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2004 New Products
Catalog Supplement



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One of the many American pilots to fly the USAF C-54 Skymaster during the Berlin Airlift of 1948-49 ("Operation Vittles") was Col. Gail S. Halvorsen of Provo, Utah. During the operation he became known as the "Candy Bomber" because he repeatedly dropped candy attached to little parachutes to German children from his aircraft on approach to the runways at Berlin's Tempelhof Airport.

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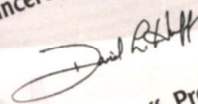
"The Time-honored Art of Modeling" defines Minicraft's past and future and is the driving force behind our range of products for 2004. As you page through this brochure, you will see new packaging concepts, investment in new tooling, limited edition items, and a new concept, "Flights of Fancy" which combines the old with the new and introduces our new Supercals™ premium decals. Our new icons identify the products and give them perspective.

One of the great pleasures of our business of model making is the opportunity to travel around the world and meet with modelers in every country. A source of inspiration and the old saying about inspiration being where you find it is one of life's great truisms.

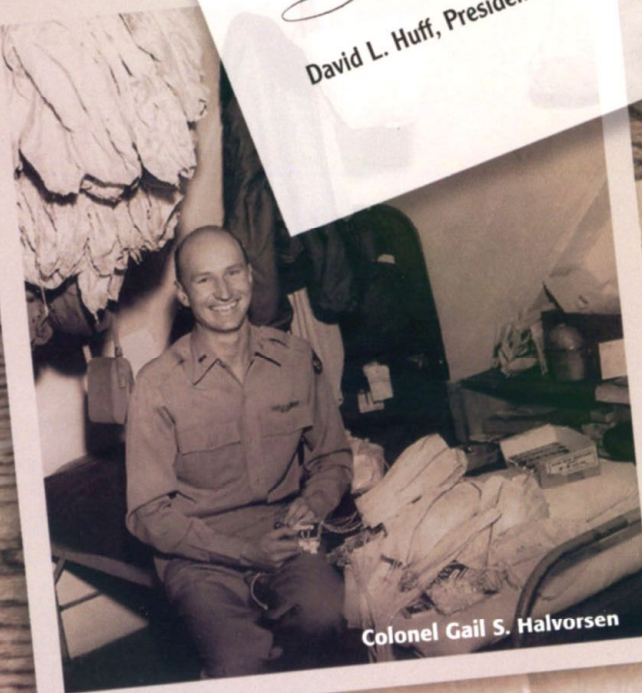
I have had the great pleasure of meeting people who created history and you that they were just doing their job and it was no big deal. And that is why our new symbol "Keep Them Flying" is such an exciting concept for us. I invite you to review its' meaning further along in the brochure.

And since my wife tells me that brevity is a virtue, I will simply take this opportunity to thank all our customers and friends for their loyal support. Modeling is indeed "Time-honored" as it goes from generation to generation and we are proud to be part of that fine art.

Sincerely,

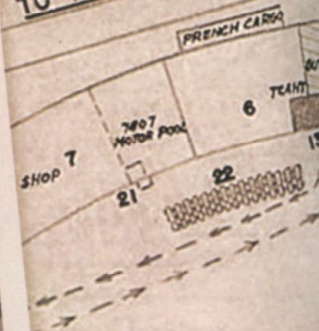


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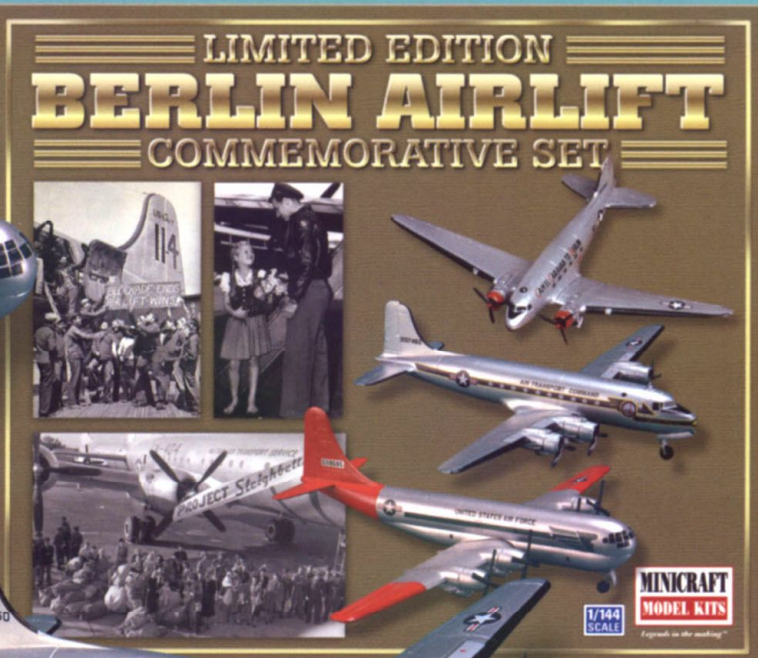


Colonel Gail S. Halvorsen

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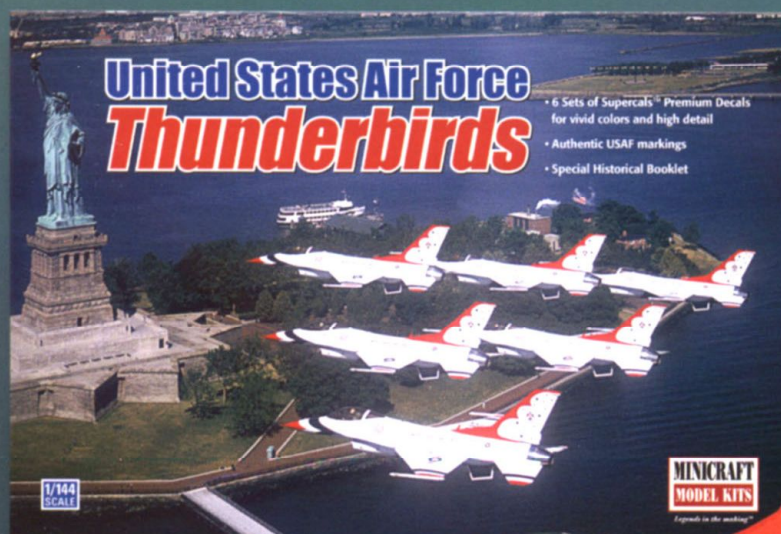


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8-9 PLANE PATTERN
10 READY LINE
11 ALERT SECTION
PLANE SIDE
TAHT



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1/144 USAF Thunderbirds

50th Anniversary Set

This dramatic set is a tribute to the precision flying which has stunned millions of people worldwide! The United States Air Force Thunderbirds celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2003 and are the top draw at every major air show. This set includes the new Minicraft Supercals™ for the brightest, show-ready appearance. Note the top and bottom of the aircraft in striking red, white, and blue! Also, there is a booklet documenting the history of the Thunderbirds. Our richly designed package depicts the planes against a patriotic backdrop of the Statue of Liberty.



1/144 Berlin Airlift

Commemorative Limited Edition Set

"I learned to fly, my life changed." These are the words of Col. Gail S. Halvorsen also known as the "Candy Bomber." This set honors those who flew and served during The Berlin Blockade and Airlift, 1948-1949. Many believe it was freedom's finest hour and certainly defined the beginning of the "Cold War." The set features three of the workhorses: the C-47, C-54, and C-97. A specially designed, limited edition decal sheet offers a variety of liveries used on the aircraft to commemorate that planes came from all over the world to save Berlin. A pamphlet explains the blockade and includes a couple of personal stories from men who flew the mission. A special limited edition copy of the poem "High Flight" is superimposed over images of Tempelhof Airport. In all, it is a proud addition to Minicraft's Limited Edition Sets.

Both the top and bottom of the aircraft feature authentic Supercals™ markings in striking red, white, and blue!



New Tooling!

11634 (Shown)
11635 (Fixed Gear)



Beautifully detailed engine features removable cowling.

1/48 Cessna 172

The private aviation classic will be available with fixed landing gear or pontoons. All versions will feature removable engine cowling and new, clear running lights. Cockpit area will be fully detailed including seats, instrumentation, etc.



New Tooling!

1/144 C-130 US Coast Guard Search and Rescue

The C-130 is a classic aircraft, widely used in transport and search-and-rescue missions. This large aircraft reproduces beautifully in our 1/144th scale. Features include: Minicraft's superior "interlocking finger" wing construction, absolutely accurate engines and props, superior panel line detailing, accurate landing gear, striking decals in full color, clear pieces for running and anti-collision lights, antennas and a host of "sure-to-delight" features!

1/48 C-20B/C Gulfstream III VIP

This marvelously versatile craft is used by militaries worldwide for everything from VIP transport to aerial surveillance. Our kit features clear anti-collision lights, fully detailed landing gear, cockpit area highlights, and accurate engines for each variation, panel line detailing. Designed to please the most discriminating modeler and enthusiast. **11636**



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"Flights of Fancy" Improbable "Classic" 777s

Proudly introducing 3 complete works of fiction! Minicraft has adapted classic airline liveries to today's newest jetliners. Is this revisionist history or back to the future?



15002



15003



15001

15001—Pan American Airways System China Clipper 777-200— the same livery as the famed Pan Am Clippers who first conquered the oceans! With Pratt & Whitney engines.

15002—Eastern Air Lines 777-200— features the classic Eastern livery flown first on the old "Connies" and harkens back to the famous slogan "The Wings of Man." With Rolls Royce engines.

15003—PSA 777-200— features the whimsical "Smiley Face" livery with the bold stripes and the brilliant colors of a West Coast sunset, flown during the golden era of the prop liners. With GE engines.

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Celebrate the Spirit of Freedom!



1/144 C-54 "Spirit of Freedom"

Beautifully detailed 1/144 scale replica of this famous Douglas C-54, flown and maintained by the Berlin Aircraft Historical Foundation. 330 C-54s were used to supply food, medicine, and other lifesaving essentials to 2.5 million Berliners who were cut off from the outside world by the communists. **14523**

New Tooling!



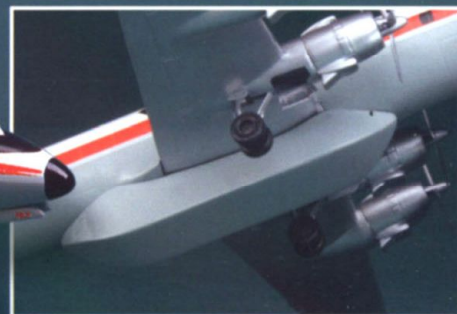
1/144 E-3A Sentry AWACS

Features include new radar dome, struts, and antennas plus two sets of markings: USAF and the NATO Liechtenstein scheme. Wonderful detailing. **14526**



1/144 Conair DC-6 B "Fire Bomber"

The famous Canadian aerial fire-fighting workhorse reproduced in high detail right down to the under-fuselage tank! **14533**



1/144 C-130 Gunship

The C-130 is one of the most feared gun ships in existence. This large aircraft is ideally suited to our 1/144th scale. Features include: Minicraft's superior "interlocking finger" wing construction, absolutely accurate engines and props, superior panel line detailing, accurate landing gear, striking decals in full color, clear pieces for running and anti collision lights, antennas, proper armament and a host of "sure-to-delight" features!

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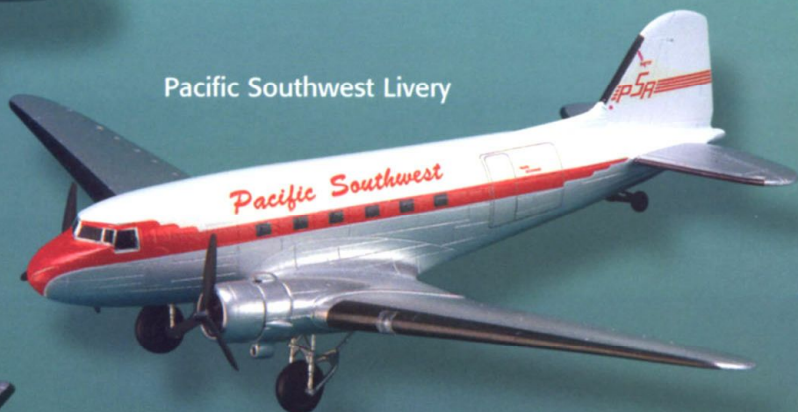
Relive the Golden Age of Aviation!



Lake Central Livery

1/144 Lake Central/PSA DC-3

The legacy of the DC-3 lives on. The plane is so reliable that an estimated 2,000 are still flying to this day, many in commercial service. This kit features both the PSA and Lake Central liveries. Authentic markings. Striking retro packaging. **14529**



Pacific Southwest Livery



1/144 American Airlines DC-4

Originally built in 1938 for both American and United Airlines, the DC-4 soon saw its transformation into the famous C-54 military transport when the U.S. entered WW II. Authentic civilian markings. Striking retro packaging. **14530**

1/144 United Airlines DC-6B

Introduced after the Second World War, they were the mainstay for the Chicago-to-New York "Mainliner" route and also on the new route to Hawaii which was first served by UAL in 1959. Authentic markings. Striking retro packaging.

14532



1/144 C-47

The new features in this kit include re-done engine nacelles, props, and the classic cold weather ski option. A great kit is made even greater! **14527**

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1/144 Eastern Airlines "Connie"

The Constellation was the first airliner able to fly non-stop coast to coast. It could carry 54 passengers, travel a distance of 3,000 miles, and cruise at 280 miles per hour. This beauty is exquisitely detailed and sports the "Air Shuttle" colors in orange, black and white with the stylized eagle on the tail.

14535

1/144 C-121A MATS "Connie"

The MATS Connie, also known as a C-121A, was delivered to the U.S. Air Force Military Air Transport Service in 1948. In addition to her Berlin airlift participation, the MATS Connie worked as a VIP transport, accumulating 16,000 hours of flying time during her Air Force career. **14540**



1/144 National Airlines DC-4

Originally built in 1938, the DC-4 soon saw its transformation into the famous C-54 military transport when the U.S. entered WW II. National Airlines began in 1937 as National Airlines System. Their DC4s were introduced in 1946. Authentic civilian markings. Striking retro packaging.

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1/144 Eastern Airlines DC-8-63

Eastern entered the pure-jet age with an order for a fleet of the Douglas DC-8 jetliners. This beautiful model is the result of high-tech CAD tooling and meticulous attention to detail. **14543**



1/144 Southern Air Transport (CIA) DC-8-73

"Clandestine" to be a classic! This DC-8 features the infamous one time CIA-owned Southern Air Transport livery. This beautiful model is the result of high-tech CAD tooling and meticulous attention to detail. **14544**

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The Legendary 727 in Classic Billboard Liveries!



1/144 Pan Am 727-200

Beautifully detailed model with striking livery markings. **14522**

1/144 Western Air (Big W) 727-200

Beautifully detailed model with striking livery markings. **14536**



1/144 Northeast (Yellowbird) 727-200

Beautifully detailed model with striking livery markings. **14531**

1/144 Northwest 757-200 New Livery

Beautifully detailed model with striking livery markings. **14539**



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Great new liveries from the leader in commercial aviation!



1/144 PSA MD-80

The McDonnell-Douglas DC-9 "Super-80" (now the MD-80) began deliveries in December 1980. The new jet was advertised by PSA as the "World's Quietest Commercial Jetliner". Beautifully detailed model with striking livery markings. **14525**



1/144 Delta MD-80

Delta Air Lines is one of the world's oldest airlines going back to 1928 when it was begun as Delta Air Services. This classic example sports the "old scheme" traditional livery markings. **14534**



1/144 Reno Air MD-80

Reno Air currently operates 200 daily scheduled departures to 18 cities in the Western U.S., Canada (Vancouver), Alaska and Chicago O'Hare. Beautifully detailed model with striking livery markings. **14541**

1/144 Hooters Air 737-400

Hooters Air operates an all-Boeing fleet featuring a single class configuration with all leather seats and extra leg room called "Club Class."

This livery is a hoot! **14545**



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The Minicraft Collection

Volume I 2005 Box Art Calendar

The artwork on our packaging is acclaimed throughout the world and it is with a great deal of pride that we present our new 2005 calendar.

Lithographed in high-quality, vivid color and measuring a generous 14" x 20", it features selections from Minicraft's exclusive aviation art not available anywhere else. The months will fly by and never have they looked so good! Every enthusiast will love receiving one of these collector's pieces.

Sold exclusively through the Hobby Trade. **12007**



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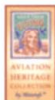
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Why Choose Minicraft?

Our new packaging is bold, colorful, and inviting.

Product headers are dramatic and easy to read.

Carefully chosen color schemes provide maximum visual impact.

Minicraft's dynamic and eye-catching package illustration is acclaimed throughout the world.

End panels are highly visible and attractive for easy identification and enhanced sales appeal.

New icons are designed to help identify the product and provide nostalgic appeal.



High-quality photography of professional buildups inspires and informs the modeler.

Historical background on the package side provides interesting background designed to help engage the modeler in the history of each product.

If we care that much about the outside of our kits, imagine how we feel about what we put in them!

Our new icons help to identify a product line and link it with a "Moment in Time".



CONCOURS CLASSIC MOTORCARS

Our line of Classic Automotive Products is truly unique and this icon

allows us to bring them all into one show arena while focusing on the historical aspects of each vehicle.

WARBIRD SERIES

The products in this grouping are exactly what the icon indicates; the aircraft of war, consisting of fighters, bombers, and transports.



"KEEP THEM FLYING" AVIATION HERITAGE COLLECTION SERIES

This series of products consist of aircraft in museum collections from around the world. Each plane enjoys its own history and markings and is manufactured to be as close to the actual plane as we can make it. These aircraft are a living history of the world's aviation heritage and a portion of the purchase price is given to the museum or group involved in the aircraft's existence and restoration. At Minicraft, we see this as very important work and one deserving of your kind support.



SUPERCALS™ PREMIUM DECALS

Supercals™ are manufactured using a special process which combines hot foil stamping and high-quality serigraphy, yielding the most beautiful decals ever offered in the model industry. A true innovation, Supercals™ enable the modeler to create intricate chrome and metallic markings otherwise difficult or impossible to achieve. Brilliant colors literally shimmer, adding a new brilliance and show-stopping appeal! We're introducing Supercals™ in our new "Flights of Fancy" series of 777s and our beautiful Air Force Thunderbirds Commemorative Set. The possibilities for these stunning graphics are mind boggling!

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