



MosquitoCon 25



The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all. Hope you all had a great time at MosquitoCon! It's now gone, and we have already started planning for next year. We will have the exact date by June's meeting. I am most proud of the way MCON 25 went! Besides a few minor incidents, it went off without a hitch. You guys should all be proud of the outcome. Record numbers everywhere! Great, great job! It made my job and the eboard's job a lot easier that day, not having to worry about anything. MosquitoCon is down to a science and you guys prove it year after year!

I wish to at this time thank all of our vendors, trophy sponsors, prize sponsors, and attendees of MosquitoCon. Without all of you the show would not be what it was, is, and will become in the future. Well Done! 'Nuff on that. MCON 26 will be here before we know it.

Next up, we lost another member. Longtime member Jim Merrigan had a stroke the Saturday after the meeting. He is recovering but won't be attending meetings anymore. He is a great guy and always made me laugh! Get well Jim! Enjoy life! You're in our thoughts!

Next up is the R1 event by the Long Island guys. Hope all of you who went did well and had a great time! I, due to severe work overload, couldn't make it, but I will be at JerseyCon and Maraudercon. Bob DaMaio

and the guys do their best to put on a great show for everyone, so I hope they get a lot of support.

Last up is our annual outing at Famous Dave's. I will be booking it next week and will have the date by May's meeting. Speaking of meetings, due to commitments at the K of C, our June meeting will be moved up to the 1ST WEEK ! NOT THE SECOND WEEK! I will let you all know at the May meeting again to be sure you all know.

I think that's it for me this month. I'm looking forward to seeing you all this coming Friday at the meeting. Stay well and do great and have fun with life. There's more to life then models! Enjoy it because as you can see with recent events YOU NEVER F#\$%^@g know!

Regards/Friendship,

Big Bill

Next Meeting:
Friday,
May 13th

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

Hello,

By virtually all accounts, MosquitoCon was a huge success! I heard great feedback from everyone. The craftsmanship was just amazing, as usual, and the show was a huge success.

On April 29 & 30th LISMS held their 45th show at the, relatively new, Museum of

American Armor in Bethpage. The museum has a nice collection of U.S. pieces, both armor and soft-skins. It's also a great location for a model show. Congrats to Vince and Devin for winning awards at the show (and anyone else I forgot to mention), as they were winners!

~Joe Smith



From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio

MosquitoCon 25 has come and gone, it was a great day thanks to all the members who were there. Without you guys participating there is no show, it's as simple as that.

I talked to a few vendors they were very satisfied with almost 400 walk-ins and 125 registered participants. It was a good day. I was hoping for 500 walk-ins and 150 to 200 entrants, basing that on the amount of traffic we had on the Web site during the week that led to the show. I guess the numbers we got are the standard and we have to live with

them. I think our numbers for the last 3 years have been consistent, so it is what it is. Thanks to income from the show, the kitty is back to normal and ready for 2016.

Stay happy and healthy and remember to keep Jim Merrigan in your prayers. Jim suffered a health issue and is recovering at home. Get well soon, Jim.

~Vince



THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Hello all! Mosquitocon was a great success as usual. I'm glad to have been a part of the 25th anniversary of the show. I think everything went off without a hitch. Now we can focus on the rest of the year. In November, we will be having a "kitswap / half built night" Bruce Wilson is sponsoring it. In saying that, this month we would like everyone that wants to participate to bring in that half built kit that you just can't

finish, or a kit you're just never going to build. The idea is to swap kits with another member and finish it by November. Now it would be nice to give the finished kit back to the other member, but that's between you two. Other than that, keep posted for the remaining monthly theme nights. I look forward to seeing you all this Friday!

~Jon



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

The day went by so quickly for me that it still feels a bit like a blur, but MosquitoCon 25 has come and gone. There were so many quality models on the display tables and the number of entries was excellent across all categories, with well over 500 models entered. Both the display room and vendor room were crowded all day, which is always a good sign. I heard lots of positive comments by the attendees and that's a testimony to the planning and efforts made by our members. A big thank you goes out to all who helped before, during, and after the show. I think we can all be proud of the show we put on and of how many modelers consider MosquitoCon to be a "must attend" show.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jim Merrigan and his family and we hope that his condition is improving. Jim has been a stalwart member for longer than I can remember and has been a part of the NJ modeling scene for many, many years. We hope he's able to join us again as soon as he is able.

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day as we remember all those who gave their lives so that we could live in freedom.

~Mike



Model Manufacturer's Histories

By Mike Terre

After "Nostalgia Night" I received many messages concerning older kits and the stories behind them. In view of this interest I've done some quick reviews of books from my library on this subject. Some are out of print so I recommend that you search www.bookfinder.com or Amazon as to price and availability.

~Mike Terre

	<p>Airfix, Celebrating 50 Years of the Greatest Plastic Kits in the World, by Arthur Ward, published by Harper Collins.</p> <p>This is a well-illustrated 195 page hard cover book covering the history of the iconic Airfix company up till 1999. It is a highly readable book, not like a collectors guide at all. It weaves the ups and downs of this company and how some of the models came to be.</p> <p>The most striking thing about this book is the pictures of the various kits and their original boxes. This volume will bring back many memories and is one of my all-time favorites</p>
	<p>Monogram Models by Thomas Graham, published by Schiffer Books</p> <p>Since its beginning in Chicago in the Late 1940's Monogram plastic models of cars, ships, aircraft and spacecraft have been built by millions of hobbyists. This 160 page soft cover book has over 300 color pictures and covers all kits made between 1945 and 1986. It also contains a very valuable kit compendium with associated kit numbers.</p> <p>It's a highly readable book that gives a complete history of the company, with particular emphasis on the various model designers and sculptors and some fascinating stories from the salesmen who put the kits on the hobby shop (remember those?) shelves.</p>





Remembering Revell Model Kits by Thomas Graham, published by Schiffer Books.

Revell, a name we all grew up with! This 176 page soft cover book contains 540 color photos of the many ships, automobiles, tanks, aircraft and spacecraft kits that Revell produced from the early 1950's and well into the 1970's.

There are fascinating stories of the man, Lou Glaser who started Revell and his wife, Royal Glaser who successfully ran the company after his death. There are very detailed discussions on how various models were developed, discussions of the artists who brought the box art to life (Revell had the best box art!) along with a model kit index providing listing of the models produced and their variations. This is one of my all-time favorite books to read, just looking at the pictures brings back many happy memories.



Frog Model Aircraft 1932-1976, by Richard Lines, published by New Cavendish Books.

This is a massive, hard cover 272 page book containing 190 color and 720 black and white photos that discusses the history of Frog (Flies Right Off the Ground) Model Company. This is a very detailed history of Frog, written by Richard Lines, of Lines Brothers fame, the company that ran Frog for many years.

The book contains fascinating sections on pre-World War Two plastic kits under the Triang and Penguin brands as well as the Frog flying models. Complete, very detailed histories of all the models produced, their origins and commercial considerations that influenced their production are also included.



Aurora Model Kits by Thomas Graham, published by Schiffer Books

Aurora created model kits of all varieties from saying ships, sports cars, rockets, military and commercial aircraft, wildlife scenes and comic book heroes. They are very famous for their Hollywood monsters such as Frankenstein, Dracula and the Wolfman as well as my favorite "The Guillotine". This 175 page softcover book contains 450 color photos and describes every Aurora model made, and some that never went into production. The book also covers much of their box top art and the artists who drew them. A great read about a great old company.





La Gamme Heller Musée by Jean-Christophe Carbonel, published by Histoire and Collections, a French publisher.

Ok, this 67 page soft cover book is written in French but its 102 color pictures will tell the story. As I'm French in family heritage and have worked for a French company, Avions Marcel Dassault, I can read, passably well, the French text.

This is not a history of Heller but rather the story of their Museum (Musée) Series of aircraft models that were issued between 1964 and 1967. We know some of these models as the Dewoitine 520, Bloch 152, Amiot 143 and the Liore 45 just to name a few of the 22 aircraft in this series. Basically the story goes like this; in 1964, Frog, the English company, issued a Dewoitine 520 and Morane Saulnier 406 in 1/72 scale. This caused an immediate hue and cry in French modeling magazines that an English company was making models of French aircraft. Why was no French company doing this? (It's a French thing, trust me, I know). Heller, up until that time had made mostly box scale models of cars and airplanes that were not particularly detailed. However the owner of Heller, Leo Jahiel, decided to take up the challenge and produce extremely detailed Museum quality 1/72 French aircraft models. Knowing his company did not have the expertise to produce such models, Jahiel contacted Lou Glaser of Revell Models for advice. To make a long story short the result was the "Musée" series of 1/72 scale French aircraft. These models were very detailed and are still being produced to this day. Even though the book is written in French the pictures of the models and their associated box art will bring back some great memories.



1973-2000, The Story of Matchbox Kits by Jean-Christophe Carbonel, published by Histoire and Collections, a French publisher.

This book was brought to my attention by John, (RIP) at the old Avenel Hobby Shop. Dan Spera and I visited the shop one day and the book was immediately thrust into my hands by John who told me "You need this book". How right he was! This is a small 82 page soft cover book containing 150 color pictures of all Matchbox kits made between 1973 and 2000 and includes Revell reissues under the Matchbox brand. Also discussed is the Matchbox-AMT connection for car, truck and aircraft models. A concise kit list is also included Matchbox got much attention by modelers because of their odd between the wars subjects, especially with aircraft. Although molded in multicolored parts and aimed for the beginner modeler Matchbox kits were well detailed and built up into great models.



	It should be noted that in 1979 Matchbox pioneered in developing the first 1/72 scale model of a large warship, the Flower class Corvette. Until that time only small patrol craft had been manufactured in that scale. This is a great little book! Thanks John!
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From the Editor

By Devin Poore

As has been well covered elsewhere in the newsletter: Great job, everyone, on MosquitoCon 25. It's a great pleasure to be a part of the show every year. I've been attending our show and going to other IPMS shows for over ten years now, as well as shows of other organizations, and I have yet to see anything outside of the IPMS Nationals that surpasses MosquitoCon in size and attendance. That's a real tribute to the reputation and hard work of the club.

Photos from MosquitoCon have been posted: <http://njipms.zenfolio.com/p518299457>
Thanks to Ed Minto for helping me with the photography this year.

Also posted have been photos from the Region 1 show, NorEastcon 25, on Long Island last weekend: <http://njipms.org/?p=3081> The show was in a new location, the Museum of American Armor. A nice little venue, and worth a visit. The show was really well attended, and I managed to pick up a bargain or two. I'm not sure of the number of models entered, but they nearly ran out of

table space for the contest!

And as always, there are more photos from both events on the club's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Jersey-IPMS/124068277612000?ref=ts&fref=ts>
Thanks to Martin Quinn for taking and uploading those.

A note to everyone about the June meeting: It's been moved up a week. We will be meeting on Friday, June the 3rd.

I'll be traveling, for work and personal, the last two weeks of May, so I'm not certain how the newsletter for June will work out. I may do a text-only version, just to make sure everyone is reminded of the changed meeting date.

I will not be at this month's meeting due to a personal commitment. I'll see everyone in June.



ODG Studios

By Bill Schwarz

Hi Guys. I want to get the word out on some Philly guys who own "ODG Studios". ODG is run by Oliver "Dan" Golembiewski. He is an artist of exceptional quality and has been on the market for some time. He is a great guy and makes some great stuff. They started out doing sci-fi stuff, items like figure bases, components, etc. Now there into bases for military items. You have to see the quality up close to really appreciate them. Below are pictures of three of their offerings, and those are just a fraction of what and they will be doing. We will be having them at MCON 26, selling their goods. The pics BTW do not do the bases justice! Anything I've seen from ODG has been outstanding. I hope you guys [check out their website](#) or just google ODG Studios and look at some of their offerings from the past few years! Their products will definitely make your model a step up from what it already is. Recommended by BIG BILL.





This month's meeting will be on:

Friday
May 13th, 2016



**The June meeting will be ONE
WEEK EARLY, on Friday,
June 3rd. Mark your
calendars!**



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At Models for Troops, we provide a 2-fold service to our United States military community, both active duty and retired. We support disabled and injured veterans through group builds and supplying model kits at multiple VA Hospitals. We also act as a Point of Contact for active duty personnel being deployed overseas through the IPMS-USA Support the Troops initiative.

Through your generous donations, we provide troops stationed in war-torn areas with packages containing plastic model kits of all scales and subject matter, sanding sticks, glues, trimmers, acrylic paints, brushes, and model building magazines for recreation. From August 2012 until December 2015, more than 3,000 lbs. (over 1 ton) of kits and building supplies have been distributed.

As a part of larger VA recreational therapy programs, we help veterans suffering from PTSD, TBI and other post combat related issues find a way to refocus the minds attention. Much like meditation, we have found that building plastic model kits is a great way to tie the veteran's past to a more positive present and future. Whether building a kit or just following the directions and diagrams, it is the process and not the finished model that is the greatest benefit. A little goes a long way.

If you know of a deployed or injured service member who would enjoy our services or if you would like to make a donation or start your own local program, please contact me and we can discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Jon Emery



ITEMS NEEDED:

**Model kits (all scales and subjects) • Glues (plastic and Super)
Sanding sticks • Hobby knives • Acrylic hobby paints and brushes
Gift cards to Michael's or AC Moore • Model Books and Magazines**