

The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all! Hope the summer is going well for you all! I'm ok and building again and actually having fun at it. Seems I lost sight of it and found less and less time but with the past years events, I am doing as much as possible! YOU NEVER KNOW!"

As most of you know now our long time member Jim Merrigan has passed! God Speed Jim ! You were one of a kind. As per his wife Marilyn's wishes we donated money to Monmouth County ASPCA. It is now helping a lot of the 300 dogs found at a hoarders house in Howell. I hope they all do well. I went there and gave them the money direct. Joe Smith and my family also gave blankets towels and food. Great for all the animals that need the help!!!!

Nothing new as far as MosquitoCon go's except we are now officially on the P.A.L.'s website and events calendar. I can't believe MCON 25 is over and we are working on MCON 26!

Last up is the club outing at Famous Daves! All I can tell you is everyone had a great

time and a lot more than 40 people were there. There was well over 50! That is a great thing! I'm looking forward to next year! LOL! Me thinks that's it for now.

This is the last newsletter before the Nats, so if there are any club activities for those attending or general information before everyone heads to South Carolina, it'll be posted to the website, or maybe via an email to club members.

See you all on Friday. Hope you all had a pleasant 4th of July long weekend!

Big Bill

Next Meeting:
Friday,
July 8th

Upcoming Events:

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

August 26-
28
JerseyFest,
Whippany,
NJ

September
Out of the
Box OR
Sci-Fi
Night

October
Russian
Night

November
Finish
What
Someone
Else
Started

Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

I am sorry to have missed the last meeting, but was very happy to attend our annual Famous Dave's! Thank you Big Bill for all you do for this club!

On a sad note is the passing of Jim Merrigan, a man who I have known since first joining this club in 1983! Always happy and loving this great hobby. He will be truly missed.

From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio

July meeting is on us time has passed us by and half the year is gone, I hope you all have a fine summer .building models and enjoying your free time. I understand you all had a fine time at Famous Dave's, an event that Big Bill puts on every year it seems to get better and better. I missed it this year because of my uncle's 95th birthday June 12, 1921, he served in WW2 in North Africa, Italy and Germany for a total of 4 years active duty.

I hope you all remember that we lost Jim Merrigan a couple of weeks ago. I attended the wake and was notified by Jim's

wife Marilyn that his collection of models and books is available. I understand that most of the models are Vacuform and there are 500 of them also the books total 1500. Mike O'Conner is probably the person to contact if you are interested in any of them. Marilyn seemed to prefer that the kits go to the military but vacuform are not the easiest to build and Mike Terri is the only other modeler I know who builds them. So please touch base with Mike at the meeting. Hope to see you all at the Meeting on July 8th.

~ *Vince*

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Hello all! It was great to see so many at the club outing at Famous Dave's. They always hook us up. It was also great to see Famous Nicole make an appearance! I did not expect that. Please do not forget that this month is Italian Night sponsored by Art Doran. It was originally supposed to be the British are Coming, but I screwed up, so it is what it is now. Next month will be Civilian Night and I

think there will be a good turnout for that followed by Sci-Fi night in September. We had an enormous turnout for Sci-Fi night last year, so I'm really hopeful about this one. Anyway, I hope everyone enjoys/enjoyed their 4th of July weekend (depending on when this gets released). Make the most out of all these holidays. We've lost a lot of good people over the past 2 years and it's



saddening, but that's just life. Unexpected. Lastly, I hope those going to the nationals next month have a great time. I won't be going this year because I don't find enough interesting stuff to be near the venue, but I

will definitely attend next year! See you guys Friday.

~Jon

The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. We as a club kicked it off in excellent fashion with our annual BBQ party at Famous Dave's. Thank you Big Bill for arranging the party and all the fantastic food selections. Everyone had a great time and lots of laughs were shared all afternoon. Just another perk we receive as members of NJIPMS and a benefit for all our efforts involving MosquitoCon.

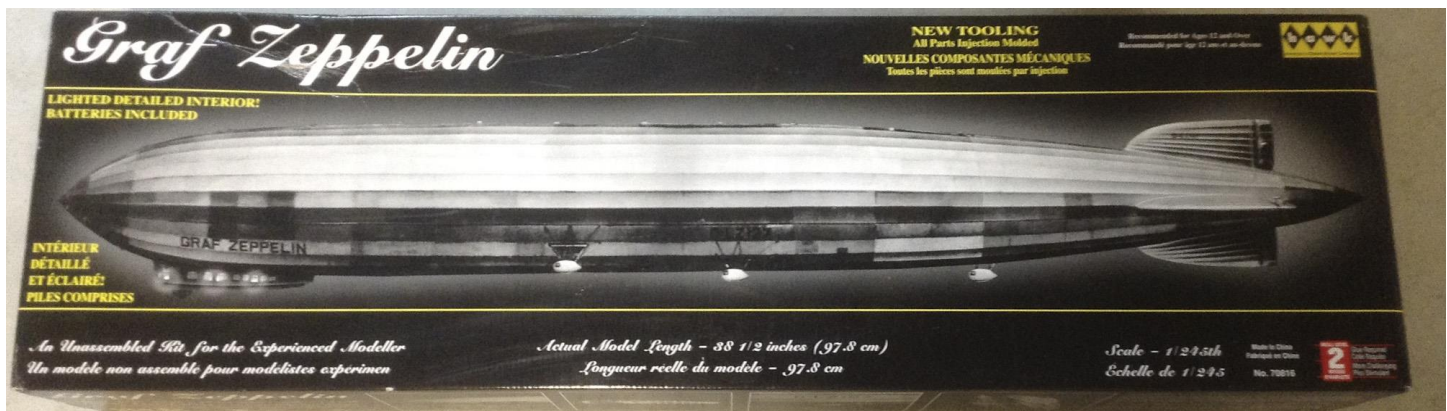
On a sad note, we had to say goodbye to yet another longtime member. Our friend Jim Merrigan passed away on June 6 after suffering a series of strokes. His wake and funeral were a celebration of his life and we weren't surprised at all to hear about how bravely he faced his final challenges. It was wonderful to hear his family and friends

share their memories of him. I was surprised to learn that he contracted polio as a child and had to struggle greatly to regain his ability to walk. The photos of his younger years were remarkable, including those taken during his service in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, as was the military honor guard ceremony. When I think of Jim I'll always recall the scratch built odd-ball aircraft that he would build using parts from about a dozen different sources! That, along with his "joke of the month", quick wit and never ending smile will remain with me. I'm sure he's already visited heaven's hobby shop...Andrei and Wally showed him where it is. We will miss you greatly, Jim.

~Mike

Hawk Graf Zeppelin in 1/245th scale

By Mike Terre



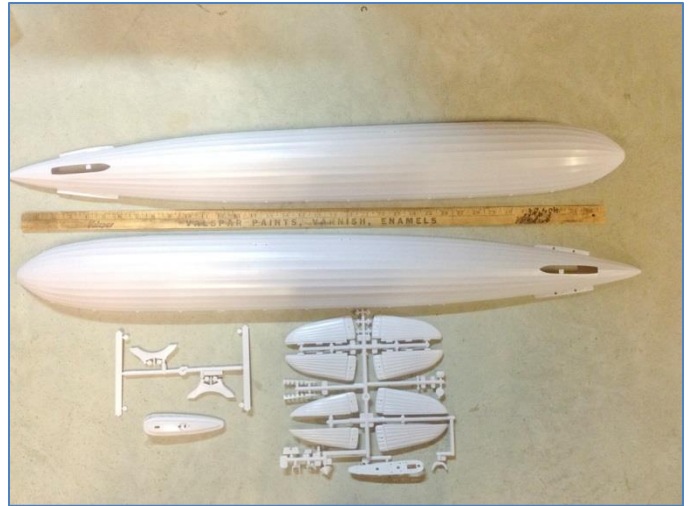
Boy what a big box! That's the first thing that comes around when you see the Hawk Graf Zeppelin! And the hull of the thing, 38 inches long, just barely fits in that box. This model has been around for a while. Hawk originally issued this kit back in early 1960 with a vacuformed hull. However when reissued a few years ago Hawk, now owned by Round2 Models, retooled the hull for injection molding.

Further updates to the original kit include a detailed passenger cabin that can be lighted along with the flight deck. The lighting kit includes three blue gray LED's, a 1.5 volt watch battery (yes, the battery is included!)



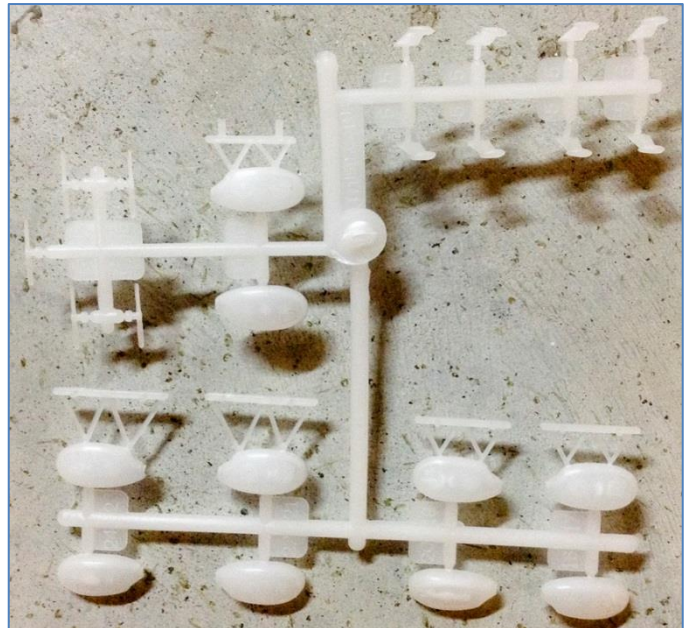
and an on/off switch, all of which is pre-wired and ready to go. The switch is cleverly hidden under the control cabin landing wheel. I'm sure this lighting kit will make Big Bill just drop everything and get this kit!

The flight controls, fins and ontrol/passenger cabin are comprised of 32 parts molded in white styrene on 2 sprues. The molding is sharp with nice detailing and no flash. The engine cars and propellers are comprised of 18 parts molded in nylon on one sprue. The molding for these parts is not very good, no detail and substantial flash. I have no idea of what possessed Hawk to mold these parts in nylon as it's very difficult to glue and paint.



Surprisingly the instruction sheet does not address this problem. You also get a spool of nylon (not that stuff again!) thread for rigging the massive tail fins. A simple, well printed decal sheet is also included.

The model has two display stands b





ut you also have the option of suspending it from the ceiling of a room. A perfect addition to any family or living room that any modelers wife would approve of instantly.

A nice bonus feature of this kit is a giant Graf Zeppelin poster that was obviously meant to be used for advertising in a hobby shop window. I guess Hawk had some extras and included them with the kit.

I don't believe that Hawk/Round2 is producing this kit anymore, although it's still on their website. It's list price was \$99.95, but I got mine a few years ago when Squadron was having one of their inventory clearance sales. It cost me \$39.98, you can't get much better than that!

You know something? I'm sitting in my den writing this and I notice I've got plenty of ceiling space. Although it also might look good above the fireplace in the family room. Yep, that's it; I'll build the thing, hang it in the family room and surprise Deb. She'll just love it! Looks like I might have to go to Lowes and get a couple gallons of silver paint to paint this beast! Thanks for reading, see you at the June meeting. Now do something useful like building that model that's been on your bench for the last year!



From the Editor

By Devin Poore



Thanks to the eBoard members for getting their articles out to me, and to Mike Terre, too, for the review. Without his help this issue would've been totally devoid of photos! As stated previously, I'm traveling a lot this summer, both for work and for pleasure, and most of the trips occur during meeting weekends. Again this coming Friday I'll be out of town, at a writer's conference in Boston, so no July meeting for me. If anyone wishes to take photos and send them my way, please do.

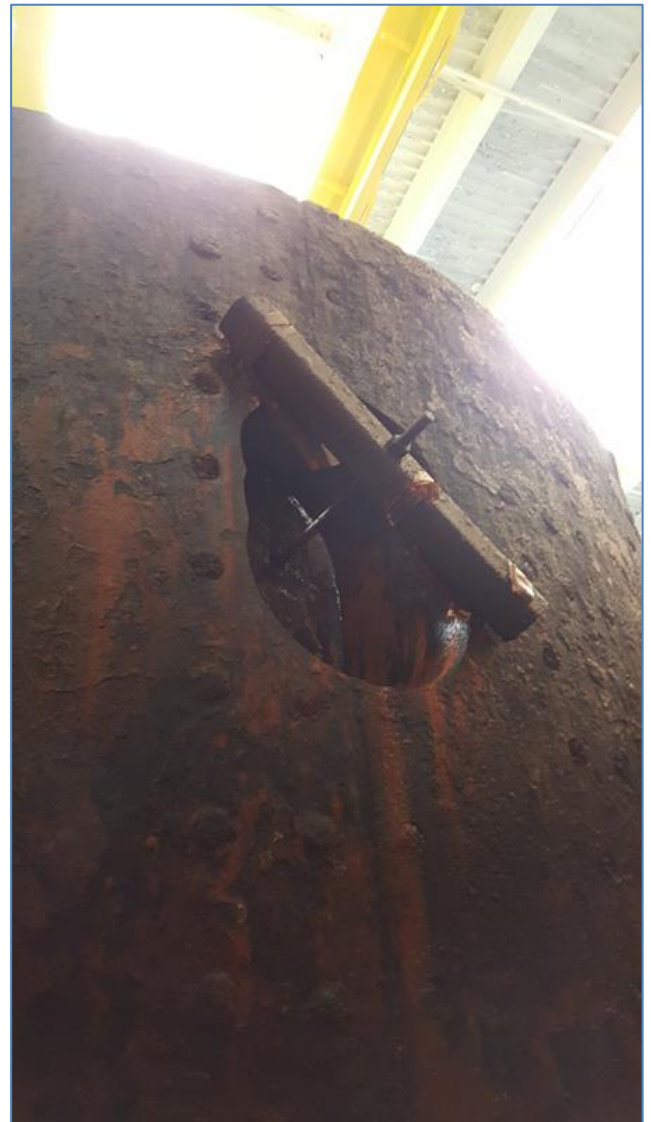
One of my trips landed me last week at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Virginia. As many of you know, the Mariner's is where the recovered relics of the USS Monitor are being conserved and restored. I was fortunate enough to learn that they were having tours of the drained



conservation tank during June. Most of the time the turret is kept under water to preserve the metal until the salt can be leached from it, but they do drain it on occasion to clean and inspect. Needless to say, I had to make the trip. Here are a few photos of the turret up-close and personal, a couple showing dents from cannon solid shot and shell strikes.

And (how's this for a segue?) don't forget, if you're attending the Nationals, I'll be speaking on [Civil War ironclads, Friday at 11am, in Congaree A.](#)

Happy 4th to everyone, and see you all at the Nationals or the August meeting.

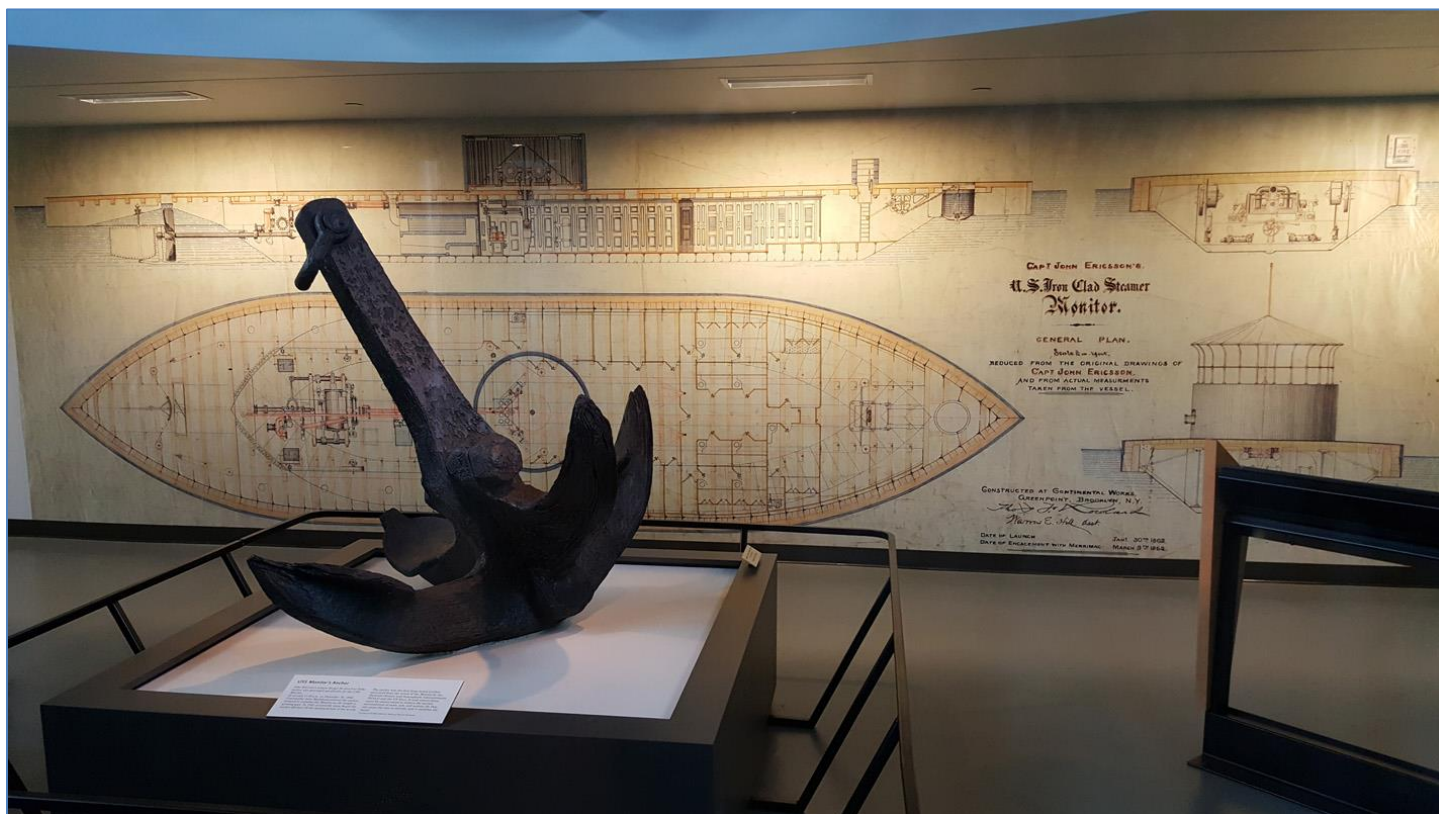




The turret shell in the drained preservation tank. The turret is 20' in diameter, 9' high.



One of the 11" Dahlgren cannon in preservation tank.



The ship's anchor, fully preserved and stabilized, now on display at the Mariner's Museum.

This month's meeting will be on:

Friday
July 8th, 2016



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