

MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS



January 2016 Edition

The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi All and Happy New Year. Not much going on so I hope you all enjoyed the Holidays because now it's time to go to work.

First up, some guys can't make the meeting this month for the Phantom Group Build, and 2 members asked me if we could have it a month late. Being it's a group build I said yes. Bring what you have to January's meeting but the contest/showing of all the birds will be in February. Thank you for your commitment to the build and to the club. These will be shown at the IHobby Expo as well as MCON 25 and the 2016 Nats!

Next up, it's a full frontal assault for the iHobby Expo and MCON 25, which are shaping up nicely. MosquitoCon is a milestone show and I hope the weather holds out for the Biggie. As far as iHobby, we will be manning the booth/tables, recruiting as well as providing support to the show over those 3 days. Please be prepared to help because it is very good exposure for the club! We are the only club involved so let's make it a great 3 days. I will have more info at the meetings in January and February and will get it out via email as the dates get closer!

I'm actually looking forward to this. I'm a 'gonna be a having some fun!! I hope you all do too!

Next is the Holiday Party! I as well as all who came are thankful to our members Glenda and Harmon (WHO ARE TREASURES) for taking the time to make a nice affair. All who attended enjoyed all that we were fed. Thanks guys! "WELL DONE!!!!!"

I think that's it for now so I will see you at the meeting Friday Night. Again in closing, I hope you all had a Happy Holiday Season and may the following year bring you Joy and Happiness!

Regards/Friendship,

Big Bill

Next Meeting:
Friday,
January
8th

Upcoming Events:

January
Tree building demo, open contest

February
Phantom Group Build, LED lighting demo

March
Nostalgia Night

April 2nd, 2016:
Mosquito-Con 25

August 3-6 2016:
IPMS Nationals,

Joe's VP Piece



By Joe Smith

Hello,

A very big thank you to Glenda & Harmon for the wonderful job they did catering the Christmas party! As usual the food was excellent and the Christmas party went well. Congratulations to all the winners of the year's best awards.

MosquitoCon is approaching fast, rev up those engines and get those builds done. Also please volunteer for jobs during the show.

May everyone and there Family have a safe and Happy New Year!

~Joe Smith



[MosquitoCon 25](#)

April 2nd, 2016

Wayne, New Jersey

From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio

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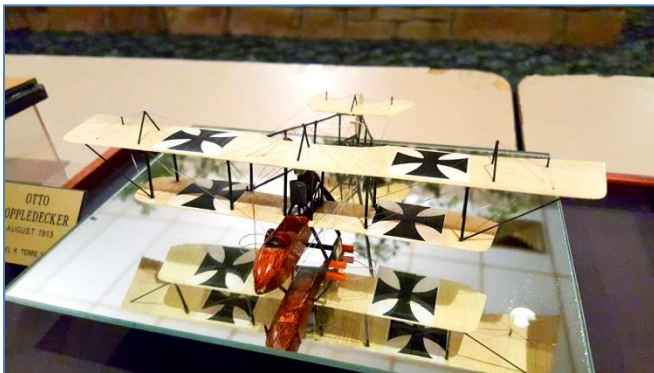


January of 2016, amazing how time flies by. Before we know it the next three months will be gone and it will be MosquitoCon 25, The Show of Shows. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is having a good start to 2016. I spent Christmas with my in laws in Brooklyn; I think everyone had a good time drinking and telling old and new stories. The food was good the deserts were better, homemade cheese cake and all kinds cookies, my favorite pine nut cookies.

I have been trying to do build something other than a submarine or tank as a change

of pace, but it's hard to get motivated . I might try to finish the Williams FW07 formula 1 race car I started a while ago I might even try 1 of the planes I bought at the Nationals. It's good to get out of your comfort zone and try something you haven't done in years. Yes time flies. Wishing you and your Families a healthy and happy New Year.

~Vince



THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



A new year is upon us. I hope everyone had a great time ringing in 2016. May this New Year wash away all the bad of last year and bring prosperity and joy to all. We will be showing off our phantoms from the phantom group build this month.*(editor's note: see Bill's column for mention of a month postponement)*. I'm excited to see what everyone has done!

We could use some volunteers to host monthly theme nights for 2016. Please reach

out to me with your ideas. I'd like to shake things up again.

At some point during the year I'll be hosting a Sci-Fi night. I'd imagine a lot of new kits will be out from Star-Wars. Let's hope some more of the great Bandai ones end up stateside, otherwise more of my money will be spent via HLJ.

~Jon



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable Holiday Season and got to spend time with family and friends. It's a remarkable time of year.

I'm putting the finishing touches on my ESCI F-4 Phantom for this month's group build. I'm excited to wrap it up, as well as to see what the other members have done with theirs. I'm sure we'll see many varied color schemes and markings. The venerable Phantom was used by many countries over a long period of service, so there is no shortage of colorful and intriguing options. I'm modeling an F-4C in a scheme that it wore towards the end of its service life and is one that it seldom modeled, and one that I've always wanted to do. Caracal Decals provided a nice selection to choose from, and I picked one that I saw during its active service life. The kit itself provides nice surface detailing, especially when you realize that the kit is about 40 years old. I recall it being among the first kits to feature engraved panel lines, and it was hailed as a

breakthrough when it was released, and it was the best F-4 kit up to that time. When compared to modern kits, it comes up short on detail and fit, but it's still a decent kit to be sure. It fought me a few times, but overall I had fun with this one. The F-4 is probably my favorite aircraft, and it's always rewarding to see its infamous shape begin to come together as the build progressed. The only aftermarket items used were replacement ejection seats from Quickboost. The rest of the interior is out of the box, except for the addition of throttles - quite adequate if the canopies are displayed closed, which is what I decided to do on mine. It was a fun build and I'm glad I participated.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

~Mike



F&M Hobbies
By Mike Terre



Recently Dan Spera and I visited F&M Hobby Center in Flanders New Jersey. This shop used to be located on Route 10 in Randolph New Jersey. As an aside, both Dan and I are practitioners of the Unified Field Theory (UFT) of navigation, F&M used to be called "Route 10 guy" but now he's known to us as "Route 206 guy". If you're interested in UFT navigation just talk to one of us at the next meeting, you'll be amazed at how it works. Anyway back to F&M.

F&M has a good mix of many different hobbies, although it's strong into model railroading and RC vehicles. They do have a very good selection of plastics however, both domestic and imported, with cars, armor, ships and aircraft well represented, plus a surprisingly good space and science fiction section.

Prices are discounted by about 10% off list but they have many "special" prices. I purchased two old Glencoe 1/32 scale armor kits, the BTR-50 personnel carrier and the Frog 3 missile carrier for the "special" price of \$8.95 each.

I also saw a Hasagawa 1/72 Nakajima Ki-49 "Helen" for \$34.95, it's normal list price is \$43.73.

The shop has a very good selection of the glues, putty, and solvents that we use. I purchased a 0.25 oz. bottle of Zap Thin CA glue for \$3.99. There was also a good selection of plastic scratch building materials from Evergreen and Plastistruct as well as brass and aluminum tubing and sheets. There was an excellent selection of paints from Tamiya, Gunze and Testors (square

bottle and Acryl) both in bottles and spray cans as well as a good selection of modeling tools.



The guys in the shop are very friendly and helpful. One of the owners reminded me that the Chicago Toy Show would be coming to New Jersey and encouraged me to attend as it would be good for the hobby industry. The shop is a bit of a drive however. You need to take Route 80 West till you get to exit 27A and then take Route 206 South for about three miles. The shop is located in the "Mall at 206", a strip mall on the South side of the highway. Contact information, including the shops website is listed below. They are also on Facebook with excellent pictures of the shop. Thanks to Dan for pointing out the Facebook connection.

F&M Hobby Center
240 Route 206 South
Flanders, NJ 07836
Phone: 973-361-0042
Web site www.fandmhobbies.com

All in all a very competent and well organized shop that is worth a visit!

~Mike Terre

From the Editor

By Devin Poore



As has been stated elsewhere in the newsletter, Happy New Year's to everyone. Now that I work in higher education, I had nearly two weeks off over the holidays, and managed to get some modeling building done.

At the last meeting I found myself in several conversations concerning clear varnishes: the evil smells of petroleum based lacquers and enamels, yellowing of Dullcoat over time, and the difficulties of spraying Future for a gloss coat that some encounter. I've found a new product that I highly recommend. Golden Artists produces paints and mediums for artists, and have produced a very nice line of waterborne, acrylic varnishes. They come in flat, semi, and gloss, brush on easily, and can be thinned with distilled water for excellent performance in an airbrush. They also have the added benefit of providing UV protection, reducing fading and discoloration from most light sources. I've traditionally

used Testor's Dullcoat, decanted from a spray can, for my final dullcoat. I can attest that the Golden varnish, thinned with distilled water, behaves almost exactly the same as the Dullcoat, with none of the smell, easier cleanup, and hopefully no danger of yellowing over time. I picked mine up from DickBlick art supply. They sell it in various volumes, the 4oz squeeze bottle I purchased of each variety cost under \$7 each, and should last many projects.

And as with everything else in the known universe, you can also find it on

[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

They also offer it in aerosol can, but I have yet to test this.



This month's meeting will be on:
Friday



January 8th, 2016



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