

SPRUE



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Keeping History Alive....One Model At A Time

Announcement From Rocky

With this issue of the Sprue I will be doing the newsletter for a while and I would like to mention a few things about what to look out for as well as what I need from the members. The newsletter can only be as good as what the members send the editor to put in each month. If nothing is coming in than that usually means there want be anything to print for that month. While I will be doing articles and such on my own for the newsletter I need YOU, the members to help out.

Anything that is model related or something you think the club would like to read about is welcomed. This all includes articles about shows, how to's, reviews of kits, projects in progress, past projects, history of something you may be building, etc. I know everyone likes to say I can't write an article but everyone can if they just take the time to do it.

I will be working on a revised layout over the next few newsletters so I don't look like I am copying Penny's design that she had come up with. Some of the things that have been mentioned to me to do is a member profile. Please be looking by email and here in the newsletter for a member survey to fill out to help me with that. I also have had some monthly articles that have been suggested to me that were regulars up to a few years ago.

One thing I will mention is that you never know when it will be worth your while to "READ" the newsletter in it's entirety. I will just say that you just never know when there will be a little "something" for those that take the time. It may not be each month but an occasional freebie may be mentioned in the middle of a article, logo, header or colander for someone who picks up on it. But you will have to look closely.

If any member has an idea for the newsletter please let me know. For any articles or pictures you would like to submit please send them to: snkchevcol@aol.com Please send in word or pdf format for articles and JPEG format for photos.

Rocky

Thank You Penny!

I would just like to say Thank You to Penny for doing an outstanding job on the Sprue the last six years. It takes a lot of time to do the newsletter each month and a lot of times she had to come up with something to write about when articles were not coming in. With the Covid thing the last year or so and club members not going to any shows or doing demos Penny was still able to come up with articles to put in the Sprue. We appreciate all that you did for us and the newsletter.

Kit review: Hobby Boss A7 E 1/72

(Submitted by Devin Bledsoe)

In general this is a good little kit and the build was fun . There was some of the usual fit problems. Every kit has a few. I was pleasantly surprised how well the fuselage halves snugged together, given the several interior pcs (cockpit tub, intake trunk, exhaust cone and electronic bays). After test fitting the wings to fuselage (a snug fit and minimal filling) I decided to treat wings And fuselage as 2 separate assemblies. I used Model Master acryl paints for upper and lower surfaces. the sidewinder missiles as the location holes for the launch rails didn't match up. Ample ordnance selection is provided The decals seated nicely with a bit of help using MicroSol. I sealed them with a brushed on coat of Pledge I am fairly pleased with my finished model . the frets were bagged as well as the clear parts, giving a good first impression upon first glance in the box. Adding to this is Good rivet detail and recessed panel lines. While the Corsair may not make the cut in a regional contest, it passes the 2 foot rule and so I'm happy. Devin Bledsoe Member RVIPM



NOTICE:

Hobby Supplies And Kits Needed

Past member Mike Powell has moved back to Roanoke and will be back joining us in the club. Unfortunately Mike had some misfortune in his move back to Roanoke and ended up with no models, no supplies and worst of all none of his past builds. Imagine not even having a bottle of glue, hobby knife, paint or even a kit to work on. So any members that can spare any extra items to help Mike get back to building would be great. Please go through your extras and bring in any tools, paints, glues, etc. that would help Mike. Also if you have any odd ktis laying around he could use something to work on until he can start rebuilding his stash. Mike said he loves to work on anything so subject matter doesn't matter.

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MiniCon 21...Finally A Show:

After several months of no shows two members of the club traveled to Cary, North Carolina to attend Mini-Con 21 which was sponsored by IPMS Eagle Squadron. This show had been rescheduled a couple times and the guys down there wasn't sure they would be able to pull a show off. But thanks to a local hobby shop in that area and a couple store fronts in a shopping mall things fell into place. The show was held at a small mini mall where the sponsoring hobby shop was located and the contest itself was held in two vacant shops where tenants had recently moved out. Half the classes were held in one part shop while the other half was next door in another shop. The club had decided to not have vendors but did have the property owners allow the used of the sidewalk for "out of trunk" swap meet type sales. Due to a concern of more models showing up than they had room for the club decided to put a three model limit on each participant and you were only able to enter one model per category. The category's were set up with four classes each to keep things simple for set up. Congratulations go to James for taking two second places and Rocky for taking a third place. James placed with his USS Constellation and SH-3D Helo and Rocky placed with his 1969 Dodge Daytona Charger.

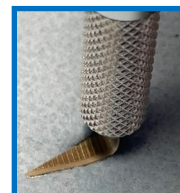


Wait... What? It Bends?

With all the tools we have on our benches there is always room for that one more new thing to come along to make modeling a little easier. This new product I found out about was introduced to help the automotive modeler but like most items in our hobby there is use in all the different types of modeling for this new hobby knife blade.

This is a smaller blade than the normal Xacto but the unusual thing about this blade is how flexible it is. It will actually bend to a forty-five-degree angle which really helps in hard-to-reach places to scrape and remove seam lines, copyright marks on the bottom of car chassis and punch marks under fender wells as well as interior roofs. The blades are not as sharp as a regular blade but are sharp enough to do the simple jobs intended for it.

The blades do not come with a handle and the directions say that only certain Xacto handles work with it due to being really thin. I just put mine in one of my extra #1 handle's. The blades are available from the Fine Scale Modeler store and at flashmasterhobby.com



Deadline for newsletter submissions is the second Wednesday of each month.

All submissions should be emailed to:

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along with any photos, write up and/or kit reviews pertaining to the article you wish to submit.



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UPCOMING SHOW DATES:

June 19, 2021	South Carolina Scale Model Mega Show Columbia, SC	Ralph Nardone ipmsmidcarolina@gmail.com
July 31, 2021	MosquitoCon 29 Wayne, NJ	Bill Schwarz whsch@optimim.net
August 18-21 2021	IPMS/USA National Convention Las Vega, NV	www.natslv2021.com
October 23, 2021	AtlantaCon 2021 Marietta, GA	Kim Elmore kdmcelmore@gmail.com