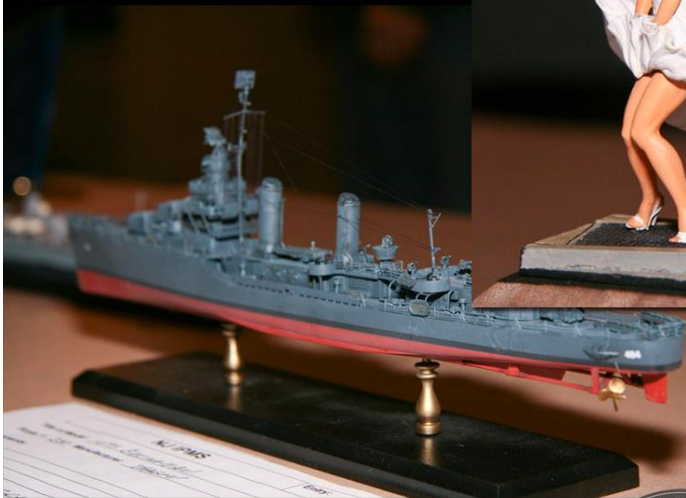
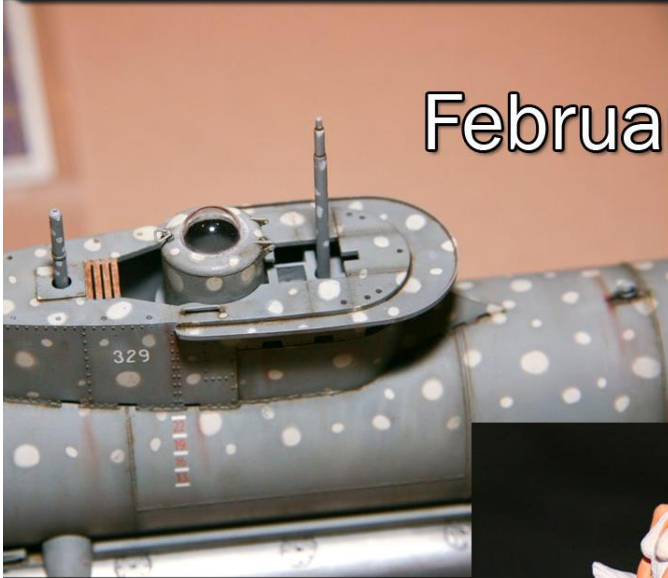


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February 2015



The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all. Just a brief word to all of you. We are working on the show, had an eboard meeting on Sunday and we are all up to speed as far as the show goes As always just show up on show day ready to work. We have been doing this for 24 years now and I don't need to say anything else because you all know your jobs! I'm sure the show will go off without a hitch as usual.

Sorry I couldn't make the meeting last month but the water main break and my house was my 1st priority. It's mostly done but the public works has to come in spring and re do the concrete and fix the front of my lawn! It will be nice to see it look good again.

Next up, I had a medical problem that almost put me under! I gashed my knee at work and it turned into a bacterial infection which ravaged my leg in a few days. I spent 6 days in the hospital on heavy antibiotics, had drain surgery and am now home on 2000mg's of antibiotics per day till I heal.



Time will tell. I'm OK for now, so we will see what's in the future. Funny shit! Get through Nam and countless other things no problem only to be taken by microscopic organisms! Live and Learn!!!

Next up is condolences to Mikey D and Ronbo for the loss of their mother. Clubs best to you guys at this tragic time. We sent them an arrangement with our thoughts and well wishes. It's sad to see this kind of stuff more and more these days. It is also sad to see a lot of us getting older too. Take care of yourselves because life is to short not to. That's all on this.

I can't think of much else to say at this time except that I'll see you at the meeting, Happy New Year and my best to you all. It's been a pleasure to have been associated with you all for all these years.

~ *Regards,*

Big Bill

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Next
Meeting:
Friday,
March 6th

Upcoming
Events:

Mosquito:
Con 24
April 4

RepLicon
27
April 11,
Freeport,
NY

July
Africa
Night

November
Number 13
Night



Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

I would like to thank Martin for coming up with a great club built, and also the members who took up the challenge to build a ship model.

Even know I failed to finish my destroyer, I learned so much and gained confidence when working with photo etch! It was a great experience! Always try something different.

~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.



I want to thank those folks who were able to bring their destroyers (completed or otherwise) to the February meeting. As I've said earlier, I guess a group-build of something as complex as a ship model was a little too ambitious. Thanks to those who did participate and got them finished, even – in Jon's case – you forgot to bring it to the meeting!

Congratulations to Marc Rocca, who's first ever ship was the 1st place winner! Marc's skills know no boundaries – he's able to cross genres and hit it out of the park every time. I hope everyone had fun and enjoyed building a ship while honoring our former Tin Can Sailor, the late Bill Marshall. I know we've hooked Marc into building a least one more!

In case you weren't at the February meeting, the Knights approached us and asked if we could move the meeting up a week, as they were having a fish fry on the 2nd Friday of March. As a result, the March meeting will be Friday, March 6, 2015 – NOT the 13th. I have something planned that night, so I will not be able to make it. Therefore, I'll see you all at the Wayne PAL on Saturday April 4, 2015 for MosquitoCon 24. I'm sure Big Bill will have lots of updates in "The Iron Works", so please make sure you give it a read.

Well, that's it from here. See you at MosquitoCon 24!

~Martin



THE JUDGES TABLE

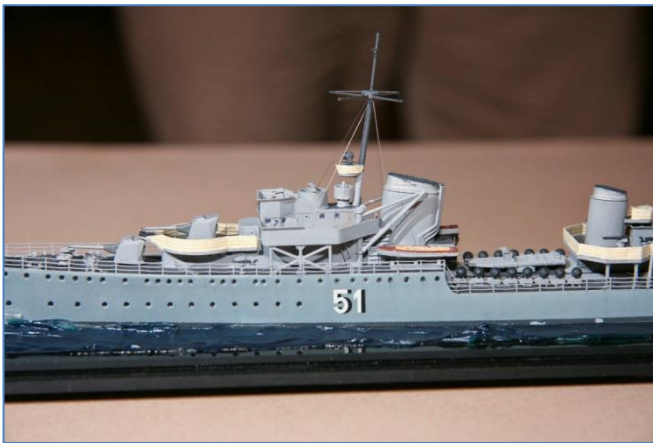
By Jon Da Silva

I don't really have much to say this month. The early meeting this month makes it feel like I've seen you all less than a week ago! There's no theme night for March, however we do have opportunities for monthly contest sponsorship still available. The awards for MosquitoCon are coming along nicely. Speaking of MosquitoCon, it's hard to believe it's only about 30 days away. It seems time has really flown since the Christmas party.

Anyway, please speak to me if you'd like to sponsor a monthly contest night. May, August, & September are all still available.

See you Friday,
Jon

~Jon



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Is anyone else sick and tired of yet another brutal winter? I'm counting down the days till Spring and the countdown to MosquitoCon has also begun. By the time of our meeting this week (1 week earlier than normal), our show will be only month away. Don't forget, if you'd like to donate any items for the raffle, please bring them to the meeting, or to the show. Also, please see Joe or Vince on Friday if you'd like to sponsor a

trophy package. Any support in those two areas would be greatly appreciated. Remember to keep in mind all the great perks that we all enjoy throughout the year!!

That's all for now. Hope to see you guys at the meeting, then it's full steam ahead to MCon 24.

~Mike P.



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A Very Moving Experience

By Mike Terre

After thirty three years in the same house and a very busy thirty year career as an Inspector for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) I retired and with my wife Deb, moved to Lewes Delaware. At last I was escaping from the People's Democratic Republic of New Jersey (PDRNJ). We all



know how stressful a move can be, it's a royal pain in the butt. However moving your modeling bench and its associated clutter along with your stash is unbelievable!

In a fit of smartness I took a picture of my bench as I knew I'd forget how it was originally and have a devil of a time getting it back together. If you look at that picture you'll see my buddy the "Modeling Minion" along with the last completed model at my old home, a new tool 1/72 scale Airfix DeHavilland Tiger Moth. There's also a sign that says "Closed for Business January 4, 2015, Opening April 1, 2015". And then the horror of it really hit me, NO MODEL BUILDING FOR AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS! My god, I'll die! Do modelers experience withdrawal symptoms?

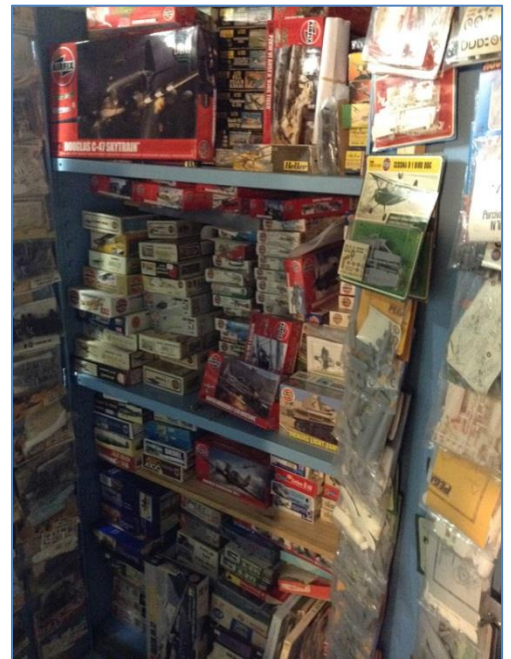
I was almost in shock as my paints, tools, air brushes, air compressor and all the other

necessary items of our hobby were devoured by heartless cardboard boxes. But worse was yet to come, THE STASH, had to be boxed! Have you any idea of how many models you have in your stash? I didn't, but I know now, it's 1127 injected and vacuform models. In my defense, I never purchased a model it didn't intend to build.

Boxing the stash took about two days but it could have gone much faster. I found stuff I had forgotten about. Hey, there's that Matchbox 1/72 scale Handley Page Heyford bomber, what a great kit and look at this, it's the old Revell kit of the USS Kersarge, boy is that big, let's take a look. It went on like this, more time spent opening kits than boxing them. I've often said that kits are like photographs, we know exactly where we purchased them and the events surrounding that purchase. I did a lot of walking down Memory Lane while boxing those old friends.

Our first priority once in the new house was to get the essentials going, utilities, cable,

Internet, you guys know the drill. However "essential" for me included getting the model bench up and running, a view not held by the



person I share a bathroom with (we now have two sinks in the same bathroom), but Deb puts up with me and I'm grateful for this.

On our second trip down from the PDRNJ I brought the modeling bench and all associated stuff. Loading it my Ford Escape was difficult but I did it because I was MOTIVATED to get that sucker up and running.



Our new home has a huge basement with finished and unfinished sections. The unfinished area was perfect for my bench. Let me tell you it was a lot harder to reassemble that bench then it was to take it apart. That picture I took of the bench really paid dividends, and in a day it was complete.

My first model to be built was to be the Meng 1/35 scale French Char 2C that I had purchased with a Sprue Brothers gift certificate from my buddy, Dan Spera. Well, it didn't happen, I packed the damn thing in one of the fifty or so boxes that held the stash. And the stash was still back in the DPRNJ. But the modeling gods were merciful, in the one box of kits I carried down was the Airfix new tool 1/72 Gloster Gladiator and that's what is being built.

So if you'll notice on my relocated bench, the Modeling Minion is there along with the Gladiator and a sign saying "Opened February 14, 2015". Yes, it was Valentine's



Day, Deb got a card and I got my bench.

There's still a bunch of work to be done to complete the move, unessential things like moving the furniture, clothes, and kitchen stuff are getting in the way of my building however I'll survive.



The stash is slowly being moved and guys it's like Christmas every time I open a box. It's a

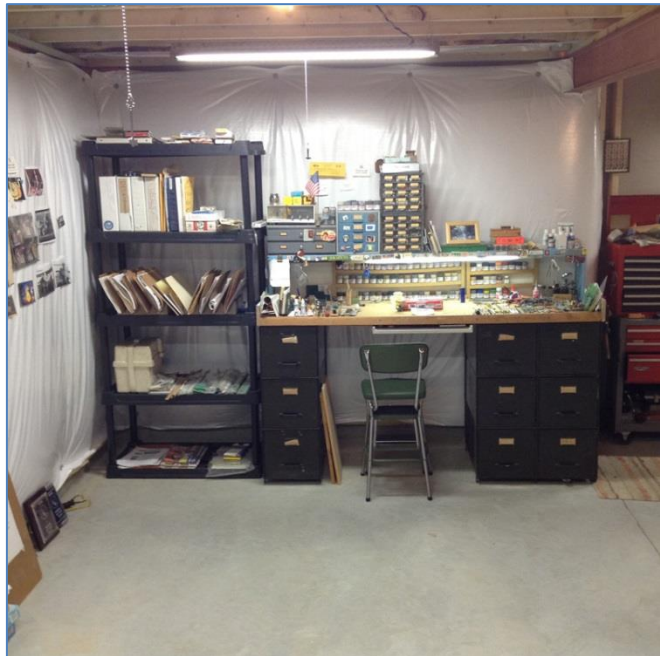
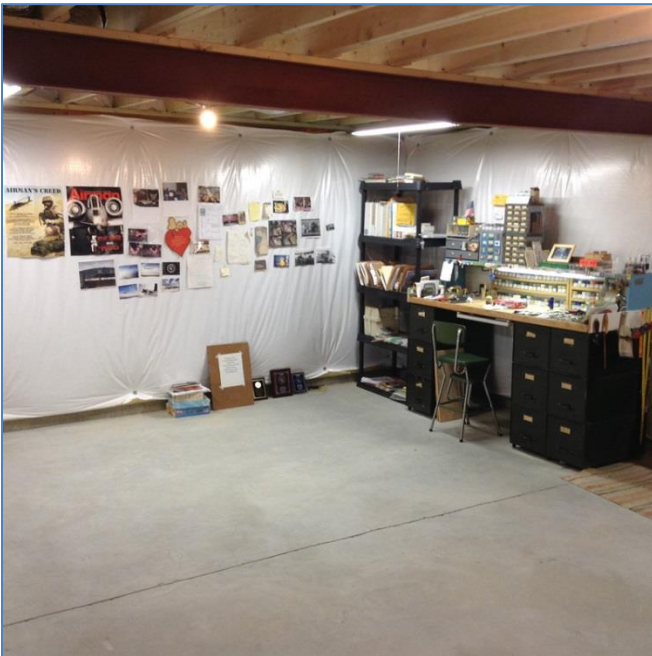


joy to see those old friends come out of the box and put back on their shelves and boy am I getting some great ideas for future builds. It's a shame that painting rooms and hanging curtains get in the way!

On a serious note, you never know how important our model building is to us until you can't do it for a while or how important being a member a modeling club is. Look

forward to seeing everybody at the March meeting. Now get to your bench and start building, I know I am, after I finish hanging up the lamp in the dining room!

~Mike Terre



Group Build: ESCI F-4 Phantoms

By Big Bill

Hi all. I am having the Esci 1/48th scale F-4 Phantom group build. I decided this after seeing Ivan's and remembering how great those kits were in the day. Besides the interior, the rest of the models have scribed lines and good general shape. The only rules on this build will be finish it! I got a bunch of these kits from Jimmy P and I will start handing them out at the meeting. I will set a date after MCON so we are all on the same page. I also know Jon is planning a Sci-Fi group build. If any of you have never built Sci-Fi you might want to give it a try. To become a better model builder in general I find that working in other genres of modelling have helped me become a way better modeler. Even though plastic kits in general use basic skills, the finishing in armor, airplanes, Sci-Fi and ships are all quite different and delving into these will make you better and more rounded. I'm hoping a lot of guys will hop on board the PHANTOM build. We can even show it off

like the Pegasus build which went over very well. BTW, these Esci/AMT/Italeri kits with slight modification can use aftermarket interiors and other parts from True details and other manufacturers so the possibilities are endless. I am going to build a NAVY "S" out of a C/D kit. It's fairly easy. Some of these kits have boxing's with extra parts for many variants. Also they are a very easy build with decent fit as well. See me at the meeting. I'm hoping Ogie, Stan, the O'Connors as well as many more of you jump on board. We shall see and thank you in advance!!!!



"BB"

Bargain Modeling

By Big Bill



Hi all. I just want to bring some stuff to your

attention. In these days of rising to the border of ridiculous prices on models, if you shop in nooks and crannies at the vendor tables you can walk away with some real bargains. It seems today everybody has to have everything when you build a model. The prices have gotten so high, I often wonder why and how Joe Average even buys anymore. I have enough models to last a lifetime as do most of you but I have for many years built older models for fun and value. I think what finally finished it for me is the new Kamov Helix Russian Helo coming out of 48th scale. It has a like 95 buck retail. It's just ridiculous anymore! The companies



like Revell Germany have upped the ante by selling great new kits at bargain prices. I hope the other biggies follow suit or I'm afraid we won't be attracting new blood in the modelling world. Point of story is this little gem, pics included. It's a 1/43rd scale "SOLIDO" die cast kit of the Porsche 917/10 can am. The kit was bought for a whopping 5 bucks when me and Vin went to Poughkeepsie a few years back. The kit was simple and I did it all with spray cans and a crappy set of decals and some basic modelling skills. It was the most fun I had building a model in a long time. Total investment 11 bucks. My point is, buy older kits and have fun and mostly build. Buy expensive but try some old kits too. You will



be surprised at the bargains and the fun you will have!!! Give it a chance!!!!

From the Editor

By Devin Poore

First off, I want to thank Martin for sponsoring the Tin Can Group Build. True, there weren't a lot of participants that finished, but it appears all involved had a good time, completed or not, and that's what



it's all about. The award plaques for the build were beautiful, done by our own Jon Da Silva, who does the awards for MosquitoCon. Very nice work.

Thanks to those who sent in content for this month's newsletter. I also want to point out that Martin Quinn did a review of the new Merit International 1/350th scale kit of the USS Yorktown (CV-5) on the

cv5yorktown.com website. I was going to post it in the newsletter, but it's very extensive and best viewed on the website:

http://cv5yorktown.com/?page_id=546

That's all I have. I will not be at the meeting this week due to a scheduling conflict, but I will see you all at MosquitoCon.

~Devin



This month's meeting will be on:

Friday

March 6th, 2015



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NEW JERSEY IPMS IS PROUD TO PRESENT FOR IT'S 24th YEAR...

MOSQUITOCON 24

Model Contest April 4, 2015



This year's show theme is: **"End Game"**, at the
Wayne PAL Hall, PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ (973-696-2896)

- Best Aircraft
- Best Armor
- Best Civilian
- Best "End Game"
- Best Ship
- Judge's Best
- Tailhook Award
- Trifecta category
- Club "Make & Take"
- Raffles and Prizes
- Wall to wall vendors
- Hot food available
- Doors open at 9:00 AM
- Judging begins at noon
- Parking in back of PAL



FOR CONTEST AND VENDOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
Bill Schwarz: 732-567-3724 (No calls after 9 PM) **Email: whsch@optimum.net**

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Registration info: Adults-\$15 (includes unlimited model entries). Walk-In's-\$10. Kids under 16 - \$5 (children under 12 free). Active members of the military are also free. No bills larger than a \$50.

The "Make & Take" will be from PM to PM. "Make & Take" kits donated by IPMS/USA. Please note that registration ends at 12 noon. Models "should not" be removed until awards ceremony. There is "No snow date" for this show.



MOSQUITOCON 24 CONTEST CATEGORIES

AIRCRAFT

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Single Engine Prop Aircraft | 1/72 & Smaller |
| 2. Multi-Engine Prop Aircraft | 1/72 & Smaller |
| 3. Single Engine Prop Aircraft | 1/48 |
| 4. Multi-Engine Prop Aircraft | 1/48 |
| 5. Jet Aircraft | 1/72 & Smaller |
| 6. Jet Aircraft | 1/48 |
| 7. Props & Jets | 1/32 & Larger |
| 8. Rotary Wing | All Scales |
| 9. Commercial (Civil & Racing) | All Scales |
| 10. Vacuforms & Resin Aircraft | All Scale |
| 11. Conversions & Scratch built | All Scales |

MILITARY VEHICLES

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| 12. Military Vehicles, Armored & Soft Skinned | 1/72 & Smaller |
| 13. Military Vehicles, Armored & Soft Skinned | 1/48 |
| 14. AFV, Tracked & Wheeled, Pre 1945 | 1/35 & Larger |
| 15. AFV, Tracked & Wheeled, Post 1945 | 1/35 & Larger |
| 16. Wheeled Soft Skins | 1/35 & Larger |
| 17. Self Propelled Ordinance | 1/35 & Larger |
| 18. Towed Ordinance-Howitzers, cannons | All Scales |
| 19. Commercial Conversions | All Scales |
| 20. Major Conversions & Scratch built | All Scales |

SHIPS

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| 21. Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, Carriers | 1/400 & Larger |
| 22. Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, Carriers | 1/401 & Smaller |
| 23. Ships, All Others | All Scales |
| 24. Submarines | All Scales |

AWARDS

1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all categories. "Best Out of Box" in categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 24

CIVILIAN VEHICLES

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| 25. Automotive, All Types | Smaller than 1/25 |
| 26. Automotive, All Types | Larger than 1/24 |
| 27. Stock | 1/24 & 1/25 |
| 28. Custom | 1/24 & 1/25 |
| 29. Street Rod (1948 & earlier) | 1/24 & 1/25 |
| 30. Street Machine (1949 & later) | 1/24 & 1/25 |
| 31. Competition, Open Wheel (excluding Drag) | 1/24 & 1/25 |
| 32. Competition, Closed Wheel (excluding Drag) | 1/24 & 1/25 |
| 33. Competition, Drag | 1/24 & 1/25 |
| 34. Commercial/Trucks | All Scales |
| 35. Motorcycles | All Scales |

SPACE & SCIENCE FICTION

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| 36. Factual Vehicles | All Scales |
| 37. Fictional Vehicles | All Scales |

FIGURES

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| 38. Beings, Robots & Suits | All Scales |
| 39. Figures | 54mm & Smaller |
| 40. Figures | 55mm & Larger |

DIORAMAS

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| 41. Vignettes & Dioramas | All Types & Scales |
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MISCELLANEOUS

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| 42. Miscellaneous- | All Types & Scales |
| 43. Trifecta- | All Types & Scales |
| 44. Classic Plastic-(any 20+ year old kit) | All Types & Scales |

JUNIORS

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| 45. All Subjects, Types & Scales |
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SPECIAL AWARDS

Best "End Game", Best Aircraft, Best Armor, Best Ship
Best Civilian, Best Tailhook (Naval Aircraft) Best of the Rest
and Judges Best