

From the Editor

Boy, did we have fun at the Make & Takes we conducted at the Bull Run Library on July 11th and the Cascades Library on August 1st. Take a look at the pictures on pages 5-6 and see for yourself. For those of you who missed those opportunities, this month we're headed to the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA to do a Make & Take in conjunction with the National Capital Model Soldier Society (NCMSS). Come join us on August 8th and help some new modelers build/paint kits and see a great museum as well.

Besides the aforementioned photographs, this issue contains a review of the Dragon Flakpanzer IV "Wirbelwind" by the well-known modeler Cookie Sewell, a Region 2 update from our Coordinator Glenn Martin from Richmond, a review by our own Joe Bles of some new historic aviation figures, and a quiz to see if you qualify as a "Master Modeler". Let me know how you do.

Tim Barb



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Flakpanzer IV "Wirbelwind" - Smart Kit

Reviewed by Cookie Sewell

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Summary

Stock Number and Description	Dragon Models Limited 1/35 scale '39-'45 Series Kit No. 6540; Sd.Kfz. 161/4 2cm Flakpanzer IV "Wirbelwind" - Smart Kit
Scale:	1/35
Media and Contents:	942 partss (594 in grey styrene, 288 "Magic Track" links, 59 etched brass, 15 clear styrene, 1 twisted steel wire)
Price:	estimated price about US\$49.95
Review Type:	First Look
Advantages:	First new kit of this popular subject in over 25 years; uses the nice new Flakvierling mount and "slide molded" turret parts
Disadvantages:	No zimmerit on hull; still comes with "Magic Track" links
Recommendation:	Recommended for all German, Pzkw. IV and "Duck Hunter" fans

First Look

The Germans were as keen as the US and British in mobile troop air defense and came up with a large number of vehicles to provide this necessary support to ground forces units. But of all of their efforts, probably the most striking one of the lot was the mating of a 2cm Flakvierling quad mount and an octagonal turret with rebuilt Pzkw. IV chassis as a very potent tactical weapons system. The vehicle, formally designated as the Flakpanzer IV/2cm Vierling, was better known as the "Wirbelwind" (whirlwind). Alas, only 122 of these vehicles were converted between July and November 1944 before they were replaced by the Flakpanzer IV/3.7 cm Flak or "Ostwind".

Monogram first offered a kit of this vehicle in the early 1970s in 1/32 scale, and Tamiya followed with a 1/35 scale kit in the late 1970s. But now DML has released a state-of-the-air variant on

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their nice Pzkw. IV Ausf. H chassis and it is a very nice package indeed.

Combing that kit with the 2cm Flakvierling mount from their recent Sd.Kfz. 7/1 and 42 new parts, the kit does a very good job of capturing the vehicle's look and appeal. Having examined the surviving one at Camp Borden, Ontario, this kit does the vehicle justice and provides a pretty good replica of the one there with its highly modified turret race and turret mounting arrangement. (The actual vehicle added a sub-race for the turret inside the hull which was its actual pivot point, with the former race acting as a supporting mount to assist in turret traverse. This lowered the height of the vehicle about 50 cm to reduce top-heaviness and hamper its ability to track targets.)

But the kit does not have any zimmerit, and other than the bare areas on the hull of the Borden one (picked clean by modelers for examples as near as I can figure!) this kit has no zimmerit on it, period. Note that if you do add zimmerit the turret does NOT have any attached as it would add weight and would have slowed it down when traversing, a problem most armored turrets had when tracking enemy air targets.

Most of the kit is identical to the recent Pzkw. IV Ausf. H (No. 6300). It uses that kit's hull pan which is complete less the stern plates, separate final drives, and much of the surface detail simulates screw or bolt holes; it also has an applique lower glacis plate from the "Brummbaer" kit. Drivers now consist of only four parts; the separate bolts are gone. Bogies are now nine piece affairs without separate tires. New details are provided for the tow hook at the rear of the hull as well.

The upper hull again consists of a deck and framework with applique sides, front and rear engine intake components and fenders. The standard muffler has a central tube section and six add-on parts to complete it along with a "slide molded" exhaust pipe.

All ports and hatches are separate parts so they can be posed open. Other than the interior of the turret the hull only provides a rudimentary firewall for the engine compartment and the cross-braces and new turret race parts. The bow also comes with a well-done machine gun and ball mount. Note that all ports have clear styrene inserts as well.

The turret is unique in that DML split it vertically at the joint between the front five panels and the elongated rear three panels. The upper sections are respectively thin - DML's "Razor Edge" moldings - and the joint here is easier to hide than the old horizontal splits used by Monogram and Tamiya. The turret race fitting for the upper race is molded as part of the front section, a truly unique design. The 2 cm Flakvierling 38 has new guns with slide molded barrels and flash hiders. As with previous DML antiaircraft gun offerings, there are different sight articulation bars provided for setting the guns at either 0 or 60 degrees elevation, but the guns will not move if the bars are used. A number of magazines and ammo racks for the installation. [sic]

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As with all "Smart Kits" etched brass is kept to a minimum and only covers items such as the engine air intake louvers, the inner guides of the idler wheels, some small brackets, and the flaps for the engine air intakes on the sides of the rear deck. There is also what appears to be a "catch bin" for ammo casings at the bottom of the turret.

Tracks are the "Magic Track" snap-together-then-cement type, and modelers are advised to recall that when facing the head card the left side track links are on the left and right are on the right. So far no DS plastic tracks have been provided in any Pzkw. IV kit, but this one provides some extras as well as T-34 track for applique armor protection.

Five finishing options are provided along with a targeted set of Cartograf decals: Unidentified Unit, 1944 (tricolor with crosses); Unidentified Unit, Hettenschlag, Alsace-Lorraine 1945, (green and sand under whitewash, black 032); 1st SS Panzer Regiment, 1st SS Panzer Division "LAH", Stoumont, Belgium 1944 (tricolor with crosses and divisional markings); Unidentified Unit, 1945 (tricolor with whitewash patches); Unidentified Unit, Eastern Front 1945 (tricolor with whitewash panels, black 044).

Technical assistance was provided by Notger Schlegtehdal, Thomas Anderson, Dan Graves, Tom Cockle and Gary Edmundson.

Overall, other than the missing zimmerit this kit should be very popular for the great representation of its subject and the most correct depiction of the turret mounting yet.

Sprue Layout:

A 52 Sd.Kfz. 7/1 Flakvierling carriage and details
A 37x2 Pzkw. IV Generic drivers, idlers and return rollers
A 81x2 Pzkw. IV Generic road wheels and bogies
B 17 Brummbaer - front glacis details
C 4 Wirbelwind turret
D 38 Wirbelwind turret race and details
E 43 Pzkw. IV Ausf. H turret details and applique
G 26x2 Sd.Kfz. 7/1 Flakvierling - 2 x 2 cm Flak 38 and ammo clips
G 29 Turret and hull ports, smoke grenade launchers
H 57 Engine deck and details
J 1 Pzkw. IV Ausf. H hull top
J 7 German Generic Jack
J 8 MG-34 machine gun
K 2 Pzkw. IV Ausf. H fenders
K 10 German Generic Antenna and tail light set
L 8 Pzkw. IV spare road wheels
L 144 "Magic Track" left side
M 15 clear styrene
P 33 Pzkw. IV Ausf. H engine grilles and vents
Q 6 Spare track links
R 144 "Magic Track" right side
X 1 Lower hull pan

Text by Cookie Sewell

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REGION 2 UPDATE

By Glenn Martin, Region 2 Coordinator

IPMSUSA # 38082

NEW SUPPORT THE TROOPS CONTACT

We have a new contact address for supporting the troops. It is:

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DSN 458-3344

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Pass that word around to your chapter members. This is a very worthy effort and every kit that can be sent to these men and women is greatly appreciated. Additionally, it just doesn't have to be kits. It can be supplies as well. Consider what you can give and give often! They put their lives on the line everyday.

NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL CONTEST IN BEDFORD, VA.

This contest was a small local affair hosted by IPMS Roanoke. There were some great bonds made this day as several of the guys entered their models in the contest and then sat down to some good old model building right there under the tents. This is a new and refreshing way of spending a Saturday afternoon with your friends while entering into a model contest. Consider attending this event next year, normally held the first Saturday after Father's day. Coverage of this event can be seen on the IPMS Roanoke website by visiting here:

<http://www.rvipms.com/>

IPMS ROANOKE IS HOSTING THEIR VIRGINIA SHOOTOUT ON JULY 18TH, 2009

Again, IPMS Roanoke is back in the news. They are hosting their annual (took last year off after hosting the 2007 Regional) show once again. You can visit their website for more information about this show here: <http://www.rvipms.com/>

There are still plenty of sponsorship opportunities that you can get in on. Please help all you can. The show this year is going to be something. Let me explain. These guys are doing something called "Reel Models". This will cover several decades where categories are setup to cover movie vehicles, characters or props during those time frames. This will cover the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's with categories for each decade. You must provide proof however for this and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded in each category. This is putting a unique twist on this show. Visit the chapter website for more information.

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Please make sure to attend this show to see Penny Pierce -IPMS Phoenix-receive the IPMS Region Two Person of the year award at this show. I know you won't want to miss this and to slap her on the back!!!! Just be careful with her models when you do!!! Ask Chazz Klanian about that!

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This update was written in early July. I hope some of you attended this show.]

REGION TWO REGIONAL CONTEST- HOSTED BY IPMSNJ, JERSEYCON-OCT 16-17TH, 2009

OK, you want to be in a hot place with some cool awards? Well, not actually hot as in temperature but hot as in a lot going on? You need to make your plans to attend this show. Big Bill Schwarz and his boys are putting the final touches on what will be one heck of a Regional to take place above the Mason-Dixon line(That's for all you civil war diehards out there). These guys are preparing the "MOTHER OF ALL TOURS" to go see the USS New Jersey. This Iowa-Class battleship has won more awards for action than any other battleship in the history of the United States Navy. This proud ship is on display as a floating museum after taking part in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon. Make plans to attend this tour. These guys are trying to make this memorable. More information about this can be found on the IPMSNJ website by visiting: www.IPMSNJ.org <<http://www.IPMSNJ.org>>

I also received an email from Big Bill this past week about the hotel tie-ins. I'm going to replay that here verbatim by what he said: get the word out more about the 99 buck rooms for the region. I know a lot of guys are going and staying over, but as of today, only about 30% of the rooms have been sold. Because of this, there are lots of rooms available but we expect this to start selling at a much faster rate now that we are basically 3 months out. You need to make your reservations in the next week or so to make sure you can get your room before they sell out. Contact Big Bill at Tomcatter53@optimum.net <<mailto:Tomcatter53@optimum.net>> to reserve your room. Don't be caught with your britches down!!!!

PENNCON09 IS COMING ON SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2009

The gang from Central Pennsylvania IPMS is hosting "The Sixties". This show will feature an open judging style contest. There are numerous opportunities to sponsor this show with a package or two. Matter of fact, they need your support and help! Please visit the chapter website here for more information about this show:

<http://www.cenpennipms.com/PennCon/PennCon2009.htm>

The show last year was bigger and better. This year's effort will be even larger. Have at it!

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VOTE.....VOTE.....VOTE.....

If you are a paid in full IPMS member in good standing, you can vote for officers! Please visit the IPMSUSA website to cast your ballot. It's as simple as clicking, typing and providing your IPMS membership number to vote. I did. What are you waiting for, a written invitation?? www.IPMSUSA.org
<<http://www.IPMSUSA.org>> :-)

REGION TWO REGIONAL-2009 AND 2010

Regional BIDS for 2010 are needed by September 1st. This will give me time to go over them to determine who can plan and pull off a Region Two Regional show in just one year's prep time. I also want bids for 2011 to get us back into a two year planning cycle so if you want to bid on that show as well, put something in writing to me by that same date, September 1st, 2009. I have heard from one chapter already about hosting a Regional in October of 2009. Do we have any others? What about 2010????

The soon we get this nailed down in the Regional meeting with a vote, the sooner these chapters can plan, coordinate and pull off a Regional that we can all be proud of. Step up to the plate and consider hosting a Regional show.

NEW IPMS CHAPTER RUMORSSHSSSSHHHHH!!!

OK, in the past several days, I have been contacted by a young energetic man about forming a new IPMS chapter in Region Two. More specifically, it will be in an area south of Richmond, VA. This will add to our ranks of chapters if he is successful. More about this later on. Remember, it only takes 5 registered PAID IN FULL IPMS members to be able to charter a new chapter. Some guys are looking to start up one from other chapters that could serve as a sister chapter sponsor. All that it takes to do this is \$20 bucks, US Dollars preferred and 5 paid up IPMS members and a new chapter can be born! Keep tuned for more information concerning this development in the coming days. This new chapter is almost ready to form.

RE-CHARTERING IS COMING!!!!

OK, If your chapter has had new officers come on board since the rechartering took place back in December of last year, I need to know who these new officers are so we can work on getting the chapter fact sheets updated now. This helps me out tremendously when it comes time to work with all of the Region Two clubs to get you guys paid up and legal from October to December. If you notify me now, we can start working on this process so then it only becomes a matter of paying your \$20 rechartering fee. Keep this in mind as we move forward.

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AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST.....CONTEST SEASON 2010 PLANNING IS UPON US

I have heard from IPMS Richmond, IPMS NOVA and IPMS Baltimore about show plans for next year. The contest dates are going to be pretty full for next year. If your chapter is considering hosting a show, I need to know about it so I can help fit everyone in. We all win when our plans flow smoothly, giving us the most chances to have the most contests to go to. Let me hear from you.

That's it, I've bent your ear enough! Contact me if you have any questions or ideas.

"German armor is cool".....

Glen Martin, Region 2 Coordinator, IPMSUSA #38082



ModelersPALOOZA Best Aircraft "Macchi C.202"



ModelersPALOOZA Best Aircraft Spooky Subject "Nosferatu"



ModelersPALOOZA Best 6-Day War Subject "Egyptian Sherman (Hybrid)"



Make & Take

Bull Run Library, Prince William County, VA

On Saturday, July 11, 2009, the club held a Make & Take at Bull Run Library in Prince William County. Randy Corish, Vince Mankowski, Tom Henderson, Curtis Clinton, Mike Poreda and your editor helped twenty-three boys, girls, and their parents construct and paint Spirit of St Louis and Snap-tite kits. Everyone involved had fun (after all, that's our club's motto). Some of the new modelers returned to the library later in the month to act as instructors and help younger modelers (ages 6-11) build Snap-tite car kits. Let's hope their efforts added some new modelers to the hobby.



Make & Take Cascades Library, Sterling VA

On Saturday, August 1, 2009, the club held a Make & Take at Cascades Library in Sterling VA. Randy Corish, Marcin Slusarz, Curtis Clinton, your editor helped twenty-two girls, boys, and their adult companions construct Snap-tite F-15s, F-4s, A-10s, Camaros, GTOs, and Corvettes. The classic saying applied: "A good time was had by all."



KINGS ROAD MINATURES

Figure review by Joe Bles

On a recent business trip to Southern California I met Jeff Cupernell the driving force behind the new firm King's Road Miniatures. Jeff has been modeling since he was 12 years old, which no doubt helped him in his professional life. For the past twenty plus years Jeff has worked on movies and special effects for some pretty significant films. Some of those movies included Hook, Elf, Men in Black and Titanic. With his partner, Larry Watt, Jeff started a new line of exquisite miniatures. They consist of early aviation pioneers. The figures are cast in white metal which brings out a crisp, clear detail. Each figure is packed in an 'Altoid' type metal box. Admittedly a pretty clever idea and they protect the figure from damage, especially during shipping. The first three figures are:

James Harold Doolittle: Sculpted by Mike Good and known to history as 'Jimmy Doolittle.' He is dressed in 1929 flying gear about to set another aviation milestone. He learned to fly in the US Army Signal Corps and served as an instructor during WWI. After the war he went to MIT to earn a PhD in aeronautical engineering. That certainly must have helped him win every major aviation trophy of the day, not to mention dozens of aviation firsts. He returned to active duty in 1940, led the famous Doolittle Raid on Japan in 1942, for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor and continued to serve throughout the war. He died at age 97 in 1993.



Calbraith Perry Rodgers: Also sculpted by Mike Good and known simply as 'Cal Rodgers.' His aviation career was very short, but daring and eventful. He learned to fly in 1911, becoming America's 49th pilot. In 1911 flying a Wright Brother's plane he attempted to win a \$50,000 prize by flying coast to coast within 30 days. He left Brooklyn, New York on September 17, 1911. After two engine explosions, several wrecks and delays he landed in Pasadena, California on November 5, 1911. While he did not make the deadline, he was

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none the less the first pilot to fly across the country coast to coast. Just a few months later he was killed during an aerial demonstration in Long Beach, California. Call Rodgers was 33 years old.



Katherine Stinson: The figure was sculpted by Remy Trembly. She was known as "The Flying Schoolgirl" and is my personal favorite of the trio. At 21 she received her pilot's license in 1912, becoming the fourth woman to do so. She continued to make aviation history until WWI when she applied to serve as pilot. Rejected she drove an ambulance for the Red Cross. There is some strong evidence she flew missions for the Red Cross. At the end of the war she contracted Tuberculosis, which in 1920 ended her flying career. Fortunately, she survived and lived until 1977.



Another amazing fact is they are reasonably priced at \$25.00 each. It is hard to beat both a high quality figure and a good bargain. I'm told in September 2009 their next three release will be: Howard Hughes, Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Eherhart. Their first extremely highly recommended figures are available from Kings Road Miniatures, 4134 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 203, Long Beach, California 90807 or you can contact them via Email at: www.kingsroadminiatures.com.

Are You a Master Modeler?

By Joe Porter, copied from
www.ipmsusa.org/features

- 1 – Score 100 points if you ever called in sick to finish a model.
- 2 – Score 50 points if you ever needed assistance getting unsuperglued.
- 3 – Deduct 75 points if you own a set of golf clubs.
- 4 – Score 40 points if you ever helped yourself to that cool sand in an upright hotel ashtray.
- 5 – Score 2 points for every bottle of paint on your workbench. Add 50 bonus points if you own your own paint rack.
- 6 – Score 200 points if a hobby tool incident has required stitches.
- 7 – Score 75 points if, on arriving in a strange town, the first thing you look for is hobby shops in the phone book. Score 300 bonus points if you ever planned a family vacation to include a model show.
- 8 – Score 25 points if you have something from the kitchen on your workbench. Score 100 bonus points if your wife doesn't know it's missing.
- 9 – Score 50 points if you shop for hobby supplies, unaccompanied, in a fabric or cosmetics store.
- 10 – Score 50 points for each pack of Grandt Line bolts you've ever bought.
- 11 – Score 25 points for every kit you have purchased in the last year. Score 250 bonus points for every project you have completed.
- 12 – Score 50 points if you're left-handed. [Editor's note: author must be left-handed.]
- 13 – Deduct 300 points if you ever sold some of your unbuilt kits.
- 14 – Score 30 points for every non-modeler who has seen your models and said, "Oh, I used to do that when I was a kid".

15 – Deduct 100 points for every unfinished project you've set aside.

16 – Score 500 points if you've ever purchased a Mascot figure. Score 800 bonus points if you painted it. Deduct 1000 points if you did anything weird after that.

17 – Score 150 points if you ever ordered a kit through the mail and had it sent to your office so your wife wouldn't find out. Score 500 sympathy points if your hobby has cost you a relationship.

18 – Score 600 points if the local library refers inquiries to you.

19 – Deduct 5000 points if you ever used a penlight while judging.

20 – Score 50 points for every part you've dropped – and found!

21 – Score 75 points if you own Optivisors.

22 – Score 425 points if someone else smashed their models when you showed up at a contest.

23 – Score 350 points if, lacking reference, you ever "invented" a detail on a model, and passed it off as 100% accurate.

24 – Score 75 points if you use different "mood music" for different modeling projects.

25 – Score 250 points if you ever found someone else's drool on one of your models.

26 – Deduct ALL YOUR POINTS if you actually scored yourself. You should be in there building models, not using your valuable time taking frivolous quizzes.

Take life seriously. Take your hobby seriously. Just never take yourself too seriously.

Thanks for coming. Joe Porter.

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MEETING INFORMATION

Fairfax High School – Usually first Wednesday of the Month with notable exceptions. Please see the club website.

Local Clubs

Washington Armor Club – Meets 3rd Thursday of the month at Cabin John Elementary School. Contact Joe Booker at joe.booker@aol.net for more information

IPMS Washington D.C. Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM at Herbert Hoover Middle School in Potomac, MD. www.ipmsdc.org

National Capitol Model Soldier Society meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month in Annandale, Virginia. Contact Norbert Lustine (301) 384-4100; email: nml4100@aol.com.



Contest Themes 2009

Aug - Vietnam '69

Sep - Flattops - Carriers, carrier a/c, figures as long as they are on a carrier deck base

Oct - "Cannon Cockers" - any artillery piece – Ground-to-ground missiles, MLRS, SAMs, Nebelwerfers, Katyushas, etc.

Nov - Airlifters

Dec - BTSK "MiG Master" - the Vought F-8 Crusader - club will purchase Academy 1/72 and Revell/Monogram 1/48 F-8s, but any F-8 can be entered.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Make & Take

Saturday, August 8, 2009, 1100-1500

Marine Corps Museum

Quantico, VA

(In conjunction with the National Capital Model Soldier Society)

IPMS National Convention 2009

August 19-22, 2009

Hyatt Regency/Battelle Hall

350 N High Street

Columbus, Ohio

Hosted by IPMS Eddie Rickenbacker

PENNCON 2009

September 19, 2009

Silver Spring Banquet Center

6471 Carlisle Pike

Mechanicsburg, PA

IPMS Central Pennsylvania

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AMPS EAST

September 26, 2009

Danbury Plaza Hotel and Conference Center

18 Old Ridgebury Rd.

Danbury CT.

www.ampseast.org

JERSEYCON

October 16-17, 2009

IPMS/USA 2009 Region II Convention

Holiday Inn, Runnemede New Jersey

www.IPMSNJ.org