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*Leonardo da Vinci***

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Memberships

Regular \$24.00/year
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The RSM modelling year runs from Sept 1 to Aug 31. All membership dues are due on or before the start of the modeling year. Any new members joining after the year has started will have their first years fees pro-rated.

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What I Been Up Too

By Dave Kapp

After the January meeting, I was quite stoked to get home and start working on my Mickey Thompson Attempt 1 land speed record streamliner. I told Will Yee at the meeting that I was about to make a foray into the land of Bonneville speedsters and he got quite excited about the project, too. I think the kit was originally issued in 1974 but looks quite good for its age.

The plastic is moulded in metallic blue, which other than a few nasty sink marks looks pretty good. After I carefully glued the various parts of the vintage Dragmaster chassis together with super glue (on the advice of Larry Draper), I began to work on the body by feathering the sink marks with a sanding block. Well at least I avoided the dreaded body filler so far.

Down to the paint dungeon to slobber on a couple coats of metallic blue. Fish eyes! That's weird-I did wash the thing with soap too. The only thing I did that I don't usually do is I went over it with a tack cloth. Maybe that was the source of contamination. This things going for a dip in Lake Castrol too. After a quick paint stripping I finally got an acceptable coat on it.

Back to the chassis, and while trying to put the front wheels on the axle, I was unable to locate #90 "axle stubs." These are small mushroom shaped bosses that attach to the inner wheel and are to spin freely in the dropped axel ends. After looking high and low for these (even went out to the garbage, brought it in and sorted through it

on the kitchen floor) looking for my elusive #90's.

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The Voodoo of Painting with Nail Polish

By Ron Gall

I thought I would give a try at a how too. I get asked about this frequently so I thought I would write a little bit about it.

I have used nail polish for car bodies for a few years now. I like the variety of colours and it has the right "scale" in the metallics, ie: the flakes aren't too big like in some paints made for 1:1 jars. Here is one I finished recently.



Painting with nail polish can be tricky, mostly due to the huge variances in the consistency and opaqueness of the polish itself. Although every time seems to be a different experience, here are some of my more common observations.

Nail polish is a lacquer and needs to be thinned as such; I use plain old lacquer thinner from the hardware store.

You have to thin it so it is quite thin, like skim milk, otherwise it dries almost as it hits the model and you get a sandy texture. Around 15 psi is good pressure for the airbrush, give or take a little.

It goes on quite flat so you will need to polish it, or if a metallic or pearl, clear it.

One other thing is it needs lots of coats, as it is almost like a candy so be sure to have a suitable colour base coat. (be sure to test to ensure compatibility as it will eat up enamel or acrylic). I find the Color Vision line of spray bomb paint from (Zellers, Walmart, or Rona works well.)

The good thing is it dries super fast and can be ready for another coat almost as soon as you are done the first one, but I like to wait for a 10 minutes or so, do a couple or three coats, let it cure until you can smell no fumes, then repeat.

Also due to the translucency of it, any little speck will show up in the paint and can't be covered up. If this happens, let it cure overnight and wet sand it out and redo that spot.

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RSM Upcoming Events

February 2 2007

General Meeting

50's and 60's
2007 - 40th Anniversary of
Camaro and Firebird

March 2 2007

General Meeting

3 or More Engines/Props
Americana (Anything from
the Americas...North-
Central or South)

April 6 2007

General Meeting

April's Fool("What if")
What I Don't Usually Build

Majestics Car Show

May 4 2007

Club Contest
Modeller of the Year Award

June 1 2007

Club Elections
Rescue Me – SAR (Search
and Rescue) type subjects
(A/C, vehicles, etc)

July 6 2007

No Meeting

KIT REVIEW: What's in the Box - First Impression!

2006 Dodge Magnum SRT8

Revell/Monogram: Kit No. 85-2019-1/25 scale

The new Revell/Monogram Dodge Magnum kit is. There is a lot packed into box. It comes in the standard size Revell/Monogram box, but should have been packed in a larger one to reduce the likelihood of any damage.

That being said, there are a black chassis and three black sprue packaged in a separate plastic bag, two white sprue in a separate plastic bag, a white body and a plastic bag containing metal axle pins and exhaust tips in a separate plastic bag, three grey sprue of engine and brake parts packaged in a separate plastic bag, three charcoal sprue of interior parts packaged in a separate plastic bag, a sprue of chrome packaged in a separate plastic bag, one sprue and of clear and one sprue of smoked-clear parts packaged in a separate plastic bag, and four individual tires packaged in a separate plastic bag. The tail-lights are clear, and must be painted clear-red.



The moulding of this kit is exquisite, as can be expected with the new Revell/Monogram or Tamiya kits.

My first impression, needless to say is very favourable. Now, to find time to build this kit! A full review will follow!

Patrick Elkington

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The inside of the oven with the light on is just about the perfect temperature for curing paint. Mark the knob well with a sticky note or remove it so nobody preheats the oven....

Be sure to wear a mask with proper filters for fumes. It is nasty stuff in the air and the \$30-40 or so for good mask from Peavey Mart is worth it and mandatory in my mind if working with this stuff. You will need lots of ventilation as the fumes when spraying are strong.

It is very cool stuff to paint with and with a good base coat a couple of bottles is lots. Plus you will have a little left over for touch ups. The amount of choices in colours is amazing, and the price is right. It takes clear and dull coat well. Another advantage is it dries super hard and is durable and forgiving when polishing (or dropping a hood on a cement floor twice as I inadvertently tried!) Give it a try!

On the Tables at the January GM

Photos by Al Magnus



Dave Kapp's 1/25 Polar Lights Bat Cycle



Larry Draper's 1/25 AMT Camaro 06



Academy 1/35 M151 "Mutt" jeep built by Ted Upcott



Tamiya 1/35 Challenger MBT built by Cam Barker



1/48 Hobbycraft Vampire built by Neil Hill



Proof the editor does build! 1/48 Hasegawa A-4M Skyhawk built by Colin Kunkel

KIT REVIEW: What's in the Box - First Impression!

2006 Dodge Charger Daytona

Testors/Lincoln Mint: Kit No. 5316-1/24 scale

The new Testors/Lincoln Mint 2006 Dodge Charger Daytona is a very nice kit. It comes in a large box - the Revell/Monogram kit should have come in one this size. It has 10 sprue, in varying sizes, of white parts all packaged two or three sprue twist-tied to a corrugated cardboard and sealed in three separate plastic bags, the body and interior pan packaged in a separate plastic bag, the chassis and four separate tires packaged in a separate plastic bag, one sprue of chrome with decals packaged in a separate plastic bag, and two sprue of clear sprue twist-tied to a corrugated cardboard and sealed in its own plastic bag. The tail-lights are clear, and must be painted clear-red.

The only concern that I can see, with this kit, may be with the black decals for the hood and quarter-panels. They do not appear to have a consistent black texture. I will have to assess how they appear once they are applied.

By comparing the chassis with that of the R/M Magnum, it is easy to see the difference in scales (the Charger being 1/24 and the Magnum being 1/25). This is the most accurate method for checking the difference in scales, as both of these cars are built on the same platform of the same dimensions.



One very nice feature of this model is that the inner body panel for the fuel-filler, fuel-cap, and the fuel door are two separate pieces. This allows you to detail this portion of the car, allowing for that, more often with a hemi, necessary trip to fill up the tank at the service station diorama.

The instruction sheet is well laid out, with all sprue and plastic parts displayed on the 3rd and 4th pages.

The moulding of this kit is exquisite, very much like any of the new Revell/Monogram or Tamiya kits. My first impression, needless to say is very favourable. I am looking forward to building this kit! A full review will follow!

Patrick Elkington

Kit Review: First Look in the Box

F/A-18F Super Hornet

Revell Kit #85-5520-1/48 scale

By Colin Kunkel



With the passing of the F-14 Tomcat into the history books, naval fighter aviation is now the responsibility of the Boeing F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, which is also known aboard “the boat” as the “Rhino” in order to avoid confusion with the smaller F/A-18C Legacy Hornets.

Revell has followed up their F/A-18E single seat Super Hornet kit with the F/A-18F Super Hornet, which is the twin-seat model of the Super Hornet.

Initial impressions of the kit are favourable. The kit is moulded in light grey plastic that features very fine engraved panel lines and rivet detail. Detail overall is fantastic.

The cockpit features raised detail that may be painted, or the modeler may use the kit decals supplied. The NACES ejection seats feature moulded on lap and shoulder harnesses that should stand out well with careful painting.

Construction of the fuselage may pose some challenges however. The outer wing panels are moulded separate from the kit, but there is no real provision to build them in the folded position. As well, the nose section in front of the windscreen is a difficult fit and in my mind, could have been engineered better.

The air intakes have been designed really well, and cleaning up the seams on inside the intakes is no problem at all. Turbine blades are also provided for the intakes, a detail which is a nice addition.



Weapons provided in the kit are relatively light. Weapons consist of two HARM missiles, two AIM-9X Sidewinders, two AIM-120 AMRAAMS and two Mk 80 series freefall bombs. A centerline fuel tank is also provided, along with wing and centerline pylons.

One big downside to the kit is the fact that the leading and trailing edge flaps are moulded in the raised position. Normally, while parked, these control surfaces drop as hydraulic pressure bleeds off when the aircraft is shut down. As well, an option to fold the wings would have been a nice addition to the kit.

Decal sheet has markings for two different aircraft, both belonging to VFA-41 “The Black Aces” which was one of the first fleet F/A-18F Super Hornet squadrons. The decals are well printed and in perfect register. Decals are also provided for the weapons in the kit.

Overall, with a retail price around \$30.00, the kit is not that bad. It ranks up there with the Revell F-15E Strike Eagle and the Rafale, in terms of moulding and detail, but it suffers in engineering in some spots. However, compared to the Hasegawa F/A-18F kit, if you are on a budget, than this is the kit for you. There is also a lot of great aftermarket detail sets, resin seats and decals becoming available for the F/A-18F, so if the kit markings don’t tickle your fancy, you do have options.

Look for a comprehensive review and build article in the future.

More Models from the January Meeting

Photos by Al Magnus



1/25 Tiger Shark Show Car built by Dave Kapp



1/144 "Geara-Doga" Gundam Robot built by Dave Kapp

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Unable to find them, I eventually opted to fashion some replacements out of tiny nails I have. That took at least an evening. It worked but they would not turn. Later the next day I'm working on a different part of the car and I find the #90 stubs on the *chrome* tree. The *chrome* tree. The instructions DID NOT have the little asterisk in from of the part to designate it as chrome. Oh man... Carefully take it all apart and rebuild it with the # *90 stubs. See you airplane and armour guys have it easy. I'd love to sit here and type more but if I'm going to get this done for the February meeting I've got some very persnickety headers to build. See you in February.

Upcoming Events and Contests

March 4-April 1-Sherwood Village Library Display-6121 Rochdale Blvd

Set-up March 4 at 1:30pm Take down April 1 at 1:30pm

For more details, contact Al Magnus

April 2007-Majestics Car Show Model Car and Truck Contest-Details TBA

May 4&5 2007-Bridgecon 2007 in Saskatoon, SK-for information:

email: bridgecon@shaw.ca or call Murray Kish @ (306) 221-6656

May 11& 12 2007-Western Canadian Regional Model Contest in Calgary

Hosted by the Rocky Mountain Model Club. Info at

www.rockymountainmodelclub.com

June 23 2007-GOMBs Model Contest in Calgary-Details TBA