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" FROM THE IRON WORKS "

by BIG BILL SCHWARZ PRES.

Hi all.

Hope you are all fine and are in good spirits. Not much else is going on club or show wise at this time so I will leave it at that. I do hope everything in our America settles down soon. There's a lot going on, on many levels but at this time I'm going to leave that alone ! We all have our opinions and all deserve to have them so I'll leave it at that. Hope all goes well in the future for everyone in our world !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Next up is ZOOM. It seems to be working well. Thanks Bob and Dan for getting it together and thanks to Bill S for keeping up the newsletter. WELL DONE. With that said it's still a no go at the K OF C in Garwood and it's a maybe for August. I Sent an idea to my eboard and with majority vote we have decided to try an open air meeting at my house. I will let you know time and date over the next few weeks. OPEN AIR MEANS JUST THAT. I have over 2 1/2 acres and I'm right off GSP Exit 120. The meeting will require social distancing and masks will be required. I will provide refreshments as well as several display tables. I've already cleared it with my town, too. I have over 300 ft of driveway and its double wide with run off. Rain is the only thing I can see that might be a problem. Please remember 6 ft rule and clean up after your selves. There's a sink by my garden and we will have a john as well. Under no circumstances at this time will my shops,motorcycles, and my house be open. This is an outdoor early evening fun and model night get together for the club. More details later. Well that's about it for now. I'm sure the other guys will add to the NL as well so I'm done.

LIVE LONG STAY HEALTHY AND BE SAFE !!!!! P/S BRING YOU OWN LAWN CHAIRS !!!
REGARDS, BIG BILL SCHWARZ



HOPE THE PARTY WORKS OUT! Ed.

Here's some old Mosquito-Con pics.



Next Dan Spera is giving info on the ZOOM Club meeting this Friday. You need to join ZOOM first. Just Google ZOOM.COM and ask to join. The directions are easy. You will get a member number which you should keep with Club info. I'm on several ZOOM meetings and lessons, and each member number is specific to the group you are joining. If you are only on ZOOM to participate in NJIPMS meetings...just join ZOOM as described above. If you do run into problems-e-mail Dan.



AND THANKS TO DAN FOR SETTING UP AND OWNING THE ZOOM PROCESS!!

Dan will send an -email to all of the members. It will be asking you to join a scheduled ZOOM meeting. As long as you have downloaded and joined ZOOM, when DAN lets you in, you're there. I personally recommend being on a computer or tablet. ZOOM is very difficult on a phone. Now on to Dan.

NJIPMS Zoom Meeting

June 12, 2020

7:30 EDT

Note: All participants will automatically be muted when you join. You will need to unmute to speak.

Agenda

7:30 – 7:35 Opening remarks: Dan

7:35 – 8:00 Business Meeting: Big Bill

8:00 – 9:30 Free for all: Membership: Be prepared to maybe show what you are currently working on, your shop area or anything else model related and discuss it for a few minutes. If you've never been in a Zoom meeting before, things can get out of control pretty quickly. Please be courteous and respectful of people's right to speak uninterrupted. Please no sidebars, interrupting or other buffoonery. I know this may be a stretch for some. Admin reserves the right to mute anyone that can't follow these simple rules. Have fun. We have had a few test meetings with small groups, and it's been great. If it works out, we can have meetings monthly, bi-weekly or even weekly, if there's an interest. We look forward to seeing everyone Friday!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please email Dan at danspera@gmail.com



AND NOW.....a 'TERRE-GRAM'

Revell Deutz D30 Tractor.

This is my build of the Revell 1/24th scale Deutz D30 tractor (Kit 07821), one of the most popular German tractors made. The kit contains 96 parts molded in four colors, green, red,

bronze and black, with a small clear sprue for the headlight lens. The molding is crisp with no flash noted. There are four vinyl tires that are beautiful, no mold lines in between the treads with a nice subdued rubber look to them. You get a nice decal sheet, or stickers if you choose. This is a “snap together” kit but don’t let that fool you, it’s well engineered, great detail and you will have to glue it, regardless of what’s advertised.



The instruction is well done but some of the drawings are a little confusing, however any modeler with just a little experience will have no problems. One thing to note, when you’re dry fitting parts be careful! This is a “snap together” kit and if you hear a “snap” you might have a devil of a time getting the parts apart. The fit of the parts was truly amazing, with little filler needed.

I wanted to build this out of the box, however I had a relapse of Advanced Modeler Syndrome (AMS) and added battery and starter motor wiring. These were made from fine copper wire painted Tamiya XF-85 Rubber Black.



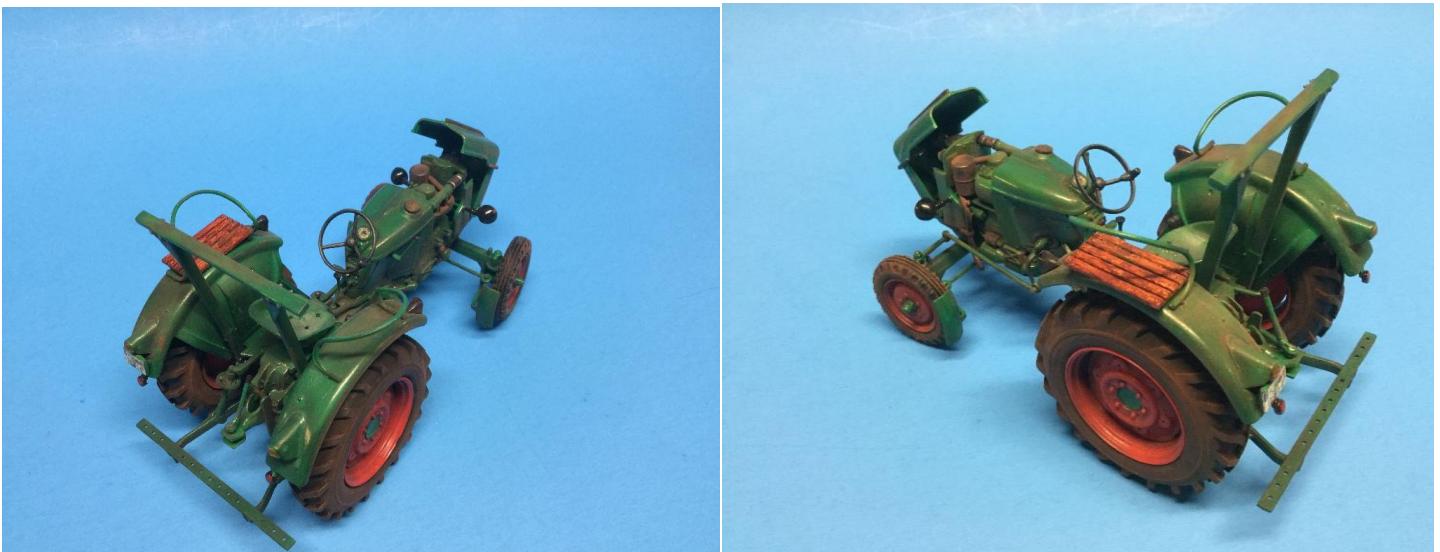
The basic color was green, Deutz green to be accurate. I'm finding out that tractor manufacturers have "house colors" for their machines. John Deere green and yellow, Massey Ferguson maroon and gray, Case yellow, you get the idea. These are not the colors you would find in a normal hobby shops (if you can find one) paint offerings. I've found the best place for accurate tractor paints is the local Tractor Supply store. Many farmers restore old tractors and take them to competitions and accurate paint is naturally essential. However when I went to the store and asked for Deutz green I got a "never heard of them". Research revealed however that Krylon 5517 Gloss Emerald Green was the perfect match. A trip to my Lowe's solved that problem.

I literally glued the chassis and axles together, assembled the steering gear and fenders and sprayed them green in one night. The wheels are molded red and all I did was give them a clear satin coat and that was that.

One problem was that the bronze trim on the hood was very bright and totally out of scale, like the chrome parts on an AMT car kit. I soaked them overnight in Super Clean degreaser and the bronze was gone. The underlying plastic was black so I applied some Rub-N-Buff Antique Gold and got a marvelous subdued and weathered effect.

The headlights were picked out in Tamiya X-1 Gloss Black with their interiors painted Tamiya X-11 Chrome silver. The clear plastic lens has nice ribbed detail and really looked good. Revell gives you decals or stickers for the various running lights but I didn't like the look of them. I instead picked out the lights with Tamiya X-11 Chrome Silver and then applied Tamiya X-24 Clear Yellow and Tamiya X-27 Clear Red as needed.

One interesting thing on European tractors is that they have passenger seating on the fenders, usually a wooded seat, and the Deutz was no exception. I used my usual technique of coating the part with Tamiya XF-15 Flat Flesh, the streaking Tamiya XF-79 Linoleum Deck Brown and when dry coating with Tamiya X-26 Clear Orange to make the grain detail pop out and to give a varnished wood look.



I popped the vinyl tires on the wheels and attached them to the axles and the model was complete. The hood was snapped on, yes snapped, and it fit perfectly. Then it was on to the decals. The decal sheet was very good, there were even manufacturer logos for the battery, license plates (two choices!) data plates for the engine and filters and even Deutz logos for the hood and drivers seat. You even got a nice instrument panel decal. These went on with no problem with just a little Micro Sol to make them set in nicely.

With all this done it was time to weather. Living in a rural, farming area I've noticed that tractors are very well kept, they're not beat up at all. It's not uncommon to seeing them being washed at the end of the day. With this in mind I wanted to keep weathering to a minimum. I first just rubbed black pastel into most of the exterior areas. This subdues the gloss and gives a nice effect. One of the guys in my Delaware club, Rob Bourgot uses an alcohol/pastel wash. You take a stick of pastel, using a razor knife shave some off into a small plastic cup and add a few drops of alcohol. You can vary the amount of alcohol to get the desired effect you're looking for. The beauty thing about this technique is that if you don't like it you can wash it off with water. It doesn't matter what percentage (%) the alcohol is, lower percentage just takes a little more time to dry.

I first experimented using a brown wash over the black exhaust system. I made the wash a little thick and brushed it on and was amazed with the results! It really looked good. I then used a black wash for the engine and chassis areas as well as the steering gear and was very pleased with the results. Finally I added a little dry brown pastel overall to give the model a dusty look and with that I was done.

This was a no stress fun build that took about ten days to complete. Guys, it was just fun! I don't know when we're all getting together, the Zoom meetings have been fun however thanks to Bob LaPadura and Dan Spera. I would think with all this lockdown time you've all been busy at your benches, can't wait to see all of you and your builds. Thanks for reading! 👍



THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Hello all! I hope this article finds you well and healthy. By this point I think we've all been or known someone impacted by the COVID19 pandemic. I tragically lost my uncle who was only 55 back in April and I've had numerous other friends succumb to the disease. But as summer approaches it appears less cases are happening here in the Garden State and hopefully by fall, we can get back to life as it used to be.

In terms of modelling, there's no better time to build than now. Being that many of us are trapped indoors, it's one of the few hobbies that fits this niche. Finding kits now seems to be the hardest part as supplies from China and Japan are taking longer to arrive. I've taken advantage of a lot of the sales going on and picked up new kits and tools.

Being off of work, I've had the free time to watch several of the Gundam series that I didn't get around to and in turn, I've bought more models from the shows. I've also been working on a 1/200 scale Mikasa and a 1/350 scale Roma. If we're able to have MosquitoCon at its tentative rescheduled date, I'd like to display one (if I actually finish it).

I hope to see everyone soon, even if we have digital meetings.

My best

Jon DaSilva

Our thoughts are with any of our members and their families who have suffered tragedy from COVID-19. Caution is the word.

Now a few hints on SCRATCH-BUILDING from John Bucholz!!

What is scratch building? Yes the person who made the Eiffel Tower in 1/72scale out of Plastistruct I-beams is definitely a scratch builder. But what about the person who wants to add some extra detail to the model they are building? When you drill out the gun barrels on a ship, plane, or tank you have taken the first step to scratch building. I know this sounds like a very minor step but just like learning your ABC's in kindergarten so to adding small detail is the beginning of scratch building.

I define scratch building as adding something that is missing either from a kit you are building or in extreme cases making your own parts in order to build a kit of something you cannot buy. As this is the intro course, I will start small and work up to the bigger projects. For your first builds I suggest you start with something simple and slowly work up to the more advanced builds. I will now give you a few golden rules for your first projects.

First- Find some actual information on what you are attempting to create. Building a Panther tank with Africa Korps markings might look very nice but it never existed in the real world. Find a good picture, drawing, or blueprint of the thing you want to duplicate. If you can find multiple sources you will be better prepared to construct your item-you would be surprised how many "experts" will disagree on some of the simplest matters.

Second- Start off with something simple. Don't start with something that will need 1000 pieces and occupy your entire workbench. These projects will usually wind up on the back shelf with all the other half-built kits. Pick something that will have a manageable amount of pieces and that you can easily move to the side if you get tired of working on it.

Third- Pick something that has a lot of flat surfaces. It is always easier to make squares, rectangles, and triangles than it is to make circles, cylinders, and cones. Remember that most large items can usually be made by combining smaller objects into one larger object.

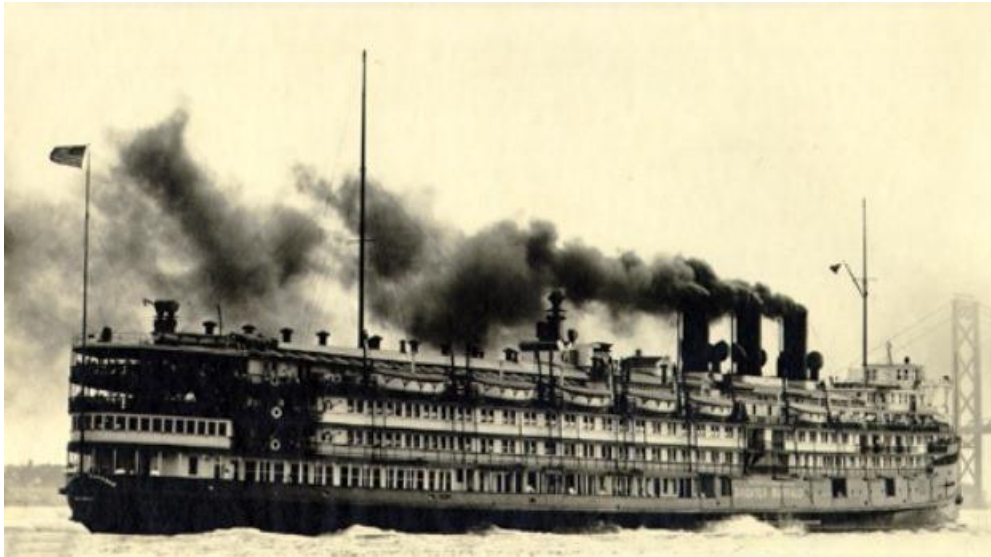
Next Lesson- Tools you will need to start scratch building.



John Bucholz

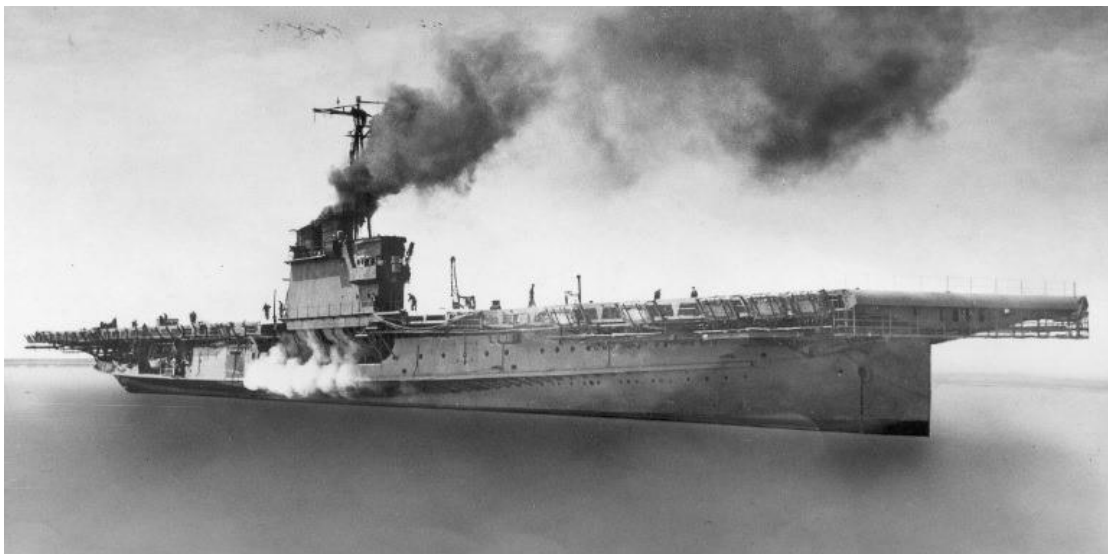
Fred Horky sent this fun and informative piece.

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An un-forecast added plus in recent years has been aircraft once thought "extinct" being plucked in excellent condition from the cold, FRESH waters of he lakes, to become restored museum pieces! An example is this rare, early model SBD-2 which had been relegated to training duties, seen after it was pulled up from the bottom of Lake Michigan in remarkably good condition.

SBD-2 recovered Lake Michigan



Incidentally, those pilots that were trained included one future president of the United States, who is also seen in this video link.

Click here for video <https://youtu.be/1bZFMY-FySU>

Greater Buffalo - to be USS Sable

the Greater Buffalo, which became USS Sable.

P.S. There was the added advantage of tying up at Chicago's Navy Pier every night....

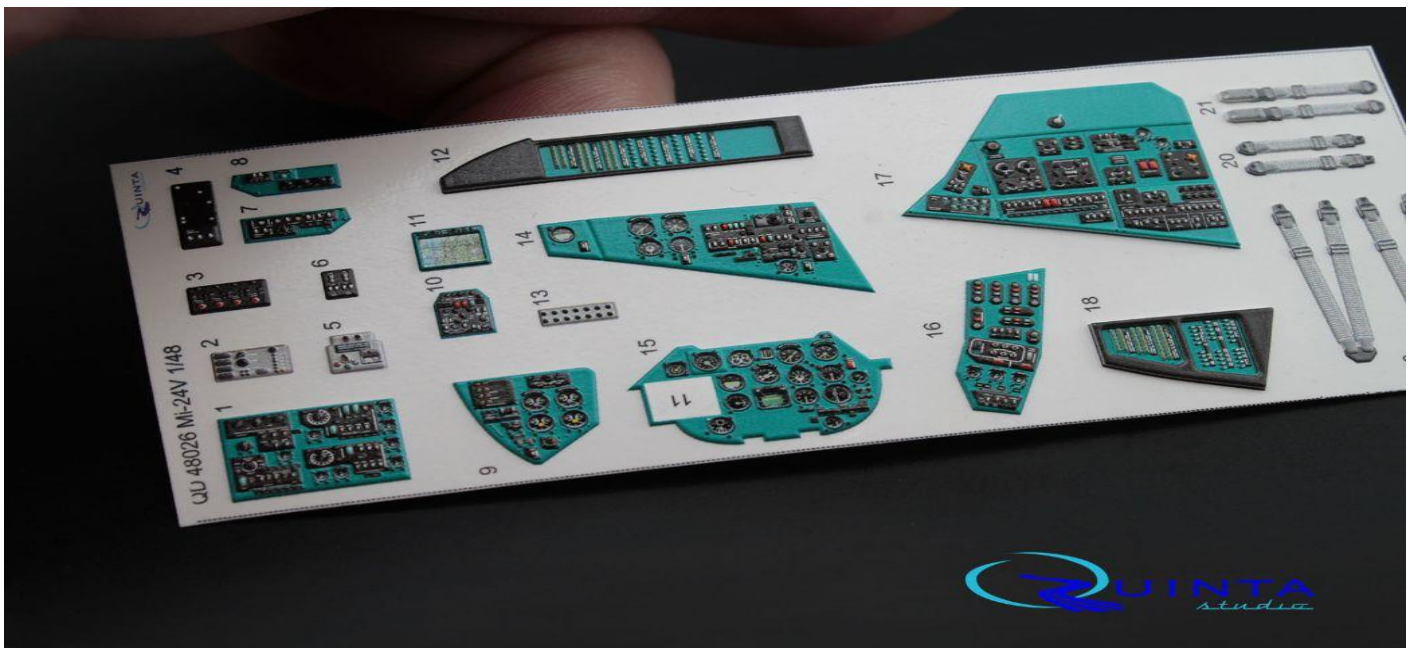
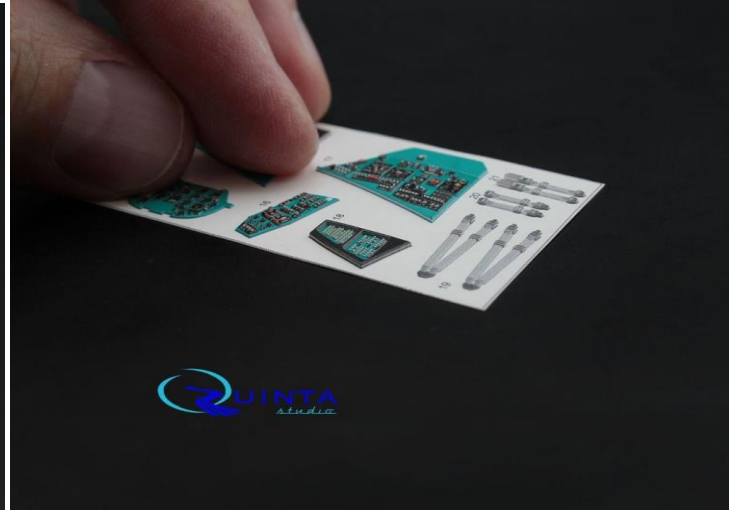
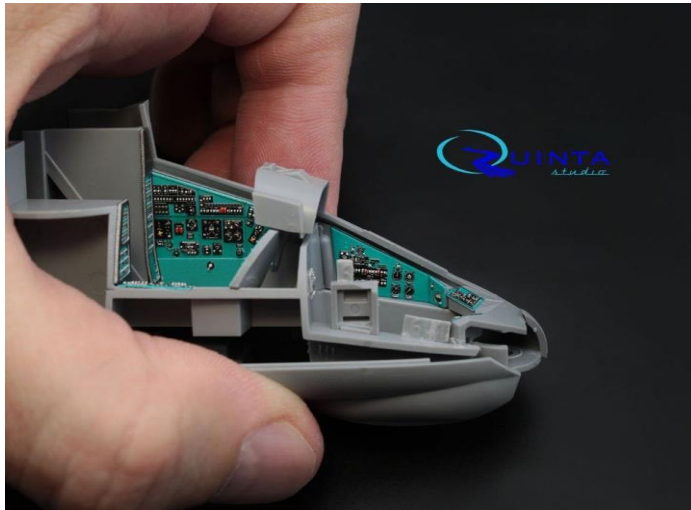
THANKS FRED FOR ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION.

Le Grande Guillaume (Big Bill en Francais) seems into a model he is looking at.

" ZVEZDA 1/48TH SCALE MI 24 V HIND WITH QUINTA STUDIOS FULL INTERIOR 3D
DECALS" FROM BIG BILL SCHWARZ

HI ALL. I just wanted you to see these items. I will review and bring to meeting when I get it. It's a full set ordered direct from Russia. it's the ZVEZDA HIND brand new tool as well as a new item from Quinta studios. It is believe it or not 3 D interior decals. There actually are replacement parts and all the gauges and switches are 3d printed in color ! More to come on this. This is a special edition smaller box combined release. Due to COVID, it won't be here for

a few weeks but everything is gorgeous. Keep tuned in. ENCLOSED ARE SEVERAL PICS !
ENJOY BB



I'd like to thank the contributors to this month's Newsletter. For anyone who wants to be a part of the NL, just send your ideas and thoughts, with PICTURES. I'll do the editing thing...spell check, grammar, photo placement, and that's it.

Please stay safe....and no matter where you stand on whatever plank...keep modeling!!!

HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU ZOOMING ON FRIDAY!!!!

Bill Schroeter, Ed.