

MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS



The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Fellows! This is the Xmas or if you prefer Holiday edition of the NJIPMS Newsletter! I can't freakin' believe another year has gone! Seems like yesterday most of you had "HAIR"! Funny stuff. A lot of us are retired or semi-retired now! Thought I'd have more time for modelling but it still seems I can't find enough time! Perhaps someday! Anyway on to a few other things.

Me, Vin, Marty and Joe went to Maraudercon down in Maryland a few weeks ago. We met up with Mike Pavlo and Chris Egan there! All in all it was a great day out. I had a real good time hanging with my homies, (something I don't get to do too often). Even though the show was on the small side it was very good nonetheless. Mike Flekenstein and the boys put on a nice event and I will try to do it as well as a few others next season!!!! Somehow our resident "PINK PANTHER" Ed Minto was there but like the Phantom he was gone before we got there and I never saw him!! Maybe next time Ed!



Next up, a few of you still owe dues. I'm only going to ask you this **ONE MORE TIME** before I put your names on the **WALL OF SHAME! PAY YOUR DUES!!** Just do it. Thank you. Lastly is the Annual Xmas/Holiday Party. We will be serving fare of several ethnicities as we did last year. We are serving 730-800 so if you're hungry, **SNACK BEFORE YOU COME !** There will also be beer, wine and soda as usual. The first serving will be dished out by the eboard and seconds is help yourself. If any of you want to bring Xmas cookies, etc, feel free, but there will be a holiday cake as well. **PLEASE REMEMBER ONE THING!** As I said at the meeting, I'm ordering food for 50. No one raised their hands when I asked if their families were coming so if you are bringing them, please have the courtesy to let me know so I can adjust the menu! **NUFF SAID!!!!!!!**

Next Meeting:
Friday,
December
12th

Upcoming Events:

December
Annual Christmas Party

January
WWI Night

February
Destroyer Group Build, Pt. II

Mosquito-Con 24
April 4



Lastly, Please remember our Armed forces who give up so much so you the citizens can go on with your everyday lives! It's no fun being in a shithole on XMAS or any other day in general while the people in the good o'l USA go on with their everyday lives! Just

a thought, or some gesture like thanking someone in uniform goes a very long way ! Believe me I know this to be true! So just do it. Thanks for your time, that's about it for this month. See y'all at the Party!!!!

~ *Big Bill Schwarz*

Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Hello,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah as well as a safe and Happy New Year.

Happy Modeling

~*Joe Smith*



Irish Diplomacy

By Martin J Quinn

Irish Diplomacy: The ability to tell a man to go to hell so that he looks forward to making the trip.



How is it possible that it's December already? This year certainly flew by. Certainly was interesting personally – new job and all. As usual, didn't get nearly as much modeling done as I would have liked, but I did get to finish the 1/350 USS North Carolina, almost finished the 1/350 Z-17 and start on an angled deck Vietnam-era 1/350 USS Intrepid, which I've been making steady progress on, and hope to have done for MosquitoCon 24.

I also got to attend a bunch of different modeling shows. Starting with MosquitoCon back in April, I went to NoreastCon, the IPMS/USA Nationals, ArmorCon and MarauderCon, plus the Reading Airshow in June and the Labor Day weekend fly-in of the Collings Foundations B-17, B-24 and P-51C at Republic Airport. Quite the busy year! Saw lots of great models (and some fantastic real life subjects) along the way, all of which gave me various degrees of inspiration. Now...if I could just find the time to put that inspiration to good use at the modeling workbench!

Don't forget to bring your first place models from 2014 to the December meeting for the

“Model of the Year” contest. I believe Jon DaSilva, our intrepid contest chair, will have the results of the Modelers of the Year in both Air and Land/Sea. And, of course, Big Bill will be taking care of the menu. All of which means you should be there with your



first place models (where applicable) and your appetites!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. For those who can't make the December meeting, have a joyous holiday season, or as my faith and tradition would say “Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!”

~*Martin*



THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Hello everybody. I have a short list of people at the end of this column that should bring models to this month's meeting. These were the top contestants from every month's contest in either land and sea or air. It's been a fun and eventful year despite the fact that we missed so many months. I know that I was not in in January due to heavy snow and then we had several months with no meetings.

I hope to see you all at this next meeting for the party. It's always a good time. Please remember that in January we will be having our WWI night that was postponed from August!

See you then,
~Jon



Winners of Monthly Contests

(Bring your winning models to the meeting on Friday)

- Devin Poore and Pat O'Connor for May
- John Tamasik and Mike O'Connor for June
- Martin Quinn & Marc Rocca for July
- Marc Rocca and Tom Reaverly for September.

Winners for October and November are not listed, but that was recent enough you should know who you are!



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Hard to believe, but it's December already, the calendar pages don't lie. I was able to make it down to the MarauderCon show a couple of weeks ago. It was good to see some fellow NJIPMS'ers there too. It was a nice show with a good vendor turnout and a decent volume of models on display. I found a few hard to find items in the vendor rooms

and couldn't resist some kits at rock bottom prices. It was a three hour hike down there, but I'm glad I went for sure. The Baltimore and DC clubs put on a nice show, and it'll most likely be the last show most guys up here will attend until our MosquitoCon.

Speaking of MosquitoCon, that thing will be here before we know it. I approached



several vendors down in MD about coming up to our show, and I know the other E-board members did too. I know Bill has been selling tables at a solid clip, so I'm betting that we have a fantastic vendor turnout again this year! Put aside some of your Christmas dough and hide it away until April 4th!

As you know, this meeting is our annual Holiday Party. Big Bill always sets us up with a delicious feast and I'm already looking forward to it and to seeing everyone

at the meeting. On behalf of myself and the entire E-board, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone and their families! Please also keep our servicemen and women in your thoughts and prayers, especially during this time when it is even tougher to be away from home and families.

Best Wishes always,

~Mike P.

Yes, You Can Go Back!

By Mike Terre

There's a TV commercial, I think for Lincoln cars, that has the actor Matthew McConaughey in it. During the commercial he states, "some people say you can't go back, but oh yes you can". Well Mr. McConaughey is right, you can. However I didn't use a car, I used a model airplane and here's how I did it.

In December of 2012 I had just completed a build and was going through the stash looking for some inspiration when I came across the AMT boxing of the 1/72 scale Frog Blackburn Shark. Some of you older types

AMT boxed some Frog and Hasagawa kits for domestic distribution.

I liked my selection, deciding to build the float plane version and took the model back to my bench. I opened the box noting that the plastic bag containing the sprues was opened and that some parts had already been assembled. I also noticed that a small piece of paper had fallen from the box and I picked it up. It was a Christmas present tag and when I read it I was instantly transported to Christmas 1965.



might remember that back in the mid 60's

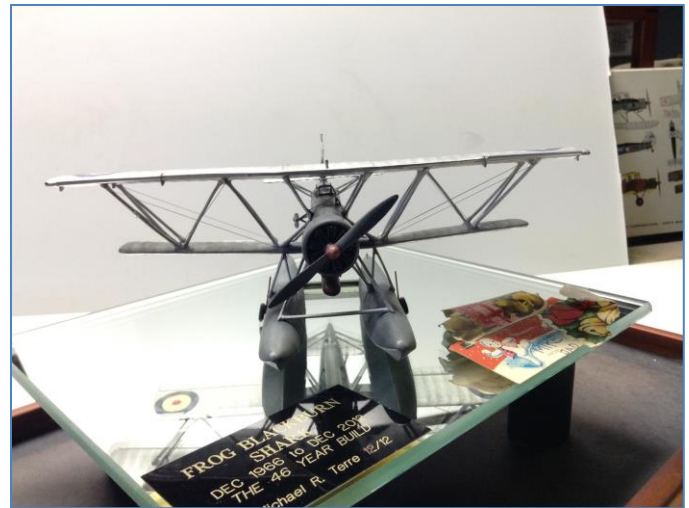


The tag said, "To Mike from Dad" and I was now a twelve year old opening presents on Christmas Day. I remember Dad had purchased the models at the "Pet and Hobby" on Valley Road in Montclair. It's no longer there, it's a Kings food market now. I remember he also purchased the AMT boxing of the Frog DeHavilland Mosquito and Heinkel He-219. I remembered exactly where those models were on the shop shelves, I could even remember the smells and sounds of the pet shop surrounding me.



It was on Christmas Day of 1965 that I started building the Shark. The model gave you the option to build either a land or float plane with folded or extended wings. I wanted the float plane and extended wings and I messed it up. I glued the wrong upper wing sections together that would give you the folded wing version and not the extended wing. I guess that I just stopped and put it back in the box.

Back to 2014. I looked at that model and Dad's Christmas tag and decided that this model had to be built and built now! The fuselage was glued together along with the



floats, wings and some other assemblies. Remember this was built in the day when I used Testors tube glue as glue and also as filler and brush painted the model. It was rough to say the least! However I put the skills learned over fifty years of modeling and with much filler, sanding and sweat it began to look like something. I added a cockpit interior, rigging, beaching gear, nice decals and some weathering. The model will not win any competitions but to me it's my best model ever. When I was completing the Shark I'm sure my Dad was looking over my shoulder and both of us were happy. Today the Shark proudly sits in its own display case along with Dad's Christmas tag.



Guys, our models are like photographs. When we go to our stash and look at our models we go back to the day we purchased or were given those models. Why do I need a smart phone, Twitter and Facebook when I got a couple of lockers filled with memories!

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes in the New Year.

From the Editor

By Devin Poore

Thanks to everyone for the great turnout for last month's Sci-Fi night. It's always cool to see different subjects embraced. I think the best turnout over the past two years have been the Sci-Fi and the Movie and Television contest nights. Some really inventive work was displayed last month. Well done to everyone.

In new kit news, I've been informed that the Merit models 1/350th scale USS Yorktown

CV-5 kit is en-route to the U.S., and scheduled for arrival within the next week or so. I hope to have an early boxing of the kit before the end of the month, and if so I'll do a detailed review for the next newsletter.

See everyone on Friday. Bring an appetite, and if you haven't paid your dues yet, bring some cash.



This month's meeting will be on:

Friday

December 12th, 2014



IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

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NEW JERSEY IPMS IS PROUD TO PRESENT FOR IT'S 24th YEAR...

MOSQUITOCON 24

Model Contest • April 4, 2015

This year's show theme is: **"End Game"**, at the
Wayne PAL Hall, PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ (973-696-2896)

- Best Aircraft
- Best Armor
- Best Civilian
- Best "End Game"
- Best Ship
- Judge's Best
- Tailhook Award
- Trifecta category
- Club "Make & Take"
- Raffles and Prizes
- Wall to wall vendors
- Hot food available
- Doors open at 9:00 AM
- Judging begins at noon
- Parking in back of PAL



FOR CONTEST AND VENDOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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Visit our web site at www.njipms.org for more information

Registration info: Adults-\$15 (includes unlimited model entries). Walk-In-\$10. Kids under 16-\$5 (children under 12 free). Active members of the military are also free. No bills larger than a \$50.

For 24 years the "Best modeling contest in New Jersey"