



WELCOME TO THE JANUARY, 2018 NEW JERSEY IPMS NEWSLETTER.

"From The Iron Works January 2018

Hi all. Hope you had a great holiday season, and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope this is a great year for all of you!

With that said, My Year end turned out very well. Mostly because I got to keep my leg! That is a good thing!!!!!!!!!!

Enough about me. The only thing I have to say for this month is that MCON is virtually right around the corner. We are already ramping up to get it all done. I have the vendor contracts almost ready to go, and will them out by the 15th. I hope we do well and the weather holds up!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Dean Sills can't make it this year but I already have his five tables gone to people who wanted to vend that contacted our website. I hope a lot of the usual vendors show up too!!! It's like we have known them as long as we have known each other.

I think that's it for now. Hope to see you all at the K of C on Friday night. Stan and Marc, your glasses will be there as well. Regards, Big Bill.



"The Broadway Speed Shop Speedster 1955"

By Big Bill Schwarz

This is a quick product review and a conversion all in one. It is also

not so favorable. This car started life as an expensive American Racing Classics kit I bought at the Nats in Columbus for a fun build! At the cost of some 80 bucks the car should have been a lot better fitting and be better detailed.



I did the basic interior and then clamped and filled the main body pieces. The fit was awful to say the least. That's when I looked at the bad molding of the built-in exhaust, and I decided to make something different!

I filled and primed the body many times to get it to look like it does. I don't mind a challenge but this was ridiculous!

After that I wet-sanded with 1200 wet/dry, then used Tamiya TS spray purple right from the can! Great stuff! I can't say that enough! Next up, I was looking through my Slix decal and decided to use the few that are on the car. The car then became the Broadway Speed Shop Speedster.

I altered the steering and ground recesses for the exhaust pipes. If they look familiar they are. The car now carries a Daimler-Benz DB-605 engine and exhausts! That's the basic conversion.

I shot several clear coats and did a basic rub out. I shot the wheel pants with Duplicolor Mercedes silver and the interior was done by brushed Vallejo acrylics. I added tape seat belts and made a buckle from scrap plastic. I mounted it on a simple base and it's done as far as I am concerned.

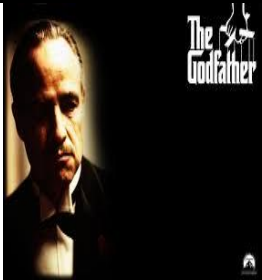


Oh!- by the way, The kit panel lines were awful so I filled them in and did them up with black decal striping! The point of this kit was to be easy and different. It is now very, very different but was way too ill-fitting to be fun! I don't mind a challenge but this was a bit on the ridiculous side as far as quality and fit. This is just my review. The company is now defunct, but some of these kits may still be around at a good price! I won't be buying another! I am though, satisfied with my results.

"Big Bill Schwarz"

From the Vice President's Desk

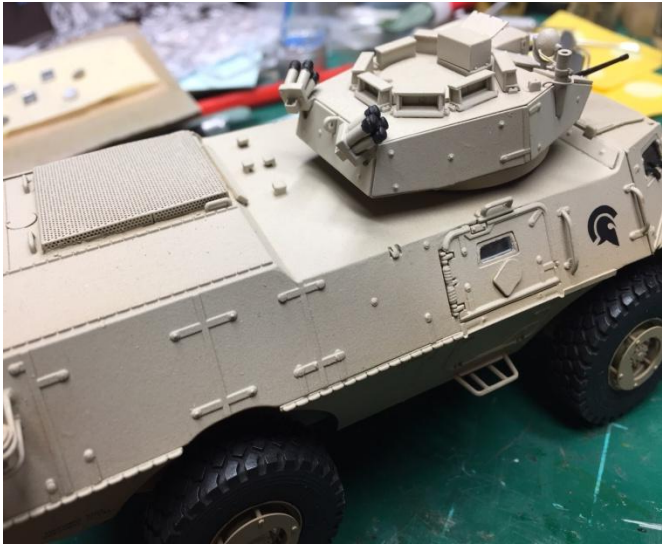
By Vince D'Alessio



January meeting , holy cow 2018 already! I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mike Pavlo and I went to see Buzz Lockwood in the VA Hospital in Lebanon Pa. He is doing well considering what he has been through. Please keep him in your prayers. Doctor Simon is doing very well and is starting work again in a couple of days.

I am wrapping up the Trumpeter M117 Guardian ASV. Something different- a modern armored vehicle. This kit has over 300 parts, many very small and fragile. Did you ever build a model, and when it was almost finished think, "if you did it over again it would be a lot different and in a different sequence." That's what I thought when I looked at this model. What a pain in the butt, maybe its old age, but this was a work out.



To top it all off there is very little reference material for the vehicle I saw an example of the kit build in Panther Aces volume no.38; a publication that looks very interesting and informative. I am including a picture of the Guardian, hope you guys try it.

Stay happy and keep modeling.

Vince

Here are a couple of pictures from the December **END OF THE YEAR Contest**.Ed.



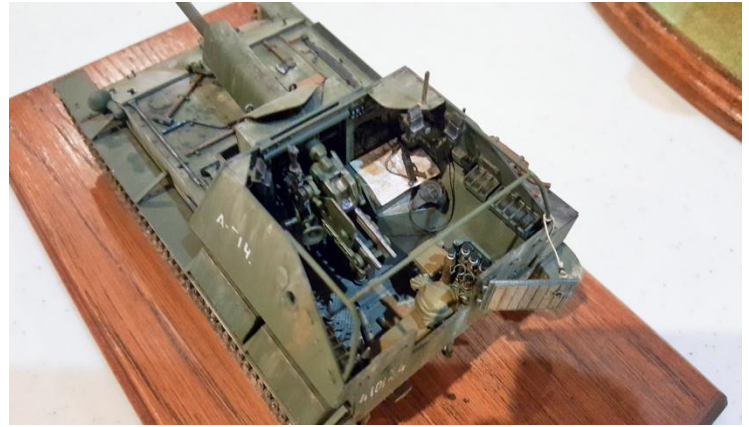
Vince's P-47 D



Nice British AirCobra



Mike Terre's Stranraere



Eric Schroeter SU-76

From the Vice President's Desk

By Joe Smith



Let's hope the Holidays have been very kind and healthy to our members, and to are members who are also on the mend as well.

I would like to thank Glenda & Harmon for giving us, once again, a great party!

Joe Smith

HEAR! HEAR! GREAT FOOD, GREAT MODELS, GREAT COMPANY! Ed.

The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP



I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays and got to spend time with family, friends and loved ones. Over the years Santa has been very kind and has surely provided all of us with some memorable modeling items. This year he left me the Sword 1/72 kit of the FJ-3 Fury. Modelers of US Navy aviation the world over were likely rejoicing when this

kit was announced. I know that I was! This gorgeous aircraft has been on modeler's wish lists for decades. There has never before been a mainline kit of this aircraft in any scale. For a plane that served in over 20 fleet squadrons, in some of the most attractive paint schemes ever, this is incomprehensible. (You can ignore the 1/48 ESCI kit from about 40 years ago, it was labeled as an FJ-3, but it was little more than a half-baked Sabre molded in blue plastic). Just when almost all hope was lost, Sword announced their Fury kits. A quick visit to the Roll Models website yielded a box in the mail with its magic contents. Debbie happily wrapped it and placed it under the tree for me. Oh happy day!!

I'd like to wish everyone and their families a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Best wishes,

Mike P.

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



It's a new year! Welcome to 2018 everyone. May it be better than the train wreck that was 2017 (at least for me). We're going to need new sponsors for monthly contests this year, so if you're inclined to become one, give me a shout out at the meeting on Friday.

I hope everyone is enjoying the modeling season. For me, modeling season is summer, not winter. It sounds bizarre, but I prefer to build in an air conditioned environment than to go outside and melt and look Sicilian.

I don't have much other news to touch on at the moment. We do have a few nights next year already planned. I'm going to do a Sci-Fi night, probably in September. I know March is already nostalgia night. I hope we get something unusual this year. Perhaps something we haven't done before? Maybe a Scandinavian night?

Hope to see you all!

Ciao,

Jon

Here are pictures of the winners in 2017, as judged last month.

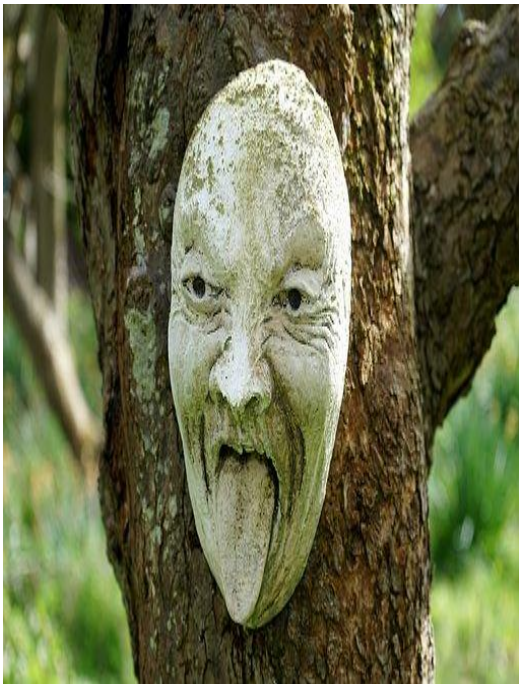


Jerry Hughson "BEST SHIP USS Missouri. Mike Terre BEST AIRCRAFT Stranaere.



Vince D'Allessio 3rd Place P-47

Mike Terre MODELER OF THE YEAR



Editor's feeling at again having
his modeling skills ignored!

The rest of the club's reaction to the Editor.

From the Editor: Mike Terre contacted me with the news that he was taking a break from the review and photos "Terre"Gram for this month. I investigated and found out the REAL reason!



Mike's Minions are on Holiday!



See Y'all on Friday!