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FROM THE IRON WORKS

By Big Bill Swarz, Pres.

Hi all, I've been bzy with my leg again but I'm not going to bore you with that. I've been bzy planning the outing for the club for September. OLD GLORY DUE TO DOUBLE COSTS AND EXTRA 20PCT TO RENT THE TOP FLOOR IS NOW OUT OF THE PICTURE! What I did though was set us up with BBQ similar to Famous Daves! It is called BIG EDS BBQ which is on Rt 34 in OLD BRIDGE. With that said it is Zagat rated consistent and a nice atmosphere! I've known ED FOR MANY MANY YEARS, AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN DISSAPOINTED

! YOU KNOW WHAT YOU GET! SOME MEMBERS MAY NOT CARE FOR THE RIBS SO THERE WILL BE OTHER PLATES YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM! Pulled pork, chicen etc! YOU all will be offered one of 5 meals! They will consist of main course, 2 sides, and garlic biscuits! NO APPETIZERS WILL BE OFFERED THIS YEAR! SO DONT ORDER ANY! BTW THERE WILL BE 3 KINDS OF RIBS OFFERED- SPARE , ST LOUIS STYLE , AND BABYBACKS ! THE RIB DISHES ARE ALL YOU CAN EAT AND YOU CAN MIX THEM UP AS YOU CONTINUE EATING! Beer, wine and soda will be served with dinner!

I've also worked out a deal with Ed. We have the large family room with booths that fit 8 people! We are also having a custom sheet cake from the carousel bakery which will be whipped cream icing, half filling will be strawberry and the other half chocolate! DINNER WILL BE FROM 1 TO 3PM ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH 2023! We also will have 2 waitresses so you sit down and eat and enjoy! Dinner is sit down! Not buffet! I will have full final details in the next newsletter. Until then feel free to go to Eds website or google BIG EDS BBQ in

Old Bridge Nj. There's tons of pics reviews etc plus he's on Facebook ! That's it for me. I have to go and change my wrappings! Be well, enjoy life and eat BBQ!!



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THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



Hopefully everyone is enjoying their summer so far. Perhaps like many of you, summers while growing up included significant model building time. A rainy summer day usually meant building a model, normally completed start-to-finish on that same day! That was before I discovered filling seams, accurate painting etc. I considered myself advanced when I started painting aircraft tires, propellers and exhaust stacks in Pactra flat black! It wasn't until I saw some beautifully painted and detailed models on display at Air and Armor Hobby Shop in Belmar in 1972 that I realized what modeling could become. That was a real eye-opener for me. I recall inquiring with the young man at the register about the realism of the paintwork. He then showed me the paint racks containing Pactra Military Flats, Imrie-Risley (I-R) paints and the "new" Polly-S acrylics. A tube of Squadron Green Putty was also pointed out. From then on, I tried to make each completed kit better built and more realistic than the last - laudable goal that I've attempted to sustain to the present day. I might have trouble remembering what I had for dinner last night, but I can probably name every model that I ever built during my summers growing up. Does summertime conjure up model building adventures for you too?

Best Wishes, Mike P.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!



FROM THE LIBRARIAN- JOHN BUCHOLZ

Retailer Review: Kitlinx

If you are not new to modeling, you probably remember Roll Models. They had so many items listed on their site that it seemed too good to be true. The fact was that they really did not have all the items they listed, but in fact they had access to them through exporters in Asia and Europe. The good news was that the selection was amazing-the bad news was that it could take months to get what you ordered. When Roll closed, Kitlinx took over the business of procuring the vast number of hobby items that are offered in the world today. They act as sort of a clearinghouse for any hobby item you might need. After dealing with them for a few orders I can give you a brief run-down of what you might like to know when you order. (The site has a section "About Us" which will give you an interesting history of the business).

First let's explain the Banners present in the kit picture field-

-Pre Order (Red print)- self-explanatory: The items are not in-stock, but are on order from the manufacturer. The date given is a best guess ETA for when the item will get to Kitlinx. As with all pre-orders, shipping time and quantity shipped are

subject to change. If they order 100 but the factory only ships 50 you will experience a delay as I believe the orders are processed as received.

-In Stock (Green check mark)- Kitlinx has a real warehouse that stocks many thousands of items. If the item pictured has the green check mark with the In Stock wording, your order will be processed promptly and usually shipped in on to two days (holiday times can be an exception). Shipping is normally via UPS or USPS.

-Available Now (Blue print)- This means that Kitlinx has access to a supplier of this item somewhere in the world. The order processing screen will say how many days or weeks it will be until this item will arrive at the warehouse. Again this is often a best guess scenario and you should not consider it to be written in stone!

When you get to the order processing page you will see a list of all your items. Be aware that if you order 10 things, of which 9 are in stock and 1 is "available now" with a 0-quantity available, your order will NOT ship until All your items are in stock. If you really need something in a rush, break your order down into two orders. Shipping is computed on the total order and you will be charged at check-out. They are very good at estimating and if the order ships for less than the billed amount, you will receive a credit for the difference.

My only issue with Kitlinx was really not their fault at all. I ordered a book published by Schiffer Publishing, as company based in Pennsylvania. They did not have the book in stock and indicated a two-week delay. After a month i checked on the order and was told it would be another month. A month later I E-mailed customer service to inquire about the delay. They apologized for the delay, shipped the rest of the order which was in stock and said they would ship the book in two weeks. About a month later the book was sent via USPS in a sturdy envelope. I later found out that while Schiffer is an American company, the books are printed (guess where) In China! Just an example of how shipping estimates can get really messed up when international trade is involved.

My orders were processed promptly, tracking info was always provided, and packaging was always done well. As a last bit of information, they also have a large selection of "Kit Collections" added each week. If you are looking for that older out of production kit, they might just have one they obtained from someone's stash of oldie's but goodie 's.

Happy Modeling—JohnBucholz **Thanks John, good info!! Ed.**

Here are most of the models on the table in June



Antonio Merolli brought in an Airfix 1/72 SM 78 Sparbiero

This was the 1st operational version of what would become an extremely capable bomber/torpedo bomber in the Italian AF in WWII.



Bill Connolly brought in a 1/144 Fox One Models Kawasaki P.1

Bill added 3D Printed Parts and kit decals. Bill says, “The P1 is the only plane in the world built as a patrol aircraft from the ground up.”



Patrick O'Connor showed his 1/48 Tamiya F4U-1D.

Patrick added Quinto 3d cockpit decals, as well as LF Models markings.



Patrick also brought in a Meng 1/48 FA-18E “Maverick”

Patrick built this OOB.



Mark Celli showed a Bandai 1/48 Rebel Snowspeeder
Mark made the markings himself, and used AM cockpit details



Bill Schroeter brought in a vignette depicting a group of Soldaten retreating from the Bocage-the dreaded hedgerow country.

The 1/35 figures are a Dragon set. The groundwork and mudwalls are made of Sheetrock Spackle painted with craft acrylics, and the foliage and various props are from his diorama display supplies.

I know there were other models on the table, as I have several tags but no pictures I can get off our FB page.

This is one of the shorter NL's I've done! I'm not going to do an August NL because of extra rehearsals and getting ready for a Choral Tour in England the 2nd week of August. Big Bill will have more info regarding our outing, and I'll be sure to get that info out to everyone before I go over the pond!

See everyone on Friday, July 14th at the meeting. Bill Schroeter, Editor