



## **THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW JERSEY CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELING SOCIETY**

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### **FROM THE IRON WORKS**

**By Big Bill Schwarz, President**



Hi all. Due to circumstances with medical problems this will be brief with more to come next month. I am OK. No need for concern. With that said, I hope you all had a very HAPPY NEW YEAR! Mine was ok. Hope 2022 brings good things to us all. I have already started working on vendors for the show and have a decent line up ! I just hope OMICRON does not become a factor. The meeting is still on at this point but can change and you will have ample notice! IF YOU DON'T HEAR FROM US BY WEDNSDAY THE MEETING IS ON ! Same go's for the show! As you know I WILL NOT SUBJECT ANYONE TO COVID PERIOD ! For now lets call it a go and play it by ear. Nothing else from me this month. I hope you all stay well and continue to do so. That's it for now from me. KEEP BUILDING AND ENJOY LIFE COVID OR NOT !

**REGARDS ,**

**BIG BILL PRESIDENT**

# THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

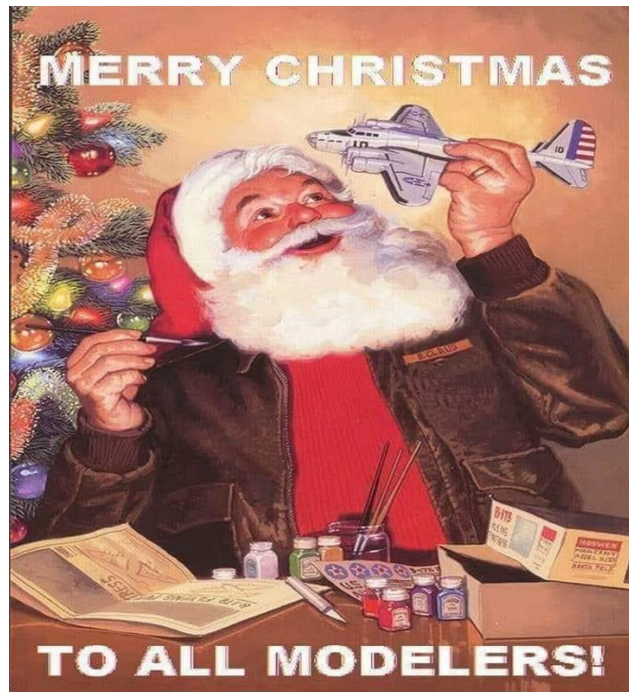


**Hello all,**

I can't tell you how bummed I am that I missed out on the party meeting. We had an event at work, hosting all the participants of the Army-Navy game that ran until midnight. The best part is I found out I was working the event the day before! Typical life situations. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable holiday season and wish everyone a prosperous new year. I have a few people that have contacted me about monthly sponsorships for theme nights and I will create a list to share. Hopefully this can be added to the website in the future. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting!

**Best,**

**Jon**



## THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



Once again, we had a fantastic time at our annual club Holiday Party. A big Thank You to Bill for arranging for all the food and drink and bringing all those trays to the meeting. The food selections were delicious and, as always, we wasted no time in devouring it all! Just another of the great perks that we get to enjoy with club membership.

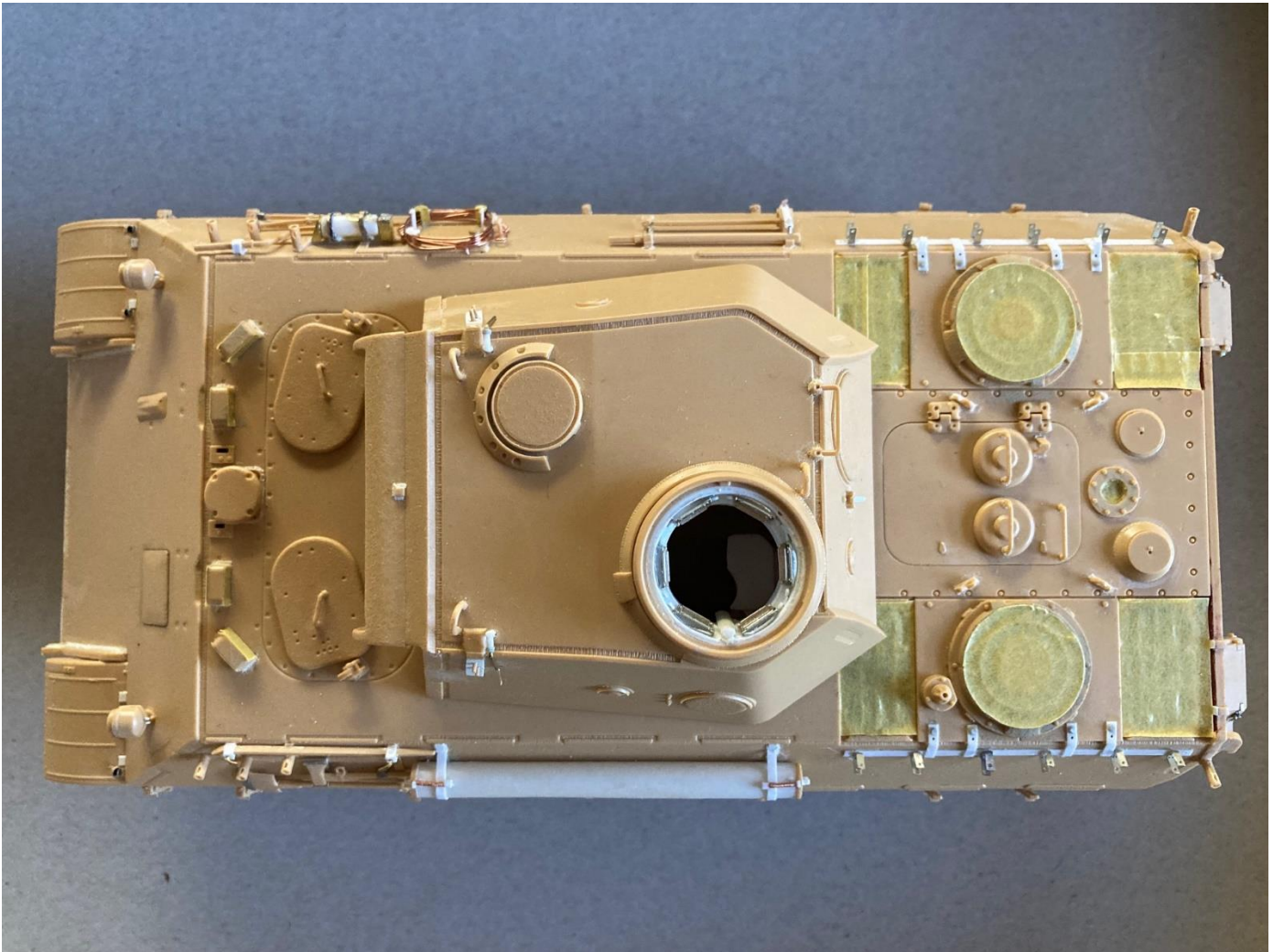
I hope that everyone got to enjoy the holidays with their loved ones. It's certainly a very special time of year. If you were looking for a special kit to unwrap, I hope that you got it!

I received a communication from Dave Lockhart (IPMS President) stating that the national organization has rolled out all new and updated services for members - designed to simplify and streamline all membership processes, as well as some new initiatives. Now renewals, events, registrations etc., will be cleaner and smoother - all good stuff! I believe that all IPMS/USA members should have received the same info - if you haven't yet, be on the lookout for it.

Stay well and see you at the meeting.

Mike

**John Bucholz has taken a look at building the Panther tank. This is the Tamiya kit, and is a continuation of last month's start-up.**



### **Panther Ausf.D---How to build the Cat!**

First, if you are building OTB then the instructions as printed are just fine. The exceptions are as follows-

A) step7- You can install the tracks at the end of the build to make painting easier.

B) step9- Paint the inserts before installation-mask the openings to avoid overspray.

C) step16- Put the spare track on after all painting steps are done. The side skirts can be put on after the track.

Advanced Building---what to know...

After checking out several references the following points really require your attention. The first thing I noticed is the main hull is set up for easy removal of the top from the bottom. I believe this kit was designed for remote control for the Japanese market. The only negative is the lack of weld marks on C25 and the upper and lower hull pieces.

#### Adding details-

A) Step 2- Add bolt detail to A15 front sprocket and add grease fitting to A33 rear idler.

B) Step 5- Detail jack, thin mounts on C26,detail latches on B30 and 31.

C) Step 6- Thin parts A45, C32,and C3. Add internal cross bars in exhaust pipes.

D) Step 8- Add armored glass to driver's vision port.

E) Step 10- Thin part B43 (tool rack) and drill out and thin all tool clamps.

F) Step 12- Add springs to cleaning rod case and thin down B79 track holder.

G) Step13- Thin part B7 and B39 tool holders and detail fire extinguisher.

H) Step 15- Thin all side skirt brackets.

I) Step 18- This is the most work on this kit- the cupola is much too thin. My picture shows how I added multiple layers of plastic strip to get the proper thickness. Then you must drill out the six vision ports. I used the Aber photo etch fret to add vision block holders and clear plastic to add the glass blocks.

J) Step 19- Add the co-ax machine gun into part C12.

K) Step 20- Add conduit and wiring to the smoke dischargers (if you use them as they were removed in the field because they were often set off by random small arms fire and would incapacitate the crew ).

Really small details- If you use photo etch these are the items you will probably need to add the following-

1) All the spare track holders, towing cable holders and tow clevis need chains and pins added.

2) Caps on the gun cleaning tube need PE handles and straps.

3) The side skirt holders need connecting pins.

4) The rear loaders hatch needs detail on latch and hinge area.

5) All the handles, latches. hooks, and racks need weld beads applied.



While the kit tracks are very good as far as "rubber band" tracks go, I had a set of Fruli early Panther tracks on hand so I used them rather than the very good Tamiya track link set (part 12665) which I would have used if I did not have the Fruli tracks in stock.

Next Month - Lets paint the Cat!



PAINT THE WHAT?????

**It's Always a Pleasure to welcome a new contributor-Reuven Shapira, who is telling us about PAPER MODELS! I never knew!?!**

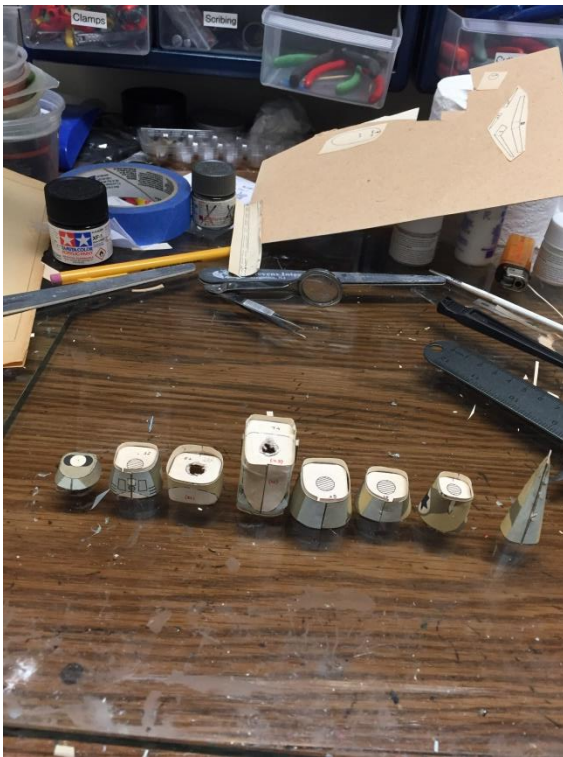


It has been 45 years since the last time I built a paper model as a teenager. Growing up in Israel, we had plastic models but they were expensive and I used to get them only on special occasions. The Israeli Air Force Magazine published a few times a year, and sometimes they included a free paper model. For many years I believed that paper modeling was an Israeli invention. Only after my military service, on a trip to Europe in 1982, I was surprised to find out that paper modeling exists not only in Israel. Even today a quick search shows that the hobby is very active. Lot of people do their own designs and some are free to download. The majority of models are coming from Poland. There are many coming from China, but I think that they just photo copy existing models.

Two months ago I decided to build one from the inventory of paper models that I have. I chose the Israeli Air Force Magazine Cessna 206 since it was small and relatively easy.

Paper modeling is extremely cheap. These are the only tools that you need: scissors, knife, metal ruler, Toothpicks, and Elmer's glue. The models are already printed in color, and there is no aftermarket stuff. One of the things I remember that if the model has silver color, if you touch it with the glue it will stain the silver. No way to clean it or fix it. I decided to go with the Cessna since it didn't have any silver.

Starting with the body, you cut each piece, rolling it on the edge of the desk to make it round and glue it. Then insert the one or two bulkheads to each one to gives it the right shape.



After gluing the body, you create the internal frames which will give the plane surfaces the right shape and curves.



Install the landing gear and the propeller, and the model is done.



Conclusion:



Lots of rust on my side. I thought that it would be easy, but it was not (for me). I used too much glue which make some part saggy and therefor loosened the rigidity and shape. Compared to plastic models where the body is usually just two pieces, here you need to cut, form, and glue many pieces. Cutting every piece can be tedious. There is not much room for errors. Once you glue something, you can't separate it, or fix it. That requires lot of patience and testing before the glue go on.

As a closing remark, a lot happened in the last 50 years, and today with modern engineering, paper models have become amazingly good including transparent cockpits, windows and real cockpit tubs and seats. You can find lot of models on the internet of any subjects (tanks, ships, airplanes, cars, construction equipment etc.). You can download lot of the models, lots are free, but it requires a color printer. They usually come in scale 1:33 or 1:50 (don't ask me why?). If you print it on a printer, I'm sure you can scale it. Otherwise you can still buy the paper model book as we buy any other kits.

Modern Kits (not mine, I wish I can be so good!)





**I can't believe these are paper models-AWESOME. Ed.**



**Sorry I couldn't resist. Ed.**



Thanks Reuven for a **VERY** interesting story.

Mike Terre was under the weather for a bit last month, so there is no **TERRE**-Gram for this Newsletter. To help him feel better, here's a nice **MINION** picture I know he'll love.



## **THEME NIGHTS**

**We've been going back and forth about theme nights. As far as I know, this is what is current.**

**March-NOSTALGIE NIGHT sponsored by Mike Terre and Dan**

**April-**

**May-Awardees from Mosquito.Con**

**June- Figure(s) sponsored by Bill Schroeter**

**July-**

**August-**

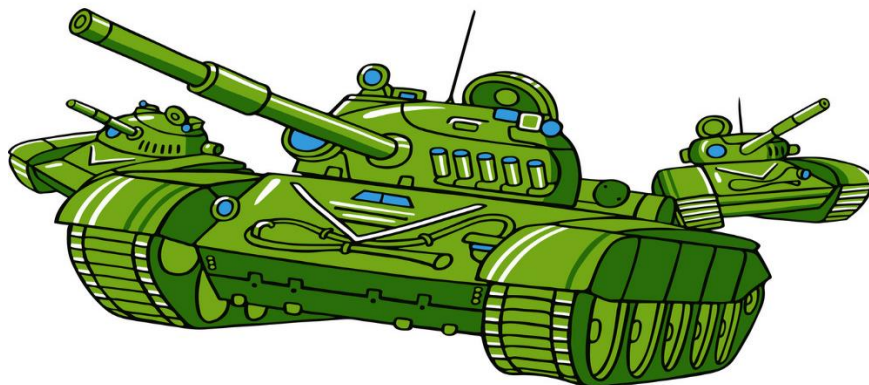
**September-**

**October-Russian Night sponsored by Dr. Simon Vichnivetsky**

**November-**

**December-Christmas Party**

**So there are a few opportunities for sponsorships of theme nights**



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**This from Steve Zajak: The recent Nov/Dec 2021 issue of Model Cars magazine featured a piece about my '63 Tempest altered wheelbase car, based on a post I had made online at the Model Cars Magazine forum back in Feb 2021.**

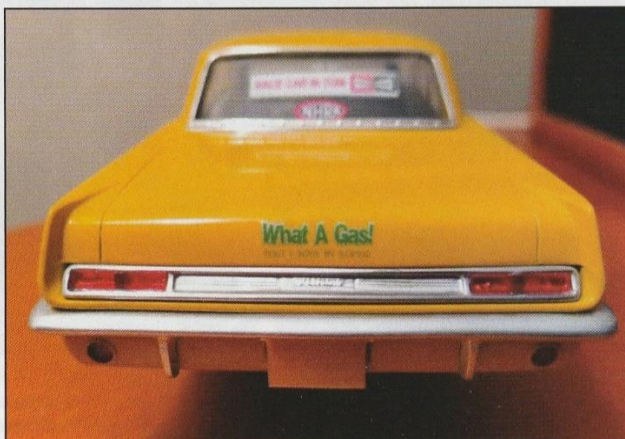
**CONGRATULATIONS!**





'63 Tempest AWB- Stick a fork in it!  
Member: stevez

Done after hanging around for many years. Don't make the mistake a lot of AMS guys like me do by trying to improve the kit and scratchbuild lots of stuff (I have a scratchbuilt chassis somewhere). It's a Nostalgia build with a capital N. Instead, the road out of purgatory was to build it OOB, KISS! The good about this kit: nice engine (Chevy?), nice body (I made a new front window frame and side drip rails), very nice bucket seat with engraved belt details, injector stacks (unfortunately the sprue gate is at the fluted section of each stack so prepare to sand and sand) and those great rear slicks (just paint black and sand the Goodyear logo). I won't go into the bad, but I Micro-Meshed & polished the pitted windshield. And used some leftover decals, 'cause the MK Funny Farmer decals fell apart even after using liquid decal film. Oh, and I added the magneto.



See everyone Friday, January 14 at the K of C!