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Next Meeting:

Because of COVID-19 concerns, all previously scheduled IPMS Richmond activities are cancelled until further notice. Any change of status will be shared with chapter members via email, social media, and/or phone.



Chapter member Kimiyoshi Okabe's Bandai "Mazinger Z". See Kimiyoshi's kit review is on page 3. His "Mazinger Z" is on display at the Midlothian HobbyTown USA.

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"Minutes" of December Chapter Meeting

As most of you know, the IPMS Richmond E-Board seriously considered the recent State of Virginia's suggested COVID-19 Pandemic guidelines. Based on these guidelines, and concern for the health and safety of the chapter members and their families, regular chapter meetings and specially scheduled events have been cancelled and/or postponed until further notice. Also, there was no regular remote/online chapter meeting scheduled for December, so no "Minutes..." from Secretary E.L. Motley. Details of any subsequent said "digital" monthly meetings will be emailed to IPMS Richmond chapter members by the editor, as well as posted on social media. ...*Editor*

What to Do In the Meantime?

I'm not talking about catching up with yard-work, learning new ways to mulch your Christmas tree, irritating yourself by watching all of the 24-hour news cycle, or rearranging your vintage vinyl L.P. collection. Although I did do some counter top demolition of dust and layers of paint overspray, tossed out outdated and mysterious substance bottles, and swept away cutting mat debris (Let's say it was a health precaution). All your decorations should be back in storage, and your new toys should no longer be big distractions.

Maybe you have a "Backburner Project" that may be finally completed if you put your mind and time into it? Decide to do so now, consider taking photos of your new progress, and sending those, with details, to the editor. There will be a new monthly article, **Backburner Projects**, dedicated to one or more of these derelict kits' stories. Did you put the kit(s) away because you weren't quite skilled enough, waited on a missing kit part, were looking for decals or some other aftermarket add-on's, or the last time you worked on it only a miracle prevented you from throwing it against a wall? I believe all of us have at least one "Backburner Project" that can be dusted off and finally finished. Do it, record it, share it... *Editor*

My "Backburner Project" ...*Mark Elder*

Bought in 1995(!), the nice kit's first year of production, I started the Hasegawa 1/48 Macchi C.202 five years later. I had acquired a resin cockpit, two sets of decals, and a vacuform canopy. Construction quickly advanced to primer painting the basic assembly. About to follow with camouflage painting, I read Hyperscale's Randy Lutz's fine 1999 build review of his *Folgore*, which stated many first-time builders of this kit had wrongly switched the main gears' locations. I checked and (*snap!*) discovered I had made that mistake. Angry at myself, it was set on... the *backburner*. 21years later, it is time to finish it. 2



Project Assist Request:



I'm looking for a 1/25-1/50 scale flatbed trailer of a type that would be used to haul a fighter jet. Model has to be of prototype 1955 -1965 era trailer. Please see picture at left. I already have a road tractor. Please contact me at: tylerturpin@verizon.net

Tyler Turpin

Kit Review: Bandai "MAZINGER Z (SD CROSS SILHOUETTE)" ...Kimiyoshi Okabe

Author Kimiyoshi Okabe

Scale _____

Model Type: (styrene, resin, etc.) Plastic Model Manufacturer BANDAI

Model Subject MAZINGER Z (SD CROSS SILHOUETTE)

Please score the following:

Molding	Excellent	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Detail	Excellent	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Fit	Excellent	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Accuracy	Excellent	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Ease of Assembly	Excellent	<input type="button" value="v"/>



Please score the following:

Instructions	Very Good	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Decals	Very Good	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Clear Parts	Very Good	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Multi-media Parts	Average	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Value	Excellent	<input type="button" value="v"/>

Difficulties:

You can reproduce the rocket punch of the special move that the arm pops out when rearranged. Originally Japanese manga and animation characters
 Two forms can be selected
 It is made up of color parts and does not require adhesive.
 Easy to complete by assembling and sticking a seal
 The assembly of parts is perfect, and it is beautiful enough without painting.
 However, this time it is all painted
 The blue part is clear blue on top of blue
 The red part is clear red on top of red
 The black part is clear blue on black and smoke is painted on it
 Make it shiny with a clear coat to finish
 The gray part is a mixed gray with a smoke accent and a semi-gloss finish.
 Each joint can move freely and be displayed in your favorite pose
 Also, by rearranging the parts, you can reproduce the rocket punch of the special move that the arm pops out.

Additional Comments:

My childhood hero, a character over 40 years ago, seems to be active in the game world now
 Now on display at Hobby Town Chesterfield VA





Here are some pictures of my recently completed 1/72 scale Academy F-35A JSDF (Joint Services Defense Fighter). As you may know that is a stealth fighter that has been sold to a number of foreign allied air forces, including South Korea, Israel, Italy, Australia, the Netherlands, and Norway, to name a few. There are two other versions of the plane - the F35B, used by the Marines with vertical takeoff and landing capabilities; and the F35C for the Navy, to be used with catapults on aircraft carriers. These will replace the current Marine mainstay, the Harrier, and the Navy/Marine F-18E/F Hornet models.

The kit comes with markings for these six nations and the United States. It has excellent detail for a base kit and the the decals include the light grey areas shown eliminating the need for painting these areas which would really be difficult. I suspect these have something to do with the stealth technology along with the golden tinted canopy, which is coated with tin oxide and also protects it from radar. The stowage is included with the kit and includes smart bombs, fuel tanks, and AAMRAM and Sidewinder missiles. When in a stealth mode, the underwing stows would be eliminated and all missiles/bombs would be held in the weapons bay.





After much work these past two weeks, I'm calling this one done. It's the Dragon Models 1/48 Masters series JU-188A1 kit. The fit is really bad, especially in the cockpit area as one end it's too wide for the canopy and at the other end of the cockpit, it's too narrow!!! I had to shim the width of the cockpit floor at one end, sand and shave it narrower at the other. That was a nightmare to correct. I have a few touch up things that I need to do here and there but you get the gist of how this will look.

This is quite possibly one of the most intense aircraft models I've ever built. The fit was atrocious, the engine nacelles didn't fit for shxxtxxxx and I had to do some altering here and there. The wheels are a resin aftermarket pair.



Member Build Gallery: Glen Martin's Dragon Models 1/48 JU-188A1's Torpedoes



I got to working on the ordnance for my Ju-188. I've been putting off working on these two torpedoes cause I knew it would be an effort to make them look OK. I think the end result actually turned out better than they I expected!!!

This is three different shades of Alclad II paint, sprayed over a Tamiya Gloss Black Lacquer base coat that was buffed and polished to a high shine before spraying the Alclad.

I like how it turned out overall. The only issue with doing alclad like this is that it shows any and all blemishes so the base seam work underneath has to be perfect or it stands out like home-made sin on a stick.....

Virginia State Police HQ Aviation Display

... Mark Elder



I was "visiting" the Midlothian Turnpike Virginia State Police HQ Museum which featured an aviation themed display among the collections of weapons, uniforms, accoutrements, and image galleries. I was being rushed, so I did not have time to record the labeling of these fine models.

Kit Preview: Maybe Correct 1/25 1971 Mustang Mach 1 Is Finally Here?

I pre-ordered AMT's new 007 1971 Ford Mustang Mach 1 "Diamonds Are Forever" 1/25 Movie Car kit, and it just arrived. Its been released in conjunction with Round 2's 1/18th die-cast and "Matchbox" sized examples of the same car. Like some that never accepted Roger Moore as the James Bond character, some never accepted the '71-'73 Mustangs as "true" Mustangs. As I owned a 351 Cleveland '71 Mach 1 with Ram Air, I like them. Roger Moore did James Bond his way, and I enjoyed all his Bond movies, sorry.



As already stated, the "Diamonds Are Forever" Bond car was a 1971 Mustang Mach 1. Note the lack of black anti-glare paint on hood and cheesy "dog-dish" caps paired with trim-ring wheels, with white wall tires. Yes, it's accurate for the movie, but could not compare to all the other wheel and tire combinations available for the Mach 1 that year. The footwear for this model are very well molded for those who will use them.

Note the design of front bumper and grill that are illustrated.



Box side panel illustrates the front, again, and promises all new (correct?) components there. The rear is illustrated also, no rear window louvres or air dam are mounted. The 351 c.i.d. Cleveland engine is promised, but I think it's the earlier (and incorrect) 1969 289 c.i.d. motor. Correct 351 Cleveland motor is included with AMT's '73 Mercury "Cougar".

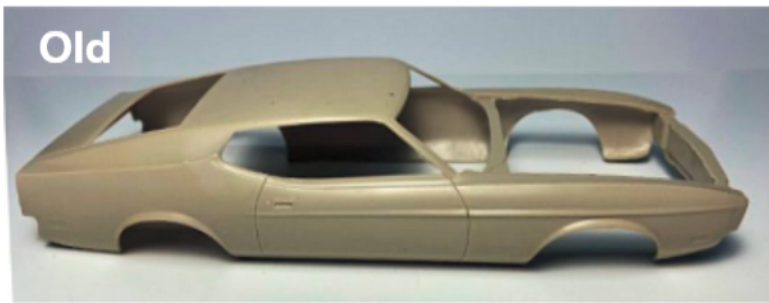


This box side panel illustrates the also available "Diamonds Are Forever" 1970 4-door Ford Galaxie Police Car and movie poster. I understand that the Police Car builds well.



AMT's last iteration of the 1971 mustang was the Boss 351 shown here. Note the strange bumper and grill. The original MPC 1971 Mach 1 kit had the correct bumpers and grill for the '71-'72 cars, but the molds were modified to replicate the '73 grill and government mandated 5 m.p.h. bumper for all cars manufactured in, and imported into, the United States. Of course, since '72, the government (and high insurance rates for factory muscle cars) sent true horsepower numbers spiraling down. Getting back to the front end: to produce a '71-'72 Mach 1, AMT created a bastardization of the bumper (too big), grill (too small and pushed forward), and headlights (they're just bad!).

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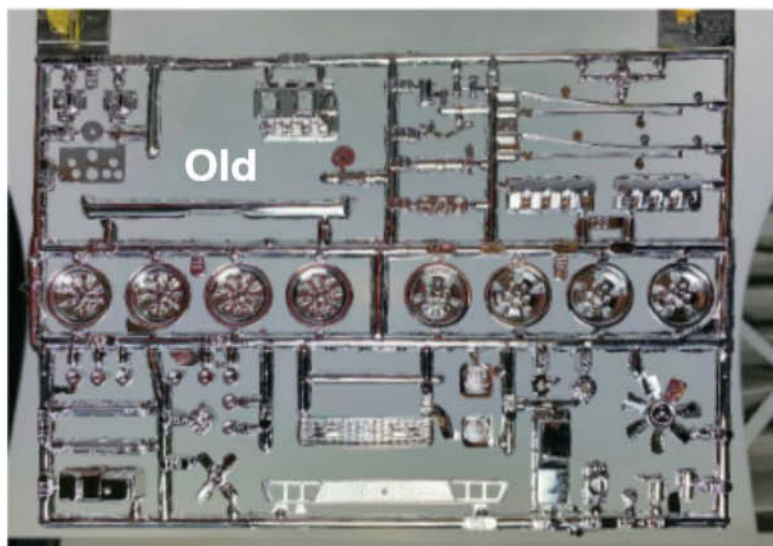


The body on the left is the previously kitted AMT '71 Boss 351 Mach 1. On the right is the new AMT kit body, only differences seen are at the front ends, and not easily discerned in these views. I prefer the older kits plastic color, for primer and finish paint.



The differences are visible now, and dramatically different. AMT has made a good effort to reproduce the '71 Mach 1 front end, including a new (and correctly) molded front bumper.

New clear parts tree includes correct headlamps, fog lights, and marker lights.



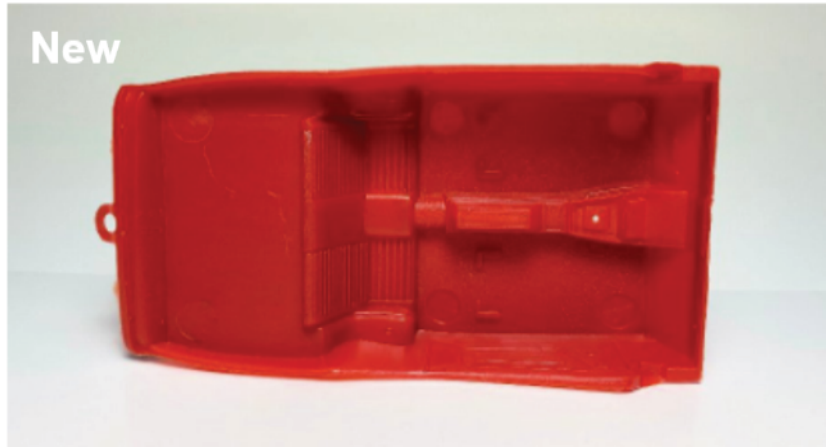
The old chrome tree has more components, which include incorrect grill and headlamp assemblies. There are dress-up parts to make the 428 Cobra Jet engine appear as a 429. But not convincingly.

The new chrome tree includes new grill trim and dog-dish cap/trim ring wheel coverings.

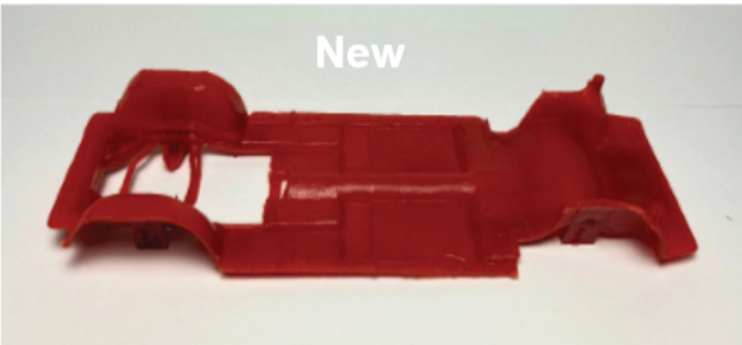
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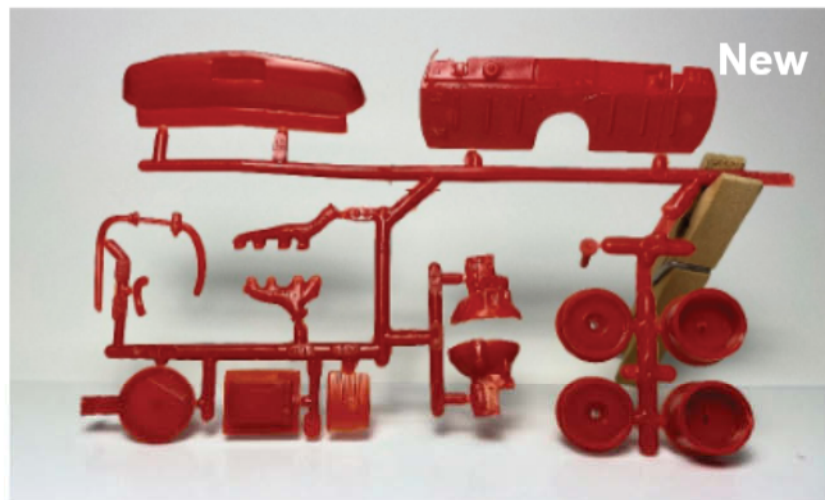
Yes, the pad printed whitewalls look nice, for a Town Car.



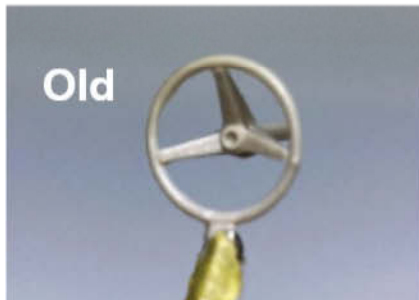
Interior tub is generally correct, but features large mold marks. Flocking will help conceal them.



Apparently the chassis is from the 1969 Mustang kits, but does fit, but not precisely.



Firewall, old incorrect front bumper, generally accurate '71 351 engine components, manual transmission, and wheel-backs are included here. Don't you just hate the RED!



I'm using the old kit's steering wheel because my new kit's steering wheel was delivered broken in the box. But I prefer the gray.



Unchanged, but RED. (Includes racing seats and huge hood scoop.)



These components' molding has not changed, which means the rear hood louvers require filling in, because they were not included. The center console is for a race car version.

IPMS Richmond Chapter Information

The Richmond Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society was established in 1972 by five area scale modelers. Combining great talent and passion for scale modeling, they created IPMS Richmond, with the expressed hope of spreading their enthusiasm for modeling to others in Central Virginia, and beyond.

Chapter members and guests meet the second Monday of each month, sharing their latest projects during "Show 'n Tell", developing improved modeling techniques while enjoying award winning members' demonstrations and special guest speakers. Members organize trips to public events that focus on scale modeling, competition, and history. Quarterly, our members gather just to build models as a group, and to enjoy each other's modeling, in-progress.

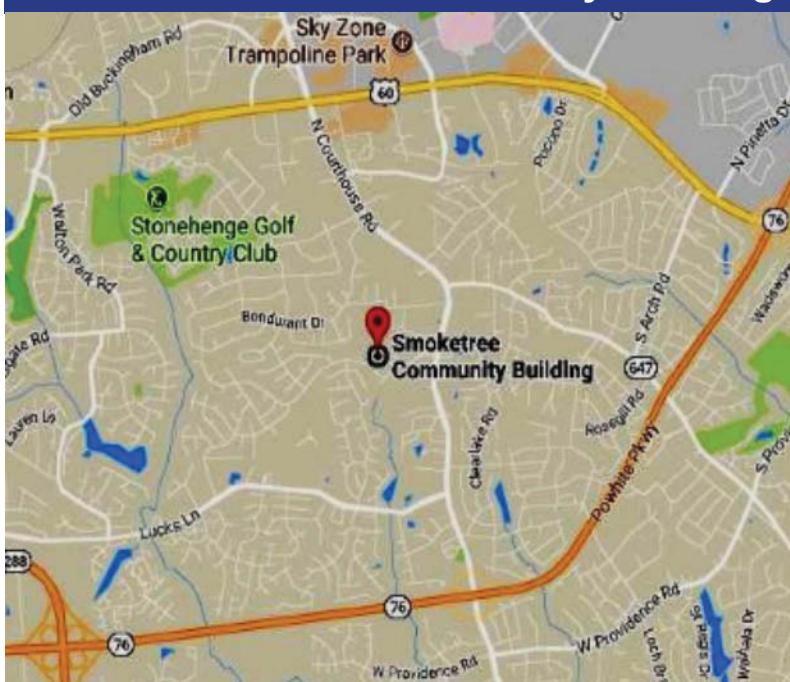
IPMS Richmond hosts the Mid-Atlantic's largest annual one-day scale modeling event, the Old Dominion Open model show and contest, which attracts a thousand, and more, to fellowship, compete, shop vendors offering the latest and vintage hobby products, and to be amazed at the over 1,000 completed scale models on display.

IPMS USA membership is encouraged, but not required. Chapter annual membership fee: \$25 (& special discount family membership fee). IPMS Richmond is governed by its constitution and by-laws, administered by annually elected officers. We share your love for scale modeling, no matter the subject, and we invite you to join us.

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