

MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS

January 2012

THE IRON WORKS

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all. I don't have much going on this month NL wise, but I will share what I have. 1st up, MCON 21 is on schedule. I just reconfirmed with the PAL and the entire show will be run from where the model room was at MCON 20. It will be self contained in one large room so we can watch it all. I don't have to say too much more about the show because you all know what's required and that's that. We the eboard will take care of the rest as we always do. Nuff said.!!!

I am glad to see we have 2 guys that stepped up to take Marc's job as monthly contest chairman, but I wasn't happy that more people didn't volunteer. We give a lot as a club to its members, and as such every once in awhile, when we call on someone, which doesn't happen all that often, I would ideally like to see more response. A club is give and take, a 2-sided coin, and that's all I have to say about that at this time.

I hope all of you have had a great holiday season and Santy got you what you all wanted. I also am glad you all liked the food and the X-mas party. It was nice to see you

all having fun. I am also glad there are high member numbers on meeting nights and a lot of model on the tables. That is what this club was always about and I hope it will continue. I hope the year 2012 is a great one for all of you!

The Wildcat build is on temporary hold until Marty has more time. When he does, we will be building them in stages to let people see how some others do things. The 3 of us have way different building styles so it may give others an insight on how to do things a little different. On that note, bring in anything you have going on for the work in progress tables. It's nice

Next Meeting:
Friday,
January 13th

Upcoming
Events:

April 7th,
2012
MosquitoCon
XXI
Wayne, NJ

June
The Battle of
France night

IPMS
Nationals
August 8-11,
2012
Lake Buena
Vista, FL

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to see different stuff, new kits, etc. I love Merrigen's concept models. There always nice to look at as well as the stories and materials behind them!!!

That's it for this month. I will discuss the next group builds -- yes builds -- 2 of them for this year at the meeting. First is 48th scale OTAKI models and the other is going to be Cars or Sci Fi!

I will see you all the second Friday of January!

P/S Thanks again to Joan, Glenda and Jill for their outstanding support, and to the winners of the club contest, and to "BIG JOHN TAMASIK" for getting Member of the Year! Well Done! Well Done!!!!

~Big Bill



Model of the Year- Land/Sea



Model of the Year - Air

Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

My fellow Modelers,

Congratulations are in order to Big Bill for arranging all that great food for our holiday party, which was great. I hope the Holidays were as good to you as they were to me.



By the time you read this Mosquito Con Con will only be about three

months away. As I would like to see new blood take some of the workload off the members who have done this major undertaking for years! Many of our members have great skill and talent, so please consider stepping up to the plate.

Congrats are also in order to the December winners and the wives of our members who are a big help at are shows!

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.



So a new year is upon us. What are your modeling resolutions? Mine is just to try and find time at the damn workbench! With the normal family and additional responsibilities at work duties, modeling time has become non-existent. Hopefully sometime in 2012 I'll be able to find more time at the bench.

Many thanks to Big Bill for the spectacular quantity (and quality!) of food last month! He really outdid himself this time – the food was delicious. Congratulations as well to our Member of the Year – John Tomasik – to the Model and Modeler of the Year winners, and to the trio of lovely ladies who were given special awards for all their continued support of NJ/IPMS.



Last month I mentioned that the F4F-3 Wildcat build workshop would kick off in January 2012. Big Bill, Dan Spera and myself (for comic relief) were each going to build a 1/48 Hobby Boss F4F-3 Wildcat and showing via workshop the techniques and processes used from start to finish. Due to the aforementioned “no time to build”, I will be unable to participate. Check the Iron Works column from Big Bill to see when he and Dan will be starting the workshop.

As we mentioned repeatedly, Marc Rocca has retired from his duties as monthly contest coordinator. Fortunately, we've had two people step up to volunteer: long time member **Jim Clappsy** and new member **Jon DaSilva**, have both offered to take over the reins. While I haven't spoken to either of them about it, my suggestion would be for them to split the role – one handles it one month, the other the next, to avoid burn out. But...I'll leave it to them to duke it out! Thank you both for volunteering – hopefully this means we will have an “open” contest in January.

With the contest coordinator position hopefully filled, I will once again sponsor “Empire Night” in March – that being anything related to the British Empire.



Anyone else going to sponsor a themed category? Let's keep the momentum going.

-MARTIN

Hope to see everyone at the January meeting! Until then – stay warm under your modeling lights.

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Marc Rocca

3(ish) years and this will be the final Judge's Table. From this author anyway. It has been loads of fun and I hope that I have inspired some of the sitters and watchers to become builders.

I will start off the 2012 Theme Night series with...

"The Battle of France"



This spanned May-June 1940 so I will take the month of June. Open to aircraft, armor, figures... anything from any unit that would have participated in the Battles of France.

-*Marc*

The December meeting saw the yearly club Best of the Year voting and awards. Modeler of the Year went to Mike O'Conner in first place, Bill Connolly in Second, and Stan Stankewicz in Third. Models of the year went to Dan Speara for Air, and Marc Rocca in Land/Sea. The special NJIPMS Member of the Year award went to John Tamasik. Joan, Glenda and Jill were also given special appreciation awards, for all of the volunteer work they did for the club at our two shows last year. Congrats to Everyone!





The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Thanks to Bill for arranging for our annual Holiday feast, and for the members who brought in extra treats. I hope that everyone had a Joyous Holiday. I was particularly grateful that we didn't have a "white Christmas", since I am not particularly fond of sliding around on the roadways as we try to navigate to our destinations. In fact, I won't mind a bit if we have a mild winter this year, for once.

Plans for MCon XXI are underway. I'm sure Bill and Martin will have updates at the meeting, but the gears are grinding as we are approaching another great show.

I wanted to comment how great it was to see all the first place winners on the tables at the December meeting. I'm always amazed by the super high quality work that our members exhibit. The talent in our club is outstanding, and I'm grateful for everyone who so willingly shares their techniques with us.

I want to wish every member, and their families, a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Best Wishes,

~Mike P.



Work in Progress: C-2A from Kinetic

Watching Pat O'Connor work on the new 1/48th scale kit

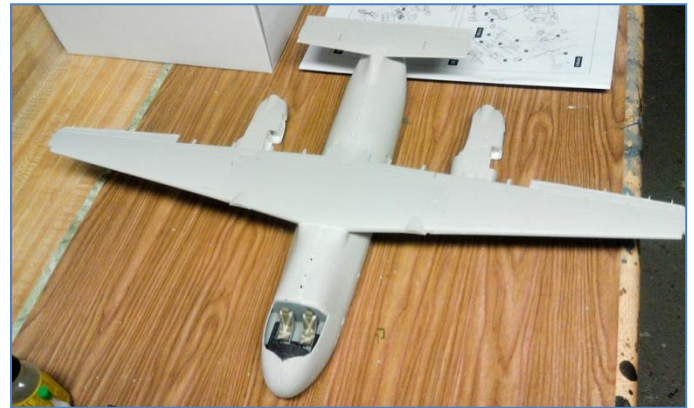
Pat says that the Kinetic's C-2A is a welcome sight, as there has been none available previously in the injected-plastic format.



So far he's encountered just a few minor fit problems with the fuselage, but this is mostly due to the full interior, so stake care when building the interior and fitting it into the fuselage halves. Also, she's a tail-sitter,

especially with the wings folded, so be prepared to fit some nose weight.

Another suggestion Pat has for anyone building the C-2A is to pick up the SCALE AIRCRAFT CONVERSION white metal landing gear, as it has more detail than the kit landing gear.



Note from the Editor

By Devin Poore

Many thanks to those who have been sending in newsletter content, but don't the rest of you think that I've got all I can use! I've got enough for this newsletter and next, then I'll be back to begging.

To reiterate what was said in the last newsletter: If you want to take us up on the offer to photograph the kit reviews for you, just let Marty or me know and we'll do the photos and all you have to do is give us a write-up, a paragraph or two. I'll edit the photos, copy-edit the review, and take it from

~Devin

there. It doesn't get any easier than that! Several people stopped me at the Christmas Party and asked me about how this would work. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask or email. It'd be great to work with you guys on this.

And a big Thank You to Jim Clapps and Jon DaSilva for volunteering to run the monthly contests. It's a big help and much appreciated.

Until next time.



Quick Review: UMM Scriber "Universal"



Big Bill takes a look at UMM's newest tool

Hi all! Just a quick review of this beautiful tool. I thought it was going to be crappy but "Boy" was I wrong. It has fast become one of my most useful modeling tools. It comes from the handiwork of master modeler John Vojtech of Unique Master Models. His website is <http://www.umm-usa.com/>. Give the site a look. He has a lot of unique tools, kits, decals and other things. Back to the scriber. It is Part # SCR-01. It is a multipurpose tool. It scribes, scrapes,

deburrs, and pierces. It fits in your hand like a glove. You can pull or push the scribing head, and roll the long blade around irregular parts. John thought this tool out well. It is a must for guys that actually rescribe models. It's much better than ones I handmade or bought! The price is \$12.50 plus shipping. Go to Johns' site and have a look. I enclosed a picture as well. IT DOES WORK AND WORKS WELL!

-Big Bill Schwarz

UMM SCRIBER SCR-01

Instructions:

1. SCRIBE

2. SCRIBE

3. SCRIBE

4. CARVE

5. DEBURR

6. SCRAPE

7. PIERCE

Scriber made from hardened tool steel
For all types of models and hobby crafts.

**CAUTION! Tool has sharp edges.
For adult use, children use under adult supervision ONLY!**

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Friday
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April 7th, 2012

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