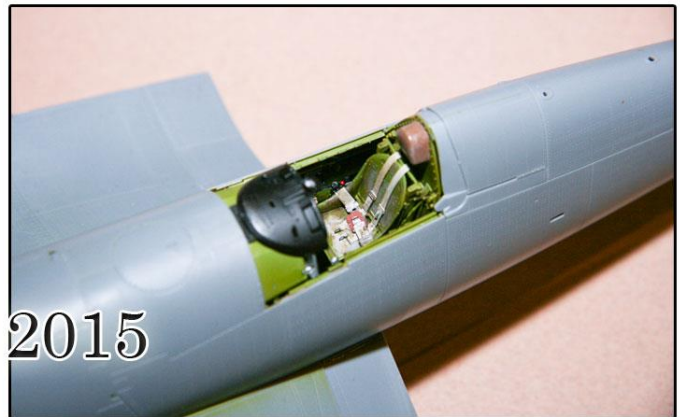


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The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all. Just a short bit to you all because I am in my busy season. Club is doing well! Nice to see John Stark come up and visit and it's very very good to see such a large turnout in both people and models. NJIPMS is prospering! Great Job guys! The only 2 things that come to mind are simple. MCON 25 is on track, and the annual NJIPMS BBQ/PICNIC/OUTING IS NEXT SUNDAY !! Same time and place. Food starts being served about 12:30. Open bar, food and desert all served. Have fun and come! The directions to Famous Dave are on the



Website (Which Devin doe's a great job at!) So I will see a lot of you this coming Friday at the meeting, then again on that Sunday at Famous Dave's BBQ. That's about it for now. Have a great summer, remember the NATS are coming up, and "Happy Modelling".

~ *Regards,*

Big Bill

Next
Meeting:
Friday,
June 12th

Upcoming
Events:
June
Italian
Night

July
Africa
Night

September
Out of the
Box Night

October
Russian
Night

November
Number 13
Night

December
Annual
Party

Joe's VP Piece

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By Joe Smith

I would like to thank everyone for their concern and wishing me well, and for their concern for my mother as well. I like what I've recently seen on the meeting's display tables and at the local



contests as well. There are so many great modelers in this club. It comes as no surprise this club does so well in shows!

Happy Modeling!

~Joe Smith

From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio

It was great to see such a large turnout for the May meeting, not only in members, but also in the number of models on the tables. I wonder if this is a result of the severe winter we just experienced, one of the worst I can remember. My M5 was completed and on the



table also. It is an AFV Club kit with TDM resin parts including a late model turret, along with exhaust baffles and hull updates. TMD, the manufacturer, is a company owned by Joe Bakanovic and he guarantees satisfaction on all his products. The web site is www.newtmd.com. Please check out his site.

The June meeting is upon us and I would like to wish all the fathers among us a Happy Father's Day. And I ask that you please remember the Quinn family in your prayers.

~Vince



THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Summer is upon us and so is our annual BBQ. I'm not sure of the date, but I know Big Bill will have all of the details. I really do hope everyone that participated in the phantom group build has at least opened the box and glued a part together. Speaking of building, we have some monthly themed contests coming up. We have an Italian night sponsored by Art this month, Africa night next month and then September I'll be sponsoring an out of the box build, which should be fun. Other than that I don't have much else to say. I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather. I know I have been to the movies many times and am looking forward

to the summer blockbusters. Anyway, I'll see



you at the meeting.

~Jon

The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Well, it's already June and the brutal winter we had is now a distant memory. Our annual club BBQ is right around the corner (two days after our June meeting). Thanks to Big Bill for setting that up for us and making all the arrangements. It's a great time to relax and enjoy the phenomenal food and share some laughs and memories. Be sure to check his column for more details.

I thoroughly enjoyed Mike Terre's piece in last month's newsletter where he

reminded about modeling in the "old days" of the 1960's and 70's. Just about everyone in the club could relate to those times, or at least to the kits from that era, since many are still around! I think it's amazing how Mike still has so many of the kits that he purchased/received back then. The vintage boxes (many still with their original price stickers) really struck a nostalgic chord with me. I've touched upon those great times and models in past articles, and they never cease to bring back such fond memories for me. We all know that most of those kits pale in comparison to the quality kits of today, but none of that matters. When we got them and built them way back when, they were magnificent in our eyes, and that's all that really matters, isn't it?

Best always,

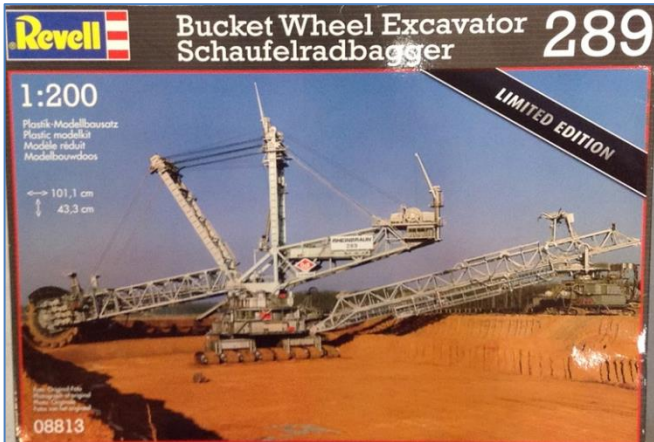
~Mike P.



I Bought a Schaufelradbagger!

By Mike Terre

Did you ever buy a model and then wonder why you did it? Here's a prime example of such an event. In the fall of 2013 Squadron was selling a lot of models at extremely good

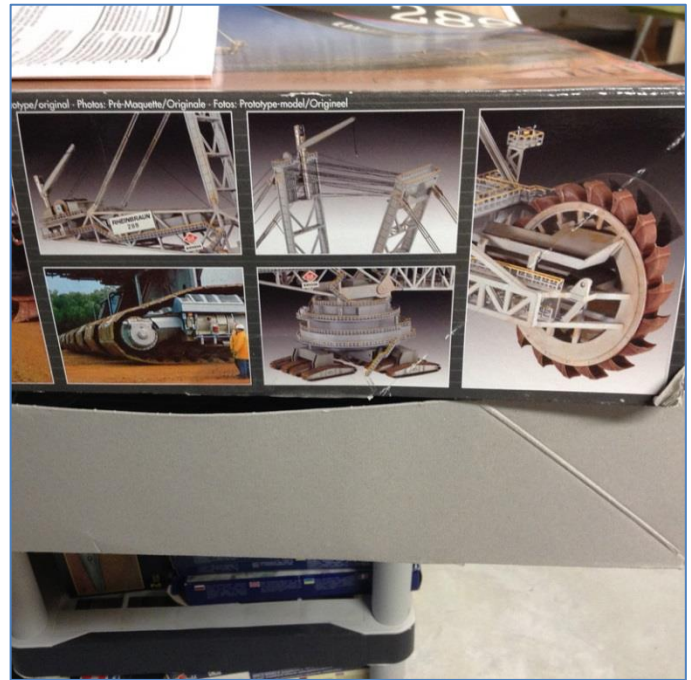


prices and in a fit of madness I purchased the Revell of Germany Bucket Wheel Excavator, aka Schaufelradbagger, kit #08813 for \$69.95 along with a few other beauties. What can I say it was a really big box of plastic and it was cheap. I think this kit was first issued in the early 1980's but I'm not sure.



According to the instruction sheet, more on that later, there's 229 parts in the kit along

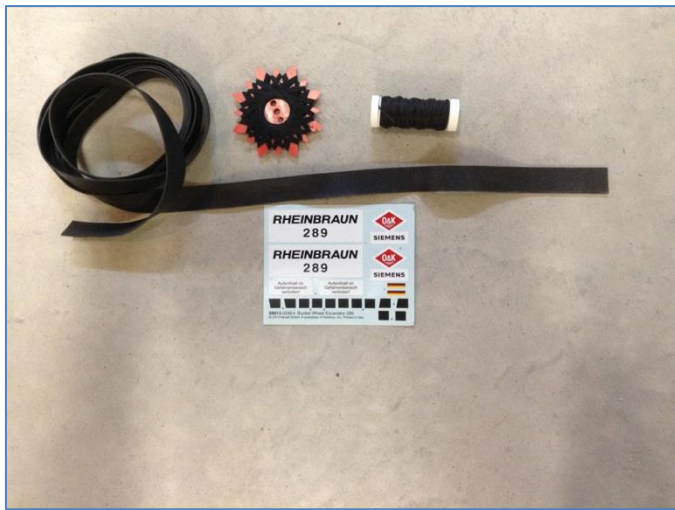
with 8 feet of rubber strip for the conveyer belts and two different sizes of thread for the extensive rigging. These parts are contained in 6 plastic bags, one of the bags being nothing but the safety railings for the extensive stairs and walkways in the model. These railings have to be cut to length using charts contained in the instruction sheet. There are even vinyl treads for this monster.



Now about those instruction sheets. They are huge, 24 pages with 38 steps, and would shame the Sunday edition of the New York Times! There are extensive rigging diagrams for the conveyer belts as well as the support and lifting cables.

The size of this kit is amazing. I've placed a one foot ruler in some of the pictures to give you an idea of the size of this thing. When built the Schaufelradbagger (don't you just love that name!) will be about 40 inches long and 17 inches high.

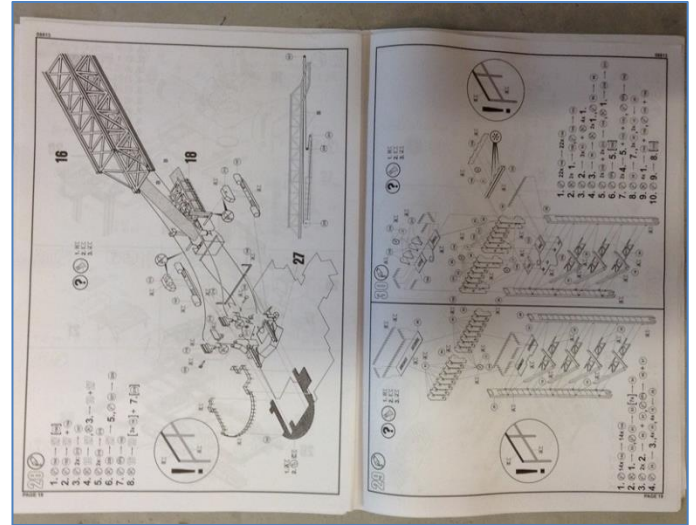




This looks like a fascinating build, it's like nothing I've ever built before. Looks like the

Bucket Wheel Excavator will be on my model "bucket list". Sorry for that but I couldn't resist, now go do something useful like building a model. See you at the June meeting!

~Mike Terre



From the Editor

By Devin Poore

Just a few quick things from me this month. First off is some bad news for those of us in the area: Avenel Hobbies has announced they will be closing at the end of July, if not before. Stop in and say hi to Randy and the guys, and pick up something for old times' sake, while you still can.

Second, I have a request: I'll be out of town at a writer's conference next month during the meeting. Can someone please take some shots of the kits on the table and then get in touch via email? I can arrange digital delivery so we have content for the

newsletter.

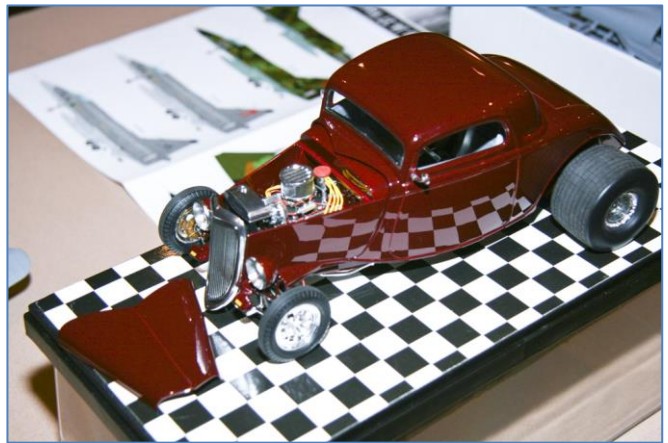
Finally, everyone knows of the upcoming Nationals next month, but in August we have a quickly-growing sci-fi oriented model show right here in New Jersey. Check out the [Jersey Fest website](#). I know several NJIPMS members have made this a regular outing over the past few years. I've signed up for one of the figure painting classes this time around (replicating skin tones is my weakest skill in modeling).

See everyone on Friday!



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