

# MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS

## The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hello all! Hope you had a great month! Lotsa things going on in my world so I'm gonna' keep this short. I am Very impressed at the amount of people who go to the meetings and it's great to see the enthusiasm over the models! Well done to all of you. 3 new people showed up too. It's also nice to see new blood once in awhile! Nuff Said Bout Dat ! Next up Skeetercon 26 is shaping up well. We are doing our part so you guys can do your part come April 1st. I have a word on vendors but it's for members only so I will speak about it at the meeting. Next is Devin Poore. I have known him for years now and so have you. I wish to give him a standing ovation as well as as many 'atta boys' I can give him. He stood up, took over and did a better than great job for all of us;

but he has to move on because of his workload. He will continue with the website so that's one less worry we have. Bill Schroeter is jumping in to Devin's shoes as NL Editor. This will be his first NL. I'm sure it will be fine.

Well, I hope for good weather in the upcoming weeks and some of our long distant vendors will be able to make it! We will see, We will see. Last up, Instead of the shirts for the members, the Eboard has decided to give you all something special that won't wear off in the wash.

It's tall glasses, engraved and has the NJIPMS Skeetercon logo on it. It was the idea of one of our members. Big John Tamasik! He gave the Eboard them as a gift. It was such a great idea, we decided to share with you all. I will let you know when they are done. You

only get one! No spares for sale!  
Well that's it, onto other things for  
me. Good luck to Schroeter, and I  
will see y'all at the  
meeting!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
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~"Big Bill"

p.s. the Chrysler build has been  
postponed until after MosquitoCon.

## From the Vice President's Desk

By Joe Smith

I would to thank Devin for a  
great job doing the Newsletter  
and welcome Bill as our new  
Editor! Well once again  
Mosquitocon is vastly  
approaching!

Happy Modeling~

*Joe Smith*

## From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio

Feburary 9, 2017 , I hope to see  
you all at the club. I'am still  
working on the Panzer 4 Ausf. E.  
The tracks , tools and some minor  
assembly along with paint are left  
The weathering that's a whole

other ball game. The E version of  
the Panzer 4 has a lot of bolted  
and welded on armor, I have  
included some pictures which  
highlight this version. The plates  
especially on the turret are  
probably the impetus to a form of  
Reactive Armor.

MCON 26 is getting close 2  
months to be exact as of the  
letter. I hope too see you all their  
on another special day for the  
club.

~Vince



# THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Hello gang. I was incredibly surprised at last months turnout. I've sponsored Out of the Box nights before, but we've never had anything like that! I think I might make this one a re-occurring theme. In other monthly contest related news, March will be Nostalgia Night, April is currently open, May is currently open, June will be the Pacific 1942, July is The British are Coming, August & September open, October is Russian Night and November is open. I may have talked to some people about sponsoring months at the January meeting, but I don't remember. Just give me a shout out at the next meeting if you'd like to sponsor one of the remaining nights.

In other news, I'm really excited about some of the new models coming out, especially ship ones. Hobbyboss has just released a 1/350 Dunkerque previously only available as a 40+ year old kit from Heller. Add to that the upcoming 1/350 releases of HMS

Nelson & Rodney and I am slowly getting the few WWII ships I find interesting on the out on the market. It's interesting to note that though our hobby is "greying" and fewer young people are building models (outside of Sci-Fi ones), more and more new kits are coming out of subjects we never thought we'd see. Ten years ago, if you told me I'd see pre-WWI battleships produced in 1/350 scale injection, I'd say you're mistaken. Today it's a reality. I know I am younger than most of you, but for what I build (Sci-Fi & Ships), this is definitely a great time to be a modeler!

Remember the Chrysler Group Build has been postponed for February. As such, perhaps it will take place at the April or May meeting? It's Big Bill's brainchild so I'll leave that up to him! At any rate, I look forward to seeing you all on the 10th.

Ciao,  
~Jon



## The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

### The Contact's View

What a great turnout we had at last month's meeting. A ton of guys showed up and a ton of models, kits etc were on display. It was a fantastic way to start out the new year. And with the new year comes continued preparation for MosquitoCon. Please consider sponsoring a trophy package for the show. Our members have always been so supportive with that aspect. It's a great way to give back for all that we get out of being members. Please see Joe Smith at the February and March meetings. Also, please think about

making a kit donation for the club raffle. All help is greatly appreciated!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Devin for all his years as newsletter editor and to welcome Bill Schroeter as his replacement. Thank you Bill for taking over the job and you have our best wishes and support.

~Mike

## From the Editor

By Bill Schroeter

### BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION

With many thanks to Devin Poore for his dedication to the NJIPMS Newsletter for so many years, I take pen in hand, well actually keyboard on desk, to try and continue the excellence of our club newsletter. My name is Bill Schroeter, and I joined the club three years ago. Prior to that I was a member of a very small club in Point Pleasant, and was the Newsletter Editor there. I hope to get to know everyone better by learning more about individual preferences in modeling, and featuring members' work in the newsletter.

If you have a kit review, or some historical information, or pretty much anything to do with modeling, please send me an e-mail and I will try to include it in the latest edition. I will most assuredly make mistakes, but just

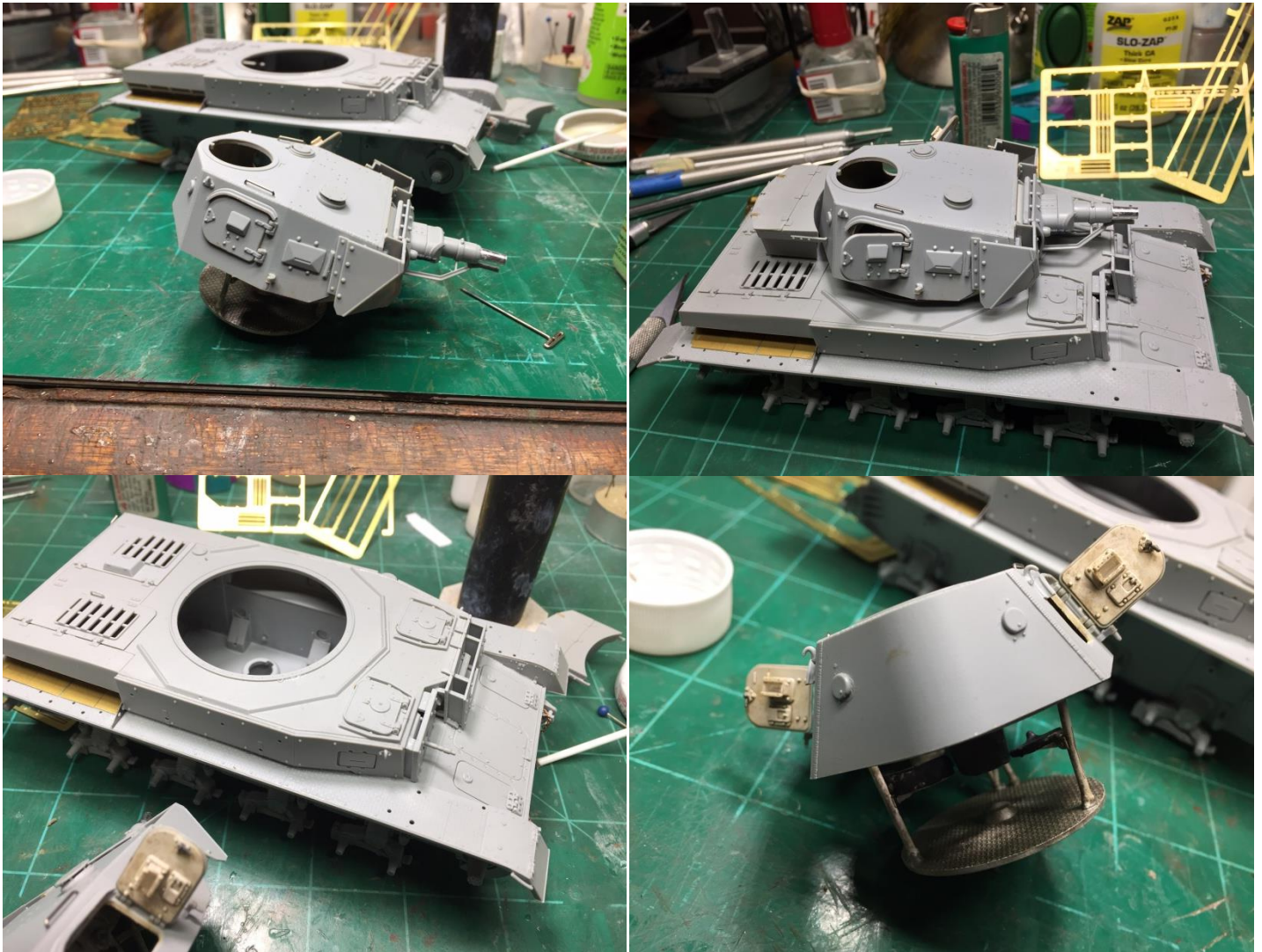




in case, please see the grievance procedure at the end of this edition.  
Thanks.

-Bill Schroeter

As Vince mentioned in his message, he included some pictures of his current build, a panzer IV. Here they are.



I am always reminded how skilled many of our members are, and Vince's pictures show why he has won awards all over the place.

At the January meeting, Eric Schroeter took pictures of all of the models on display for OUT OF THE BOX NIGHT.



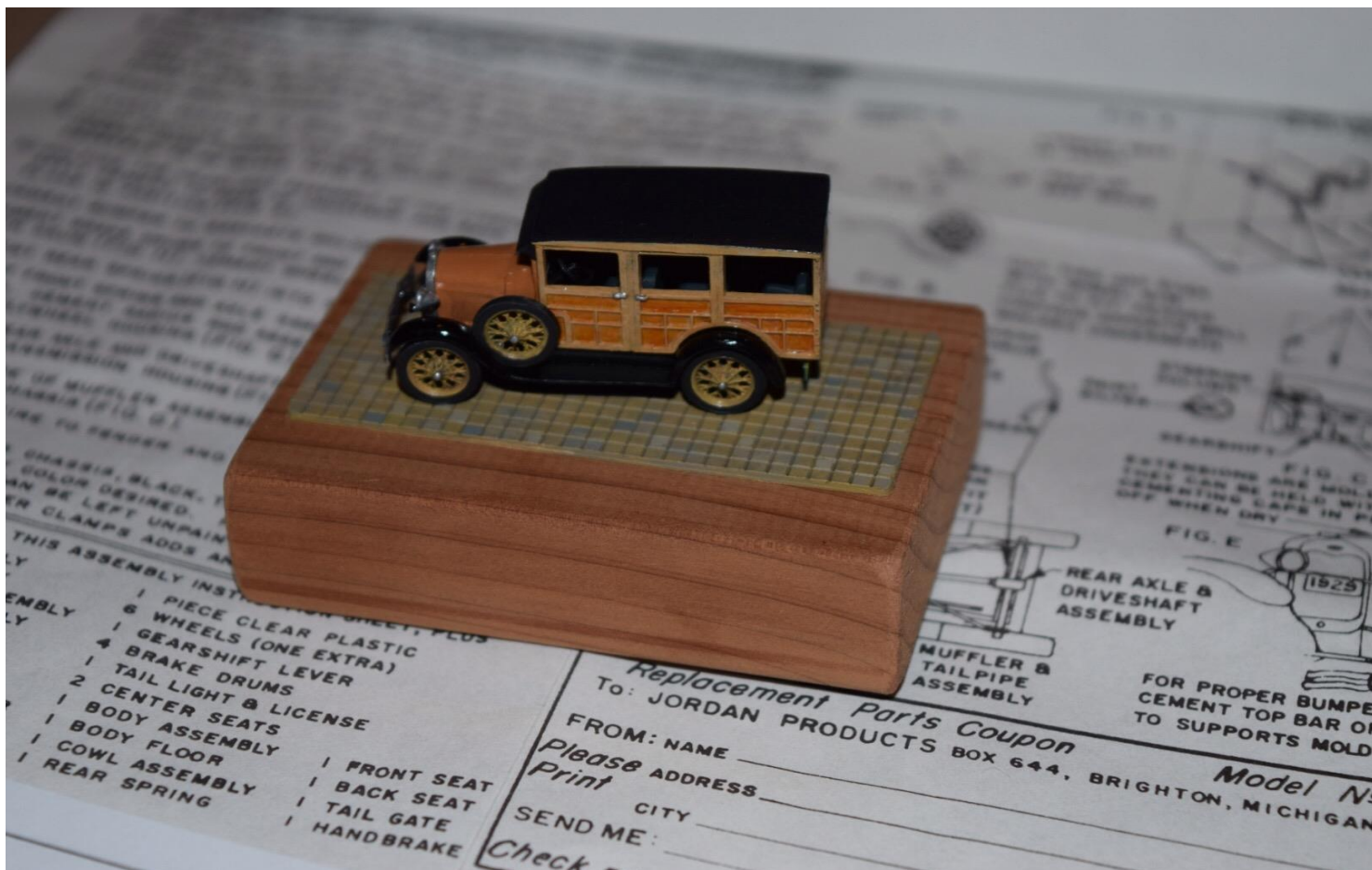
























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I would like to be able to identify each modeler, but only remember a few. Perhaps we can use a model tag for up-coming meetings? Each modeler can include their name, model name, scale manufacturer, etc. As well as how it was built, painted, decals and weathering. What do you think? Please let me know.





## An In-the-Box Review by Michael Terre

Airfix new tool 1/72nd scale BE2c



I know many modelers both novice as well as experienced stay away from biplane models due to the problems with wing alignment. In the late 1960's Monogram pioneered an innovative assembly process with their 1/72 releases of the Curtiss P-6E Hawk, Curtiss F11C-2 Goshawk and the Boeing F4B-4. This process virtually eliminated the wing alignment problem and produced an exceptional model. These kits were really gems and if you ever can get a hold of one buy it, you won't be disappointed.

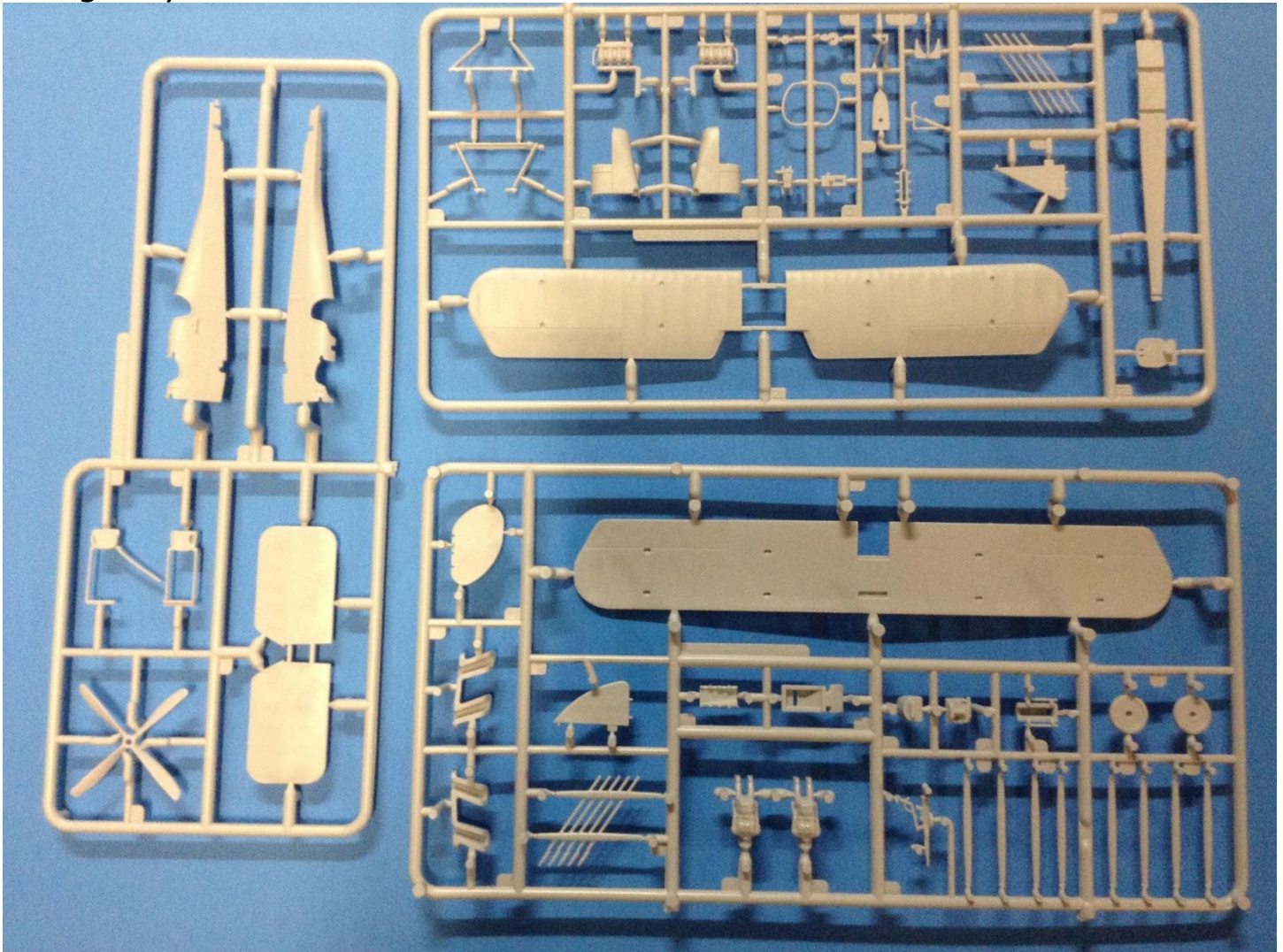
Airfix has now taken up the challenge of producing biplanes with easy wing





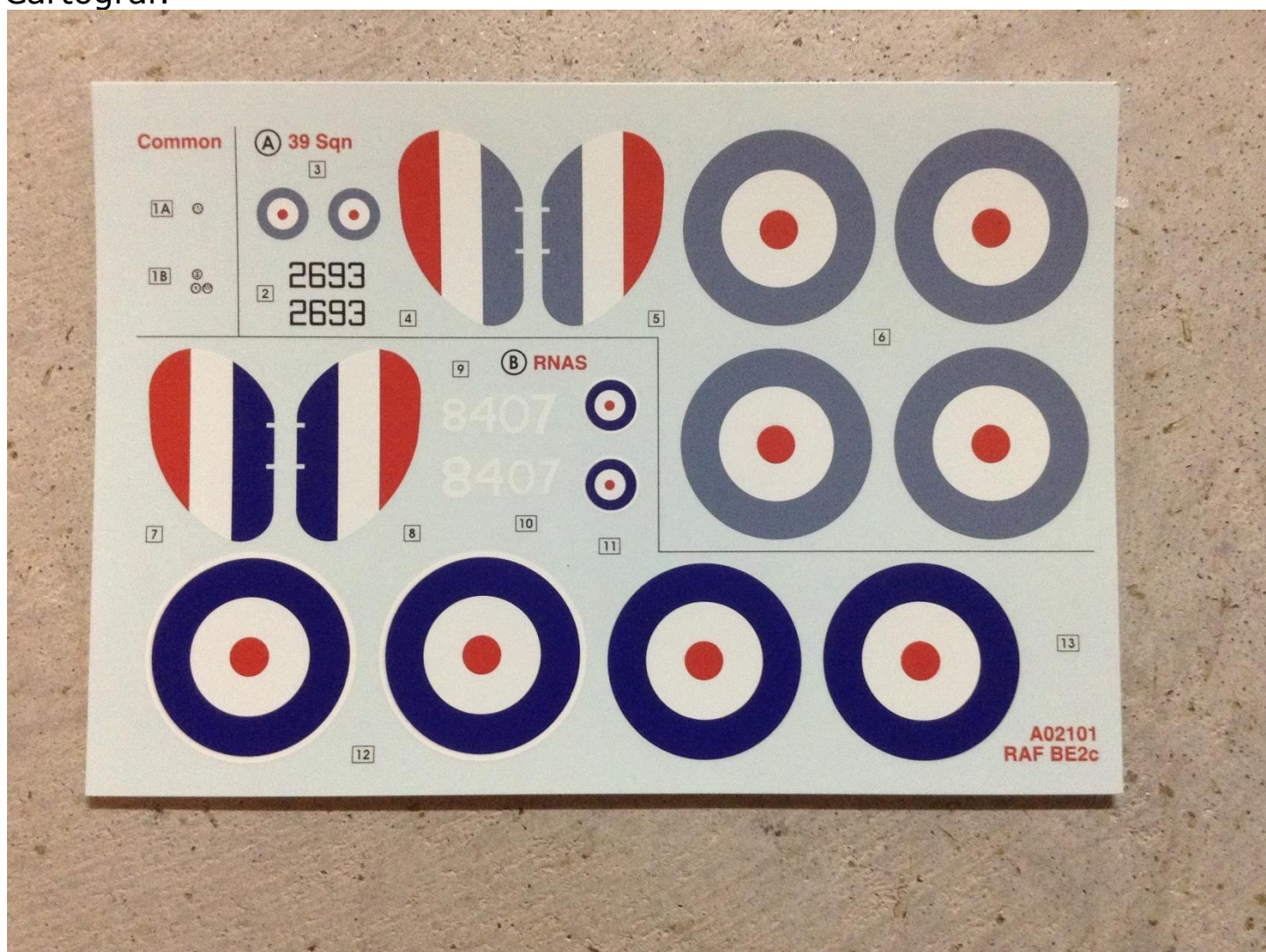
alignment. I've built both their 1/72nd Fairey Swordfish and DeHavilland DH-82a models and can attest to the ease in assembly. This ease of assembly has been carried forward with their recent release of the Royal Aircraft Factory (just love that name!) BE2c.

The kit contains fifty four pieces of blue gray plastic on three sprues along with one small clear plastic sprue with two extremely thin and clear windscreens. All parts are extremely well molded with fine detail and absolutely no flash. The observers machine gun, engine and cockpit areas are exceptionally well molded with fine detail. The intricate tail skid is made up of two parts and is a thing to behold once assembled. Airfix is now supplying extremely detailed figures with their kits. They are amazingly detailed and accurately represent RAF crewmen of the period. I'm not especially fond of using figures in my models but these might make me change my mind.

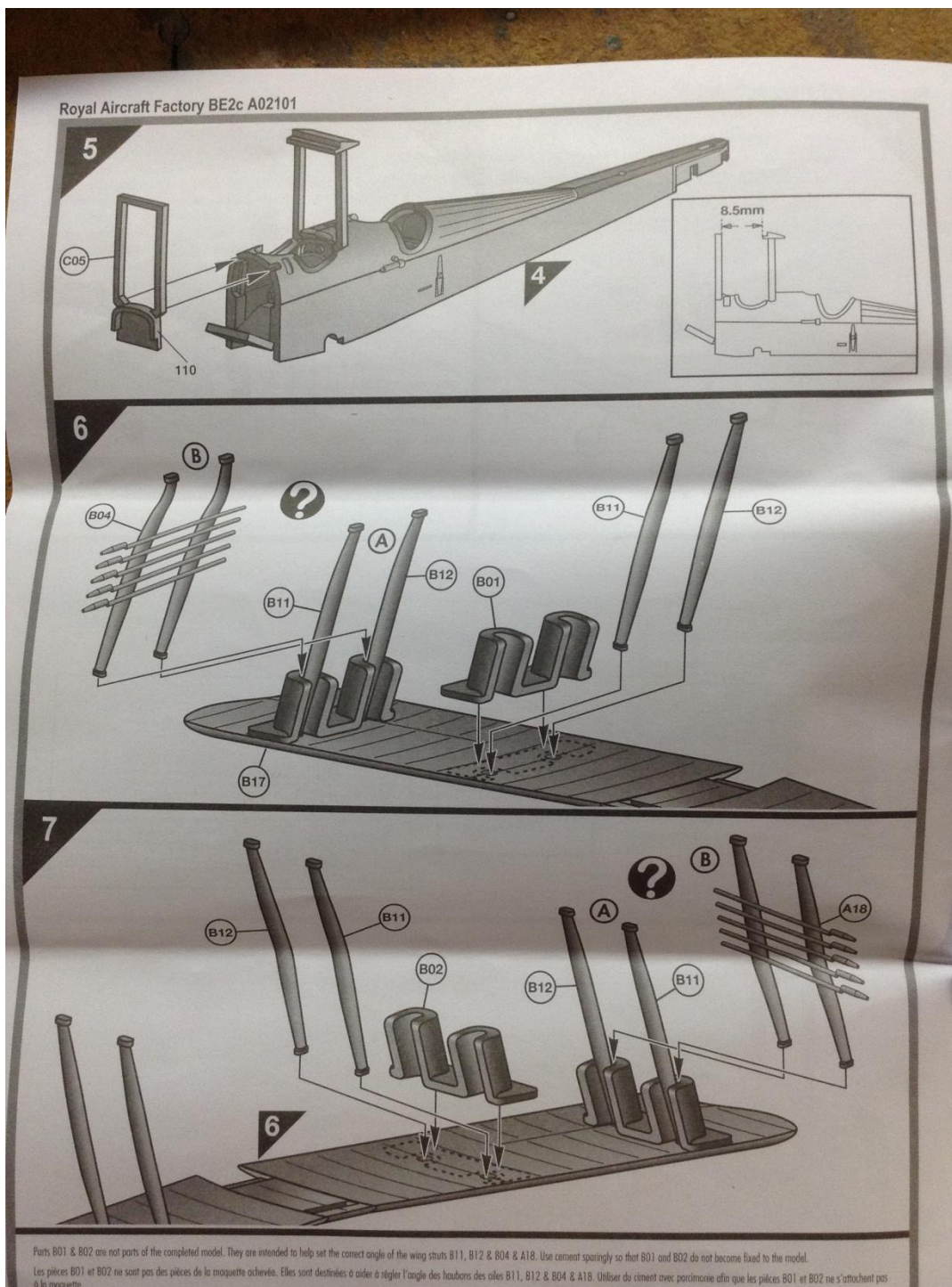




The decals are from Cartograf and contain markings for two aircraft, one from No.39 Squadron flown by Lt. Leefe Robinson who shot down the SL.11 Airship and the other from the Royal Navy Air Squadron, East Lothian Scotland. These decals are well printed as one would expect from Cartograf.



I've attached a picture of the instruction sheet illustrating the wing assembly and alignment procedure. It's innovative and very simple. The cabane struts, that's the small struts that attach the center of the top wing to the fuselage are installed as part of the fuselage buildup. There is a forward and aft pair of these struts and they form an integral part of the cockpit and fuselage structure. Once they are glued in place they provide positive and secure positioning of the upper wing.



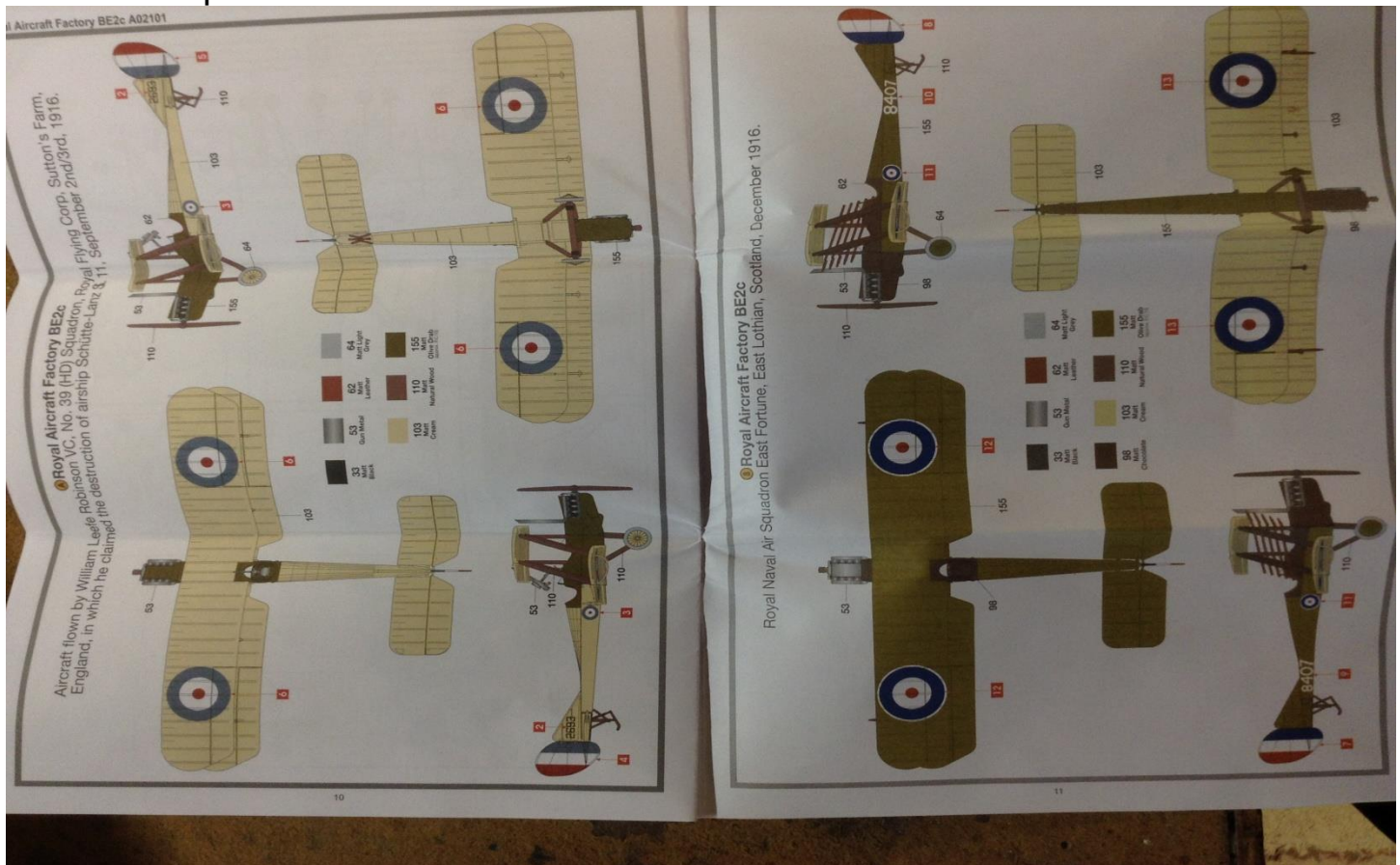
The interplane struts, that's the large struts that join the upper and lower wings are positioned in two ways. The first is by the use of assembly jigs. You place a pair of struts with just a little glue into their respective holes in the upper wing. Then while the glue is still wet slide the jig to capture both struts. Once the struts are dry the jig is removed and the struts will be properly positioned. Just be careful that you don't accidentally glue the jig to the wing! After all the struts are secured to the upper wing the



completed assembly is attached to the lower wing and fuselage.

As an experienced biplane builder I might not use these jigs however. The cabane struts provide such a secure and positive placement of the upper wing that I'd just glue the upper wing to these struts and then carefully glue in the interplane struts one by one.

The second method for wing alignment is very clever. On certain models of the BE-2c Le Prieur rockets were carried to destroy Zeppelins. These rockets were carried on frames attached to the interplane struts. Airfix has included one piece interplane strut assemblies with these rockets integrally molded to the forward and aft struts. This insures correct alignment of the struts and correct wing placement. You merely glue the struts into their locations. As this is one piece, painting of the struts and rockets might pose a problem but nothing a fine brush and steady hand wouldn't overcome. Again as stated above, due to the extremely positive and secure placement of the cabane struts I'd just glue the top wing to those struts and then snap in the interplane struts.



In closing, I'd highly recommend this kit to any modeler that wants to "take on" a biplane kit for the first time. The simple paint schemes and



innovative wing alignment process will result in an exceptional finished model. Airfix supplies a great rigging diagram that is simple to follow. Maybe you'll feel so exhilarated (or relieved) after building the thing that you might want to stretch some sprue and rig it! Aw go ahead, build a biplane and rig it, you'll really impress the kids on the block!

Thanks for reading, now be productive and get down to your bench and build something!

Mike Terre

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This month's meeting will be on:

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- Best Armor
- Best Civilian
- Best "Cold War"
- Best Ship
- Judge's Best
- Tailhook Award
- Trifecta category
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