

Newsletter



The
Winners
Circle

“Dungeons & Dragons” or “Orange & Black”



1/35 AS365N2
Dauphin 2 by Rich Turner

By Rich Turner • photos by the author

The Helicopter

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he Eurocopter SA 365/AS 365 Dauphin 2 is a medium-weight multipurpose twin-engine helicopter originally manufactured by Aerospatiale, later by Eurocopter (now Airbus Helicopters). Several major variations of the Dauphin have been developed and entered

production, including the military-orientated Eurocopter Panther, the HH/MH-65 Dolphin, the Chinese-produced Harbin Z-9 and the improved Eurocopter EC155.

The AS 365N (originally the SA 365N) is the much improved version of the SA 365C Dauphin 2, the first prototype flying on the 31 March 1979. This version introduced the uprated 492 kW Arriel 1C turboshafts, a retractable tricycle undercarriage, enlarged tail surfaces, and revised transmission, main rotor, rotor mast fairing and engine cowlings. The aircraft's initial M.T.O.W. of 3,850 kg was later raised to 4,000 kg. Deliveries of the production model began in 1982.

The Model

Built from the Trumpeter kit I chose to model the AS365N2 Dauphin 2 variant operated by the French Fleet Air Arm in a coastal support and rescue role based at Cherbourg in the English Channel. Subject to harsh coastal conditions the prototype displayed heavy weathering and subject to constant maintenance. This is not a bad kit with only a few fit issues around the rotor tower cowling which had to be addressed by fairly major cutting, splicing and filling. The rotor tower and cabin ceiling had to be lowered by 1/8th to fit the cowlings. The lack of surface detail led to filling, re-scribing and riveting all the panels, which are just visible on the older and dirtier airframes but not so much on newer high gloss

NEXT MEETING

December 1

- **HOLIDAY PARTY**
- **“FIVE FAVORITES” CONTEST**
- **“SHELF OF DOOM” CONTEST**

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President's Corner

by Paul Tomczak

Is it really December already? I can't believe how quickly the year has gone by. Seems like just a short while ago my basement remodel was moving along slowly but steadily. When I finally moved in and started building in April it was a great feeling. Now it looks like I have been there for years. My bench is as messy as ever, shelves are up for my built models and there are close to 250+ builds on the shelves. The only thing missing is stuff on the walls. There is nothing up yet but I think that will change soon. I am still making the room my own. At least there are no big paint spills on the floor...yet.

Last year my New Year's resolution was to do 2 types of builds I have never done before. I hit that goal by finishing my first Vacuform build and teaching myself figure painting using figures from the WarHammer 40,000 line. This year I think I will step it up with plans to build a ship model. Not just a submarine (which I have built several), but a real ship model with turrets, decks and PE railings. I have a nice Trumpeter battleship in the stash that may fit the bill. My second resolution will be to build a car model. I have only built 1 car model before and it was my zombie apocalypse GTO zombie killer. I don't know if that even counts. I am thinking maybe a model of a Gremlin for the 1970's theme? Maybe?!

Speaking of themes, I can't wait to get cracking on next year's monthly themes (See page 3). I have to commend the club members on their choices. They will make for some really fun builds and I may not have to buy any models to put something on the table each month. Well, except for the AMC Gremlin I plan to build. I don't have one of those handy. The themes have been posted to the web site calendar and descriptions will appear in the next newsletter. Since our next meeting is December 1st, you will have a whole month to get started on January's theme of "In the Thousands".

As usual I like to review my builds for the year and take inventory. I built my first Vacuform but I can't say I want to do that again on a regular basis. Since my modeling room was not up and running until April, my totals for the year are down some. Still I was able to get some quality time at my workbench. I think I will complete 20 models by the end of December. I have 2 on the bench that should get done soon and 18 completed. In addition I have built and painted 45 Warhammer figures and expect to complete another 15 by the end of the year. Not a bad result for a "short" build year.

We will have our annual Holiday party during our December meeting. Bring your friends and family to the party and don't forget to bring some of your favorite foods as well. The monthly theme is "Favorite 5" – club members can bring in up to 3 models and everyone at the party will vote for their favorite 5 models. The models with the top 5 votes become our Favorite 5 for the year. We also have our Shelf of Doom contest. Earlier in the year we had folks bring in their dust collectors and now they get to show them off while party goers get to vote for the best Shelf of Doom build. I may also add a new twist to the awards this year. You will need to be there to see what I mean. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our December 1st meeting.

Happy Modelling! ■

THEME CONTESTS 2017

January "Big & Small"

Winner: USS *Kearsarge* by Howard Rifkin

February "What If?"

Winner: 1/72 Bf-110T by Paul Tomczak

March "Delta Wings & Giant Fins"

Winner: 1/48 Convair F-106 by Marty Blum

April "Wild Thing"

Winner: 1/72 Grumman X-29 by Mark Webb

May "A Day at the Beach"

Winner: 1/32 OS2U Kingfisher by Glenn Hoover

July "Fourth of July"

Winner: 1/32 F-86F Sabre by David Anderson

August "Guns of August"

Winner: 1/48 Siemens-Schuckert D.III by Mark Webb

September "Rising Sun"

Winner: 1/48 Ki-46 Dinah by Richard Turner

October "Scratch-built/Vacuform/Resin"

Winner: 1/25 1926 Miller Race Car by Bob Cicconi

November "Dungeons & Dragons"

Winner: 1/35 AS365N2 Dauphin helicopter by Rich Turner

December

No theme. "Shelf of Doom" (pictures of entrants taken through March meeting) & Favorite Five contest.

QUESTIONS about DVSM's Contests should be directed to Mike Turco at MATurco@aol.com

2018 Monthly Themes

Here is the list of monthly themes as voted for by the club members.

January

“In the Thousands”

Model of something that was mass-produced in large numbers for its type, e.g., US Army 2½-ton truck; B-24 bomber; stock Chevy Bel Air or Ford Fairlane; WWII Destroyer; F6F Hellcat; M4 Sherman Tank; Russian T-34 tank; 105mm Howitzer.

February

“The Seventies”

Model of a subject from the years 1970 -79.

March

“The Vietnam War Era”

Model of a subject from the war or the period of the overt U.S. action during the war, i.e., 1964 – 1975.

April

“What If?”

Model must be an original kit-bashed idea, or e.g., WWII 1946, Steampunk, or something designed but never built.

May

“Watch and Listen”

Model of anything related to a TV show, movie or song, e.g., “Little Deuce Coupe”, “409”, “Hot Rod Lincoln”, “Little GTO”; aircraft from the movie “Strategic Air Command”; a specific ship, plane or armor from any war movie or TV show; the Batmobile, Broderick Crawford’s “Highway Patrol” car, “Rat Patrol” jeep.

June

No theme (Gold/Silver/ Bronze Contest)

July

“Black as Night”

Model of a subject all black, e.g., black car with black interior, P-61 in night fighter mode.

August

“Weather Related”

Model of a subject with a weather-related name, e.g., Hawker Hurricane, Typhoon, GM Cyclone, any Republic “Thunder” aircraft. Olds Toronado is acceptable.

September

“Failures & Disasters”

Model of a subject that was a poor performer or a failure at its purpose, e.g., Brewster Buffalo, DeLorean, Edsel.

October

“Best & Fastest”

Model of a speed-record setting plane, car, ship, rocket, tank, motorcycle, horse (Secretariat), etc.

November

“Rivals”

Two models of subjects that fought or competed, e.g., F-86A and MiG-15; Ford Mustang and Chevy Camaro; T-34 and Tiger tanks; HMS Hood and Bismarck; Hawker Hurricane or Spitfire Mk. I and Messerschmitt Bf-109E, etc. (Two models, double points)

December

No theme (Favorite Five)

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November Theme Highlights

Photos by Bob Doebley



1973 Dodge Challenger; 1/25, by Dave Anderson



McDonnell F3H-2 Demon, 1/72, by Howard Rifkin



McDonnell F4K Phantom, 1/72, Joe Vattilana



1975 Gremlin, 1/25, by Logan Brown



Paul Kopczynski honored by IPMS/USA

At the November meeting, Bob Doebley (left) and Joe Vattilana (center) presented Paul Kopczynski with an award from IPMS for 25 continuous years as a member.

Rich Turner's Dauphin 2

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aircraft. The engine and open engine cowling were detailed using the basic kit parts plus evergreen strips, rods and sections.

Painting was, as usual, done with my own mixes of Tamiya acrylic. I do this to ensure consistent colour, tone and warmth across the entire model and also to remove any solid colours that never look right. The model was 'black based' and each panel highlighted/mottled in white to create variation and shading in the final finish. The top coat, dark black/grey and orange was lightly applied for the finished base colour. Decals from the kit between sit between two coats of Klear. Weathering was done with a black oil sludge wash heavily applied and wiped followed by silver chipping and white streaking using oils and all sealed with AK Ultra Matte varnish. ■



2017 Theme Contest *Point Standings to Date*

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Totals
Anderson, D.	3	4	2	2		5	4	2	3	4	29
Turco, M.	2	4	2	3	2	4	4	2	1	4	28
Rifkin, H.	5	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	2	2	21
Tomczak, P.	3	5	1	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	21
Brown, L.	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	20
Turner, R.				4				5	3	5	17
Webb, M.				5			5	4	2		16
Cicconi, B.							3	1	5		9
Goschke, J.	1		4				1	3			9
Hoover, G.					5				4		9
Leonetti, J.	1	3	1	1		3					9
Blum, M.			5	2							7
Lockhard, C.	4	3									7
Vattilana, J.		1					4			2	7
Ursino, L.	3		3								6
Rakos, R.	2	1		1	1						5
Lacey, L.					4						4
Kopczynski, P.								2			2
Senner, D.	1		1								2
Stonier, B.							2				2
Volz, J.	2										2
Benner, J.		1									1
Schur, G.	1										1
Tiewski, F.				1							1

Monthly points are awarded as follows: Each person who enters a model into the theme receives 1 pt. 1st place = 4+1, 2nd = 3+1, 3rd = 2+1

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