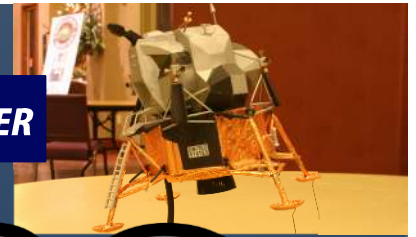


RANDY HALL'S 1/48 LUNAR LANDER



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*"Yesterday I would not have believed
That tomorrow the sun would shine
I am alive again" - Chicago*

Happy New Year! Well looks like the Mayans were wrong, were still here...

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Now it is back to the rigors of the world.

I am excited for the Nationals to come Denver area this year. Hopefully, with it this close, many of us from the Boise IPMS can make the trip. I actually made a New Year's commitment, (BTW I never make resolutions, I committed years ago to not make them. ☺) I have committed to finish 3 new models for that show that I have not even started yet. I always felt if you want to make the most out of your life, you must make a commitment to something rather than just making a resolution to do something. Is there a difference? I sure think there is.

Every year you hear about the same resolutions: Eat less, exercise more, or quit smoking. But in reality very few of these resolutions are actually implemented long term. I think most people want to improve, but they are just not committed to do what is necessary.

The dictionary says a resolution is a "firm decision to do or to not do something." A firm decision sounds pretty weak to me. It's a decision. We all can change decisions daily, even hourly sometimes. It's no wonder that resolutions seem to have no real staying power for change. What's the old story about the chicken and the pig? If you are making ham and eggs, "it's the pig that really made the full commitment, not the chicken".

The definition of commitment is a "pledge or binding to a certain course or policy." When we pledge we are dedicated to something, when we bind we are tied-to or fastened-to, tightly. That is much stronger than making a decision. I think a commitment is a promise made towards a course of action or a very definite set of goals. Conversely, resolutions are often a vaguely defined promise to change. A commitment often involves a very specific plan or a course of action, such as to achieve a certain specific goal.

Therefore, I have committed to finishing the models for the nationals. I have specifically chosen 3 models I want to do, set up a plan of action for each, and will check my progress on each. Since they are for the Nationals, I will, of course, not just throw them together but will work diligently on each. I have finally completed setting up my new hobby room. It is now time for me to start building.

Now that is a commitment I can stand by and enjoy...



Jeff D



MODEL OF THE MONTH

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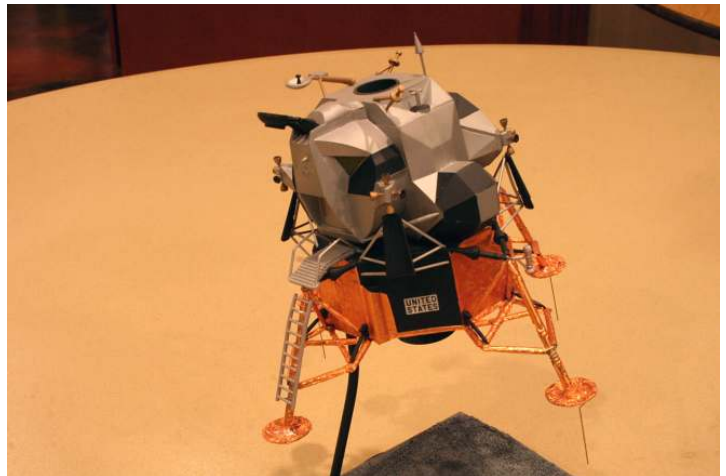
1/32 Wingnut Wings SE.5a 'Hisso'
by John Thirion



1/144 Scratch-built Chengdu J-10 Vigorous Dragon
by Herb Arnold



1/144 Revell F/A-18E Super Hornet
by Herb Arnold



1/48 Monogram Lunar Lander
by Randy Hall



1/35 StuG III hybrid
by Brian Geiger



1/25 Revell/Monogram '57 Chevy Nomad
by John Wilch

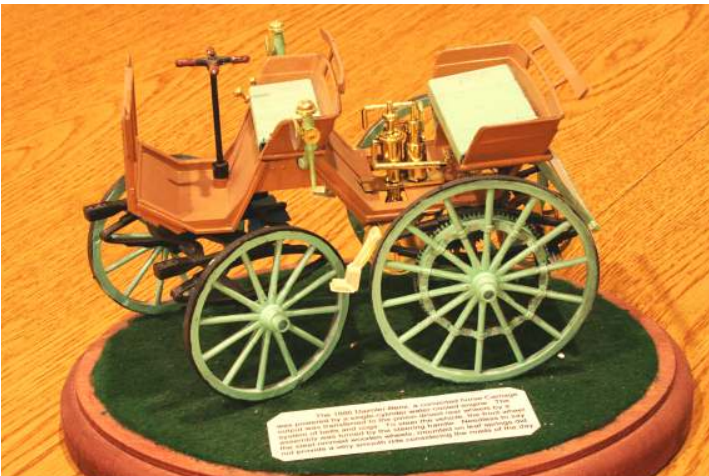
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1/25 Monogram Lincoln Continental
by John Wilch



1/25 AMT '55 Chevy Stepside
by John Wilch



1/16 Minicraft 1886 Daimler Benz
By Jim Burton



1/25 AMT Chevy Pickup farm truck
by Jim Burton



1/25 scratchbuilt Cars '64½ Brent Mustangburger
by Jim Burton



Battle of the Nations

In 2009, re-enactors from four countries (Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Poland) met at the site of the medieval castle of Khotyn in Ukraine with the goal of having the most realistic and historically accurate medieval combat. Guidelines for authenticity were established. Armors and weapons must be historically accurate and the period must match. Weapons are blunted for safety reasons. Modern material cannot be used. The matches are one-on-one, five-on-five, and a melee of 21-on-21. Teams must have their own armorers who can repair damaged armor. If a five pound axe swung at full strength can do a lot of damage even blunted, what about an eight pound polearm!

So far the Russian team has been dominant, wining most of the competitions. Each gathering is accompanied by a fully functional medieval village where everyone is dressed accordingly. Artisans are at work and historically accurate food and brew can be consumed. As of last year, several other countries have started teams; Belgium, Denmark, Israel, Germany, Quebec, Austria, Italy, and the Baltic Republics (Latvia, Lithuania, & Estonia). Two other countries, Ireland and Australia, have shown interest and sent observers. All participants have to go through a lengthy training and provide their own accurate and functional armor and weapons. Fighting wearing 50-60 pounds of armor and having to learn to fight with weapons that weigh three to eight pounds does require extensive training. Medieval armor does not allow much ventilation and the fighters do get over-heated very quickly. Even though the medieval helm provides great protection, the field-of-vision and respiration

is hampered. Remember boot camp when you had to run with a gas mask? Several videos reveal that the combats are relatively short in duration but fairly brutal with blood flowing, broken limbs, and severely dented armors.



Wingnut Wings News

The notorious New Zealander company announced a surprise release of three new kits for Christmas; The **German Hannover** two-seat observation plane with 3 full heats of decals.



A **Sopwith triplane** with a bonus decal for a captured plane with German colors.



A **Fokker D VII** in 3 different versions.



New Releases

Sadly 2013 will also see a substantial increase in price for Wingnut Wings kits. At the present time the average single seater cost between \$65 and \$79 while the 2-seaters between \$89 and \$99. WNW is selling directly from their home office and, therefore, are able to control the cost of their kits which are still shipped free from New Zealand. The equivalent kit of a single seat biplane from Silver Wing cost \$135 and shipping must be added. One can see that, even with a price increase, Wingnut Wings is still a good deal especially considering the superior quality.

There is a rumor on the web that Roden has decided to stop introducing new WWI airplane kits but will continue producing their present kits at reduced price. Sadly, the price decrease has been slow to appear.



RB Production

Radu Brinzan has released a tool that will help the modeler represent the lamination on WWI propellers. Another new release are the cowl gills for the 1/32 He219 "UHU". Also of interest are 1/32 turnbuckles and different styles of radiator mesh for 1/32 aircraft.

Naval News

Revell is re-releasing the venerable 1/72 Corvette with added brass goodies for \$250. Trumpeter finally released the much anticipated 1/350 HMS Warspite. Sadly it is the WWII version.

- John Thirion

