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With Winter now well established here in the south, Albatros Productions' summer edition of their quarterly magazine presents a pleasant way to spend a cool and rainy afternoon. Right from the front cover, with its close-up profile of an LFG Roland C.II in the markings of von Schleich, the issue is filled with a variety of interesting letters, articles and news of more products for those interested in all aspects of World War One aircraft. The Roland C.II and C.IIa Walfisch get particular attention this time round, with the editor's take on their colouring getting a thorough examination in Coloured Thinking: 3. The latter contains a number of good archive photographs as well as three Ronny Bar colour profiles.

This article is timely as *Wingnut Wings* have just released their new 1/32 scale kits of these two aircraft, both kits described in detail in the '*In Your Kitbag*' section which carries news on new models and accessories. For the flying scale modeler, there is an excellent article on Andy Johnson's 1:4 scale Avro 504, entirely scratchbuilt and with a working scratchbuilt Bentley Br.2 rotary in the same scale! This aircraft is truly a thing of beauty, and Andy's story of its build and his photographs are worth the purchase price alone. Lance Krieg too is back, with the first part of his monumental *Taube* model build done specifically for the 1914 centenary. The latter is detailed, four pages just in Part 1 – engine and fuselage construction, with colour photos throughout and lots of fascinating insight into the challenges faced whilst building these. Third modeling article is by Wojciech Butrycz and is an account of his build of the *Roden Albatros D.III* (Oef) in the markings of *Ltn Stanislav Maria Tomicki von Tomice of Flik 3/J*. This too includes a number of archive photographs, as well as the author's taken during his build, plus a handy set of 1/72 scale drawings of this aircraft type. *Readers' Gallery* has two striking Nieuport models, the 24bis and 27C1, by Jaroslaw Magnuszewski, which are complimented by two archive photos of these two aircraft types, from the Polish Aviation Museum. There is also news of the latest flying and static reproduction aircraft currently either in Britain or en route there soon, including a number from the Vintage Aviator Collection here in New Zealand. For me, the best of the latter is news, plus a photograph, of a beautifully restored original Donnet-Leveque flying boat in Swedish markings, that has recently been placed on display at the *Flygvapenmuseum*. Highly recommended. – **Peter Chapman**