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The Iron Works By Bill Schwarz, President



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New Jersey IPMS Annual BBQ

Sunday, June 11th.

"From The Iron Works" June 2017

By "Big Bill" Schwarz, President

Hi All! Hope everyone is ready for the upcoming summer months! I will be in my shop in the cool or in my recliner sipping a few cold ones. I don't like the heat anymore! Too old I guess!!!! LOL !!!!!

Anyway, we move forward. I for one am looking forward to the Nats and other shows I will be attending this year. Jerseyfest is at the top of my list. I'm an old time Sci-Fi guy and always will enjoy these types of events. Even if you're not, you should come look at all the great inspiring models and figures. I for one, am a firm believer of cross genre modeling! I think looking at what you like to build, then by building a different subject(Tank,ship,car etc) will help you to be better then you already are by learning techniques specific to another genre. Try it, you'll like it! Anyway, Mostly ENJOYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY!!!!

Next up is Buzz Lockwood. He is recovering from his recent experience. I won't go into specifics but I will tell you he is recovering. Best and a quick get well to you, my friend and hero.

Last up is the annual club outing at famous Daves, Lafayette street, off of Rt 1, close to the Menlo Park Mall in beautiful Metuchen NJ! Time is 1100 to 400ish. As usual, everything is included! I reserved for 45 people, so let me know about how many in your group. I hope you all have fun and enjoy this club perk.

I think that's about it for this month. I covered my views on the social media thing at the meeting, and I consider it done!!!!!! With that said, I'll see y'all on Friday the 9th at the K of C Garwood, then at Famous Dave's on Sunday the 11th. Enjoy and live long!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Big Bill Schwarz"

From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio



The June Meeting, Friday the 9th, and now Memorial Day has passed-Holy Cow almost half of 2017 is gone. I have to get ready for the Football season, all us Jet fans can't wait for the season to start. It's usually over for us by week 4, but this year I'm not being optimistic and think it's over for us on week 2. It will free up plenty of time for modeling.

I'm finishing up my Panzer 4 Ausf E. It seems like an eternity since I started it. My bucket list is to complete the entire line of the Panzer 4's except for the A and B versions of which less than 50 each were produced. I consider them farm equipment anyway. I have completed the C and D versions. After the E, I have the F1, F2, G, H, and J. I'm going wheel happy, there's 36 on each version, really. Maybe I should rethink my bright idea.

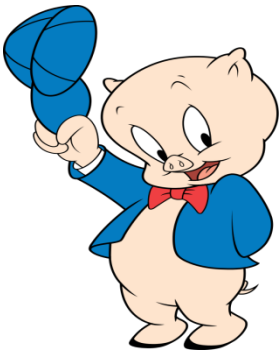
I might switch up for a change of pace and build something with wings or 4 wheels, quite the dilemma when you suffer from modeling OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder). All the kits are from Dragon, the E version the German's have added bolt on and welded on armor plate to the turret and along the upper and lower hulls. It has two MG 34's and its main weapon is the trusted 75 Millimeter gun. The E proved to be a potent weapon.

I really really like the Frui!model metal tracks which I have also used on this build, another sign of OCD. In case you have never used them, each link is in white metal and there are well over 100 for each side. They have to be cleaned up to remove all flash, then drill out each link front and rear using a #74 drill bit. You **then** have to cut over 200 brass wire connectors to length. You then insert the connectors to the joined tracks, and CA glue the ends. After hours of tedious work you have your beautiful fully functional tracks. The Phantom (Ed Minto) convinced me at the AMPS Nationals to buy the Russian version of white metal tracks, they use pins instead of wire, I have not tried them yet but will give you a review when I do. I have tried the Modelkastens plastic tracks, which is a pin type connection system using a provided jig. They look great, but the finished product is so fragile it broke into several pieces during a try at installation that I then went back to the Frui! tracks. I might never try another set again (maybe 1 more shot). The Kasten pins are not very long and the slightest pressure and they separate. If any one has a solution please let me know.

Some great news Buzz Lockwood is out of the Hospital and resting at home. this is great but please keep the prayers coming for Buzz for his full recovery,they are appreciated.

Don't forget the Famous Dave's get together on Sunday June 11 at the Metuchen location.
Stay happy and stay modeling.
Vince

(Editor's note: here are some pictures Vince sent of his Panzer IV build.)



EH Be Be be Do you know where the BBQ is?



DOH! It's at **Famous Dave's®**, my porky little friend. Heh Heh Heh!

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Hello gang,

I hope everyone is ready for our yearly "picnic" outing. It's always an event filled with great food and a good time for all. I am particularly excited for the pulled pork! In other news, we have a great theme this month; The Pacific 1942. I expect to see some really great models on the tables.

I know the summer months don't typically yield to build time, but I'm chugging away on my 1/350 Graf Spee from Trumpeter. I'm backdating the kit to 1937 when there was a large Spithead Fleet Review for the King of England. There's a very famous photo of the Graf Spee, Hood, and an R class battleship that I believe to be Resolution. I have the 1/350 Hood that I plan to build at the same time period, but no 1/350 R class battleship currently exists. That along with Nelson or Rodney are on my short list of must have probable kits (along with almost all of the WWI fleets).

Lastly, I hope everyone tries to make it to Jerseyfest this year. It's a bit later in the year then I remember, taking place in September. With my current work schedule, I'll probably only be able to make the Sunday, but from what everyone has told me it's a spectacular show. You can't become a better model builder by only building one subject. Jerseyfest, at least in previous years, had figure painting classes that might interest those looking to further develop their techniques.

I will catch you all at the meeting,
Jon

FROM THE EDITOR: My son Eric and I met up at the WW II weekend at the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum in Reading, Pa., on Saturday June 3rd. Here are some pictures to drool over.



Yes, a real flying P-63 KingCobra.



Nothing like a little nose art!



Eric and I dream of finding a beat-up WW II vehicle, fixing it up and driving it in parades, and just down along Ocean Avenue in Belmar! It's a real out-there dream, but ya' never know!

The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP



The Contact's View

First I just want to say how glad I am to have learned that Buzz is feeling better and is recovering a little bit each day. I can't wait to see him at a meeting as soon as he feels up to it.

Most of us are aware of the increased availability of parts and accessories produced using the 3-D printing process. I can report that I've taken the plunge and have obtained my first ever parts created from that process. It all started when I purchased the (somewhat) new 1/35 Tamiya M4A3E8 Sherman kit at the recent AMPS Nationals. That kit was added to my "to do" pile, joining some other Shermans. An item that all of the US WWII Armor kits lack are the periscope guards. They are very prominent, and are usually omitted by modelers, or attempted to be replicated by photo-etch parts. If you can successfully bend and apply the photoetch versions, and not have them look bent or cockeyed, all power to you. Even still, they are flat and not truly representative of their bar-stock construction in real life. This led me to search for a "better way" on the internet. There I discovered an outfit called Shapeways. Among the myriad of items they offer was a set of 3D printed US periscope guards! I ordered a set and they are remarkable! They very realistically depict the guards and should be a snap to apply. For not a lot of money you get enough to do many kits. Check them out. That technology is beginning to catch on and I can't wait to see what the future will bring.

Best Wishes,

Mike P.



Terre-gram for this month.

Revell Bomarc Missile Kit.

Revell has reissued their Boeing IM-99 BOMARC missile kit (kit #85-1806) in 1/56th scale under their Selected Subjects Program (SSP). This model was first released in 1958 and cost \$1.49 back then. It currently goes for \$19.95 list but can be gotten for a lot less by shopping the Internet. It's interesting to note that prior to this release original Bomarc kits were going for \$250 to \$350 dollars on EBay. Only goes to show if you wait long enough manufactures will release some of their older stuff.

It looks like the molds have held up well, with little flash noted on the 61 parts. The majority of parts in this kit are for the launch base, there are only 12 parts making up the Bomarc itself. Yes, there are orange sized rivets on the missile body but the engraved panel lines are not too bad and with a little work you can have a nice model. You also get two figures with the kit and these are typical products of the late 1950's with big holes molded in the middle of them. (Which scared the devil out of me when I was a kid!) Sorry for not taking pictures of the individual sprues, but I did not want to open the plastic bag holding the parts as many of them are loose and could be lost.



The decal sheet is very nice, well printed, with marking for three different missiles, a test version with a sharp black, white and red scheme as depicted on the box art, a gray operational version in USAF markings and an all white version in RCAF markings. The only way I'm going to build this is in the test scheme which is so cool and



has that great 1950's look.

The kit is packaged with its original box art which was done by Jack Leynwood. It's not his greatest work, looks more like a photograph than a painting but would make a kid from the 1950's instantly want the kit. As an aside, I always wanted this kit but never got it, well here it is over 50 years later and I finally got it! And it's going to be built before I get to go to that Big Hobby Shop in the sky!

Of interest, there is a direct story between the Bomarc and New Jersey. One of the first Bomarc sites was at McGuire AFB, being declared operational in September of 1958. On July 7th 1960 one of Bomarcs at this site caught fire due to its on board helium tank exploding. The fire melted the warhead causing plutonium to be exposed. (I wonder if writing that will cause the NSA to read this....big brother is out there!) This plutonium was accidentally scattered by firemen and a portion of the site contaminated. This contaminated area was enclosed in concrete by the USAF and declared safe. In 2002 this concrete was removed to a storage area in the Southwest.

The McGuire site continued to be operational in spite of this accident until April 1972 when it was deactivated. It is currently under nomination to be placed on the National Register of Historical Sites. Only in New Jersey (the Garden State) could a radioactive area be considered an "historic site".

Interesting also that there are only a few surviving Bomarcs on display. It seems that it's airframe was made from thoriated magnesium (thorionate: n., radioactive mineral of oxidized thorian. Ed.) and exposure to this material could cause health problems. Wonder if the guys working around these missiles knew that?

OK, now here's your trivia dose for today. The name Bomarc came from a combination of Boeing (BO) who was the prime contractor and the Michigan Aerospace Research Center (MARC) which developed the guidance system. Kind of clever if I do say so myself.

Well, hope you enjoyed reading this. Normally I close with an exhortation (like that word?) about building a model but this time I'd like to encourage my fellow club members to write an article or submit a picture, with a simple caption to the editor. Everybody has got an electronic device of some kind that can take pictures and send text so please give it a try. It's not that hard and it's a very rewarding thing to see your efforts in the newsletter. Come on, give it a try, you can do it. Thanks for reading!

Mike Terre

From the Editor: here are a few pictures from the last meeting.

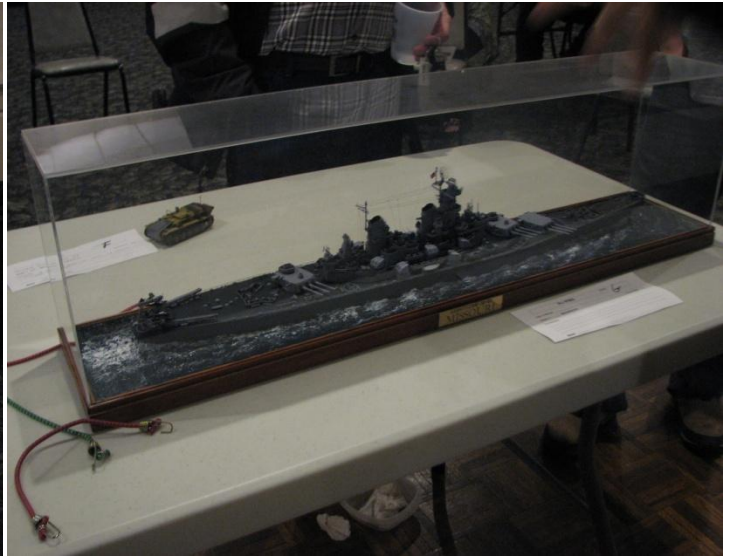


I thought Jerry Hughson's Dauntless 1 looked great!

Getting a finished kit out of its' box can require genius.



Our friends from Micro-Mark gave a great demo on casting resin parts.



Remember, a boat can go on a ship. No ship can ever go any boat! Or so I've heard.



Hey, I just came to **FAMOUS DAVE'S**, and...



That's all folks!

To finish up the page, here's a couple more from Reading.



THAT IS TRULY IT FOR THIS NEWSLETTER.