**What do I do about my fuel soaked fuse and balsa?**

There is an aerosol carpet spot removing product called K2R <http://www.k2rbrands.com/products/PDF/MSDS%20Spot%20LIfter.pdf> which you can usually find in grocery stores or department stores. Just spray it on and let it dry to a white powder. It is an excellent product for drawing fuel out of balsa wood. It may require a few coats to draw all of the fuel out. The bad new is you may still have to remove the covering to get to the soaked area. This product was recommended to me and I can personally vouch that it work great.

Not a lot sticks to glow or diesel residue. Removing it can be a messy job, done in three stages the way I do it.

* First you need to remove any on the balsa surface using a scraper of some sort - a flat bladed knife held at 90 degrees to the surface and used with a wiping action - don't press hard or you'll damage the wood surface - just enough to squeeze the oil to the surface.
* The second stage is to use a solvent - methanol, meths, acetone or some such on a clean cloth or kitchen towel to lift out the surface layer. This will need to be allowed to dry out over a few days, after which time you may be able to wipe off more which comes to the surface.
* The final bit is to heat the surface with an iron - film iron is good - you iron some absorbent paper (kitchen roll again?) onto the surface. This not only softens the gummy oil, but allows it to wick into the absorbent paper. Do that until no more is absorbed. When cool, wipe over the wood with acetone to remove what should now be fairly clean wood.
* If you brush on some sealant like Balsacote you should be able to re-film the model - It's a real mess on, but it works quite well.