



"From the Iron Works"

" By Big Bill Schwarz", President

Hi all. Hope all is well. Going on Memorial day already! Time sure flies! Anyway I wish to again thank all of you who participated and helped to make this years' show one of the great ones! Big Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Next up, being that we didn't have anything on meeting night regarding, We have moved the annual outing up to May 20th! Same time Sunday 1230 to 4pm, Same place Famous Daves BBQ metuchen! Hope to see you all there.

Not much new on the club front as per say. The only thing I have going on is I made a promise to the Guys at True Color Paints. They gave us a large selection as give- aways, as well as supplied me with a few colors to show you guys. I will be doing a tutorial of sorts and the rest you will have to figure out when you fire up your airbrush. They are acetone/Solvent based not unlike nail polishes. They are color pigment rich and are air brushable from the bottle. This is good for most of you guys. I use old school- taught sound automotive custom techniques which do not apply to most of you. I will tell you they shoot rather good and come in tons of colors, with more to come all the time. They have military, automotive and rail colors so the possibilities are endless. I'm looking to show you guys at the June meeting.

I think that's about it for now. Have a great week and see you Friday at the K of C Garwood.

" Big Bill"



QUESTION: What has been scheduled for SUNDAY, MAY 20TH, from 12 noon till 400 PM?

ANSWER: The annual barbecue at FAMOUS DAVE'S in Metuchen?

CORRECT!

FAMOUS DAVE'S BBQ

52 North Lafayette Ave.

Metuchen, NJ 08840

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From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio



Hope all is well with you guys. May is very hectic Month starting off with AMPS Convention May 2-5 then Friday May 11 Club Meeting

On the modeling scene I have just finished the Panzer 4 Ausf F1.(kit 6315) This version is the last to use the short gun (sorry Mike Pavlo). The Tank was assigned to Pz.Rgt.31,5th Pz. Div., Leningrad Russia 1942. Tank number 424.The paint scheme is something totally different than any of the base colors I have ever used , I went with Tamiya Buff with some dark yellow added to it. The camo scheme is thin stripes all over the hull and turret. The color Dragon recommends for the camo is Field Gray; the Tamiya version is strangely enough a very dark green. I mixed it 50/50, added it to my trusty Iwata air brush- holding my breath- I stripped the entire tank. Mike Pavlo said it looks exactly what a camo scheme would look like if someone standing on the ground beside the tank using a paint gun would do, short strokes arm length, not wide, long belts. I think it does reflect an in the field printable camo scheme. Check out the Pictures.



The Tank was built with Fruiamodel metal tracks. Some Mig washes along with my own washes, and Mig Pigments.

I have now completed the following Panzer 4 versions, Ausf C,D, E and F1. I have only the F2, G,H and J to complete my OCD mission. The A and B versions although I have the kits were hardly used in battle maybe against the French. Where a Yugo with a BB

gun would have sufficed. The French do parade well. How about that General Charles DeGaulle, what a guy, he said he liberated Paris, everybody disliked this phony.



(You insult zee Francais?!???! Do you not remember Lafayette? Louis Pasteur? We have always been Les Amies with your country.)

I think Mcon 27 was a big success thanks to all the members you guys deserve a round of applause great Job. I'm predicting the future and Mcon 28 will be swell too, you guys are the best.

Stay Happy and stay building

Vince

From the Vice President's Desk

By Joe Smith



Joe Smith sends his greatest thanks for all the members who helped make MCon a huge success.

The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP



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Exactly two weeks after MosquitoCon I attended the famous NNL East model car show at the Wayne PAL. It always seems strange to be at that venue and it's not MCon that's taking place. The crew that runs the show does a great job and the turnout of models, modelers and vendors was remarkable. The model car side of our hobby seems to be thriving for sure. Since there doesn't seem to be many car-only shows around, guys travel from all over for this one. I built quite a few cars growing up, and I've stashed away kits of some of my favorite vehicles as the kits of them have been released over the years. As usual, the vendors this year had hundreds of vintage kits for sale. I remember many of them and get nostalgic seeing them again. But there are always many, many kits that I simply don't recall and it's so much fun to discover them for the first time. The quality of the models on display is very good, with some being incredible. All in all, a very enjoyable day. If you've never attended this show, you should think about it for next year. You already know how to get there!!

I wish everyone a happy Memorial Day. A very special day where we remember all those who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy. We are forever grateful.

Best Wishes,

Mike P.

Here are a few Pictures Mike sent from the NNL East show. Ed.



Great photos! Thanks Mike.

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Hello all!

Hello all,

I can't believe this year is already almost halfway over. I need sponsors for monthly theme nights! Art has volunteered to sponsor a night this summer. I will be handling September. So many months are still free. I'm glad that Mosquitocon went so well. I have a fairly large project that I've been working on that I'll bring in on Friday night.

I attended the McGuire AFB air show this past weekend. I recently purchased a new mirrorless camera and was able to take amazing photos. It was quite a spectacle. I'm going to attach some photos in case anyone is interested. I was very impressed by the CF-18 from the Canadian demonstration team. I would like to see a F-4 Phantom air demonstration one day. If anyone knows of a show where either a Phantom or Tomcat will be performing, please let me know!



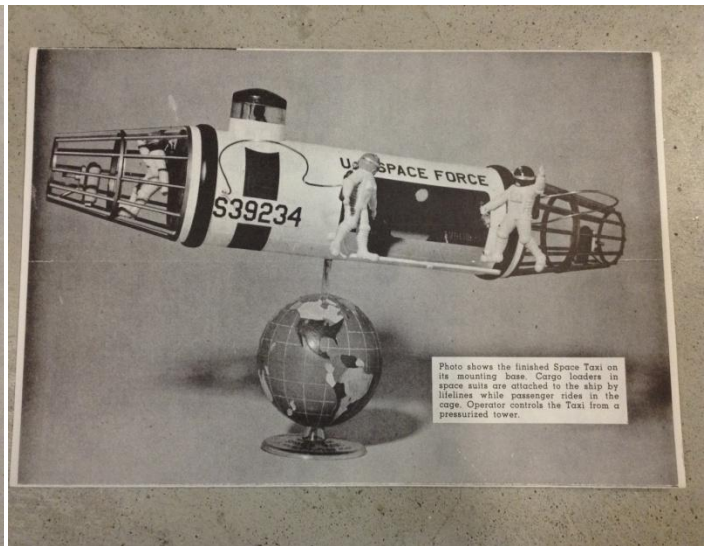


Thanks for the pictures, Jon!

Here is this month's "TERRE-GRAM" kit build from Mike Terre

Monogram Space Taxi

In 1958 Monogram issued a series of four models of conceptual space vehicles designed by the famous German rocket scientist Willey Ley. These models were the TV Orbiter kit #PS44, the Space Taxi, kit #PS45, the Orbital Rocket, kit#PS46 and the Passenger Rocket, kit#PS47.

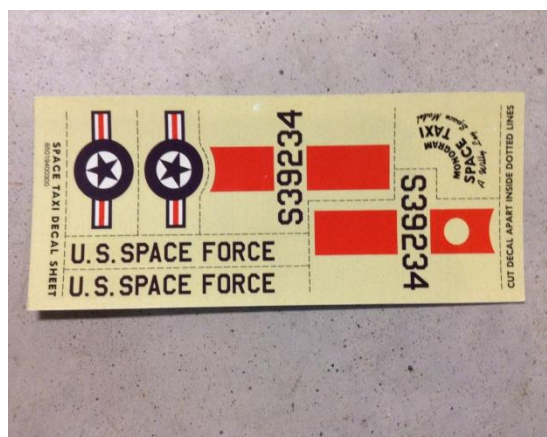


Out of all of them my favorite was the Space Taxi. Just look at that box art, three astronauts moving boxes (they look wooden!) into the cargo hold while the pilot (taxi driver?) looks on. And the whole thing orbits the moon! And it was designed by a real "rocket scientist", why he's there on the box showing two well dressed 1950's type kids just like me how the Space Taxi worked. How could a six year old boy in 1958 resist such imagery. Hey, it worked on me, it was irresistible and it only cost my Dad the discount price of 79 cents (list price 98 cents) at the "Park and Shop" toy store on Route 46 in Wayne New Jersey.

The Space Taxi kit came with two pieces of wire so you could have a pair of astronauts dangling out side the cargo hold while the third worked inside. But there was a

disappointment and it was a big one...the stand for the Space Taxi was not the surface of the moon but rather it was Earth! However the disappointment did not last for long when I saw the decal sheet. It had markings for the U.S. Space Force! Well of course, now it make sense, these were U.S. Astronauts that were protecting America from those dastardly Russians. And to really make the point the Space Taxi was directly over the United States! It's something how a kids mind worked back then!

Ok, back to reality, here's what happened to those four "futuristic" kits. They were popular for about two years but by 1960 were obsolete and removed from the Monogram catalog. You see there were real rockets like Vanguard and Redstone carrying satellites, like Explorer and even monkeys into space! And there were models of these real vehicles being issued by other model manufacturers.



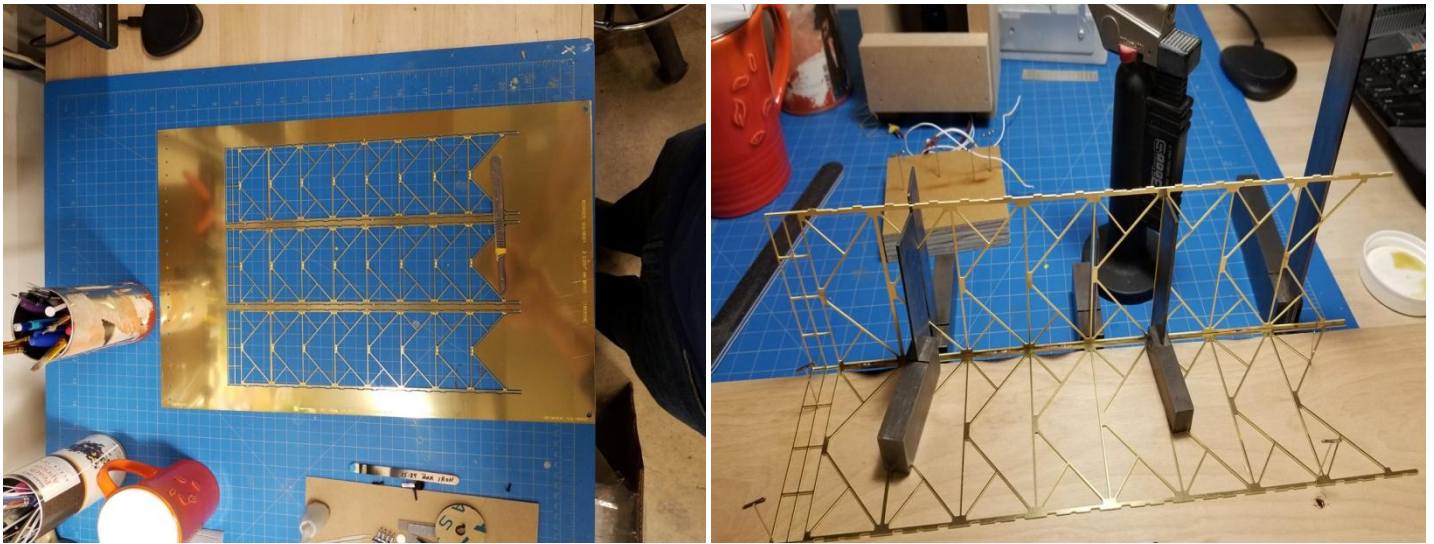
Over the years Monogram has reissued these kits, at the request of older baby-boomers, the last being the Space Taxi in 1969. I don't think they could reissue it today, especially in our "Politically Correct" climate. I mean Willey Ley was a German scientist who had worked for the Nazi's and this would override any good the man did to support the US space program. What's worse there's this Nazi talking to children! Amazing how things change, but that is this writers opinion.

Thanks for reading, Now get down to your bench and build something?

Now we have a nice article from Devin Poore, highlighting a piece he has built at 'Gulliver's Gate'.

The model is a 1/87th scale ASR-11, a Digital Air Surveillance Radar (DASR), for our model airport at Gulliver's Gate (<https://gulliversgate.com/>). This tower may look familiar to a lot of you, as it's based upon the one that is visible from I-95, just south of Newark Liberty International Airport.

Initial research was done via a few photos taken by me from my car, and images from Google Earth. From that I was able to come up with dimensions, then the model was drawn in 3D CAD software, Rhino 5. The main tower lattice and the radar dish arrays are chemical etched brass and nickel-silver, respectively, etched by a company out in California. We don't do etching in-house as the chemicals are extremely hazardous. I assembled the brass tower structure using solder and a butane torch.



The tower platforms and machinery space are laser cut acrylic. The base for the radar dish was also drawn in Rhino, then printed in resin on our Carbon M1. I got extremely lucky with the motor that rotates the dish, as at 5 volts it spins at 12rpm, which is almost exactly the same speed as the full-sized radar. The red aircraft warning mast lights are extremely tiny LEDs, only 1mm across, which made soldering them and running the leads through sections of Albion brass tubing somewhat tedious.



Holy cow, how awesome is THIS?!



Elsewhere in the scene, the shipping container office is a modified model kit, I added lights with a 3 light section of LED tape. The security fence and gate are made from etched brass frames, covered with plastic mesh, and topped with barbed wire made from individual strands of a metal window screen. Ground work and other items that integrate the tower and site into the existing airport model are the typical Woodland Scenics and similar scenic ballasts and grasses.

The tower, radar dish included, are just over 13" tall. The lights and rotation on the radar tower run continuously whenever we're open, so 10+ hours a day. The street light

and the light inside the shipping container office are only on during the night portion of our day/night cycle that run throughout the day.

If anyone wants to come see it in person, and the rest of our displays, remember, I have 25% off discount codes for whomever wants one. Just let me know.

We definitely have no excuse NOT to go see this remarkable display! What about a club-sponsored trip?



Gerry Rinaldi sent me a little joke. Since the word 'model' is in it, I'll pass it on!

I was offered sex today with a Victoria's Secret model. In exchange for that, I was supposed to advertise some kind of bathroom cleaner on my Facebook page. Of course I declined because I am a person of high moral standards and strong willpower. Just as strong as Ajax, the incredibly strong bathroom cleanser. Now available in lemon scent and vanilla.



By the way....what scale was that model in???

That's it FFFFFfoooooo!!!!kkkkkssss!!!!

My computer has valiantly served to finish this edition of the newsletter, then it is to the IT workbench. For the last three days, each click has taken about 4-5 minutes!!!! DONE AM I!