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FROM THE IRON WORKS

by Big Bill Swarz, Pres.

Hi all. Hope you all had a decent summer. Labor Day is now upon us and a few shows are coming up. Attend if you can to thank all of the people who come to our show. THANK YOU IF YOU DO!

Not much new here-turning the big 70 this year. Like goes by real fast so enjoy it. Nuff said on that.

There's only two important things from me this month. First, the 1/72 Armor Build. Bring your pieces to the meeting and enjoy what's on the table. I'm sure there will be some great builds as usual.

Next and last is our POST COVID SUMMER OUTING! Sunday, September 10th, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, at BIG EDS BBQ RT 34 MATAWAN, NJ. There will be a separate flyer about this with all the info you need. PLEASE LOOK FOR IT IN YOUR MAILBOX SEPARATE FROM THIS! PARTY IS FOR MEMBERS PLUS ONE GUEST.

We will be seated as you walk in the front door at the long booths. Feel free to sit where you want in the room, it's ours for three hours.

THE FOOD ARRANGEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS: You will be offered one of five plates (DINNERS) which are on the flyer you're getting this week. You have a choice of sides. Desert is a sheetcake I'm having made for the outing. Bar is open for beer, wine, etc.

NOW WITH THAT SAID APPETIZERS ARE NOT INCLUDED! I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT. WE ALSO HAVE OUR OWNTWO WAITRESSES, THEY WILL BRING ALL YOU NEED! I WILL TAKE CARE OF THE TAB! Lastly, ENJOY, ENJOY, ENJOY! That's it for this month. See y'all Friday then Sunday.

Big Bill Schwarz, Prez

DATE: Sunday, September 10, 2023

TIME: 1 pm to 3 pm

PLACE: Big Ed's BBQ, 305 Route 34, Old Bridge NJ

MENU CHOICES (APPETIZERS ARE NOT INCLUDED):

- BABY BACK RIB PLATTER (Endless Ribs)
- ST LOUIS RIB PLATTER (Endless Ribs)
- SPARE RIB PLATTER (Endless Ribs)
- HALF BBQ CHICKEN PLATTER (NOT Endless)
- PULLED PORT PLATTER (NOT Endless)

DESSERT: FULL SHEET CAKE (½ STRAWBERRY & ½ CHOCOLATE)

DRINKS: OPEN BAR (BEER/WINE/SODA ONLY) 1 PM TO 3 PM





Looks like we'll be eating good!!

THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



Can it really be September already? I guess so. But that also means it's time for our club BBQ! I'm looking forward to hanging out with all you hooligans and enjoying the fine food at the famous BBQ joint that Bill has arranged for us. As always, I'm sure we'll all have a great time. Our previous BBQ parties have been epic - the piles of empty rib bones on each table looked like a museum T-Rex skeleton had collapsed!

Stay cool, stay well, and see you at the meeting!

Mike P.

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Hello all,

Happy September. This month we will finally (finally!) be sharing our 1/72 scale group builds. If you do have them (I know the kits were given out in 2021), please bring in the finished product on Friday. Also let's not forget the annual summer outing. I'm very excited as the food looks great from photos. This will be my first

time at Big Ed's and hopefully it's a place I enjoy enough to go back on my own in the future.

I thought it's a good time to announce winners from the previous months' competitions as I've been absent recently.

June

Other

1st place Mark Celli - Rebel Snowspeeder

Land

1st place Dave Goldman - Jaguar SS100

2nd place Matt Giordano - AMX Javelin

Air

1st place Antonio Merolli - SM.79

2nd place Bill Connolly - Kawasaki P-1

3rd place Pat O'Connor - F4U-1D

July

Other

1st place Eric Schroeter - Roman Centurion Bust

2nd place John Bucholz - Officer 10th Arditi

Land

1st place Vince D'Alessio - Nashorn

Air

1st place Mark Celli - Macchi MC 2000

2nd place Bill Connolly - F-105 B

3rd place Jerry Hughson - IL-2m3

August

Other - Tie

John Bucholz - B Wing

Pat O'Connor - Robo Cop 2

Land

1st place Dave DeNardo - SD. KFZ 232

2nd place Matt Giordano - Jagdtiger

Air

1st place Bill Joel - He111 Z

2nd place Antonio Merolli - Martlet II

3rd place Matt Giordano - He111 H-20

A friendly reminder that come December, please bring all of your first place models to judge the model of the year contest. Hope to see you Friday and at the party

Best,

Jon

Our Mad Doctor Simon Vichnivetsky sent a build for us to enjoy.



From the Lab!

Crocco Models 1/72 Shcherbakov SHCH-2

I try to spend as little time as possible on Markie Z' s creation , but I do dip in . About the only group I check often is “ Old Aeroplane “ , out of Minsk, Belarus. A couple of months ago they had a picture of the destroyed An-225. I made a comment about the sorry state of the Ukrainian aviation industry today, and also added that this was also true of Russia; my comment got promptly blocked. Two months ago, in the days following the Prigozhin uprising, there was a sudden loosening of information on Russian media; for instance, a number of sites wrote that Putin had fallen down steps in the Kremlin and crapped himself. I happened onto an article about how low the Russian aviation industry had fallen, and to illustrate this this, they compared the trajectory of two twin-engine transport planes seventy years apart from each other . One plane was the Ilyushin IL 112 V, which managed to fly in 2019 after more than ten years development, and crashed on fire in 2021; maybe you've seen the very explicit video. The program is dead in the water since. The second plane discussed in this article was the Shcherbakov

SHCHE-2.



This plane was designed at the end of 1942, built and flown in less than six months to fulfill a need for a transport plane larger than the Yak-6, but smaller than the Li-2/C-47. Although little known in the West, it was quite successful. Almost 600 were built and used extensively until the late 1940's. Although built primarily out of wood and mild steel because of restrictions on strategic materials, it was actually a beautiful and quite sophisticated design with extensive flappery and a large cargo door. But the most surprising aspect of its design was that, because of the lack of other aviation engines, it was powered by two PO-2 type 110 hp M 11 engines. It had been planned to use captured German Argus 200 hp engines, but in the event, these didn't become available. Amazingly, the SHCHE-2 could carry up to 16 passengers or 2800 lb of freight on a measly 220 hp. For comparison, a Cessna 172 carries one pilot and three passengers with 160 hp....Cruising speed was a leisurely 95 mph, and single-engine performance was nil, but fly it did, with no other bad habits. The men who flew it had a saying, which rhymes in Russian: "The nose is Li-2. The tail is PE-2. It flies - hardly!" "Ever pull a kit out of your stash and start it even though you've already got a couple of other projects going? That's what I did with this 1/72 resin from Crocco Models; it's from Russia, but I got it pre-embargo! The kit was so good that I finished it in one stretch, something that I don't do too often. Parts quality was really great throughout, pouring blocks small and easily removed, and besides from using brass wire to reinforce some joints it actually was less work than many mainstream kits that I've built. Wing flaps and ailerons were molded separately but went on like a charm. Tiny resin hinges were also supplied for those; pretty sure that I couldn't get all of them safely off their runner and into place, I replaced them with scratch-built hinges from plastic scrap. Resin wing and

landing gear struts were replaced with Contrail stock; I hope my stash doesn't run out before I do! The very fine tail unit braces were beautifully molded in resin, but I decided to replace them with .019 brass stock. The pilots cabin contains the usual instrument panel, control columns, seats and rear bulkhead. Basic interior color, as for most WWII Soviet types, is a slightly blueish gray. My strip-of-old newspaper seatbelts were added, and details such as the control panel and central console, control wheels and cushions were picked out in the adequate colors.



The cargo compartment also has full seating which I skipped as I decided to have the access door closed. There are prominent teardrop-shaped fairings on both sides of the fuselage at the level of the pilots' cabin; these are not represented on the kit, so I carved them out from plastic stock. Exterior detail is otherwise entirely copasetic! Clear parts are vacu-formed, not my favorite; the cockpit is slightly too wide, but I can live with it. Cabin windows were glazed with Krystal-Kleer. There is an indentation in the nose for a landing light. I glued in a small rhinestone from the fingernails section at the beauty store and then added a drop of epoxy, to good effect. Special mention must be made of the beautifully molded M11 radial engines. Their intake and exhaust manifolds are fantastic, and what's more, all this detailing builds easily. I elected to use the equally beautiful NACA engine cowls provided with the kit; I now somewhat regret my decision, as most often these were not mounted on those planes. Propellers are PO-2 type fixed-pitch wooden jobs, painted

dark green with a black central hub; I've seen a number of them. I wasn't too impressed with the mainwheels and spats provided with the kit, so I used wheels from a 1/144 Minicraft C-130 J kit to good effect. The tailwheel is beautifully molded; for good measure, I reinforced it with brass wire. The antenna / airspeed probe mast is also made with brass wire and plastic since the kit-supplied item looks as though it would break if you sneezed on it. There is not a huge amount of documentation out there on the SHCHE-2, but a recent issue of those fantastic "Zkrydla Polskie" books has a feature about this plane in Polish service including excellent color plates. The SHCHE-2 carried the late-war two tone-gray over light blue scheme. That scheme was only used briefly, from 1943 to 1945; it was mostly used on fighters, which at that time were all largely made out of wood and were rapidly scrapped after the war. The best evidence of what that two-tone gray scheme actually looked like is Lt. Feremin's Yak-3, which the Santa Monica Museum of Flight had on display before it went back to Russia. Unlike most other Yak 3's in museums, it appears to be entirely original, including its camouflage and markings. As we all know, it's tough to be too dogmatic about "the right colors", especially on aircraft that roamed the planet eighty years ago.



If it looks right, then it's probably right. I actually enjoy mixing my paints, and after the obligatory spray with Mr Surfacer 1000 Gray I got my old Testors Model Master enamels out. I added a few drops of US Dark Sea Gray to Dark Gull Gray, a few drops old of Dunkelgrun to RAF Sea Gray and wound up with very credible tones. I used stock Russian Underside Blue for the undersurfaces. The SHCHE-2 camouflage was to a standard pattern, which is well illustrated in "Zkridla Polskie". For markings, I chose an aircraft flown by a Polish Unit of the VVS (Soviet AF) in 1945. Poles that kept fighting for the liberation of their country were either



"London Poles " or " Lublin Poles" , named after a puppet Polish Government backed by the Soviets. Reuven Shapira's father fought several years in one of the Red Army's Polish units, and was given a very impressive writ documenting the battles he participated in and his valor; I translated this document for Reuven. The SHCHE-2 that I modeled has a yellow nose cone; yellow had been avoided on Soviet aircraft until VE Day since it was an identifying color for Axis aircraft. But the war in Europe was now over, everything was beautiful, and yellow was back in. There are large Polish " checkerboards" on both sides beneath the cockpit, and then the customary red stars . The decals provided with the kit are of excellent quality, but I could only use the numerals provided; the stars provided are much too large, but I've got a few in my stash! My usual coat of semi gloss varnish gave the

finishing touch to this project. I don't do perfection even though I know many of you guys do, but this is one project that I enjoyed from beginning to end. I am also glad to have this attractive and actually significant plane built. And, being primarily an aviation guy, I remain amazed at the amount of information still out there for us to discover.

All the Best,

Dr. Simon V.

Wow!! Cool build of a plane a lot of us have never heard of!! Ed.

After a Summer hiatus. We have a new TERRE-a-Gram!

Only the French!

Only the French would build an aircraft like the Breguet 27. Designed as an observation aircraft, it first flew in 1934, with eleven still in service when the Germans invaded France in May 1940. Versions were sold to China, Brazil and Venezuela as well.



Ok, guys here's your aviation terms lesson for the day. You all know what monoplanes, biplane and triplanes are but did you ever hear of a "sesquiplane"? A sesquiplane is an aircraft whose lower wing is much smaller than its upper wing, the Breguet being such an aircraft. Now you've been cursed with another piece of useless knowledge.

This is Azur's 1/72nd scale kit and it was an interesting build. The kit has a complete resin interior along with two sets of vacuum formed canopies, which is great if you screw up on set. It also gives you parts to build a Chinese version. The resin interior was well detailed but fitted poorly into the fuselage sides and much sanding and filing was needed. The interior was painted Tamiya XF-25 Light Blue Gray and highlighted with a dark gray alcohol/pastel wash along with Rub-N-Buff silver accents.

An interesting part of the build was the tail assembly which comprised of both left and right boom and rudder assemblies plus the elevators. This was then attached to the fuselage later.

The build was pretty straight forward and completed as three sections, the fuselage/lower wing assembly, the tail boom assembly and upper wing. These were painted Tamiya XF-51 Khaki Drag with the engine cowling Master Design Brilliant Silver.

The assemblies were then gloss coated, decals applied followed by Tamiya Satin.



Another interesting portion of the build was the windscreen assembly. The was made up of two halves and easily completed. The assembly was then attached to the cockpit area with Aleen's Tacky Glue and allowed to set. The top wing then was attached to the upper portion of the windscreen along with its supporting cabane struts. Some filling of the windscreen upper portion was needed to insure the wing struts rested properly on fuselage. Once the wing was secured the interplane struts and tail boom were attached. One annoying feature of this kit was the landing gear which comprised of left and right halves with the wheel molded in. I never liked this type assembly as it really doesn't enhance the build, but that's just my opinion.

Weathering was done with a mixture of black and dark gray alcohol/pastel washes and with that the build was completed. This was a challenging build considering the upper wing to fuselage windscreen attachment, never had seen that till building the Breguet. Oh, the decals are absolutely first rate and did not need setting solution.

I'm trying a new display method using graphics made using my iPad. This was inspired by Mike Witkowski, one of the Delaware crew whose displays are incredible.

Well, with the fall coming on and the Turnpike and Parkway traffic lessening I'll try to make a couple of club meetings. It will be good to see familiar faces again.

Oh, almost forgot PaxCon will be October 7th and held at the Hollywood Maryland firehouse. It's about a four hour drive from the Garwood clubhouse and is usually a good show, kind of like MarauderCon. Well thanks for reading, now be productive, drag your butt off the couch and build something!

Mike Terre

Thanks Mike, great build! Ed.

Martin Quinn has new info on the possible shirts.

Thanks to Dave "The Car Guy" Goldman, we have the opportunity to revisit the club shirts. The prices from Dave's connection are much more reasonable than the quote I had sourced.

For 100% cotton, shirts would run 27.50 to 33.00, with the lower price for "normal" sizes, and the higher price for 3XL.

50/50 blend shirts would run from 25.00 for "normal" up to 30.00 for 3XL.

If this is something you guys are interested in, please let me know and I'll get with Dave to get the ball rolling.

Thanks,

Martin

Bill Joel recently completed a Me 321, and had a nice build log, but it was too long for the NL. Here's a link to view the work.

(13) [Messerschmitt Me 321 B1 "Giant" - completed - HyperScale Forums \(tapatalk.com\)](#)

Finally, here's a quick review by our Librarian, John Bucholz.

Mini Review: Tamiya German Infantry set (Late War WW2)



This new set from Tamiya is a welcome addition to the figures available to the diorama builder. All figures seem to be from the 1944 era (canvas leggings and short boots on all except the squad leader). No bolt action weapons here, they all come with G43 semi-automatic rifles and MP44 assault rifles (the squad leader has the old MP40 submachine gun). You also get a Teller mine, stick grenades, and three Panzerfaust along with all personal equipment (extra helmets give the option of plain or camo covered headgear). The figures copy the Dragon style of multiple pieces for each figure so the detail is very good for injection molded troops. The equipment is molded to fit the curves of each man so the poses are very realistic. You also get a decal sheet with markings for the Panzerfausts as well as uniform

insignia (including belt buckles and collar patches). All in all a nice set of figures to place with those late war tanks in your collection.

Happy Modeling- John B.

As I was not at the August meeting, I do not have pictures. Please go to our Facebook page to see them. Thanks.

Bill Schroeter, Editor