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This month's contest
is:

MODEL of the YEAR

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This month's meeting
is on:

Friday December 8th



Please note:
All submissions to the
next newsletter **MUST**
be received by
12/29, or they **WILL**
NOT make it into the
Jan 2007 newsletter.

THE VIEW FROM PIT ROAD

By Dave Schwartz

Well, there's not too much to report. Been very quiet. So --- just a few things worth mentioning, to keep things rolling along.

- 1) Chapter Renewal: Mike P. has accomplished this, so that's out of the way. Thanks, Mike.
- 2) Mosquito Con: Everything is moving ahead quite nicely. I plan on ordering the plaques in the next few days and that also includes the Modeler of the Year and the Most Improved Modeler of the Year. Those two awards have been decided but you'll just have to wait to find out who these well deserving individuals are. Ron D's contacting the vendors, Mike D's pushing for as much Advertising in the various Mags that he can find and the fliers are in hand by Mr. Stead. All in all, excellent progress. I also need you to think about what positions you're going to help out with at the show, so EVERYONE has a chance to enjoy the day.
- 3) The Member Call List: Martin's got it together (Thanks), and we'll be printing em out or emailing them out in XL format. Either way they're coming.
- 4) Workshops: Hope everyone's gonna see Big Bill with their requests, if they haven't already. We need your input and help.
- 5) Dues: Everyone current? I hope so at this point. If you're not, PLEASE make it your business to see Tom and get squared away.

Guess that's about it. I sincerely hope everyone will make it out to December's meeting. Great food to be had, awesome models to see, and the company of your friends. It doesn't get much better than that, in my view. I hope everyone is enjoying the Holiday Season so far and it is my wish for everyone -- A HEALTHY AND HAPPY HOLDIDAY SEASON !!!!! GO SAFE.

Dave

NOVEMBER 2006 CONTEST RESULTS

By Steve Zajac

Nice turn out of 9 models for Russian nite, as Bill Schwarz' K-19 submarine took the Land/Sea category and Marc Rocca's P-39 won the Air category. Thanks again to Simon for sponsoring!!

Marc Rocca also took his fifth 1st this year in the Air category with his Eduard Soviet P-39 featuring Moskit exhausts. Tie for 2nd place were Mike O'Connor's all resin Anigrand XP-67 'Moonbat' and Stan Stankewicz' Accurate Miniatures' Yak-1. Third place went to Reuven Shapira's IL-86 by Zvezda. Rounding out the table were Tom Stead's 1/72nd AMT TU-22M 'Backfire' and Art Doran's Tamiya MiG-15 in 48th scale.

AIR CATEGORY

1 st	Marc Rocca	1/48 P-39	Eduard
2 nd	Mike O'Connor	1/72 XP-67	Anigrand
2 nd	Stan Stankewicz	1/48 Yak-1	Accurate Min.
3 rd	Reuven Shapira	1/144 IL-86	Zvezda

Doug Fede's Trumpeter KV-1 Russian tank with a custom base took 1st in Land / Sea, while Tom Stead's Trumpeter Soviet Romeo class sub (conversion from Chinese sub) was 2nd, followed by Jerry Rinaldi's Tamiya JS-1 Russian heavy tank.

LAND AND SEA CATEGORY

1 st	Doug Fede	1/35 KV-1	Trumpeter
2 nd	Tom Stead	1/144 th Romeo-class sub	Trumpeter
3 rd	Jerry Rinaldi	1/35 JS-1	Tamiya

Upcoming Theme Nights

December: Model of the Year

February: Japanese Night sponsored by Rob Siebelts

TBA: One of a Kind Night: sponsored by Tom Stead

If you would like to sponsor a theme night please see or email stevezaj@msn.com.

Model of the Year Contestants through November 2006 Meeting

Air			Land Sea	
Jan	Rocca	FW-190 D9 Tamiya	Quinn	USS Lexington
Feb	Rocca	P-40E	Fede	M1A1 Abrams
Mar	Rocca	FW-190 D9 Trump	Rinaldi	Gothic Knight
Apr	Schwarz	Fokker Dr 1	Kilkenny	Shovel Tusker
May	Terre	F7C-1 Seahawk	Fede	German 88mm flak gun
Jun	Rocca	P-59	Shapira	Queen Mary 2
Jul	P. Oconnor	AH-1	Quinn	HMS Invincible
Aug	Terre	Etrich Taube	Rinaldi	Tiger I
Sep	Terre	Short 184	Vandermark	CSS Nashville
Oct	Spera	OV-1	Zajac	41 Willys
Nov	Rocca	P-39	Fede	KV-1 tank

FROM THE VEEP'S LAIR

BY TOM "THE BEEMASTER" STEAD

The November meeting is history, and so we say "Spasiba!" to all who submitted the great entries for Russian Night. As always quite a few great entries on the tables, so let's keep the pressure up starting in January. That's right, next month is THE BIG ONES!!!! Model of the Year, Modeler of the Year, and Most Improved Modeler. One reason I've been encouraging more people to enter is to keep the competition hungry.

Mosquitocon is four months away! While that sounds like a lot of time, it ain't! We really need to fill in the blanks on the volunteer list, so volunteer now! Our show is easily one of the best in Region 2 and we don't want to slack off now, especially after getting Chapter of the Year!

Also, I need to resolve the title of my Sponsored Contest night in May. While I personally think "What the F...?" night was legitimate, now that we have a younger modeler in attendance, I'm officially changing it to "What the Hell were they Thinking?" Night. Subject matter is the same. Prototypes, one-offs, glorious Failures and the Gawdawful Ugly! Just as a couple of for instances, the British K and M class subs, any French early thirties bombers, Luftwaffe 46 aircraft, Big Daddy Roth cars, off-beat armor like a multi turreted tank or the giant two wheeled minesweeper. I think that'll give you the rough idea. See ya in May!

Well, not a lot more to say this month, but remember. It's our Annual Christmas Extravaganza this month. Spouses and children are more than welcome.

THE PROTOTYPE PAGE

By Tom "The Bee Master" Stead

The history of the Komet is familiar to anyone with an interest in the air war in WW II Europe. Suffice to say that it was the only operational rocket fighter to actually participate in combat operations. There are a number of models of this little horror, ranging from the Lindberg kit with no detail, to the old Airfix kit, to the latest from Hasegawa, which is intricately detailed. This version from Heller falls in-between and can be readily found. It actually includes the towing tractor and lifting cradle making it suitable for a small diorama.



Model: Messerschmitt ME-163 Komet	Mfr: Heller	Scale: 1/72
Origin: France	Type: Injection molded plastic, clear styrene canopy, decals in a cardboard box.	
Comments: This kit also includes the towing tractor and lifting cradle.		

Assembly:

- 1) You'll start off a little differently from most kits, you start with the tractor and cradle. This assembles easily with the only tricky part being the painting of the treads and wheels. You'll have to supply a driver from another kit, but there are a few vehicles in this scale, so this should not prove difficult. The droppable trolley is next and only has three parts.
- 2) Now we move on to the cockpit. This is a tub which is glued to a bulkhead. Add a seat and stick and it's done! Of course, you'll want to add some PE rudder pedals and a seat harness. Likewise the side consoles are bare and flat as well. I used some spare decals to dress 'em up a bit. This tub is glued into one side of the fuselage along with the instrument panel (use a decal to help here as well).
- 3) Before gluing the fuselage halves together, note the two small side windows that provided the pilot with at least some rear view. I painted these RLM 02 and rather than install the plastic windows, substituted white glue after painting. Now glue the fuselage together.
- 4) The wings are next. These are upper & lower halves that fit rather well to the fuselage, leaving only a small amount at filling to be done. The tail wheel gives you a choice of faired or unfaired.
- 5) The only things that need to be added are the nose generator, antenna, pitot tube and gun barrels depending on which version you build.
- 6) The canopy and armored glass are added after painting and decaling.

Painting and decaling:

You have a choice of two schemes, one that seems to be a splinter of Dark Green and Black Green over Light Blue. The other is an all red machine that actually flew, but did not meet the enemy before the pilot had his crew scrub off the "Lucky" color before he could be singled out. This was my choice as the bright color stands out on the shelf. The decals are a little thick, but apply well. They include T-Stoff and C-Stoff markers as well. I believe there are a number of aftermarket sheets available.



Summary:

I enjoyed this kit. Simple to build, the cockpit lends itself well to a moderate amount of detailing from an amateur. I chose to show the canopy open to show off the interior. The shuschlepper tractor and cradle are a nice touch, too bad they couldn't provide the alternate lifting bags. I recommend this kit (especially due to the color options and price).

From the Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz



Fellow modelers! With keyboard in hand, I make the jump to the future and am delving into the world of Microsoft word!!! It's funny how the US Army can trust me with Millions of dollars worth of vital equipment, but I am but a fledgling in the world of computers!!! Lets see how I do. It was good to see all of you at the meeting, but the meeting was real short. I was actually home at 9:30 and that was with a burger stop! I hope to see more people staying a little later. Enough said! The Russian night turned out very well and its nice to see the guys go for the prize for the theme! Congrats to the winners, and Thanks to Simon V for donating the Prizes! I will be sponsoring a civilian night in February or March. As soon as I recover from this hip thing! I like to see other than tanks and ships and airplanes, even though I am a primary jet fighter guy. So get those car kits or whatever you got that 's civilian and get going. My belief is that the more diversified you are in modeling, the better you are at what you primarily do. Try it out fellows. You'll see what I'm talking about! Next up is the Christmas Party! I hope to see you all there. It gives me great pleasure to spend a Friday night with all of you. It renews the interest and enthusiasm that I once had for the hobby which sadly I lost for a time after being the president for so long! I thank you all for helping me regain the interest! Next up is work shops. The Masters Ronnie D and the Mike O 'Conner have graciously agreed to give a one or two part shop on Vacu- form models and canopies. I myself would love to see this one. It's an area , which I can use some improvement in. Last thing is the club modellers. I must say that there are a lot of real good modelers in the club! Some of you should go to the bigger shows and kick some ass. I'm glad to see this. I also loved Mike O'Connors Moonbat , and Jim Merrigans Beguine !!! Nice job fellows. Well that's it for now, looking forward to seeing you all at the party! I would also like to thank Fabian Vera of Condor Models. I recently bought some decals and resin intakes from him , and when I told him there was some damage to the parts, He promptly sent another much better set, plus he sent me a beautiful set of decals for my 72nd scale S boot !!!!! He has integrity, and backs his products 100% !!!!! It's nice to see companies and cottage industries that care about the consumer!!! Regards and Happy Holidays to all!!!!!!

Quick Review

By Bill Schwarz

This is a quick look at a couple of items you may have heard of, but might not normally see! 1st up is the new Anytime Baby book by Erik Hildebrandt! It is a Tomcatter dream, and includes great pics and commentary by pilots, crews and others. It covers all of the last tomcat squadrons as well as a few new Rhino Pics. It is a bit pricey at \$49.00, but if you love Tomcats as I do, it's a must buy item! Very very recommended! Next up is the recent daco book about uncovering the F 14 Tomcat! This in my opinion, is the most definitive technical publication outside of the US Navy's technical manuals that yours truly have ever seen! It covers all 3 production models as well as many subtle changes that very few people other than the Tomcat

community has ever known! It is mostly pics, with descriptive text, as well as some real nice technical drawings in 72nd scale, as well as 48th scale! This is another one of my best pick items if you are ever going to build a Tomcat, or just wish to know more about them!!! I give it a #3 wire and a thumbs up all the way! It too is a bit pricey at \$40.00.but you get what you pay for with this one!!! That's it for this one, see you all at the Christmas party!!!! Ho! Ho! Ho! Big

BJG Bill Schwarz

November/December Update for IPMS Region 2

By Glen Martin, R2 Coordinator

I thought that I'd send out an update to you all to let you know where things stand in the Region heading into the holidays. Pull up a chair and lend me your ears for about 2 minutes. Sheath those Number 11 blades for a minute! Please get the word out to your members and pass along this email!!!! Sorry for the length of this one!

The Re-chartering Process

Well, we're about half way through the re-chartering process, and there are still chapters out there that haven't submitted their paperwork yet for the National level. Here in Region 2, we only are beginning to approach the 25 percent completion level so our work is cut out for us!! I hope every chapter that hasn't yet done so is working on getting it all wrapped up. The process has been greatly speeded up with the new system, and never before has it been so quick and easy as it is right now. One part of the process that is still drawing questions is the Meteor Gift Certificate. Let me explain it again for everyone, in case there are any lingering questions. Meteor Productions is awarding one \$25.00 gift certificate to a recipient in each IPMS chapter when that chapter recharter's this year. The chapter is asked to pick an IPMS member who they believe has provided the chapter the best service in the past year. And the answer to the most asked question is yes, the recipient MUST be an IPMS/USA member in good standing!! That member may be chosen any way the chapter feels appropriate. They then forward that members name and IPMS number to me. I'll forward it to the DLC directly. The DLC forwards the name to Meteor, and the person named receives the certificate directly from Meteor. I've asked each chapter to designate their recipient when they send the payment check to Dick to cover their rechartering. That's all there is to it. This program is a way for Meteor to say thank you to IPMS, and the member chapters. Every chapter has a member that should receive this gift. Please don't forget to provide that name when submitting your payment. In an effort to ensure every chapter has adequate time to complete the rechartering process, I'll be contacting each Chapter Contact directly from all chapters that haven't submitted their paperwork yet. Remember, the deadline for getting everything completed is 31 December. Time is running out!! This is a great way to honor someone that has been faithful in your chapter over the past year. Don't let this get away from you.

I was asked to pass along this message to pass along from DLC Dick Montgomery and the IPMS E Board.

Happy Thanksgiving from the IPMS E-Board, RCs, and administrative staff. We wish you a fruitful and relaxing holiday. And, of course, we certainly hope you can find some time to get to the workbench and have some quality time with some plastic, epoxy, paper, or materials of your choice.

We are now just beyond the halfway point in the charter renewal cycle. At this time 71 chapters have completed the renewal process. 35 of those chapters have designated a recipient for the Meteor Gift Certificate. Regions 3,4, and 5 are leading the way, not only in getting renewals taken care of, but also in taking advantage of the Meteor offer. While its not a race or contest, it is important that your club successfully completes the charter renewal process prior to Dec 31, 2006. The new charter process can be accomplished in as short a period of time as 10 minutes by the chapter contact or other club official. A 3 month window is more than enough time to get the job done. Because the process is new, and much easier than in past years, you may not be familiar with the steps to be taken. Please do not hesitate to contact your RC or myself for assistance. Unless extremely unusual circumstances prevail, no grace period will be extended. If such circumstances occur it is your responsibility to contact the DLC (dmontgomery8327@sbcglobal.net / 210-681-7945) prior to Jan 1, 2007.

There are a number of reasons why I encourage your club to renew its charter. Two reasons are new to the 2006-2007 chartering cycle. First, the Meteor Gift Certificate program is Meteor's way of saying

"Thanks" to IPMS and IPMS members. Meteor will award a \$25 gift certificate to an IPMS member from your club as soon as IPMS clears your charter renewal. All that is required is that your club successfully completes the renewal process, and that the recipient is an IPMS member. Secondly, as a service to our chartered clubs, IPMS will list your contest on the IPMS Contest Map located at <http://www.frapp.com/ipmscontests>. At this time there are 56 IPMS events shown on this map.

I've taken up enough of your time.....thanks for all that you do to keep your club informed and current with items related to IPMS. We are definitely an organization "By Modelers and For Modelers" and you are major contributor to successful communication between your club and the national office.

Dick Montgomery
IPMS Director of Local Chapters

Our Region 2 Chartering Update

Thus far, as of this morning, Only 3 chapters out of 16 in Region 2 have completed this process.

They are:

IPMS NJ
IPMS NOVA
IPMS Hampton Roads

I know that IPMS Richmond and Tidewater are in process with having either updated the chapter fact sheet or having sent in their payment. Since this is about a 3 week process, this puts the target 3 weeks out which if everyone were to send in their rechartering payment would be getting close to Christmas and the end of December. If you guys have any questions about the process or need help, call my cell phone and I'll do what I can. You can reach me at 804-310-7375

Open Contests planned for 2007

We've got some great contests lining up for next year thus far. Confirmed thus far are:

2/24/2007-IPMS Richmond-VA Old Dominion Open (visit our new website at WWW.IPMSRichmond.org.

Please keep in mind the website is not finished yet!)

3/17/2007-IPMS NOVA Model Classic 07 (Web link is WWW.NOVAIPMS.org.)

4/07/2007-IPMS NJ MosquitoCON (Web link is WWW.NJIPMS.org)

9/15/2007-IPMS Baltimore & IPMS Washington DC MarauderCON (No web link is provided on the National website but contact information is listed for details)

9/27/2007-IPMS Central Penn- PENCONN07 (No web link is provided with details to be finalized)

10/12-13/2007 IPMS Roanoke - REGION 2- 007 License to Build Theme-Take off on James Bond genre- (Web link is WWW.RVIPMS.com)

This gives us 6 events thus far so if you are planning an event, please see me as soon as you can. We'll get the word out and ADVERTISE for you!

Again, check out the site: [Http://WWW.frapp.com/ipmscontests](http://WWW.frapp.com/ipmscontests) to see a neat representation of the upcoming events. Also check out Region's 1 and 12 since they are in close proximity to Region 2 because they have contests that are within driving distance of our region. There will be a lot of great events for next year and road trips with the gang are great ways to invite a friend that has not thought about competing on the local level. It's a great way to promote that family feeling in our chapter as well.

That's all I have for an update at this time. If you are traveling during the holidays, I wish you peace, safety and joy in what you do. Spend time with your families and not just the model bench. For those of you that are married, do something special for the spouse because I'm sure they put up with a lot in your hobby and some *schmoozing* can go a long way to making the perfect kit purchase go over better!

Glen Martin

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Friday December 8th



This month's contest:

MODEL of the YEAR

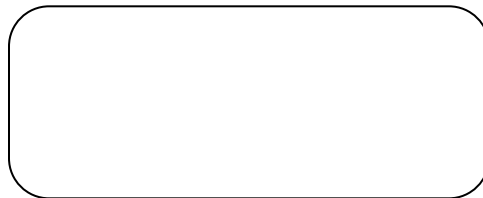
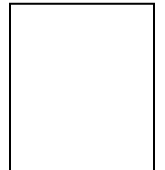
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