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“FROM THE IRON WORKS”

By Big Bill Shwarz, Pres.

HI all! I'm bzy at home so this will be short! I also have nothing news-wise to let y'all know about! #1 Summer BBQ went well ! There was some food left but it ddn't go to waste! Glad ya'll enjoyed it! #2 DUES! DUES! DUES! DUES! DUES ARE DUE SO PAY UP. GIVE MONEY TO JOE OR ERIK. I'LL CHECK WITH THEM TO SEE WHOS PAID UP BUT Make SURE Y'ALL WILL BE!

Next and lastly the Hudson Valley show is this weekend! Try to make it if you can! They always sponsor and attend our show. Hope to see some of you there! That's it! done, finito, See y'all Friday night!

BB PRES.



The BBQ was great! It's the only time I eat real beef meatballs!!!Ed.

THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



Once again we had a fantastic summer send-off club BBQ last month. Big thanks go out to Bill for getting all the food and to Jon and his helpers on the grill and Dan and Eric and crew for the set up and take down. No one can

ever say that the NJIPMS gang doesn't know how to throw a party!

I just want to add my two cents regarding the IPMS Nationals in Hampton. The host chapter did a great job with the show! I had a fabulous time and was grateful to catch up with old friends and make new ones too. The vendor room was jam packed and the models on display in the contest room were incredible. There were so many specific models that I went back to over and over again, each one providing both amazement and inspiration. I was able to attend some outstanding seminars as well. The four days went by so quickly. This was my 6th Nationals, and each time I come away even more amazed.

Best Always,

Mike P.

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Hello all,

Last month Big Bill gave out kits for our newest group build, Gundam. The idea is a relatively quick turnaround. Likely January or February. I think there will be more people at the February

meeting. The kit assembles so easily but I think for many members it will be a good learning experience.

We're approaching our holiday party meeting and model of the year awards. This is a friendly reminder to vote!

Lastly, this week the Navy will be celebrating its 250th in Philadelphia. I'm going to try to get down there on the 9th. Battleship New Jersey took custody of the sternplate from Enterprise. For the first time since WWII these two ships are united and you can see 39 battle stars on a single pier.

Here's a quick piece from John Bucholz, our reigning "Builder of the Year."

Building Better Buildings-Part 1-Construction---

If you like to secure your finished model to a base, perhaps you might want to show it with some sort of structure as a background. There are numerous types of buildings on the market from ancient to modern and they can add a sense of scale to your model as well as giving the viewer a bit of a story about your build. The first thing to do is to select a base size that can encompass both your model as well as the building and any figures you want to place there. Many building kits come with a full or partial base included, but if your structure has none don't worry. I have used a piece of light cardboard to mount it on and when I'm done building and painting, I just trim the cardboard down and attach it to a base I have constructed. The picture I am using as an example has a full base included as well as building walls. This kit has both resin and plaster components, although many kits are all just a plaster composition. If you are gluing plaster to plaster you can use epoxy, white glue, or cryo-gel adhesives to attach the parts (test fit all walls and floors before you apply your glue!) If you have a base picked out you can attach the building now, but if the base is wood, seal the top with several coats of paint first (you will often use water-based products to detail the building and base). Because most of the building kits are just partial structures you will need to detail both the inside and outside. When building a ruin or destroyed structure you will usually need to add extra debris to your subject to enhance reality. As you can see in the photo the base has a lot of cast in detail, but most of it looks very two-dimensional. Next Issue- Adding Details to your Base-



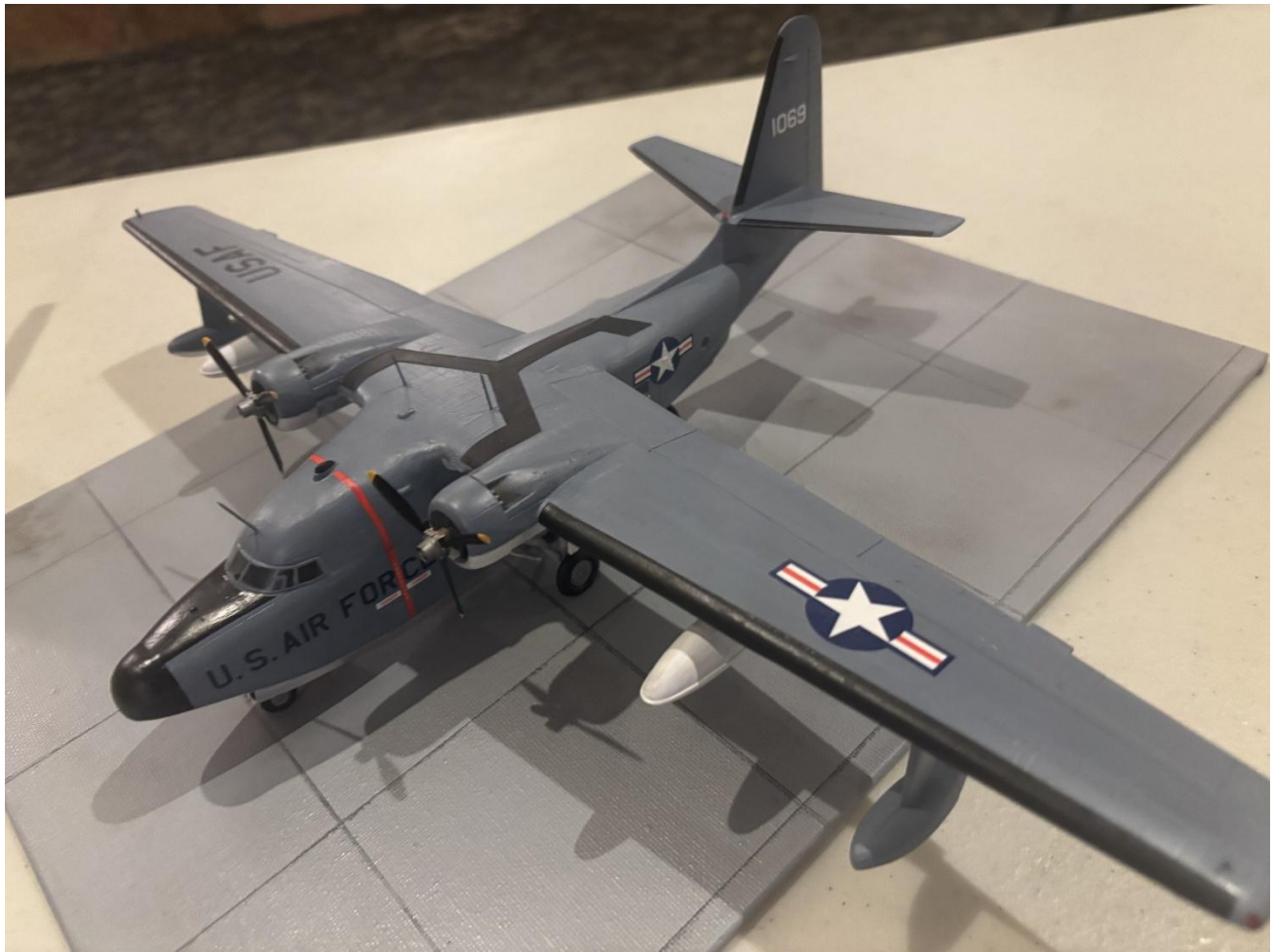
Happy Modeling- John B.

Next up is Dr. Simon, who must be on a model-a-month streak.

RESCUE MISSION

For some reason it recently occurred to me that I'd never acquired or built Monogram's 1957 vintage Grumman HU16 Albatross. Those of you of a certain age may remember how common it was in shops, with the illustration of two guys on a dinghy waving to the Albatross coming to rescue them. Nope, never got one.

So I got on E Bay, where these kits are still plentiful. For some reason, I took pity on one of these already-built models that I suspect don't get bought too often. This one went for \$10, with another \$12 for shipping. A couple of days later I received it, well packed and complete, with a few broken off parts in a zip-lock bag. Tube glue assembly was quite decent, with some glue damage to the windscreen. It was entirely unpainted besides from « racing stripes » on the wings. I gave it all a squirt of Wind-ex and a warm water rinse, then went to work on it. The complex landing gears were intact and left as-is. A few items such as the floats were reattached. And I did some minor crack filling and sanding. Having decided to do the HU16B ASW version, I removed the « thimble » radome, and built up the bulkier ASW radome with wood putty, then with Tamiya white putty. Upon completion I did realize that I didn't get the nose quite right. And the nose « thimble » went to the tail to represent a retracted MAD boom.



After very carefully popping out the windscreen, I primed the model. Surface detail is actually quite credible, and was left alone. I applied the medium sea blue and white scheme using MCW enamels, brushed on. It behaved well, and proved to be resistant to handling, an asset with raised detail. The prominent de-icing boots were done with a combination of black decal strip and paint. The two pilot figures were left in their comfy seats, but were given a splash of green and some flesh-colored paint on their tiny plastic mugs. The windscreen was given a «Future» dip after hiding the glue damage with gloss black paint, and went back in place to good effect. The well-molded engine front and props looked good after painting, as did the wheels. I could have gotten even nicer resin wheels, but decided to stick with the Ike-era ones. Position lights were painted on, and the distinctive red beacon ahead of the tail fin done with a drop of epoxy glue and clear red paint. The underwing landing lights were rhinestones from the ladies'

Decals wound up being a bit of a hassle, but I'll spare you the details; suffice to say that my decals expenses went well north of \$50! And I'll remind you again that Print Scale decals look great on their sheets but are extremely fragile and prone to folding over; not pre coating them with decal reinforcing liquid almost guarantees unpleasantness. My intention was to build my USAF HU-16B with the serial number « 1070 ». I also liked that number because it was the postal code of my neighborhood in Brussels. Having gotten a sheet of 1/72 US white numerals, I realized that I'd need to order a second one to have four identical zeroes; at this point I gave

up and applied « 1069 » instead. The USAF had three of these HU16B's, so that number may also be correct, and «1069* somehow also has a nice ring to it...

I'm happy to have restored this old-timer. I contacted the guy who sold it to me to see if it had been him who built it but he told me that no; he'd just picked it up at a sale years ago. Do note that Sova-M from the Ukraine recently released a 1/72 HU16. And I'll also say that, considering the fact that this was an important aircraft, there isn't all that much information about it on the web. For one thing, I could never figure out where the pitot tubes were. I did consider buying the Ginter book but, as I said before, I'd already blown my budget on decals!

Now some photos from the last meeting.



Matt Giordano has been channeling his inner Star Trak persona.



Let's hope he doesn't get into Vulcan Mind Melds!!!





I'm pretty sure this is Devin Poore's build but I can't read the tag.





Bill Joel put together two German Wonder Weapons in 1/72 scale.



Eric Shroeter's 1/5 German soldier was entered at Nationals.



Vince Dallessi did a nice job on a Tamiya 1/48scale KI-61 Hein.



Oscar Hernandez did a fine job on a Hawker Typhoon.





Bill Connolly brought in two Italian fighters from WW II.





Jerry Hughson's Revell 1/48 F4U-7 looks great!

Mike D. sent photos of the gang at the BBQ!







Looks like everyone had a good time!

That's it for this edition, see everyone on Friday!

Bill Schroeter, Editor