

MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS



The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all. Glad everyone had a great Holiday season and I know most of you are enjoying your new Xmas presents and working on stuff in your shops. Me too but only in little bits whenever i actually do have time. I have been busy at my shop since the big storm last week, as well as helping Tom Grossman with the Hobby Expo, all the while scheduling goes on for MCON 25. Vendor requests still come in every week. We are doing well on all fronts. The Eboard, Devin and Jon are all doing there parts to get the show up and running, and I know that on the day of the show you all will do your usual OUTSTANDING part to bring it all off without a hitch. That's it on that till the meeting.

As far as the HMA Expo goes, I would like to see a great number of you helping at our table over the course of the event, if you can. I will be there with a few other members all 3 days. The guys that can't do that, I hope



can possibly do Saturday or Sunday. The club needs guys so let's see a good number of you there. The Hobby Expo

details will be posted on the website and in the newsletter as soon as I get the info. Passes will be provided for members helping out with the show, and those passes are required for admission to the event.

That covers it all for now. I can't think of much more on that but if I do, I'll let you all know. I'm really looking forward to events in the next few months. I hope you all are too.

I will see y'all at the meeting. You will be receiving the NL early because Devin is going to Costa Rica. Have a great time! P/S Valentine's Day is coming up so don't forget your sweeties!

Regards, Bill
Big Bill

Next Meeting:
Friday,
February
12th

Upcoming Events:

February
Phantom
Group
Build, LED
lighting
demo

March
Nostalgia
Night

April 2nd,
2016:
Mosquito-
Con 25

August 3-6
2016:
IPMS
Nationals,
Columbia,
SC



Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Hello,

Well it's getting to be that time of year again: Mosquito is almost upon us. Bill continues to give us updates at the meetings and in the newsletter. If you have any questions about the show, please don't hesitate to ask him or any member of the Eboard. Also, if you would like to sponsor a trophy category,

please see Vince or myself. We are also accepting kit donations if you would like to donate one to the raffle. Either bring it to a meeting or to the show.

Your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you for all your hard work.

~Joe Smith



[MosquitoCon 25](#)

April 2nd, 2016

Wayne, New Jersey



From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio

It's February already and I can't wait for winter to leave us. Let's hope the majority of snow has fallen. We had almost no snow up until blizzard Jonas dropped 26-30 inches here in New Jersey. Enough already! Shoveling and snow blowing is cutting into my model making time.

Mcon 25, the "Show of Shows" is 2 months away and closing in faster than American Pharaoh. Let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather. 25 Mcon's and counting! Wow! It's hard to believe but I have been to about 15 of them and they have all been special events. They are not as big as the National Convention, but are better than most Regional's or any other local shows. Mcon is a huge club event and our success is dependent upon the participation of all our members. You have always done a great job and I'm sure this year will be no exception. The show supports the club for the rest of the year. It funds the monthly meeting hall rent, numerous parties, club builds, Get Well and Sympathy fruit baskets and flower

arrangements and most importantly, the PAL hall rental fee for the following year's Mcon show! A successful Mcon 25 assures us of an Mcon 26. So please everyone, help where you can.

I hope you and your families are doing well and please remember to keep the Quinn family in your prayers.

~ *Vince*



THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

I was pleasantly surprised with the turnout at the January meeting. I can't wait to see everyone for the February one. We had a lot of interesting kits on the table and it was nice to see the completed Phantoms for the group build. Please note that you'll have to bring these Phantoms back as we are having the actual contest this month.

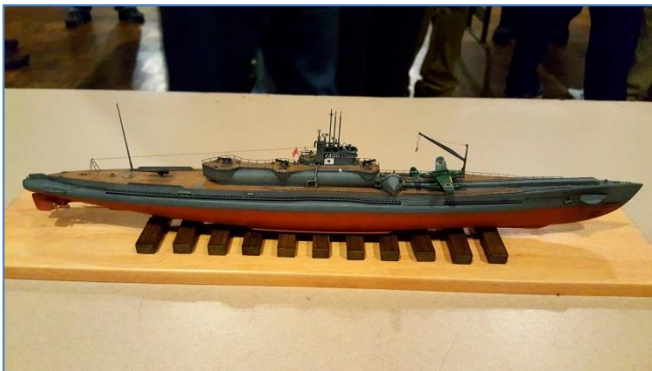
Speaking of monthly contests, I need sponsors again. A few people spoke to me at the meeting offering to sponsor a month. I know I'll be holding a Sci-Fi night in September; the rest of the year is up to you guys. It is nice to have an open night every once in a while, but a theme gets people building.



MosquitoCon is quickly approaching, too. I am working on the awards and I think everyone will really like how they look. I can't wait for our show. I really think it's on par with the nationals, at least from what I've seen. We might only be a club of about

50-60 people, but for those attending the show I bet they think we have 300 members with all the work we put in. Anyway, I'll see everyone at the meeting.

~Jon



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Here's hoping that all our members fought through the Blizzard of '16 and maybe even found some time to get some modeling done while shut in! I had actually let myself begin to think that we'd possibly get through this winter without any major storms...then reality hit one I saw the forecast. I guess it makes us appreciate the warm weather once it comes.

I'm really looking forward to seeing all the ESCI F-4 Phantoms on display this month for the group build. I brought mine last month and it was cool to see it with the others that were there, but the impact of having them all on the table together should be amazing. During my build I was able to try out some products and techniques that were new to me and that was very enjoyable. I used Vallejo paint in my airbrush and was very pleased with the results. Also, their



new line of natural metal finishes was used



on my model for the first time. I found them to be quite durable (once fully cured) and were easily masked and handled with no ill effects. I will continue to experiment with

air pressure, spraying distance etc, but they look very promising, with no odor, and clean-up is a breeze. The fine recessed panel lines on the kit worked very well with the AK Interactive washes, so I was pleased with the results they gave also.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting!

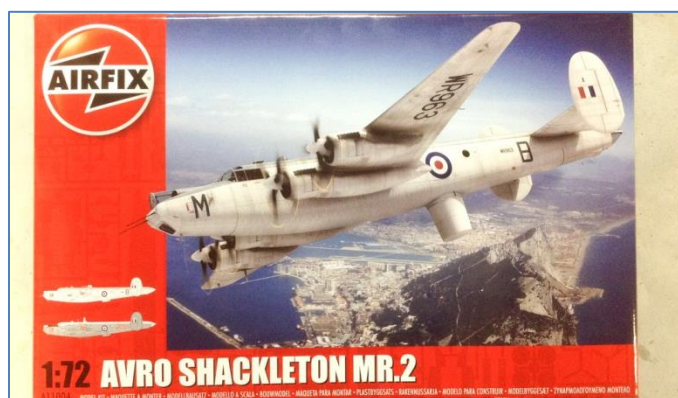
~Mike



Avro Shackleton MR.2

Airfix New Tool, 1/72

By Mike Terre



Airfix has recently released a new tool 1/72 scale Avro Shackleton MR.2 (pattern No. 11004) and what an impressive model it is.

The last time a Shackleton was molded in this scale was from Frog in the late 1960's. It had raised rivet detail, typical of that era and toy like movable flight controls. I know as I built it! This is not the case with Airfix's effort.

The kit contains 269 parts on seven sprues of that famous blue-gray Airfix plastic with one of them being clear. The moldings are very sharp and clean with no flash noted. The panel lines are very fine and shallow. The clear parts have subtle yet easily visible framing.



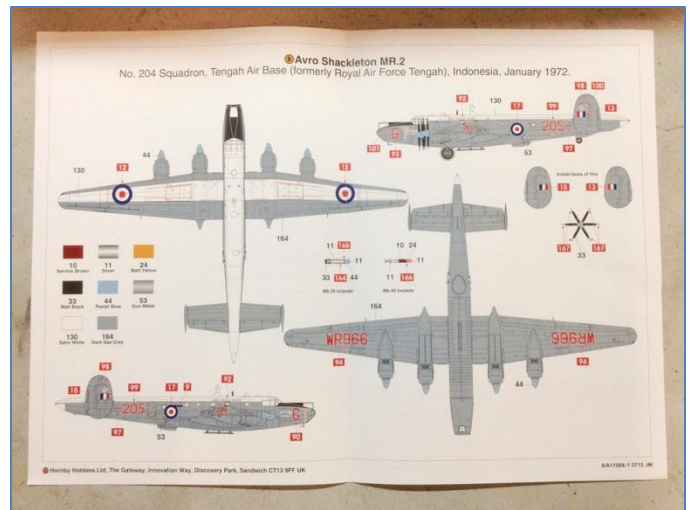
You have the choice of building the model with the landing gear and flaps raised or lowered, and the ventral radome extended or retracted. You can also add an optional top turret if you like. Interesting to note that you can add the turret assembly after the fuselage halves have been closed, making painting a little easier. Nice touch Airfix! The landing gear wheel wells are well detailed and even include separate hydraulic tanks.

The interior is just magnificent, including multi-part pilots seats and associated throttle quadrants and control columns.



There are complete crew stations in the rear fuselage as well, including what has now become a trademark for Airfix, a decal map for the navigators table. It's really a shame that you won't be able to see much of this detail when the fuselage is closed up. A crew door and boarding ladder is also included.

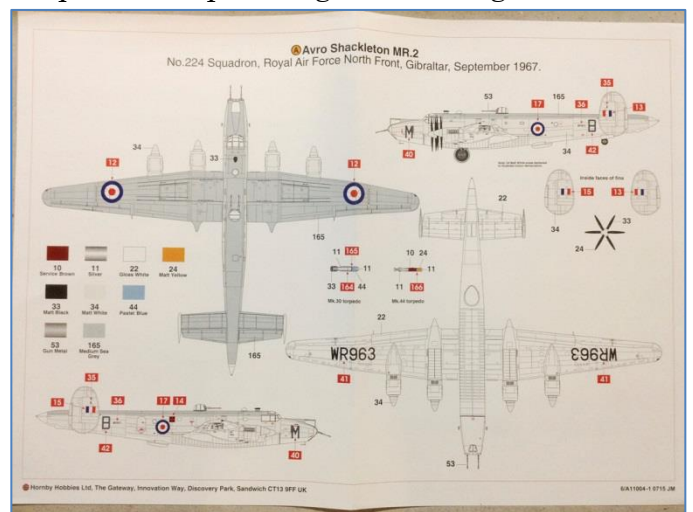
The bomb bay and associated doors are extremely detailed and can be left open or closed. There are also parts for two well detailed torpedoes and depth charges to further enhance the bomb bay if you choose to leave it open.



You can pose the elevators and rudders if you like. The assembly method is very "old Airfix" with the flight control halves capturing the hinge points during assembly. Hey, it works!

The extremely detailed and easy to follow instruction sheet is 18 pages long and contains 113 individual steps. There is also a very nice color three view drawing, printed on glossy paper of the two "marking schemes" (love that British phrase) provided for the kit.

The decal sheet, printed by Cartograf is simply stunning and provides markings for two aircraft, one operated by No.224 Squadron out of Gibraltar in 1967 or No.204 Squadron Operating out of Tengah Air Base



Indonesia in 1972. Interesting to note that the RAF operated Shackletons up until 1991! The decal sheet contains extensive stenciling, 160 separate stencils as a matter of fact, with Airfix thoughtfully providing a separate instruction sheet for the location of individual stencils.

The model has an MSRP of \$49.99 but is available at lower price through various online shops. In view of the sometimes

ridiculous prices of today's models the Airfix Shackleton is a bargain, even at list price. It's nice to see that the once troubled Airfix organization is now on sound footing and producing affordable world class kits. This review copy was supplied to me in the form of a very generous Christmas gift from "Spera Hobbies". Many thanks!

~Mike Terre

From the Editor

By Devin Poore

First order of business: I won't be at the meeting next week. As you all are gathered around the model table, I'll be sitting on a beach in Costa Rica. It's a tough job, but someone has to do it and report back. During my absence, I'd appreciate it if someone could bring a camera and take some photos of the builds on the table, or, you know, use one of those fancy smart phones we all have anymore. It's Phantom Night, and I'd love to be able to see the results myself, and post them to the website and newsletter. I'm also sorry to be missing Big Bill's presentation on LED lighting. I'm getting into lights more and more lately, and am always on the lookout for new tips and tricks.

Speaking of presentations, I guess it's "official" enough to announce now: I'll be giving a talk at the 2016 IPMS Nationals in Charlotte, SC. Tentatively titled "Civil War Ironclads: Concept, Construction and Deployment, North and South" it'll cover, obviously, the ironclads of the American Civil War. For the presentation I'll be drawing on both my modeling research and the pieces I wrote for the New York Times. I do not yet have a definite date and time for the presentation, but I'll let everyone know once that is set.

Below I've included a couple of photos of the Eduard 1/48th scale P-400 that I FINALLY finished. My records indicate that I started this kit initially in 2004, had it ready for paint the following year, when it rode a bookshelf collapse to the floor and received a bit of damage. I put it away then, intending to finish it someday, and found it last fall in a box of parts. Fortunately everything was still there and here she sits now. I used the PYN-Up decals for the nose art, but as they were quite old (12 years at least) they behaved badly until I figured out to recoat them with Superfilm. They still came out with wrinkles and if the previous damage hadn't been done, I'd have stripped them and tried again, but I just wanted this thing finished. She looks good sitting in the cabinet, but she won't win any awards. Just glad to have her done.



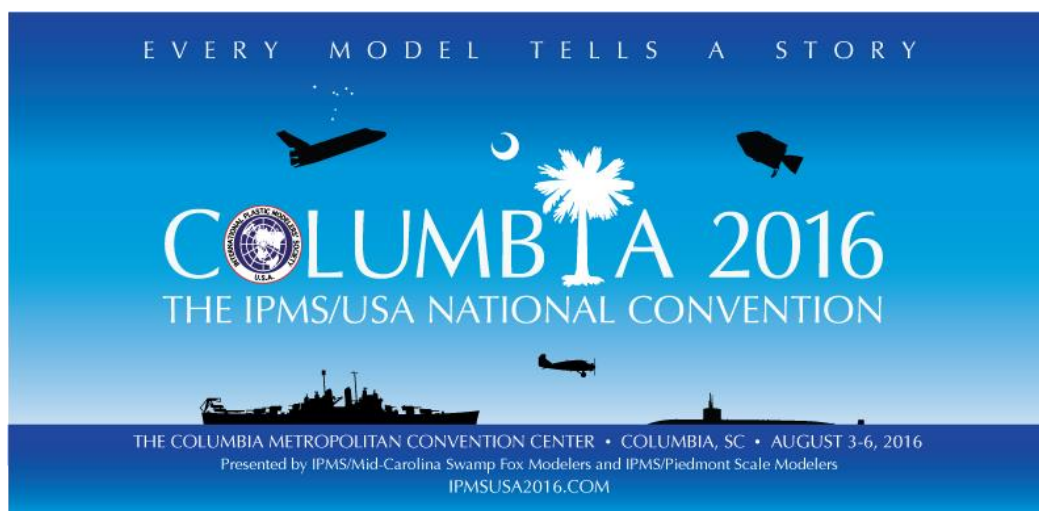


Nostalgia Night

By Mike Terre

Just a reminder that Mike Terre and Dan Spera are sponsoring "Nostalgia Night" for the March club meeting. What Is Nostalgia Night you might ask? Well, it will be a celebration of all the old things involved in our hobby and in which everybody will be able to participate. Do you have a favorite built model from your childhood, or maybe an unassembled model, how about an old modeling magazine or catalog? Perhaps you have a special tool you've used for many years or a well-used reference book, it could be anything! I'm bringing in the old Aurora

P-61 Black Widow that my Dad helped me build when I was seven and an unopened tube of Aurora plastic glue. Just bring it in, but be prepared to get up in front of the club and tell us why you brought it with you. Our goal is to get a good discussion going with everybody participating. There will be some prizes awarded, mostly old kits, what would you expect on Nostalgia Night, however I think everybody will be a winner with the modeling memories and stories that will come to light! It should be fun.



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