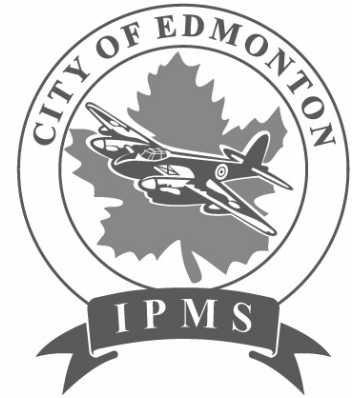


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Matchbox 1/72 A-7D Corsair II

by Vic Scheuerman

Kit: Matchbox 1/72 A-7D Corsair II
Kit #: PK-101 (1973)
Price: CDN \$2 Swap Meet
Decals: Two Options
Reviewer: Vic Scheuerman
Notes: Out Of Production

History

The A-7D was the updated de-navalized USAF version of the very successful US Navy Corsair. Improvements to the D included; a licensed built version of the more powerful Rolls Royce Spey, M61 Vulcan cannon, improved ECM, larger tires and wheels, anti-skid brakes, improved navigation and weapons system, Heads-Up Display and increased armoured protection. The D could carry 15,000 lbs with a combat radius of 890 miles. A total of 459 Ds were built with the first flight in September 1968.

The Kit

Matchbox kits were done in a variety of colours to help them appeal to their target audience, which was the youth market. This boxing has three trees that consist of green, black and cream coloured plastic. These trees carry a total of 74 individual parts including a one-piece canopy (my preference in 1/72 scale). As was also common with Matchbox, the engraved panel lines are done with too much enthusiasm. Past builds has shown that a combination of sanding, using a rattle can for priming and picking a dark or disruptive camouflage pattern will work a minor miracle in the finished appearance!

This kit has two sizes of bombs and Sidewinder missiles that fit onto the fuselage and wing stores pylons (raised panel lines). While the



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wings can be built in the folded position (correct for the USAF D?), the cockpit is limited to a pilot in a very basic seat that attaches to the top of the intake tunnel. The main gear bays are framed in and have some raised detail, while the nose bay is open with the intake tunnel supplying a roof.

Matchbox supplies adequate instructions that are easy to follow with the colours noted separately at the end of the sheet. I like the 'FROG' style full colour profiles on the back of the box and the 'peek-a-boo' window to entice the buyer.

Two decal options are offered and both offer Corsairs in standard USAF SEA camouflage with the units being 356th TFS (Green Demons) and the 357th TFS (Licking Dragons). These must be from a different kit as the decals look very nice and are printed in Italy for Revell Germany.

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IPMS Edmonton meets the second Tuesday of every month, (September to June), at 7:00PM, in the cafeteria of **McNally Senior High School** (8440 - 105 Ave.)

Events Calendar

June: Annual Swap Meet and Executive Elections

Suggestion for workshops and demos are welcome.
If you would like to volunteer, please contact a member of the executive.

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Upon presentation of your IPMS Edmonton membership card, the following hobby shops offer members a discount of 10% on regular priced plastic kits:

Alberta Hobby Centre	14220 Yellowhead Trail
Comex Hobby	West Edmonton Mall
Comex Hobby	Kingsway Garden Mall
Great Hobbies	5144 - 75 St.
Kites and Other Delights	South Edmonton Common
Kites and Other Delights	West Edmonton Mall
Roundhouse Sales	9532 - 87 St.
Universal Hobbies	12119 - 54 St.
Uncle Bills Hobbies	Calgary

SEAM LINES

Ramblings from the President

By Brent Fordham

June is here and most of know by now what that means: SWAP NIGHT! This is where we all get to bring out those kits, books, decals and various other purchases that were the result of poor decisions at the hobby store. But one person's poor decision is another's must-have, "next-up-on-the-bench" item and the June meeting has been the traditional time when we can sell our mistakes to each other and begin the entire, glorious cycle anew. So remember to bring lots of cash and leave some room in the trunk. You may also wish to arrange for your significant other to be asleep or even out of the house when you get home so you can make your way inside safely.

As a reminder, June also means Father's Day and the Aviation Day event at the Alberta Aviation Museum is coming up fast. I will be contacting those who signed up for this event. We have some tables reserved for us so start thinking about which models you want to take out to display. It is sure to be a very interesting day for aviation enthusiasts.

Being the last meeting of the 2006/07 season, the "Most Models" contest will conclude, so we will be announcing the winner and presenting some sort of prize. The executive has not decided exactly what the prize will be yet. Rest assured that it will be more than a pack of chewing gum, but less than slightly used, high quality accordion. There, that should keep everyone on the edges of their seats.

In other news, I was down at the Rocky Mountain Modelers Club in early May for their annual contest and I'm happy to report that it was another very well run show. There was the usual excellent turnout with a number of very high quality models on the tables. A highlight was also an exceptionally well stocked vendors room with many good deals to be had. Hats off to the Calgary guys for another job well done! This really has become a modeling highlight for me over the years and I always come away from it full of inspiration.

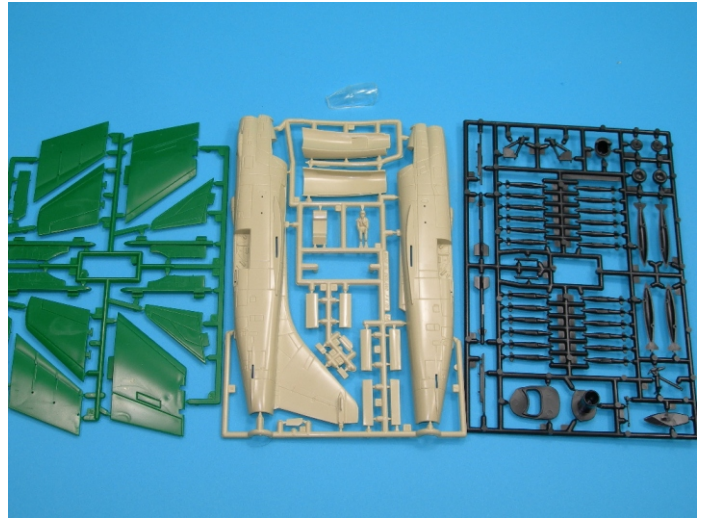
Now that I'm inspired and building again, I'm feeling like I would like to turn my attention back to that and step down from the president's position. I would encourage all members to have a good think on taking this position on themselves for a year or so. As I'm fairly sure I've said before, it's not a difficult position if it was, I couldn't do it. I think it's time for some new

NEXT MEETING: May 8, 2007

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Conclusions

This kit is not in the same detail league as the excellent Fujimi kits or as nice as the ESCI/Italeri version. Matchbox kits generally fit well and they did offer some unique subjects. Perhaps this kit would be best for the novice modeller or somewhat at the other extreme who wants to have a fun and quick build.



Congratulations to our May "In House" theme contest winners! The theme was "Haul of Fame"

- 1. Andy Stewart**
- 2. Andy Stewart**
- 3. David Anderson**

SEAM LINES *continued,...*

I'd like to give a HUGE thanks to Geoff, Rob, Chris A., Chris H., and Glenn. These guys make our club function without them there would be nothing. They deserve your thanks and gratitude for taking the time to work on something that we all benefit from. Those of you who have been on the executive before know what I'm talking about. If you haven't been on the

executive before, do your part and give it a go. You won't be sorry. I'd also like to thank the club members for helping out over the months with demos, the 2005 contest, and other things. It's been a fun two years and I'm glad I got involved.

See you in June - happy and safe modeling!