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## **FROM THE IRON WORKS**

**By Big Bill Schwarz, President**

Hi all. Hope all is well and you all had a great holiday season. With that said I'm glad you all enjoyed the Holiday Party as well! Not much going on with the membership this month but I'm here to tell you Mosquitocon is less than 90 days away!!!! We the E-board and heads of what goes on show day are as usual are already communicating and working on the show. By what I'm seeing we should do OK!

I'm keeping it short this month so I will conclude with this. **BE READY TO DO YOUR JOB SHOW DAY! BE READY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS CELEBRATION PARTY, AND MOST OF ALL BE WELL AND ENJOY LIFE ON THIS LITTLE ROCK WE CALL HOME! SEE YALL ON FRIDAY SAME TIME SAME PLACE!**

**REGARDS BB PRES NJIPMS**



## THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season and got to spend time with family and friends. The club party last month was another fantastic event. The food that Bill catered was delicious and plentiful. It's always amazing to see everyone enjoying the food, camaraderie and laughter. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a fun evening. And congratulations to the year-end winners. Seeing all the monthly winning models on display together is truly remarkable. Here's to another great year ahead for the members of NJIPMS! Happy New Year to all.

Best Wishes,

Mike P.

## THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



I'd like to congratulate all of our model of the year and builder of the year winners. This was the first time we had a tie in the Land and Sea voting, but the quality of each model (and all those on display) couldn't be denied.

Additionally, if anyone would like to sponsor a themed night this year, please let me know. I would like to have a science fiction night. I'd suggest February, but that might be too soon. Perhaps in May after the show? That would give everyone a few months to put something together, as most of us don't build Sci-Fi.

Best,

Jon

**As I mentioned in my e-mail, this Newsletter will be short. I wanted to focus on the End-of-Year winners. So there are no other contributions this month.**

**Here goes!**

**The builds on the table in December were fantastic. The skill exhibited was exceptional, and it's obvious the voting was difficult. Congratulations to all the winners.**

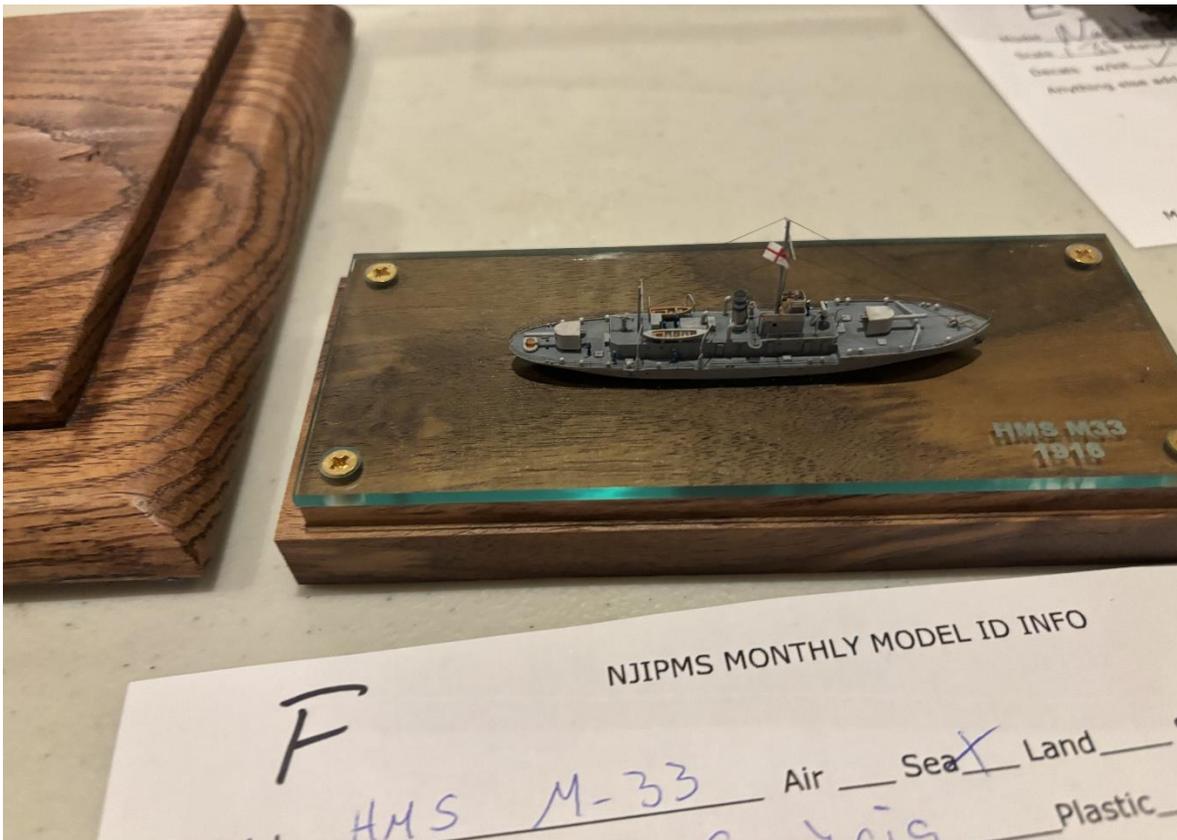
**Here are photos of all the bests.**



**Martin Quinn's superb USS Alaska, Heavy Cruiser, is from Hobby Boss in 1/350 scale. Martin added 3-D Printed 40 & 20 mm gun mounts, as well as Brass Barrels on all the guns. Martin was awarded BEST SHIP of 2023, and along with his many other builds last year was named MODELER of the YEAR!!!**



**Congratulations Martin!!**

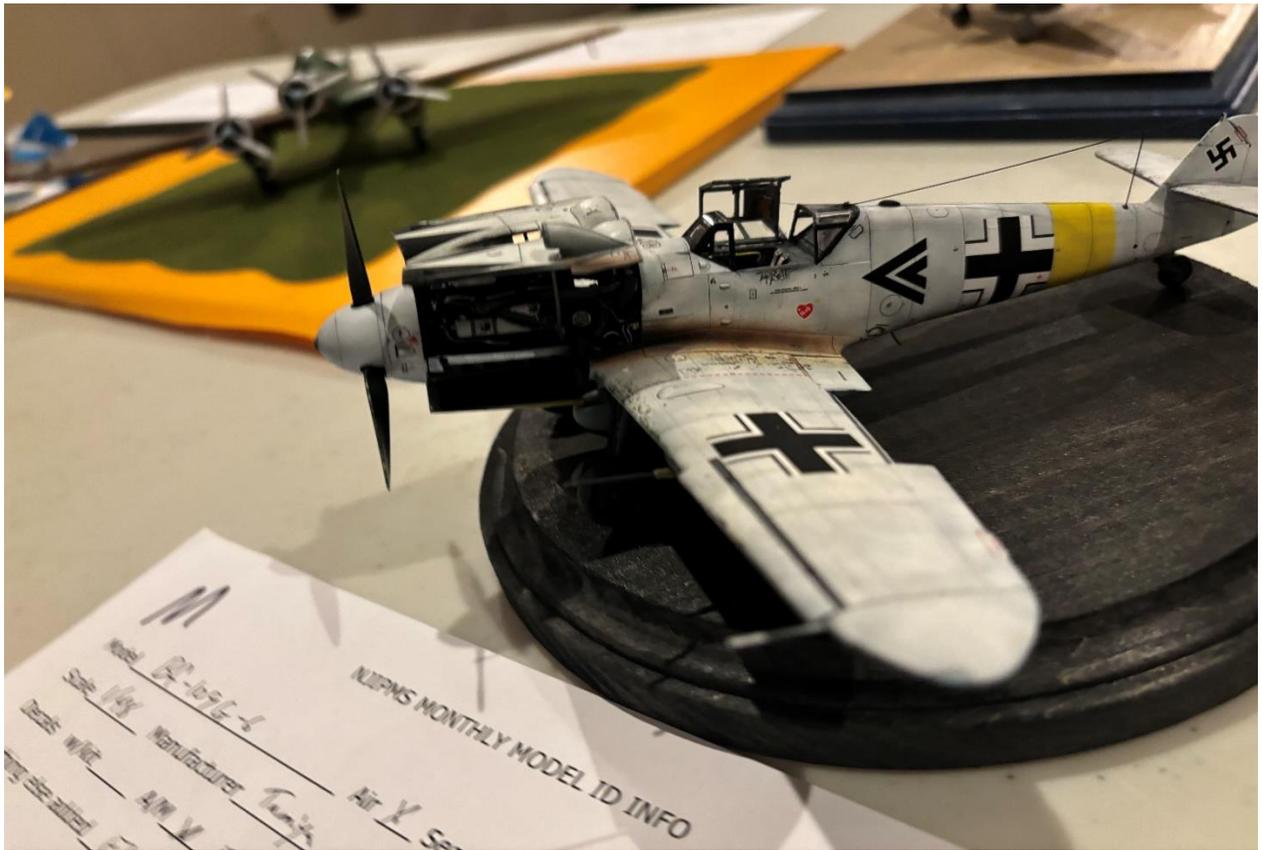


**Devin Poore's HMS M-33 in 1/700 scale from Combrig was the other top ship build.**

**On to the aircraft. There were a good number of excellent builds that were highly voted each month.**



**Mark Celli's pair of Axis planes was well done!**



**Eric Schroeters 1/48 Tamiya Bf-109-G6 featured Eduard Cockpit PE.**



**Antonio Merolli built Hasegawa's 1/72 A6M2 Zero OOB**



**Bill Connolly's C-121F MiniCraft Fuselage and Welsh Resin Wings and engines.**



**Antonio Morelli scratch-built some modifications to this Airfix SM7 Spaviero in 1/72, backdated to the first operational edition in 1938.**





**Bill Connolly again! F34-3 from Academy, and F-105-B from Hasegawa and Revell, both in 1/72.**





**Dan Spera's Grumman F3f-2 in 1/48 from Academy shone!**



**And the winner.....was'nt!! A three-way tie between Dan Spera, Bill Connolly and Antonio Merolli!!! Congrats!!!**







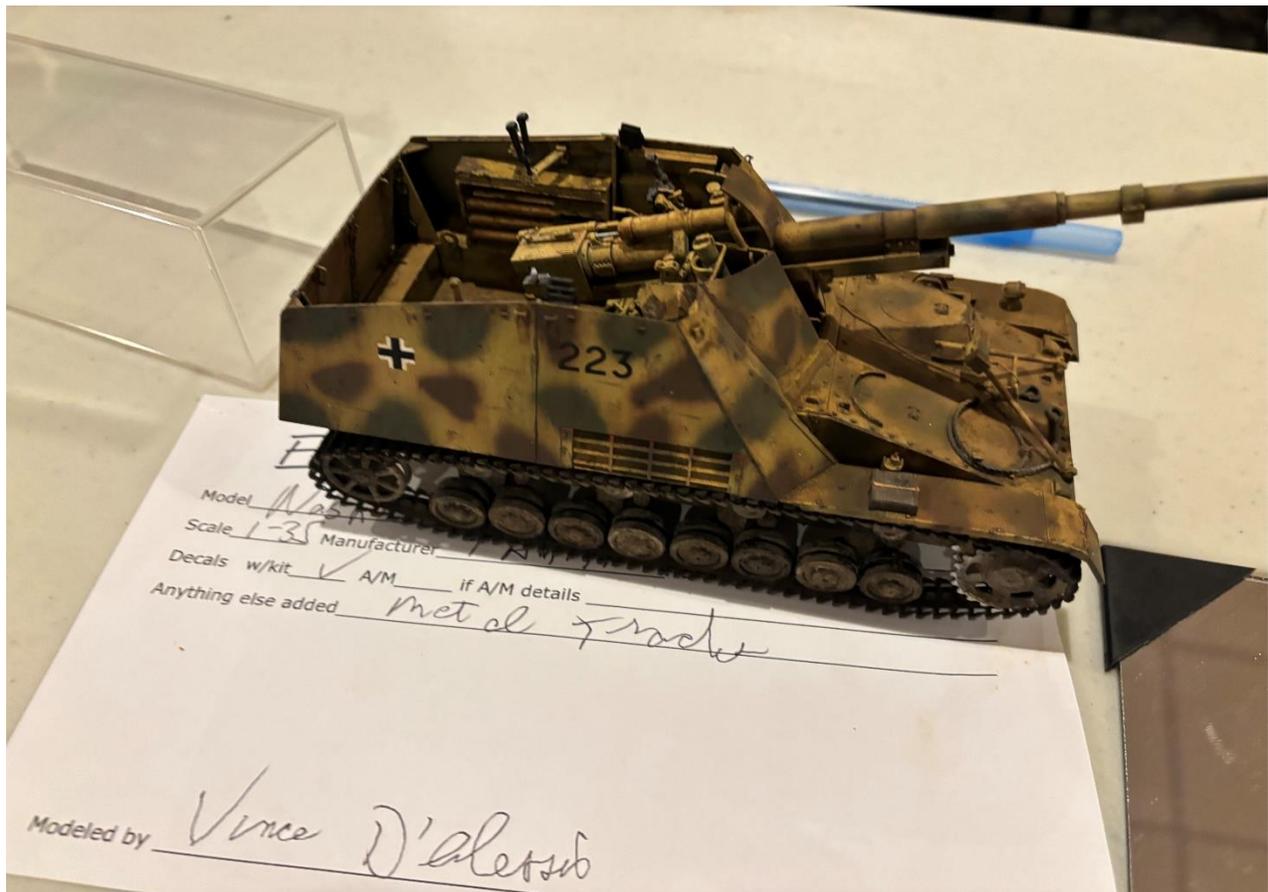
**Now on to the Armor!**



**Dave DeNardo built Italeri's German SdKfz232-6R in 1/34.**

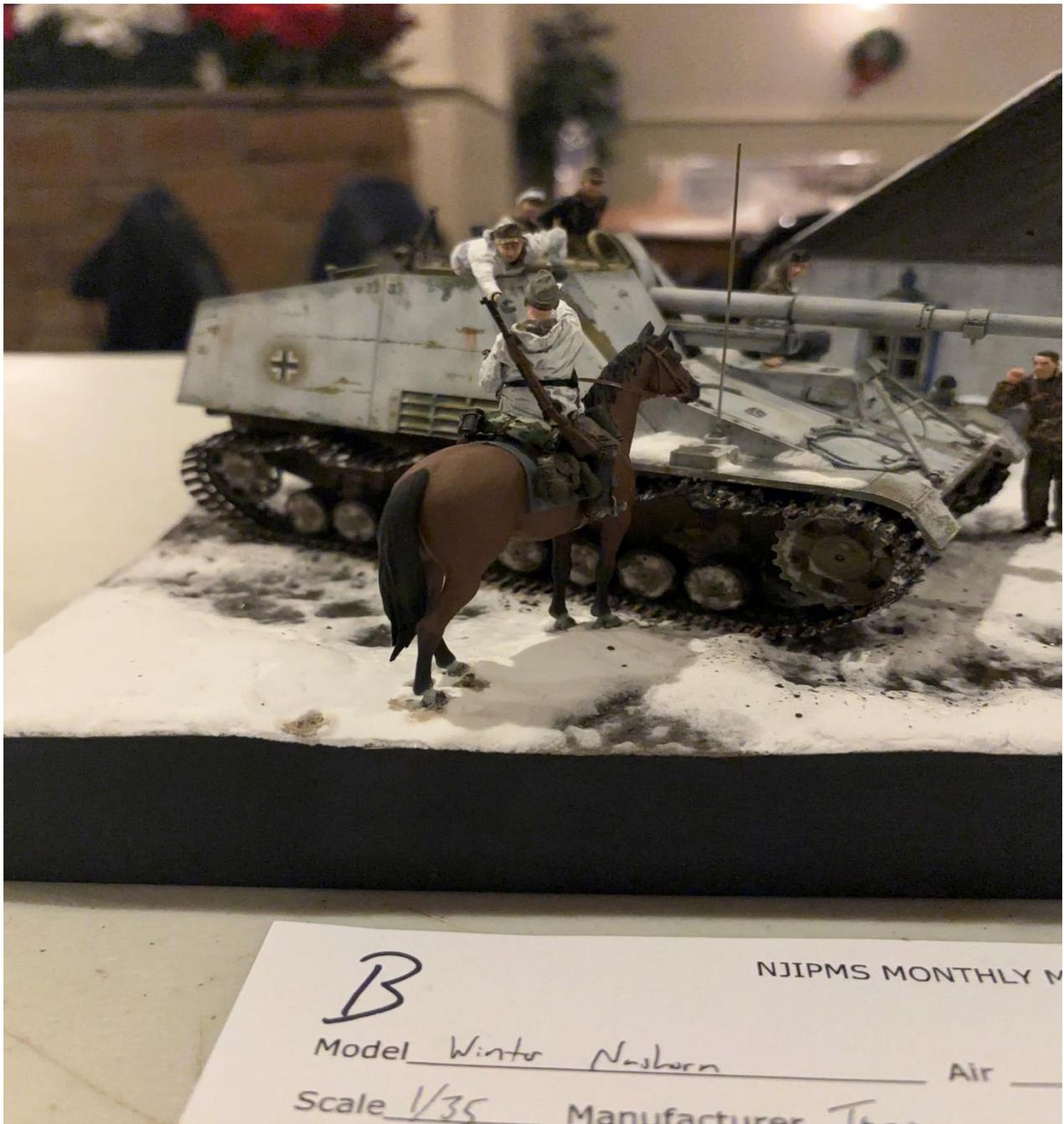


**Vince D'Allesio built Tamiya's 1/35 Nashorn with Metal Tracks.**



**John Bucholz used Italeri's Crusader Mk1 as the basis of his diorama, including a scratch-built interior and modified figures.**





**Eric Schroeter built a winter dio-rama around Tamiya's 1/35 Nashorn. The figures are from Stalingrad, FruilModel metal tracks and Aber metal barrel. The house and corn are scratch-built.**



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NIPMIS MONTHLY MODEL ID INFO

Air \_\_\_ Sea \_\_\_ Land  Sci-Fi \_\_\_ Figs \_\_\_  
Y \_\_\_ Resin \_\_\_ MIX \_\_\_

**And the WINNER....**



**Eric Schroeter Armor build of the Year!!! Congrats!!**