

The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi boys and girls! How's things going? Hope all is fine with our membership. Not much going on in the club other than the meetings these days but the executive board is getting MCON 24 together and I must say it's going quite nicely!! I am privileged, as I've said so many times before, to work with a dedicated staff that not only makes my job a whole lot easier but helps the membership in countless ways that are never seen! KUDOS to my eboard!! On that note, ED Minto has made us an updated MCON flyer and it looks fabulous! He takes time whenever needed (HE IS BZY All the time!!!), to go above and beyond to make sure the club related graphics and advertising is top notch and better than all others in IPMS or clubs in general. When you see him, you



might want to give him a BIG THANKS for doing what he does best! It goes back to the early days when i penciled out the logo on a napkin and he ran with it and it is one of the most recognizable logos in model clubs anywhere! Great job Ed!

Next up, Big John and Clappsy will have

interesting workshops in the upcoming months! We will hear more at the meeting! And on that note, BIG THANKS to John Bucholtz (DID I SPELL THAT RIGHT?), for giving a great workshop on casting. He is a master at this as well as a lot of other things and I am glad to have him on board! Nice guy too! Next up is MarauderCon. I've got a truckload going with me but maybe a few of you can pair up and make it down for the day. Lunch on the club for those who do. I myself am trying to get me shop together so I can start building again. I owe my friend Glenda a corvette! (NO I HAVE'NT FORGOT) and I owe myself to start building again. I

use to love it but it seems these days I have less time and I don't know why! LOL. I'm trying fellows, I'm trying! One last thing, actually two, One is I'm very pleased to get my friend Ivan Ordonez into the fold. He is a great guy and a damn good modeler. Great to

Next Meeting:
Friday,
November
14th

Upcoming Events:

November
Sci-Fi
Night

December
Annual
Christmas
Party

January
WWI Night

February
Destroyer
Group
Build, Pt.
II

have you Ivan!

Last up and not least, PAY YOUR F@#\$\$^*G dues! There are still a few of you out there who haven't paid so pay up. I laid out the payoffs for members so far, and it far exceeds the dues you pay, so no more excuses. Pay up or get in the HALL OF SHAME! :) That's it for now. Thanks Devin for another great

~ *Big Bill Schwarz*

newsletter, and to Jon for the contest table too. Remember SCI FI this month!

Oh, FLASH! The Grand Night of the K of C pulled me aside and told me he would work with us and we still have a home! Glad to see this part of the club will remain the same and we were not kicked out of our home.

Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

I hope you and your family will have a great Thanksgiving!

Also please take a moment on Nov. 11th to honor our veterans both past and present for their great service to this country. Also I would like to thank our current members as well.

Thank you to John for a great workshop on casting this past month!

A few of us are going to attend Marauder con, one day after our meeting, on Nov. 15th. With several people planning to go, ask around at the meeting if you're interested in sharing a ride.

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.



Wow – it's already November! Hard to believe how this year – especially the last few months – has just flown by. It's a cold,

blustery Sunday as I write this – perfect weather for model building. Too bad I still



have to finish cleaning and mulching the flower beds around the house!

I have been getting some building done – my Z-17 is just about done. I got it mounted in a seascape of acrylic gel last week. I put the cover on the base and set it aside to dry. The other day, I noticed that the gel was taking an inordinate amount of time to dry. When I took the cover off, I saw that the hull had popped out of the gel, which was still “wet”. Also, the model seemed to have picked up some “frosting” on it. I took some clamps and gently clamped the hull down and let it sit without the cover. The next day, the gel was almost dry. Not sure why it wouldn’t dry under the cover, or what caused the frosting – which wasn’t there when I put it in the gel and put the cover on! Its times

like this that I keep reminding myself this is a hobby and supposed to be fun.

With Z-17 just about done (once the gel is dry, I’ll start rigging), I’ve started on Gallery’s 1/350 USS Intrepid. While it is a big kit, the construction looks pretty straightforward. I’m looking forward to the build.

The first draft of the MosquitoCon 24 flyer is done! Our illustrious graphic arts guru Ed Minto is working on the edits, and we should have copies in hand for the MarauderCon show in a few weeks.

Well, that is about it from here. See everyone at the November meeting.

~*Martin*

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Hi gang! For all intents and purposes this year is over. It's already November and we are at our last monthly theme night for the year, which is Sci Fi. This is typically a good turnout and I'm hoping to see tons of models on the table, and a lot more in the new kits section. Last year there were some really great builds. It's fun to get out of the normal rut of building military or civilian vehicles. It was proposed that the next group build (once the destroyer one is actually finished in February) will be a Sci-Fi one. Any kit will work, just build casually and bring it to the monthly meetings until we have the group build theme night. This is looking way into the future, so focus on the here and now until at least February! The World War I night that was scheduled for the August meeting will be in January, so please bring

all kits that you had built for that theme to the first meeting of 2015 (provided it doesn't snow like crazy).

As always, please remember to vote. It might not seem important, but it creates absolute CHAOS for me when I have to figure out who the contestants for model of the year are in December. Speaking of December, it's hard to believe it's RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! It feels like yesterday we were at the Wayne PAL setting up for MosquitoCon at 6am and even that is just a few months away again. Time is flying, but that must mean we're having fun right?

Ciao,

~*Jon*



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Just a few days before writing this column, I received the latest issue of the IPMS Journal. Much to my surprise, it was the National Convention special issue...one issue earlier than normal. The photographers and Journal staff must have been super organized this year for sure. It's a great issue and contains photos of all the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, as well as the out of the box and special award winners, all in full color. You can even see Vince D'Alessio's trifecta entries that earned him an award! For anyone who isn't a member of IPMS/USA, you can see all the photos on the website (www.ipmsusa.org). It was truly a fun time in Virginia this year, and the host club did a great job. Many attendees, myself included, were disappointed that there wasn't more emphasis on the 50th anniversary of IPMS/USA. Special displays commemorating this achievement would have been well received, but for reasons unknown, it was not to be. Speaking of the national organization, the annual dues are increasing to \$30 beginning on 1/1/15. It's the first dues increase in a very long time, so it's not unexpected. The good news is that you can renew (or join) prior to that date at the old/current rates. I just renewed for 3 years and saved \$19

Here's a mini product review: After seeing Vallejo paints demoed at the Nats, I picked up several bottles of the VallejoAir paint line. They are optimized for airbrushing and



are supposedly ready to spray right out of the bottle. I've played around with them and they spray beautifully! I think they do spray a touch better if thinned very slightly with their airbrush thinner. The key is to gradually build up coverage via multiple passes, but that's good advice no matter what the medium. I also have their primer, which is a different formula than the paint line (supposedly ultra smooth and very durable). I haven't tried it yet, but it looks promising.

~Mike P.

De Havilland Tiger Moth Airfix New Tool 1/72nd Scale

By Mike Terre

Airfix has recently released two new tool versions of the De Havilland Tiger Moth in 1/72 scale (the true and righteous scale). The first is a military version, kit# 01025 and the

second being a civil version, kit# 01024 of which this review is based. It should be noted that both kits are identical with the exception of the decal sheet.





The kit contains thirty nine parts on three sprues along with two very thin and clear windcreens. There are decals for only one aircraft, G-ACDC, that is still flying with the Tiger Club and based at Headcorn Aerodrome (really, that the name!) Ashford, Kent, England.

The instructions are pictorial and very well done, they even include a rigging diagram which is very handy and easy to follow.

Surface detail is very well done, the parts are crisply molded with no flash noted. There are excellent interior details, including a master compass along with good sidewall detail, however for some reason Airfix will not mold seat belts into their otherwise excellent seats. This is something of a mystery in view of the very good kits Airfix has been producing. The kit also gives you the option of using a tail wheel or tail skid.

Another nice feature is that the cockpit fold down entry doors can be cut from the fuselage and the pieces discarded. The area to be cut out is well scored on the interior. The kit has separately molded doors that can then be positioned in the open position, which really helps expose the nice interior.

One feature I do not like is how Airfix engineered the anti-spin strakes that were used on some versions of the Tiger Moth. The kit fuselage was molded without the strakes. If you build a version that requires the

strakes you must use a razor saw and cut out a large portion of the rear fuselage upper decking and then glue in a two part plug containing the strakes. This will result some extra filling and sanding. It's not a big deal, the area to be cut out is well scored, but considering Airfix's innovative engineering this is a little bit of a puzzle.

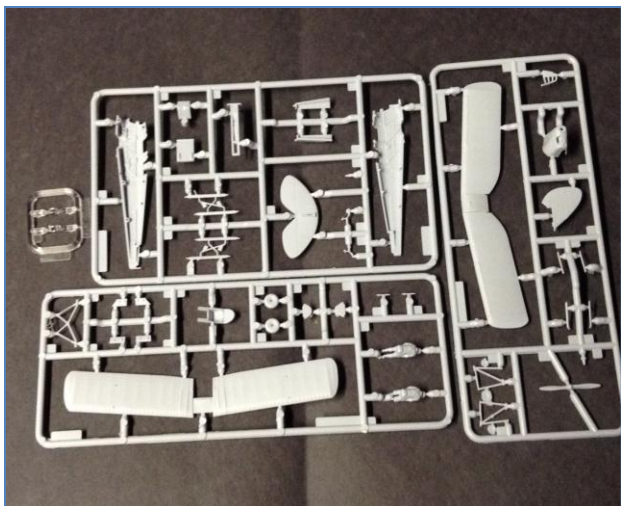
On a more positive note this would be a good first model for those who have never built a biplane as both the upper and lower wings are one piece. Airfix has used a very innovative method of aligning and securing the upper and lower wings. The cabane struts (for you modern aircraft guys the cabane struts are the little ones that secure the upper wing to the fuselage) are molded as two assemblies that fit into wells in the upper wing and fuselage. They are done in such a way that no sanding and filling will be needed and will guarantee proper wing alignment. The interplane struts (again for you modern aircraft guys interplane struts



are the big struts that attach the upper and lower wings) are molded as one assembly with a cross brace that must be cut out with a razor saw or blade after the wings are attached. I really don't like the idea of messing with very thin interplane struts on a biplane after the wings are attached. In view of the positive wing alignment using the cabane struts I would cut the cross brace off the interplane struts and position them individually. By the way Airfix uses this technique on their new tool Gloster Gladiator.

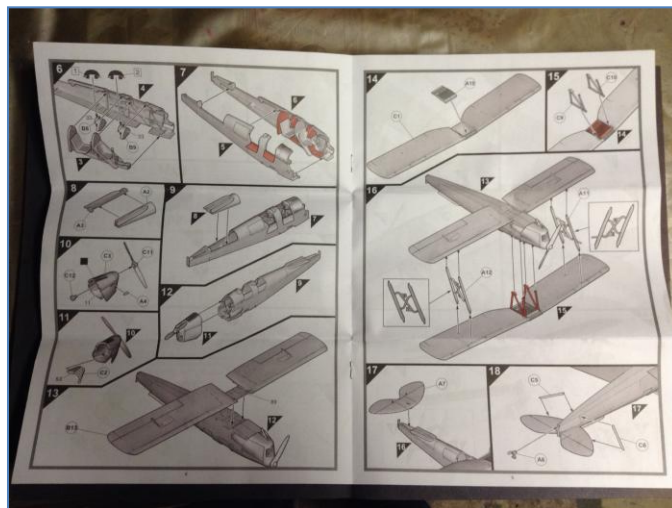
All in all this is probably the best 1/72 scale kit of the Tiger Moth and a steal at only





\$7.99! I purchased two as I've got a set of Aero Club floats that would be perfect to convert this into the float plane version although I wouldn't be surprised if Airfix brought this version out next year as they did with the Fairey Swordfish.

I highly recommend this kit, you won't be sorry adding it to your collection! Happy modeling!



From the Editor

By Devin Poore

Just a quick note to say that the photos in this month's issue are from the ArmorCon show at Danbury, CT, and were taken by Martin Quinn. I missed last month's meeting, and Martin forgot his camera, so there were no photos to use in this issue.

Sci-Fi Night this coming Friday! Bring out those starships and robots!



This month's meeting will be on:

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November 14th, 2014



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