



A number of successful Virtual 'Flash Mods' were held throughout 2020 as the club has stayed apart. The anticipation was we would all be meeting again at the club some time in 2021. As it is now half way through 2021 and we have yet to get together (though it seems tantalisingly close) it seems to be high time we did another 'Flash Mod'. I know that since the end of lockdown on 12th April I have struggled to find some modelling time so hopefully the 6 hour concentration of effort will be rewarding.

So the first 'Flash Mod' of 2021 will be Virtual again. Your individual session can be any single 6 hour period during the 2 weeks from 18th of June to the 2nd of July.

The aim as always is to do as much as you can within 6 hours.

Please send your start photo clearly showing the time and then hourly updates, finishing with a beauty shot at the final 6 hour point to Sibbo at: dec9675@btinternet.com any time from Friday 18th June until Friday 2nd July. As with every 'Flash Mod' the entries will be collated through the 2 weeks and then a gallery of beauty shots put up onto the club web site for voting.

Zoom Meetings

Virtual Club Meetings.
Come and join us on the
1st & 3rd Tuesday of the
month, details on our
website & via email.

Please Note:

Articles and news are always welcome for inclusion in this newsletter. **BUT** views and information thus expressed are solely those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the views of the editor or the club as a whole.

Articles for the August 2021 Issue to me please by July 24th 2021

Email me modelclub@ipmssalisbury.co.uk

Club News

At bit late this month, not having any copy until after the deadline and work taking up a lot of mine time, I wasn't going to produce a newsletter for June, but Sibbo had an idea for a Flash Mod (see previous page) and Nick sent in a review, so I thought I'd throw one together quickly.

Update on Club Re-Opening:

At the the time of going to press, we are waiting on the government's response to the growing numbers of the Delta Variant B.1.617.2 strain (Indian Variant) as to what the final relaxing of restriction will be. Once this is known we will of course let you know.



Calendar of Events

We are looking into the prospect of holding a model show later on in the year, but as explained above we do not know how this will pan out - Watch this space (and emails) for future updates.

We have a few model shows we have indicated will be attending these are:

Avon - 8th. August . registered. Show to be confirmed after June

B.D.A.C - 22nd. August . Booking Confirmed - waiting for confirmation from B.D.A.C.

Abingdon - 2nd. October . Registered - waiting for show confirmation that show will proceed.

REME - 16th. October - E Mail sent asking for confirmation - as yet no reply.

Tank Museum - 5th. Sept. - Registered - waiting for confirmation that show will go ahead.

Tangmere - Intention registered for show - 2022 - date and show to be confirmed.



News from SMC (Salisbury Model Centre)

You may have seen the announcement on FaceBook that Salisbury Model Centre (SMC) are ceasing to deal in Radio Control. It had never been an intention to retail Radio Control but a desire to fulfil requests and help get spares meant SMC had moved in that direction un-planned. Unsurprisingly given the massive challenges faced by retail these past 18 months with the pandemic, SMC has looked at areas that required streamlining and dropping R/C was an easy choice. What will please plastic modellers is that the space gained will allow an increase in modelling / finishing products. Over the next 2 to 3 weeks the following will be introduced.

1.MIG AMMO SHADERS

2.MIG AMMO OIL BRUSHERS

3.MODEL WORLD PIGMENTS as well as other items.

By the next newsletter a product review will have been conducted so I'll pass on what I find.

Sibbo



De Havilland Sea Mosquito - TR Mk 33

1:48 Tamiya with Verlinden resin conversion.

After watching a very good TV programme about the amazing De Havilland Mosquito, I was inspired to add one to my model collection.

Some years ago I had bought the Tamiya kit on eBay, and it included the now out of production Verlinden resin and etched metal set to convert it to a Sea Mosquito.

The combination of this kit and conversion set is a satisfying one. The kit, being Tamiya, goes together beautifully. The additional resin parts are not particularly challenging to use, but help create something a little bit out of the ordinary.



The replacement lower undercarriage legs are a bit fiddly, requiring careful alignment. Making the fine wire parts (I think they are part of the mechanism for closing the gear doors as the undercarriage retracts, but I could be wrong...) for each leg is also delicate work, but they look good once done (see pic below).



I modified the two different resin radomes - combining them to make one that better matched photos of the shape of the nose of the aircraft I wanted to model.

The additional strake on the fuselage side also required some very careful removal from its pour stub, as well as positioning it to match the plastic one on the other side.





Replacement elevators were a little short in span, so I superglued some of the scrap resin onto each one and filed it to shape.

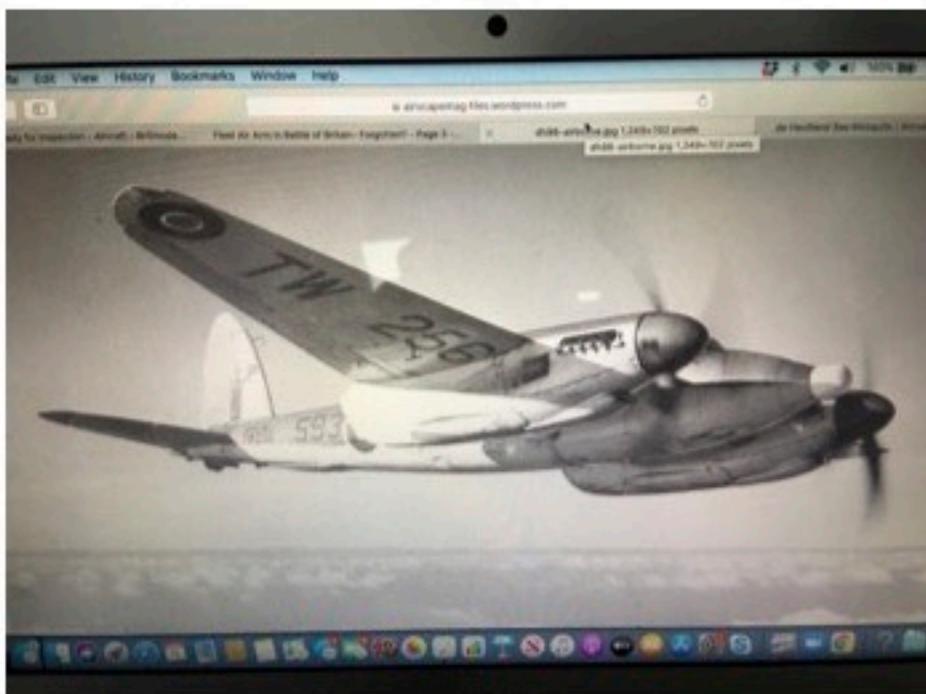


The kit itself is really a dream to build - perhaps the best fitting model aeroplane I have ever made. Other than the resin parts, the only changes I made were to scribe the wing fold panel lines and eliminate the underwing (landing?) lights which did not seem to feature on this version.

As the Mossie has quite an expanse of relatively featureless smooth panels, I wanted to try and make the paint job as "interesting" as I could. To this end, in addition to pre-shading the panel lines, I also mottled almost the entire airframe with a random, blotchy pattern that I hoped would show through the top coats and reproduce the somewhat worn and patchy appearance of the real thing.



The Sky and Extra Dark Sea Grey are my favourite Tamiya paints; the Dark Slate Grey is Vallejo. On close inspection, I think the mottling is apparent - although only just.



The exhaust stains are worth a mention: the photo I had of the real aircraft showed no staining immediately behind or under the exhaust stacks themselves; but quite heavy staining around and behind the slightly recessed, rectangular panels under the leading edge on each nacelle. It creates the impression that the exhaust is coming from these panels, which clearly it is not - but is an accurate representation of the photo...



Despite the thimble nose, four bladed props and the colour scheme, I felt the need to emphasise this aircraft's naval role still further by hanging a torpedo under it. The Verlinden set includes a nice resin weapon, with etched propellor blades and tail fins. I thought I had ruined it when I sheared off a drill bit in the tail cone, but was able to salvage it. I have painted it to represent a training weapon. From photos it seems that these had brightly coloured noses (presumably to make them easy to locate and re-use) were quite battered in appearance and many of them had a number painted on the forward part.



Decals, as ever when trying to represent a machine not catered for in the kit or by the aftermarket, came from the spares box. Sadly the numerals "593" on the fuselage, and the serials "TW256" under each wing are all slightly too large - but they are all I had.

Overall I do really like the finished result. At first glance it is "just" a Mosquito. Closer inspection, however, reveals the many differences that were incorporated for the naval role that it never needed to fulfil.



Nick W.



1/35 Resin 'Elefanten' in box review

More weirdness from the Maschinen Kreiger universe. 'Elefanten' is a 4 legged vehicle crewed by Strahl troops. This is a very rare model from the designs of Kow Yokoyama having never appeared as a conventional kit apart from a limited release resin model by 'Rainbow egg' at the twice annual Japanese 'Wonderfest'

Wonderfest is held in winter and autumn in Tokyo, very much Anime figure orientated with upcoming figure prototypes revealed by the **big figure manufacturers** for the first time. Indie and amateur sculptors are also present and sell their limited run **garage kits** in a sprawling convention centre. Sf3d and Ma.K are to be found too with some resin models limited to the show only, never being released at any other time.

It appears that Rainbow Egg's limited run 'Elefanten' has been copied by Hong Kong company E2046. E2046 opened in 2000, as an online store located in Hong Kong, mainly focusing on delivering high quality Japanese anime Garage Kits and related products. In 2006 the company moved toward quality hand-painted pre-finished resin models. In 2010 the company set up a sub-division in Shenzhen, China. This makes getting E2046 kits difficult. At some point they produced kit number #RT2057 - 1:35 Series Ma.K "Elefanten" Resin Model Kit. It is slated on their website to be re-issued at some point. Rare would be an understatement. A lucky Ebay session found me one in the UK.

A plain yellow box with E2046 emblazoned was all that revealed what may be inside. No link to the Ma.k universe, none of the normal beige art cards or pseudo WWII artwork complete with translation. This was a much more garage kit affair but a quality one. All the resin parts had been partly removed from their pour plugs and each one sealed into a poly bag. The Picture Card was a single photo as shown below. 'Resin Modelling Skills Recommended' is advised but the finish on the parts looked good, and less daunting than an accurate armour kit. The instructions are a simple 3 page drawing. Weirdly a separate full page covers how to use decals- I think they are prioritising the wrong thing. Especially as no schemes are given to actually show where the decals should go. The resin is white in colour and very well cast as no air bubbles seem to be present. But some warping is evident. Another modelling oddity to feed the stash.

Sibo

