

IPMS RICHMOND'S GENUINE

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February

IPMS/USA Award Winning Newsletter

2022

Next Meeting: Monday, February 14 at the Smoketree Community Building, action commences at 7:00 PM. All scale modelers are invited to attend. Primary focus of meeting is final preparations for the February 26 chapter sponsored 2022 Old Dominion Open. Show & Tell is also included, so please bring and share your latest projects. Please register your projects prior to placing on the display table. Members, please read the very **"Important Notice"** at the top of Page 2.



Above: Scott Holtz's recently Italeri 1/72 Bf.109F-2/4. Aircraft is finished as JG-54's Major Hannes Troutloft's mount of 1941, Russia. See Scott's build review on Page 7.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All chapter members, please make every effort to attend the February 14 chapter meeting so that we can make important final preparations for the upcoming 2022 Old Dominion Open.

December 13, 2021 Chapter Meeting...

December's chapter meeting featured the annual catered Holidays Dinner Party, 2021 Chapter Contest, and Mike's awesomely Special Raffle. Catered by Richmond's popular Lunch. Supper! Restaurant(s), the holiday buffet featured Bison Meatloaf Wrapped in Bacon, BBQ's, Ham Biscuits, Brussels Sprouts, Asparagus, and much more! It was all very much enjoyed by chapter members and spouses.



President and First Lady organized the set-up and clean-up of buffet. A lot was left over and put in containers for members to take home. I should have gotten more of that Bison Meatloaf...

Sixteen members registered forty-four entries in eight of nine categories. Total entries may be a record! The editor registered entries, and Tony Lackey assisted counting the ballots and handing out the awards (pictured below). Thanks Tony!



IPMS RICHMOND

OLD DOMINION OPEN

SCALE MODEL SHOW & CONTEST

FEBRUARY 26, 2022

RICHMOND RACEWAY COMPLEX

**Henrico Hall
600 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222**

**Doors Open at 8:30 am
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Much has already been written about World War II's crucial Battle of the Atlantic, the Allies' ongoing struggle to keep Britain (and later the USSR) supplied by sea. Many of those books focused upon the fight against German U-boats and the ordeals of the North Atlantic convoys. However, often overlooked by World War II historians was the major threat posed by Germany's small but potent battle fleet and the Royal Navy's six-year campaign to track down and sink Hitler's capital ships. Simon Read's recent book, *The Iron Sea*, provides a highly detailed history of this underreported yet key part of the Battle of the Atlantic. His narrative is also written and paced like a good suspense novel. This is not your garden variety book about sea battles.

In 1939, Hitler's surface fleet (battleships, cruisers and destroyers) was outnumbered roughly 5:1 by Britain's Royal Navy. However, the German Kriegsmarine would soon have the world's most powerful battleships with the *Bismarck* and *Tirpitz*, backed up by the smaller *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau*, three Deutschland class "pocket battleships" and several large Hipper class heavy cruisers. Heavily armed, well protected and manned by superbly trained crews, Hitler's heavy ships could wreak havoc if permitted to roam the vital shipping lanes spanning the North Atlantic. Winston Churchill's greatest fear was that these state of the art enemy vessels, combined with the stealthy U-boats, would sever Britain's tenuous lifelines. Destroying Hitler's large warships became a critical priority. Despite the Royal Navy's lopsided numerical superiority, Hitler's handful of ships would press Britain to the brink, turning the Atlantic into what Read describes as a "mass grave" of sunken ships and dead sailors.

Read begins his book just before Hitler's invasion of Norway in early April, 1940. For the Allies, the Norwegian campaign would be a tragedy of errors culminating in the aircraft carrier *HMS Glorious* and two destroyers being sunk by the *Scharnhorst*. The narrative then progresses into the British Home Fleet's grueling—and deadly—chase of the *Bismarck*. Through three chapters Read recounts vividly the desperate hunt for the world's toughest battleship in appalling weather, a mission made even more urgent by the loss of the *HMS Hood* with nearly all hands. Read relates the *Hood*'s catastrophe and the *Bismarck*'s ultimate destruction move by move and finally, broadside by broadside.

No less compelling is Read's coverage of Operation Chariot. This was the March 28, 1942, British commando raid on Saint-Nazaire, a former French naval base and the suspected future home port of the battleship *Tirpitz*. Read's telling of how 611 British commandos and sailors audaciously sailed into Saint-Nazaire, surprised the large German garrison and demolished the all-important dry dock is like watching a movie without film. His graphic account of the commandos' bravery and sacrifice is gripping. Operation Chariot was essentially a suicide mission. Of the British raiders, 169 were killed and 215 were captured. But what remained of the port would never again service a major Nazi warship.

Book Review by E. L. Motley

THE IRON SEA: HOW THE ALLIES HUNTED AND DESTROYED HITLER'S WARSHIPS by Simon Read, 322 pages, hardbound, Hachette Books, 2021 (available online for \$9.95 at Edward R. Hamilton, www.hamiltonbook.com)

Read also covers the 1942 “Channel Dash” breakout of Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Prinz Eugen through the English Channel, the dramatic sinking of the Scharnhorst by the HMS Duke of York, and Britain’s relentless quest of the Tirpitz. Despite Tirpitz’s only ever conducting one “combat” mission, the Bismarck’s sister ship tied down key elements of the Royal Navy for three years. Anchored in a heavily defended Norwegian fiord, the Tirpitz managed to fight off and survive air attacks and even an outlandish attempt to sink her using midget submarines. Detailed at length is Churchill’s endless frustration in trying to eliminate Hitler’s last battleship. Churchill would finally have relief on November 12, 1944, thanks to RAF Lancasters dropping 12,000 pound “Tallboy” bombs on the immobile Tirpitz. The book concludes with a summary of the fates of Germany’s few remaining major warships, including the heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen which ended up as a U.S. atomic test target ship. Emphasized throughout *The Iron Sea* is the ghastly cost in human lives as the Allies and the Axis battled to control the Atlantic.

I have only two criticisms of *The Iron Sea*. Read omits the 1939 war cruise—and trapping and scuttling—of the German “pocket battleship” Graf Spee. Although more a heavy cruiser than a true dreadnought, the Graf Spee sank Allied merchant ships while being hunted throughout the fall of 1939 by a joint British-French naval force far larger and more widespread than the Bismarck’s pursuers. As the war’s first significant naval battle, the Graf Spee’s demise off Montevideo would have been a perfect opening for the book. Secondly, I wish Read would have included more discussion of the German Navy’s rebirth in the 1930’s and the flawed early war naval strategies of both Britain and Germany. But these are only minor complaints.

In all, *The Iron Sea* is an inexpensive, thoroughly researched and well written book that will be enjoyed by students of World War II, naval history buffs and maritime modelers. Highly recommended.

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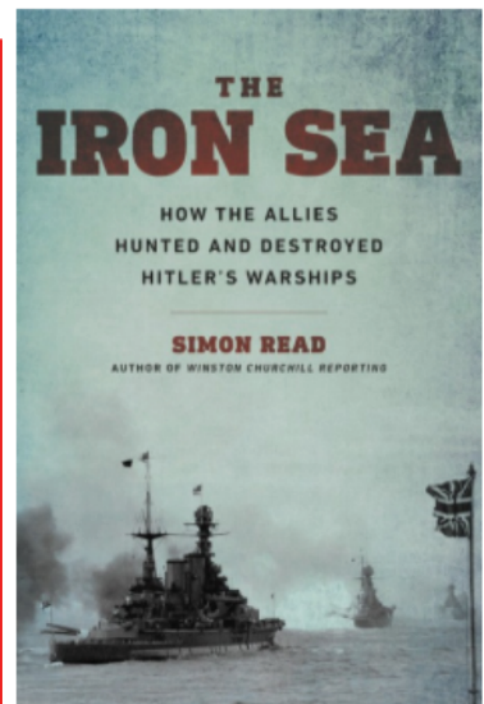
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Influences: Ian Fleming, Stephen King, William Raymond
Manchester, Max Hastings



I'm the author of nine non-fiction books published on both sides of the Atlantic. Hachette will release my next book, *THE IRON SEA*, in November.

When I'm not writing, I enjoy reading (naturally), messing about on the piano, listening to classic British rock, and searching for good English pubs (I live in Arizona, where such drinking establishments can sometimes be hard to find).

Please feel free to check out my website or visit me on ⁵Twitter.





This month, we will revisit an annual event on social media—the **Poncho Perfection Bulldoff Challenge**, hosted by yours truly on Facebook.

This activity usually happens late in the year, when all 1:1 cars are all tucked snugly into their garages, leaving nothing to do for the car guys out there.

Participation is simple enough—you simply log onto the page, declare your intentions to build a certain kit (*or kits, plural, based on your speed*), create an album, and post updates along the way. You would also post a completion photo at the end. Sound simple? It is. Despite the name, any brand of kit is acceptable. It's more about the fun and camaraderie, than the brand. So, if you're not busy this year, consider joining in on the fun.

So, let's continue bringin' 'em and showin' 'em—virtually!

'PoP' (*Pontiacs on Parade!*) Sickle signin' off! And don't forget—MAMA may not need all these Ponchos, but I'm diggin' 'em—thanks!! Here's looking for a better year in 2022—Tim



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KIT REVIEW

Author Scott Holtz

Scale 1/72

Model Type: (styrene, resin, etc.) Styrene Manufacturer Italeri

Model Subject Messerschmitt bf-109 f2/4

Please score the following:

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



Please score the following:

Instructions	Average	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Decals	Fair	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Clear Parts	Poor	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Multi-media Parts	N/A	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Value	Fair	<input type="button" value="v"/>

Difficulties:

The tail section is a separate part. The fit is very poor and took alot of filling and sanding to remedy. Filler was also needed at the wing roots and around the cowling. After much filling and sanding the panel lines were rescribed. The canopy is in three sections and is a bad fit. The main landing gear wheels are oversize but look satisfactory.



Additional Comments:

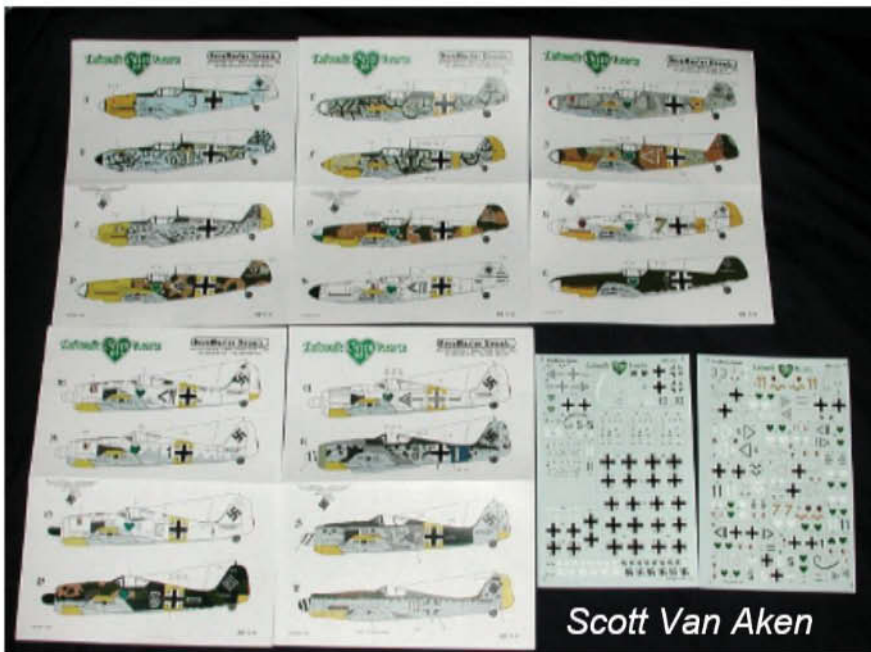
The kit was on the shelf of doom for over 30 years. Like Mark Elder, I'm trying to clear this shelf of these old kits. This kit was done as the aircraft of Kommodore JG 54 , Maj. Hannes Trautloft in Russia 1941. The scheme is 70/80/76 with yellow band, wingtip bottoms and cowling. Spinner is 1/3 white and 2/3 RLM 25 Staff Green. The RLM 04 yellow and RLM 76 are mixes of tamiya paints. The 79 and 80 are Polly -S paints that I have had for over 35 years. I wanted to see if they would still work.

The decals are Aero Master, Number SP72-02a and 02b, Luftwaffe Green Hearts JG 54. It covers 20 aircraft, 109's and FW-190's.

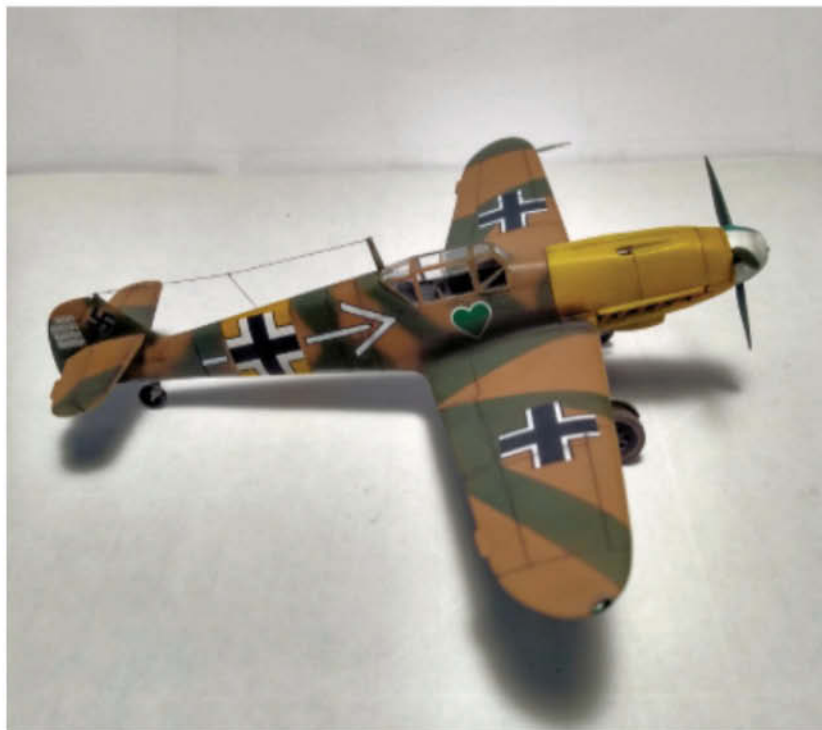
I would not recommend this kit for a competition build, but it's OK just to add an F version to your collection.

Check your Six,
Scott

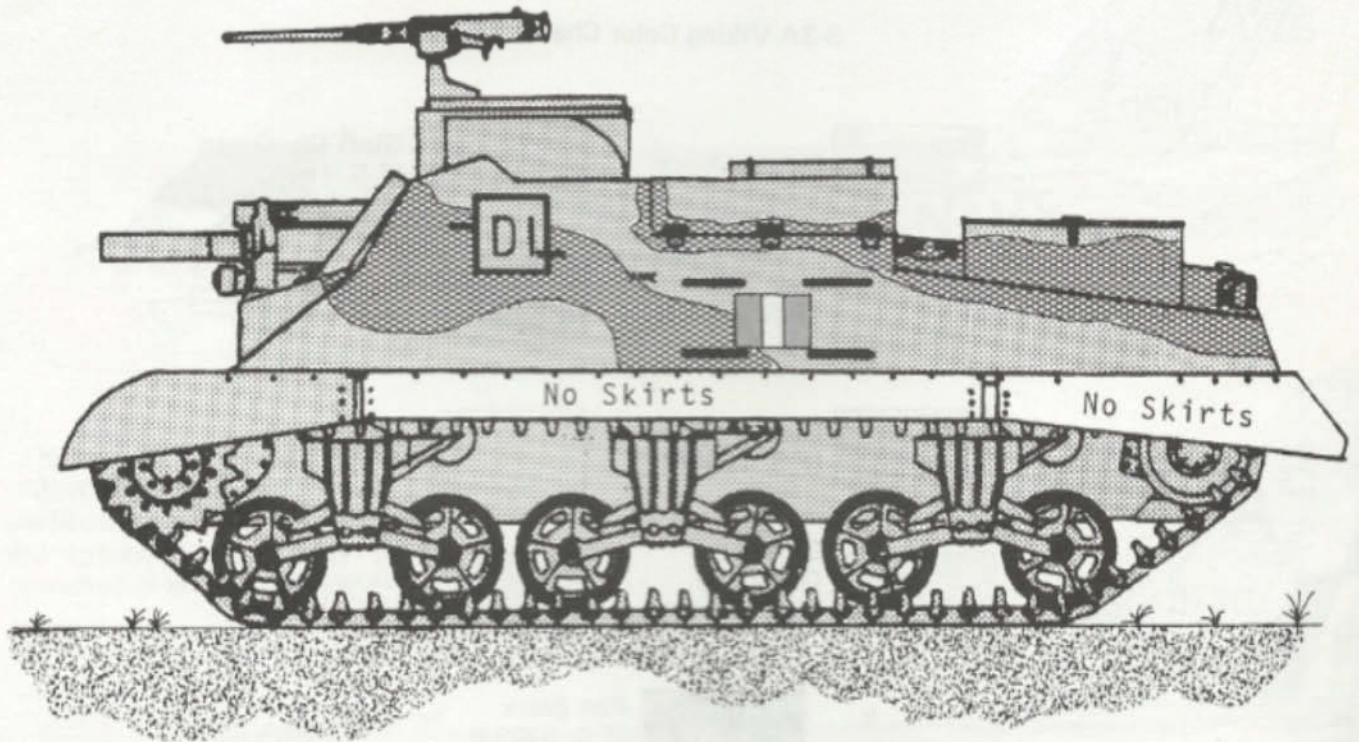
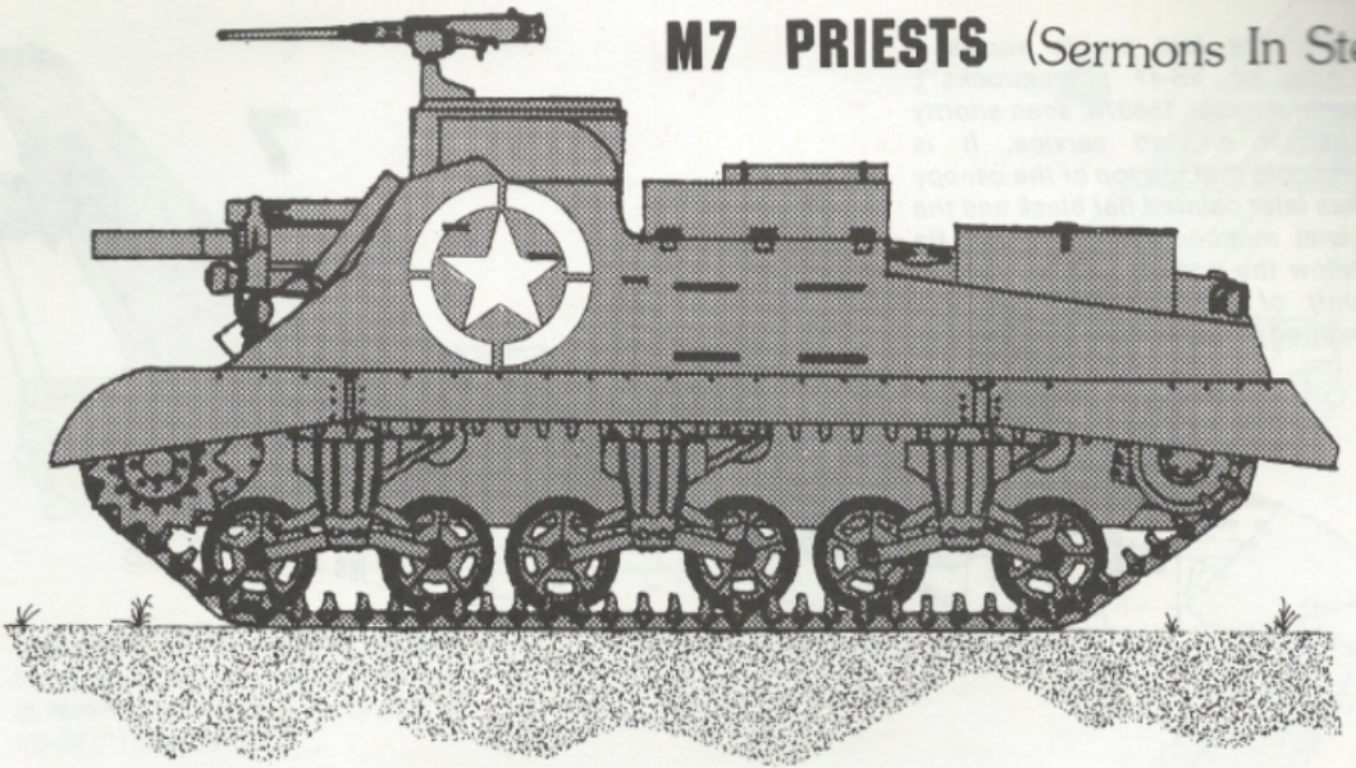
Recommended? Yes No



"This particular sheet covers Bf-109 and Fw-190s of various variants and also gives that aircraft of many of the units aces and personalities. The set includes two full sheets for the special aircraft markings as well as data for two Fw-190s and three Bf-109s. Insignia are given for about 6-7 aircraft and if you really wanted to do all 20 schemes, there are more than enough aftermarket sources for the insignia needed." ...Scott Van Aken of Modeling Madness.com



M7 PRIESTS (Sermons In Steel)



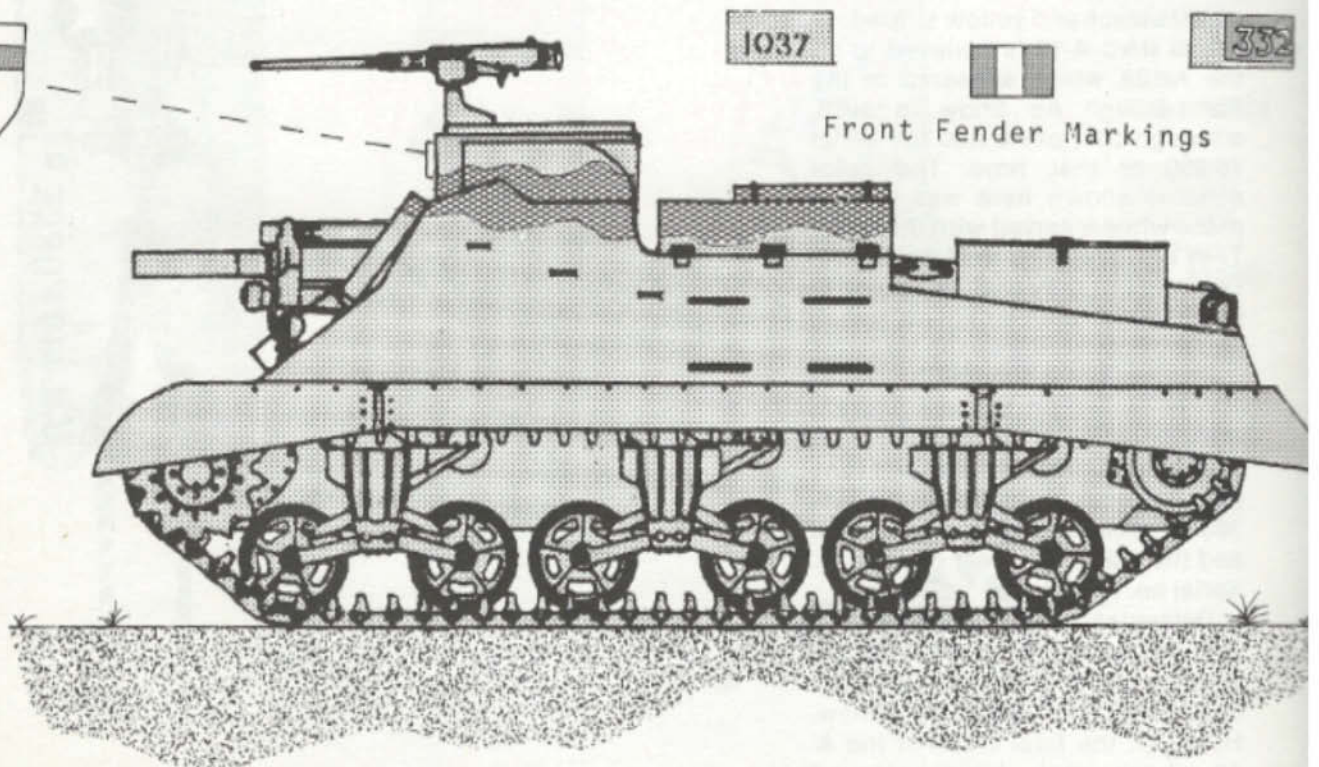
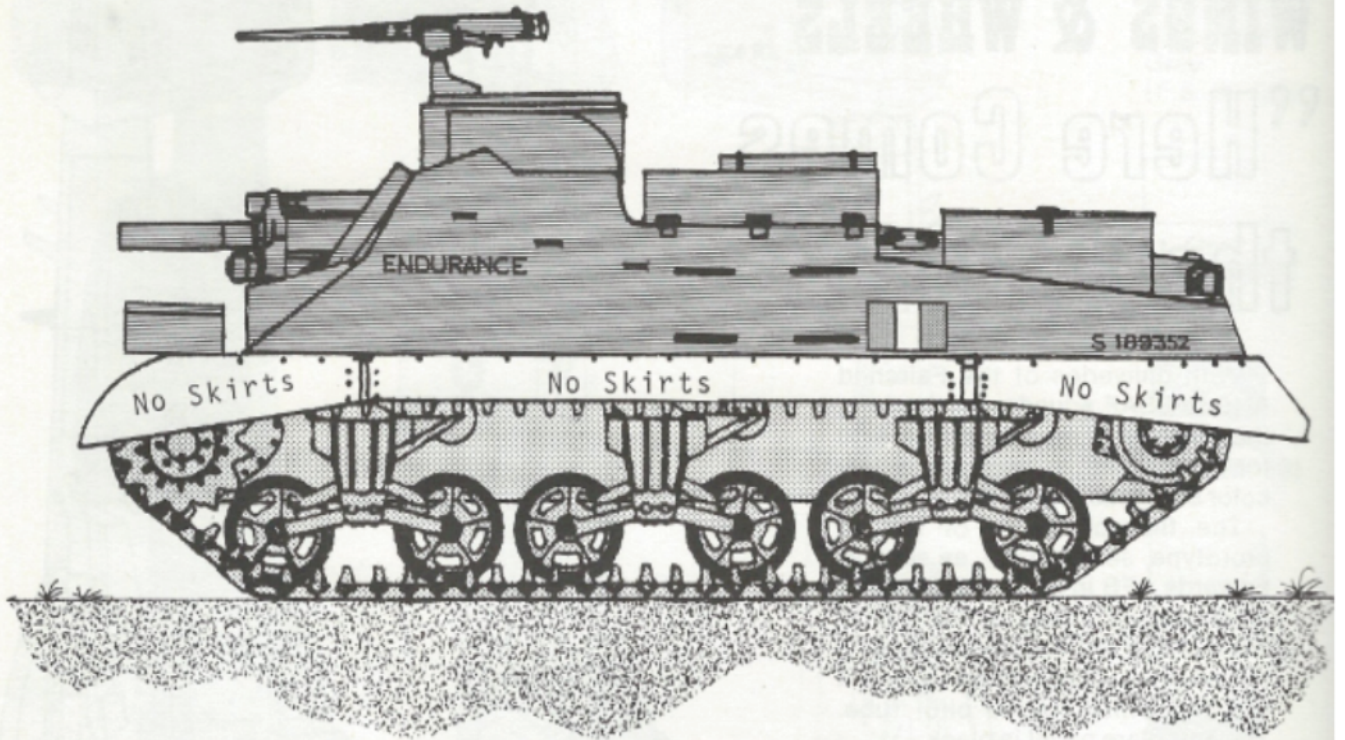
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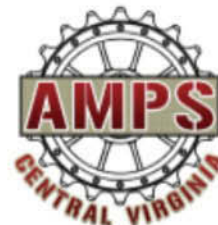


Sand Dk. Earth Olive Drab



Red White Dk. Green





Join us in Virginia for the 26th AMPS convention! Scale modelers are invited to bring their creative work for display and plug into the friendly and instructional atmosphere.

The convention theme is Move It! Build a subject that hauls, moves, or transports supplies, vehicles or people and you could receive a theme special award.

Many of the best armor modeling product vendors will be with us to help you find great deals on new and old kits, tools, books and accessories.

Seminars from inspiring hobbyists and historians will teach you new techniques.

Come early and visit the many museums and military collections in the region.

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Kit Review: Lindberg's 1/32 Laird-Turner "Meteor"

by John Kimbriel

Author John Kimbriel

Scale ~1/32

Model Type: (styrene, resin, etc.) Styrene Manufacturer Lindberg

Model Subject Laird-Turner "Meteor" (AKA "RT-14", "Pesco Special", & "Miss Champion")

Please score the following:

Molding	Very Good
Detail	Poor
Fit	Very Good
Accuracy	Average
Ease of Assembly	Very Good

Please score the following:

Instructions	Very Good
Decals	Excellent
Clear Parts	Very Good
Multi-media Parts	N/A
Value	Average

Difficulties:

No cockpit detail. Seat is incorrect, should be "bucket" type. Prop incorrectly shaped & does not include counterweights for control of pitch. 3-bladed prop to be painted Silver, not Black as instructed. No scoops provided for Oil Cooler (late model aircraft as modified). Molding of fabric areas overdone. Wheels too thin, must be thicker for mounting of balloon tires. No engine exhaust stacks or fuselage escape door included!

With all its faults, this is the only kit, I know of, of this historic aircraft. It would be a great basis for a super detailed build!

Additional Comments:

All metal and linen covered areas of actual aircraft was painted Flat Silver. Real Canopy/Windshield was fixed in place. After display in Smithsonian for decades, the finish has turned to a light Gray. Roscoe Turner commissioned and designed the mid-wing monoplane, which is the last he flew. Thompson Trophy/(Cleveland) National Air Race Statistics: 1937, took 3rd Place at 253.802 mph (lead much of the race, but "cut" a pylon when blinded by sun, and circled back to avoid disqualification); 1938, wheel pants added, and took 1st Place at 283.419 mph and won \$18,000 purse! 1939, Took 1st Place (299.03 mph qualification speed. Turner claimed that, "flat out", the "Pesco Special" could do 380 mph! Engine: Pratt & Whitney Twin Wasp 1,000 h.p. radial engine. The National Air Races and the Indianapolis 500 were two big annual events held prior to WWII. Most aircraft and auto racers were home built and powered by "souped-up" engines.

Recommended? Yes No

Kit Review Gallery: Lindberg's 1/32 Laird-Turner "Meteor" by John Kimbriel



27th Annual **Mid-Atlantic NNL**

www.mamasboyz.org

May 14, 2022

9 AM—3 PM

Admission \$10.00 (*under age 16, free*)

“Tri-Five Vehicles” (ALL!)



Sub-Theme:



“Vehicles of 1970”



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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.

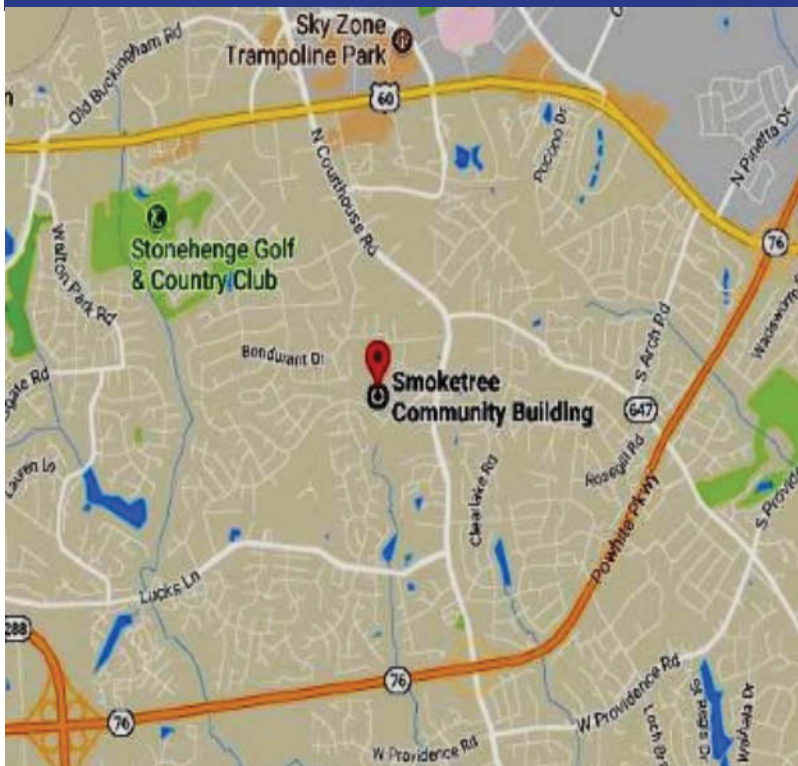
IPMS Richmond hosts the Mid-Atlantic's largest annual one-day scale modeling event, the Old Dominion Open model show and contest, which attracts a thousand, and more, to fellowship, compete, shop vendors offering the latest and vintage hobby products, and to be amazed at the over 1,000 completed scale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

Annual membership fee: \$25 (and 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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