

STACK TALK

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Aquacraft Alligator Tours Nitro R/C Boat



Motley Crue R/C Boat



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The end of summer is here and that means our focus will be turning to the “indoor hobbies”. Trains, plastic models, slot cars, and indoor helicopters. But until then, we have one last fling at summer. And what is more an icon of summer than boats? We have a number of boats that we are taking drastic price cuts on in an effort to get them in the water before summer ends. We have two really cool Alligator Tours airboats. One is a large scale nitro version and the other is a smaller scale electric. Both have a low draft and are perfect for shallow water, ponds, or anywhere that might have some algae or duckweed in it as there are no in-water props to get fouled.

We also have the Motley Crue. This is the brushless electric powered, 2.4 Ghz radio controlled ready-to-run Catamaran from AquaCraft. This boat is aggressively priced well below MSRP and packaged with batteries and a charger and ready to go.

Since I mentioned train season, I'll also let you know that we have been busy with more enhancements to better show off our products. We have changed our front window graphics to highlight what we carry as well as some vital information about us – address, phone number, web site, etc. We are also updating our interior lighting to better show off our products (trains ☺). And we now have a real REA (Railway Express Agency) baggage cart in our front window. Very cool! Finally, we are busy building the Smoke Stack Railway. This will be an around the shop elevated railroad. Track laying has begun and we hope to drive the final spike in a couple of weeks!!

Current Events

- We have extended our layaway program up to 90 days for the upcoming holiday season. 20% down and 20% every 3 weeks after that gets you your merchandise in time for the holidays!
- We now have gift cards too. They make perfect gifts and let that special someone know you cared enough to give the very best!!

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NEW ARRIVALS

In the R/C department we now have two related vehicles – the Grave Digger and Son ‘uva Digger. These are both ready-to-run and promise to provide hours of fun.



In our flying department we now have the P-38 Lightning micro flyer. Twin engines, twin tails and twin booms made the P-38 Lightning® the most distinctive single-seat fighter of World War II. America's top scoring ace and many others flew the P-38 Lightning® throughout the war and now you too can fly this ferocious fighter! This Flyzone plane comes fully assembled and finished. Twin counter-rotating three-blade propellers powered by a LiPo battery give the model impressive speed and handling. With its compact size, this P-38 Lightning® is easy to transport and easy to fly indoors or out.



The Modeler's Guide To The Universe

by Damian Murphy



This month we are introducing a new feature called "The Modeler's Guide To The Universe." This will be a monthly column by our own master modeler "Murph" and cover a variety of topics related to the modeling community. This month we start with Murph's thoughts on aftermarket details.

I like to relate aftermarket products to the quick item stands at supermarket checkouts - are they something you really need or just there for your convenience?

If you really want to add lots of detail that is historically correct then by all means go for it. In general these products are always well researched and extremely accurate. But on the flip side a modeler can sometimes have more money invested in the aftermarket products than the actual kit itself.

I can't say I haven't used aftermarket to some degree, but I like to subscribe to the theory that if you can't really see it then try to fabricate it yourself. In cockpits that are generally closed up most of that detail is lost to the grand old dark deep. "But Murph", you say, "it has to have added detail, right?" Well heck yeah, but try to use the gizmo plan of detail. Get it close and make it look accurate to a small degree by using small parts from home made parts. Model railroad parts are great for this - you can add detail and still make it look great.

This really works fantastic on pieces like engines and landing gear and don't forget the cockpit in the deep dark hole where detail is always so hard to see. So have fun and save some cash for that next big kit.

Cheers, Murph

Join us on October 26 as Master Modeler Murph provides a clinic on airbrushing. Murph will be demonstrating and discussing various airbrushing techniques, paints, and other cool stuff!

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(AND GIRLS) GO TO PLAY."