

# MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS



# THE IRON WORKS

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all! Hope all of you are enjoying life and everything that goes with it. It was great to see so many members at the meeting. It seems almost everyone enjoys coming to the meetings and are satisfied that the meetings are fun and not just a boring place to go on the second Friday of every month. We try to entertain you best we can in between all the other things we are doing! It was also nice to see an impromptu workshop by Jon. It was entertaining and I hope some of you learned by the way he does things.

Jon has come a long way in a very short time and has the Spark/Spirit that many of us had so very long ago! We need others that have this spark as well because the eboard



won't be doing this forever but we want a new eboard to be absolute in their execution. They will need the spark to continue what we have done to this point! Good luck to all future Presidents, VP's Treasurers and

Chapter Contacts. No we aren't quitting now either. As promised we will stay on board for some time to come! We can tell by the show of hands for no elections again that most of us are satisfied with the way we do things. So be it! LOL. It has been challenging at times but most of all it has been very rewarding to be President this time around! The first time it wasn't that way. It was tough with all the factions and troublemakers and so forth and so on but those guys are long gone and forgotten in our book. Our club is having fun and that's the way it should be and will be as long as we are in office. We all deserve this because we work all week or whatever, and need a place to just have fun and no F%\$\$%&G politics! That's all I have to say on this!

Next Meeting:  
Friday,  
June 14th

Upcoming  
Events:

June  
Africa Night

July  
Midget Racer  
Night

August  
Pearl Harbor  
Night

August 14-17  
IPMS  
Nationals.  
Loveland, CO

September  
Movie Night

Date to be  
Determined:  
WWI Night

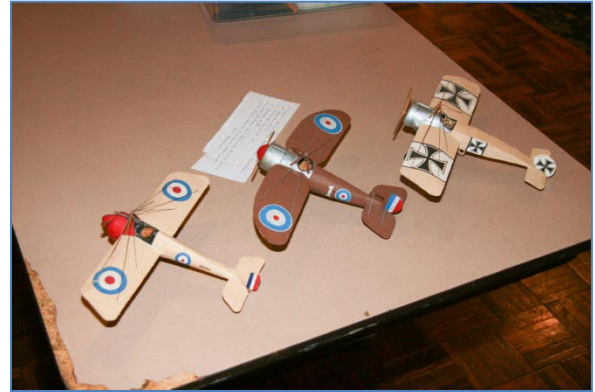




Next up, I meant what I said to you all at the meeting. You are MosquitoCon! You all make the day go smooth and the show go off without a hitch! Keep up the great work! I am very proud of you all. Our show is the show all others wish that they can be and it's that way because of all of you members. Well done Men! Well done! On that note, it was great to see the pics from the New Jersey and great to see your well done display. As far as the make and takes, we can do that for them as long as the New Jersey provides the space and does the advertising. It will be mutually beneficial for the ship and for the club and the Make and Take attendees. More on this as information comes available! Another WELL DONE!

Last but not least is the Club outing/Picnic! This year we did some numbers and have decided to have 2 outings. The first one is June 23rd 2013 at Famous Dave's on Rt. 1 where we had the last one. We will have service for 40-45 plus a few extras, we will also have soda on hand as well as draft beer from the many selections at the Bar. I will keep the liquids flowing. Remember, mixed drinks are bought by individual members. Beer and wine is with the meal. With that

said, the party is opened to members and wives and maybe an extra person or two. We will have an all family day maybe at the next outing. Desert will be offered in the form of Famous Dave's Bread Pudding, Pralines, Ice Cream topped with whipped cream! DONT GET NO BETTER THAN THAT! Please just one thing! Make sure everyone and I mean everyone gets the first sitting of food before going back for seconds! Thank You!



Finally, Doc Peters group build is coming up July. Don't forget to please build your midget! We will be having another group build soon as well, maybe small uncomplicated 350th scale ships of different types or something along that line.

~ *Big Bill Schwarz*

## Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Fellow members of NJIPMS,

Back in April, one week after our show L.I. Scale Modelers held their annual show. It was a nice turnout with good Models on the tables. As usual, our club did very well at this show. Martin Quinn and Marc Rocca were winners, and Devin Poore won best ship, as well as best in show. Congrats Gentlemen!

On May 18th our club held our annual Display on board the Battleship N.J. .It was a good turnout, as I look forward to this every year. We displayed our finished models as well as building models in the wardroom, and heard some nice praise from visitors as well.

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.*



I want to start off with a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who joined us for our display in the wardroom of the Battleship New Jersey on Armed Forces Day, Saturday May 18, 2013. In total, there were 5 club members, 3 children of members, and one ship modeling friend of mine – that I invited – displaying models.

It was a little cooler and rainier than expected (much different weather than last year), but those of us that were able to make it had a good time. We set up our models for display, spoke to folks taking the tour (the staff seemed to especially like our models), wandered the ship a bit and built models. All in all, a good day! I also want to give a big thank you to Jack Willard of the Battleship NJ staff, who was our point person, and for letting us come onboard and show off our goods. Jack said that they had gotten good feedback about our visit, and would like us back in the fall.

During the day, a young boy of about 6 or 7 asked his Mom if he could build a model too. Dave Klanica – one of our newer members – and I started talking how we should have brought a few “snap tite” kits with us for such a situation like that. Dave then suggested we should host a full blown make and take right on the Battleship. I think it’s

a great idea – if the Battleship supplies the kids, we could supply the models and the adults to help them build them. It’s something to definitely discuss at a future meeting.

Just before I started writing this, I sent Devin a partial list of winners (categories



1 through 20) for MosquitoCon 22, so they can be posted on the website. Hopefully the rest of the list won’t be too far behind. As I’ve previously mentioned, life and work have been extremely busy these last 19 months (especially the last 7), so it’s been hard to find the time to complete the list of winners. My apologies to all for the delay.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. That’s when the club will be hosting a club BBQ at Famous Dave’s, which is at 52 North Lafayette Avenue, Metuchen, NJ



08840. That's right off Route 1 South, just south of the Garden State Parkway – same location as last September's BBQ. I am sure Big Bill will have more on this, as he is the one who put the whole thing together. Thank you Bill!



Due to the aforementioned time constraints,

I did not participate in this year's group build of the race cars. It seems from the models that people are working on, it's progressing quite well. As one of our future group builds, I'd love to see a ship themed group build. There are plenty of 1/350 scale destroyer kits in plastic out there, from Dragon, Tamiya and Trumpeter. I think a "Tin Can" Group build in 1/350 would be a great one, especially if it was in memory of our own "tin can sailor", the late Bill Marshall.

Well, that's it from here. See you all at the June meeting.

~*Martin*

## THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Well the summer is finally upon us. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's Midget builds! Note that June will be North Africa night, so bring out your builds and there will be prizes as usual. I still have certificates to give out for April and May, some guys didn't show up or were simply too busy drinking their Budweiser's and gin & tonics! I'll bring a few of my WIP's for everyone to view.. I



also picked up a figure I'm sure everyone wants to see (except the boys at IPMS LOL!)

Ciao,

~*Jon*





# The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Isn't it interesting how often things come full circle? From our standpoint, I'm thinking of the various model kit manufacturers and their releases down through the years. In the 1960's and 70's, I don't think many model companies could rival Airfix for the sheer volume of new releases – especially aircraft kits. As Airfix began winding down as a leader in that regard, other companies such as Hasegawa started their ascent as one of the more prolific manufacturers – seeing their heyday in the 1980's, 90's and into the early 2000's.



Over the last several years, there has been reversal yet again. Any new release by Hasegawa (i.e. not a re-box of an existing kit) is a truly rare occasion, whereas Airfix has re-emerged as a force in the new release of

aircraft kits. These new Airfix kits are not only excellent quality, but they are also quite inexpensive – getting back to their roots in a very real way.

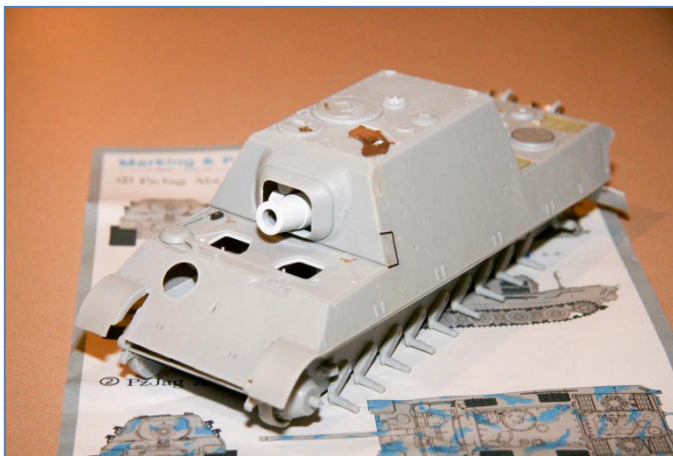
In the world of armor, Tamiya had long been recognized as the leader. But, for the last fifteen years or so, Tamiya has gradually been eclipsed by DML/Dragon in new armor releases. It remains to be seen if Tamiya will eventually see resurgence to their former glory.

For the car guys, AMT and MPC were in the forefront of new releases back in the 60's and 70's. It seemed as if a new kit was being released by one of those companies on a daily basis! Now, lo and behold, a trip to the hobby shop will reveal many new (and re-released oldies) by AMT and MPC. Granted, these are under the domain of Round 2 Models, but still, it's very cool to witness.

I'm digging this whole "full circle" phenomenon. It underscores once again that it's a great time to be a modeler!

Best Wishes,

*~Mike P.*



# Quick Panel Line Marker Overview

By Jon Da Silva

I'd like to talk about panel lining markers. Most of us have used washes or pre-shading to bring out panel lines, but what about for very small jobs? What if you don't want to make a big mess? Well the answer is fine



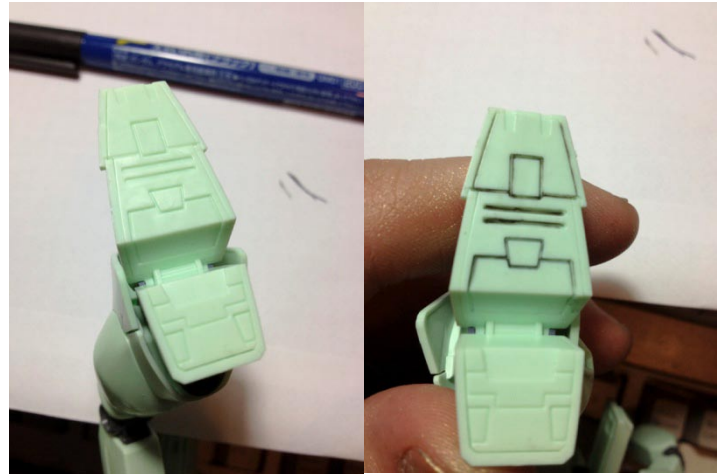
tipped markers!

They're available from a variety of companies, Bandai and Micron being the two most well known. Here are some photos of the markers in action, a #11 blade is used for size comparison.



Lastly, here's a before and after photo of just how effective these markers are. This is an unpainted kit. Just look at the before and after and you'll immediately

notice a difference. Keep in mind this is right on the plastic and my marker is about a year old and almost dried up!



If the kit was painted, the results would be better such as this completed kit.



The best part about these markers is if you make a mistake, they're incredibly forgiving. A Q-Tip will usually remove the excess; you can use a bit of water if necessary, or if the model has a clear coat, some rubbing alcohol.



# History of New Jersey IPMS

By Mike Dobrzelecki

New Jersey IPMS is one of the oldest chapters of IPMS USA. We are a talented group of modelers, dedicated most of all to the idea that the hobby and membership in the club should be fun, even when we're working hard. For our efforts NJIPMS has been named Region 2 "Chapter of the Year" no less than 3 times – 1993, 2005 and 2011. A couple of our members are the recipients of the prestigious "Mike Lyons Award" granted to the individual who made the most impact in promoting and contributing to the hobby and IPMS in Region 2. Others served on the E-Board of IPMS USA and as Region 2 Coordinator. Our chapter website won best IPMS USA website – the first time the prize was ever awarded. Several of our members have actively contributed to the hobby industry, as well as, providing research and product development consultant services to kit manufacturers and after-market companies, including: MRC, Accurate Miniatures, Techmod, Aeromaster and Cutting Edge. Several hobby kit boxes feature models built by club members. We are most noted, though, for our annual show, MosquitoCon, now approaching its 23rd year, and well known to modelers around the world as one of the most fun one-day hobby shows.

It all began almost 50 years ago.

New Jersey IPMS was first formed in the mid-1960's, shortly after IPMS USA came into being. These were the early days of organized plastic hobby activity. Industry news of kits, products and publications, as well as, techniques were shared amongst the members of this embryonic club, much the same as the chapters still do to this very day. The chapter had a newsletter typed up on an old typewriter and mimeographed for snail-

mailing to the members. Link Papalia, who later owned a hobby shop in East Orange and then Caldwell, was one of the founding members. This group pioneered a now time-honored IPMS practice of pooling their talents and resources in their first chapter project, which was building a series of Revell 1/28<sup>th</sup> scale SPAD XIII's, as promotional items for the release of the still-classic WWI aviation movie, "The Blue Max" in 1965. The idea was to make the SPAD models available for display at various movie theaters around the Garden State showing the movie. A photo round-up of the club project was featured in the premier issue of "1001 Model Airplanes" magazine.

Another interesting enterprise the first version of the chapter dabbled in was a hobby paint line – none other than the infamous "Official" Camouflage hobby paint. One member cooked up a scheme to contract with one of the many paint companies in Newark, New Jersey to produce hobby paints to *his* exacting specifications, which they supplied in 1 gallon cans. He bought hundreds of small hobby paint bottles and jar labels; and at each club meeting he had the membership sit around filling up the small bottles and pasting on the labels. The paint was advertised in the old Scale Modeler magazine. The membership was not very happy about being employed as free labor, though, and wanted to get back to the "fun" part of the hobby. The "Official" paint soon garnered a very bad reputation for coagulating swiftly and was widely panned by modelers. It was also noted for the odd habit of the bottle exhibiting an audible "PING!" the exact moment the paint went bad.





After a few years, though, the chapter disbanded and the New Jersey IPMS name went dormant for a while.

In the mid-1970's, the chapter was reconstituted under the dynamic leadership of Ron Nickel, who worked as a traveling salesman for sporting goods and hobby products. Ron was like the "Pied Piper" of modelers. Not content with merely leaving "Join our Club" flyers at various locations, he gathered up his flock by setting up a table at hobby shops and actively engaging customers, cajoling them to join New Jersey IPMS and IPMS USA. As the membership grew, he secured a better meeting place at the Coachman Inn off the Garden State Parkway in Cranford, NJ. Hobby shop owners would come and vend at our monthly meetings, which also included the usual workshops, contests, auctions, raffles and guest speakers.

In 1981, the club received a visit from Larry Sowinski, the Exhibit Director for the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum, who was seeking the support of modelers to build exhibits for the museum ship, which was scheduled to open the following year. Larry was a noted ship modeler and knew the value of models to both tell a story and fascinate the museum-visiting public. Thus, began a long relationship that New Jersey IPMS forged with the Intrepid Museum. While the Brooklyn and Long Island IPMS Chapters also contributed to the Intrepid, the bulk of the models were supplied by NJIPMS. Over 23 years, the club provided nearly 740 models for over 20 major exhibits and events aboard the Intrepid, including Intrepid Con, the only model convention held aboard the museum ship berthed in mid-town Manhattan on the Hudson River. In 1982 we hosted our first Region 2 Convention in south Jersey.

New Jersey IPMS expanded its reach with projects at the other museums and institutions, as well as, displays at McGuire AFB and other venues. Club trips were organized to museums and a myriad of other activities kept the membership happy. The club grew, drawing in members from all over the Tri-State area – Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Our membership grew to about a hundred, but with this growth came an increased propensity for politics. Ron Nickel, decided to spin off from NJIPMS & IPMS USA and formed a non-IPMS affiliated club - Scale Modeling Enthusiasts (SME) in Bergen County in northern Jersey. Three other chapters spun off from NJIPMS, with the same politics being the catalyst for these events, but most of these chapters did not last very long. NJIPMS remained steadfast and many NJ modelers were members of multiple model clubs in the Garden State at some point during this time.

As the years went on, the costs of renting the room at the Coachman increased exponentially; and that, combined with the noise from weddings being held in other rooms at the facility, prompted NJIPMS's search for a more affordable and quieter venue, which we found at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garwood NJ. Still, funds were growing tighter as costs increased. At one point in the late 1980's-early 1990's, we secured a grant from the Intrepid to fund our club activities. The Intrepid saw this as a good investment. Around 1991, Bill Schwarz joined the club and shortly thereafter became president. He was the catalyst for organizing our one-day hobby convention, which became NJIPMS's roaring success of an annual show, MosquitoCon, named after the "Unofficial" New Jersey State bird. The first MosquitoCon, held in 1992 at Fort Monmouth Army Base in Jersey, was a huge success, as was every MosquitoCon to follow.



During the subsequent years, a succession of presidents led the club and, in addition to our signature event, MosquitoCon, we continued to supply the Intrepid with models, most notable of which were the series of exhibits commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War II and the Gulf War Exhibit. Other exhibits were organized for the Battleship New Jersey Historical Museum, Fort Monmouth Army Base, the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Historical Society, The Polish Air Force Veterans Association, Newark Airport Family Day, Tuskegee Airmen, New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame, The Polish Military Heritage Museum in New York City and the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City - just

to name a few. Capitalizing on the success of our MosquitoCon show, we hosted two more Region 2 Conventions – 2009 and 2011 in south Jersey. In an effort to give back to a wider spectrum of those in need, we have also raised money for various charitable organizations over the years, such as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Fisher House, which supports families of wounded veterans.

We not only ‘talk the talk’, but ‘walk the walk’ of the IPMS motto - “By Modelers - For Modelers”, marking NJIPMS as one of the best Chapters in IPMS USA.

### Custom Model Build Request

We received the following question via the NJIPMS website. If anyone is interested, please contact Devin or Martin for the gentleman’s contact information.

“Hello. I live in Middlesex, NJ, and am looking to have a plastic replica of a machine made. The item is a tape punch/reader, which was an accessory for a 1970's Teletype machine. Is there anyone in your group who does this type of work? I'm just looking for a reasonably close model of it. The unit is a fairly simple structure, and about 7"x21" (LxW), and about 6" high. I have photos of the unit. I am willing to pay a fee of course. I look forward to your reply.”





This month's meeting will be on:

**Friday**

**June 14th, 2013**



**IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

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