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**FROM the IRON WORKS**

**By**

**BIG BILL SWARZ, PREZ**

Hi folks! Holidays are over! Now the yearly chore of the show starts! The department leaders are already working. After our job is done, it's up to the rest of you to get it all together showday! There have and will be a few changes in personnel for the show. I will let you know the changes by March meeting. More to come later. Next and last is WILDCAT FRIDAY! It's "SHOWTIME " FELLAS!

I am looking forward to displaying mine and seeing all the others! I know it will be interesting from what I've seen so far! Thats it for now. see y'all Friday night at the meeting! be well and enjoy life!

"BB PREZ"



## THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the Holidays and spend time with family and friends. Perhaps a modeling gift or two found its way into your home....maybe even one of the flashy new kits that we're spoiled with nowadays.

The club party at the December meeting was fun as always. Thank You to Big Bill for bringing the fantastic catered food from DeMarco's - it was really delicious as always.

Happy New Year to everyone - best wishes for a happy & healthy 2025.

See you at the meeting,

Mike P.

**Due to injuries and illness I was not able to attend the end of year party...or either of the two meetings before. I'm looking forward to January's get-together to get back in the groove.**

**Thanks to Eric Schroeter for his photos of the year-end WINNERS!**



Martin Quinn was recognized for BEST SHIP!! Though I'm not sure which!! Martin placed first at the Nationals, and won at Marauder.Con as well. Not a bad year!!

Dan Spera was recognized for BEST AIRCRAFT, which makes two years in a row



for Dan in this category.



Bill Joel and Martin Orlando tied for third place as BUILDERS of the YEAR!!



JOHN BUCHOLZ was honored as BUILDER of the YEAR!!

A well-deserved and earned AWARD!!

I have always been amazed at John's artistic, historical, and sometimes hysterical builds.

BTW the scruffy fellow in all of the pics is Jon DaSilva, who is one of our long-time judges who toils each year to keep track of who builds what and keeps the scores going.



**Not to rest on any laurels, John Bucholz gives us some insights as to paints.  
(That's the colored stuff, right?)**



### **AK COLOR BASECOAT: a quick review**

If you prime your model before painting (a good idea most of the time) this product will save you a lot of time and clean up mess. AK has taken the primer and added color to it, saving you a big step in the process. The product applies just like Tamiya or Mr. Color primer and dries quickly with minimal odor. It is listed as a synthetic lacquer and thus makes a great base for an acrylic paint to add the final detail and weathering process. While most of the colors are armor based, the German Gray will be great for any dark undercoat you might decide to apply.( I also recommend Mr. Super Clear to apply over any acrylic paints to give a very smooth, flat finish, and to help protect the paint from weathering and washes.) I have used both products and they really do eliminate the need to use your airbrush (and all the clean-up that follows.) Happy Modeling—John B.

**Thanks Maestro!**