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FROM THE IRON WORKS

By Big Bill Schwarz

Two weekends ago, a bunch of us went to MARAUDERCON, It was a nice show. We enjoyed it, won some awards and pigged out at a local cajun place. THE FOOD WAS VERY GOOD!



Also some guys went in the opposite direction and went to Poughkeepsie! I'm told the show was also decent. WELL DONE TO THE GUYS WHO RAN BOTH SHOWS! I'm sure we will see them at MCON 31! We are working on the show now and will be full throttle after NEW YEARS! I'M HOPING WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER GREAT ONE IN THE BOOKS! WE WILL SEE!!! That's it from here. I'm sure there's a lot more good reading as you scroll down so "ENJOY BE WELL AND BE SAFE!

REGARDS, BB PRES

THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



As the colder weather begins to settle in, I'm looking forward to hopefully getting a little more modeling done. The holidays are right around the corner, which seems incredible doesn't it? Wasn't it just summer?

Wishing all of your members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy spending time with your friends and loved ones.

Best wishes,

Mike P.

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Hello all,

Apologies for not being able to attend last month's meeting. Thank you for all of your condolences. Strawberry's grandmother passed away and it was a very hectic week. In fact, the entirety of October and November thus far have been hectic for me. Unfortunately for my club attendance, but fortunately for her family, we have a wedding rehearsal to attend this coming Friday, followed by her cousin's wedding on Saturday. It's unusual for me to miss back to back meetings, but there's a common saying in Japanese, "Shō ga nai" meaning it can't be helped.

Moving away from family matters, I've still been plugging away on the absolutely AWFUL Trumpeter 1/350 scale Roma. Every piece of this model has fought me. This might just be my unit, but knowing Trumpeter I doubt that. I'm using a combination of White Ensign Models and Regia Marina photo etch. If you've never used Regia Marina aftermarket, it's not brass. I believe it's the same metal that Eduard uses (or used, haven't bought one of their sets in ages). I think I may pick up one of the Schleswig Holstein kits, either 1908 or 1935, as it's an obscure ship which is of interest to me.

I'm going to try something I haven't done for awhile now, and put the winners of last month's contest, which Martin graciously held in my absence, in the newsletter.

They are the following:

Land & Sea

First Place

Bob LaPadura - T90 Tank

Second Place TIE

Dave DeNardo - Mk 35 Muttler PanzerWagon

Jim Cosides - US Soldier

Air

First Place

Jerry Hughson - Sukohi SU-34

Second Place TIE (AGAIN!)

Marc Rocca - Mig 21MF

Antonio Merolli - Polikarpov I-16

Most unusual to have two ties, I typically don't award a third place if there's a tie for second.

The next time I see everyone will be at the December meeting. If we're operating as we traditionally do, we'll have our model of the year contest. I am going to ATTEMPT to create a list of everyone who took first prize this year and get that out before the December newsletter and also put it in the newsletter (if it's sent twice, you can't forget to read it)!

In addition to the winners above, Patrick O'Connor was the Winner of the RUSSIA THEME NIGHT, with his Typhoon Class Submarine. Sponsored by Dr. Simon. Ed.



Martin Quinn wants to firm up the number of people who would like to get the polo shirt with the logo on it. Let him know at the meeting if you have not already done so. Ed.

Now it's time for another TERRE-A-Gram!!

Great metallic markers!

No "build" article this month but I wanted to share with you some great metallic markers I found, and you'll never guess where! Dollar Tree! Yes, you heard it right, the dollar store or as I now call it the "buck and a quarter store". They come in six colors, blue, chrome silver, gold, rose, medium red and white and have a medium tip. They dry almost instantly are very opaque and leave no streaks. The chrome silver is great for use on the chrome portion of landing gears, propellor domes, highlighting instrument panels and weathering, just to name a few applications. I really like the silver for navigation lights, just touch the light with the silver and then a drop of Tamiya Clear Red or Clear Green and there you go. I'm sure you'll think up many more applications.



The white is not metallic but is extremely opaque. I've used it for highlighting but what's really neat is that you can write with it. You know all the slogans written on Russian tanks and aircraft? Well this marker can do that! The opaqueness of the marker will cover dark paint without a problem. I played around with an old cowling and you can see the results.

These markers aren't affected by any modeling solvents, at least the ones I use, although I am strictly an acrylics guy. Hey, I know there are more expensive metallic markers out there but for a "buck and a quarter" how can you go wrong? I highly recommend these markers.

To change the topic I just want to say that it was great to see a lot of club members at the recent MarauderCon and to note that some of them, most notably Vince, took back some awards. Great going guys! I am going to try and make it up for the Christmas meeting but every time i plan to do this something gets in the way!

Finally I'd like to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. Hope to see you soon, thanks for reading.

Mike Terre

MarauderCon update.

As Big Bill and Mike mentioned, a good group of club members traveled to Maryland for MarauderCon. Big Bill, Vince, Ed Minto, Mike Doberczlecki. Patrick O'Connor and Bill and Eric Schroeter. It was a well run day, with an excellent raffle. I won two nice aircraft kits for just \$5.00 in tickets!

I really enjoyed judging aircraft with Mike and Patrick. We were pretty much in agreement 90% of the time. The models were excellent!

And we did well in the Awards too! Vince took two awards, Eric Schroeter got three, and Bill Schroeter took best large figure! **Ed.**



From the "LIBRARIAN" John Bucholz

Monthly book review-Picture Books for light reading-

Interesting books that don't require hours of reading.

World War I-Day by Day by Ian Westwall. A book that is half pictures and half daily headlines about all the events of the conflict known as the First World War .Broken down by years all the important events that occurred each month are laid out in chronological order. Plenty of maps and info about strategy and tactics give a good background about the "War to End Wars".

Weapons of WWII- no Author credited. A small book about all the major weapons of the war. The three hundred pages cover not just tanks, aircraft, and ships, but also infantry weapons, artillery, and "special weapons" used by all combatants. Everything is covered in just a few short paragraphs and there are plenty of color drawings and B & W pictures.

Images of War- Afrika Korps by Ian Baxter- Plenty of B&W photos of the German Afrika Korps from 1941 to 1943. A short history of the unit is accompanied by hundreds of photos of tanks, trucks, men, and equipment used by Rommel's troops. Both books are similar in make up but there is a bit of sloppy editing with regard to some pictures (Italian tanks listed as German t-38 tanks!). Still, if you want a quick intro into the North African front these books will be a quick intro.

German Panzer II- by David Doyle. Listed as" a visual history of the German Army's world war II light tank" this book covers all the models of the Panzer 2 from 1935 to 1945. While this book only covers the tank models (no SP guns or tank destroyers) it does cover some of the lesser-known variants (like the infantry support Ausf. J and the flame thrower Ausf. A and B.) Each page is a full picture of the tank with a short paragraph explaining what the photo is showing.

These books should be available in the library for the November meeting. Happy Reading-John Bucholz.

Now on to the models on the table in October



Patrick O'Connor showed a Tamiya 1/35 T-34/76 from 1943



John Bucholz also built aT-34 (1940) in 1/72 scale from Dragon



Marc Rocca Trumpeter Mig-21MF in 1/32 scale. Marc painted all of the markings, added and Red Fox 3D Cockpit details.



Jimmy Cosides built Verlinde's 120 mm Infantryman from the $9^{\rm th}$ Division. Jim added the grenade pins and the fuel can.

Jerry Hughson built an Italieri Russian Sukhoy in 1/72 scale, but my pictures of it were too blurry Sorry.



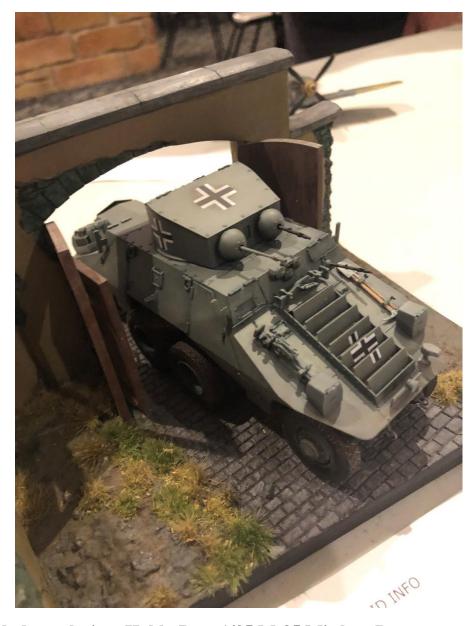
Jerry also brought in this cool diorama of a T-34 with Russian Infantry figures in 1/35 scale.



Antonio Merolli re-showed his Hasegawa Polikarpov I-16 in 1/72 scale. This won at Mosquito.Con last year!!



Bill Schroeter brought in a Verlinden 120mm Kazakh Heavy Infantryman at Novgorad in 1159 AD. This won best large figure at MarauderCon!



Dave DeNardo brought in a HobbyBoss 1/35 M-35 Mittlere Panzerwagon. Only a few were built, and the SS used them for crowd sontrol.



Bob LaPadura Showed a Meng 1/35 Russian T-90.

Well that's it! Hope to see everyone at the meeting Friday.

Bill Schroeter, Editor