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October

An IPMS/USA Award Winning Newsletter

2021

Next Meeting: October 11, 7:00 PM, at Smoketree Community Bldg. (see Chapter Info page). Featured will be officer election (ballot on Pg. 19), Show 'n Tell (see the Sept. S.&T. gallery, Pg. 8), Raffle, & Demos. Also, not too late to join the chapter's exciting "Jeep" group build. See y'all at Smoketree on Monday!



Bear Anderson's AMT 1/25 major conversion "Fire Tanker/Tender, featuring lot's pf detail and awesome craft paint job! Bear presented her during the IPMS Richmond's September 13 Show & Tell.

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Chapter member Tim Bowman needs a ride to meetings. Tim lives at 1217 Nelson St., Richmond. He can meet you at Krogers on Cary St.. or elsewhere. Please Call Tim at (804) 301-2518

Minutes of September 13, 2021 Chapter Meeting...

by E.L. Motley, Secretary

Substituting for chapter President Mike Lyons (absent because of work), Vice-President Richard Leininger called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM with 24 members in attendance.

Richard updated the membership on the progress of the 2022 Old Dominion Open. Award medals have been ordered and should arrive in mid-September. Richard hoped to have the medals available to display at the October chapter meeting. Separate arrangements will be made for our "Best of" trophies. Craig Norris announced that vendor table sales are underway and that checks are already being received from vendors and are being acknowledged. E. L. Motley has ordered our free quarter-page ad in IPMS Journal and will also purchase a classified ad (\$45.00 cost) to run in Fine Scale Modeler.

Al Sutton has generously donated some of his kits as raffle prizes. Thank you, Al! Mark Elder made a proposal to purchase photo tent equipment for Show & Tell use. After discussion, Mark withdrew proposal, and will work directly with E-board to facilitate purchase and reimbursement. Our chapter officer elections will be held at the October 11 chapter meeting. Ballots will be prepared and sent out with the October issue of Spare Parts. Richard opened the floor to nominations. Nominations for Mike Lyons as President, Richard Leininger as Vice-President and Alex Valz as Treasurer were made and seconded. Secretary E. L. Motley announced that he is not seeking another term as Secretary. E. L. thanked the chapter for their support and help during his four years as Secretary. At Richard's request, E. L. summarized the duties of the chapter Secretary. He also expressed his willingness to help his successor. However, no nominations were made for the office of Secretary. Mark Elder announced that Scott Wallace may be interested in running for Secretary. **SECRETARY'S NOTE:** Since the September meeting, Mike Lyons has confirmed that he is running for another term as President.

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Gene Rasmussen said that he was trying to get attendance information on the recently held PennCon show.

With no additional business or announcements, the "Show & Tell" segment featured nine members presenting 17 models. The meeting then adjourned. Our next chapter meeting will be Monday, October 11, at 6:30 PM at Smoketree Community Center with chapter officer elections taking place.

E. L. Motley, Secretary

IPMS Richmond's James Alvis



IPMS Richmond's unofficial Goodwill Ambassador, **James Alvis**, builds models, sings the praises of the hobby and IPMS Richmond, on most Saturdays. You'll find him near the chapter's display case at the new HobbyTown USA. Above, James is working on a "difficult" bulldozer kit.

Last week I posted on Facebook a picture of my first X-Acto knife. A Number 1 Handle with a Number 11 blade. I have used that off and on for over 45 years. It was showing its age so I checked out Amazon and found this X-Acto knife. At \$4.99 not a bad price. And notice the bronze colored collar at the front end. This knife comes with the new X-Acto "Z Series" blade. I have not found this on any of the online hobby shops, but I might not have looked hard enough. Not sure if Hobby Lobby or Hobby Town carries them. But I thought I would share this and my thoughts. The knife handle is the regular old knife handle with a bronze collect! Big deal. BUT the blade that came with it was their Z Series #11 which is billed as "Extra sharp, long lasting replacement blades coated with zirconium nitride for strength and durability".

After using this blade for a week I can tell that the blade is actually sharper. I just ordered 10 replacement blades from Amazon for \$8.86. They will only go only into this handle as they are much pricer than my generic 50 #11 blades I get for \$10 . The cheapies will go into my other handle. If you have Prime, it is worth the \$4.99 to get a Handle and blade just to see if it is an improvement over your other #11 blades. If you get one, let me know what you think of it. Wondering if this is wishful thinking or it is actually sharper. Zirconium Nitride has to be good ☐ Plus 24,782 people liked it.

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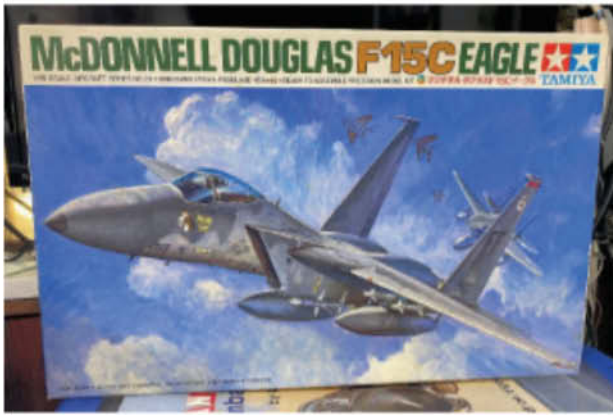
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Color	Silver
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Style	#1 Knife Z-Series (with Cap)

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Dissimilar Virginia Aircraft: F-15C "Eagle" & A-7D "Corsair II", July 1985 ...by Mark Elder



On a July 1985 day, Langley's A.F.B.'s 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron F-15C's visited the Virginia Air National Guard base in Sandston. Dissimilar aircraft combat was to be practiced, & I took off for a photo shoot. Unfortunately, a weather front moved in, the exercise was cancelled, and the Eagles flew home, afterburners blazing. All but one of the following images resulted from this brief hot summer meeting. Working on a Richmond "host" A-7D for some time, I recently decided to build a "guest" Hampton Roads F-15C.



Eagle #103 with Compass Ghost Gray camo, early "chevron" tail logo, and practice Sidewinder.



My in-progress Hasegawa 1/48 A-7D "Corsair II"



Eagle #103 photographed from another angle.



A-7D "1010" down & dirty with Air/Power Cart. Note the background A-7D in newer, much darker camouflage scheme.



Close-up of F-15C's AIM-9 Sidewinder, with seeker cap & "Remove Before Flight" flags.



A-7D "376" with bare MER, deployed access ladder,...

...open fuselage access panels, and seat harness draped on cockpit exterior.



Detail of F-15C "103" with colorful squadron markings. These would be lost, prior to Middle East deployment.



Detail of A-7D "226" vertical stabilizer with wrap-around SEA (?) camouflage scheme & subdued markings, well, as compared to the F-15Cs'. I do have the Bare Metal Foil decals for the 48th's Eagles, & the old Superscale Virginia Air National Guard's Corsair II's markings. With Hasegawa's 1/48 USAF ground equipment and personnel, maybe a simple vignette is possible?



Tamiya's 1/48 F-15C is a good kit, but does not include the exposed afterburners, as shown above.



Detail of A-7D's forward fuselage with mostly subdued markings and open compartments.



Italeri's inferior 1/48 "Desert Storm 25th Anniversary F-15C Eagle" does contain the bare afterburners & actuators, & fit the Tamiya "Eagle" with no modification.



Fewer markings, but more A-7D electronics.

Scott's Bench Stuff: Airfix New-Tool 1/72 Hawker "Typhoon II"



Scott Holtz's current project, the new tool Airfix 1/72 Hawker "Typhoon II" is coming along nice. Excellent fit, instructions, and decals make this kit a great build. This is the "Bubble-Top" version, and it comes loaded to deal with those nasty Panthers and Tigers. The "Invasion Stripes" are decals and conform nice to fuselage and wings. Should be done and ready to present Monday evening...

2022 Old Dominion Open Category Award Medallions



The medallions are three inch-diameter metal in gold, silver, and bronze finishes. The finishes are so shiny that a flash could not be used to take the photo. The "Best of" awards are currently being designed.

So... the ODO is a little over five months away. Get busy finishing all those COVID builds and let's have a great turnout on February 26!



Frank Blanton's Tamiya 1/35 M10 Tank Destroyer (unofficially named "Wolverine") vignette.



James Crumpler's 1/48 Tamiya 2-Ton Armored Car and commander.



Frank Blanton's 1/35 Chesapeake/Esci M-60 "Patton"



Tom Dailey's IBG 1/35 Lancia 3RO with 90/53 Autocannone



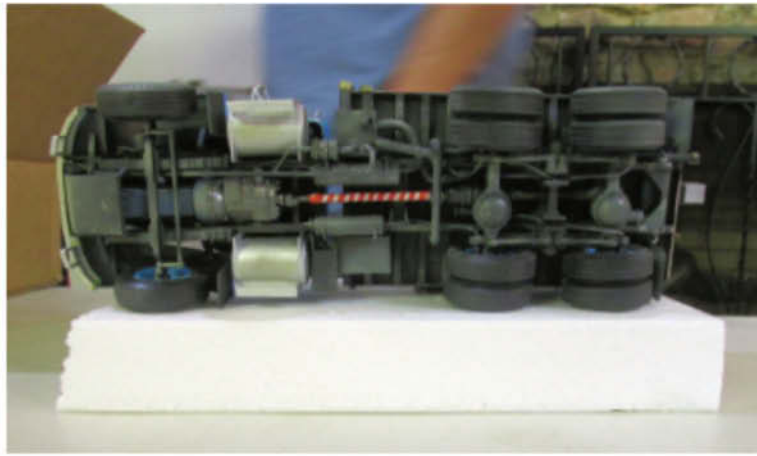
James Alvis' Revell B-25J "Mitchell" USAAF medium bomber.



Alex Valz's Hobby Boss 1/48 F4U-1 Corsair "Spirit of '76"

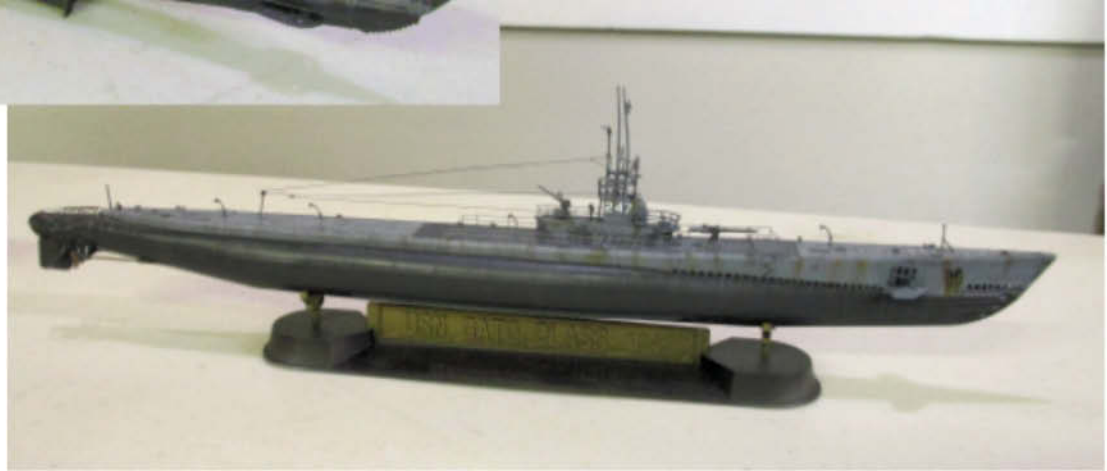


Bear Anderson's cover-gracing AMT 1/25 "Fire Tanker/Tender", a very major conversion.



Scott Oates' Hobby Boss 1/350 Kriegsmarine U-Boat Type VII

Scott Oates' AFV Club 1/350 USN "Gato" Class Submarine



Tony Lackey's in-progress AFV Club 1/35 M38 ACL, USMC





Richard Leininger's Tamiya 1/24 2018 TS050 Hybrid



James Crumpler's Tamiya 1/35 "Grant" tank



Richard Leininger's Ebbro 1/20 Lotus 72E,
1973 Ronnie Peterson's car #2.



Richard Leininger's Toyota 1/24 Toyota GT-One
Le Mans racer



Frank Blanton's Tamiya/Italeri 1/35 "Crusader"

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History of WW II Jeeps and 1/35 Kits reviews Part II

By Bob Walls



Part Two

The Willys and Ford Jeeps

The US Army contracts issued to Willys and Ford were based on the Willys chassis, body and engine with only minor changes made by Ford to aid in their assembly line manufacture. All parts had to be interchangeable to allow for a simplified spare parts supply chain. Because of this, after the first few months of production the two vehicles are almost identical. It has been noted by people restoring Jeeps that it is very common to find WW II jeeps with mixed parts either due to field repairs during the war or Jeep enthusiasts restoring them with whatever parts they could find. On a real-life Jeep, the easiest way to tell the difference is to look for a cursive "F" on all the Ford bolt heads and Ford stopped doing this later in the war. Admittedly that is not any use for a 1/35 scale model! The other more noticeable differences are still minor when looking at a model kit. The frame differed slightly but again that will not be seen or noticed in a model. Instead of listing them all now, I will mention which version the kit manufacture seems to have copied based on these minor differences. For the average modeler, trying to recreate these differences is overkill as they are not readily seen by someone looking at the kit.

Finally, while researching images of Jeeps during WW II it is almost impossible to tell which is Ford and which is Willys. In many pictures you see various crew attached stowage which will cover up some of these minor differences in these vehicles or they are taken at a distance too far to see these or covered up with mud! My advice is to call you kit pretty much what you want unless you correct items which will then make it one version or the other.

The kits listed below vary in age from 1973 issue to recent releases. The more recent releases can be purchased from your favorite model supply shops (online in particular) while older out of production ones will require looking at EBAY or model show vendors selling older kits.

Tamiya Jeep Willys MB 1972 Release



This is the standard older Tamiya release which I don't own. The following SAS Jeep is based on the kit so I can comment that it is normal Tamiya quality and can be built up to represent a good model of the Jeep. If you have it in your stash, it is worth building. It comes with a trailer (see Italeri review below). Honestly, I would not buy this kit unless you find it at a good price or would like to use the trailer. Tamiya did cease to continue making this kit when they released a new tooled version in 1997 which I will review in the next installment. The newer Tamiya release kit does not include the trailer. See the comments on the Special Air Service Jeep which follows as they apply to this kit.

Tamiya British Special Air Service Jeep 1974 Release



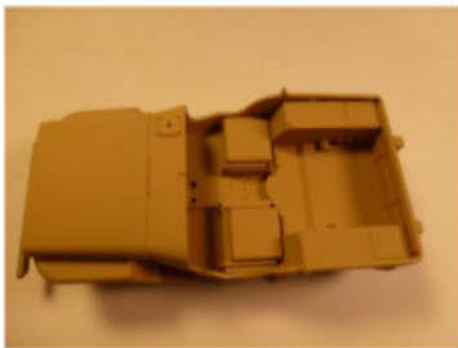
This kit is a re-box of the 1972 kit with certain parts added or changed to allow the building of a SAS gun jeep. The kit itself builds up very easily with only a few dozen vehicle parts with most of the kit parts being the two SAS figures and various SAS weapons and stowage. The kit is a Willys jeep based on the toolbox door which is smooth. It is located on the rear wheel cover next to the rear bench seat. The front bumper needs a small hole drilled in it just left of the center of the bumper which would allow a crank to be attached to start a dead jeep. This is hardly visible, but a difference with Willys Jeeps over Ford ones. At this stage of the war these SAS Jeeps probably are Willys, so the kit fits the subject.

This Jeep kit is no longer produced by Tamiya and runs about \$20-\$35 with shipping on EBAY and generally is only available from international sellers.

The frame is modeled in one piece and contains 7 parts including the springs and axles, compared to the 37 parts of the MiniArt Jeep. If you want an easy build, this may be your kit.



The rest of the body is only four parts.



The location of the Willys crank hole is just left of center on the front bumper. An additional two extra holes where the chassis connects the bumper are on Ford jeeps. This detail is missing from the Tamiya kit so you might want to drill the crank hole in the front bumper.



Italeri Willys Jeep 1977 Release

The Italeri version was released after the first Tamiya one and the kit looks like an upgraded Tamiya Willys kit. It has about the same chassis/frame parts layout and also comes with a trailer but has a few more parts and with a little more detail. You get 3 figures. I rate this kit as a little better than the early Tamiya Jeep kits. It is a must have if you want Jeep a trailer as the Italeri kit is still in stock at most hobby sellers. Availability and trailer are is the real benefit of this Italeri kit.



The Italeri kit was re-boxed under the Revell and Testors brand. Italeri also reboxed it with new parts. For the aircraft guys, there is the "Follow Me" Air Force version released in 2014 but is out of production. Check eBay.



Bantam Jeep Trailer

Partly to offset awarding the Jeep contract to Ford and Willys, Bantam was given a contract to build Jeep trailers. The first thing you will notice is that these trailers did not have a drop gate. The reason was they needed to be water tight so they could float. Either by being pulled by the Amphibious Seep, or own their own.



Modern attempt to show that rifles make good paddles.

The following Willys/Ford jeeps will be reviewed in the next series of articles.

Tamiya Willys Jeep released 1997 New tool.

Italeri Willys Jeep Willys Ambulance Jeep released 1980

Italeri Comando Car (Jeep) released 1980

Dragon SAS "Patrol Car" (Jeep) One of the many reboxed Dragon versions of the Jeep. First released in 2011

Taykom Armored ¼ ton Truck (Jeep) released 2020

Ford GPA Seep Amphibious Jeep released in 1974 and re-released as late as 2014 with new figures

Need Inspiration To Join Jeep Group Build?

For any of you sitting on the fence about joining the Jeep build how about this one. I guess it might be historical. At least it is hysterical!





Kit Dash, with scale reference



Belts details



Seating & Console assembly.



Suspension assembly with scale reference

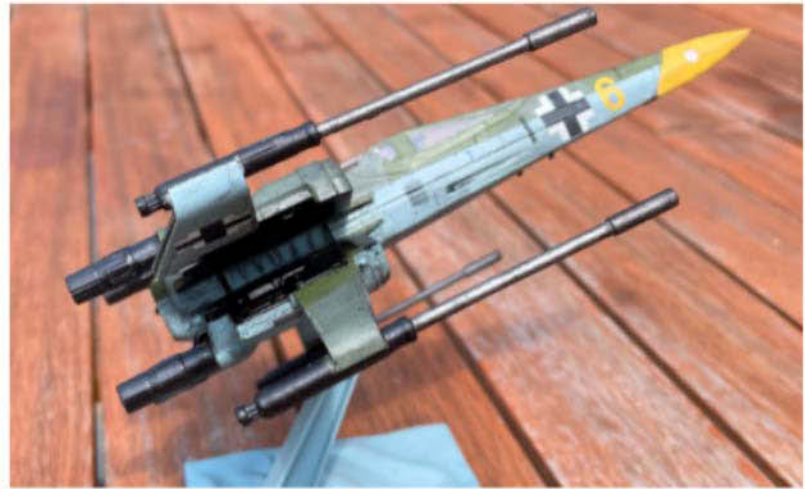
At my request, Gene cleared some clutter off his bench, because I felt that kit parts and subassemblies were fading into said "clutter". I want to thank Gene, for doing that, I am sure if you reference past issues that the resulting big difference is beneficial. My bench is pretty bad right now, so I should be following my own advice. I need to, to take photos of my projects and actually build so nothing is lost in the clutter. I tend to knock over paint and glue bottles because they fade into clutter, and then my elbow makes contact...



editor

Jonathan Garrett's Axis X-Wing

Here are some pics of recent build of a Bandai 1/72 Resistance X-wing that i painted in early WWII Luftwaffe livery. I also removed the 4 wing-mounted lasers, replacing them with copper tubing to mimic 40mm or 50mm conventional cannons. I was going to backstory this build as a what if circa late 1940's. Sadly, shortly after these pics it met its death on the pavement, I was otherwise going to enter it into the OD 2022. Ah well, at least I learned something making this, I had never altered or scratch-built anything before.



I airbrushed it with Vallejo acrylics, then weathered it with a few oil based washes and dry brushed it with black and brown oil pastels to give it a "used" look. My story was something along the lines of this being the end development point of the "destroyer" heavy fighter concept, something of a long-range escort for the Amerika bomber when breaking through the phalanx of flying fortresses that formed the original concept of American coastal defense formulated in the 1930's (and obviously hopelessly outdated by wartime).

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