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FROM THE IRON WORKS.

Big Bill Pres

Hi all. Don't have a lot of time this month. Been busy with my leg. I'll keep things short and sweet.

Glad everyone enjoyed our free pizza and beer night. Just another member perk! It's good to be a MEMBER OF NJIPMS!!

NEXT UP IS due's! LETS MAKE IT SIMPLE. PAY YOUR DUES THIS MONTH OR NEXT OR BE IN THE DEAD BEAT DIARY ! NUFF SAID.

Next up is *Models for Warriors*. please contribute if you can. It's important to them as it is to us. Please no used paint brushes or open paint. We can use acrylic paint, tools, blades #11 , cement and kits. Keep the kits simple and cheap. Remember these guys are novices and do not require long-build models. The club will be giving as well. Have stuff at October and November meetings so, I can get it out for Thanksgiving and Xmas.

Other than that, don't forget upcoming shows. Poughkeepsie is in two weeks. Please support when u can.

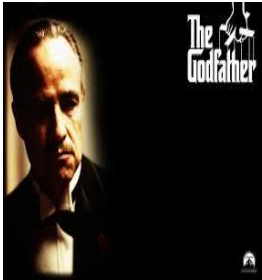
One last thing, Danny Speras' Dad passed recently and LISM's Bob Dameo had a triple by-pass. Keep them in your thoughts !

Thats about it for now. Love and live life and enjoy what's given you and appreciate the things you have. There's lots that do not have anything ! **Big Bill Schwarz, Pres**



From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio



Hi Guys, I just got back from ArmorCon - the AMPS show in Danbury Ct. I picked up a couple of Artillery kits, some after-market stuff , paint, two books and some weathering supplies. All stuff that I would have gotten at Avenel Hobby Shop! I really miss that place. I did two sessions of judging at the show - something I'm still not comfortable with, but somebody has to do it.

I know plastic modeling is a small fraternity of guys, but when you break it down to just the Armor segment like AMPS does, it's really a small group. Getting from my parking spot to hotel registration, about 300 feet, I was greeted by about six guys I know from previous shows- most by their first names. It's like going home LOL.

I had a great time, can't wait till the AMPS 2020 events God willing, I will be there.

I have heard that Buzz Lockwood is doing better and we all hope that he can attend an Up-coming meeting.

Guys-- October is dues month.

Big Bill----- Thanks for the Pizza and beer Party last month.

Guys stay happy and stay modeling.

Vince.

PS any of you guys who know Bob DeMaio president of the LI. Club, he had triple bypass surgery three weeks ago and is doing well.

From the Vice President's Desk

By Joe Smith



THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



Since I wasn't able to make it to the July and August meetings, it was really great to see everyone and the fine models on display in September. So many fantastic pieces, as well as works in progress. It's hard to believe that we're already up to the October meeting. Where did the summer go??

I was able to make it up to the Armorcon show on the last Saturday in September. It was another really good show with a larger than usual vendor turnout. The armor models on display were excellent as always, but I didn't get to see them all since at any

One time many were sequestered - either being judged, or in queue to be judged. Vince had some of his terrific models entered and I'm sure they did well.

The AMPS Nationals in May of 2020 will be fairly close by in Harrisburg/Camp Hill PA, thus giving the armor guys in our club a chance to attend a really good national armor show.

I'm in the process of renewing our club's charter with IPMS for next year. Therefore, for anyone in the club who is an IPMS member, please take note of your expiration date and pass that along to me at the meeting. Thanks in advance!

Best Always,
Mike P.

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Hello all!

So we are coming to the last few months of the year, and the (American) holiday seasons. I'd imagine at this point, most of us are starting to work on our models for Mosquitocon. I have a couple of things that I'm working on, but I never know if I'll get them done before the show. In business related matters, we have Civilian Night this month sponsored by Bill Schroeter, followed by Russian Night in November by Simon Vichnevetsky (sp?).

For the **Sci-Fi theme night (sponsored by me)**. We had the following winners

Land & Sea

1st Place

John Bucholz - Krote

2nd Place

Eric Schroeter - German Stormtrooper Bust

3rd Place

Vince D'Alessio - Panzer 4G

Air

1st Place

Mike Terre - Vanguard

2nd Place

Bill Schwarz - Destination Moon

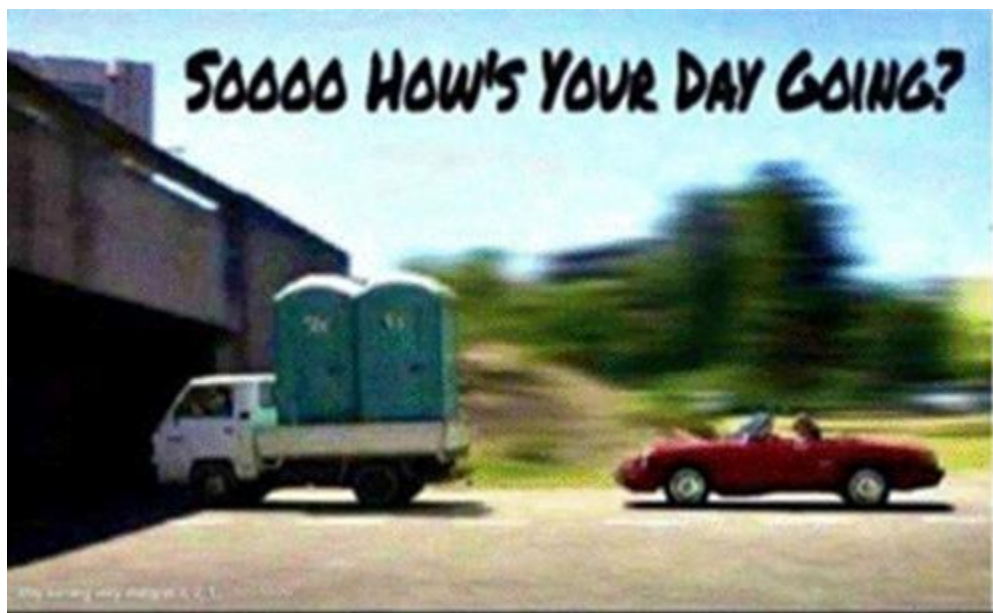
3rd Place

Alan Warner - Zaku II

Thanks to all that participated in what I like to make a yearly theme. In other Sci-Fi news, I went to Gundam Planet a few weeks ago. The owner is a good friend of mine. He said if you thought that the Gundams had a big turnout last year, wait until this year. He's been announcing the show to his customers.

Lastly, on an unrelated historical note. I've finally decided to watch WWII in Colour. A lot of the episodes really did not have an impact on me because most of it is recycled footage I saw on VHS tapes and A&E documentaries 30 years ago colorized. However, when I got to the War in the Pacific episode, I have to say that it was quite nostalgic and even emotional to actually see "real" video footage of WWII dazzle camouflage on ships in action. For most of the subjects we build, the actual thing does not exist anymore, especially ships. Seeing something like a New Mexico class battleship, even if it's not true to life, in full color on tape sailing through the Pacific is something I think I'll hold onto forever.

Jon



Courtesy Fred Horky

AND NOW, THIS MONTHS' TERRE-A-GRAM!!!



Revell 1/24th scale Porsche Junior Tractor

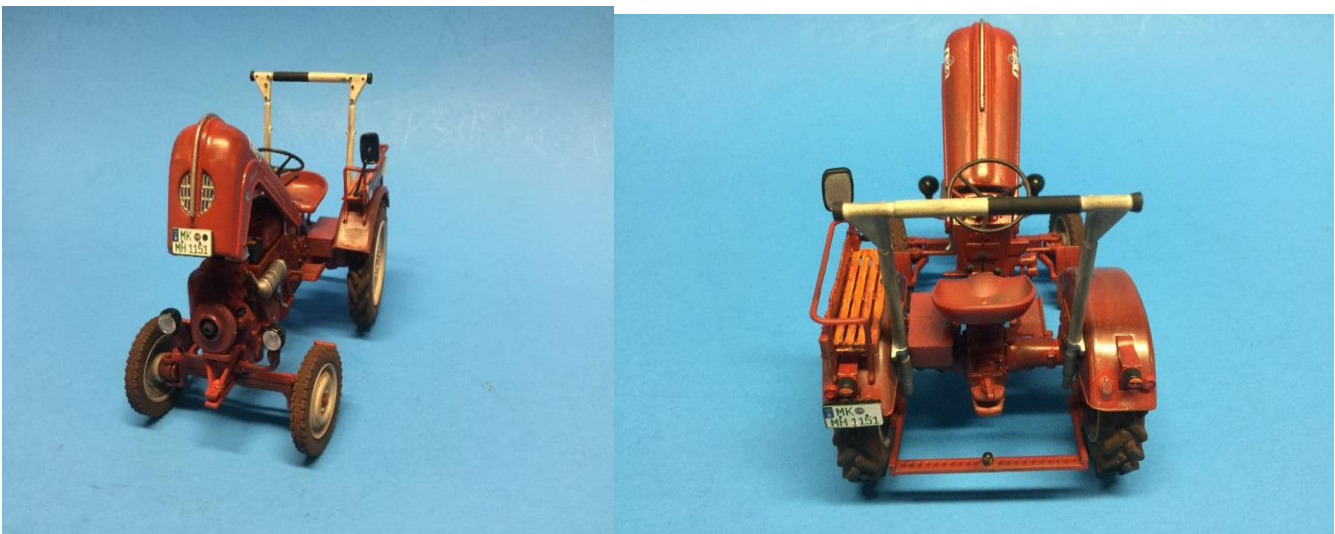


It is amazing how building something different from your normal interests can revitalize your interest in the hobby. A few years ago I saw an advertisement for the Thunder Model kit of a 1/35th scale Case farm tractor and thought it looked interesting. A few months later Big Bill had one in display at the club meeting and I was hooked. It was one of the most fun builds I had done in a while. The following year Heller released a 1/24th scale model of a Massey Ferguson tractor and that build was even more fun, so when I saw that Revell was releasing a 1/24th scale Porsche tractor I just had to have it. Here's my build.



The Revell Porsche tractor, kit number 07820, contains 76 parts, molded in red, black, cream

white, and chrome plastic. The tires are molded rubber and look just like the real thing. The decal sheet gives you the option of water slide decals or stickers. This kit is marketed as a “snap together” model for young builders but do not let this make you think it’s a toy, because it isn’t. When I do tractors, I like to keep the process as simple as possible. Rattle can paint works just fine! Since the overall color of the tractor was red, I found that Krylon Gloss Red Pepper was the perfect match. Assembly was straightforward, the instructions are excellent by the way. One thing I found out about “snap together” kits is when you make trial fits of parts and you hear a snap you might have a devil of a time getting them apart. Another interesting thing about “snap” kits is that the parts fit is very good, really just used a tiny bit of filler for this build. Now here’s something that might make the hard-core modeler shiver. I noticed that the cream colored parts for the wheels and roll over bar were just the perfect color so I just cleaned them up a bit and gave them a coat of Krylon Satin finish and that was that. As always the chrome parts were just too shiny so I decided to strip and repaint them. I’ve found a great solvent for stripping chromed parts, it’s called Super Clean Degreaser and a life time supply can be purchased at WalMart for \$4.98. This stuff takes the chrome off in about two minutes. I just fill a small cup with the stuff, put the parts in and in no time, they were done. There are no strong odors and it really works, much better than brake fluid! After washing the parts, they were painted Tamiya “rattle can” AS-12 Bare Metal Silver.

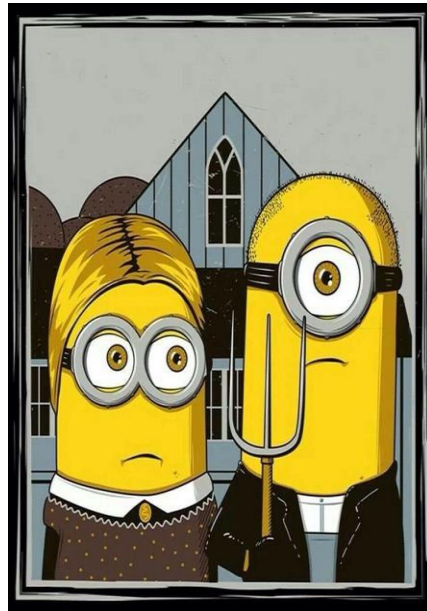


The major parts, engine, transmission and steering gear were soon together and given a coat of the Krylon red. An interesting item on this tractor and as found on other European tractors is the wooden “utility” seat on the left rear fender. In order to duplicate the wood, I first coated the wood sections Tamiya XF-15 Flat Flesh, then streaked Tamiya XF-79 Linoleum Deck Brown over that followed by a coating of Tamiya X-26 Clear Orange to bring out the wood grain effect. I’ve used this technique a lot and am very happy with the results.

As stated earlier the parts fit on this kit was excellent and there was little trouble in assembly. The parts are well molded with absolutely no flash. The model is very well detailed, about the only thing I added was battery cables. These were made from thin copper wire and painted accordingly. Oh, and I drilled out the exhaust pipe as well.

The tires were rubber and really looked good. Best of all was that they stretched right over the wheels without any problems at all. One thing to keep in mind that the tread patterns have to be followed closely as you can put the drive tires on backwards.

Another surprising aspect of this model was the size of the decal sheet. Apparently European farmers like to be members of different farming organizations and decorate their tractors with emblems of those organizations. The decal sheet had many such emblems and these were added, most on the slats of the wooden seat. The decal sheet also had license plates as well as Porsche manufacturers markings.



As I stated in the beginning of this article, I like builds like this to be simple and easy, so I used pastels for weathering. I used black pastel for a little grime around the engine, transmission and steering gear, with a light coating of tan around the wheels for that dusty look. From what I've observed about tractors is that farmers, knowing how expensive tractors are, take real good care of them, they keep them pretty clean and well maintained.

Well that just about does it! This was an extremely fun build that I would recommend to all club members. Just remember to keep the build simple, don't overdo it and just have fun. By the way Revell has just released a 1/24th scale Deutz D30 tractor so as soon as I'm finished writing this it'll be on order!

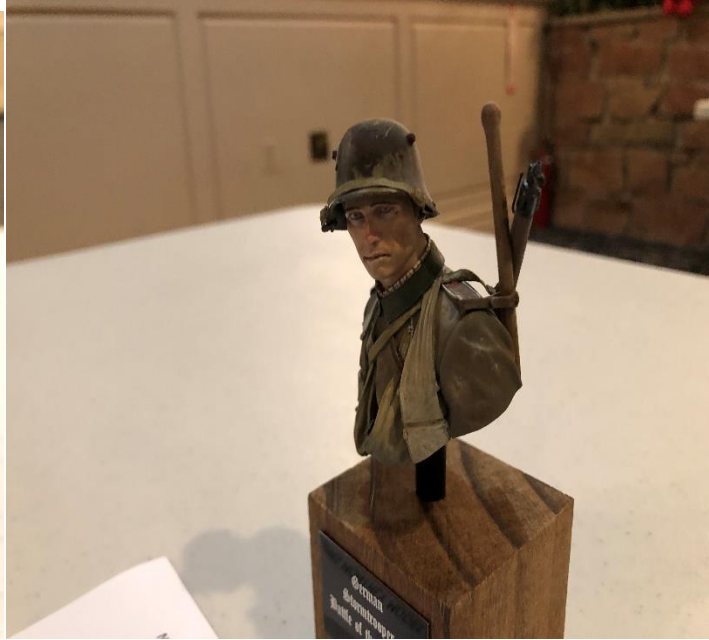
Hope to make it to the October meeting and look forward to seeing everybody. Now get down to your bench and at least move the dust on that project that's been sitting there for months if not years! Thanks for reading.

Mike Terre

Thanks Mike for the great article!!

PS Mike e-mailed me this morning-Monday 10/7, to let me know that this issue of the TERRE-Gram is his 50th!!!! Way to go Mike!

HERE ARE THE MODELS OF THE KITS BUILT FROM MODELS ON THE TABLE AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING.



Eric Schroeter brought in a nicely done German Stormtrooper bust in 1/10 scale from Young Miniatures. The rifle strap and Helmet strap are from wine foil.



Vince D'Allesio continues his complete study and builds of the Panzer IV. This is the G version in 1/35 from Tamiya. Vince added metal tracks for that special sag. Nice base, too.

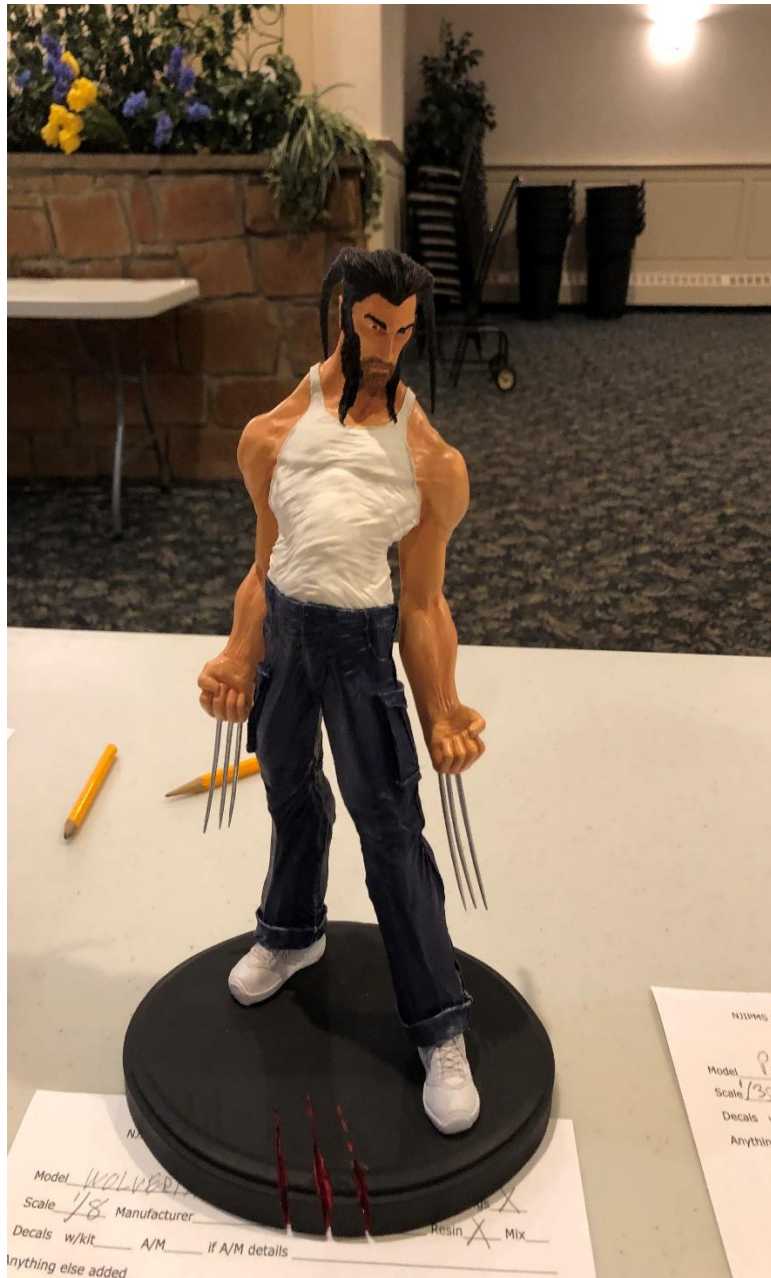


Bill Schroeter, Editor Emeritus Eturnum, brought in a Chines Kit of the Temple of the Heavens outside of Sang Chui, in North-Central China. This was build in 892 AD. This is a 3-d Puzzle put out by Tangoo. Scale unkown.

JON DASILVA was sponsoring Sci-Fi, Fantasy night, and here were the entries.



John Bucholz brought in a 'Krote' space age tracker-recon vehicle in 1/20 scale from Nitto. He obviously added a few extras and a cool figure and base.



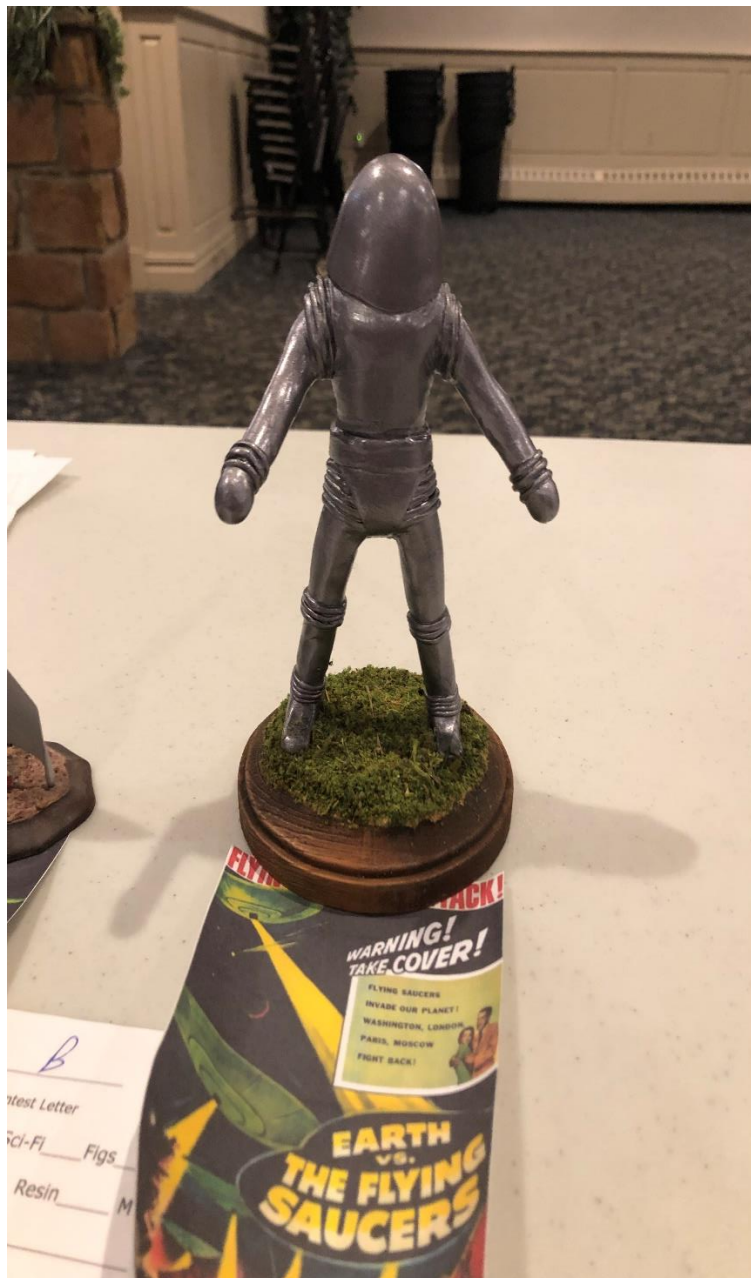
Gerry Rinaldi brought in the WOLVERINE in 1/8 scale.



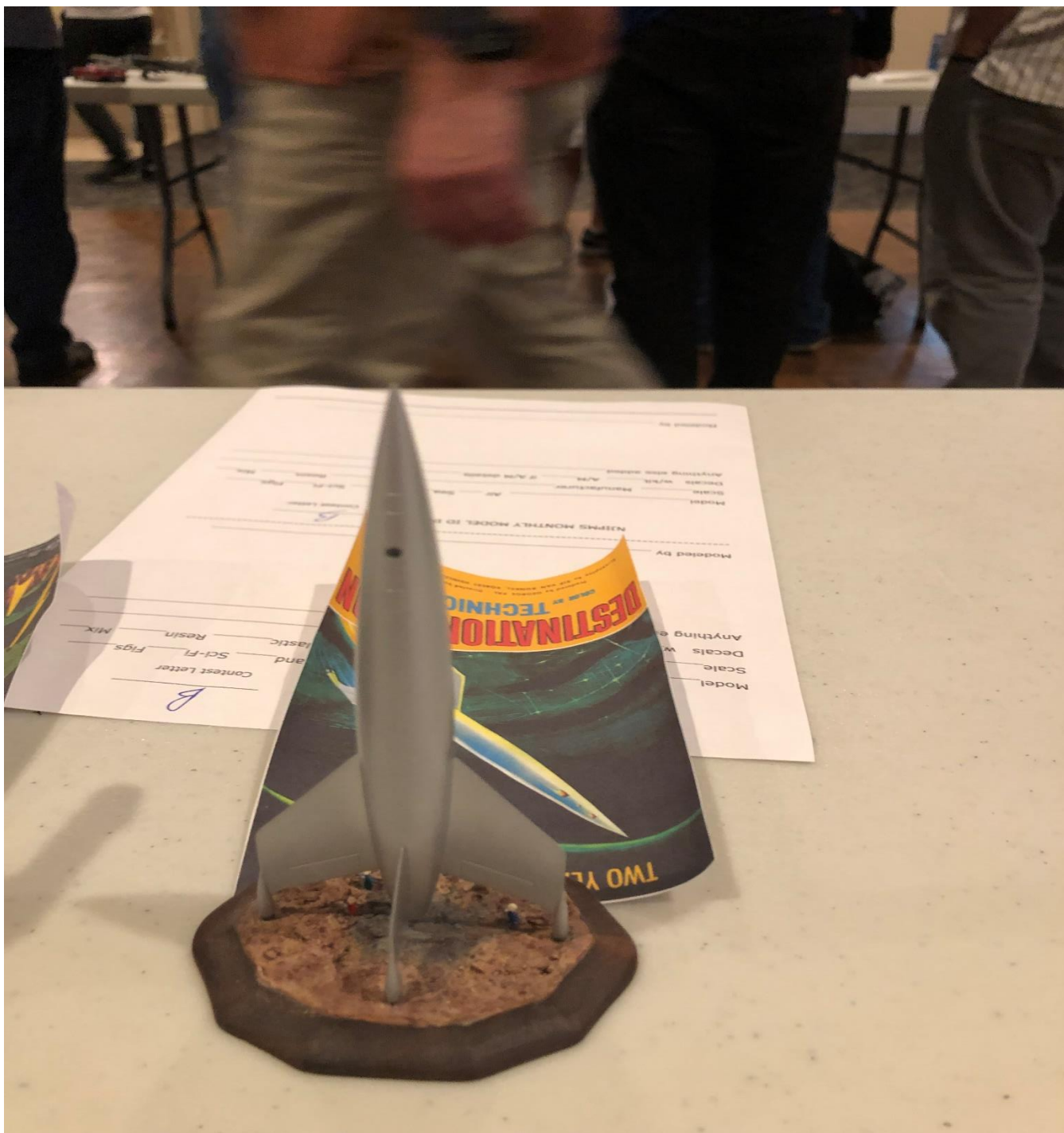
Bill Schroeter picked up a variety of relief models from Morland studios in Chattanooga. This mermaid was painted with acrylics and enamels, and may be in 1/32 scale, but not sure.



Mike Terre brought in Adams Glencoe re-issue of a 1958 Adams Action Model VANGUARD Rocket and launch tower. Mike used Tamiya paints, lead wire and stretched sprue for tethers and umbilicals. The rocket can be broken down into three stages.



Alan Warner showed THE ZAKU II, featured in that great old B movie, “Earth vs The Flying Saucers.”



Bill Schwarz brought in the Rocket from another great old B Sci-Fi flick, "Destination Moon".

Here are some other pics from August, with WIP's, Recently boughts, and other such ilk and flora and fauna.



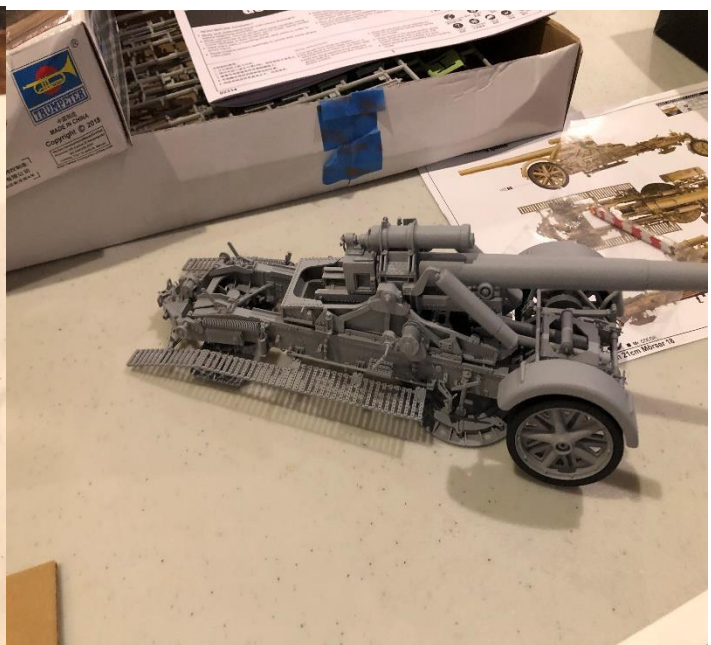
Eduard's limited release at the Nat's.



I think these are aliens examining earth-sized what-nots.



Another P-47 build



On-going weaponry of earthly origin.



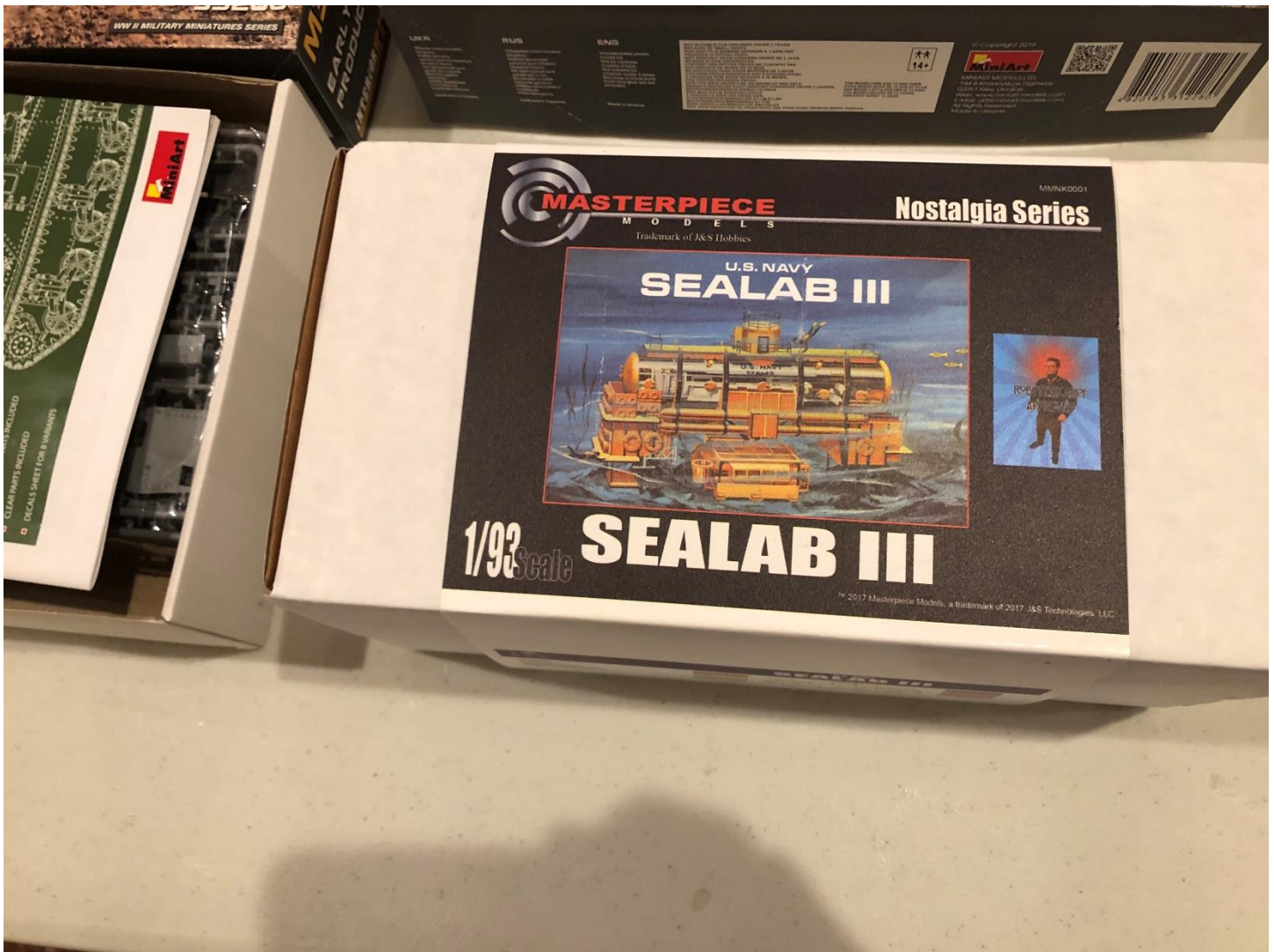
Other hostile un-earthly beings deciding what to destroy next!



Alien congregation!



More earth weapons being shrunk into boxes for a quick get-a-way.

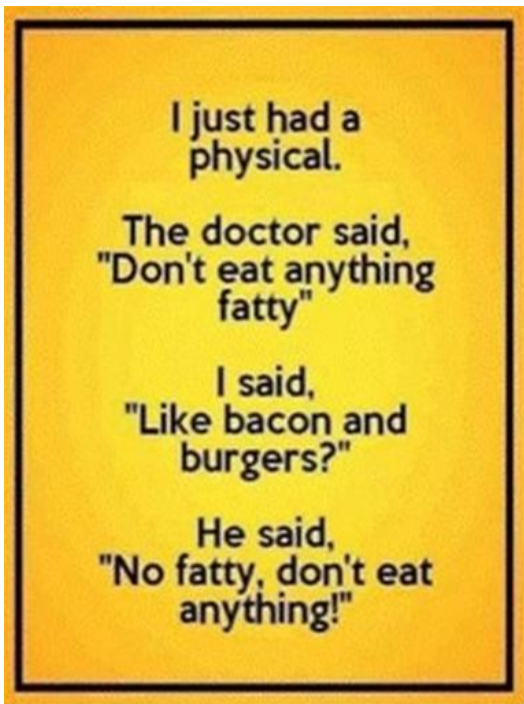


Stealing our technology!

Well, enough of this silliness. Once again we travel the strange mind of Gerry Rinaldi.



Here's a few more from Fred Horky



This one's from the Editor. Bad scratch-building!

Thanks to everyone who helps make the Newsletter a success(???) by contributing.

See you at the meeting ...FRIDAY, Sept 11 (just noticed) This FRIDAY!!!

Bill Schroeter, Editor Juris Maximus