



# SPRUE



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February Club Contest



MDA Model Car Contest & Show



Terry Eastman's Fiat Falco

### From the President...

We had a great turnout of members and their families for the February business meeting where we celebrated our annual Christmas party. Canceled in December because of the weather, the dinner was postponed until last month and turned into a pizza party. We also played "dirty Santa" and held a raffle where the money went into the club treasury. Thanks to Greg Clower for picking up the pizzas and to Tim Ward for bringing the models in to give away.

Thankfully spring is here and the model contests and shows right along with it. My first show of the year was the annual trek to Salisbury, North Carolina for the Mid-Carolina Model Car Swap meet held at the Salisbury Civic Center. The show always attracts a large turnout of vendors, builders and collectors who seem to be glad to get out and put the winter months behind them. I picked up a few models and a bag full of discounted Model Car World paints for future projects.

On Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> the MDA Model Car Contest took place at the Roanoke Civic Center. We had a good showing by the RVIPMS membership to help set up and tear down the contest and the club display. Thank you to all that showed up early and stayed late to help out. The model and contestant count was down from last year however the contest quality was just as good. The vendors were happy as most of them stated they sold more this year than at last year's show.

On Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> the Blue/Gray Renegades held their "Americon" Box Stock



Mike Hall's scratch built Chevrolet tractor with mowing deck was one of the entries in the MDA Model Car Contest

Rock contest and show in Lynchburg, Virginia. I wasn't able to attend, but several RVIPMS members traveled to the show and stated there was a good turnout of modelers and entries for the contest. We'll have more from Lynchburg's show in next month's issue of Sprue.

As announced at the February business meeting, the official date for the 2011 Virginia Shootout will be Saturday August 13, and will be held at the Roanoke Civic Center Exhibition Hall. We need to get started right away with selling trophy sponsorships so see Tim Ward who'll have all of the forms you'll need.

That's a wrap for this month and be sure to send any articles and pictures to me for publication in the newsletter.

Happy Modeling !

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# FROM THE CROWS NEST

BY TIM WARD

That loud, annoying, rustlin' sound you here is Spring busting out all over the Valley. Don't know if you noticed or not but old man Winter is gone and the trees are blooming and the grass is growing. I think the lawn mower may have to make an early appearance maybe even this weekend. And if it is running, that can mean only one thing, it's model contest and road trip time!!! We've already enjoyed a fine weekend outing at our friend Lynchburg's haunt, the 2011 AmeriCon show. Great show, about 360+ models on display, vendors to dicker with, nice raffle, and more smiling faces than you can shake a stick at. Congratulations to Bob Rohrback who took home a couple of awards from that show. I came away empty-handed, which is not uncommon since I didn't enter anything. What else is new, right??? Maybe I can get something

done for the myriad of shows coming up this spring and summer. We have NOVA, Raleigh, New Bern, and our own show, the Virginia Shoot-Out to try out. We will be traveling to all of these shows as well as some road trips I have planned for this year. If you are interested in "boarding the RVIPMS" bus, let me know at the next meeting and we will try to find you a seat, or maybe we can tie you onto the running board?!?!? We are looking at some trips to the Dayton AirFair, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center (Air and Space Museum) and possibly Bristol (NHRA drag-races) and VIR (Virginia International Raceway) for the gear-heads. And don't forget, The Tank Museum is having their Tank Extravaganza again this year in late April. I think Ed will be displaying his Swiss Army bike there. Does this have blades that fold out??? Speak-

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IPMS/Roanoke Valley meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Virginia Museum of Transportation in downtown Roanoke.

All meetings start at 7:00pm.

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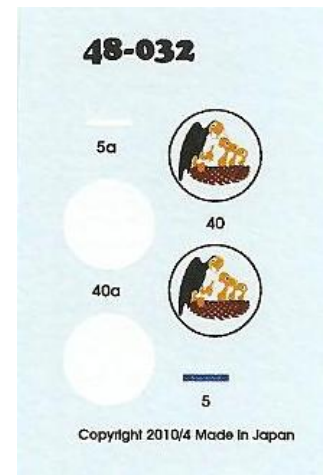
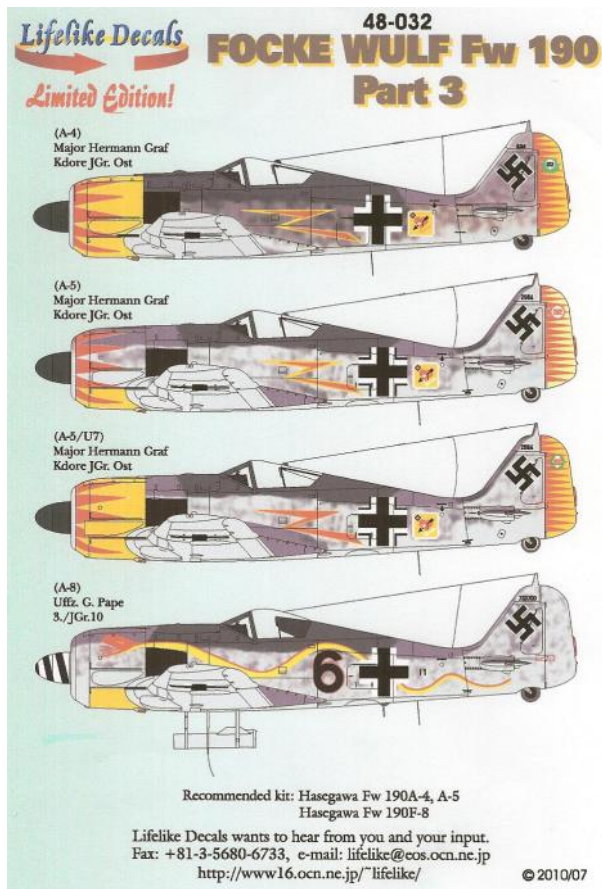
ing of the Shoot-Out, it's that time again. OK, stop groaning, I know he's going to mention trophy sponsorships, raffle donations, job duties, etc. You know me too well. I can see in my crystal ball that the Shoot-Out is going to be a big show again this year and the efforts of our members will make it happen. So get ready to get busy. Thanks to Tim Mullins for our new "retro" look posters and flyers, they look cool!!! That's it for now, I can hear the grass growing. I wonder if I have any \$3.50 gas left???

Tim

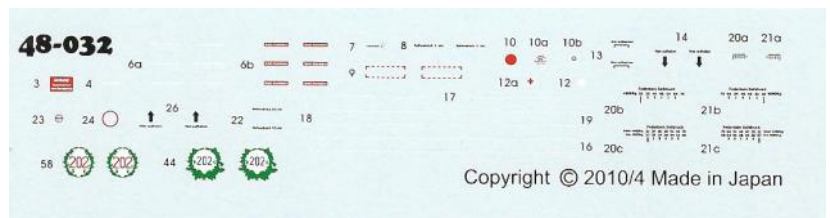
## Directions to the club meeting room at VMT.

Virginia Museum of Transportation. From Salem Ave. turn onto 1 1/2 St. or 1.5 St. Follow it around and drive under the overpass and then to the right. The parking lot is behind the museum as indicated in the picture. Enter through the rear door, walk down the hallway and turn right. Don't try to enter though the main entrance, the doors will be locked.





Pictures are not shown to scale with each other



**Lifelike Decals-  
Focke Wulf FW-190 Part 3**

Stock# 48-032  
MSRP- approx \$17.50  
Reviewed by  
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The latest from Lifelike Decals deals with the Focke Wulf FW-190. This sheet mostly covers the FW-190s of Hermann Graf, in particular his tulip nosed aircraft, plus a snake motif A-8.

Typical of Lifelike Decals you get a cover sheet with full color markings and the reference list. The instructions are quite nice. Not only do you get the three sides in the instructions but you are treated to some of the research that went into the color decisions. It is up to the modeler to make his own decision if the re-search is correct. I like this method a lot as it provides the reference and tells you what is known and unknown. A separate stencil sheet is provided for that purpose.

The decals are provided on three separate sheets. The main sheet provides the majority of the markings. Everything is in perfect register and has good color saturation. The decals are suitably thin and should react well with most setting solutions. One sheet contains stencils and some other victory markings. The final sheet is very small and contains the Vulture emblem.

The first aircraft represented is an A-4 variant and for me the most colorful of the aircraft. These decals are designed for the Hasegawa kits, however, they should fit other kits just fine. Sporting in a yellow cowling with red tulips, this heavily mottled airframe is a gorgeous early Focke Wulf.

Aircraft two and three are actually the same A-5 aircraft but at different time frames. This is how in depth the research is. We are treated to the color analysis and the modification process for the conversion to the U7. This is the one aircraft that most people are familiar with.

The conversion date is unknown but the time frame is easily identified.

The final airplane is a very colorful A-8 with snake motif from JGr.10. This airplane is unique in that it could possibly have a rear firing WGr.21 rocket under the fuselage and/or have some on the wings. This aircraft also sports a blown canopy. The snake has three tongues making it very unique looking.

High quality decals, colorful instructions and thoroughly researched material these are the standard by which I hold other decals. Lifelike is a very professionally researched and some of the best decals on the market.

Highly recommended.

Thanks to Lifelike for the review copy. You can get your copy at Lifelike Decals website <http://www16.ocn.ne.jp/~lifelike/>. Tell them you heard about it hear.

Floyd

# *February Club Contest*



**1st**



**There was a tie in points for first place for Cliff Young's Korean K1A1 Tank**



**1st**



**The other half of the first place tie was Chris Webb for his Su-27 Jet Fighter**



**2nd**



**Second place went to James Herndon for his Monogram Hienkel He 111**



**Greg Clower won third place with his German Tiger Tank**

# FIAT CR 42 FALCO

**162 Squadriglia  
Aegean Isles  
1940**



The CR 42 is often viewed as the symbol of the Regia Aeronautica in WWII. Designed at a time when other air forces were converting to retractable undercarriage monoplanes. It's numerous successes in the early stages of the war were largely the result of the skill of the pilots who flew it.

This 1/72nd scale Italeri kit was a challenge. As expected, the bi-wing assembly required several visits to the medicinal wine cabinet.

The CR 42 was probably the ultimate bi-wing fighter. No doubt success of the CR 32 in the Spanish Civil War was a factor in Fiat continuing to promote the bi-wing concept.

Like the French Morane-Saulnier 406, the CR 42 is one of those "also ran" airplanes that attracts the modeler.

Humbrol acrylics NO. 93 (sand) and No. 166 (gray) were used. The Italian Olive Green camouflage is a Testors Model Master enamel which was airbrushed with a "fine" tip nozzle. Decals from the kit and E.S.C.I. were used.

**Terry Eastman**



# MDA®

## Model Car Contest

MARCH 5, 2011  
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA



Mike Hall's AFX Pontiac Tempest



Steven Simmons "Best of Show" and "Best Interior" winning Roy Rogers Pontiac Bonneville



Bill Stillwagon's 1932 Ford sedan



1969 Pro Touring Dodge Charger build by Garland Farris



Bill Stillwagon holds the "Best Paint" award presented to him for his 1932 Ford sedan

### More great cars form the MDA Model Car Contest



**March** \_\_\_\_\_

**24 - RVIPMS Business Meeting**, Virginia Transportation Museum

**April** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 - MosquitoCon XX**, IPMS New Jersey, Bill Schwarz, 732-567-3724

**6-9 - AMPS 2011 International Convention**, Fredericksburg, Virginia, [www.amps-armor.org](http://www.amps-armor.org)

**14 - RVIPMS Build Meeting**, Virginia Transportation Museum

**28 - RVIPMS Business Meeting**, Virginia Transportation Museum

**30- Northern Virginia Model Classic**, IPMS/ Northern Virginia Modelers, Tom Henderson, 703-680-9354

**May** \_\_\_\_\_

**12- RVIPMS Build Meet-**

**ing**, Virginia Transportation Museum

**14 - RDUCON 2011 R-12 Regional**, IPMS EAGLE SQUADRON  
TONY LEGER 919-789-8323

**26 - RVIPMS Build Meeting**, Virginia Transportation Museum

**June** \_\_\_\_\_

**9 - RVIPMS Build Meeting**, Virginia Transporta-

tion Museum

**18 - D-Day Memorial WWII In Miniature**. National D-Day Memorial, Bedford, Va.

**23 - RVIPMS Business Meeting**, Virginia Transportation Museum

**July** \_\_\_\_\_

**13 - RVIPMS Virginia Shootout**, Roanoke Civic Center, Roanoke Va. Tim Ward, 540-977-6205



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**ATTENTION !!!**  
*The March Business Meeting will be on the 24th at the Virginia Museum of Transportation*

*March Business Meeting Contest is Open Category*

*Build it  
Bring it !!*

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