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FROM THE IRON WORKS

By Big Bill Schwarz, Pres.

Hi all, Nothing going on my end club-wise at all. The only thing I have going on is the leg problem. In and out of hospital, but its small taters compared with other guys problems. Other than that business as usual!

Glad to see so many people at the party. The food and drink were very good, and it was nice to see guys out other than at model venues.

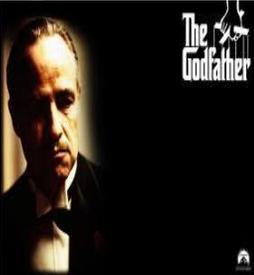
Not much else except Jimmy Pentifallo just hit the big 60! Live Long my old friend !!! That’s it from me. See y’all Friday Night at the K of C Garwood!



Regards, Big Bill

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



Hi Guys,

June meeting! Almost half the year is gone; only ten months to MCon 29. In case any of you missed me at the May meeting, LOL!, I was in Buffalo NY attending the AMPS National Convention at the Buffalo Grand Hotel, which... maybe after a few years of renovations it will be considered Grand!

The show was from Thursday May 8 to Saturday May 10. I got up there on Wednesday to avoid rain forecast for Thursday. The show was well run and there was plenty of space for model display as well as vendors. There were approximately 90 tables of vendors all dedicated to Armor- tracked and wheeled.

As far as models goes there were approximately 400 of them Entered by 125 modelers. I judged 2 sessions, 2 hours each. When not judging, there were great seminars that practically filled Friday and Saturday from 9AM to 5PM . The 2020 convention is going to be in Harrisburg PA. I will keep you updated on dates when they become available or you can check the AMPS web site. I have included pictures from Buffalo.

The Club party was May 19, the food was good, the dining room was big but not contiguous- but did the job. The service was very good! It was great to see everyone having a good time and enjoying themselves after our great job at MCon 28. Thanks Big Bill.

The latest news on Buzz Lockwood came over this past weekend from Mike D. Buzz had some intense surgery, and he has responded very well according to Mikes' information that he got from Buzz's wife. He defiantly needs the prayers as he recovers. I think the same goes for Glenda maybe Big Bill can inform us of her health status at the meeting.

Guys stay Happy and stay Modeling

Vince

GLAD TO HEAR 'THE GODFATHER' HAD A GREAT TIME SHUFFLIN' OF TO BUFFALO! HERE ARE SOME OF THE PHOTOES HE SENT. Ed.





The Desert Campaigns seem to have become more popular recently with the armor guys!



Many thanks to Vince for the pictures. I believe he also took home some hardware?!? What else is new!

An E-mail from Mike Dborescelski came regarding Buzz Lockwood. Here it is.

“Buzz’s wife, Debbie called me last night. Buzz is not doing well. He is being transferred from a VA hospital near him to a hospital in Hershey. His cancer spread to his bones in his spine, arm and neck a while ago. Now the pain is unbearable to the pointy that it’s impacting nerves in his neck. He’s going to have surgery to remove the lesions in his neck at Hershey Hospital. Problem is that it’s very risky given his weakened condition.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers.”

BTW Mike also sent me exterior pictures from OLD GLORY, but my computer is ailing, and would not allow them in! Maybe it thought they were posterior photos! Apologies.

From the Vice President’s Desk

By Joe Smith



A Big Thank you goes out to Big Bill for a new venue and for a great time and great food !

Happy Father Day to all the Dads in our club!
Joe Smith

THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



Hopefully everyone is enjoying the beautiful late Spring weather we've had lately. Memorial Day was particularly gorgeous, which was fitting for all the parades and tributes reserved for our fallen heroes. It's hard to believe that we're into June already and that MCon was over 8 weeks ago! As I write this, the 75th anniversary of D-Day is only a few days away. Let's hope that as the years go by, the memories of those men and their actions that day and beyond are never forgotten.

I'm sorry that I had to miss our club party at Old Glory. It sounds like everyone had a fun time, and that the food and atmosphere were truly outstanding. I'm looking forward to next year's event already. A big thank you to Bill for finding that place and setting it all up. We're all lucky to have him!

Let's continue to keep Buzz in our thoughts and prayers as he recovers from his latest surgery. He is one tough cookie, that's for sure.

Best Wishes,

Mike P.

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Hello all,

I'd say the party was a great success. The food at Old Glory was very good, even if the venue was a bit hot that day. I hope the June meeting finds everyone well.. **For future contest months, I will be sponsoring a Sci-Fi night in September,. Marc Rocca want's to sponsor a "Meatball Night" later this year, perhaps November? The theme is any military vehicle that has a "meatball" on it, like Italian or Japanese. I assume we will have another Russian Night as well. If anyone has offered to sponsor July or August, I apologize but I've forgotten. If you have, just let me know.**



As far as projects I'm working on, as noted in my other email about Days of Thunder, I picked up and am halfway through the Monogram 1/24 Lumina. I'm finding it quite enjoyable to build a kit out of the box. When I work on a ship I get very obsessed with adding as much as possible. It's nice to not have to think about doing any extra work.

I will see you all at the meeting,
Jon

SPEAKING OF CONTESTS, here are some pictures from **MAY 'MEDITTERANEAN 1939-1943**

Which was sponsored by John Bucholz.



Gorgeous camo job!



Much discussion about the long booms on either forward side....What were they?



John was very generous from his stash! All who participated got to pick a kit of a model in appreciation of taking part in the theme night.



No Comment



Two of our better modelers.



One very good modeler with a semi-
Very grateful Editor!



Antebellum Award



Thanks John for a fun night of great models! Ed



.Since I need a laugh, here's something from our Newsletter Comedian!.....Jeeerrrrry Rinaldi!!!!





The peripatetic Devin Poore sent this news from Kentucky!

Last weekend I attended the annual WonderFest sci-fi model show, in Louisville, KY. For those that have attended JerseyFest here during the fall, this is a somewhat similar show, yet much larger, and the break-down between ships/hardware and figures is about an even split (whereas the JerseyFest show is predominately figures). WonderFest set a record this year, it's 30th, with over 800 models entered in the contest. The quality of work is amazing, and I was quite stunned to take away a bronze award for my USS Sentinel kit build. This year I also took part in a group build display, with the theme of Star Wars Concept Models. Each of us picked a Joe Johnston concept drawing and built a model based on it. My B-Wing wasn't finished, but that didn't stop me from taking it to the show as an in-progress.

The show's dealer's room is quite impressive as well, with at least 125 individual dealers, according to the show's flyers, as well as personalities taking photos and signing autographs. The two conference rooms taken up by the dealers is easily 1.5 or 2 times the size of our usual MosquitoCon.

If anyone's looking for an excuse to visit Louisville the weekend after Memorial Day, I highly recommend WonderFest. They have the date set for May 30-31st, 2020, with more information on their website:

<https://wonderfest.com/>

I took photos, per my usual of not trying to get everything, just the stuff that really catches my eye, all of which have been posted here: <https://njipms.zenfolio.com/p506688980>

-Devin

Please take a look at the pictures Devin sent, they look great!!! ED.

AFTER THE WORK AND EXCITEMENT OF HELPING TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL MOSQUITOCON XXLVIII, IT'S ALMOST LIKE COMING HOME TO BE ABLE TO READ THE LATEST....

TERRE-A-GRAM



Rose Plane 1/72 vacuform build of the Caudron G.III

The Caudron G.III was a French single engined aircraft used by the French and many of her allies in WWI. It

was used as a trainer, reconnaissance and bomber aircraft. I decided to build this Caudron in very colorful Italian markings.



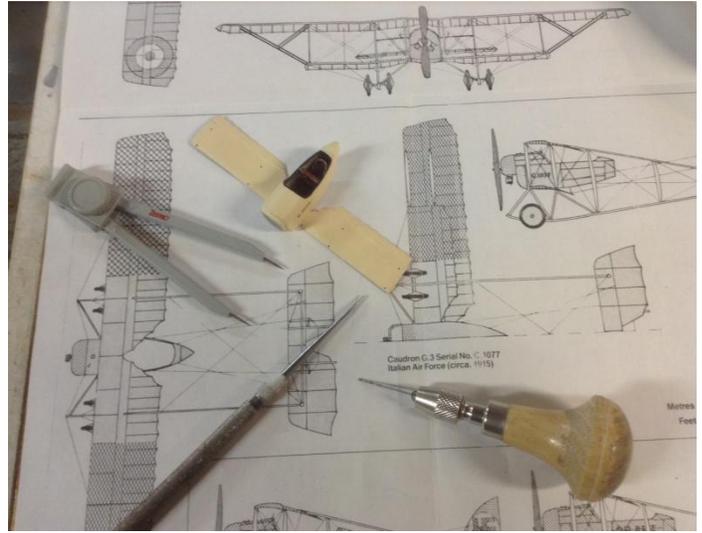
As with all vacuform kits the basic components must be cut from the carrier sheet and sanded down. I leave about a sixteenth of an inch of plastic surrounding each part. This allows you to gauge your sanding efforts and prevent over-sanding. This technique works particularly well for wings, producing nice, thin trailing edges. Once the parts were sanded down assembly began. The Caudron had a unique wing structure that was accurately captured in the Rose Plane kit. This wing structure was comprised of a very thick forward portion and thinner middle and trailing edge portions. As such the kit wings were made up of separate forward and aft sections. The problem was that when assembled the wings also had to have the proper camber or curve. This was accomplished by taping the glued wing sections to a piece of four inch PVC pipe and allowing them to dry overnight. With the tape removed the proper camber was achieved. This procedure was also used on the two lower wings.



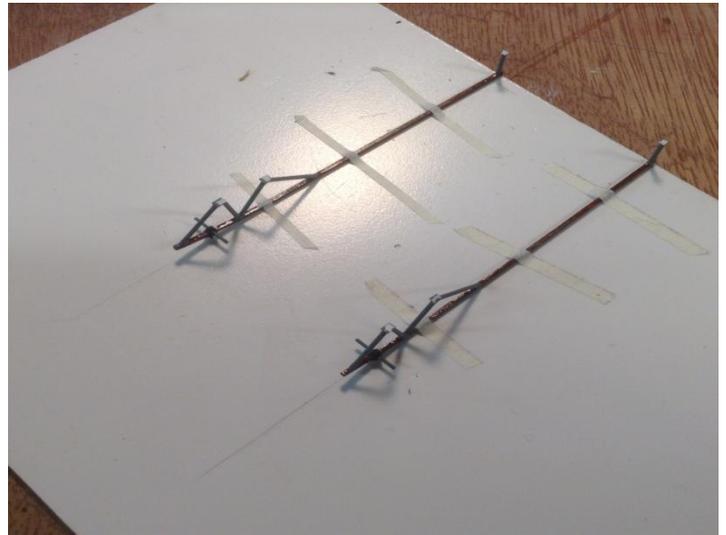
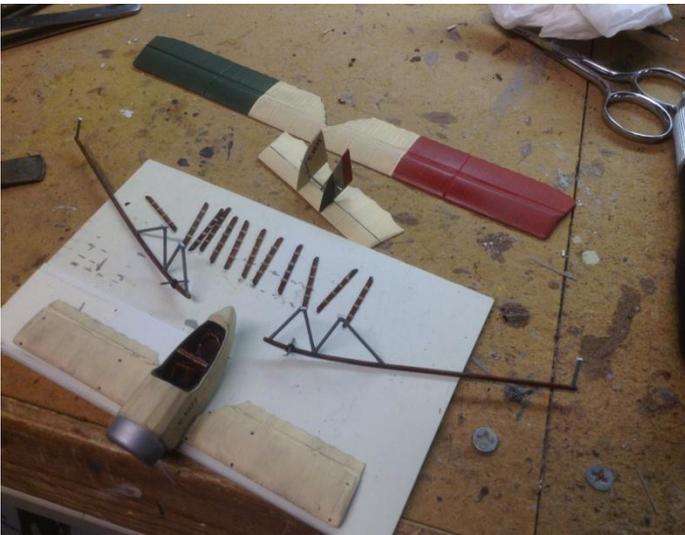
WWI aircraft used very thin wings, usually only one piece on vacuform models, that is no upper or lower portions as on injected kits. This means that you have rib detail only on the upper side of the wing. In order to show rib detail on the lower portion I use the following technique. Underwing rib detail was simulated by masking the areas in between the ribs. The masking tape was placed on a glass plate and cut into long strips using a balsa wood stripper, the strips then cut into individual sections and placed onto the wing. A heavy coat of Krylon gloss white paint then was sprayed over the wing and allowed to cure. Once dry the masking was removed and the rough painted edges lightly sanded to blend into the surrounding surfaces. The wings were then painted Testors 4722 Radome Tan, which gives a very good rendition of weathered, clear doped linen, followed by the Italian national colors using Tamiya XF-5 Green and XF-7 Red. This procedure was also used on the elevator and rudder.

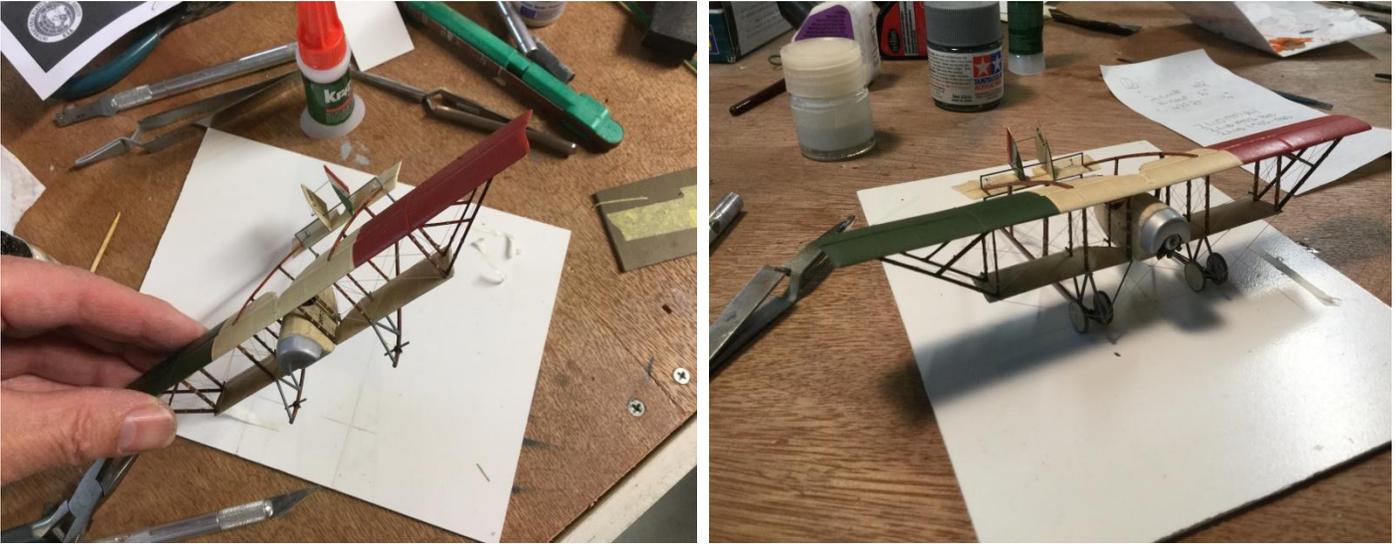


My next step was to make the wing struts. Many people think that WWI wing struts were solid wood. This is true in some cases however the Caudron used metal tubing that was surrounded by thin wood sheathing to give it an airfoil shape. This sheathing was held in place by thin metal strips. These retaining strips were simulated by cutting thin strips of Magic tape painted with Tamiya XF-53 Neutral Gray. The balsa wood stripper was used again to cut these strips. The wood grain of the strut sheathing was simulated by painting the strut Tamiya XF-15 Flesh, then streaking Tamiya XF-79 Deck Brown over it, followed by a final coat of Tamiya X-26 Clear Gloss Orange. Once the struts were dry the thin gray Magic tape strips were cut into small sections and applied to the strut. This technique was also used on the tail booms and their associated struts, more on that in a moment.



As the Caudron had an unconventional layout you really had to think out your construction steps. I now began assembly of the fuselage and lower wings. The wings were attached to the fuselage and the cockpit detailed. Evergreen rod stock was used for the fuselage structure and was painted Tamiya XF-53 Neutral Gray. It should be noted that the majority of the fuselage structure was made from metal tubing with wooden cross supports and instrument panel. Wood was simulated using the same technique used on the wing struts. Mike Grant decals were used on the instrument panel. The pilot and observers seats are scratch built as are the rudder pedals and control sticks. Rub-N-Buff silver along with black and gray pastels were used to weather the cockpit interior. Note that no seatbelts were used on the Caudron, simply amazing!

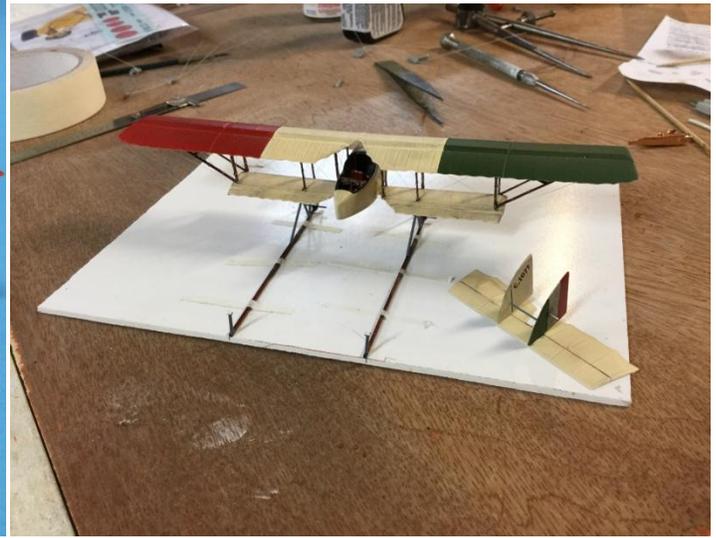




I also laid out the locations for the wing struts and marked them accordingly. This was extremely important for alignment of the upper wing and eventually the tail booms. This was easily accomplished using the very detailed plans that came with the kit. I also attached the engine cowl and weathered the fuselage as accessing them would be difficult as the build went on.

I next built the lower portions of the tail booms. This was done using a combination of Evergreen rod and strip stock. Again the great drawings made this a relatively simple process. Axles for the landing wheels were also attached to the lower booms. Bungee cord used in the landing gear was simulated by wrapping thin black thread across the axle assemblies and then coating with super glue followed by a final coating of Micro Flat. The previously painted rudder and elevator was also assembled at this time and weathered accordingly.

At this point all major components had been built and final assembly could start. The fuselage/lower wing assembly was taped to a sheet of plastic for security and to make assembly easier. The wing struts were attached, using the previously marked positions and the upper wing mated to them. I use Aleen's Tacky Glue for this chore as it's water soluble, dries perfectly clear and has a little flexibility when dry. Thanks again to the superb drawings things lined up with little problem. I also rigged the wings at this time as some portions would be inaccessible as the build went on. The Caudron used wing warping and thus had no ailerons.



The next step was to lay out the lower boom spacing on a sheet of plastic and then tape the booms to these markings. This was incredibly important to ensure proper alignment of the model. The previously completed wing/fuselage assembly was then glued to the booms, again using Aleen's Tacky Glue. As a side note, having the model taped to the plastic sheet made handling much easier as you picked up the plastic sheet rather than the model, something I'm going to do on my next build.

With the fuselage/wing assembly secured to the tail booms it was time to attach the previously completed rudder and elevator assembly. Due to the delicate nature of this build I weathered and rigged this assembly prior to its attachment to the tail booms. Again Aleen's was used. The elevator and rudder flight controls were highlighted using a Faber Castell SX artists pen.

With the tail assembly secured it was time to attach the upper portions of the tail booms. These were made from Evergreen strip stock. Once these portions were secured the tail boom connecting struts were attached. These struts were made from Contrail strut stock, given a wood finish as were the upper booms, using the previously described technique.

With most of the assembly complete, praying to the model gods and holding my breath, the Caudron was removed from the plastic sheet and it held together!

Final assembly began with the attachment of the kit supplied white metal landing wheels and rotary engine. The flight control rigging was also completed. By the way all rigging is made from stretched sprue. In order to keep tension on some of the rigging I use miniature clamps as weights while applying glue accelerator.

The final step was to attach the white metal propellor, again with a wood finish, and the model was complete. This was a very challenging but very satisfying two month build that I enjoyed immensely! Hope you enjoyed reading this, now get down to your bench, be productive and build something!

Mike Terre

Can't wait to see it on the table! Ed.

This may end up being known as the Bucholz issue! Not only did he sponsor The Med contest (resulting in his smiling visage being previously displayed), he also sent us a quick box review of the Italeri WESPE.

Tamiya continues to update their older 1/35th scale kits with the new release of the German self-propelled howitzer WESPE, Italian front 1944. The original kit was released in 1996 and this update brings the Wespe up to current standards. The rubber band tracks have been replaced with two new sprus of link and length tracks with new drive sprockets.



The original two figures in cold weather dress have been replaced by four new multi piece figures (similar to the newer Dragon figures). They also include extra shells, new MG34's, and several other small updates of the original pieces (mostly cleaning up the older castings). This update saves you the time and money of replacing the rubber band tracks, finding a crew, and buying extra ammo for the fighting compartment. The original kit was highly regarded and this update just brings it into the current realm of Tamiya releases.

That's all I'm willing to keep trying on my keyboard from hell!

In next month's Newsletter (I promise Dr. S.V.) will be all of the pictures from the April meeting....which I saved (hopefully) .

Regretfully submitted,

Bill Schroeter, Editor

