

MosquitoGram

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THE IRON WORKS

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi everyone, With Xmas and New Years behind us, we move forward to a busy busy year! And it will be a busy indeed, with roughly 9 weeks to MCON XX, we still as a club have a lot left to do. We have a change of rooms at the P.A.L., and we have many small other things to work out to make this milestone show a success! You as members are now encouraged by me and the other eboard members to step up and take part in the show. We need all of you to help with this! Security is easier for Dan this year, and registration should be a lot easier. The awards have been ordered, and there are major things that we the eboard need to do, have already been done, or are close to it. Jim and Marty have been working on the new vendor layout as well. I hope we can get over 100 vendor tables filled. I am sure they will be! More to come on the show next month but please show your support in helping anyway you can. Thank you.

Moving on to JerseyCon, That is still in the early stages but the biggest part is already done. We all went to the hotel, observed, worked out a deal, and got the contract! We are working with great people

who are glad to have this type of show at their hotel. It's a great place too, with an indoor pool, bar, and a myriad of other things to do. Shopping, food and stores are everywhere, so there is something for everyone! I hope all of you will come as well. One more thing, being the host club, we will be paying for our rooms. NO COMPS for JerseyCon. We have arranged for a great price for the 2 night stay, though. We will be posting that in the future, so stay tuned for all JerseyCon updates.

Next up, having read Marty's NL piece

Next Meeting:
Friday, February
11th

Upcoming
Events:

February 2011:
Lend/Lease

March 2011:
Empire Night

April 2, 2011
MosquitoCon XX

May 2011:
Smaller than
1/72

June 2011:
Notte Italiano

July 2011:
USA Night

October 21-22,
2011
JerseyCon II

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before you, I fully agree what he has to say about participation. I won't go into this any further except to say, read it and help out when you can and wherever you can. This is possibly the best time to have ever been in NJIPMS with all the give-aways and parties, but the club wants all membership participation whenever possible. That is all I have to say on that.



Now, I am really liking all the models on the tables and the theme nights going so well. I also like Marty's idea of build night. Years ago we use to have building at members houses for an afternoon. Not everyone, just a few that wanted to. It was



fun, laid back and a great learning curve It's a great idea so if you want to do it, we can set up something on meeting nights, or we can rent the K.O.C. for a Saturday afternoon to do it. Let me know what you all think. On that note, I hear that we have several workshops planned, so I will let Dan tell you what's planned.

One last note, I would like as many of you to get award sponsorships sold for the shows. As members, it is your responsibility to make the effort to get things like this done. The more we sell, the less we have out of pocket and more to spend on our parties, comps and other things! I have also been talking about the commemorative MCON 20 T shirts. We are doing a small run of these, and they will be similar to JerseyCon, but better. Cost will be between 12 and 20 bucks depending on how many of sold. Bring money to the meeting and your size. You will be refunded the difference or I can give you a more ball park price at the meeting. That's it for me this month, I will see you at the meeting. If you have any questions, do not be afraid to ask. We will tell you everything you wish to know.

MCON XX LIVES!!!!

~Big Bill



Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Hello my fellow modelers,

As the countdown draws closer to MosquitoCon XX it is that time once again to



step up to the plate and do are part to make sure this is a successful show! One constant

is that this club and our shows are only as strong as it members.

Our success rests with you, just as it always has. This means reaching out to members and getting them involved in club activities. To build the strength of our club we need to volunteer some of our time and talent to support this club, and, of equal importance, to encourage others to join and take action.

Thanks to good member Jimmy Pentifallo are Tamiya 1/48 armor kits will be in our possession soon! I thank everyone who has signed on for this club project.

Happy Modeling

-Joe Smith

IRISH DIPLOMACY

By Martin J Quinn

Irish Diplomacy: The ability to tell a man to go to hell so that he looks forward to making the trip.



The snowiest winter in 15 years continues to pound us – as I write this, another big storm is projected to dump another foot of snow on our winter weary heads (turned out to be even more). Hopefully, with all the disruptions the weather has caused, it's

forced you inside to the workbench, making this a productive winter hobby wise for everyone.

While the winter blues may be here, there is a sure sign that spring is just ahead (besides



pitchers & catchers!). Yes, MosquitoCon is only 9 weeks away! If anything says “spring is here”, it’s our annual modeling extravaganza!

What are YOU going to do to make this the best MosquitoCon ever? Where are YOU going to pitch in to make sure the show is a success? Not to sound like a broken record, but this is YOUR club and YOUR show, and YOU need to contribute to make both the show and the club successful. As usual, we’ll have sign-up sheets in the run up to the show. Remember, we can’t reap the benefits (parties, picnics, etc.) without exerting some effort. Please consider doing your part. The e-board will be asking members to help out in certain areas, especially the day of the show.

As former newsletter editor, I get copied on many newsletters from around the country (and beyond) each month. I have set up a distribution list and forward these newsletters each month. If you are interested in joining (or departing) that distribution list, just send me an e-mail.

I recently read something interesting in one of these newsletters, which was from IPMS New Zealand. Their newsletter editor was ruing the fact that he had so many models that he had started, but never finished, in what he called his “Hall of Shame”. Some of these models have been languishing for significant amounts of time. So, he made a resolution to get those kits finished. Then, he challenged members of the club to bring in their oldest “unfinished” kit to the next meeting. His hope was it would be the impetus to get the builders to finish those kits.

I made the same resolution to myself LAST January – I would not start any new kits without finishing my substantial pile of

partially started kits, while allowing a dispensation for projects like the Monogram Raised Panel Line group build. For the most part, I was able to stick to my resolution in 2010, even though some of the new kits I acquired sorely tempted me.



Stealing that idea, I’m challenging you: bring in the kit (or two) that have been languishing the longest in your own personal “Hall of Shame”. Then, let’s see how many of those kits are finished by the December 2011 meeting. If we get enough participation, we’ll have a raffle in December and I’ll hand out a few gift certificates to a local hobby shop.

Speaking of gift certificates, if you participated in a monthly theme contest in 2010 and DID NOT receive your “prize”; please let me know, so I can follow up on that.

Don’t forget to see Joe Smith if you want to participate in the 1/48 Tamiya armor group build, which kicks off in March. At last count, about 20 members have signed up to participate – great to see everyone getting involved! As Dan Spera would say, it warms





the cockles of my heart. That being said – if you haven't finished your Pegasus (yes, there are still a few people) build from 2009 or your Monogram build from 2010, please do so. Those kits were acquired by the club for you to build, so get out the paint and the glue and get cracking!!

Speaking of building, I have another proposal for everyone to think about. This is something the e-board discussed once before, but didn't have a chance to pursue (it's also something I've seen other clubs do). What interest, if any, is there in having a "build night"? Meaning, those interested would bring something from their stash (maybe something from their Hall of Shame??) to work on the night of a specific meeting, which would be designated as build night. We could set up tables in one area of the Knights for those interested, then sit around and do some model building. After all, we are a MODELING club – why not do some? We can discuss this further at the February meeting, to see if anyone is inclined to participate.

That's it from here. Hope to see everyone at the February meeting, Lend/Lease models in hand.

-MARTIN

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Marc Rocca

Something last minute kept me away from the meeting so there was no vote taken. I did see what was brought online though. Nice.

The February meeting will be Lend Lease night sponsored by our resident Scotsman, Bill Anderson.

~Marc Rocca



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

I'm starting my piece by asking one simple question...how many days until Spring? I've had enough of the cold and snow, and I'm hoping for some serious Global Warming! I can't wait to see how the dwindling number of scientists who are still supporting that premise are going to explain the record cold and snowfall amounts. Something like "the Earth is getting so warm that it's getting colder". That should be good to get them more taxpayer funding!

Another good reason to wish away the cold is that MosquitoCon XX is coming...and coming soon! By the time you read this, I'll have our IPMS/USA insurance certificate to cover the show. Also, we have already received commitments for several trophy sponsorships from other chapters. That is good, but unfortunately, sponsorships have been on the decline. If anyone has contacts who would be willing to sponsor, please approach them and ask for their support. Same goes for any members who'd like to assist with sponsorship. Please see Joe or Vince at the meeting. Any help is greatly

appreciated. I'll soon be reaching out to the manufacturers and distributors asking for raffle donations. Again, that avenue has been on the decline, no doubt due to our economic times. If any members have good quality kits/books etc that they'd like to donate for the raffle, please see me or anyone else on the EBoard. Thanks in advance!

~Mike P.



BRUCE WILSON <biwilson@verizon.net> has the below kits he'd like to sell. Send him an email if your're interested in any of the following:

- 1/48 Monogram AV-8B Harrier , 8.00
- 1/48 Black Box AV-8B cockpit set, 8.00
- 1/48 AMRAAM AV-8B Harrier Plus, Night Attack Detail Set 6.00
- 1/48 Revell Dassault Rafale M 10.00
- Life Like HMS Victory 5.00
- 1/72 Hasegawa EA-6b Prowler 8.00
- 1/72 Hasagawa A-6E Intruder 10.00
- 1/72 Testors Fujumi US Modern Navy Flight Deck Crew 5.00
- 1/72 Italeri HH-60 H Seahawk Combat Rescue Helicopter 8.00
- 1/72 AMT ERTL LOCKHEED F-104 c/g Starfighter 6.00
- 1/700 Tamiya HMS Nelson Waterline Battleship 15.00
- 1/35 MRC AH-1W US MARINE SUPER COBRA 15.00



This month's meeting will be on:

Friday
February 11th, 2011



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- Canada & Mexico: \$30 Other Foreign: \$32 Foreign Air Mail: \$55
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