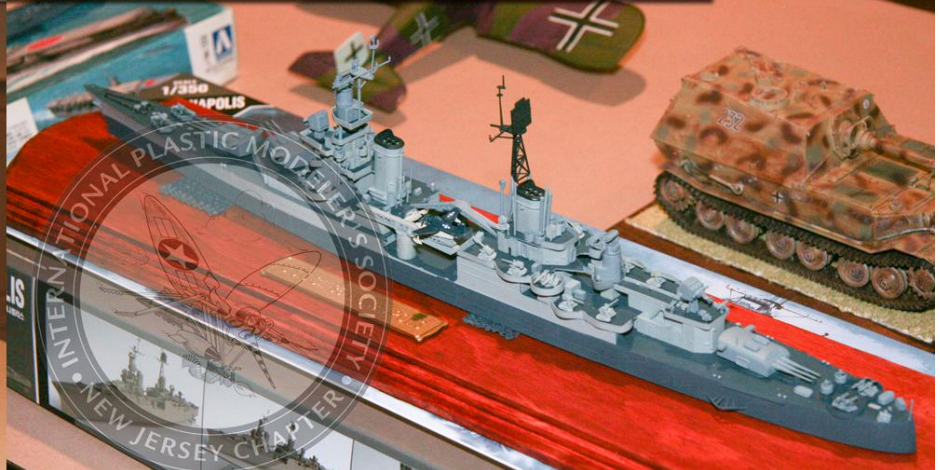


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THE IRON WORKS

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all, not a lot going on eboard wise this month so I will keep it brief. The annual BBQ at Famous Dave's went off without a hitch and was a full house in our section of the restaurant for the party! The food, drink and company was excellent. All in all it was a great day to be in IPMSNJ. As long as the money keeps coming from MCON, we will continue to do these things for our members and families. Well done and Thanks for all who came to the outing!

Next up is Doc's group build of midgets. It is on meeting night this Friday and I am looking forward to seeing all the finished projects. Mine is 95% so as long as work doesn't get in the way, mine will be done for meeting night.



Nice group build Doc! Something different indeed. Next group build will be some kind of Maritime subject group build. I'm electing the

Speaking of ships, I had my first production run Nautilus from my friend Larry of Pegasus Hobbies at the meeting. The De'Santis version is different but familiar all at the same time and the details are right up there with the Biggies. With that said, 4 of us decided to do a mini group build of the Pegasus Hobbies Nautilus. I have secured the 3 other kits from Larry, and we are going to do them as a mini group and they will have aftermarket parts and lighting as well. I've already figured my paint out but won't start the kit for awhile. I'm going to give us a November to January build and display time so we can finish the subs and not be pressured. I'm looking forward to this build because I am a Verne fanatic and just have loved the Nautilus since i was a boy!

Next Meeting:
Friday,
July 12 th

Upcoming
Events:

July
Midget Racer
Night

August
Pearl Harbor
Night

August 14-17
IPMS
Nationals.
Loveland, CO

September
Movie Night

November
WWI Night

December
Annual
Christmas
Party



That's all on this

I can't think of anything else at the moment except MCON is a work in progress, and the Nats is coming up next month. The club will give a perk for members who go, but

receipts must be shown up front for the perk. Well, that's it for now, see y'all Friday. Hope you had a nice Fourth of July and summer so far!

~ *Big Bill Schwarz*

Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Fellow members of NJIPMS,

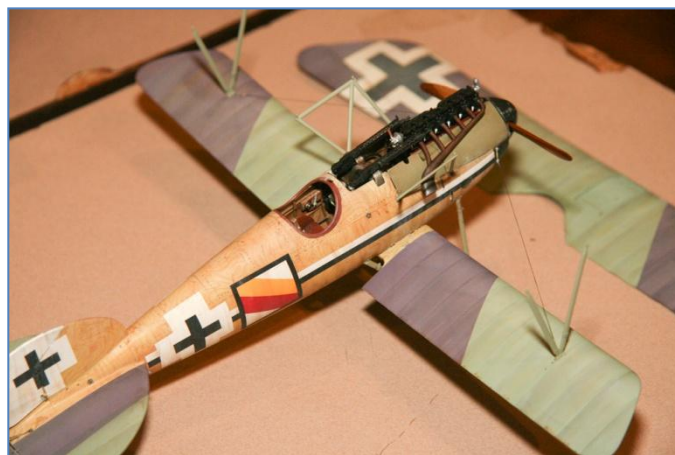
I want to start off to thank are President for putting together a great day at Famous



Dave's, and it also great to see Family members participate in this annual event as well. This is your payback for the hard work you the members put into this club each and every year!

Happy Modeling

~*Joe Smith*



Irish Diplomacy

By Martin J Quinn

Irish Diplomacy: The ability to tell a man to go to hell so that he looks forward to making the trip.



I want to give a big “THANK YOU” to Devin Poore, who let himself be maneuvered into taking over the website. Thanks Devin – time was so limited that I was not able to update it much as I would have liked to. Plus, we switched to a new hosting service and started using new software which I knew NOTHING about, but Devin did. Which meant Devin didn’t have much choice if we wanted to continue with a website. Anyway, your efforts are appreciated! The website and newsletter have never looked better.

Thanks being said, by not updating the website, I missed the whole “North Africa” theme last month! Whoops...have to be more diligent reading the newsletter, I guess! Thank you John Bucholz for sponsoring the theme – it seems that others realized there was a special contest, as there were a few entries on the table.

Upcoming themes include the “Midget Racers Group Build” this month (July), Pearl Harbor Night in August, (wait – August?), and Movie Night in September. If you are like Mike O’Connor, at some time in your life you’ve built something that will fit into just about any theme – so check your book cases, dust off those old kits and bring them in. Or, do something radical and build a new model!

If you haven’t sponsored a theme night yet, put your thinking cap on and speak to Jon DaSilva, our Contest Chairman about it.

Progress has been made on next year’s MosquitoCon. The deposit on the PAL has



been sent and the date locked in: Saturday April 5, 2014. The theme is going to be “The Great War”, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of World War I. Considering that my paternal Grandfather was a US Army machine gun instructor in Georgia during that conflict, it amazes me that we are hitting the 100th Anniversary next year!

Looking forward to the long 4th of July weekend, which – as I write this - will be upon us in a few hours. While no country is perfect, there isn’t any place I’d rather live than in this great nation. I hope you



remember the blessings we have while you were chowing down on hot dogs, guzzling beer and watching fireworks over the weekend. Maybe you got some time in the workshop too – I know I am hoping to!

That's it from here – Happy Birthday, America! See everyone at the July meeting, looking forward to seeing all the Midget Racers on the table!

~Martin

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Congratulations to the winners of last month's Africa night. I wish more people brought out kits, however I think it's due to a lot of people leaving early that there wasn't a lot on the table during judging. This happens, perhaps we should judge earlier in the night. I hope everyone is ready for this month's contest, the Midget Racer group build. I've seen a few builds in person and on Facebook and it's shaping up excellently. I'll be asking questions so I can learn how to properly paint a car!



If you didn't have a chance to come out to our dinner at Famous Dave's you really missed out. It was a great time; around 40 of us were there. Food was simply amazing. I brought a friend with me and it was both of our first times at Famous Dave's. I'll definitely go back some day, and I'm looking

forward to our next party. I've never been in a club that's given so much back to the members before, and it certainly is a welcome change.

On a last note, some new kits are out that I



think my fellow ship modelers will be interested in. Trumpeters 1/350 HMS Belfast was just released, Fujimi released a 1/350 JMSDF Ise helicopter carrier, and for the WWI junkies (NOVEMBER IS WWI NIGHT!) Samek will be releasing a bunch of American Dreadnoughts from the Great War.

Until Friday,

~Jon



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

I have to say that I had a great time at our summer kick-off BBQ at Famous Dave's. Great food, great company and lots of laughs add up to a fun filled time. Just another fantastic perk for the members of NJIPMS! Thanks to Big Bill for setting it all up, and thanks to all our members who do so much to make MosquitoCon such a success....making parties like that possible!

I'm having a ball working on my Revell Kurtis Midget Racer, but I'm bummed that I won't be able to see all the entries in person, since I won't be at the July meeting. I'll be making sure that my model is transported to the meeting though. I'm on the 5 yard line with the kit – just finishing up some odds and ends and almost ready for the decals. Seeing Vince and Darryl's gorgeous collection of these cars really got me motivated to get mine done. Mine won't be as nice as theirs, but I like the way it has

turned out. I had almost forgotten how fiddly some aspects of car model construction can be. For example, for any vehicle, the chassis and suspension components must be strong and aligned properly. But on this kit, some of the attachment points seem miniscule compared to the structure they need to support. I had to rely on the time honored modeling technique of test-fitting everything, but even with that, some of the assemblies were a leap of faith. It has turned out to be a great exercise and I thank Darryl for sponsoring the group build. It's been fun!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and I look forward to seeing you at the August meeting.

Best Wishes,

~Mike P.



Editor's Note: The following review was sent in via email by David Goudie.
Thanks, David!



In-box Review of the OzMods Vultee Vengeance

Review author: David Goudie, IPMS-Canada 3542, and IPMS # 6340

Title: Vultee Vengeance Fuselage Correction (Cockpit, Bomb Bay and Engine Detail Set)

Scale: 1:48

Manufacturer: OzMods

Manufacturer Web Site: <http://ozmods-kits.com/>

Kit Supplied by: OzMods

Manufacturer Catalogue Number: OZCONV 4280

MSRP: Au\$ 66.00 plus shipping

Enquiries: ozmods@bigpond.net.au

History: The **Vultee A-31 Vengeance** was an American dive bomber of World War II, built by Vultee Aircraft. A modified version was designated **A-35**. The Vengeance was not used in combat by the United States; it did see combat, however, with the British Royal Air Force, the Royal Australian Air Force, and the Indian Air Force in Southeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific. The A-31 remained in service with U.S. units until 1945, primarily in a target-tug role. Source: Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vultee_A-31_Vengeance#Operational_history. The last surviving complete example is in the Camden Air Museum in New South Wales, Australia. OzMods spent a great deal of time taking precise measurements of this example. The measurements were then rechecked to ensure accuracy. OzMods has a thing for accuracy and it shows.

The Vultee Vengeance is an airplane of sentimental value to me. When I was in knee pants (knee high to a grasshopper in the vernacular of the upper mid-western US my father brought home a stick and tissue balsa kit (Guillows®?) of this airplane. I was turned loose with an X-acto® knife and a tube of Comet® balsa glue. I cut out the parts, pinned them to the plans and glued them together to make what I thought was a fine model. Then I added the tissue and tightened it by shrinking it with water and then banana oil from the local apothecary. I never had a chance to paint it because it was rubber powered and in my enthusiasm I over tightened the “motor” and it suddenly collapsed on itself. Thus started my less than stellar modelling career. Now to move on to the meat of this review.

Review:

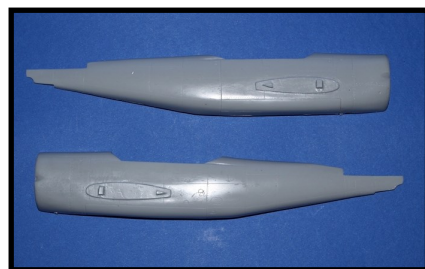
The kit arrived from “Down Under” carefully packaged in an outer shell. Opening the shipping box revealed a white corrugated box with a colour label and a sticker proudly proclaiming “Made in Australia”. Nice touch. I wish American Companies did more of this. Please note that the damage in the photo happened when cat decided to sit on the box.



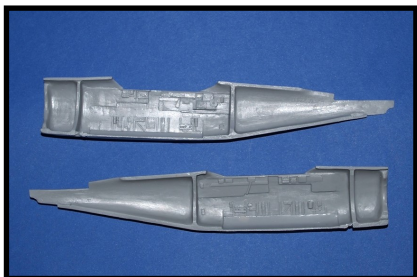
The box label clearly states **“THIS PRODUCT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR USE BY CHILDREN. FOR EXPERIENCED MODELLERS ONLY.”** Heed this warning because the kit is a limited run moulded polyurethane set of parts with the usual issues to deal with. This is not a “shake & bake” project. A sanding block and razor sharp knife will be required.

As revealed in the included photos you will be scratching your head at the title “Correction and Upgrade”. While designed as precisely that it makes one ask how bad was the A-Z Models kit that it is to correct and upgrade. From the included parts it would appear that this kit is a total replacement for the A-Z kit sans the wings and landing gear bits.

So what about the kit itself. OzMods took great care and a lot of re-work and time was spent in making these mouldings as accurate and detailed as possible. OzMods went to the trouble of several re-works of the finished moulds to get it right. The panel lines are crisp and very finely recessed. You will need a magnifier to pick up some other details, such as really fine recessed rivets and the pilot’s instrumentation.

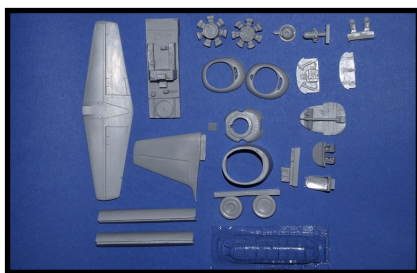


Starboard and port fuselage exterior



Starboard and port fuselage interior

Fuselage is very finely detailed with panel lines and rivets. So fine that they may indeed be to scale. A degree of sanding will be required along with taping to align both sides. Nothing unusual for limited run resin kits of this type. Boxes, wiring and control wheels are crisply moulded on the interior side-walls. The cockpit area is finished off with a one piece floor, with details moulded in for the forward and aft areas. Everything is very crisply moulded once again. The pilot seat is a separately cast part and once again quite crisp and includes the very finely cast height adjustment rails. Forward and aft bulkheads are included including an instrument panel with such finely moulded in instruments you will find painting them a real challenge. The instrument panel casting also included nicely done rudder pedals.



Major parts in kit

The forward fuselage has a bulkhead to mount the double rowed Wright R-2600 Cyclone 14 engine. The engine consists of the standard single casting for each row of cylinders with each cylinder showing the very finely made cooling fins. Next comes the forward crank case housing to add. A crisply cast engine cowling comes next and then you get two choices of cowling noses. The difference is that one has a single intake opening at the bottom and the No. 2 choice has a second smaller intake at the top. You get a three bladed prop (separate blades) to build up onto the very crisp hub. Exhaust tubes include concave tapered ends to mimic open pipes are separate castings.

Moving on to a description of the bomb bay, as previously stated the overhead in the bay is actually the underside of the cockpit casting. Stringers, bomb mounts and what I believe may be torpedo cradles are present. You supply any armament. You do have the option of opening the bay by cutting the marked double doors on the belly and folded replacements are included.

The horizontal tailplane and vertical fin are very well done with the now standard to the kit level of detail. This attention to detail includes the asymmetrical airfoil of the vertical fin which offsets engine torque. No landing gear struts are included so must come from the A-Z kit along with the wings. However a very nice set of the now usual finely detailed wheel/tires are included.



Small bits and pieces included in kitset

The parts shown in this photo is a collection in a blue background with clear cover package. The parts too finely cast to be slipping around in a bag with bigger or heavier parts. These include the airscrew blades, cockpit rollover crew protection bars dual mount defensive machine guns, (2) pitot, control stick, bomb drop slings, pilot control quadrants, and several other tiny fiddly bits.

The canopy is a vac-formed unit with framing moulded in. Very clear, very thin. Packing it with Museum Tack or such may make it easier to work with until time to attach with watch makers glue, or a common white glue.



CD-ROM containing instructions

I didn't mention the instruction sheet. There isn't one. What you get is far better. A CD-ROM is included with the kit with simple, easy to understand instructions and photos of the actual airplane details, in colour, from the last "living" example house in Australia.

The kit contains no decals so you are on your own. The airplane was mainly used for target towing by the United States but saw combat service with the RAF, RAAF and the Indian Air Force in SE Asia and the SW Pacific. Brazil and the Free French also acquired some. You should find a nice choice for an unusual and eye catching model.

In experienced hands and using patience the builder can have a very nice and unusual kit in his collection. I want to thank Mr. Greg Anderson, owner and proprietor of OzMods for giving this opportunity. OzMods makes a very nice line of resin kits, upgrades, conversions and accessories for the modelers. OzMods also has a small line of very nicely cast figures from the Great War and WWII. Give them a look.

This month's meeting will be on:

Friday
July 12th, 2013



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