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“FROM THE IRON WORKS”

By Big Bill Shwarz, Pres.

DUES DUES DUES! PAY YOUR DUES! THE IMPROMTU COOKOUT WAS VERY GOOD!
Thanks for those who helped. OH! BTW! PAY YOUR DUES! That is all! BB PRES.



PS. Dues are 25.00 per year-Such a deal!! Ed.

THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



Since the last meeting there were several model shows in our general area. I had thought that I would be unable to attend any of them due to family events. However, some circumstances changed and some free time became available while we were in Philly for a wedding. So, with the encouragement of my wife, I gladly used that time to shoot down to the MarauderCon show in Maryland. It was good to see some current and past members of the club there, catching up

with old friends, and meeting new friends too! Thinking back, I realized that the last time I had attended this show was in 2018. It's still a great venue for a show and there were a good amount of vendor tables and models in the display room. I'm glad that the stars aligned, enabling me to go.



Best Always,

Mike P.

I went to Marauder.Con every two years, (they run it bi-annually) especially to touch base with my friend Ralph Forehand, who passed a few years ago. There is an IPMS/USA Scholarship in Ralph's memory. Ed.

Here's a Preview from our Librarian John Bucholz.



Airfix: JagdPanzer 38T Hetzer (Early Version)

Short History-

After a major bombing attack on the Berlin Stug.3 assembly line, the German army looked for alternate sites for the construction of much needed assault guns. The army investigated the possibility of moving construction to the factories in Prague but they lacked the lifting capacity needed to produce the 24-ton Stug.3. Instead, they proposed the construction of a light tank destroyer with a weight of only 13 tons. Within three months the first prototypes rolled off the assembly line. By July 1944 the first units were issued to troops on the Eastern front. Over 2800 units were delivered by the end of hostilities, and they served on both the Eastern and Western fronts.



This kit-

This model represents the first few months of Hetzer production. Dragon, Edward, and Tamiya all produce kits but the early version is unique in many ways, so we will concentrate on what makes the early production unique from the Mid and Late production.

Next Month-First construction steps. Happy Modeling- John

Mike Paavlo was nice enough to send photos from Marauder.Con, which I'll include next.

Martin Quinn is in Normandy, France, touring that historic area, so I did not want to nag him for meeting pics. Martin's been posting his travels on FB.













They always have some excellent builds in their contest!

Thanks again to Mike Paavlo for the photos!

Hope everyone has a good time at the meeting this week!



Bill Schroeter, Editor