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" FROM THE IRON WORKS " NOVEMBER 2020

FROM BIG BILL SCHWARZ PRES



Hi all. hope this finds everyone good and disease free ! Not much going on at the iron works these days but I am progressing and finding time to get a bit of modelling done. There are a few in progress- pics of 2 models and a set of ZOOMIE DRAGSTER HEADERS! I've managed to get this work done in between surgeries grafts and scrapings. Sounds like fun ! NOT !!! Anyway the MENG Fokker DR1 triplane is moving along. I've got the interior parts basically done and all painted. If you notice the fuse walls have the linen stained with the outside camo green streaking color. It was done using Flat radome tan plus the olive pigment which is used in the paint scheme itself. The wood areas were done this way too because as you can see , the result looks just like real wood. This is OLD SCHOOL- taught to me by Pat Sparks and still the best for me today! More to come next month ! Next are the white headers. I 3d printed them and they look great and scale and are hollow. I purchased the file for these and just printed them up. ONLY 3 BUCKS ! I Will say this again :3d printing is the way of the future and is now and the possibilities are ENDLESS! Last is a Luft 46 quickie kit. It is

the BRENGUN MESSERSCHMITT P 1103 ROCKET FIGHTER. The kit is very nice and very small; is inexpensive and for a few bucks extra the canopy mask and P.E. interior are available for it! Not much can be seen once the fuse is closed but the PE that's visible looks GREAT ! Speaking of 3D the belts in the Fokker pics are 3D and are from KITSWORLD! They look great and are only 5 bucks!!!! Last up is the Meng Fokker. I want you to know this was supposed to be the Wingnut kit. After looking at it and building it I can tell you it is NOT !!!! But it is really really really NICE ! More to come next month on all 3.BTW I'm still waiting for brass and rivets for my ZVEZDA MI 24 HIND so that's on hold till I get them. Russia Post is not very good so be careful if you use it!!!! That's it for now. No meetings or Show until we know. Till then be well and enjoy life every single day. Best to you all !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BB Pres NJIPMS

Here are the pictures Big Bill sent.





Looks like slow and steady progress. Gotta' love PE seatbelts!

I know we all wish Big Bill the best when it comes to the scapings (EEEWW!!) and the grafting (AARRGGHH!!) and other medicinal on-goings.

From the Vice President's Desk

By Vince D'Alessio

Hi Guys, hope all is well, I have just completed a P-51D Tamiya Kit, which is a nice kit and a better subject. I used this build as a warm up for the Eduard P-51D kit. Painting of this model was real fun using Alclad paints airframe and aluminum. I started with their gloss black base coat and the results are striking to say the least. I used the milky gloss coat to seal it. It lost some of the shine but still looked good. Next time I will use their super clear gloss coat. Decals were After-market Super Scale. DoDo is the plane's name. Pictures are included.

Wishing you and your families a happy Thanksgiving.

Vince



Vince spent a long time on his PzIV Series. Good change to the P-51.



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP



Nostalgia Night...probably my favorite meeting of the year, along with the Christmas Holiday party. For me, the last 8 months have been nostalgia night, remembering the way things used to be. Luckily we all have our modeling hobby (and probably other hobbies too) to assist in lessening the fears and uncertainties

that we are all dealing with.

I'm grateful that we have our Zoom meetings (thank you Dan!) to help us stay connected and share our latest projects and finds. I'm looking forward to what you guys bring for "show and tell" and some of the stories behind them. Mike T. and Dan – thank you for coming up with the idea years ago!

It's really hard to believe that we're only a couple of weeks away from Thanksgiving. I generally don't like to see time slip by so quickly, but in this insane year I don't seem to mind. For the first time in my life, my siblings and I won't be celebrating the holiday together due to the prevalent risk. However, we do have a lot to be thankful for.

Best Wishes to all our members and their families.

Stay Well,

Mike P.



ANNOUNCING.....FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER,

2020.....

A TERRE-GRAM!!!!!!!!!! PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER.....!!!!!!

Revell 1/275th scale Robert E. Lee

In honor of Nostalgia Night I offer my build of the classic but very old Revell Robert E. Lee steamboat. First here's a quick history of the Robert E. Lee's involvement in a famous piece of American history.

Built in 1868, the Robert E. Lee was the fastest steamboat in an age where speed was everything. The greatest steamboat race of all time occurred in the summer of 1870 when the Robert E. Lee was challenged by the steamer Natchez, a craft built for the express purpose of beating the Robert E. Lee. The race was from New Orleans to Saint Louis. Captain John W. Cannon stripped the Lee of all excess weight and anything that created wind resistance. He carried no cargo or passengers. On the day of the race her one line was cut with an axe, gaining her the lead. Captain Cannon refueled from waiting boats along the river instead of putting in to shore. During the race a heavy fog rolled in and Natchez put in until visibility returned. Captain Cannon pushed on,

aided by river pilots and his own skill. Three days, 18 hours and 14 minutes after the race began the Lee completed the 1,154 mile trip, beating the Natchez by 6 and a half hours and setting a record which stands to this day



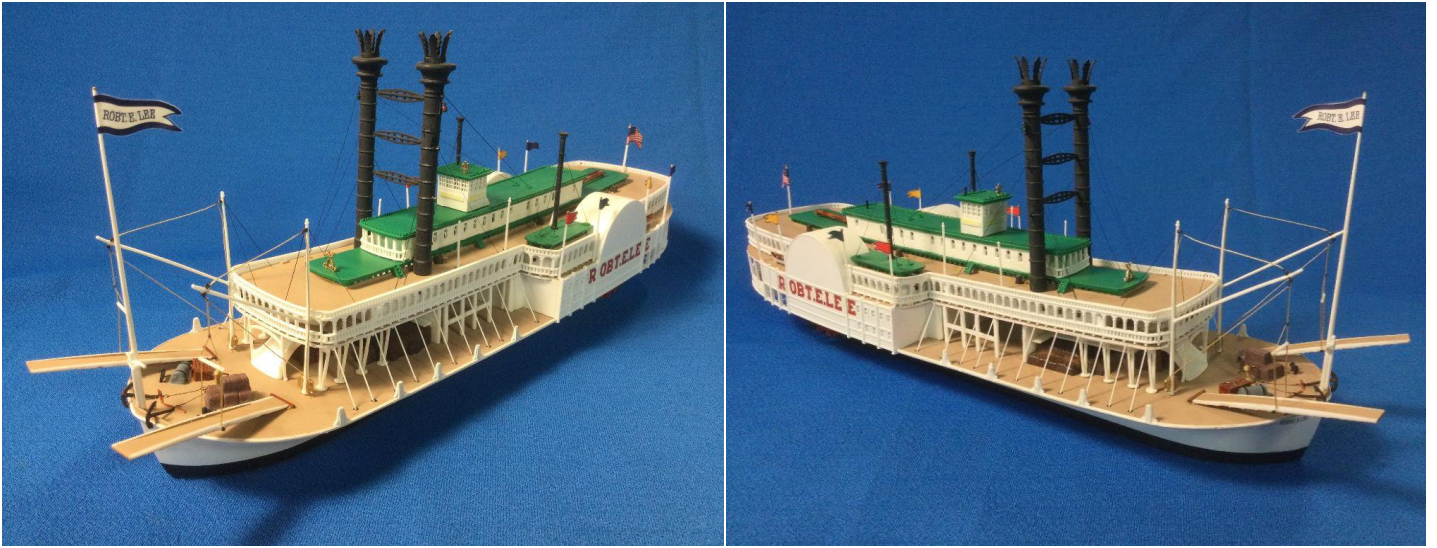
The Robert E. Lee continued to work the Mississippi River until April 1878 when she was dismantled with much of her equipment and furnishing used for another boat, also named the Robert E. Lee

Now here's a little history of the Revell kit. This model was first issued in 1956 with a price of \$1.49 which was a lot in those days. A second issue done in 1961 was motorized and sold for \$1.99. A third issue in 1972 removed the motorization components and has been reissued seven times since then. I built the last reissue of 2009.

The kit contained 105 parts on seven sprues of white plastic. There was a decal sheet containing the boats name as well as various flags. What surprised me most was the exceptional detail of the "gingerbread" railings and the fine detail of the smokestacks. There was no flash on these parts but all the round masts and poles were heavily flashed over and needed some work.

Fit was generally good but there were times when some heavy clamps had to be used in securing the railings to the decks. Since the color scheme was overall white I used Krylon satin white, with Tamiya XF-1 Black for the smokestacks, Tamiya XF-78 Wooden Deck Tan for the decks (what else would you use?) and Tamiya XF-5 Green for cabin roofs. Oh, the paddle wheels were painted Krylon Red. There was some molded in deck cargo near the bow and these were picked out in various Tamiya and Polly Scale colors.

Rigging for the smokestacks was made from stretched sprue. For the bow gang planks I used fine thread and once in place coated with Super Glue to make it ridged. Blocks for the gang plank hoists were made from fine copper wire. The cargo supports running along either side of the main deck were made from Evergreen rod stock.



Decals went on without problem however I used a Micro Set/Sol combination just to be sure. I didn't weather the model as I was happy with its appearance when complete. It won't win any competitions but I'm happy with the build and that's really what counts. This was a very pleasant four week build of a classic kit. Speaking of classic kits, our November Zoom meeting will be the ever popular Nostalgia Night. So please participate, go down to your stash and find some "golden oldie" and show it! Looking forward to seeing you all. Thanks for reading.



Mike Terre

Thanks to those members (Exec. Bd. Too!!) who offered best wishes for a member fighting COVID. So far so good. Waiting on tests. But feeling good.!



"There's been an accident down at the plant."

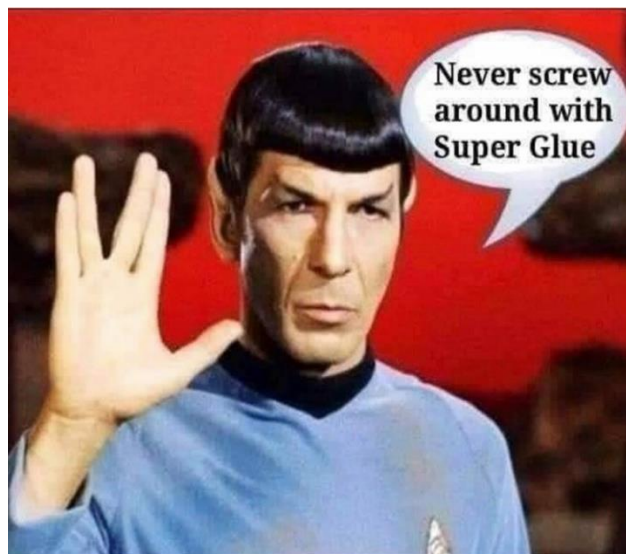


Martin Quinn sent a photo of his very first NJIPMS award-from 1986-when he was just a lad!!!!!! But what kit!!!!????

Pat O'Connor sent some photos of his latest build...! /48 Corsair in French Markings.



Wow, really dark blue! Indo-China Corsair?...HHmmmm....Could be Atlantic post-war??



Steve Zajak sent a nice build of an Abrams.

U.S. Main Battle Tank M1A2 Abrams

Scale: 1/48th

Company: Tamiya

Item No. 32592

Reviewed by: Steve Zajac, IPMS #34937



I was looking to break out of a Covid induced modeling slump, and eyed this kit at Hobby Lobby at 40% off back in August. I'm not an armor buff or expert, but after building the 48th scale Tamiya M-10 tank back in March, I knew I was in for a smooth issue free build. You get a choice of two 2003 Iraqi Freedom tanks from the 3rd Army Cavalry Regiment. Also included is the tank commander upper torso and a metal weight inserted inside the hull for stability. The turret can be rotated 360 degrees and the gun barrel can be moved up or down. Tracks are styrene and each side consists of 10 individual track links and 4 straight sections. My build was straight out of the box, no after market parts were used

. Follow the simple directions on assembling the tracks and you are home free with no gaps or need to sand that last link (I had to sand about 1/32" on one side). The tracks were spray painted dark primer gray, then dry brushed with magnesium and rust. The rest of the kit was sprayed with Tamiya TS 46 light sand. I assembled the lower hull, wheels and tracks first, just make sure to leave the rear panel off the hull until after the track assembly is complete!



The upper hull reproduces the non-skid surfaces very realistically, and fits perfectly to the lower hull. As for the turret, once you start building it, you won't stop until complete, it's that easy and detailed as you watch the details pop step by step. This was the most fun part of the build and goes together in less than one hour! There's some minor seams to remove on the bustle rack. I spent some time smoothing out the gun barrel and carefully removing the seam line on both sides, a little putty was needed here. The 2 machine guns are very detailed and need some minor seams removed on top of each. They were hand painted gunmetal. The antennas were made using stretched sprue from the kit itself. I paint brushed Future only on the areas where decals were to be applied, and each decal goes on without a hitch. I weathered the model using ground up brown and gray pastels, adding water and a drop of detergent so you have the consistency of mud. I 'painted' my mud over the entire tank, liberally to the tracks. Let it completely dry for a couple of hours, then remove using dry paintbrushes of various shapes. You can flick off some or all of the dried mud, and decide how dirty your vehicle should be.

Note: the pastel color will darken the original color even if you remove all of the dried pastel mud. The finished product is very nice indeed. Highly recommended. Tamiya regularly issues more and more armor in 48th scale and I'll be building another in the near future.

Thanks Steve. Love getting contributions for the NL from members.

Fred Horky is a favorite contributor due to his diligently researched, meticulously cited, and documented photographically. So the following was....NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...



.some really good zingers in this one!

You needed this today, especially:

The devil whispered to me, “I’m coming for you.” I whispered back, “Bring pizza.”

Me: (sobbing my heart out, eyes were swollen, nose red)...I can’t see you anymore. I am not going to let you hurt me like this again! **Trainer:** It was a sit up. You did one sit up.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

It’s weird being the same age as old people.

When I was a kid I wanted to be older...this is not what I expected.

Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter.

Chocolate is God's way of telling us he likes us a little bit chubby.

It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.

Marriage Counselor: Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true?

Him: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.

Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember...Don't sing!

My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway and that's how the fight started.

During the middle ages they celebrated the end of the plague with wine and orgies. Does anyone know if there is anything planned when this one ends?

I don't think the therapist is supposed to say "wow," that many times in your first session but here we are...

If 2020 was a math word-problem: If you're going down a river at 2 MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle your roof?

I see people about my age mountain climbing; I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

We can all agree that in 2015 not a single person got the answer correct to, 'Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?'

So if a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?

If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.

Coronacoaster *noun*: the ups and downs of a pandemic. One day you're loving your bubble, doing work outs, baking banana bread and going for long walks and the next you're crying, drinking gin for breakfast and missing people you don't even like.

I'm at that age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.

Don't be worried about your smartphone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years.

I'm getting tired of being part of a major historical event.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

How many of us have looked around our family reunion and thought "Well aren't we just two clowns short of a circus?"

At what point can we just start using 2020 as profanity? As in: "That's a load of 2020." or "What in the 2020." or "abso-2020-lutely."

You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Thanks to Fred for ending this Newsletter with true class!

Editor's Note: NOSTALGIA NIGHT, AS MIKE PAAVLO SO WELL PUT IT, IS A SIGNALLY IMPORTANT MEETING EACH YEAR. IT BRINGS US TOGETHER THROUGH THE HOBBY WHICH FOR MANY OF US HAS BEEN LIFELONG. INTERRUPTED MANY TIMES BY THE DEMANDS TO WHICH WE HAVE HAD TO RESPOND. BUT IN TIMES SUCH AS THESE, PERHAPS WE ARE TRULY BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO SPEND HOURS OF OUR TIME SAFE, HEALTHY AND AT HOME- PURSUING PERFECTIONS WE HOPE TO REACH.

PLEASE JOIN OUR ZOOM NOVEMBER MEETING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH (gulp) at 730 PM.

As always, if you need ZOOM help, contact Dan Spera, Mike Terre, or myself Bill Schroeter, and we will hook you up.