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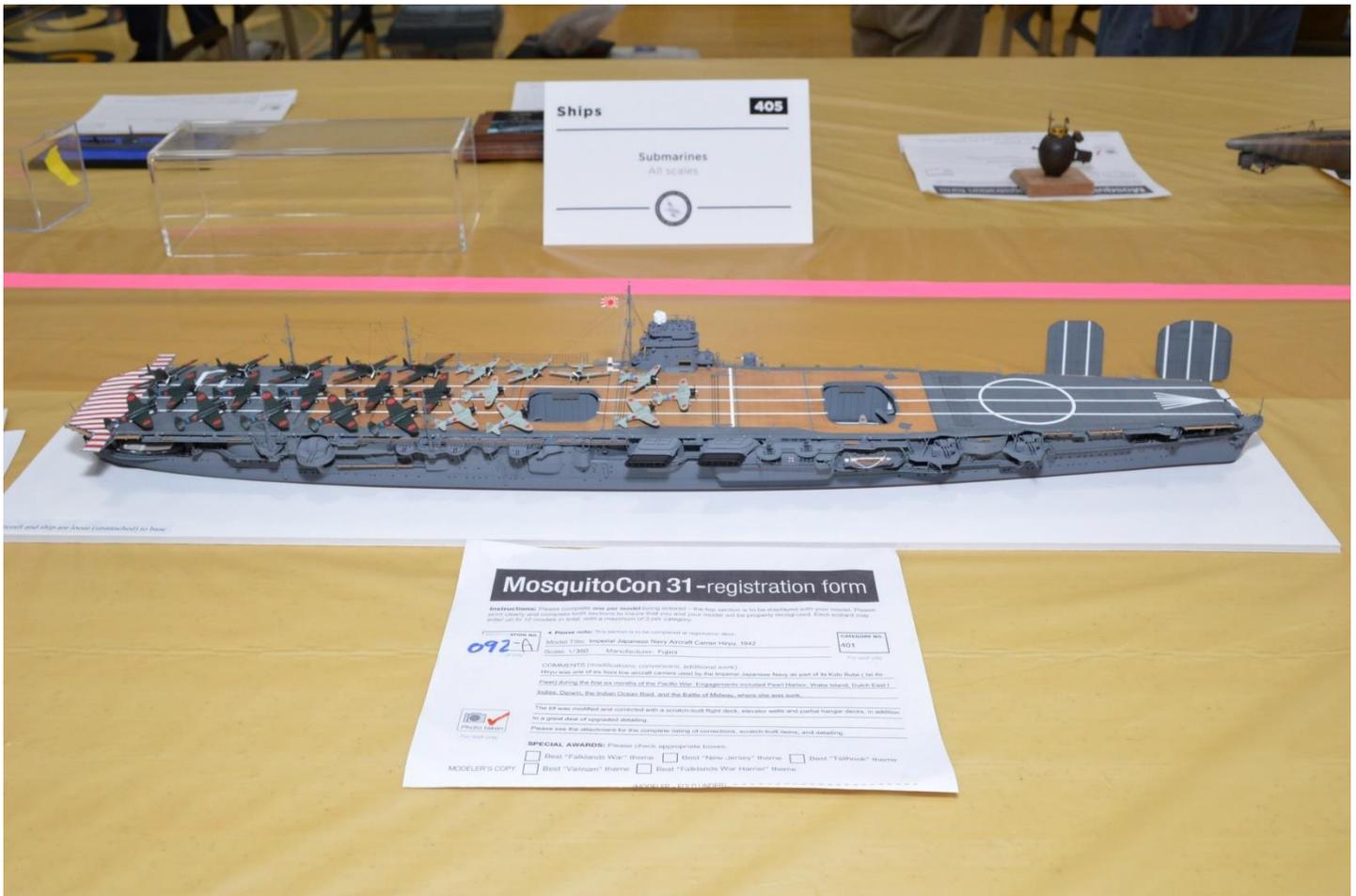
**“FROM THE IRON WORKS”**

WELL DONE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! IN CAPS , SHOUTING AT YOU. MCON WAS A GREAT SUCCESS ON ALL LEVELS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST PERIOD! I'm short on time this evening but I want you all to know we the eboard are grateful and pleased how everything went. The new regime at the PAL did a great job too. My new contact did a hell of a job with everything! Even new paint and clean toilets. !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This is the 1st show in awhile I actually enjoyed. I felt decent and I liked all I saw all day long! You guys are old masters at this now and make it look easy. Everyone stepped up to make it a great show. I Can't say that enough. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK Marty, Mike, Erik and Dan for the show, Ed and Jon for the great awards, the registration and walk in guys and you the membership for outstanding service to the club! WELL DONE!



Because of your outstanding work it's PARTY TIME! Come hungry to the meeting! You will not be dissapointed! MCON 32 IS NOW UNDERWAY AS WELL. The date is April 6th 2024! Be there or Be Square! Thats it from me for now. We will keep you up to date on MCON 32 but for now, enjoy life, be well, Be civil and have fun !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! SEE YALL FRIDAY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Winner BEST SHIP and BEST IN SHOW IJN Aircraft Carrier Hiryu  
By Dan Kaplan

## THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



MosquitoCon 31 was a resounding success! Despite some threatening weather in the morning, the turnout of modelers, models and visitors was impressive. So many really spectacular models were on display in every category. I'm always amazed by the quality of the workmanship and the creativity that is apparent in each entry. There were dozens of models in my specific areas of interest that will certainly serve as inspiration for me to get going on some builds that I've been delaying. Congratulations to all the winners and also to everyone who entered their pieces...every single one was a pleasure to see.

A big thank you goes out to every member who was able to attend and pitch in to take care of all the tasks that are involved with the show - thanks for a job well done! We are also very grateful for all the judges - especially the great turnout of visitors who volunteered to assist. That helped immeasurably. Also, Ed Minto and Jon DaSilva did a fantastic job with the awards, which are perhaps the best we've ever given out. Plus, I'm always amazed by the generosity of our members, friends and other IPMS clubs who provide support via trophy package sponsorships. Those beautiful awards are a big expense and they would not be possible without those sponsorships.

We can all be proud of MosquitoCon. The day goes by so quickly, but the memories that are created last a lifetime.

Best wishes and see you at the meeting,

Mike P.

**To view all of the ships, and other models, go to our Facebook page!!!!!!**

# THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Another MosquitoCon done and I'd say this one was an outrageous success. We had hundreds of entries and walk-ins and well over 100 entrants. The vendor room was wild all day. I kept my discipline and only purchased one kit (a 1/200 scale Iowa class battleship). I cannot speak enough on the generosity of raffle donations that we received this year. I've never seen such an outpouring of aide to make that part of the show all that much better. I was hopeful to win the 1/200 scale Yamato kit, but congratulations to whomever took that home.

The judging process was both fun and arduous. A newcomer to judging was part of my team and he seemed interested in attending a future club meeting. Several entrants did approach me after my group had finished to ask what we look for. I suggested that a photo build log can greatly help show the amount of work put into a subject and it can also illustrate the complexity of whatever was built. I am noticing a trend, especially within the past 5-10 years. When I first became a member, the show was heavily dominated by the traditional military subjects and civilian vehicles. Now, it appears that the Misc. & Sci-Fi categories are the way of the hobby in the future. The Gundam categories continue to amaze me. This was the first year of them being their own entity and the entries did not disappoint. I would highly suggest that anyone who has not built one of these models do so. I think moving forward, we'll need more people that know the intricacies of their building process and that should help better aide in the judging process.

In other club related business, Nostalgia night was postponed. I'm uncertain if Mike & Dan would like to reschedule for a later month this year. There is still plenty of opportunity for others to sponsor a theme night. Let's also not forget that we've yet to share our group builds. I believe those kits were handed out in 2021 (two years ago now!) Hoping to see many faces this Friday. Jon



**Just one of the spectacular aircraft on display!!**

**I asked for feed-back on the show from members and a few came in. First from new member Bill Joel, who was also a vendor.**

Bill - as a participant, both as a vendor (on the SME tables) and a member; I found the show to be very well done. I was able to sell off a number of my kits and there was good traffic for most of the day.

While I still have a number of kits to liquidate from my stash, I was able to add a few of the ones I was looking for and a few that I wasn't. Overall, better reduction than increase in stash. :-)

Recommendations/observations:

**Vendors** should be asked to put their names on the Vendor badges in addition simply Vendor. It's much easier to speak with people on the hobby when you know

the person's name. **This goes for the meetings as well.** (my emphasis, Ed.) I'm still trying to learn people's names, but if they were to have a name badge (similar to the one's used for vendors) it would be helpful.

**Temperature** - while one can't control the weather, the use of AC in the vendor area would have been helpful, at least where I was. Several people mentioned that they were falling asleep due to the higher than expected heat.

### **Crowd control @ the food window and seating.**

The crowded waiting lines extended into the area where vendors had their tables. While this might be good for some, it crowds out those who are not waiting for food. I realize that the venue staff was working at the cafe and not the club.

Seating was limited near the food window and there were no tables available. In addition, there were limited waste disposal containers, which led to some debris making its way to the floor.

Overall the show was another success and I enjoyed myself. Looking forward to the next and hearing what others thought.

Bill

**Some good points there to consider. Ed.**

### **This from Fred Mantel**

I was happy to have been part of the team who put this together. I was really impressed at how smoothly the day went.

I had several people comment to me on what a great event it was and that they really enjoyed the day.

I was exhausted at the end of the day from my small part at the event. Aside from that, It was worth playing a small part in the event.

I would imagine those working on prepping for it over the last year are proud of how well it came out.

Even though the vendor and display rooms were very hot I noticed that no one left because of that, so I can only assume it was such a good event most people didn't want to leave.

Great job everyone.

I also checked the Facebook page from comments, and all were very glad to have come to the show. One topic was repeated often.....

**NJIPMS** guys really know how to hold a show, contest and raffle, with great vendors!!!





**The only comment I would add is that I think we need to have a designated photographer to photo all of the winners in each category. The two girls who were the top Juniors had a great picture taken but I cannot find how to get it!**

**As I mentioned, check out all of the entries on our Facebook page.**

**See everyone Friday at the meeting. If any members were lucky enough to earn a prize, please bring those kits in if you can.**

**Bill Schroeter**

**Editor**