at LSU MiniFarm 4-H Building 101 Efferson Hall, CR4F+HX, Baton Rouge Scale Modelers

November

- 1 OHMS Meeting. MOM contest
- 15 OHMS Meeting. Annual Club Auction

December

- 6 OHMS Meeting. MOM contest.
- 20 OHMS Meeting. Christmas Party