

MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS

November 2013



RUSSIAN NIGHT



The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi All! Hope you all had a nice Halloween! Boo! Mine was fun. Boy dressed up as the Joker and now I have more candy than I want or need! LOL. Hopefully you all will be having a great Thanksgiving as well. The meeting is this Friday and I can't believe the Holidays are upon us. I will be off to LA for the Xmas New Year time frame and will be doing my usual tours of studio back lots and hunting for relic movie props from the 50's. I have fun visiting places in my favorite movies too. Like standing on top of the Griffith Observatory where the Rocketeer took off after Jenny Blake, Or climbing down to the LA river by the 6th St. Bridge to relive a moment from "THEM", or even visiting Santa Cruz to hang off the train bridge used



in lost boys! The list goes on, but you get the picture. It is fun for me and keeps me from getting too old too fast! Just turned F\$%^&NG 60 in October! LOL!!! As long as

there's liquor and fun, I'll be just fine!

Next up, I'm sorry I didn't make the meeting. I twisted my foot and double sprained it getting off of a piece of equipment. I'm ok, though it takes a long time to heal when you're on your feet all day! POOR me! LOL!!! I'm also sorry for not modeling for a few months until I get my shop going in the new home. Everything is boxed here and there and I hope to restart in January, when I get back.

MosquitoCon's first mailings will go out first week in December, but I think we have most tables spoken for already which is great! I'll do my part, the Eboard will do theirs, and the rest is up to you on show date! Looking forward to it!

Me thinks that's about it. Get with Jon if you want to sponsor a

Next Meeting:
Friday,
November
9th

Upcoming
Events:

November
WWI Night

December
Annual
Christmas
Party

April 5, 2014
MosquitoCon

Aug. 6-9,
2014
IPMS
Nationals.
Hampton, Va.



theme night and get with me if you want to talk group build. I think after Quinn's destroyer GB, I may grab Harmon to get a small scale armor thing going on. He's the small armor god!

Well, no more here, see y'all at the meeting.
Till then: BYE!

~ *Big Bill Schwarz*

Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Fellow members of NJIPMS,

I would just like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and also thank are current members and our members who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces in years past!

Please remember that of many of these brave Men & Women will not be spending time

with their loved ones. Be grateful for what you have during this Holiday season.

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.



Nice turnout last month for Russian Night. We ran the gamut of items, including a “Jerry Special”. Needless to say, those photos won’t be going up on the website this time (sorry Jerry!). Unfortunately, I forget who won, but I am sure that Jon has that information somewhere in this fine publication.

With Big Bill not in attendance, yours truly ran a short business meeting. It’s been pretty quiet, but things are moving forward on the MosquitoCon 23 front. Thanks to Ed Minto for putting this year’s flyer together, I know he’s going to start on the IPMS/USA Journal Ad soon, so we can get that in place soon.

Please consider printing up some copies and bringing them around to your local hobby shop for them to put out. You can find a copy on the website. Just go to “What’s New” and scroll down to “MosquitoCon 23 Flyer Added”. Print, copy, and drop off. If you can’t print at work, take it to a copy center and get a receipt for reimbursement. Just don’t spend crazy amounts of money making copies!

Thank you to Stan and Big John, who turned in their NJ/IPMS Tin Can Sailor Group Build choices last month. You don’t win

anything, but my thanks for getting the ball rolling. I know I’ve had some e-mail inquiries about this group build, I am hoping for a good turnout!



The new Zvezda Z-17 has been released, so the updated form is somewhere in the NL with that option, so if you are interested in that, go ahead and check it off. I also added a place to put your name, which someone escaped me the first time.

Someone asked me last month which would be a good kit to build if they’ve never built a ship before. I originally said one of the Trumpeter German destroyers, but (while that would still be a good choice) I want to add that the Trumpeter Eskimo looks like a pretty simple build, but that nothing can beat the venerable Tamiya Fletcher, which



really builds into a nice little model. If you want to build a destroyer and want simplicity with decent detail – the Fletcher is for you. You don't have to build it in the tri-colored splotch scheme either, as most Fletcher class DDs had their fancy dopple patterns painted over into overall Navy Blue or the two tone Haze Gray and Navy Blue pretty quickly.

I attended the Hudson Valley Miniatures show a few weeks back. Ed Minto was rumored to be there, and I did see Vince D'Allessio and Tom Reavely. Congrats to Vince, who took home a 1st for his 1/48 King Tiger, a 2nd for his Kurtis Craft Car, and a

2nd for his “Triple Play” (we call it Trifecta) entry. Well done buddy!

I believe this month's theme is “World War I”, a nice preview for the MosquitoCon 23 theme! Regrettably, work has been kicking my butt, so I have hardly done any building, and won't have anything on the tables. I am hopeful will have another good turnout, however!

Well, that's if from here, see everyone at the meeting!

~*Martin*

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Friends! November is going to be WWI night. November 11 is the official end of the Great War, so I figured there would be no better theme. I don't expect to see a lot of armor since not much is available, but I'm sure there will be quite a few great planes and



ships. I have a 1/350 HMS Tiger I have been working on and off on and I will try to bring it with me just to show where I've gotten. I'm expecting a good turnout.

In some other news (old news to some I'm sure), Academy is going to release a South

East Asian camouflage F-4C. It might already be out, I don't know. I only saw it on the net a few days ago.

Lastly, please make sure to vote. Fortunately I have plenty of votes from last month, but there were a few months this year with only 2 or 3 ballots in the box. It really does make things difficult when we have our model of the year dinner in December. Speaking of December, make sure to bring in your selections for our destroyer group build. I'm having a tough time deciding which kit to build. I think it would be great to build the 1/350 HMS Eskimo, but part of me wants to convert the Buchanan into the Italian destroyer Aviere. You don't really have to go crazy with expensive photo etch sets like everyone thinks to produce a nice ship model. I think this will be a good learning experience and hopefully getting outside of your usual comfort zone helps expand your hobby skills!

~*Jon*



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

In a recent issue of The Star Ledger there was a photo of Rich Palmer behind the “Monster Korner” counter in his hobby shop “Rich’s Hobbytowne” (at the time it was located on Rt.46 in Parsippany). The photo was from 1964 and the caption mentioned that, at the time, that hobby shop had the largest volume in the country. You may recall, that was at the height of the “monster craze” that was sweeping the nation. From TV, to magazines, to the model industry, monsters were all the rage. Aurora even utilized Rich to organize their “Monster Customizing Contest” and Walter Cronkite filmed a segment there for his nightly news program. You can find the photo on Google. Check it out – what a priceless snapshot into a fascinating time in the hobby.

I didn’t discover Rich’s Hobbytowne until the early 70’s – by which time it had moved several miles away to Hook Mountain Rd off of Rt.46 in Pine Brook. What a place! It looked like a red church (maybe it had been one?) and the first floor was a model “museum” of finely built kits. (I know Mike D. remembers this place because his famous “Barge Busters” diorama was on display there). Upon ascending the narrow stairway to the second floor, you were greeted by wall-

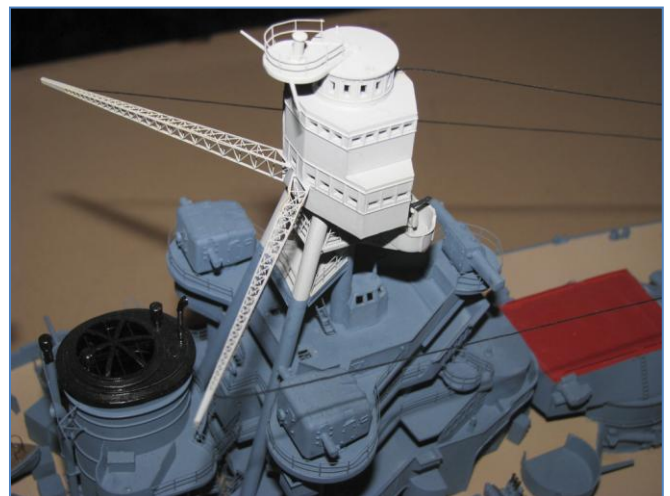
to-wall kits and supplies of every description. An adjacent room held the wonders of model railroading. All in all, it was a dream world of models. Unfortunately, this only lasted



until around 1977 or so, when Rich retired and closed his doors. It was a sad day and the end of an era. Does anyone else remember this shop? If so, share your memories with me at the next meeting. As you know, I love taking a trip down memory lane!

Happy Thanksgiving and Best Wishes,

~Mike P.



From the Editor

By Devin Poore

It looks like everyone has covered everything in the newsletter, so just a couple of reminders from me this month.

I've left the destroyer group build form at the end of this newsletter. Please make your choice and get it to Martin at the next meeting.

If you haven't paid your dues, please do so. They really are a pittance considering all we get in return.

See everyone on Friday!

-Devin



Come join the artisans, modelers, hobby dealers, collectors and historical re-enactors for a day of remarkable displays of the best in figures, plastics and fantasy in the New York area.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

The Long Island Show features a full array of model suppliers and vendors including:

MODEL KITS - MODELLING SUPPLIES

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DISPLAY BASES - TOY SOLDIERS

RUSSIAN COLLECTOR FIGURES

The Exhibition area will feature a competition and display in categories for MINIATURE FIGURES, AIRCRAFT, TANKS, AUTOS, SHIPS, FANTASY and SCI-FI. This year we will continue the popular international awards.

More information at LONGISLANDMODELSOLDIERS.COM



NJ/IPMS Tin Can Sailor Group Build

Models	1st Choice	2nd Choice
1/350 Tamiya US Navy DD-445 Fletcher		
1/350 Dragon USS Buchanan DD-484 1942		
1/350 Dragon USS Livermore 1942		
1/350 Dragon USS Laffey DD-459 1942		
1/350 Dragon USS Benson DD-421 1945		
1/350 Dragon USS Benson DD-421 1940		
1/350 Dragon USS Gearing DD-710, 1945		
1/350 Dragon USS Chevalier DD-805, 1945		
1/350 Trumpeter HMS Eskimo 1941		
1/350 Trumpeter German Z-43		
1/350 Trumpeter German Z-30		
1/350 Trumpeter German Z-25		
1/350 Dragon German Z-38		
1/350 Dragon German Z-31		
1/350 Dragon German Z-39		

Return this slip (the 2nd choice is in case your first choice is out of stock) to Martin Quinn no later than the December 2013 Meeting. This will give us time to acquire and distribute the models at the February 2014 meeting.

Group Build Rules:

- One model destroyer kit provided per participant. No accessories will be provided by the club
- Modelers can build their own kit, if they so choose (no compensation from NJ/IPMS), only restriction is no IJN destroyers.
- Modeler can build the kit in any format they wish: waterline, full hull, out of the box of with after-market upgrades (any accessories/after-market must be provided by modeler).
- Group build runs from February 2014 to September 2014 meeting (yes, I added a month). At the September 2014 meeting, a contest will be held, where a 1st, 2nd and third place winner will be chosen. Awards and prizes will be given out that night.
- Most of all - have fun!



This month's meeting will be on:
Friday
November 8th, 2013



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☐ *Canada & Mexico:* **\$30** ☐ Other Foreign: **\$32** ☐ Foreign Air Mail: **\$55**

☐ Family (Adult dues + \$5, one set magazines, # of membership cards required: _____)

☐ If recommended by an IPMS member,
list his/her name and member number _____ (name) _____ (IPMS#)

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