

Messerschmitt crash diorama revisited

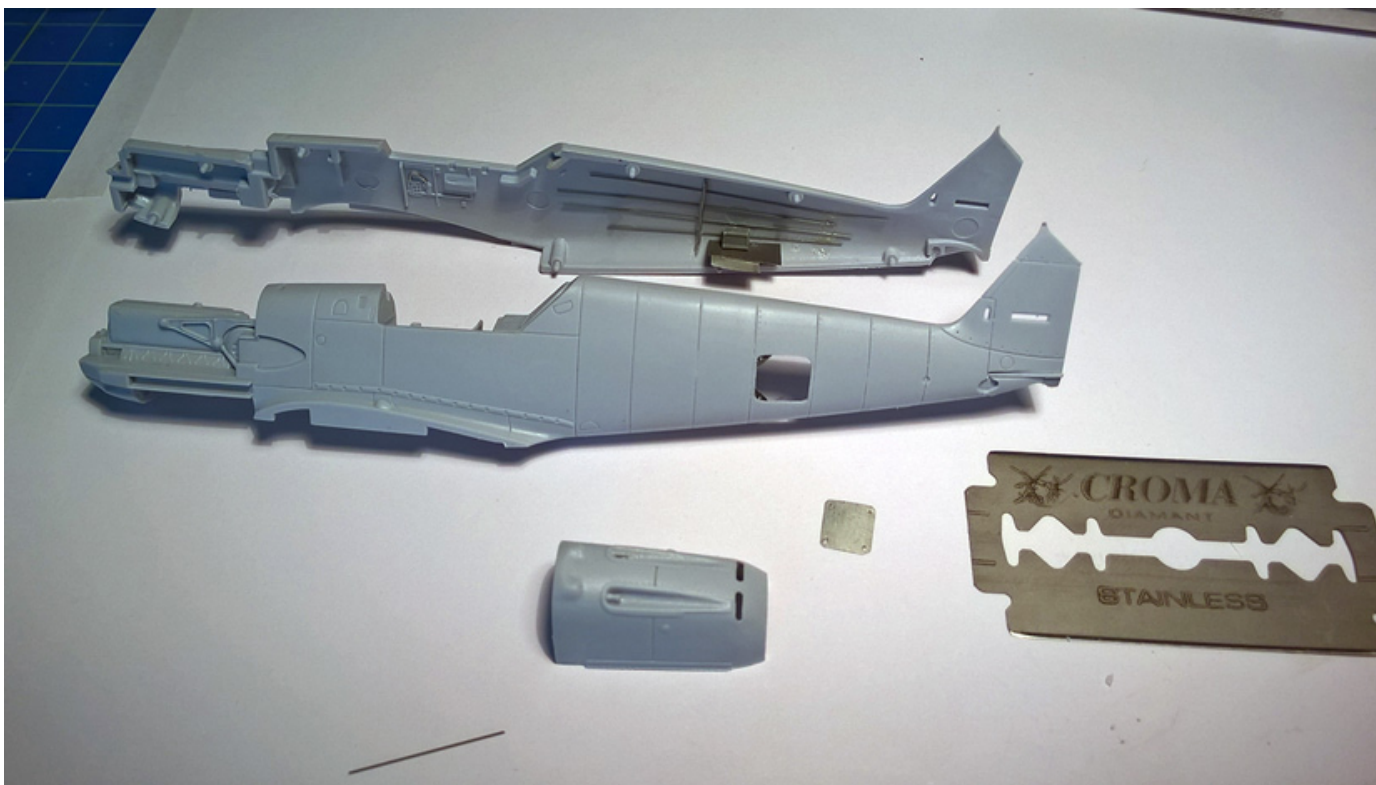


This magnificent crash diorama project took its inspiration from a wartime photograph

In the previous edition of Workbench, you may recall that we brought you pictures from the latest [Customer Images](#) competition winner and his magnificent 1/72nd scale Bf 109E crash diorama. Well, the winning modeller, Andreas Fey from Germany was so pleased with his victory and to see his model displayed on our blog that he contacted us with more pictures and a little history behind the project itself. He told us that he used a little '*modeller's licence*' in the production of his diorama, which was inspired by a wartime photograph he had seen of a Messerschmitt Bf 109E which had ditched on a beach in northern France, following combat damage sustained during the Battle of Britain. A number of fellow German modellers pointed out the inaccuracies in the historical accuracy of the build, but Andreas was looking to use the original Bf 109 '*Red 4*' image more for inspiration than the basis of a faithful recreation.



Two images which show how much detail Andreas incorporated in his build



The finished model certainly displays Andreas' abundant modelling talents and is a fascinating take on a model build – many readers have already commented that they actually prefer this representation of the Messerschmitt as opposed to a straight kit build, presenting the aircraft as a slightly *unrealistic* pristine factory fresh machine. In any case, Andreas was happy to share his project with us and hopes it will serve as inspiration for other Workbench readers. He also told us that he started building Airfix models at the age of eight and is still happily enjoying his hobby having just turned fifty – he has another interesting Airfix 1/72nd

scale project on the go and has promised to send build pictures to us for inclusion in a future edition. We very much look forward to that and once again thank Andreas for allowing us to include his Messerschmitt pictures in Workbench.



This black and white view of the model diorama looks extremely effective

Airfix Telford Teaser

As the nights begin to draw in and the holiday season is well and truly over, we can really start to think seriously about this year's modelling extravaganza that is the annual [IPMS \(UK\) organised Scale Modelworld show](#) at the Telford International Centre in Shropshire. Now billed as the world's greatest fine scale model show, the event has now taken on legendary status with modellers from all across Europe and organisers are once again expecting attendance figures to be extremely healthy, as our beloved hobby continues to enjoy something of a renaissance. The Airfix team have now finalised their plans and are looking forward to meeting Workbench readers from all over the country – please do pop along and see us and don't forget to mention our blog.

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