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“FROM THE IRON WORKS”

By Big Bill Shwarz, Pres.

HI ALL.

NOW STARTS THE COUNTDOWN TO MCON 35! we will keep you all up to speed and when we move forward, we will let yall know! I'm pleased considering Easter weekend we did great. Only A FEW guys needed a bit of guidance, Yall MAKE IT LOOK EASY BCZ YOUR MOSTLY ALL PRO'S AT IT ! 34 YEARS is a long time! It went so fast too!

Please remember this. ENJOY EVERY SINGLE DAY! BCZ YOU NEVER KNOW! As you can see with Vin and others not being so well! Nuff said! Thats pretty much it for this month with the exception of all the E-board, the raffle guys the registration guys, the walk in guys, and the membership VERY VERY VERY MUCH BIG THANKS FOR MAKING MCON 34 A GREAT SUCSESS! WELL DONE !!! OH, BTW MCON 35 PARTY IS ON FRIDAY NIGHT !

BE WELL! BB PRES NJIPMS

THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



Thank you to all our members for helping to make MosquitoCon another great success! Everyone did a great job taking care of what needed to be done in all the areas and tasks that make up the show.

It's a long day, and we never really know what's going to crop up, or what wrinkle can materialize to complicate our well-oiled machine. But you guys came through as you always do and helped to make the show great.

Once again, I'd like to thank those who supported the raffle via donations and the awards with sponsorships - very much appreciated. Thanks everyone for your time, efforts, generosity and dedication. I'm proud to be a part of such fine team.

Best always,

Mike P.

From the Raffle team----

A great big thank you to all the members, merchants, and companies who donated items to our raffle! Your generosity resulted in perhaps the largest collection of prizes in recent memory. The selection was truly amazing. It is always great to see many modelers returning year after year and they all say we have one of the nicest selection of prizes in the region. Thank you all for your support through the years and HAPPY MODELING-----John, Dave, and Steve.

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Another year, another Mosquitocon in the wraps. This ended up being an outstanding show. I know that the final numbers came out and we did really well. Not sure how many walk-ins but there were over 500 models. I didn't get a chance to see everything. I only took a photo of one. I thought this lizard thing was the coolest model there because it was built entirely out of sculpey in 1979!

I'd like to take a moment to thank all the members for stepping up with the various jobs on show day. We had a good amount of guys running security, the raffle, registration and entry. By some miracle, I actually had 12 judges for the "Best of the Rest" categories (Gundam, diorama, etc). That turned a 3 hour process into a one hour process. A special shout out to Tom and Sawyer (a friend of Martin Orlando's) for being on my crew. The diorama and miscellaneous categories were absolutely stacked. I think we had 80 entries between the two categories. I'm noticing a trend. Builders are starting to build stuff in the categories that usually see less representation. I'm sure this is being done for a better chance at an award, but in my opinion it's also making them better builders. You still have to apply your basic modeling skills, but with something like a Gundam or a diorama, it's not as easy to hide mistakes that you can make on a ship or piece of armor (if that makes sense?).

At any rate, I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting this Friday!

Best,

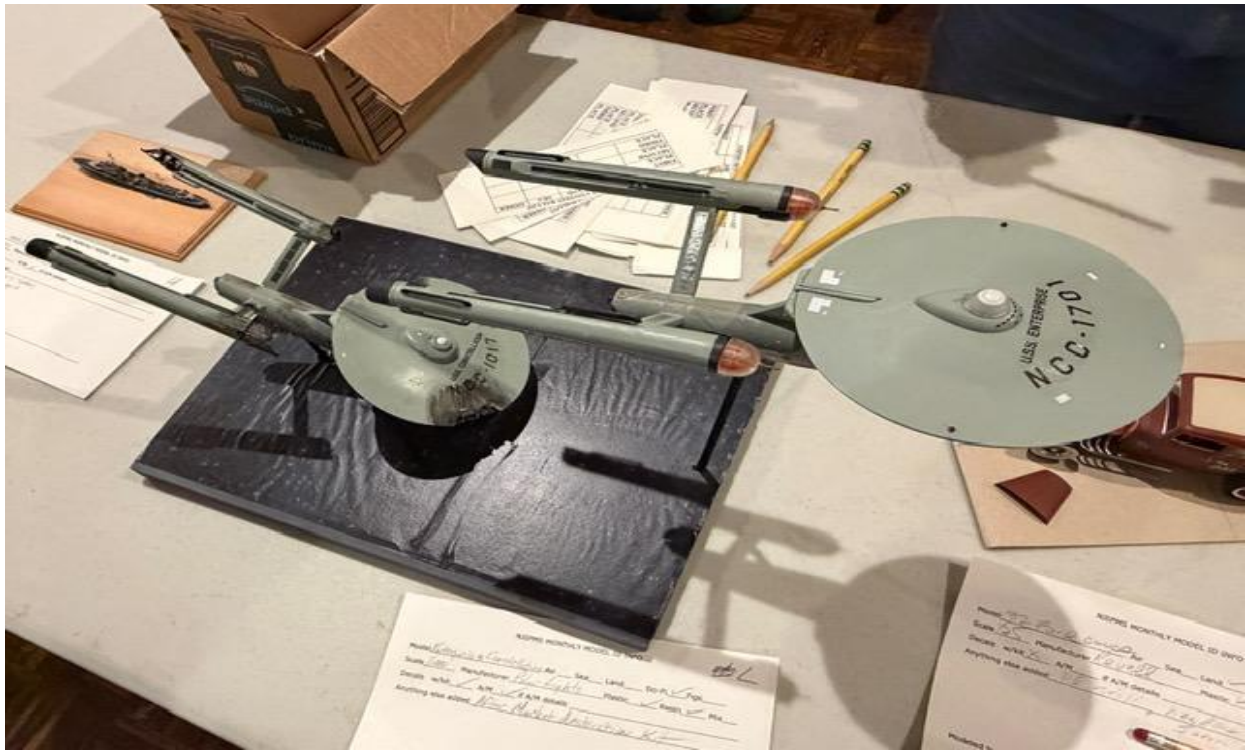
Jon

The show was great as always, and the raffle did well. Vince was missed at our raffle table. I got a 2nd and 3rd. Steve Zajac



Good Work Steve!

Not to forget our club's efforts recently, here are some builds on the tables last month.



Matt Giorano brought in Polar Lights' 1/1000 Enterprise and Constellation featuring an after-market destruction kit.



Martin Quinn showed his 1/700 HMS Echo from Tamiya. Martin added 3D printed main battery and AA guns; and added White Ensign PE set.



Dave Goldman built Revell's 1/24 Tweetie Pie. He of course wired the engine.

BUY WARD BONDS!!

Help Fund The Fight.



Dave DeNardo built Takom's 1/35th Skoda 30.5 cm Howitzer.



Eric Schroeter brought in Alpine Miniatures 1/35 winter panzer crew. The shell boxes are Miniart.

From the Editor:

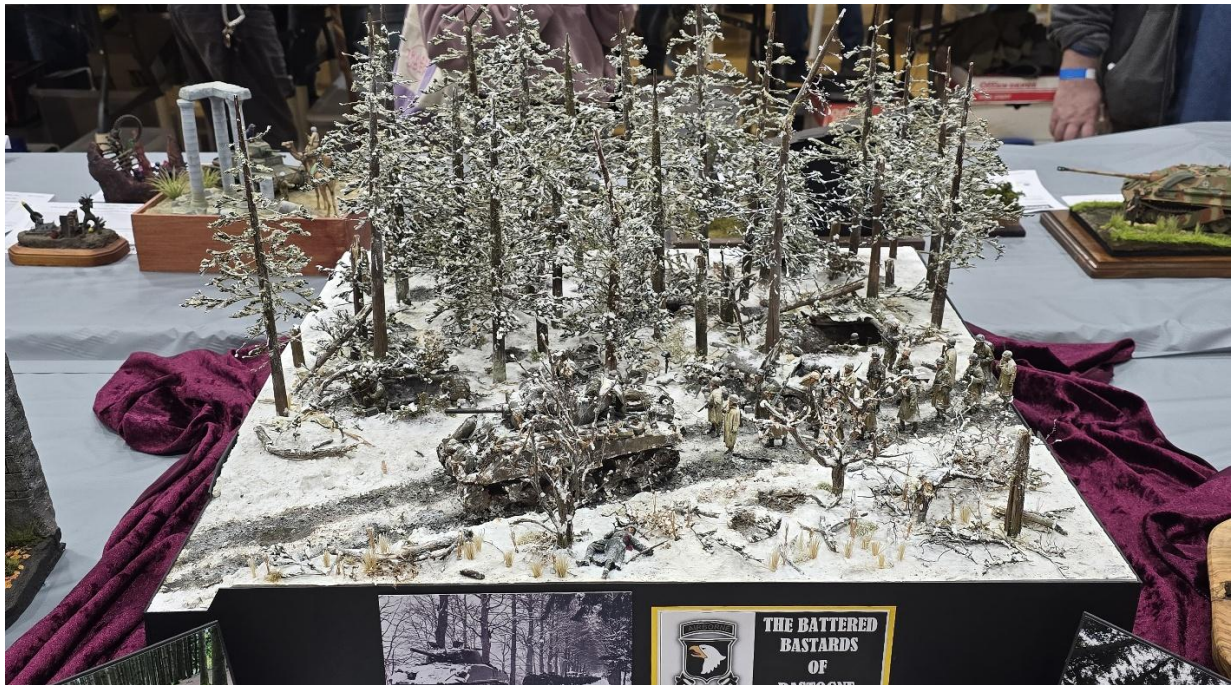
A great show! Shout outs to Patrick (O'Connor) Dave (Dikun) and the three B's: Connelly, Joel and yours truly. When we looked at the numbers, we realized that we registered more modelers than in previous years more quickly than ever!

From Martin Orlando

Here are a few photos I took. I felt like it was an awesome turnout.







Thanks for the photos Martin Orlanodo!

Now back to the builds of March! (Not to be confused with Ides of March!)

Thanks to Martin Quinn or the pics.



Martin built an XV-88 Broadside Battlesuit. 28mm from Games Workshop.



Sopwith Pup from Jerry Hughson.

From the Editor: *At some point in the afternoon, a modeler from Staten Island came up to Dan Spera and myself. He and a few buddies had entered models, and gone to lunch. During lunch, one of the guys had seizures and a medical emergency, and had to be taken to the hospital. He had entered eight kits! Mike Paavlo and Dan Spera found those kits quickly, and his friends were grateful! Who says New Jersey is not a nice place?!?!?*





Bill Connally brought in the “The Gee Bees”. Read that again...great play on words! All 1/72 scale OOB from AModel, SBS Design, and Drevino Models.



Patrick O'Connor's Tamiya 1/48 F4B!



These kits are getting popular!! John Bucholz' Striker rom Bandai is in 1/24 scale.

A final word from Dave Goldman, our Resident Car Guy.

Hi, Dave here, didn't spend much time mingling because of my ankle but seemed like all were pleased. Amazing number of exceptionally built car models. I mean much better high end builds than I've ever seen before. Most entrants were very pleased to have been recognized. Many newcomers that will attend in the future. The few vendors that I spoke to had good to excellent sales. One will continue to be a fixture and one newcomer seemed to indicate they'll be back next year.

Overall, success!

Well, that's the Newsletter for April. Don't forget to bring your appetite on Friday!

Bill Schroeter, Editorius Mispellata