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"From The Iron Works"

Hi all. Hope you finished up the year on a great note and 2019 is going to be all that much better !! Great to see everyone at the meeting. The Party was very good and Very well attended! It was nice to see Mike Oconner, Maw and Patrick back too! It was also an extreme pleasure to see Buzz back with us too. Better days are indeed coming !

Next up is Mosquitocon. That is first and foremost for all that are involved in the initial phase of the show. i just finished printing up the 2019 contracts and they will be going out this week. The other e-boarders and show staff will now do what they do best. Get ready for the show. All looks well this year! By gauging the shows in late 2018 and pre sales of vendors to our show (53 tables spoken for already !) if weather holds we should have a biggie indeed! Only time and the weather can tell till then! That wraps it up for me this month. I'm busy with my leg and building a Wild Willie style blown 23T altered! I'm also Starting My WNW Junkers J1 which Sandy brought me. I also just ordered a custom prop,hub, and exhaust system for it. I'll do a build review and inspection report of the prop and other parts when I Get them. Till then, Enjoy Life !

Live Long ! and Have a great day Every Day!



Regards/BB

Thanks again to the E-Board and all who helped make the Holiday Party a great time! Ed.

From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio



January 11, 2019 meeting- unreal the way time flies as you get older. 2018 was a blip on the radar screen as far as I'm concerned. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. . Our club Christmas party was a huge success thanks to Glenda and Big Bill. This month I'm writing about a book that's been on the shelf for a very long time 'Stalin's Lieutenants' a study of command under duress by William J Spahr, former Colonel USA Army (ret) 14 years CIA Senior analyst and branch Chief focusing on Soviet Military policy and doctrine. He is also a Ph D in International Relations. This book is an examination of the ten men who led the Red Army in the great patriotic war.

The Winter War with Finland 1939-1940 exposed the weakness of the Red Army doctrine and strategy. The commanding echelons of the red army had been shattered by Stalin's purges of the late 1930's. The Purges were caused by his mistrust of the Czarist Officers in the Russian Army, the vast majority were this type which were also in Trotsky's camp. The book covers the 1920 War with Poland, Poland won this one which would come back to haunt them with Stalin's revenge in 1941 and 1943.

Once the Germans invaded in 1941 the Jig was up! The new Russian General Staff was totally inexperienced and overwhelmed. Stalin had to bite his lip and visit the Gulag camps and free the Czarist officers he mistrusted, they all had to pledge an oath of loyalty to him and the great rebuild of the general staff and command slowly began.

They all served under the duress of continuous political and security surveillance on steroids. It's the study of how they handled their responsibilities in this brutally pressurized environment that makes a great read and shines a light on an unknown aspect of the Stalin way.

It was great to see Mike O'Connor and Buzz Lockwood at the last meeting. Marc Rocca was not there so we all hope he is doing well and that we see him soon. Some bad news - Big Bill leg is infected again and he is taking antibiotics. Let's all say some prayers for our members under the weather, we all need prayers.

Stay Happy and stay Modeling

Vince .

Here's a look at the happy crew of Generals that served Stalin so well!! Not a smile in the crowd!! Timoshenko is missing. He commanded the Moscow front and stopped the Germans in the horrible winter of 1942. But Stalin was suspicious of him, and had him imprisoned and tortured. Timoshenko never allowed himself to be beaten, and commanded at Stalingrad till so worn down he was replaced by Kruschev. He then commanded one of the Russian Tank armies till the end of the war. Ed.

which made a big



THE WESTERN FRONT COMMANDERS:

seated, L-R: Konev, Vasilevsky, Zhukov, Rokossovsky, Meretskov
standing, L-R: Tolbukhin, Malinovsky, Govorov, Eremenko, Bagromian

From the Vice President's Desk

By Joe Smith



I would like to Thank Big Bill for the awards given out and Glenda for all that great food.

Happy New Year

Joe Smith

THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday season and got to spend some good times with family and friends. It's a wonderful time of year, but it seems to arrive so quickly, and depart just as fast.

Our club Holiday party was a fun and festive event that was made even better by the shared laughter and good cheer shared by all who came. Huge thanks go out once again to Glenda and Harmon for all their preparation and cooking. The food was delicious as always! We all appreciate everything that goes into it.

Congratulations are in order for the winners of the year end awards – very well deserved! It's hard to believe that a new year is upon us and before you know it we'll all be at MosquitoCon. Wow.

Best Wishes,

Mike P.

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Welcome to 2019 all. The year of Blade Runner (my favourite movie), The Running Man & the anime Akira. Very interesting to see how the future looked with the benefit of hindsight. I don't foresee myself dressing like anyone in those films anytime soon, but the future is unwritten.

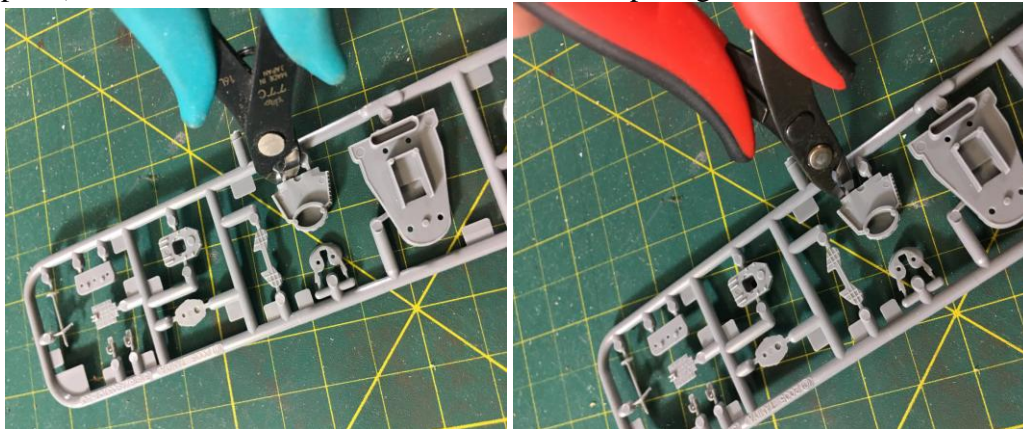
Congratulations to the winners of all of last years contests. The two models of the year by Eric Schroeter & Martin Quinn, and the top builders of the year, Marc Rocca, Mike Terre, & Martin Quinn. The holiday party was great as usual. Strawberry and Jaime (the other awards guy) had a great time. My friend Dan enjoyed the club and may join (along with some other friends). They've recently discovered the hobby and are eager to learn. Perhaps they will be present Friday.

While at Microcenter (to buy computer parts) I looked in their tool section and stumbled across a plethora of useful tools for model building. Working with computer hardware and model building are not all that different as it is. I picked up two tools that I think will come through in a big way.



There is a pair of ultra fine nippers by the company Hakko out of Italy and a pair of Engineer pliers that have a roundout in their tip, ideal for grabbing round objects.

Here you can see the difference between my normal nippers, the King TTC model with the green handles and the new Hakko ultra fine ones. The King TTC ones are what the Xuron cutters are cloned from (and 1/3 of the price). The real difference can be seen when comparing the two on a 1/700 scale sprue



The Xuron size ones that many of us use get close to other parts because the end is quite wide, though thin. These retain the thin cutting edge but the end is far more narrow. Great for builders of small scale items.



Here you can see how useful the engineers pliers will be when gripping round objects that normally slide out of regular ones or tweezers.

I would like to say I will see everyone at the meeting, though I am uncertain if I will be there. The 11th is Strawberry's birthday. I'll do my best to be present!

Thanks Jon! These look pretty good. Question....Does anyone else sharpen their cutters? I have a small honing stone, and with a little oil, can get quite an edge, especially as these small cutters can get a nick quite easily. Ed.

Mike Terre sent a few reminders along. I guess he gave the minions a few days off for the holidays.

March is Nostalgia Night.

Just a reminder that Mike Terre and Dan Spera are sponsoring Nostalgia Night for the March meeting. Please select something old (besides yourself!) from your stash and bring it to the meeting. It can be a favorite kit, built model, book, old catalog, or favorite tool. Whatever you want. It would be great if you'd give the club a little talk about what you brought but it's not necessary. This is no contest, everybody can participate regardless of modeling skills or interests. From previous experiences with Nostalgia Night everybody has a great time remembering days past in our hobby and all have a "winning" night!

Quick tool tip.

This is one of my handiest tools, the Minions couldn't build a model without it. It's a grout finishing tool and is perfect for smoothing modeling putty. The blade makes short work of straight seams and the ball end is great for getting putty into curves around wing roots and nacelles. I'm an aircraft modeler but I'm sure there's use for this in the automotive, armor and ship building communities.



I bought this a few years ago at Harbor Fright for 99 cents but it appears they no longer sell it. Not to worry! If you Google "grout finishing tool" you'll find them available for a number of sources, priced from \$1.98 to a ridiculous \$31.98 on eBay (proves the old statement "a sucker is born every minute"). It's a handy useful tool, that bears the Minion Modeling Seal of Approval, highly recommended.

Thanks Mike! Hope the new chapter is finding their feet.

DECEMBER MEETING AND YEAR END REVIEW

Each year at the December meeting, the club chooses the best models of the year. Those whose projects were judged by the members each month as "Bests of" have the opportunity to re-show their work. For me it is special to realize how talented the modelers in this chapter are! Every month superb builds are either finished, or in-progress.

Last month's Newsletter listed those whose efforts were eligible for the awards. Here are some pictures.



Eric Schroeter's T 34/85



Vince D'Allessio's PzKG IV



Vince D'Allessio's PZ IVC



John Bucholz' Steampunk Jaguar



Dan Spera's P-38L



Martin Quinn's USS Texas



Mike Terre's Soviet Tractor



Eric Schroeter's PE-2



Dan Spera's P-47 D



Mike Terre's PO-2



Mike Terre's Fairchild



A great night!

Once the voting was finished, the winners were announced;



Da Judge Jon DaSilva presents Eric Schroeter with Best Aircraft Model of the Year. 1/48 PE-2.





Jon presenting Martin Quinn with BEST SHIP 2019 AWARD!!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Following the official activities, Big Bill recognized members of the club who had helped make 2018 a really great year for NJIPMS!



Mike Paavlo-IPMS Contact



Dan Spera-Mosquito.Con Ramrod



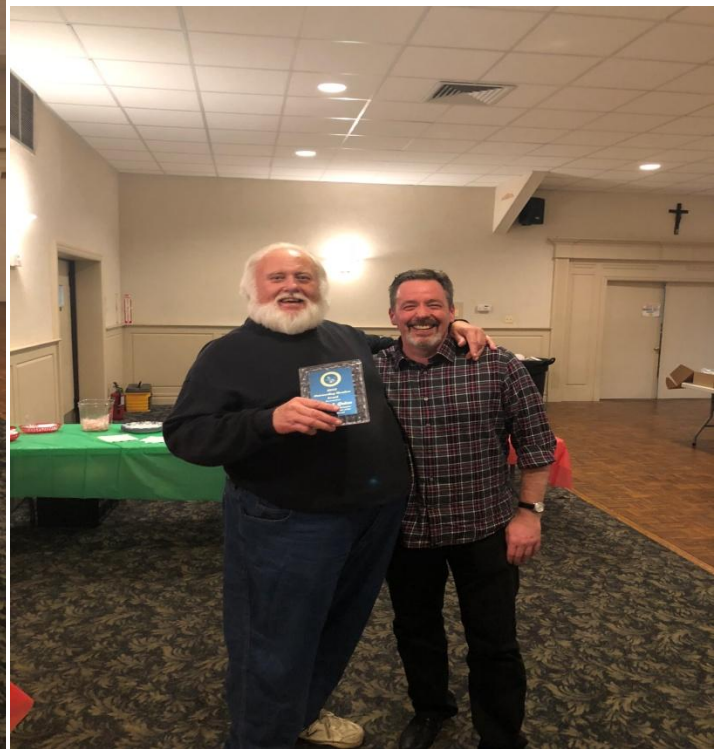
V.P. Vince D'Allessio who keeps Big Bill honest.



VP Joe Smith- who keeps Vince honest.



Carmen-reading BB his Miranda Rights



Martin Quinn- Website Sensai

There were additional awards as well for individual modelers as well.



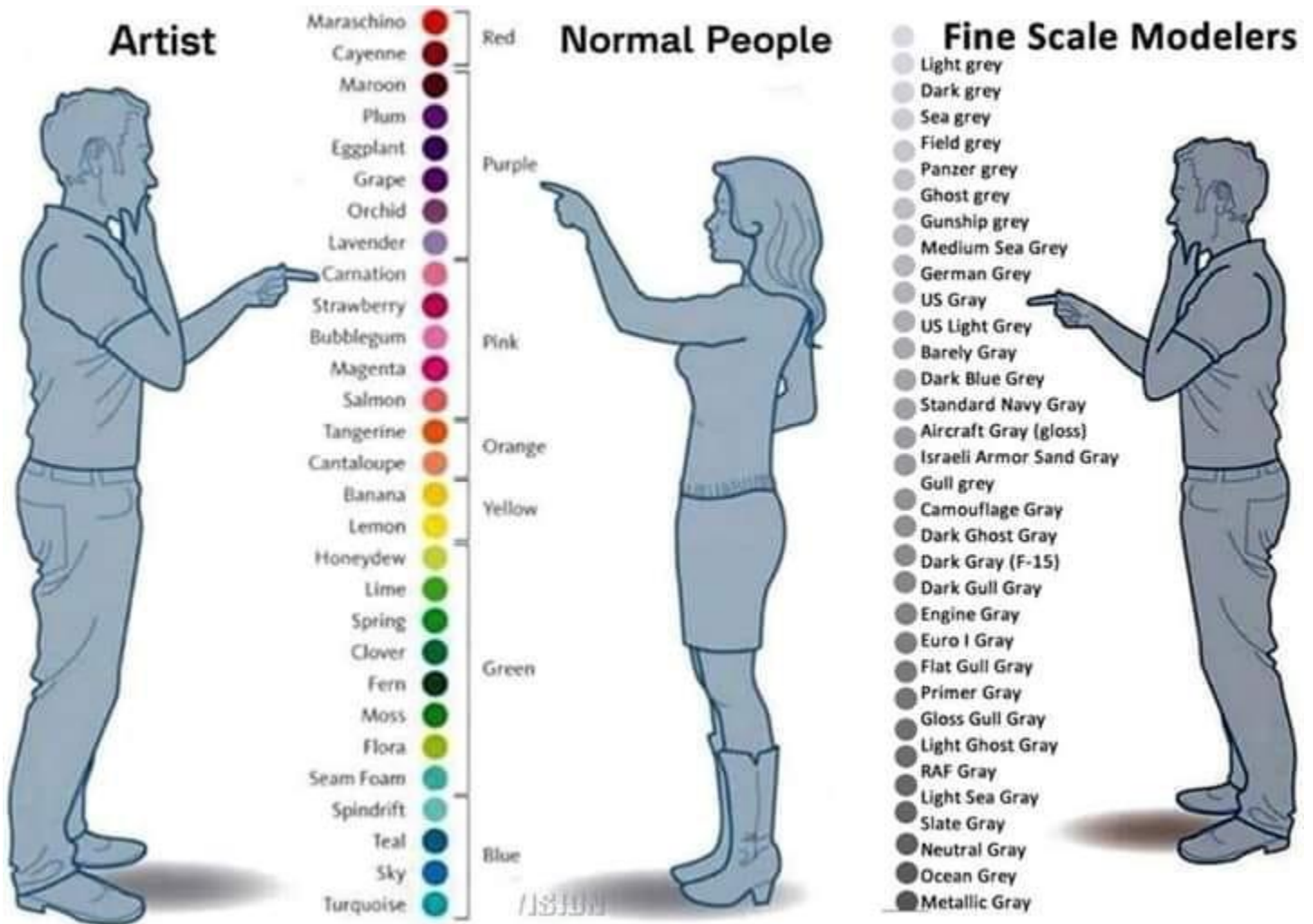
Martin Quinn- 2nd Place modeler of the Year



Mike Terre- MODELER OF THE YEAR

Once again a reminder to JOIN IPMS.USA. For info see Mike Paavlo.

This edition will end with another little chuckle from Gerry Rinaldi.



See you at the meeting.

Bill Schroeter, Editor