

MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS

Happy New Year!



January 2015

From the Editor

By Devin Poore



The Grand Poobah, Big Bill, is unavailable for comment this month, so a few words in his absence.

A hearty “well done” to the E Board on this year’s Christmas party last month. As usual the food was excellent and all seemed to have a good time.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Year’s Best awards, especially Mike Pavlo for his Member of the Year win. Well deserved.

If there’s anyone out there who still owes dues, then please take care of that.

MosquitoCon looms on the horizon. April 4th will get here before we know it. Get those builds done, and figure out how you can help out with running the show.

This month’s meeting is on for this coming Friday, same time, same place. Bring along any cool new toys you got over the holidays and do that show-and-tell thing we all love to do. We will also discuss more MosquitoCon business and whatever else comes up.

Finally, thanks to those who’ve submitted articles for this issue; lots of content this month!

~ *Devin Poore*

Next Meeting:
Friday,
January
9th

Upcoming Events:

January
WWI Night

February
Destroyer
Group
Build, Pt.
II

Mosquito-
Con 24
April 4

RepLicon
27
April 11,
Freeport,
NY



Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Hello,

Happy New Year to all our members and your families as well. I would like to thank Diane & Bill for a great Christmas party, and congratulate our winners of the yearly awards as well.

A new year also means MosquitoCon is right around the corner as well. That also means stepping up to the plate to help get the show

up and running. You the members have done that so well in the past, and I have the utmost confidence in that your dedication to this club will make it another success.

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.



As I write this, it's New Year's Eve Eve. Hard to believe another freakin' year has come and gone. It seems like we were just at the Wayne PAL setting up for last year's MosquitoCon. Speaking of which, by the time we meet, there will be less than three months until the NEXT MosquitoCon! The flyer for the show has been done, you can find a copy on the club website. If you can, please print, make some copies on the sly at work and distribute them to your favorite hobby shops.

I hope that all of you had an enjoyable holiday season, and found some modeling related subjects under the holiday shrubbery of your choosing.

January's contest will be World War I Night, rescheduled from August, when we canceled the meeting due to the conflict with the IPMS/USA Nationals. While I don't have anything of my own done, I'm looking forward to seeing what it on the table. In February, we will have the rescheduled Tin Can Group Build contest, which was moved from September due to the lack of completed entries. I'm hoping that everyone has used the intervening months to get their tin cans completed.

Here are the participants, and what models they choose:

Joe Smith – Dragon 1940 Benson

Devin Poore – Dragon 1940 Benson



James Clappsy – Dragon Z-31
John Tamasik – Dragon 1940 Benson
Dave Klanica – Tamiya Fletcher
Harmon Kaplan – Tamiya Fletcher
Martin Quinn – Z-17
Stan Stankewicz – Z-17
Jon DaSilva – Z-17

My Z-17 still on the shelf, awaiting flat coat and rigging. Due to some issues with my last attempt at flat coating, and some continuing airbrushing woes, I've completely lost interest in not only my German DD, but building models in general. Not sure when or even if I'll get back to the workbench, so I don't think I'll have my build ready for February, but hopefully those of you who took a model last February will have something on the table that night, as we won't be rescheduling the contest again. It looks like a ship kit was a little too ambitious as a group build. Either that or we've overdone the group build thing just a tad.



Or, maybe it's a little bit of both. Regardless, I hope those of you who participated, especially you non ship builders, had fun. Have a Happy and Safe New Year. See you all the January meeting, World War I models in hand!

~Martin

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

I'll start by wishing everyone a happy 2015. I hope that the new year is going well for all of you, I know it's only just started but peace and prosperity to all. I'll get right down to business. This month will be WWI night. I'll have two prizes, one for air and one for land and sea. I expect mostly planes but I think we might get some figures and ships/tanks. February will be our Destroyer Group Build night. They were supposed to be done in September and I'm willing to bet most of you

still haven't finished them. You've got about another 40 days so try and get that done.

Other than that I need volunteers for monthly contest themes. I believe Devin wants to sponsor a night later in the year but everything else is pretty much free. Anyway, I'll see you all at the meeting

~Jon

(Editor's Note: Devin will be sponsoring "Number 13" for the November 2015 club meeting. Details to come)



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

I hope you all had an enjoyable Holiday and Merry Christmas! I know everyone had a great time at our club party, and what a feast it was. A big Thank You goes out to Big Bill and Diane for arranging everything and bringing all the good food!

The year certainly flew by, and now a new year is upon us. We look forward to continuing our preparations for MosquitoCon. That sucker is creeping up and it will be here before we know it. We'll have updates at the meeting, but it's not too early to think about how you can pitch in to make the show another success.

I'd like to thank the E-board and the club for bestowing me with the Member of the Year

award. That took me by surprise for sure and it was completely unexpected! I am honored and humbled to have been considered worthy of that award. The pleasure is truly mine to serve the club and to be a part of such a great organization. I look forward to every meeting and I'm fortunate to have you guys as friends!

Happy New Year to everyone and their families. I wish you all a Happy & Healthy one!

Best Wishes always,

~Mike P.



Editor's Note: there are a lot more photos of the Christmas Party, courtesy of Michael Dobrzelecki, on the website: <http://njipms.org/?p=2131>



Review: Sikorsky S-16

Dakoplast, 1/72nd Scale

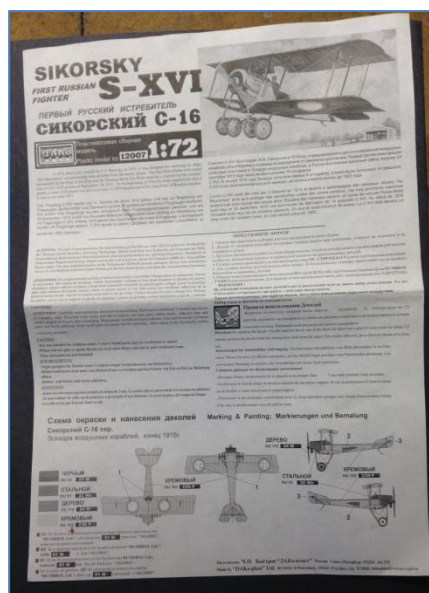
By Mike Terre



Since this month is World War One night what could be more appropriate then a review of an obscure World War aircraft kitted by and equally obscure Russian manufacturer!

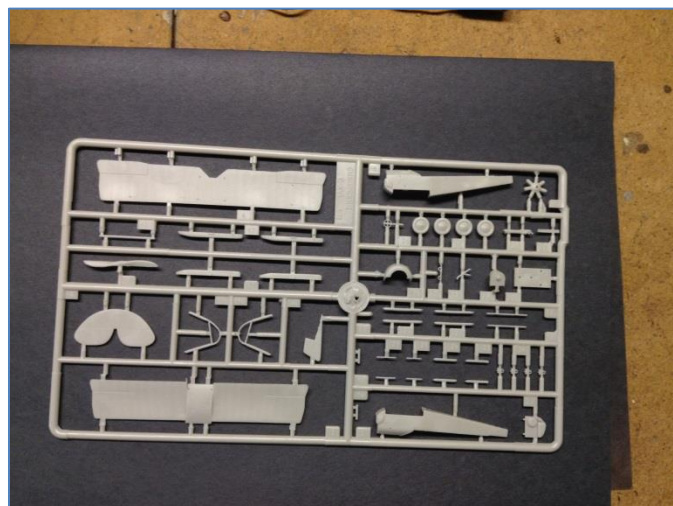
Igor Sikorsky designed the S-16 in 1915, believe it or not, as an escort fighter for his famous Ilya Muromets bomber. It was a single pilot aircraft although some did have two side by side seats. The S-16 was armed

with a single Colt model 1895 machine gun and utilized a Lavrov synchronizer for firing through the propeller arc.



The Russian-Baltic Car plant received a contract in September of 1915 for 18 S-16 aircraft and by the middle of 1916 had built a total of 34 aircraft. The S-16 was used by various factions after the Russian Revolution with the last being removed from service at the end of 1923.

This model was one of those "I never knew they made a kit of that" finds at a MosquitoCon a few years ago. Better yet, it was only five bucks!!!!!!



The model was made by Denkoplast, a company I never heard of and contains 34 parts on a single sprue of light grey polystyrene. The model is very well done, its molding reminding me of a Roden kit. The airfoils of the wings and tail assemblies are very thin and within scale. The cockpit is a little basic but contains a forward bulkhead with instrument panel, a nice rudder bar, a great control wheel (love those big control wheels!) and a well detailed seat. There is no sidewall detail but this can be easily made.

The kit contains a well detailed Colt 1895 machine gun along with its ammunition box



and associated feed chute. The LeRhone rotary engine is basic but has nice cylinder detail and with a little work will do just fine. The propeller is also very well done with nice mounting boss detail.

An interesting part of this model is the landing gear which uses four wheels or a set of skis. The skis are exceptionally detailed and compromise four separate parts. To me these skis would be worth the five dollars I spent for the kit.

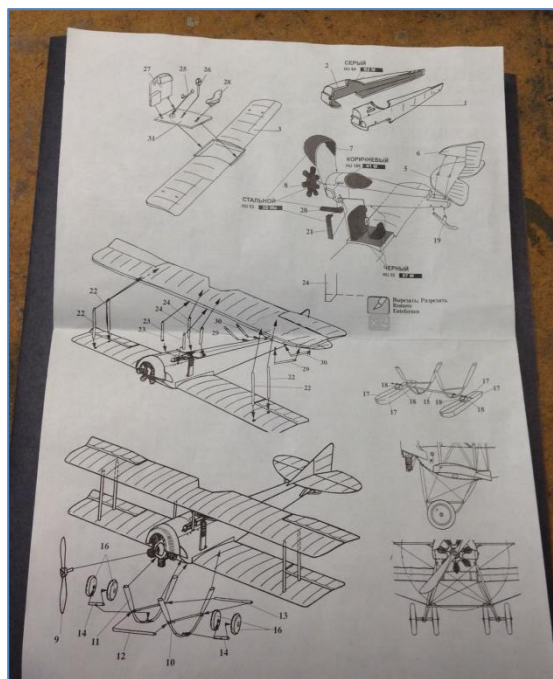
The cabane and interplane struts are very thin and great care will have to be taken when removing them from the sprue.

The decals are made by a Russian company called "Anne & Company" which again, I've never heard of. They are well printed, with vibrant color and appear thin, however as we all know, looks can be deceiving. I've got a nice sheet of American-Gryphon Imperial Russian markings in case these don't work out.

The instruction sheet is basic but does the job. It has a great rigging diagram for the wheeled landing gear but strangely does not cover the rigging for the wings or tail surfaces.

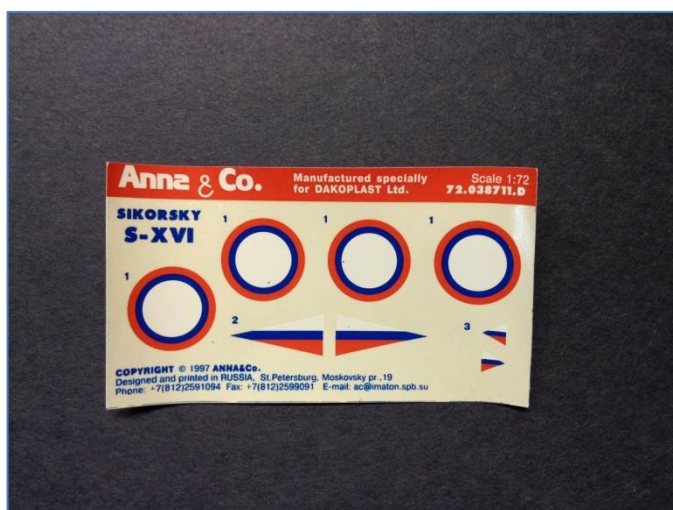
One thing that would help this model is the addition of control horns for the elevator, rudder and ailerons. Toms Model Works has a great PE fret of control horns which would work just fine with this model.

All in all, this is a great model of an obscure World War One aircraft and best of all it's in the "One, true and righteous scale".



But the best is yet to come, at last year's MosquitoCon, I found a second S-16 kit for five bucks! Now I'll be able to build both the wheeled and ski version! If you see this model BUY IT, you will not be disappointed.

I hope everybody had a great Holiday season and my best wishes for the New Year. Now get busy and start building something!!!!



Non-Irish Dimplomacy

By Simon Vichnevetsky

Our October was as usual “Russian Night “, sponsored by me for the last few years. The number of models wasn’t “through the roof”, but the quality was.

Mike, nice job on the Mig-3. It’s always been one of my favorite WWII fighters. A family friend of ours who just turned 100 served in a fighter unit equipped with these in 1941 ; he personally knew Aleksandr Pokryshkin, the second-highest scoring Allied WWII ace.

Now, let’s nit-pick: you got it right with the propeller being bare aluminum, but the back of the blades were painted black to cut glare. Overall black became the norm by the end of 1941, and yellow tips on Soviet propellers standard only at war’s end. I know, I know... The desert T72 with reactive armor was quite nice, but John Tamasek’s T34 was a totally convincing “from three feet away” representation of this important subject, and it looked pretty darn close from close up too !

Jerry Rinaldi is our resident figure expert, usually of the “well-stacked naked lady “ type. His contribution to our last Russian Night got my instant recognition. It was a Zaporozhian Cossack, inspired by a famous XIX th century historical painting by I. Repin. Those of you with internet access can check it out! Cossacks were large groups of settlers living on the periphery of the Russian Empire. They first appeared in the Ukraine in the XVIth century; the word “Ukraine “ itself from “u krainy“, which means “by the border “. Cossacks lived with their families in fortified villages and farmed the land. The men were skilled riders who formed cavalry units in times of war. Living far from either Moscow or Warsaw, their

allegiance was at times to Russia, at times to Poland, and at times only to themselves ! In the middle of the XVIth century, the king of Poland granted to Dmytro Korybut the rather remote village of Vishnevets. Dmytro thereafter became known as Vishnevetsky, “of Vishnevets”.

From there, Dmytro “Baida” Vishnevetsky organized a band of men to go join in the fight against the Muslim Ottoman Empire, which then held all of southeastern Europe. They travelled down to Zaporozhie on the Dniepr, and there established a fortress from which to carry out their operations against the Turks. They became known as the Zaporozhian Cossacks, the first of many famous Cossack formations in Russian history. An inconvenient fact at this time of conflict between “Russian “ and “Ukrainian” identity is that Dmytro Vishnevetsky had put himself and his men in the service of Tsar Ivan IV, better known in western literature as “the Terrible”.

Dmyro Vishnevetsky was captured by the Turks, taken to Constantinople, tortured, and eventually put to death there in 1562. My family comes from Vishnevets and we bear the same name as the famous Cossack, but we cannot claim kinship with him, and neither can anyone else. Even though he had several illustrious descendants, his known lineage disappeared before the end of the XVIIIth century.

However, I have been to that village, and when I look at Jerry’s Zaporozhian Cossack, I can tell myself that it represents someone with whom I would probably share some DNA. Needless to say, I got more than a



little excited when I laid eyes on Jerry's contribution to Russian Night, both because of his usual modeling skill, and because of his choice of subject.

At the end of the meeting, Jerry Rinaldi offered me his Zaporozhian Cossack. After putting up some futile resistance I accepted it, and accepted it with pleasure. Jerry, rest assured that it will be looked after well!

I will now get a little philosophical about the Club. Even though the amount of time and energy that we have to spend on our hobby may vary, we are all modelers at heart. And we have for the most part been hanging out with each other for quite a few years, sometimes in sickness and sometimes in health. Therefore, NJIPMS members, I salute you and wish you all more time to enjoy life and get some modeling done !

Review: HMS Zinnia

Mirage Hobby, 1/350th Scale

By Martin J. Quinn



Description	High quality injection molded
Scale	1/350
Price	MSRP \$24.99
Contents and Media	Injection Molded Plastic Kit
Advantages	Mainstream injection molded Flower Class Corvette in 350 scale; Good detail
Disadvantages	Plastic is a little thick in places; No photo-etch
Recommendation	Recommended

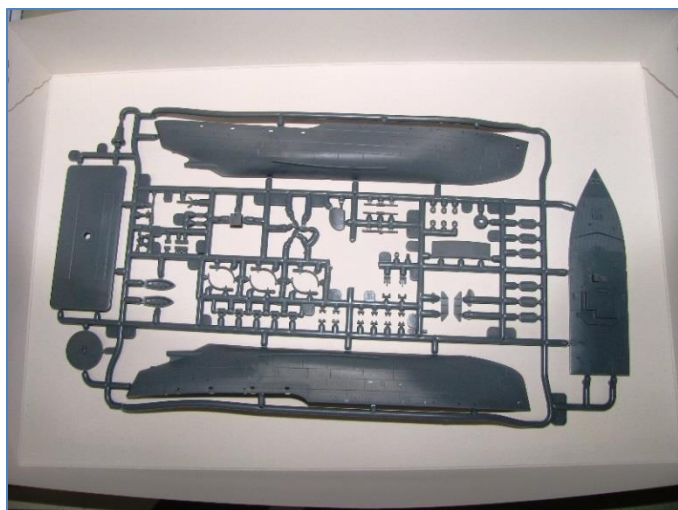
History (from Wikipedia):

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Zinnia_%28K98%29

The Model:

Prior to Mirage releasing their 1/350 Flower Class corvettes, the only option were resin versions in either 1/350 or 1/400 scale, with the corresponding high cost associated with





them. Mirage's Zinnia comes in a cardboard box with nice artwork of the Zinnia in a convoy on the top. Inside the box are three grey trees containing approximately 120 parts, a four sheet (eight page) instruction booklet with a nice color profile and a decal sheet.

The two piece hull measures out to 7 inches in length, which is pretty much spot on for her actual length in 350th scale. Prominent hull plating is molded into the hull. My opinion is it is a little overstated, but hull plating is a new trend with ship model manufacturers, as they to up the ante all the time, trying to outdo their competitors. Again, I think it's a little overstated, but will probably look okay under a coat of paint.

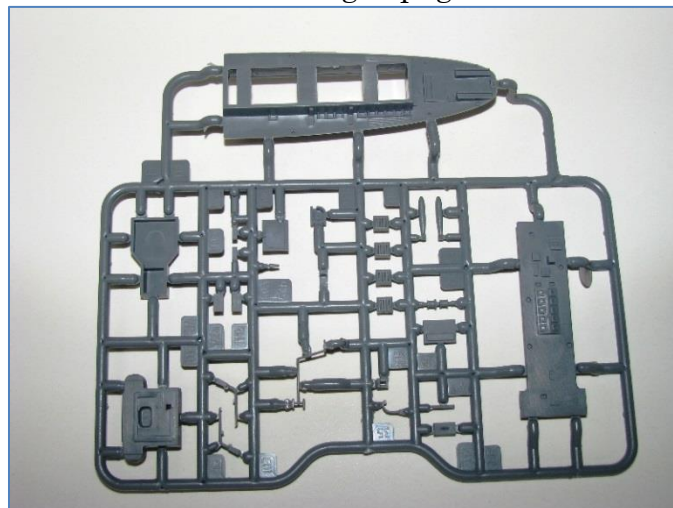


The deck is 1 1/16 inches wide, which again scales out very close to the real thing. The forward deck has some nice planking details on it (albeit without the butt ends of the planks). The after deck has some odd diagonal scratches in it, which will most likely disappear under a coat of paint.

The plastic sprues are thick and the attachment points on the sprues are also thick, which might leave you with some clean up or broken parts as you go along. Use caution when removing parts from the sprues.

That being said, the small parts are – for the most part – well done and have nice detail.

The instructions are eight pages on four

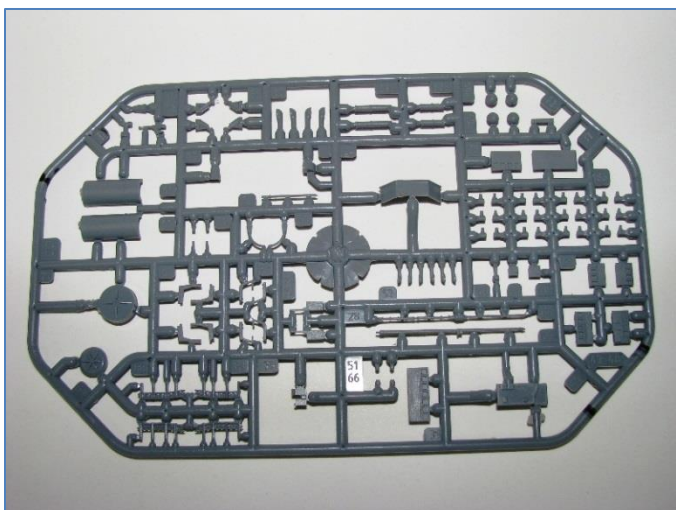


double sided sheets, consisting of history, exploded view CAD drawings and a color painting profile. The color callouts look a little “off” to me – check your references before painting.

There is no photo-etch included with the model, which seems to be standard with most ship models today.

Conclusions:

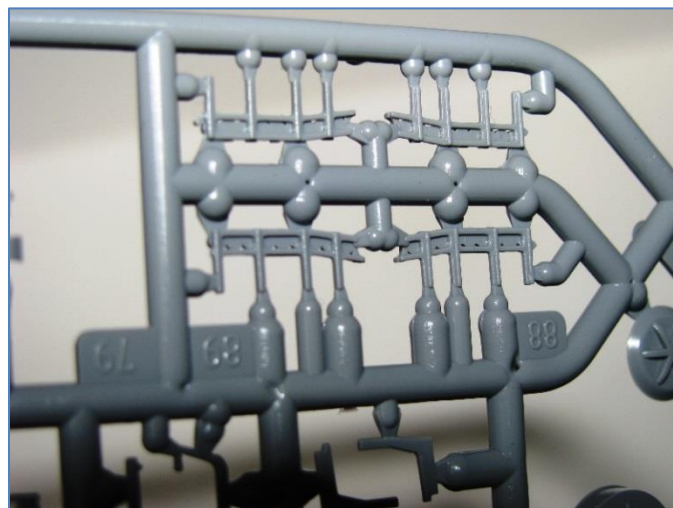
All in all, this looks like a pretty nice little model in the box. I'm not a Flower-class



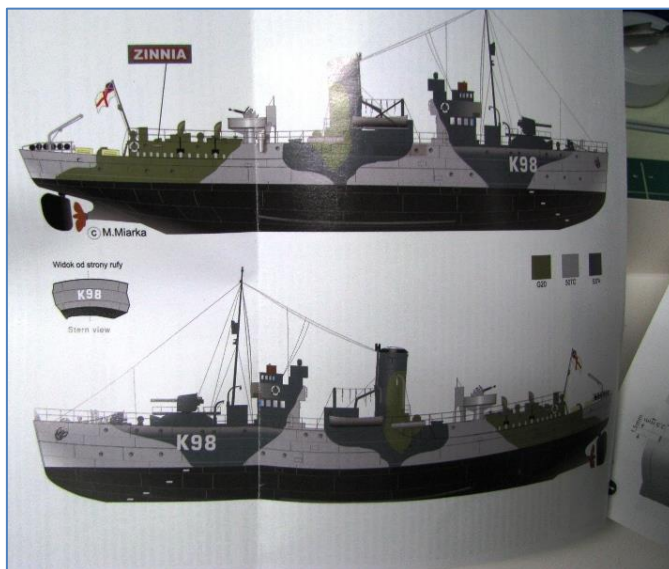
expert, but it certainly LOOKS like a flower class corvette. While there is no photo-etch in the box, after market manufacturers have released some sets if you want to make your Flower bloom. Retail price for the kit is \$24.99, which is a nice price point, but you can get it for even less on line.

This should be a nice addition to any ship modeler's collection, and fit in nicely with

any of the plethora of 1/350 German U-boats kits now on the market. Recommended!



Review sample courtesy of Mirage Hobby, via Mike Dobrzelecki of New Jersey IPMS.



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This month's meeting will be on:

Friday

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