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FROM THE IRON WORKS

By

Big Bill Shwarz, President

I don't have anything new to say so I'll leave you with these few thoughts! Have a great summer, enjoy every day and what life gives you! Be well, see y'all Friday! BB prez!

Editor's Note. Unbeknown to me, my computer upgrade to Windows 11, and it has a different way of uploading photos, which I have yet to figure out! So no pics except those sent in contributions. Sorry. BS



THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



Last month's meeting marked yet another outstanding club party. Our post-MosquitoCon shindig is always a fun time, with great food helping to celebrate our putting on another successful show. A big thank you to Bill for taking care of the always delicious catered food from DeMarco's.

The AMPS Nationals took place in May, held semi-locally again in Camp Hill Pa. I wasn't able to attend, but Martin did and he has kindly posted many photos on our club Facebook page. It looks like they had a good model turnout and quite a few vendors as well.

Hopefully it's local again sometime soon because it's always a fun event.

I hope that everyone has a fun filled summer! Looking forward to see you all at the meeting.

Best Always,

Mike P.

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Hello all,

Typical short summer piece this month. First off, glad to see everyone that came to the dinner last month. I know some couldn't make it due to other obligations, but it was a great time. Always enjoyable to talk ships and science fiction with like minded people! Still plugging away on my North Carolina kit. What a bear. I'll brought it in last month so you could all see how terrible it is. Maybe I'll have it done for Mosquitocon next year. Who knows!?

Going to have two months of certificates to give out at this meeting as we didn't really have a a true "meeting" per-say in May. Also lacking sponsorships for the remaining months this year. If anyone would like to sponsor a theme night, please do let me know. They typically do draw a sizeable turnout.

Lastly, I believe Martin "the other Martin" Orlando will be doing a demo this month. He can advise if otherwise, but it's been awhile since we've had one. I believe the last demo was Ed Minto showing us some attachment for a drill to mix rattle cans. Much fun. Hope to see you all Friday,

Jon

Here's a build from our Mad Doctor-DR. SIMON!!

Just like me, many of you guys don't live in the past; we just happen to have spent a lot of time there ...And some of you will remember those cheap AOSHIMA kits, sold as such or by Brooklyn's own Universal Powermaster Company .I recently wrote up my build of two of their Brewster Buffaloes .It was a relatively satisfactory experience but I remembered that when I first built one, circa 1967, I'd noticed it to be more user-friendly than Aoshima's other kits .

So , as an experiment, I decided to build a couple of other 1/72 Aoshima kits of that vintage : the C6N Myrt, A7M Sam, E16A Paul, E15K Norm and the M6A1 Seiran (not identified before VJ Day, it never got an Allied code name).



I am not going to bore you with the details of each of these constructions .In each case , what you got was a minimum of parts and a basic shape .Scale doesn't seem to be quite to 1/72 standard : the “Paul” is definitely smaller , and the “Norm” larger .“Action Features” such as moving ailerons and folding wings are present on some kits, and not others . The C6N has folding wings ; in real life it did not have those .And moving surfaces are not even represented on some of these models .But that's OK : that's why we have putty, abrasives and all sorts of carving tools! Trailing edges are predictably not thin, and quite a few parts such as propellers do well with some gentle reshaping. On the upside, the cockpits are not all that bad at all ;interiors are completely absent, but I've dressed them all up courtesy of my spares box.

The single least pleasant aspect of building these dinosaurs is actually their plastic: it is notably hard ,which makes re-shaping and smoothing all those grapefruit-sized rivets a chore.

I built these five kits to “contractor grade”, and painted them all in IJN green and ash gray ,with minimal added detailing :sewing pins for antennae and pitot tubes,position lights etc...Drop tanks from the spares box were found for the C6N and A7M. The decals used were mostly the 60 year old ones that came with the kits : they worked like a charm .Codes were obtained from my stash of decals.

I’m actually quite happy with how these kits turned out,but I still remember the frustration that they gave me the first time around, when LBJ was president .Some of you may remember what tools we had back then: double-edged razor blades or Stanley blades,a pocket knife, 150 and 200 grit sandpaper and tube glue . When I began using filler, I’d use household spackle,wood putty or Elmer’s glue.And, definitely, definitely, no nice fine-tipped cutting pliers...Given these means, I still would find these kits to real b-ll busters!



What a cool concept! Thanks Doc!

That’s it. Sorry about the pics, but this happened overnight, so I have work to do.

Bill Schroeter, Eitor

PS : Aoshima's recent 1/72 N1K1, Ta152, Ki 61 and Ki100 are excellent, but do not seem to get imported very much. They are very good value and easy to get from Japan.