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FROM THE BRIDGE

The President's Column

We are now in our 51st membership year. The membership fee is still only \$10 per year and we accept advanced payment if you wish to get ahead on your membership. There is also a family membership plan. You can catch me at a meeting or send your payments to me by mail, checks to be made payable to Bay Colony Historical Modelers.

Well, where to start... Oh, yeah, let's start with the attack of the Corona Virus! Hopefully, you are all well and safe. As you know the March meeting was cancelled due to the outbreak, and the Governor's order to shut down the state. And now, so is the April meeting. The May meeting is suspect because he has extended his orders until May 4. Please keep close watch on the Facebook page and the Forum/Website for further updates. We will try to give a reasonable amount of warning if we are going to cancel or relocate.

Going forward we will be using these guidelines for cancelling / holding / relocating meetings: These will be in place until further notice. (Until things return to normal.)

- If the local community where the meeting is to be held is shut down by local or state Government, there will be no meeting.
- Once restrictions are lifted, we will ask the scheduled host, a couple weeks in advance of the meeting, if we are still welcome. We fully understand if the scheduled host decides not to allow us to meet there.
- We will ask the scheduled host if he or anyone in his household, has had flu or virus like symptoms within the last 30 days. We will post this information on the Forum and on the Facebook page, so that you can make the decision to attend.
- If we know that the host is reluctant to host the meeting, the Board will discuss the option of using the Emergency location for that month. We would have to verify with the American Legion that we could use their space, and that we had the capability to disinfect the space as we leave.
- Watch the club web site, ipmsbaycolony.com, the Forum, and/or the Facebook page for updates. We will try to give at least two weeks' notice, but may not always be able to do so.
- We would ask any member that is coughing, sneezing, or has been in close contact with people that are ill, not to attend.

Due to this zombie apocalypse outbreak, it is possible that it may be difficult to get to some meetings for a while. As the country tries to re-open there may be hot spots or quarantined areas with restricted access. Rhode Island is currently stopping cars coming from Connecticut and New York, and is hunting the out of state license plates in resort areas, to inform them they need to self-quarantine. This could be extended to Massachusetts drivers, and/or vice versa. As the country or region begins to recuperate, I suspect that the attempt will be made to get the economy moving again. It is possible that restrictions may be lifted by county and not statewide at first. I offer as an example; Boston could still be a hot spot for the virus, but Bristol County may not have seen any new cases for 3 or 4 weeks.

Why keep the whole state shut down? In this line Florida is also attempting to close its borders. I apologize for the political commentary. This is the same Florida Governor that kept the beaches and bars open for the spring breakers, hoping they would go home before they got sick, that is now trying to close his state to the people from New York and New Jersey that are trying to escape the virus.

Also due to the zombie apocalypse, a number of shows for April and May have been cancelled. NoreastCon has been postponed until August. Hopefully Bob will post that information elsewhere in this issue. If not, it can be found on the website or the Facebook page. (Never thought I'd be writing about the zombie apocalypse in this newsletter. Goes to show...)

Please note the date change for BayCon. It is now the first Sunday of November. Nov. 1st and NOT Nov. 8th as originally posted. Hopefully things will have settled down by then, and we can still hold the show. Keep your fingers crossed.

While on the subject of BayCon. There will be some new awards this year. The Bill Collins Memorial award is a triathlon event. A single entry will include three models, each of a different genre. Like car, ship, figure, not tank, half-track, and jeep. The Bill Pritchard Memorial award will be for the best 25 – 28 mm figure. And for the first time we will have a Gundum category. This will be for all scales. Membership at the last meeting thought this was a good idea because of their current popularity.

Because of the cancellation of the March meeting, I have nothing to report on that, so let's check out what Airfix has been up to... Arifix's English web site reports that production is progressing on their new 1/72 Spitfire Mk. Vc tooling. The first test build has been done and there are photos available on line. The kit contains both clipped wings and elliptical wings, desert chin scoop, and belly tank. The proposed schemes are both chin scoop, sand and mid-stone, although Airfix notes that they are not etched in stone. One is for a shark-mouthed MX (star) P, the other is DB-V. It does appear that both schemes are for elliptical wing aircraft. The kit is available for pre-order and is listed as Skill level 1, with 73 parts. The US site is indicating a summer 2020 release.

Airfix also has test shots of their 1/35 new tool Cromwell Mk. IV. The web site indicates a summer 2020 release date. They are also promising a Mk. VI with an autumn release. Both are listed for pre-order. No box art was shown for either kit. The US site lists them at \$40 each. Also on the 1/35 scale list is the US Military Tractor. I believed they had released this in England, but the web site still lists it for pre-order. I had been told that all of the new 1/35 scale armor kits being released by Airfix were Academy re-pops, but I don't remember Academy having a tractor, so that must be someone else's mold. The box art shows two schemes, one an OD USAAF vehicle and the other in yellow. \$30.

In 1/48 new tools they are offering a Tiger Moth, with two colorful schemes. The box art depicts a red and white checked aircraft. The other scheme is a silver doped with yellow bands a/c. And in the spirit of the 80th anniversary of the Battle of France and Battle of Britain, they are re-releasing their 1/72 Hawker Hurricane Mk. I with fabric wings and two bladed prop in Battle of France markings. Just the one scheme. Also available for pre-order is the 1/48 Hurricane Mk.1. It is a skill level 3 kit with 127 parts.

I have a concern as to the Airfix 1/35 armor kits coming to the US. I am not seeing any of the mail order specialist, such as Squadron or Sprue Bros, listing them, yet they sell the aircraft kits. It makes me wonder if Academy has claimed the US as their territory and Airfix can sell to Europe. I was

hoping that Airfix would provide some new / different schemes. For example, the M3 Stuart / Honey is available in the UK. It has two schemes, the expected British three color desert scheme and a US 192nd Tank Battalion in the Philippines. It is listed on the Airfix US site as available summer 2019, with a list price of \$30. It's still listed as pre-order. The M10 GMC is also listed as summer of 2019, \$50. All of the 1/35 scale armor that has been released in the UK is listed as pre-order on the US site.

Also on the UK 1/35 pre-order list is the M4A3(76)W Battle of the Bulge edition. The US site says spring 2020. Don't hold your breath. (\$38) I believe all of the 1/35 armor kits have two schemes.

Also listed on the US site is the M36/ M36B2 Battle of the Bulge (\$38) and M36B1 GMC (\$43). Why there is a difference in price, I don't know. Other US or US based armor includes the M7 Priest (\$50), M3 Lee/Grant (\$38), M10 GMC (\$50), M12 GMC (\$50), and M18 Hellcat (\$50).

For the small scale armor buffs, they are promising two new tools in 1/72, not 1/76 as is their typical scale. The 1/72 Sherman Firefly will only be available as a starter set (\$13), and a Tiger I.

Available now in the UK are two versions of the 1/35 Tiger I Early. One is specifically listed for Operation Citadel. Both will be \$38 when available here. Also, an early version Hetzer (\$50) and a late version Hetzer (\$38). Again, why the price difference, I haven't a clue, but I sure hope there is a valid reason.

We have a little space left, so let's squeeze in a little history lesson. Have you ever heard of the Zimmerman Telegram? Let me set the stage. It's 1917. Woodrow Wilson has just won re-election, campaigning with a slogan of "He kept us out of War". He is due to be inaugurated in March, (not January). Pancho Villa is staging a revolution in Mexico and raiding across the border into New Mexico. Gen. John Pershing is dispatched to lead an American force to capture Villa, and he chases him 350 miles into Mexico. Mexican – American relations are fragile. Germany is anticipating a return to "unrestricted submarine warfare" and realizes that could bring the United States into the war.

German Foreign Secretary Arthur Zimmerman sends a Western Union Telegram from Washington D.C. to the German Legation in Mexico City. It's dated Jan. 19, 1917. It contains about 170 groups of numbers. Each group contains from 3 to 6 digits. It instructs the German Ambassador to discuss an alliance with Mexico should the United States enter the war. Mexico would be allowed to regain control of the territory it lost to the US, Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico.

British Intelligence intercepts the message and decodes it. Revelation of the document angers Americans and helped generate support for the declaration of war on Germany in April. As stated by Wikipedia, "The decryption was described as the most significant intelligence triumph for Britain during World War I, and one of the earliest occasions on which a piece of signal intelligence influenced world events".

April fools! ...or is it?

When I was growing up we had a number of shows on TV, (on all THREE stations), that would try to teach, the children that watched, little lessons such as "eat your vegetables" or "drink your milk". So, in

that vein, and as a sign of the times, broccoli, mushrooms, and tomatoes are excellent for boosting your immune system, and wash your hands.

Stay safe, my friends.

God bless America! Pray for our servicemen overseas.

Happy modeling and give kits to kids!

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My Answer to Challenge Question – Q7:

Q: What do you consider to be the most difficult model genre to build “out of the box”, and produce a decent model?

Answer: I gave this a lot of thought. My answer is Car Kits. Three or four years ago I would have said Ship Models. But they have come a long way in a few years. Car kits are changing, slowly, and improving, but I think they lag behind the other genres. The same old same old is being pumped out. Some molds are still in service that have been in service for decades. We are still getting kits with windshield wipers cast on a chrome plated windshield frame. Scale 1” thick windshield glass, and metal rod axels that pass through large holes in engine blocks. I think that the problem here is that the manufacturers still think of these kits as toys.

Where many manufactures have updated their armor lines and aircraft lines. Replacing older, less detailed kits with better ones. I cite Tamiya and their M3 Stuart and M4 Sherman. Revell brought out brilliant little 1/72 scale aircraft kits, all be it covered in rivets, back in the ‘60’s. They replaced many of these in the ‘90’s. Yes, Fujimi and Hasegawa produce some nice kits. A bit expensive here in the states. But many lack engines.

The new supercars get the latest treatments, newest tech. All well and good. But suppose you want to build a ’56 Ford. What are the odds of someone producing a new mold? I’m still trying to find a ’56 Ford Pickup. Revell made this kit way back when, I mean wayyyyyy back. I think I was about 12 when I attempted to build it. Over the years they modified the molds such that you can’t build a stock ’56 Ford Pickup. But if you want to build a new Mustang, no not the car, the P-51, and you’re not happy with the latest rendition, just wait a year or two. There will be a new P-51 kit for us to fawn over. So my vote is Car Kits.

John Nickerson

Challenge Question – Q8:

With many of us stuck home, sheltering in place, hiding from the Corona Virus, are you getting any modeling done?

In the Box Review:

Special Hobby Avro Anson Mk. I 'Early Version'- 1/72 scale, (No. SH72212)

I was introduced to the Anson back in the early to mid '60's, when I stumbled on an Airfix Craftmaster kit of the Anson Mk. I. Back then I was impressed by the large greenhouse, the unique planform of the stabilizers, and the small radial engines. For years I thought that the engines in the kit were not to scale. They were nowhere near the size of the radials on other twin engine aircraft, like the B-25. It was powered by a pair of Armstrong Siddeley Cheetah IX, (Lynx Major), seven cylinder radials, rated at 350 hp each. They were that small. These powered a two bladed metal prop. Airfix produced this kit from 1962 until 2008. It doesn't appear that they are going to resurrect it or produce a new tool. Developed in the mid '30's, the Anson was a reconnaissance / multi role support aircraft used by the RAF. Once hostilities began, it was used for anti-submarine patrols. As the Hudsons became available, the Anson was relegated to the crew training mission. It was used by a number of Commonwealth nations, a total of 34 different nations used the Anson in one variation or another, including 50 Canadian built Mk. II's purchased by the USAAF as AT-20's, and was in production from 1936 to 1952. The last RAF Anson was retired in 1968.

The early marks were just engine variants. The physical appearance of the Mk. II being identical to the Mk. I. The later marks included fuselage modifications to fit a specific role. Many of these were one offs. The Mk. I fuselage was fabric covered tube frame. The wings were fabric covered wood. The box is a two part lid / base construction, (11 7/8" x 8" x 2"). The base is heavy cardboard, so it makes a good work tray. The cover art work is just that, featuring the silver doped scheme that is one of the schemes from the kit. The end panels feature the cover art, as do the side panels, along with info as to the origins of the kit. The box cover notes that the kit is for ages 15+ and is of a limited run. The kit is produced in the Czech Republic.

Upon opening the box, one finds a black on white instruction booklet of 12 pages. The first page is the aircraft history, presented in Czech and English. Page 2 is the sprue / parts layout. It shows the two plastic sprues, A & B. Sprue A is the fuselage, interior deck and landing gear parts. Sprue B is the wing components. It shows the resin parts, mostly interior and engine. These parts are loose and in a bag, no sprue. Also depicted is the PE fret and the clear parts. The last three pages are the 4 view painting and marking diagrams. There are 3 schemes included in the kit.

This is a limited run multi-media kit, and not for the faint of heart. As mentioned it contains PE. This is not 'optional' PE like some kits, where it replaces plastic parts. Each piece is a part of the model that would be left off if not used. It also contains polyurethane resin parts, mostly interior walls and tube frame. This will have to be assembled with super glue or epoxy.

The medium grey plastic parts look crisp and nicely engraved. I did notice a little flash. Being a limited run kit there are no alignment pins and sockets on the fuselage, nor tabs and slots for the stabilizers. Most of the release pin marks are on interior surfaces, but are quite tall, so even though they may be out of sight they will require removal to allow the parts, such as the wings, to come together. I did notice what might be engraving tool strikes at a couple locations. This creates a hollow that is filled with plastic in the casting process, giving you a little bump that will have to be removed. Luckily, these are on mating surfaces and their removal will not affect the nicely cast surface. The sprue gates are quite petite, which is a plus when it comes to parts cleanup, but also means the parts can come free of the sprues very easily.

The resin parts are packed in multiple little zip lock bags, packed into two larger zip lock bags. Many of the parts are small and most are individually cast. There is a lot of flash on the cockpit panel sides and much of it needs to be cleaned away between the tube frames. The engine cylinders are all separate and need to be cut away from a waste block and mounted on the engine crankcase.

The clear plastic parts are tough to tell. My parts are packed in a rather hazy plastic bag. The instruction sheet shows the clear parts, and that three of them are not used, but it does not show them in the sprue layout, so I am unsure as to which a couple of them are. Some of the parts are very small and I am afraid to open the bag.

The PE parts are, for the most part, very small and fragile looking. They are packed in with the decal sheet. The fret has numbers etched into it to help identify the parts, but I need a magnifying glass to read them. Possibly dragging a yellow or white pencil across them will fill them with enough pigment to make them readable with my work glasses.

The decals are printed by Aviprint and look wonderful. The registration looks dead on.

There are a couple of options when building this kit. You need to plan for one in advance. The silver doped scheme has a flush rear deck behind the cockpit. If you are building that version, there is a part that plugs into the fuselage and fills that void. The other two schemes are camo schemes. They both have a turret in the rear deck. I believe this to be a Boulton-Paul turret but the instructions don't say. The other option is called out in Step 7, the 'assemble the fuselage' step. It shows drilling 2 small holes in the underside of the nose of the fuselage. There is no mention of size of the holes, nor their purpose. I can't find any part being inserted into them.

Scheme 2 is from RAF No. 321 (Dutch) Squadron in late 1940. It is a dark earth and dark green scheme. It states that references differ on as to the underside color, some say silver, others sky grey. Scheme 3 is from RAAF No. 3 EFTS 1942. Dark earth and green upper surfaces, trainer yellow under, with trainer yellow bands on the wings and fuselage. I think I want to build all three.

My general opinion of this kit is good. I expect it will be a challenge to build but will build into a decent model, although you will need some careful planning and patience. I recommend extensive study of the instruction sheet before each step. I'm giving this kit a rating on the Del Scale of 4 thumbs up out of 5.

John Nickerson

Up Scope

May 9th Meeting

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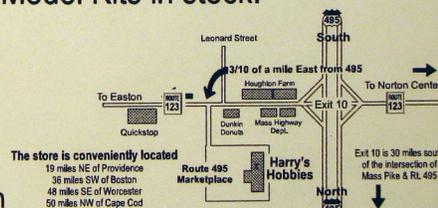
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