

Tactical Notes

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So many kits... So little time...



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Editor's Notes

MMCL Members,

Did you get a chance to make our March Madness Build day on March 15th? It was a lot of fun, it went from 6 AM to 10 PM at the workshop. I was there from about 9 am to 2 pm and had a great time.

I hope you guys have a kit you are working on for our "Motorcycles" smack down. I am in the process of building a 1/12th Honda VFR750R by Tamiya. First time I have ever built any kind of motorcycle. I am having fun though.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Jason



Membership Renewal: It is a new year, so please renew your club membership as soon as you can. You can renew online (PayPal), in person at the Saturday Workshop or at a Monthly Meeting, or at Scale Reproductions (Please, NO debit or credit cards).

President's Page

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Hello MMCL Members,

Our MMCL March Madness 'All Day Build Session" was a big hit. It was the perfect day to build since it rained most of the day. We had a ton of fun and some individuals stumbled upon some kit deals from a few of our members. We started at 6:15 AM and ending around 9:00 PM. All in all, we had around 30 members modeling and a few stopping for the interesting conversations. For those of you that missed our meeting on February 27th, we decided on the May Smackdown and 2025 MMCL Invitational Themes. The Smackdown theme is "Motorcycles" and the Invitational theme is "The Great War 1914-1918." Now you can start building for both contests.

Don't forget to RENEW your 2025 MMCL membership!

Well, the show circuit is in full swing with several IPMS clubs holding their contests. The next one that is in our Region and close to us is the Roscoe Turner (Indy) Contest. This show is one of the best around. They usually have fantastic vendors and quality entries. I urge our members to go up to the show and check it out. The awesome builds that are in the contest always inspire me.

As I have said many times – "There is nothing like this hobby!"

Thanks to all the members for their support!

Rich



Review of Sword RF-8G 1/72 Scale
Kit Number: SW72150
By: Steve Wisbey

The RF-8 is the reconnaissance version of the F-8 Crusader. Used during the Cuban Missile Crisis, the aircraft provided low level photographs of Soviet ballistic missiles in Cuba. In Vietnam, the RF-8G took heavy losses as it was tasked with following ground attack aircraft to take photographs for battle damage assessment.

Sword's RF-8 kit is a very welcome and long overdue kit in 1/72 scale. Injection molded sprues include parts with fine surface details that rival the best of contemporary kits. The cockpit includes details that are more than adequate for this scale. A nice addition is a detailed resin ejection seat complete with separately molded ejection handles. A separate sprue for clear parts includes camera ports as well as a very clear canopy and windscreen. A very nicely printed decal sheet includes marking for two different schemes, both from VFP-63, but for different deployments aboard the USS Hancock in 1967 and 1971. A much appreciated addition to the kit is a sheet of masks cut from yellow kabuki tape. Well done Sword! I prefer masks in kabuki tape, i.e. Tamiya sheet, vs vinyl masks due to vinyl's tendency to shrink with time.

Building the kit is a bit of an adventure. It has a short run feel to it due to the lack of guidance pins. This is easily overcome with attention to alignment during assembly. Several injection points on the fuselage and wings need removal in order for the parts to fit flush against each other. This was accomplished with a rotary tool, file and sandpaper. Nice detail is provided in the wheel wells as well as the exhaust. The engine intake involves the usual challenge of achieving a smooth finish with no seams visible.

The directions are the weakest part of this kit. Options are provided for various versions of the RF-8, however, these options are not described in the directions. Later versions of the RF-8 had more powerful engines which required ventral strakes and cooling scoops for the engines. Three different versions of ecm fairings are provided. You also have a choice of several camera configurations. It's up to the modeler to figure out the appropriate options. The last mystery to solve is the proper position of the main landing gear doors. The instructions leave a lot to the imagination.

As I write this, I'm in the paint stage of the build with the finish line in sight. Despite my nitpicks, I'm really happy with the way the model is looking. It's not quite a shake and bake Tamiya kit, but I do highly recommend it to anyone interested in the RF-8.

Here is a recently finished kit done by club member Richard Zimmerman. He recently finished this F-16 Aggressor Viper in the Splinter Green markings of 86-295 operated by the 18th Aggressor Squadron from Eielson AFB in Alaska.

Kit used: 1/48 Tamiya Block 50

In addition to the base kit, I also used the following aftermarket items:

- Aggressor F-16 decal set from Bullseye.
- Exhaust nozzle, masking, access ladder and remove before flight tags from Eduard.
- Mini Craft Collections ejection seat.
- Quinta Studios interior 3D decal set.
- Kopecky Scale Models FOD set.
- Landing gear set from Detail and Wonder.
- Aim 9M sidewinders from Reskit.



March Madness Dawn to Dusk Build Day. March 15th 2024



Military Modelers Club of Louisville

“Motorcycles”

SMACKDOWN



Guidelines;

1. Any Motorcycle Model (2 or 3 wheeled).
2. Any scale, any genre!
3. Aftermarket items can be used.
4. Can be incorporated in a vignette or diorama.

** Must be a NEW build and finished by May 16, 2025

** Members can have more than one entry.

** The motorcycle is the only item that will be judged.

***Questions regarding an entry, check with Richard Guetig at wolfandgang@twc.com or call 502-931-0302.

2025 MMCL LOUISVILLE INVITATIONAL

MODEL CONTEST AND SWAP MEET

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

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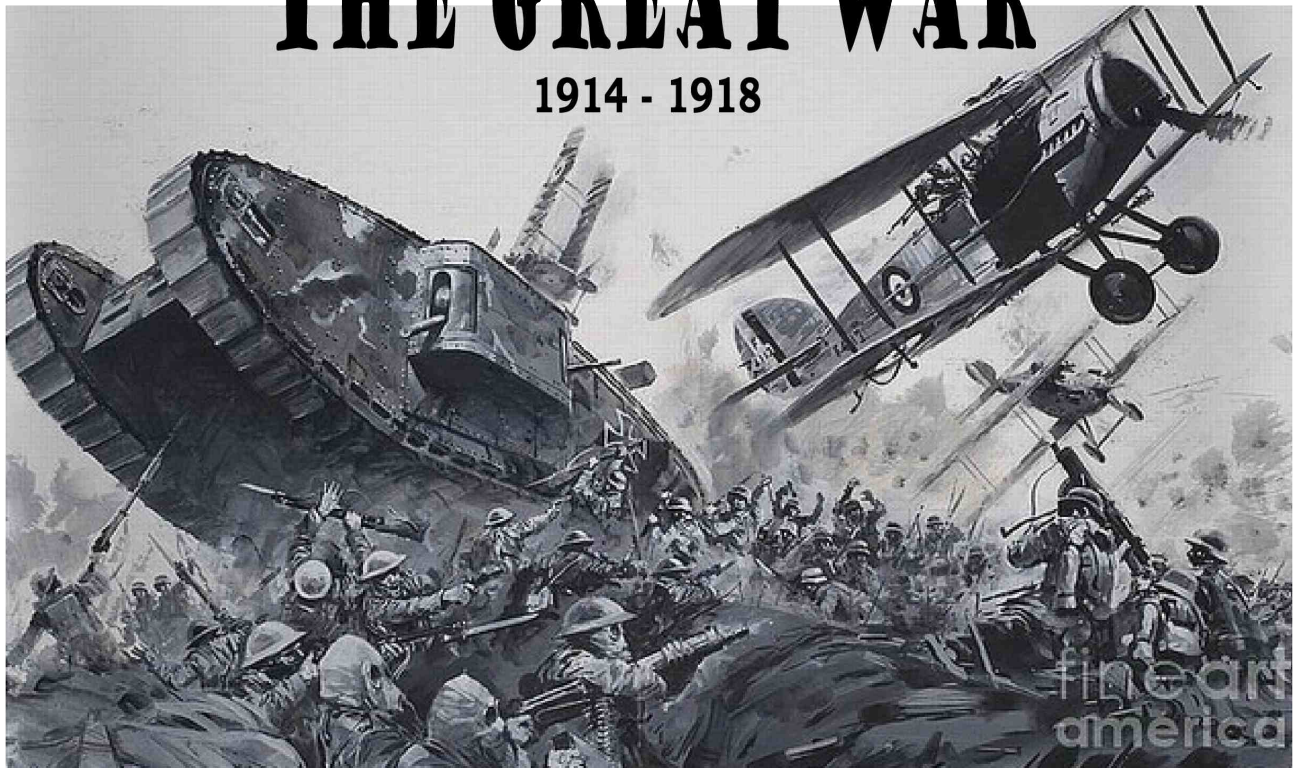
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GENERAL ADMISSION : \$5.00

CONTEST ENTRY FEE : \$10.00

(\$ 8.00 FOR IPMS MEMBERS)

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