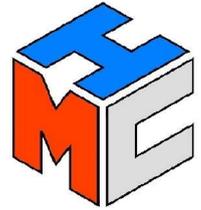




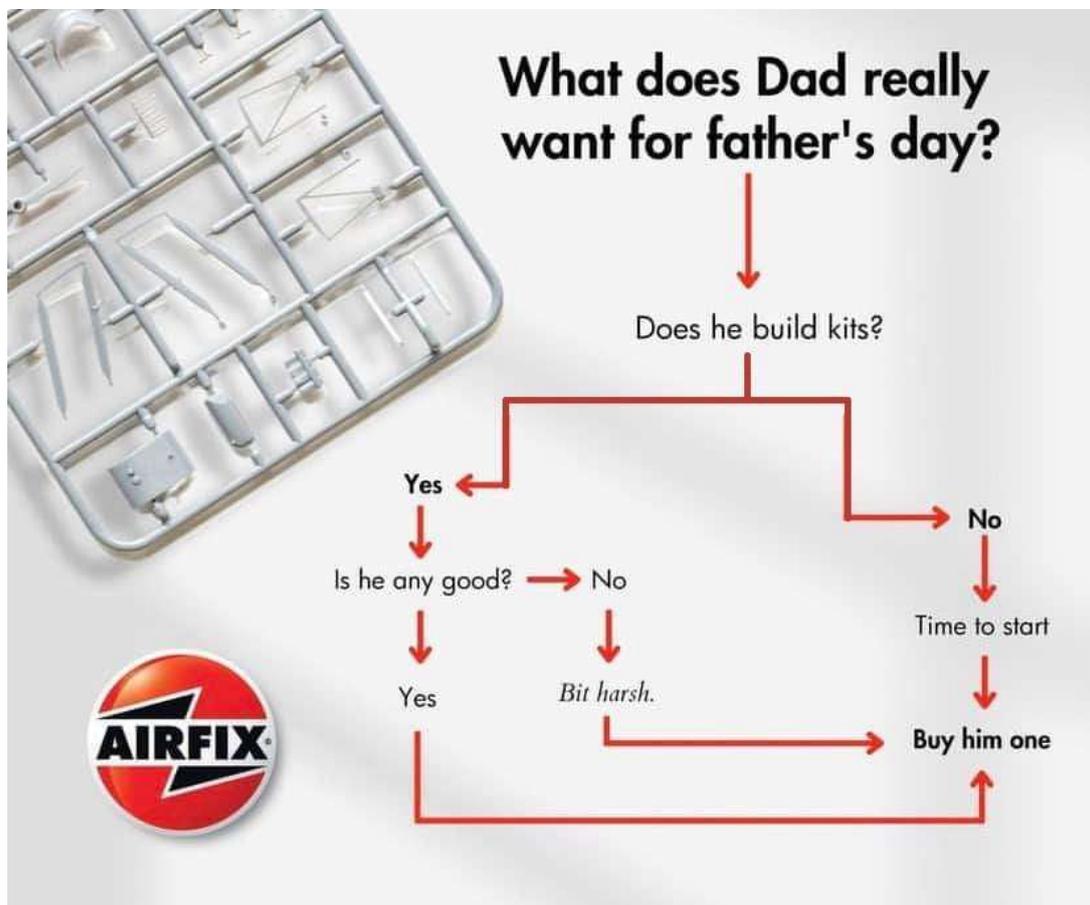
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The Hornchurch Model Club Newsletter

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Next Month Club Theme Build Display – Dry Run



A view from the Hill...

Since my last View from the Hill, it was great to attend not one but two more model shows both of which were the inaugural shows in the scale modelling calendar. First, we had the De Havilland model show followed quickly by the Elstree model show, both were very enjoyable. It's so good to be out and about again meeting other clubs, getting inspiration from their displays and buying kits and tools etc that you didn't know you wanted them till you saw them! Myself John, Peter, Robin, Ian, Adam, Steve and Callum set up next to a Swiss Vampire, how cool is that. Definitely going back next year.

Here are a few pictures from an excellent show, and the bacon rolls were lovely as well.



Three men and a Vampire!



1:1 scale Mosquito



Spot the classic Cop cars!



One of my favourites and it's not even Finnish

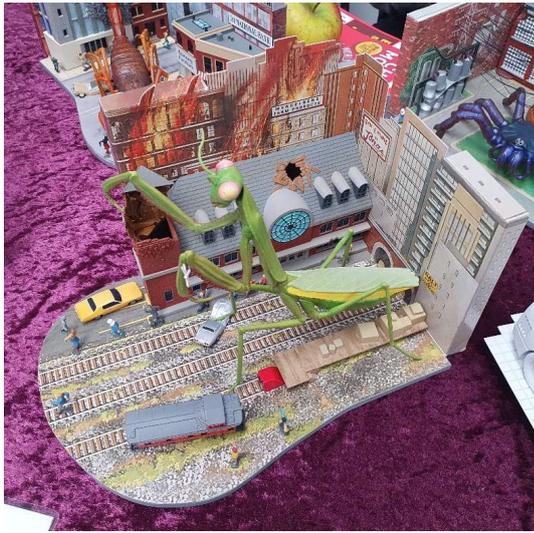
Then on to the second show in as many weeks... Elstree with Steve, Callum, Robin, Adele, Adam and myself. Another great show but what a pain to find... just ask Steve! What I found interesting is that there seems to be far more variety in the club displays. There were, of course plenty of tables full of just aircraft or tanks and so on. This is not a criticism as there is absolutely nothing wrong with this approach especially if you are a SIG. t I do think it's a shame when someone builds an amazing highly detailed build and the just plonks it on the table with neither a base nor a label.



Another non-Finnish favourite



One for John.



These two fun models really made me stop in my tracks, which ended up in two interesting conversations with their respective builders. So going to shows helps you to SHARE AND ENJOY your models

As you all know we are forging links with **The Hornchurch Aviation Heritage Centre** with a view to helping them improve their display models with models representing their historical link to the aerodrome. With that in mind I am delighted to announce that Tony Philpot from the Centre will be visiting the club on the 20th to formally discuss ways in which we can help each other.

By way of an example below is a image of the Dragon Rapide that they would like us to build for display.



Any volunteers?

On a final note, it would be great if you could bring ANY models you are working on or that you have finished on a non-competition night so we can all see what you are up to! Of course, no one has to enter competitions if they don't wish to.

That's enough for now. Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday, and don't forget.....it's competition night.

Happy modelling

Graham

Johns Jottings...

Club night tonight sees the Hornchurch & Wally Arrowsmith Trophy competitions Round 2 ... after a steller range of entries in round 1 I am expecting more of the same tonight.... Good Luck to everyone with entries.

Time is ticking on for the proposed Theme build for the upcoming Essex Modellers show in Billericay at the end of July. We are aiming to have all models on display at next months meeting but remember even if you cannot make the club night all models finished are welcomed on the tables at the show and please can I ask for the details of the kits you're building or planning to display so that I can have some display tags ready for the table.

On the model show front, we have some sad news... after several years absence we had our rather successful return to the Model Kraft model show in Milton Keynes... we as a club were looking forward to attending the 2023 show in due course so it was a shock to learn that the MK club could not agree terms for the venue after the price of hire rose to £20,000...OUCH! And so it is with regret that they have cancelled the MK show indefinitely.... This highlights the perils in hosting model shows and why more and more clubs might be forced to 'share' a show to split the costs as we have been doing with the Essex Modellers Show.

As Graham has mentioned I was able to get to the all-new De Havilland model show. Just like the old Hendon show and the Chatham show the clubs and traders were dispersed throughout the exhibits. I feel we had one of the prime locations as it was such a nice day and we had the Hanger door open all day making it very light and airy nestled beside a DH.100 Vampire jet in Swiss markings... I even managed to get some reference photos of their T.11 trainer variant in the grounds. We were also treated to a display from the Vauxhall owners club with some really rare early models and a rare Australian built roadster. On the modelling front there were many great models on display in the two halls and of course a good selection of traders on hand to lighten all those heavy wallets.

I even managed to come away with a model or two... or three.



First was this bonkers Revell kit for a paltry £7, it just appealed... next was a kit I had been considering for a year now and almost bought last month at Milton Keynes but lost out to early bird Brian so jumped at it when I saw it... the limited edition Eduard Spitfire mk.Vb dual combo kit 'The Sweeps' which included two 1/48 kits and a set of marking for 10 aircraft including Squadron Leader **Brendan Finucane**... the second kit will be used with the wonderful Expo decals for his Hornchurch Wing Commander aircraft.

On a separate note, I also came away with a pristine boxing of the fabulous **Tamiya Mini Cooper** Monte Carlo winner which Steve was selling... I agreed to take it off his hand agreeing to pay at next club night, so you can imagine my surprise and delight when Steve phoned me a couple of days later to say I could have the kit as a thank you for helping Callum... It is always a pleasure to help young modellers in our hobby and so a massive Thanks again to Steve.

Finally, when I was in my little modelling studio (shed) looking at the mountain of unbuilt kits I have amassed I came to the realisation that I have long passed the point where I will realistically build ALL my kits. Personally, I am fine with this as in part I buy kits of subjects I like and I don't know about others but I have sold kits in the past that I felt I'll never build then later spent more money trying to get the kit back or in some cases given up as the kits being offered for sale are beyond my budget now...

So, while I have no intention in drastically gutting the stash to a more realistic size, I am splitting them into two types. First are the ones I most definitely want to build as a priority... the rest are the ones I fancy and will dip into as side builds just for fun... or kits to build as part of Theme builds on line or for the club.

As a result of this sort out I realised that I have some very good condition first release models that I am tempted keep un built... this is NOT the start of a collection these are just kits I have multiples' of anyway.



1/72 Airfix & Heller Magisters



A full set of 1/24 Tamiya Mini Coopers... nice

That's all folks....

John

Dates for your Diary... Upcoming model shows (Hornchurch attending highlighted)

	Show	Address	Postcode	Dist	Time
Feb 19 th	South West Model Show	The Tank Museum, Linsay Road, Wareham, England	BH20 6JG	150	3
Mar 5 th	Aldingbourne ModelEx	Aldingbourne Sports Centre, Olivers Meadow, Chichester	PO20 3YA	95	2+
Apr 2 nd	The Cosford Show	RAF museum, Cosford, Shifnal Shropshire, Shifnal	TF11 8UP	150	3
Apr 10 th	Yeovil Model Show	Westfield Academy, Stiby Road, Yeovil,	BA21 3EP	164	3+
Apr 23 rd	Poole Vikings Model Show	Parkstone School, Sopers lane, Poole,	BH17 7EP	140	2.5
May 7 th	Southdown Model Show	Bohunt School, 65a Broadwater Road, Worthing	BN14 8AH	80	1.5
May 8 th	ModelKraft	Marshall Arena, Milton Keynes	MK1 1ST	65	2
May 29 th	De Havilland Model Show	Salisbury Hall, Shenley, London Colney	AL2 1BU	35	1
Jun 12 th	Elstree Model Show	Allum Hall , Elstree, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire	WD6 3PJ	30	1
Jun 18 th	Ipswich IPMS Model Day	Ipswich Bowling Club, 136 Rushmere Road, Ipswich	IP4 4JU	60	1.5
Jul 2 nd	Scale Model Show	Eastbourne Sports Park Cross Levels Way, Eastbourne	BN21 2UF	70	1.5
Jul 31 st	The Essex Modellers Show	Hannakins Farm, Rosebay Avenue, Billericay, Essex	CM12 0SY	15	0.5
Aug 7 th	Scale Model Show	Tangmere Aviation Museum, Chichester	PO20 2ES	85	2
Sep 25 th	St Ives Model Show	Burgess Hall, Westwood Road, St. Ives	PE27 6DW	66	1.5
Nov 12 th	ScaleModelWorld - 2022	The International Centre, Telford, Shropshire	TF3 4JH	180	3+
Dec 5 th	Plastic Modelling Show	Haverstock School, Chalk Farm, Camden	NW3 2BQ	30	1

Club Meeting Schedule 2022/2023

March 21 st	Photo Etch Demonstration by Robin Bellamy
April 25 th	Club Competition Night Round 1
May 16 th	Weathering Demonstration
June 20 th	Club Competition Night Round 2
July 18 th	Club Theme Build Display – Dry Run
August 15 th	
September 19 th	Club Competition Night Round 3
October 17 th	
November 21 st	Club Competition Night Round 4
December 12 th	Quiz Night and Nibbles
January 16 th	Model of the Year Southend Club Visit
February 20 th	Annual General Meeting AGM

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 Photo is courtesy of The Tank Museum, Bovington. Photo shows full size vehicle.

Shock announcement on the Hannants website – New tool 1/35 Tamiya Comet Tank... the Bronco version has long been unavailable so I am guessing this release will be very popular.... Heck even the Irish Army had them.

The Ghost of Kyiv (72140)

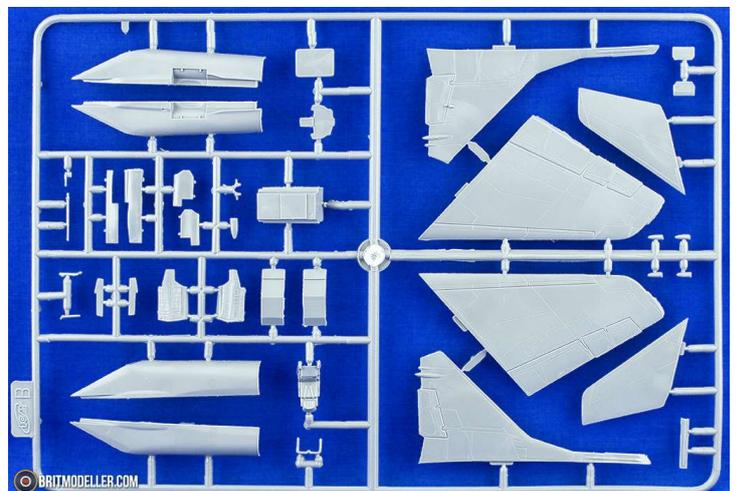
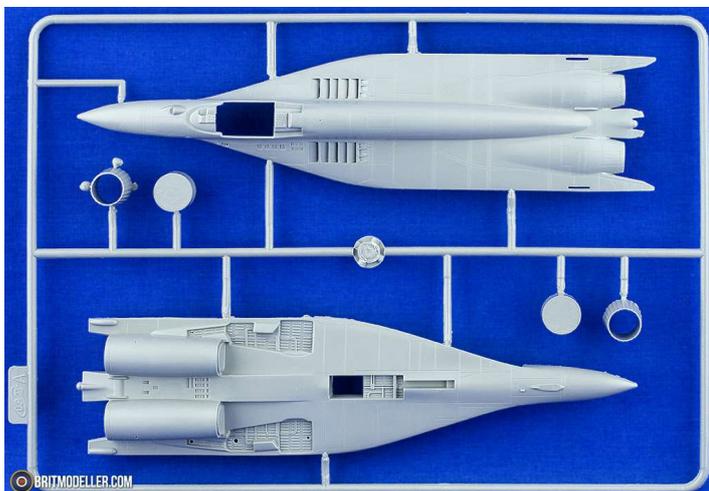
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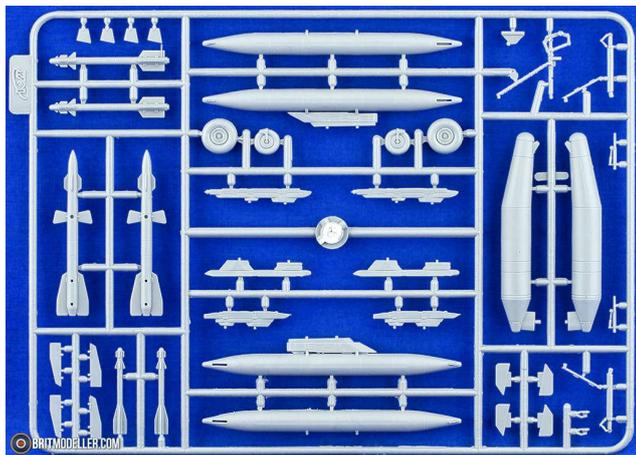
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The Kit

This kit is a re-boxing of ICM's 2008 tooling of this classic Cold War Soviet-era jet, but with new decals appropriate for the subject matter. The kit arrives in a stylishly appointed top-opening box with captive inner lid, and inside are three sprues of medium grey styrene, a small clear sprue, two sheets of decals and the instruction booklet, which shares the same design as the box lid, and has spot-colour throughout, including full colour profiles on the back page. Detail is on par for the era of its original release, with engraved panel lines, raised and recessed detail where appropriate, cockpit and gear bay detail, and a complement of weapons and fuel tanks, the latter remain unused.





Construction begins with the cockpit, which has an ejector pin mark in the middle of the floor that will be covered by the ejection seat, but should be cut flush to ensure everything fits properly. A control column and instrument panel with raised and recessed detail moulded-in completes the cockpit, although the Zvezda K-36 seat could do with a little additional work, including adding the tubular housings for the ejection stabilisation beams that sit at each side of the headbox. The cockpit inserts into the upper fuselage from below, after which it can be closed up ready for the other components. There aren't many stages to the instruction booklet, and we see the wings, elevators and stabilisers added at the same time as the two-part canopy. Two inset diagrams show the twin engine nacelles being made up with integral FOD guards before they too are joined to the underside of the fuselage, with the exhausts also made up from inner and outer parts in more inset diagrams.

Markings

There is just one decal option spread over the two sheets, with all the digital camouflage on the larger sheet, while Ukrainian national markings and codes are on the other. As the real identity of the Ghost is unknown, there are six lines of numeric codes in white/blue, blue/white and white/yellow options, plus a stylised skull for the nose on a black circular backing.

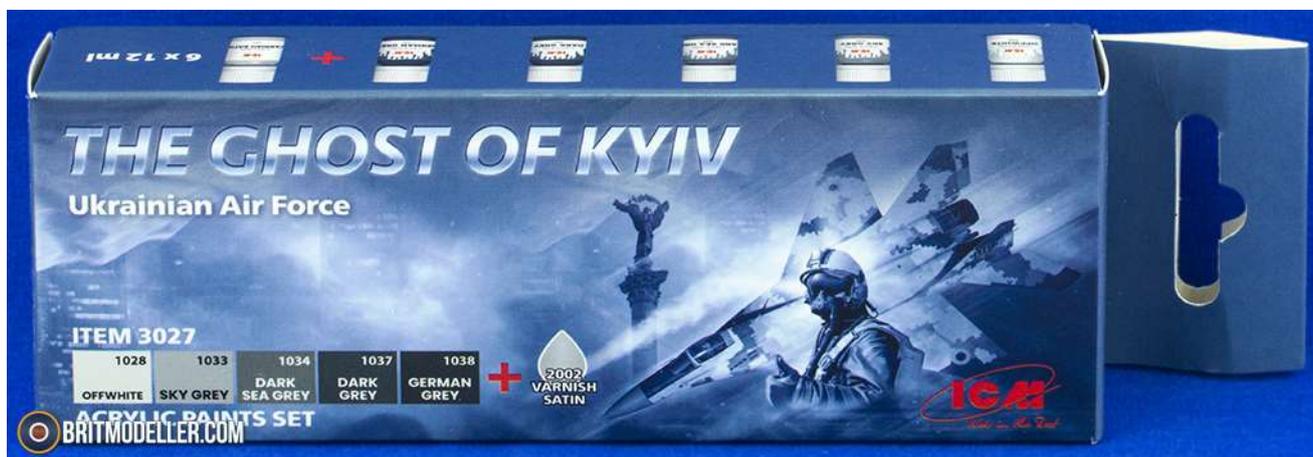


The underside is painted sky grey and the topside off-white, glossing them ready for the digital camo decals, of which there are eighteen in three shades of grey. An instrument decal is also included to improve the detail in the cockpit, plus a number

of stencils for the airframe, all of which should settle down well with the help of some decal setting solution. They are printed by ICM's usual partner, and registration, colour density and sharpness is good.

Ghost of Kyiv Paint Set (3027)

ICM have this year released their own brand of acrylic paints to the market, and are creating some kit specific sets to go with their major releases, of which this is one. The set arrives in a cardboard box with six screw-capped bottles inside, each containing 12ml of paint. The bottles are clear Polypropylene, and are capped with cylindrical tops with knurled sides, and a one-time security seal that you break on first opening. A label on the side gives you basic information about the colour and code, a little information regarding application in English and Ukrainian and a bar-code.



The paint is thick in the bottle, with plenty of headroom between the surface of the paint and the lip of the neck. I dropped a glass stirring ball into each bottle, and they took a few seconds to disappear beneath the surface, indicating their viscosity. Inside the box are the following bottles:

- 1028 Offwhite
- 1033 Sky Grey
- 1034 Dark Sea Grey
- 1037 Dark Grey
- 1038 German Grey
- 2002 Satin Varnish

The paint is undiluted, so will need thinning by between 40-60% with water or acrylic thinner for use with an airbrush, and they naturally have a semi-gloss finish that can be adjusted later by the use of varnishes, and are waterproof when dry like most acrylics. During my initial testing I used Ultimate Thinners, my go-to thinners for any acrylic paint, which helps keep the number of large bottles in my spray booth to a minimum. The paint comes out of the bottle quite thick and viscous, so it's possible you'll have to dilute it even for brush painting use, although I used it neat during testing, so a small bottle will go a long way in either case. It sprays well when diluted, and like a lot of acrylics a light coat is best initially, followed quickly after by heavier coats until you have the coverage you require. It dries quite quickly, and is touch-dry in 5-10 minutes in summery 20-23°C temperatures, unless you're in the antipodes as I write this. I have used them to create a number of spray-out cards and spoons for other sets in the range, and they both spray and brush very well, with little issue other than my inexperienced application by paint brush.

Conclusion

It's a poignant re-release of this model, and the decal choice is inspiring. If 1:72 is your thing and you like jets, you should get one. A set of acrylic paints specifically designed for this kit makes painting your model much easier to accomplish too.

It's all made by a Ukrainian company that is still capable of doing business despite the circumstances, which is singularly impressive.

Very highly recommended.