

FW190, An Introduction to Scale Building, StevieB

Some time last November I was flying my Riot and Acrowot at Knettishall with Ron Gray, flyer, builder and gang mower repairer extraordinaire. He had brought along a variety different types of planes, a delta wing, a war bird and a vintage IC, clearly he laughs in the face of those who advise specialisation on a single aircraft.



At some point, whilst thawing on coffee, I remember some conversation about where I might be looking to progress. As always, I was hanging on Ron's every word and nodding enthusiastically on occasion. There was some mention of a Fokker Wolfe 190 which he was going to start building.

Xmas came and went, January gave up and February took on the task of freezing our fingers. Ron arrived with a big brown box "There you are Steve best of luck with it, don't worry that there are no instructions (and wheels) I have made some U-Tube Videos."

Apparently, I had agreed to buy one of these 1-9th scale balsa and ply models. Perhaps I nodded once too often without really listening....lesson learnt!

I got it home and snuck it past SWMBO'd but my big mouthed snitch dogs dunked me it it....What? Where are you...? Not in this House !



I slunked into the



conservatory and listened to Ron's U-Tube Lesson 1, How to open a big brown box.

After visits to Amazon UK, Kings Lynn Models, on line to Sussex Models and the paint mixer at B&Q, I recalled the “there is not much more to buy” that Ron waved me off with.

2 months later, even SWMBO’d had to admit it was quite pretty, I recalled the refrain from Donald Sutherland’s character in the Dirty Dozen “Very pretty Colonel but can they Fight!”



Having seen Ron’s fantastic FW190 in European colours I chose the Tunisian Desert rig of OberLieutenant Adolf Dickfelt, bright sand on top, blue grey below. I contacted Geoff Gill (geoffgill63@gmail.com) who specialises in custom decals (really good guy), they really set off the model.

Just one more step in my model making experience.....Dolly Take Off...What could possibly go wrong..

