SCUTTLEBUTT LODGE

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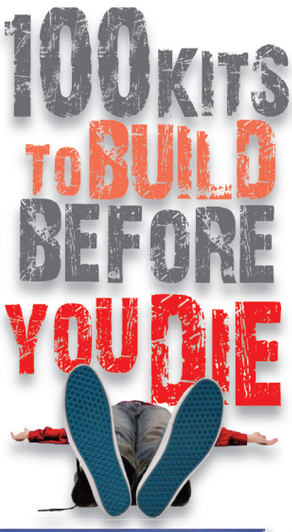


HARD TO SWALLOW

NUMBER 66

1:32 Messerschmitt Me 262A-1a

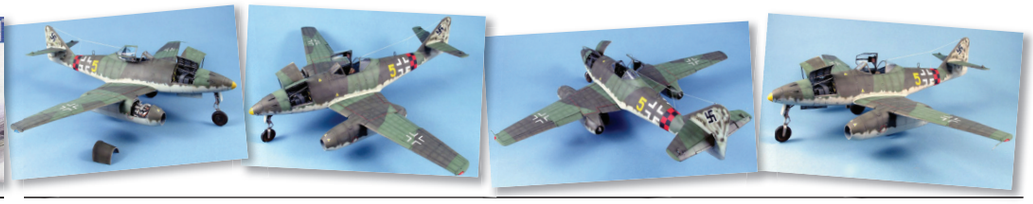
Availability: Trumpeter stockists via www.trumpeter-china.com

Pocketbond – www.pocketbond.co.uk

Selected by: Jay Laverty

There are few who could successfully argue that the Me 262 is not one of the most attractive early jet fighters ever designed. Regardless of the regime responsible for its creation, the menacing lines and purposeful gait explain exactly why it is such a popular modelling subject.

When Trumpeter first released this model they were an as yet unproven entity and were just starting to become prolific in their release schedule. After the Wildcat in the same scale, they had something to prove and prove it they did with this superb kit. Having built this many moons ago, I had to go back to the article to refresh my memory. The build is uncomplicated and the level of detail sublime. The Trumpeter 262 ticks every box on the checklist; enjoyable construction, detailed cockpit, accurate shape and a plethora of exciting markings options. All making this one of my recommendations as a kit you should build before you die.



IPMS BIRMINGHAM 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

By: Dai Williams

For a number of years the Midland Expo show had been held at the Leasowes Leisure Centre in Halesowen just South of Birmingham. After a break of a few years at a different venue IPMS Birmingham returned for their 50th Anniversary show.

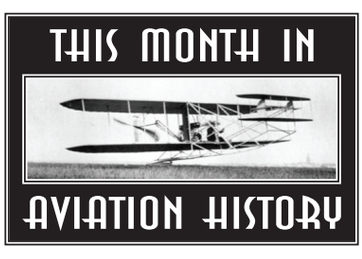
Being in the Midlands, geographically central and within easy reach of the M5 motorway, the show was attended by model clubs from as far away as Wakefield and Barnet. A number of special interest groups such as the Great War S.I.G and the Luftwaffe S.I.G were also present.

The standard of modelling on display was very high. As ever those behind the club stands were only too happy to chat and share the many tricks and techniques they have built up over the years making the visit a very convivial experience. There were some very impressive models on display, with such modellers as Mitch Thompson whose work has appeared in a number of publications over the years having some impressive aircraft models on show. Other modelling genres were also well represented with some excellent armour and figure models as well as a particularly impressive display of 'flats'. I still have no idea how they manage to achieve such intricate detail!

There were a number of trade stands at the show with the latest kits as well as tools, paints and accessories being readily available, causing me the usual major income vs. outgoings issues.

The competition area did not seem particularly well supported, but the standard of entries was high.

Sadly perhaps the extremely hot weather may have kept some visitors in the great outdoors, but having travelled up from South Wales I can say that the trip was well worth it.



1st September 1953: – The 1st aerial refuelling of a jet aircraft by a jet tanker is made with a B-47 Stratojet by a KB-47B tanker.

5th September 1908: – The Voisin Goupy 1bis becomes the first full size French triplane to fly, powered by a 50hp Renault engine.