

# The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all!! How you all doing? Hope all is fine and everyone is building. The giant sub sandwich at our last meeting was a big hit at the meeting because there was absolutely nothing left! Good! No, GREAT JOB! Just another perk for the members that did not get to go to the Nats! We were glad to serve it up to you.

Not much up on my slate this month. I am working on vendors though. I expect there will be no room anywhere! Our regulars have all committed, I have several others from Maryland to New Hampshire as newbies and I actually had to put a few singles on the waiting list. Rock on MCON 25! With that said, keep on supporting the other shows when you can. A lot of clubs attend MosquitoCon and we should support them as well whenever possible. A bunch of us are going to HVMG in Poughkeepsie on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to all who compete and those who don't just have fun. Hopefully we can all lunch at the Chicago Grill nearby!

I can't think of much more for this month. Between a busy time at work, I'm actually actively building! I had to stop for 3 days while the crew was putting new floors in my house. Noisy to say the least but worth it! If any of you guys have build reviews please get with Devin so he can put them in the NL.

I hope to have the new flyer soon for MCON 25 Silver as well. Ed Minto is working on it. I really appreciate all he has done over the years too. From my initial conceptual drawings up to the big 25 he has never missed a beat and has been outstanding to the club! Thanks ED!!!!

I think that's about it. I will see you all Friday night same time same channel. There's a guest hero coming I think but I won't tell you who it is. I hope he can make it! That's it kiddies.

Regards/Friendship,

Big Bill

Next Meeting: Friday, October 9th

Upcoming Events:

> October Russian Night

<u>November</u> Number 13 Night

December Annual Party

<u>January</u> Phantom Group Build

<u>April 2<sup>nd</sup>,</u> <u>2016:</u> Mosquito-Con 25



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## Joe's VP Piece By Joe Smith

Now that summer has ended and fall is upon us, i would like to thank Bill for the great food! It does not get any better than this!



Thanks to everyone else who chips-in as well. The meetings and the reviews in the newsletter just seem to get better all the time.

Remember dues are due, and thank you to the members that paid early.

Happy Modeling!

~Joe Smith

## From the Vice President's Desk By Vince D'Alessio

October meeting WOW already. I just got back from the Danbury AMPS-IPMS show. I was there for both days Friday and Saturday the 25th and 26th. The show is small compared to MosquitoCon. It's about 40 to 50 tables of vendors, mostly guys we see at our show. This show is strictly AFV's. There were great models on the tables, about 160 to 170 pieces in all.

It was great to see Martin Quinn at the show on Saturday afternoon for a couple of hours. Please keep the Prayers coming for Keira Quinn and Wally Velechko.

A lot of our guys were there in Danbury, Me, Martin, Mike Pavlo, Joe Smith 1st., Jim Cosides, Tibor, and Ed Minto. Hope more of our guys show up for the Poughkeepsie show, known as The Hudson Valley Historical Miniatures Guild show, October 17,2015. Hoping all of you and your families health and happiness and I hope to see you all at the October meeting on the 9th.

Thanks again Big Bill for all you did to get the models and supplies to our wounded Veterans. ~*Vince* 

~Vince







# THE JUDGES TABLE By Jon Da Silva

Hey guys, just getting home after spending a weekend in Alexandria/DC. It's beautiful down here, lots of great sights and places to eat and drink.

Let's remember that this month is Russian night and we'll be having a contest as per usual. I'm not sure if I'll be able to make the meeting as of right now, but I'll have more details later in the week. There's a work project I have scheduled for the weekend so we'll have to play it by ear. You know its October now and it's hard to believe that another year has basically come and gone. Next month Devin is sponsoring #13 but then after that it's already the Christmas party. It's been a rough year in some cases but I think there's been a lot of good too. I hope in the next few months we see faces new and old and that everything goes as smoothly as it always does.

~Jon

### The Contact's View By Mike Pavlo, VP

It was great to see everyone at last month's meeting. A big Thank You to Bill for hauling up that gigantic sub sandwich and all the trimmings to go with it. And also thanks to



Glenda for the fantastic fruit salad and special macaroni salad. It was quite a feast, and pretty much everything got wiped out, as is typical for our crew!

I was able to make it up to Danbury for the annual ArmorCon show. The vendor turnout was a bit lighter than

expected, but it was great to see some of our guys up there too. We were all checking out

the vendors for new stuff and the normal hunt for bargains and hard to find rarities. Red Frog and Microworld were there with an amazing array of products. It's hard to believe how many new tools, paints, finishes and weathering products exist out there. It's hard to keep up with all the "cool stuff" that comes along. I bought some stuff called Panzer Putty that is a reusable taffy-like substance for masking, similar to silly putty but not as gooey. The guys from Vallejo were there giving demos on those great products. including the new metallic line. There were many nice pieces on the contest tables too. I know Vince did well with his entries. **Congrats Vin!** 

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

~Mike





### New Airfix Parts Replacement Policy By Mike Terre

It looks as if Airfix has changed its long standing policy of sending modelers free replacement parts. A few months ago I lost, but later found, the exhaust collector ring for their new tool 1/72 Gloster Gladiator. I went onto their website and requested a replacement.

Imagine my surprise when I relieved an email saying that it would cost 3 English Pounds, about \$4.50 US to get the part! I was given 30 days to submit payment or my request would be cancelled. Needless to say this shocked me as Airfix has always had an extremely good part replacement policy. I replied to their message stating that I was disappointed in their new policy and pointed out that this would discourage modelers of all ages and experience from buying their products. Further I questioned what their policy was concerning a defective part received in the kit. I did not get any answer but 30 days later I got a message stating that my parts request was being cancelled.

Airfix is producing some great models but watch out if you lose a part! Airfix is not as customer friendly as they used to be!

~Mike Terre



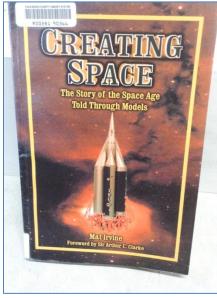




# Creating Space: The Story of the Space Age Told Through Models Book Review By Mike Terre

Here's a review of a book I purchased at a recent local sale. I found it a great reference for all space themed models but more important it brought back many pleasant childhood memories.

The title of this soft cover book is Creating Space, The Story of the Space Age Told Through Models and was written by Mat Irvine, a noted British author on space subjects and a very competent modeler as



well.

The book comprises 352 pages, with 12 chapters, as well as 3 very valuable appendices. It was published by Collectors Guide Publishing on July 1,

2002 and is currently out of print. Not to worry, it's still easily available for around \$16.00 from such used book sites as Amazon, bookfinder.com and abebooks.com.

I purchased my copy at the Lewes Public Library used book sale for \$2.00. It was a discard from the Palm Beach Florida Library system. How it got to Delaware is beyond me, perhaps a retired "rocket scientist" donated it.

The book is divided into 12 chapters that follow ideas and developments in space from

Leonard di Vinci (this guy had his finger into everything!) to Robert Goddard, World War Two's V-1 and V-2, early post war programs such as Vanguard and Explorer, through major programs such as Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Vostok and ending with the Space Shuttle and International Space Station.

There is an excellent chapter on the X-15 (never knew there were so many models of that aircraft!) which also contains models of the various lifting bodies developed by NASA as well as such European programs as Sanger 2 and HERMES.

Perhaps the best chapter, at least for me, was chapter 3, titled "The Optimistic Times, The Vision of Wernher and Willy." Of course the title refers to Wernher Von Braun and Willy Ley. Many early Revell and Monogram space models were based on their ideas and concepts. I still remember Willy Ley's face on the box art for Monogram's Passenger Rocket.

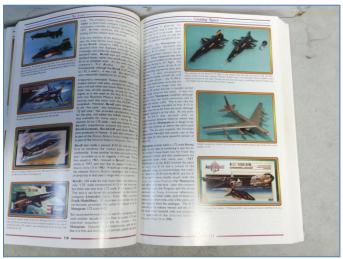
Also this chapter covers a multitude of the fanciful designs that came out of the Disney Studios and were made into models by







Strombecker, many of which have been reissued by Glencoe Models.



Surprisingly I also found out that Colliers Magazine sponsored "space art" for inclusion into their editions and that many of these concepts were made into models by Revell.

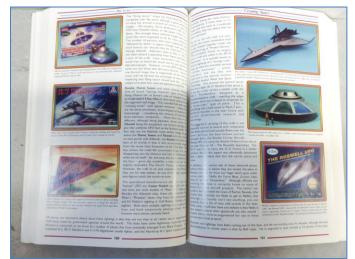
Without doubt the best part of this chapter was all that great box art from the 1950's. What great times they were! I remember seeing these kits at such stores as Two Guys, Great Eastern and Rexall Drugs. Imagine a drug store selling models.

According to the box art on Strombeckers "Moon Liner" I was supposed to be able to take a rocket to the moon in 1990. I'm still waiting!

Finally Creating Space has three very useful appendices, the first being a kit listing by manufacturer, the second being a kit list by

type and the third being a list of space model websites which was a little dated.

This was an excellent read and has became a valuable reference tool in my library. Its also given me an excuse to expand the "stash". I've just ordered Glencoe's Mars Liner (reissue of the Strombecker "Moon Liner") and Thor missile (reissue of the Adam's 1958 kit). Now if I can just find Glencoe's reissue of the Convair Manned Observational Satellite! If you like old kits or just want to reminisce this book is for you. Thanks for reading, see you at the October meeting!



Now do something useful like finally finishing that model you've been working on!

~Mike Terre







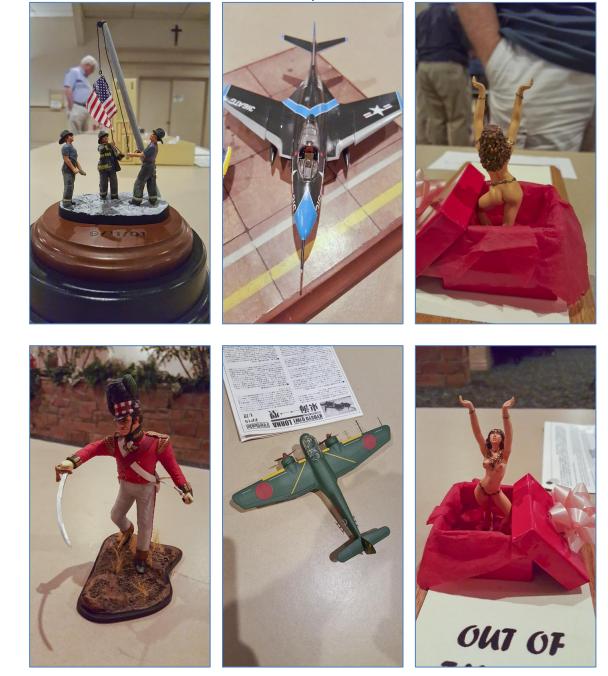
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# From the Editor By Devin Poore

The newsletter is a bit tardy going out this month. A few of the guys were busy and a little late getting articles to me, and I'm simply swamped with work, so everything's running a bit slower. Apologies for any spelling or formatting errors that may have slipped through in my sleep-deprived state.

As Jon mentioned, I'll be hosting the #13 contest next month. Entries need to deal with the number 13. Be creative!



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