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January 2022 Newsletter

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The December meeting was our annual Christmas celebration and Build the Same Subject (BTSS) contest. We skipped the business meeting so there isn't anything to report on chapter affairs or announcements. Everyone contributed to the food table while the chapter purchased some sandwiches and drinks. Our meeting was a wonderful gathering of 92 chapter members and family who enjoyed an evening of being in each other's company over food, drink, and of course models. The end of the meeting was the traditional Christmas gift exchange. All members who wished to participate brought a wrapped kit and got a ticket from Curtis or Shirley Clinton. Curtis and Shirley ran the exchange by calling out ticket numbers. Whoever had a called number came to the table and selected a kit but did not open it. When all numbers had been called and everyone had a kit, time was allowed for a pre-unwrapping exchange, followed by the opening on command. Upon conclusion of the unwrapping a fresh round of exchanging took place.



Left: Dinner and conversation among friends and family. Right: Walter Schlueter handing his ticket to Shirley on his way to select a gift.

Seventeen models participated in the Build the Same Subject (BTSS), consisting of Spitfires (12), M1 tanks (2), stock cars (1) and Star Trek subjects (2). Here are the results. Please forgive the pics, I forgot my SLR. I know, cell phone cameras of today are supposed to be as good as or surpass my trusty SLR but I have not yet figured how to get the best out of it.

Contest Results: December 2022

1/72 Aircraft:

First Place was a Spitfire Mk.Ia by Mark Haskell. Spitfire Mk.Ia GR-U N3290 belonged to No. 92 Squadron. It was reported as being one of six Spitfires shot down by Bf-109s from JG-26 on 23 May 1940 while being flown by Flying Officer John A. Gillis. Gillis survived to become a POW.



Second Place was Charlie's Locke's Mk.Ia DW-O of 610 Squadron, flown by PO Frank Kinnersley Webster. During the Battle of Britain, his aircraft was severely damaged by a Bf-109E on 26 August 1940. Unfortunately, PO Webster was killed trying to land at Hawking



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1/48-1/32 Aircraft:

First Place: A beautifully done Seafire by Khumar. I was unable to find any trace of the real aircraft on the web. Excellent job, Khumar.



Second Place: The search was more successful with Dale Hutchinson's gorgeous 1/32 Spitfire Mk.IX in desert markings. Spit fans will instantly recognize ZX-I as a member of the famous No. 145 Polish Flying Squadron. The 1 to 1 scale aircraft was damaged on 6 April 1943 when Flight Lieutenant Eugeniusz Horbaczewski, after shooting down a Messerschmitt Bf 109, was attacked by another Bf 109 and hit in the engine. Horbaczewski was able to glide in to Gabes for a forced landing, giving the ground crew some extra work.



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1/35 Armor

First Place: Charles Locke's M1 Abrams. Charles' tank replicates a US Marine Corps M1A2 tank (not an Abrams – he was an Army general, so the Marines just call it the M1) named "Desert Knight" of the 1st Platoon, Alpha Company, 8th Tank Battalion, Task force Tarawa during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2013.



Second Place: Dave Milne's Abrams tank. Fresh out of the factory, or out of a full rebuild at Anniston Army Depot as I have seen them coming off of the line at ANAD looking just like this.



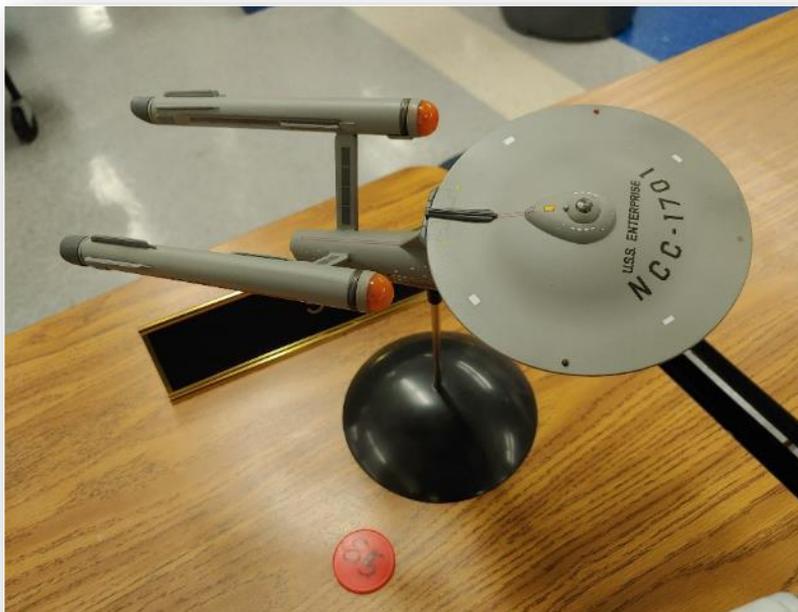
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Sci-Fi Enterprise

First Place: Don Dickson's Enterprise and Botany Bay. The Botany Bay is one of the most infamous ships Kirk and his crew encountered – nearly their last and apparently the last for Spock. She was launched in 1996 and used by a group of genetically enhanced humans known as Augments. She disappeared with no trace and was finally found by Enterprise in 2267, 271 years later. The crew had been in suspended animation, and many were still alive. The encounter unleashed the very evil Botany Bay commander – a dude named KAHN! The rest is “history” as Trekkers watched an epic battle that ended with Spock's apparent death. That launched three more movies with the story of his resurrection among other plots.



Second Place: Mark Haskell's NCC-1701 is titled TOS on the contest card: The Original Series?



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Out of the Box

Out of the Box was the 1/48 Spitfire VB By Jon Lunn. SZ X belonged to No.316 "City of Warsaw" Squadron. 316 was formed at Pembrey on 15 February 1941 as a Polish fighter unit, equipped with Hurricane Is. The squadron carried out defensive duties over South-West England. I failed to find out when they re-equipped with Spitfires. Mustangs replaced the Spitfires in April 1944 for bomber escort duties. The squadron ended the war conducting anti-diver (V-1) operations. 316 Squadron was disbanded on 11 December 1946. Web article Author is MB Barrass.



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Best of Show: #88 Lumina Stock Car by Mike Monsivaiz

Congratulations to Mike Monsivaiz for winning BOS with his #88 Chevy Lumina stock car. If my internet search served me correctly, NASCAR driver Derrick Cope drove this car to the winner's circle at the 1990 Daytona 500.



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Rest of the Models

Spitfire Mk.I No. 19 on the fin: This kit came from Eduard's dual combo "Spitfire Story, the Few" This Spit belonged to No. 19 Squadron, based at Duxford. No. 19 was the First squadron to operate the Spitfire beginning on 4 August 1938. Post-WWII, the squadron operated several types during its existence, from the Gloster Meteor F.4 to the Phantom FGR.2. As No. 19 (reserve) Squadron, it was disbanded on 24 Nov 2011 while flying the Bae Hawk T.1, T.1A and T.2.



Two Spitfire floatplanes showed up, three less than were built in 1 to 1 scale. One model was in 1/72 for display only (left) and the other in 1/48 by Jerry Lawson. The Brits developed it with intentions to use the type from the fjords in Norway. The German invasion of Norway put paid to that plan. Spitfire Mk.I R6722 later reverted to a normal landplane configuration.



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Rest of the Models (continued)

Mk.IX. Dennis Forrest's 1/48 Mk.IX is in the markings of 118 Squadron. After the war it was disbanded, reformed and then disbanded again on 31 August 1962 while flying Hunters.



Spitfire V "Mary Fog." Wikipedia tells me the code JQ identifies the Station Flight at RAF Brighton. I looked up the name Mary Fog on the web which took me to more than one site of a Transport Service pilot named Mary Ellis. I don't know if it is an incorrect connection or Fog was a nickname for Mary Ellis. She was a skilled transport pilot who delivered Spitfires and other aircraft from the factory to the line units. She was reportedly so skilled she could apparently land in the worst fog conditions. Mary Ellis passed away in 2018 at age 101.



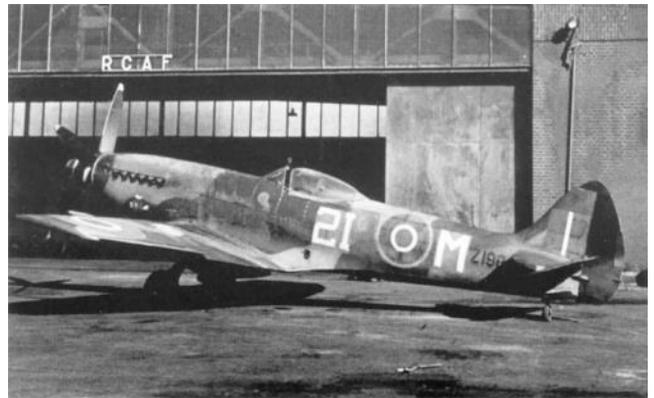
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Rest of the Models (continued)

Warbird Spitfires: Bright red G-FIRE is boxed by Airfix in 1/48. The pilot of this warbird is a gentleman named Spencer Flack. I was not able to find information on number 80. It is also a marking option for the Airfix Warbird boxing of the Spitfire.



FR.XIV. Scott Bricker's FR.XIV is from No. 443 Canadian Squadron. 443 was part of the Second Tactical Air Force from April 1944 to the end of the war. 443 flew the Mk.VB, IX, XVI and XIV.



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Rest of the Models (continued)

“Beer” Spitfire: Jim Rotramel’s 1/32 54 Squadron Spitfire depicts a machine flown by a famous figure in Spitfire history named Alan Deere. Deere was New Zealand’s number 2 ace of the war with 22 confirmed, 10 probable and 18 damaged. I had a bottle of Spitfire beer during the banquet at Scale Model World this year. Good beer.



I could not find a photo of KL-B. The internet did turn up this restored Mk.IX in his markings as they appeared during his time serving at Biggen Hill.

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Rest of the Models (continued)

Two non-Spitfire aircraft subjects made their appearance: a very impressive Marine CH-46 from HMM-163 and the same Christmas Eagle that appeared last year.



Figures consisted of three Gundams and a Marine Drill Sergeant doing what the stereotype Marine DI does. The third Gundam and the DI is on the next page.



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Rest of the Models (continued)



FW-190 Joseph "Pips" Priller. One of the most notable of the many Luftwaffe aces. Priller. His first victory was over Dunkirk. Priller ended the war as the CO of JG 26, one of Germany's elite units. His 58 victories earned him the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross with Oak Leaves and Swords. Hollywood made him famous among those who have seen the movie "The Longest Day" as the defiant squadron commander about to attack the allied landings on D-Day with no one but him and his wingman. Everything in the diorama come from the same 1/48 Hasagawa boxing. The scene depicts an actual photo of Priller posing at his car with the 190 behind him.



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Tips and Share Meeting 16 December 2022

I missed the Tips and Share meeting this month so I cannot report on the meeting discussions. However, I can report on the share part of the meeting because Jon Etherton sent me the images of the photos Tim Barb submitted. On the left is a photo of a soldier taken by an AP photographer in 1943 near the end of the Guadalcanal campaign. During the National Capitol Model Soldier Society show last September, this photo was the basis of an annual contest category that challenges contestants to duplicate a figure in a photograph. This Marine was the 2022 challenge. Tim's figure was the show figure for the NCMSS show. NCMSS member Robert Prokop used his 3D printing skill and equipment to make made the figure used for the challenge.



News About Gene Bagnoli

This message arrived from Region 2 Coordinator Tim Ward on 23 December.:

I was made aware today that Gene Bagnoli is presently in an ICU somewhere close to where he lives in New Jersey and has been there since about Thanksgiving. He apparently had to go in for some sort of surgical procedure on his Gallbladder and somewhere along the way, not sure if it was during his recovery or a few days later, he code blue'd out and was dead for about 3 to 4 minutes. They had to resuscitate him back to life. Since that time, he has been in the hospital due to a cardiac event. Given the fact that you have your fingers on the pulse of Region Two for IPMSUSA, would you please pull a communique together to send out to the chapter contacts and presidents of the Region Two chapters and make them aware of this situation with Gene. Get will cards and well wishes can be sent to:

The Bagnoli's, 332 Lincoln Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306

Let's keep Gene and his wife and family in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery and hope to see him at Richmond in February or at a later show.

Hope you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year

Hague's Corner

Sleeper Agent from Communist China Attempts to Sabotage Aircraft Factory

by Dick Hague

Editor's note: Dick shares a unique running text and visual diary of his modeling adventures which includes triumphs, defeats, lessons learned and tips. It is too tall of an order to pull together one complete build from the various messages, so what you are seeing in these articles is a moving "window" of Dick's modeling adventures over time. Nevertheless, we are getting a host of tips and lessons learned suitable for beginners and experienced modelers alike.

It was almost that scary as aged plastic clamp snaps almost dropped desk lamp onto models under construction. Fortunately, it broke as I was pushing the lamp back to take some pictures but for a few moments I didn't know what had happened as the long linkage on this thing was flailing around. It was a clean break between the toothpicks in the picture. Using some of my last Dr Mike's thin superglue along with supplementing that with some gap filling super glue in the adjacent open cavities I was able to use it the rest of the night, but only after clearing off the desk anything in the line of fire (Figures 1 and 2).

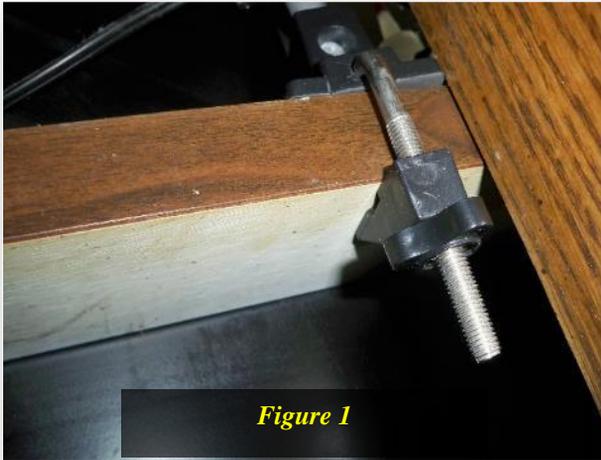


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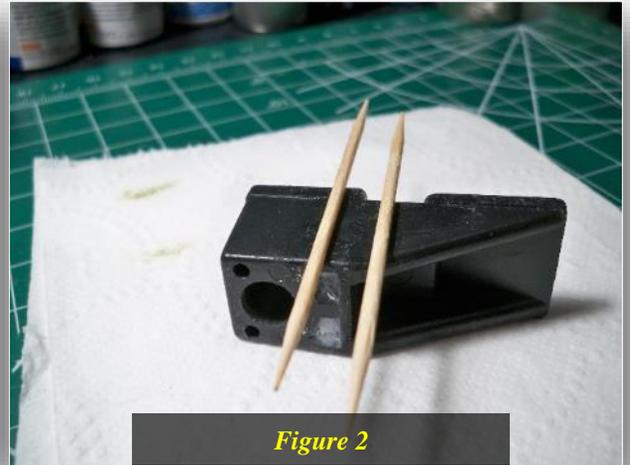


Figure 2

The lamp worked fine the rest of the night but I don't know how much shear the Dr Mike's can take so I took it down for now. The subject line for this update was originally going to be 'Who knows?.....update' and here is what that would have looked like.

Who knows? Well Lowe's knows, at least if someone tells them what use I make of their paint stirring sticks (Figure 3). Hey, I can still stir paint with them sometime in the future. Seriously, how universal are these simple tools?

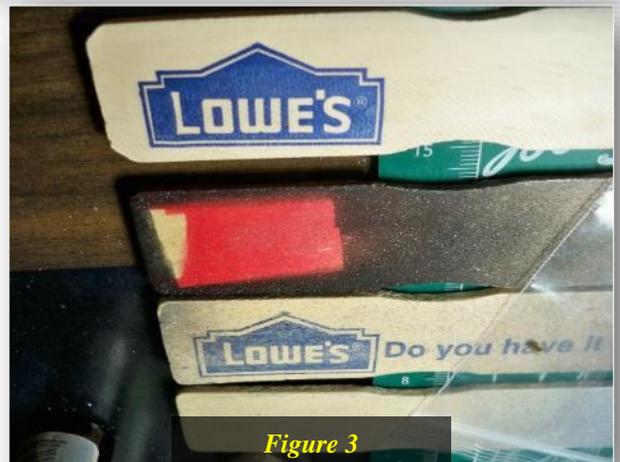


Figure 3

Hague's Corner (continued)

Super tips alert!! Figure 4 shows stir sticks being used to hold, from top, resin seats that have been both sprayed with white primer and then aluminum, resin side consoles sprayed with white primer and then an interior green, the backside of instrument panel film negatives, and primed and painted metal panels. Later, I will pick out details on the side consoles in a small assortment of colors.

Figure 5 shows plastic seats with a mounting pin sticking out of their bottom but pushed flat on stir stick via a pre-drilled hole in the stick. The seats are about to have the super glued photoetch get a final seal of flat clear spray. In addition to getting rid of any unwanted shine this step further attaches any etch that might be marginally attached on the seat

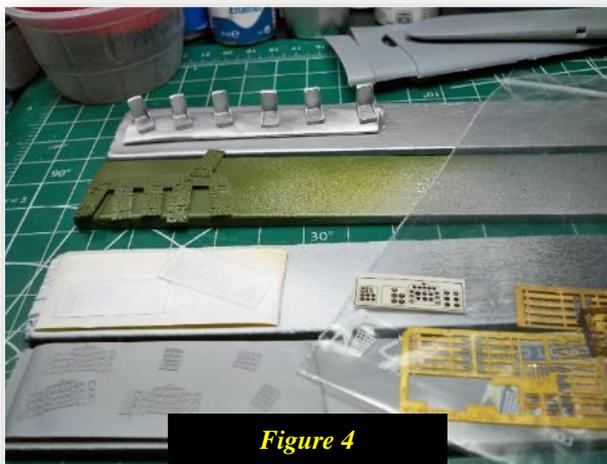


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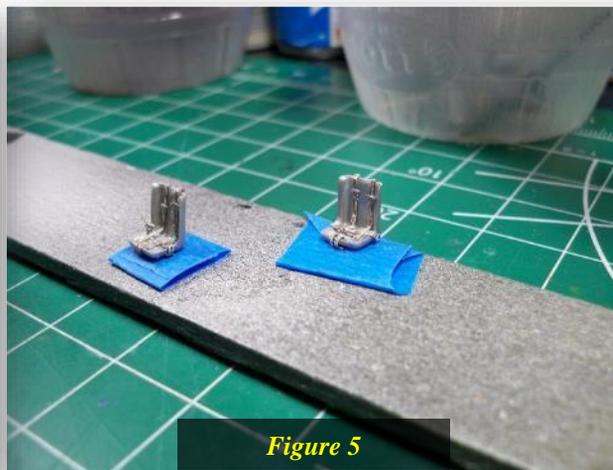


Figure 5

Wow, I think I need a smoke after all that! But who needs that when you have resin dust to fill up your lungs? Figure 6 shows the attachment block being cut loose from the resin wheel well assembly that goes in one of the Airacuda wings. Not mentioned in the instructions, the molded in holes in the lower wings need to be opened up so the wheel well can be inserted completely through the wing, not simply inside as you would think by looking at the simplified picture in the instructions. Valom has not yet responded to my note!



Figure 6

Tip alert! Figure 7 (next page) shows what it should look like once the hole is widened and the resin well installed. Figure 8 (next page) shows that the wing's trailing edge won't even come close to closing up if the well is installed without widening the hole. Note instructions next to wing. Note to self...follow your own advice to paint areas you won't be able to reach when parts put together later. Figure 9 next page) shows previously painted area masked off so spraying on the lower wing can begin. Pair of subsequent wings failed to have this pre-assembly paint and required amazing dexterity with brush to paint assembled. *&^%\$



Figure 7

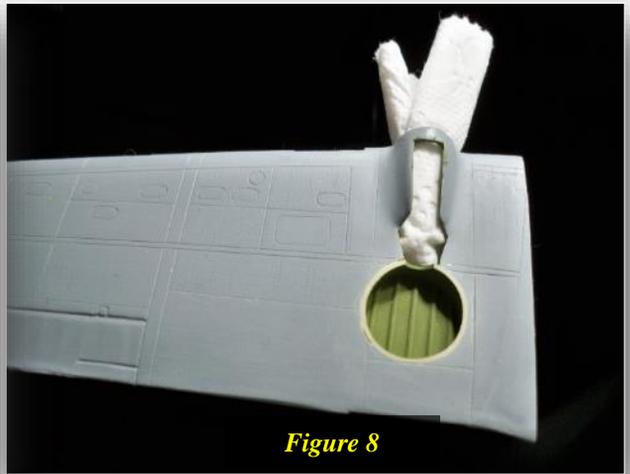


Figure 8

The upper area of the PZL 23, a Polish ground attack plane, got a gloss spray coating in preparation for using the almost new decals from a later kit. The decals started disintegrating as soon as I tried to push them off the decal sheet (Figure 10).

A trio of French, Turkish, and Finnish MS-406s at the painting stage along with a pair of P-40s, both of which are now to be finished as P-40M versions (Figures 11 and 12). The underside of Finnish P-40M, the one captured from the Russians, is shown here with underwing yellow applied (Figure 13 next page). The other P-40M is hoped to be a shark mouthed Brazilian version. That assumes those old decals work.

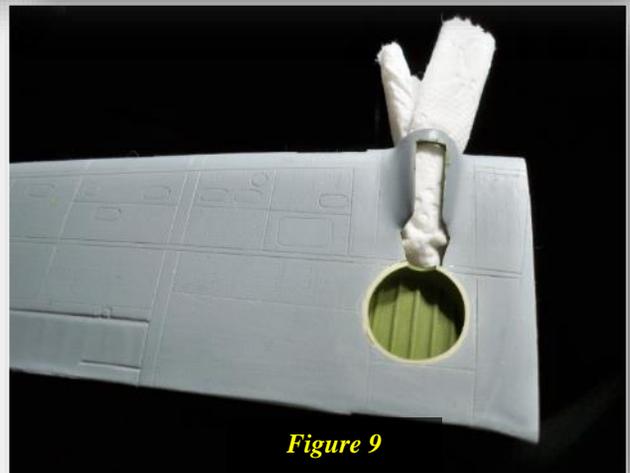


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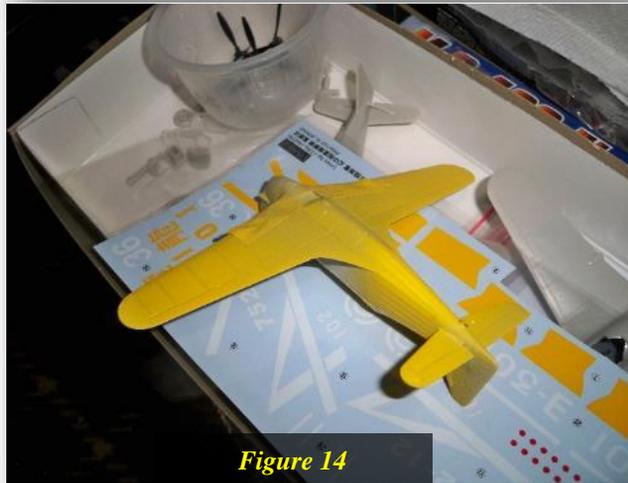
Figure 10



Figure 11

Hague's Corner (continued)

I hope my Finnish MS-406 turns out half as good as this picture of one I found online showing where this builder put the starting point for the yellow underwing ID markings (Figures 14 and 15).



January Meeting Program and Contest Theme

Program: US Cargo Aircraft by Don Dickson

Contest: Best of 2022. Bring the model you built during 2022 you feel is your personal best of the year.

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17 January 2023

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25 January 2023

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