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“Model Building is being able to hold history in your hands”

Leonardo da Vinci

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What I Have Been Up Too-Pt 1

By Dave Kapp

If you were fortunate enough to attend the February meeting would have seen that I completed my attempt #1 Bonneville car. My newest project is a 1/32 scale Aurora 32 Ford circa 1963 called "32 Skidoo" that I picked up on eBay for cheap. Ok maybe not cheap cheap but don't tell my wife about it. Haha. Anyhoo, when I got it, it was partially assembled and someone had chopped off about a scale foot of the back fenders.

After gingerly disassembling the body I decided to replace the missing fenders parts with some from my parts box. Now remember that I don't have many 1/32 parts in my box so I had to make do with some 1/25. After some trimming, gluing and body filler, my restoration is coming along nicely. Look at the pictures to see the "before and after" here. My next step will be to paint the interior flat white and assemble the 5 piece cab and get it ready for sprayin'.

If any of you have or remember having a baby at home you will remember getting up at ungodly hours to sit with him until he goes back to sleep. Then when he finally gets back to sleep you can't. This, my friends is an excellent time retreat to the fortress of solitude and get some modelling. What better time than 4:00 am to get some quite decaling in, right? This morning that's what I did. It took me about an hour (not exaggerating) to get one decal on the Attempt 1. This is a stripe that goes over the back of the cockpit and is pretty goldang convex (or is it concave?) in shape.

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I needed almost every cutting blade and chemical in the house to get this thing to fit but, with decals you get ONE SHOT. I pulled it off.

If you recall my February rant, I was having issues with the header (only one-it's a 4 banger). The header consisted on a flange and 4 chrome pipes that have an ambiguous fit to say the least. After I initially got them nicely aligned and attached, I tried to install them on the car. I had the flange at a totally wrong angle. There's no way it would "seal against" the head and allow the pipes to clear the chassis side rail. WWLD (What Would Larry Do?). He'd pull them suckers apart and redo the whole job. Well that's what I did and, well I'd have to say they look *fabulous*. Enough of the Attempt 1, I've got stuff to do on the 32 Skidoo.

After taking as much of the plastic tires (1963 model technology) apart as I could, it was time to paint these babies black. Some one had glued the tires and hubcaps together along with the front axle assembly. One of the stubs on the axle was busted when I got it and I will be able to replace it, somehow. The rear axle shaft was a broken glued up mess. That will be easy to fix. With out going into detail, I decided to mask off the front axle that still is properly attached to one wheel and start painting tires. Tremclad semi-gloss black. It's cheap, looks good, will never let your models rust and is available at Wally World 24 hours a day at Christmas time.

While I'm working on this, I might as well do some interior painting. I decided to go with white seats purple flocking carpet (*sorry Mr. Kereluk). So that involves flat white and purple. I am going with white seats and tuck n roll on the doors and the rest (floor and parcel tray) will be purple. Can you say yummy?



Note that a previous modeler had chapped off part of the rear fenders. Don't worry I can fix these.

RSM Upcoming Events

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

In my job I am sometimes required to spend a week or 2 on the road once in a while. While it makes for good modeling time, it can be lonely on Feb 14th. Enough lovey-dovey. Now we talk about models. As I told my wife, I planned on finishing 4 models in the Month of February. I rolled out the Attempt I at the Feb meeting and that was number one. Numero Uno.

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Kit Review

RPM Ford Tfc Armoured Car, 1/72 scale, kit no. 72100
by Al Magnus

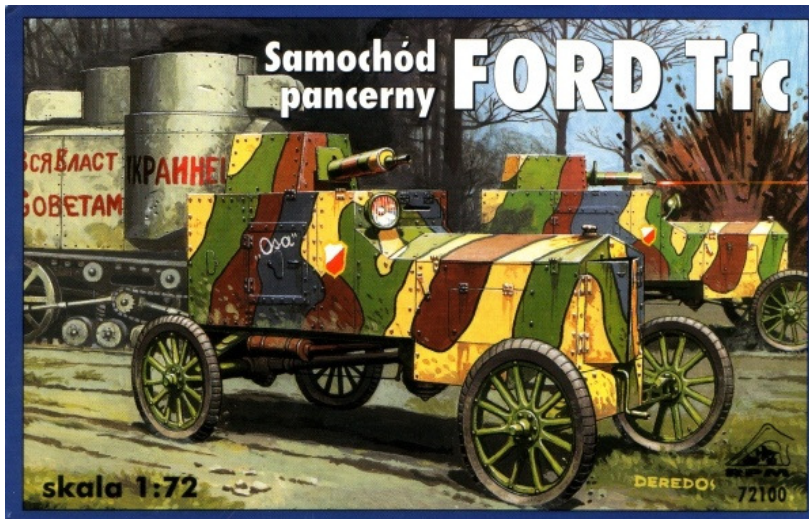
I knew nothing about this vehicle before I bought it from Squadron a few years ago. It was the filler kit in my order... the one that costs only a couple of dollars and you add it to your order to make sure you meet the minimum purchase amount.

I had to browse the web to get any useful information on this vehicle. The Ford Tfc (aka Ford FT-B) came from a project in 1920 to design a home grown Polish armored car. It was based on the Ford Model "T" frame on which the Poles built an armored car body. The chassis was strengthened and the body was built up from surplus steel plates that were bolted together.

It was very cramped inside, and the driver had to steer from a squatted position. Overheating engines occurred often during long cross-country runs or when the radiator armoured plates were closed. Also, the springs were overloaded in spite of strengthening, but the vehicle was urgently required and the advantages offset its defects.

Production was approximately 16-17 units. They were used during the Russo-Polish War, partaking in numerous skirmishes and a few major battles in late 1920 at Warsaw and Kowel.

This kit consists of 38 pieces in light tan plastic spread over two very small sprues. The plastic is fairly brittle and the parts are mainly flash free. On the larger pieces there is a distinct pebbly finish that needs to be sanded smooth. Detail is reasonably good but the panels and things like the doors are a bit soft. The box top shows the car festooned with rivets, but none of these are to be found on the kit parts. Too bad, because it would make the kit look a lot better. I suppose you could try to add them yourself, but I didn't bother, mainly because I didn't have any idea how to do it easily.



A small decal sheet is included and the instructions are found on the back of the box. I found construction to be very straightforward as long as you don't mind working with small parts.

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Photos from the February Meeting

Photos by Colin Kunkel



Dave Kapp's Attempt "Numero Uno"-Bonnyville Car



Ed Kereluk's 1/24 Hasegawa Subaru 360 Young SS



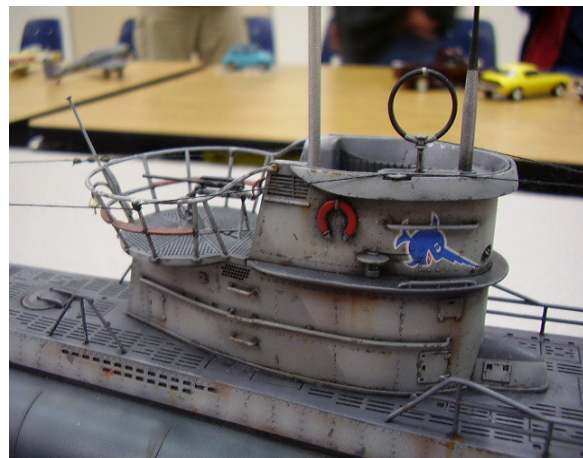
Al Magnus' 1/72 Doblhoff WNF-342 from Blue Rider



Larry Draper's 1/72 UH-1C Huey (Yes, I said Larry Draper)



1/72 scale Type VII U-Boat built by Dave Porter



Close up view of the Type VII U-Boat conning tower

Look for a future "U-Boat" Special Edition of the "Antenna" with complete kit review as well as photos of the real U-505 from the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry!



Number 3 is a clear plastic trailer/ display case some internet junkie that calls himself Zedsled gave me. While it was light in the parts count, being clear plastic, it certainly earned its standing as a Skill Level 2. It now houses one of my favourite F/C's (funny car for you armour guys) the Blue Max!! That's three, boys.

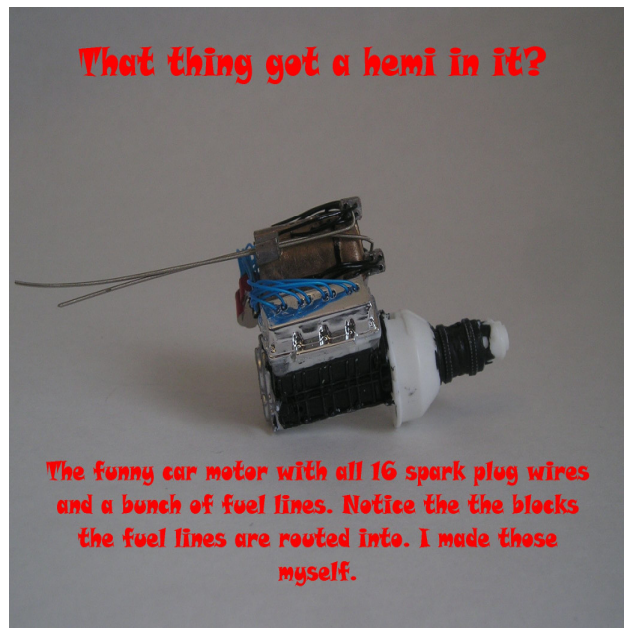
The fourth and final completion for the month of February is a Riviera low-rider I started with my boy Ed a few years ago but he lost interest in it so it got put aside. All it needs is some Bare metal around the windows and final assembly. Here's a fun thing you can do. Take inventory of your models. See how many of your completed models you can recall. Then do the un-built kits. See if you can remember how much money you spent on this stuff!

I have decided that I would add as much detailing to the f/c as I could while on the road. Tonight I fabbed up a couple of fuel distribution boxes for the supercharger, glued them on and drilled a bunch of holes for fuel lines on the supercharger and holes for sparkplugs. Believe it or not, this monster has 16 plugs in it! I also painted the tubular frame and roll cage with Testors #921599 Acrylic Red paint. And I detailed the roll cage by painting the "padding" Testors 1149 Flt Black.

Stay tuned for Part Deux Next Month!!!!

I have also been working on my friend Kevin's 1/12 scale 69 Camaro. He used to own one and bought the model but never built it. As he has built a real truck for me it was the least I could do.

I'll spare you the heartaches of the difficult to shine Model Master crappy Acrylic. There are still actual rank muscle car green spots on our kitchen floor to prove it. I have been working on this thing off and on for almost a year now and it is done, except for the 1/12 scale master cylinder I lost. Any of you guys got something like that in a parts box? MFK (My Friend Kevin) can't stop his mulletmobile without it! That is completion #2. Dos. As in "*dos crevasses por favour?*"



RPM Ford Tfc Armoured Car continued.....



The kit was built basically straight from the box. I split it into three sub-assemblies – turret, body and chassis. The fit was excellent for the chassis and turret, but a bit marginal for the body. I left off adding the wheels and muffler/exhaust pipe until after the painting was complete.

There are a few things to look out for. The suspension arms (parts 28 & 29) for the front should probably be round, but they are molded half round. I replaced the two part 28 pieces with some round styrene rod, but retained part 29 because it was not a simple straight piece.

The drive shaft (part 24) is too short, so it too was replaced with some plastic rod. The angled piece that the light mounts to have to be trimmed slightly to fit. I replaced the machine gun (part 11) with a substitute from my spares box. The original gun was a bit of a blob. I also replaced the two suspension arms on the rear axle (part 8) with styrene rod. The muffler comes as two pieces (part 27), but the instructions show it as a single piece, giving no indication that the two parts need to be joined. Also, the instructions would have you mount the exhaust pipe and muffler on the left side of the vehicle, but they should really be on the right side (see box top picture).



Painting was the most challenging part of the build. As can be seen on the box art, the camouflage consists of coloured patches, all separated by a thin black line. How to apply the thin black line was my only stumbling point. This is a small kit and I didn't want to try painting the line with a brush as it would make the lines way too wide. My solution came in the form of a very thin tipped permanent black marker I found at Staples. With the pen I now had everything I needed to paint the kit.

First the chassis was spray painted flat black and the body and turret were sprayed with a coat of Aeromaster Midstone tan. The coloured patches were applied by brush using Gunze acrylic paint. Once thoroughly dry, I outlined the patches with the black marker and the kit was given a coat of Testors Glosscote. I sprayed the wheels with Testors Wood and I masked the centers and sprayed the tires flat black. The muffler and exhaust pipe were brush painted with Testors Leather.

I did not use the kit decals as I was unable to find any pictures showing the vehicle carrying any markings. The only decals I did use were for the floorboards, which were apparently wood, so I cut out a couple of rectangular decal pieces from my Superscale wood finish decal sheet and applied them to the underside of the body.

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RPM Ford Tfc Armoured Car continued.....

Once everything was dry the chassis was joined to the body and then the muffler, exhaust pipe, and hand crank were added. Next I weathered the kit a bit with some dry brushing of tan and brown paint over the undersides and sides of the body, the wheels and the chassis. This was followed by a coat of Aeromaster Acrylic flat. The final touch was adding a lens to the spotlight. Using a trick from my helicopter building, I punched a small circle from a silver sequin and superglued it to the front of the light. Not totally convincing but a lot better than trying to use silver paint to replicate the light's lens.

All in all a reasonably quick kit to build, and not too difficult. The small parts need care in removing from the trees and during preparation, but with a little patience a cute little armoured car can be built without too much effort.



Two views of February's Workshop Demo by Larry Draper. Larry showed some of his tricks and tips when it comes to Pearl paint on automotive models.

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