

# MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS



WWI Night



February 2015

# The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all. Just a brief word to all of you. We are working on the show, had an eboard meeting on Sunday and we are all up to speed as far as the show goes. As always just show up on show day ready to work. We have been doing this for 24 years now and I don't need to say anything else because you all know your jobs! I'm sure the show will go off without a hitch as usual.

Sorry I didn't make the meeting last month but the water main break and my house was my 1st priority. It's mostly done but the public works has to come in spring and re do



the concrete and fix the front of my lawn!!!! It will be nice to see it look good again.

Next up, I had a medical problem that almost put me under! I

gashed my knee at work and it turned into a bacterial infection which ravaged my leg in a few days. I spent 6 days in the hospital on heavy antibiotics, had drain surgery and am now home on 2000mg's of antibiotics per day till I heal. Time will tell. I'm OK for now so we will see what's in the future. Funny shit! Get through Nam and countless other things no problem only to be taken by microscopic organisms! Live and Learn!!!

Next up is condolences to Mikey D and Ronbo for the loss of their mother. Clubs best to you guys at this tragic time. We sent them an arrangement with our thoughts and well wishes. It's sad to see this kind of stuff more and more these days. It is also sad to see a lot of us getting older too. Take care of yourselves BCZ life is too short not to. That's all on this.

I can't think of much else to say at this time except see you at the meeting, Happy New Year and my best to you all. It's been a pleasure to have been associated with you all for all these years.

~ *Regards,*  
*Big Bill*

Next Meeting:  
Friday,  
January  
9th

#### Upcoming Events:

February  
Destroyer  
Group  
Build, Pt.  
II

Mosquito-  
Con 24  
April 4

RepLicon  
27  
April 11,  
Freeport,  
NY

July  
Africa  
Night

November  
Number 13  
Night





# 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.*



Here we are two months into the New Year already. Before I talk about anything else, I wanted to acknowledge the passing of Mike and Ron Dobrzelecki's Mother on January 27<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 100. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Dobrzelecki boys during this difficult time.

Well, now that February has rolled around, it's time to bring those Tin Can Builds to the meeting. That's right, the extended deadline is over, and next Friday we'll (hopefully) have a table full of Tin Cans to admire. Regardless of whether you finished or not, please bring your model with you to display.

I was contacted by a modeler from the Scale Modeling Enthusiasts Club in Franklin Lakes. The Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum at Teterboro is looking for a model builder to assemble the Revell 1/144 Int'l.

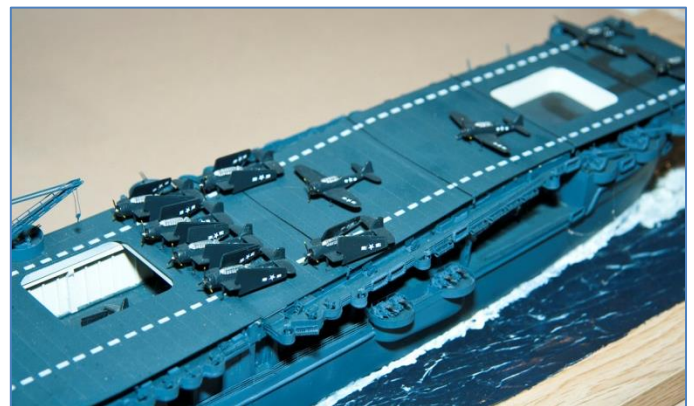
Space Station for a reasonable fee. The museum will supply the model, and are looking for it to be completed by the end of March, 2015.

Modelers are asked to submit a bid. The modeler will also have his or her name on a plaque giving them credit for making the model. If you are interested, please contact John Maene directly (do not contact me) at [F100C783@aol.com](mailto:F100C783@aol.com)

John also told me that the museum is having a model swap on Sunday, March 15. Entry is \$8.00 adults, \$6.00 for seniors & children.

Well, that's it from here. See you on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>!

~*Martin*



# THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Hello all. I hope that you've completed (or at least nearly completed) your entries for the Destroyer Group Build we'll be displaying this month. There was a great turnout for the WWI night with many entries, I will definitely have one again next year!

March is an open night thus far, I have had several parties come to me offering sponsorships for the year so that's great. We're on track for another North Africa & Russian night. Devin will also be sponsoring a #13 night in November. Some of us came together last month and proposed a Sci-Fi group build for after the destroyer one. If there is interest in this please let me know so we can work out the specifics. It'd probably

be a 5-6 month build from March/April to September.

Lastly, MosquitoCon is nearly upon us. I have already started working on the trophies for the event. I don't know the details about the inner workings of the event but I hope all the tables and sponsorship packages sell out. I predict an even better year than last year with AMPS running their show later in the month.

I hope to see you all at the meeting.

~Jon





# The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Well, it's getting to be that time of the year again...by meeting day we'll be only about 6 weeks or so from MosquitoCon. Our preparations are coming along. I'm sure Bill and Martin will have updates at the meeting also. We have received several trophy sponsorships so far from other clubs and individuals. If you would like to sponsor a category, please be sure to see Joe or Vince at the meeting. Raffle prize donations are starting to filter in as well. I have reached out to some new contacts at various distributors and manufacturers, so I'm



hoping that we'll see even more participation on that end. As always, if you have a modern kit or accessory that you'd like to donate to the raffle, by all means bring it to the show, or you can bring it to the meeting and I'll bring it to the show. Your support is appreciated!

I just finished a book that I received as a Christmas present from my wife: The Boys of '67. It is a fascinating and sincere look at the lives and service of the men Charlie Company, 4<sup>th</sup> of the 47<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and their initial deployment to Vietnam. The 9<sup>th</sup> was reactivated and raised specifically for service in Vietnam and was quite unique, in that all its men were drafted

on the same day! They all trained together and travelled to SEA together, along with their instructors, via troopship, arriving in January 1967. Since they had all been together from day one, the bonds they formed were particularly close. Their area of operations was the Mekong delta. The brutal



terrain there, combined with the fierce fighting they encountered, challenged these men in unimaginable ways. The courage they showed, and their loyalty to each other was surpassed only by the love they had for one another. As I read, I felt as if I had grown to know these men, which only made learning about the demise of so many of them that much harder. I highly recommend this book!

~Mike P.



# A Sub From My Past Surfaces Again

By Mike Terre

The old Renwal George Washington kit was one of my first builds, more due to my father's efforts than mine. I still have that model, it's in my den. It's been dropped a few times, it's dusty, and a few parts are missing but it's one of the most precious things I own. It brings back memories that are warm and happy.

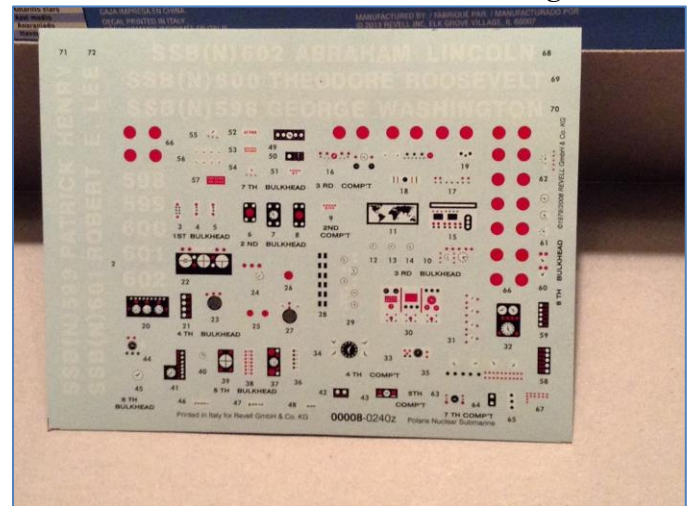


So imagine my surprise when I visited my LHS and found that Revell had reissued this kit. Wow, look at all the stuff in this kit, a totally bogus atomic reactor, the large and roomy crew quarters with a sailor swabbing the deck no less! Damn, the George Washington has more space in it than the old Sea View from "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea".

Just look at all those torpedoes and Polaris missile launch tubes! The model even has a working propeller, periscopes, rudder and diving planes. Man, if the Russians get a hold of this model they'll know how our subs are built! Renwal must have a spy in the Electric Boat Division.

The reissue kit has one major problem however. Regardless of what the original box

art states, this reissue will NOT, repeat NOT actually fire a Polaris missile. The spring loaded Polaris launch tube of the original kit



is missing, probably due to product liability laws. Heaven forbid that little Johnny gets a Polaris missile in his eye!

All is not lost however, a Polaris missile is in the kit, but not illustrated in the instructions. With a little bit of work and a ball point pen spring I think I can make my George Washington shoot a Polaris.

This is an old kit, circa 1960 but the molds have held up well with little flash noted. The decal sheet for the interior is totally outrageous and totally bogus, more appropriate in the old Sea View!

I'm going to build this model and brush paint the interior exactly like the box art, again totally wrong but totally fun.

If you're a modeler of a certain age buy this model, it'll bring back a lot of memories as it did for me.



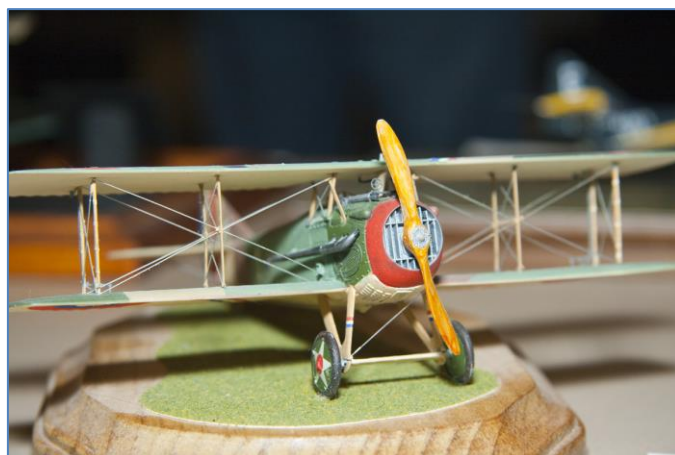
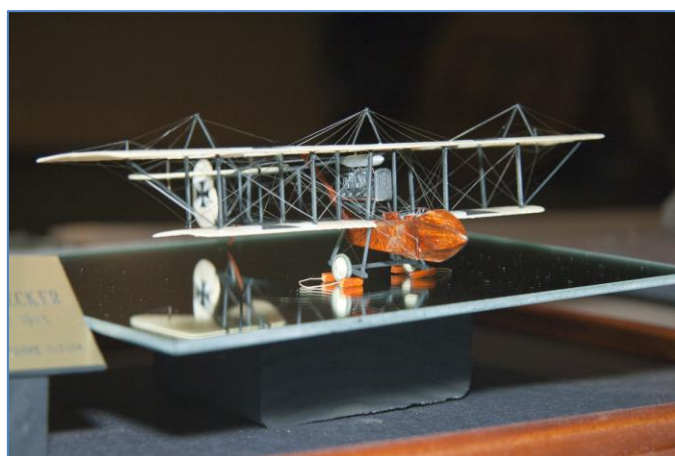




One final observation, can anybody please tell me where the ballast tanks are? Can't seem to find them in the model.

Happy modeling,

~Mike Terre



This month's meeting will be on:

**Friday**

**February 13th, 2014**



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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:**  
**Bill Schwarz: 732-567-3724** (No calls after 9 PM) **Email: whsch@optimum.net**

**Visit our web site at [www.njipms.org](http://www.njipms.org) for more information**

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

The "Make & Take" will be from PM to PM. "Make & Take" kits donated by IPMS/USA. Please note that registration ends at 12 noon. Models "should not" be removed until awards ceremony. There is "No snow date" for this show.



# MOSQUITOCON 24 CONTEST CATEGORIES

## AIRCRAFT

- |                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Single Engine Prop Aircraft  | 1/72 & Smaller |
| 2. Multi-Engine Prop Aircraft   | 1/72 & Smaller |
| 3. Single Engine Prop Aircraft  | 1/48           |
| 4. Multi-Engine Prop Aircraft   | 1/48           |
| 5. Jet Aircraft                 | 1/72 & Smaller |
| 6. Jet Aircraft                 | 1/48           |
| 7. Props & Jets                 | 1/32 & Larger  |
| 8. Rotary Wing                  | All Scales     |
| 9. Commercial (Civil & Racing)  | All Scales     |
| 10. Vacuforms & Resin Aircraft  | All Scale      |
| 11. Conversions & Scratch built | All Scales     |

## MILITARY VEHICLES

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 12. Military Vehicles, Armored & Soft Skinned | 1/72 & Smaller |
| 13. Military Vehicles, Armored & Soft Skinned | 1/48           |
| 14. AFV, Tracked & Wheeled, Pre 1945          | 1/35 & Larger  |
| 15. AFV, Tracked & Wheeled, Post 1945         | 1/35 & Larger  |
| 16. Wheeled Soft Skins                        | 1/35 & Larger  |
| 17. Self Propelled Ordinance                  | 1/35 & Larger  |
| 18. Towed Ordinance-Howitzers, cannons        | All Scales     |
| 19. Commercial Conversions                    | All Scales     |
| 20. Major Conversions & Scratch built         | All Scales     |

## SHIPS

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|--|-----------------|
| 21. Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, Carriers | 1/400 & Larger  |
| 22. Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, Carriers | 1/401 & Smaller |
| 23. Ships, All Others                      | All Scales      |
| 24. Submarines                             | All Scales      |

## AWARDS

1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all categories. "Best Out of Box" in categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 24

## CIVILIAN VEHICLES

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|--|-------------------|
| 25. Automotive, All Types                      | Smaller than 1/25 |
| 26. Automotive, All Types                      | Larger than 1/24  |
| 27. Stock                                      | 1/24 & 1/25       |
| 28. Custom                                     | 1/24 & 1/25       |
| 29. Street Rod (1948 & earlier)                | 1/24 & 1/25       |
| 30. Street Machine (1949 & later)              | 1/24 & 1/25       |
| 31. Competition, Open Wheel (excluding Drag)   | 1/24 & 1/25       |
| 32. Competition, Closed Wheel (excluding Drag) | 1/24 & 1/25       |
| 33. Competition, Drag                          | 1/24 & 1/25       |
| 34. Commercial/Trucks                          | All Scales        |
| 35. Motorcycles                                | All Scales        |

## SPACE & SCIENCE FICTION

- |                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| 36. Factual Vehicles   | All Scales |
| 37. Fictional Vehicles | All Scales |

## FIGURES

- |                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 38. Beings, Robots & Suits | All Scales     |
| 39. Figures                | 54mm & Smaller |
| 40. Figures                | 55mm & Larger  |

## DIORAMAS

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 41. Vignettes & Dioramas | All Types & Scales |
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## MISCELLANEOUS

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|--|--------------------|
| 42. Miscellaneous-                         | All Types & Scales |
| 43. Trifecta-                              | All Types & Scales |
| 44. Classic Plastic-(any 20+ year old kit) | All Types & Scales |

## JUNIORS

- |                                  |
|----------------------------------|
| 45. All Subjects, Types & Scales |
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## SPECIAL AWARDS

Best "End Game", Best Aircraft, Best Armor, Best Ship  
Best Civilian, Best Tailhook (Naval Aircraft) Best of the Rest  
and Judges Best