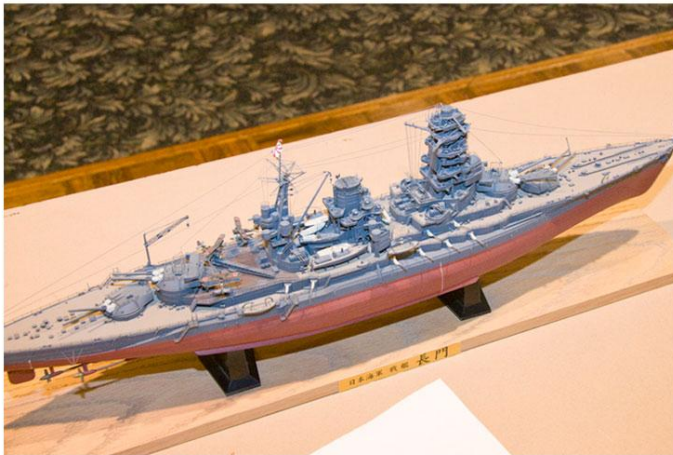


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Christmas Party 2012

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THE IRON WORKS

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi All. Hope you all had a Merry Xmas or whatever you celebrate these days, and a Happy New Year! Hope all of you prosper during the next 12 months. First off I'm glad you all had fun at the Christmas Party. We decided Famous Dave's because everyone gets the S.O.S. at every other X-mas event. With that said, just about everything was gone and was much enjoyed by all. It was a nice fun night! I especially loved the Tequila Shots and the after party! You guys should stick around once in a while to see what goes on when the meeting is over! Nuff bout dat! LOL.

Next up is congrats to all of you who one modeler of the year and to Jon DaSilva for becoming the second Modeler/Member of the year! It was well deserved and almost a no brainer on our part who would be the recipient this year. When I changed the matrix of the modeler of the year most guys

were fine with it but a few, and I mean a very few weren't. You know, it was the same guys every year for the same awards, to me this is good from one point, and bad in another. What I did to change it was simply look at what I thought a member of the year should be other than just building models and i kept the contest part the same. In any club you always get certain types of guys and they like certain types of things which is fine but to make a good club better, members should share a common thought and think of other guys in the club and doing for the club and giving back something! We have all been here for a long time so we as a club need to focus on each other and the club as a whole. You always get standouts but what makes a good club better is when everyone helps each other and does the right thing.

Next Meeting:
Friday,
January
11th

Upcoming
Events:

January
Sci-Fi Night

April 6, 2013
MosquitoCon
22

Dates to be
Determined

WWI Night

Heavy Metal
Night

Movie Night



That's all I'm going to say about this.

Next up is MosquitoCon 22. It's only a few months away! so be prepared to get it done like always and promote the show anywhere and any way you can. We need to keep all comers satisfied and to give them the best we have so let's do it do it do it and get it done. I am already on top of the vendor list and if all goes right we should easily make the 100 table mark. Mikey D is propaganda minister, Jon DaSilva M.O.Y. is doing the awards, Pavlo is doing Chapter stuff and giveaways, Quinn and Pavlo are doing the contest, and Joe and Vin are keeping up with the money end of it. To date, I have over 56 tables spoken for which is great for this time of year! I'm hoping for another Biggie for MOSQUITOCON! I think that's all on that. I will keep you all in the loop and will update you at the meeting!

Now, Last but not least, Doc Peters has taken on the next group build. He has decided to go with the Revell 1/25th scale Kurtis Midget Racers "Ofenhauser Powered" The kits can be built any way you want to build them.. As of this moment 12 of you have signed up so get your kits at the meeting and get started. Doc would ideally like to display them at the group build table

at MosquitoCon. Let's get it done boys! Group builds are always great in the club and this one is no exception. The Revell kit is very nice and has P.E. parts and dual option decals. Doc Peters has also donated markings he makes for this kit and there are many options and colors. He will talk more at the meeting and Have them there again for you. THHHHHHHHHANKS DOC! Also Special Thanks to Jimmy Pentifallo for getting us the kits at cost! Thanks Jimmy!!!!

Well, I think I've covered everything I can so I will leave you with this last note. It is good, no, great to be a member of NJIPMS. Period. Great members, great parties, great model builders. There is to me anyway no other club like ours and it's because you guys help to make it that way. I thank all of you for all you do and for your friendship! Oh Yeah, One More Thing! Don't Forget Bob, Howie, Freddie and the guys are having the LISM show one week after hours. So if you can, get out there to support them. I'm going to see old friends and have a good time! Hope to see many of you there!

Regards/Friendship

~ *Big Bill Schwarz*

Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Fellow members of NJIPMS,

Happy New Year to all our members and their Families as well! I hope your holidays were as enjoyable as mine were, and you received many great gifts as well. The New Year means MosquitoCon is just around the bend, and it is that great teamwork that has

made this show such a success for so many years that will be required again!

Thank you once again Bill for such a great Christmas party, you once again out did yourself again!

~*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.



Hope everyone had a very good holiday season and a Happy New Year. Hard to believe the page has turned on another year!

Before we talk about 2013, let's close the books on 2012. I hope everyone enjoyed the food and fun at the December meeting. A big thank you to our larger than life (literally) President, for once again handling the food arrangements.

Congratulations to Tom Vandermark (Land/Sea) and Mike O'Connor (Air), who won Model of the Year honors for 2012, respectively. Tom for his 1/350 IJN Battleship Nagato, and Mike for some 1/32 German WW1 thingy...

Modeler (or Builder) of the Year awards went to:

1st Place - Mike O'Connor
2nd Place - Vince D'Alessio
3rd Place - Art Doran

And last, but certainly not least, Member of the Year went to our Contest Chair, Jon DaSilva. Jon has really taken an active part in the club since he's joined – it's nice to see a young, fresh face in the hobby and in our

club. Congratulations to everyone – well deserved.

With 2013 upon us, that means MosquitoCon 22 is right around the corner. Your e-board is kicking preparations into high gear and things are falling into place. As always, we expect big crowds, lots of models and a great show. Which means it's almost time for my annual "it's your show, you need to step up"



speech, which you are all sick of by now. But, it's still true. I also know you guys will do what you always do – and step up to make the show happen. It's not an exaggeration to say "we can't do it without you".

For those of you who look at our website, you may notice it has not been updated since November. The reason is that I am unable to connect to the hosting companies servers.



Every time I do, I get a "timed out" message, which means my computer is not communicating with them. Their tech support has, in a word, sucked. After consulting with Devin Poore, I am going to transfer our account to another hosting provider as soon as I find time. Hopefully the website will be up, running and updated by the end of January.

I will not be at the January meeting, due to a schedule conflict with a work event that I cannot bow out of. So, I hope that ya'll have a good time and that there are lots of models on the table for "Sci-Fi Night". See everyone in February!

~*Martin*

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Happy 2013 everyone! If you didn't come to the meeting/party last month you missed out. I was in a bit of a rut because a model I was building got semi-destroyed, but I still had a great time. Lots of great food, drinks, and everyone was in a happy mood. Congratulations to Tom Vandermark and Mike O'Connor for winning the Models of the Year, and to Mike O'Connor, Vince, and Art Doran for winning the builder of the year awards too. Gotta say I was shocked that I won the Modeler of the Year award. Don't worry, the lacquer didn't strip from my trophy from the whiskey big Bill gave me (LOL!).

This month is going to be Sci-fi month. Bring out whatever you can/have and I'll have a gift card for the winner. I'm accepting anything fantasy related too, so if you have super hero figures/vehicles or Lord of the Rings, etc. that all counts. If someone could help me judge a winner I'd appreciate it because I've never done it before. I'll be bringing some new ship kits I picked up for Christmas, the 1/350 Combrig HMS Tiger and the 1/350 YS Masterpieces USS Oregon, so anyone interested, feel free to take a look.

Lastly, if you're interested in sponsoring a contest night for 2013, get in touch with me.

So far, I think Martin is sponsoring a "Heavy Metal" month which will be all about huge tanks, battleships, carriers, bombers, etc. I might have a WWI month in November which should be fun. Depending on how the Auto group build goes, that might be in



September or sooner. Some other cool ideas are Russian Night, Italian Night, South Pacific, Ardennes, Medieval, Scratch Built, Snap-Tite, etc. All sponsorship requires is a prize to hand out at the end of the night, otherwise we'll just be having regular monthly contests with certificates. REMEMBER TO VOTE. IT TAKES 30 SECONDS.

Happy 2013 Everyone

~*Jon*



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. I feel fortunate because Santa brought me a few modeling related gifts. It just proves that if you leave Santa a few hints (i.e. an order form on your wife's desk), that there is a moderate likelihood that you may get what you're hoping for. I was thrilled to receive the newest Opsrey title "Marine F-4 Phantom Units of the Vietnam War". I can't wait to



dig into that one. My favorite plane as used by the unsung Marine pilots who did so much for the guys in the mud. I'm sure it

will be a fantastic read. Santa was also kind enough to bring me the new DVD-ROM from Finescale Modeler that contains every issue from their first 25 years. If any member needs access to a particular article from those old issues, please let me know.

Our club Holiday Party was a fun time for all. Great food, lots of laughs, and the winning models from throughout the year! Congratulations to all of the award winners – truly well deserved. And a big Thank You to Big Bill for arranging for the feast and getting the food from Famous Dave's. Everything was delicious, as usual.

I wish everyone and their families a Happy and Healthy New Year. Please keep our Servicemen and women in your thoughts and prayers, especially this time of year when they miss home more than ever. We must never forget the sacrifices they make for us.

~Mike P.



Kit Review: German Sd.Kfz.186 JagdTiger

(Porsche production), Trumpeter, 1/72nd scale, Kit No. 07273

By Steve Zajac



This was built during our Sandy outage (4 days, we were one of the lucky ones!!) with help from candles, flashlights and a Black Diamond head lamp which I would heartily recommend to all modelers, even when the lights are "on". And I have to mention, this is my first armor kit since I was about age 10. I have no idea if the number of rivets is correct, or whether the shape etc. is accurate. It helped pass the time in the cold dark.

- In the box: You get 3 sprues, a small decal sheet for 2 tanks, lower and upper hull, and vinyl tracks.
- Instructions: Well illustrated, if you follow the steps in order, you will have no assembly issues.
- Detail: Crisp and clear, no flash, very impressive mold, though I can't vouch for accuracy and I'm not counting rivets here. Sprue removal is OK, and the attachment stubs are not too thick for this scale. The gun barrel was very straight and smooth, little clean up needed.
- Build: Wheel assembly and attachment was easy, I just needed to spend some time carefully removing and cleaning up the 8 wheel assembly units. There was a small gap in the front of the turret, an easy fix. Assembly of the upper and lower completed hulls was a cinch, the fit is excellent! Most of my time was spent trying to get the vinyl tracks glued. I stretched the tracks out, and warmed them up for better fit. However, the tab assembly just wouldn't work. I eventually cut off the tabs and applied a liberal dose of superglue gel. It worked but looks a bit messy.
- Paint: I didn't have the correct RAL colors, instead I used Testor's FS30277 Armor Sand acrylic paint. I dry brushed with Polly Scale acrylic Dark Earth, and applied a wash of ground up charcoal color pastels. It looks fine to me- a



tank that's been through some dirty terrain recently. I again used the dark earth for the vinyl tracks, but noticed later that some of the acrylic paint was starting to chip off- will have to find a better alternative.

Highly recommended for anyone looking for a quick build, a 'get out of your slump' build, or a small armor piece that looks fine with a minimum of work. I put in about 3-4 hours and got a good looking result, not great but very satisfying. Thanks to Martin Q who sold me the kit at an attractive price.

Thoughts on Tamiya's New Tool 1/350th scale IJN Battleship Yamato

By Tom VanDermark

While much has been said lately over the internet and within our club itself about the rising costs of plastic kits and our hobby as a whole, it also has to be said that it truly a great time to be a modeler. Ship modelers are enjoying these days like there is no tomorrow but also paying for it through the nose. Probably the most popular ship ever made into a injection mold kit is the IJN Yamato. Never hampered by the requirement to transit the Panama Canal and designed to dominate the oceans where ever she deployed the Yamato class Battleships where truly impressive and her lines very eye appealing.

Tamiya released a 1/350th scale Yamato a long time back and since I built a few I know this can be built into a very impressive ship and with the addition of aftermarket upgrades even more so. When I heard that Tamiya was releasing a new tool Yamato I could only think they couldn't come up with anything else other then the Yamato. After hearing how much it cost this only reinforced this thought and I thought that I would just settle for the old tool Yamato.

Recently though I did acquire a new tool Yamato and sat down to see what exactly the difference between the two is. Upon opening the box I immediately started

to change my mind. The first thing you notice is the hull. This is molded into various assemblies and can be made either full hull or waterline. It is also molded with hull plating that is not overdone and even includes intake and discharge vents along the bottom. She is molded as she appeared on her fateful final voyage to Okinawa in April 1945. The Yamato was continually modified during the war mainly in her AA gun batteries and usually these are all molded the same, not so with this kit 4 different 25 mm gun mounts that are molded in this kit with subtle differences so be careful and follow these directions. The exhaust funnel is very different then before as this one includes the baffles inside the stack itself. The 18 inch gun turrets are a kit in itself, because you build just about the whole turret itself including the gun breaches and internal levels for the whole length of the turret and base. These can be removed after assembly to show the turret rollers a first that I myself have never seen before. The Aircraft hangar is molded so that you can have the hanger doors open or closed and even though the crane was supposedly removed prior to her last voyage (?) included in the kit is a tool to help shape the crane. Also included are molded sand bags that surround the single AA guns towards the



bow of the ship. One of the things that I always wanted to try to replicate but could never do is the metal railings that prevented the AA guns from firing into the ship; these surround each mount and are included in this kit. The photo etch that comes with the kit is almost complete and very well done. This is my only complaints with the kit so far. Almost all Japanese major combatants had degaussing cable fitted to the hull if not before the war then most definitely early on, for some reason Tamiya did not mold this onto the kit but opted instead to sell a separate photoetch set for them (20 dollars more) considering this is the only kit I have seen from Tamiya without the cables molded on I can't see why the opted to do this. Either

mold it on or include it in the kit. The other complaint is with all the photo etch they did not include any railing, instead the opted to use individual stanchions that you have to drill and install one at a time and then rig the horizontal rails run through each post. I will be opting for the Gold medal set instead. But other than that kit is great. It represents the latest information and research on the Yamato and also one of the best ship model I have seen so far. From what I understand from others though you have to be real careful and precise when building this kit but it does look as though it will be a lot of fun to build. My thanks to my lovely wife for this review sample.

From the Editor

By Devin Poore

A little tardy on the newsletter this month. Still dealing with clean-up at my place and my wife's studio here in Hoboken.

Everyone remember Sci-Fi night on Friday, and take a look at the name-plate on my X-Wing build on the table. It was done by our own Jon Da Silva and it turned out great. There's a little fuzziness in some of the small lettering, but that's mostly due to my artwork. Check out his services, he does great work.

~Devin



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Friday

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