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THE IRON WORKS



Fellows, Time marches on! Jerseycon is around the corner and the brunt of the work is being done by the eboard!!!! We are leaving little room for mistakes and i expect Jerseycon to go off without a hitch. Several of us met at the hotel and thanks to Mike Pavlo, we managed to squeeze more tables in for the contest part. As I told you, we took a smaller venue due to the attendance part of several past region shows. It is not real small and we fully expect to be able to table 500 models, but space is at a premium and will be all used up. Vendor tables are all spoken for as well, and many clubs have sent emails in for trophy sponsorships as well!!! This is a good sign!!! I expect Jerseycon to be an astounding success!!!!!! Next up, as you know, Jimmy P and Vinny D are the vendor contacts and will be handling it all. They have come up with great ideas and I will let them run with it. Also on that note, our second VP has also been named co treasurer and we will be using a new Bank starting in July!! It will be TD Bank by the way!!!! am sure, as always, Tom and Joe will keep up the good work in that area!!!! Next up is the registration, we will be online, and the O'Connor's will be handling all the registrations and money part of it, and when collected, will be passing it on to Tom and Joe. It will be done that way with Jimmy and Vinny D as well. By the way, as I have said before, I believe that if any member has a question of how we do things or what our assets are, Feel Free to ask one of the eboard and we will address it!! You all as members have a right to know what's going on in your club all the time. We as the eboard are there to answer these and other questions as you need or just want to know. I myself am accountable to you all to get everything done and have your questions answered!!!! Even though this is only a model club we as the eboard when we signed on realize the responsibility to our fellow members and even though it takes extra time for us to do the job, we as the eboard have been glad to do it for you. With guys that I placed on the ticket and am now your eboard, I am convinced that it is quite possible to do anything!!!! Thanks fellows as well as the hard-core and not so hard-core members that make this club such a great one. Dan and Marc have things under control and I see more models and people having fun. That's the way I like it. That's the way it should be too. If you noticed last month, we had no formal meeting and that was the way I planned it. The eboard had some business to discuss and there was no reason to be long winded about it to the rest of you. This meeting we will only have a few things to talk about and then fun again. I will not keep the business meetings long!!!! One thing I will tell you though that probably Julys meeting we as a group will be stuffing registration packs and one thing I will ask of you as members. I expect as many of you as possible, to support Jerseycon and do some of the work!!!!!!!!!!!!!! No task is menial. Everything counts in the big picture. No matter how big or small it all counts!!!! Nuff Bout dat!!! Marc and Dan will have things going on at the meeting and what they have done so far has been great! Keep it up boys. Oh, 1 other thing before I sign off!! As Marty and I have told you all before, We will not be doing this forever and there are a few of

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you that need to step up to bat and take our places. Just know it's work, but rewarding!!!! So start thinking now and just do it when it comes time!!!!!! That's it for this month, I will see you at the meeting!!!!~!~!

Big Bill

THE JUDGES TABLE

Marc Rocca

The 1st contest after the "Big Shoe" (yes I am old enough to remember Ed Sullivan) and the table was crowded.

First I would like say a big thank you to Tom DeHaan for sponsoring "Destroyer Night" which brought many beautiful models to the table. Tom divided the categories into ships and non-ships. Martin Quinn took the Ships category with his 1/350 USS Duncan by Dragon. He added the Cyber Hobby PE set to finishing it off. For his efforts he received the 1/350 scale Dragon kit of the USS Preble destroyer. I got a Tamiya 1/35 scale Panzerjager "Jadgtiger" for my Dragon Ferdinand.

With the high turn out at the meeting there where a lot of vote to sift through. In Air, Mike O'Connor took 1st place with a beautiful 1/32 Hasegawa p-47M. Mike added Eduard cockpit and exterior detail set. 2nd and 3rd place changed hands with each ballot it seemed. By a margin of 1 vote, Bill Connolly got the 2nd place slot for his Me-210 A-1 in 1/72 scale. This model is the result of combining scratch built parts with parts form Fine Molds and Italeri kits. Art Doran takes home 3rd with his 1/48 scale SBD Dauntless from Accurate Miniatures.

Land & Sea dominates the contest table for a change. 1st place goes to Tom VanDermark for an Aoshima 1/350 IJN Cruiser Takao with Gold Medal Models PE details making for a stunning build. I got 2nd with my Ferdinand built OOB. Martin Quinn got 3rd place for his dragon 1/350 scale USS Duncan.

Also very popular as far as voting was... now I may have the numbers off a bit...the USS Pillsbury that Gary brought. This is a 65-year-old kit that was built something like 30 years ago.

AIR CATEGORY

1 st	Mike O'Conner	Hasegawa P-47M	1/32
2 nd	Bill Connolly	ME-210 A-1	1/72
3 rd	Art Doran	SBD Dauntless	1/48

LAND AND SEA CATEGORY

1 st	Tom VanDermark	IJN Cruiser Takao	1/350
2 nd	Marc Rocca	Ferdinand	1/35
3rd	Martin Quinn	USS Duncan	1/350

Even if you have more or less done a particular theme on a regular basis, please drop me an email stating what theme you would like to sponsor and a month of preference. My email address is wingnut@wingnutmodels.com.

The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

I think most members are aware that I enjoy reminiscing about the past and the “good old days”. I also tend to save just about everything I ever had when it comes to my hobbies. I guess these two things go hand in hand.

A few meetings ago, Jimmy P. brought in a ton of old books and magazines for sale. Many where from the 60's and 70's and really caught my nostalgia eye. I picked up several issues of the old The Squadron magazine from the early 1970's. For those not familiar with these, they were a quarterly publication put out by The Squadron Shop (today, simply known as Squadron) and were a combination of modeling articles, reviews, and a catalog of their products. I have some of the issues from back in the day, but the ones I bought that night were ones that I didn't have. Let me tell you, these were a lot of fun to read through! It was amazing to read the glowing reviews of the latest kits (Frog, Airfix, Revell, etc) – The same kits that we look at today as collectable and not really that great, were way-back-when, considered to be outstanding examples of the “state of the art”. Also, the catalog section would be considered small compared to what we have available to us today. Probably about 90% of the aircraft kits were in 1/72 scale, with the remainder in 1/48 and 1/32. Micro Scale decals was just getting started back then and had maybe 30 or so sheets listed. The armor kits had even less variety – in 1/35 maybe only a dozen Tamiya kits. (Armor modelers back then had to be very resourceful and willing to scratch build to fill out their collections).

All this really made me appreciate how lucky we are to have the fine quality and variety of kits at our disposal. No wonder we hear so many stories of guys who got away from modeling for many years and have recently gotten back into it and are completely amazed at all that has changed and what's available. Compared to those “good old days”, we've never really had it so good! Think about some of the kit subjects we have, the aftermarket accessories, decals, and paints to match every possible use. Most of this stuff we could not have even dreamed of back then.

So, the next time you have the opportunity to pick up an old modeling magazine or catalog, don't pass it by. Get it and read through it. You will certainly enjoy the trip down memory lane and you too will be reminded of how far the hobby has come, and how far we have come.

Take Care,
Mike

A Brief Note From the Minister of Workshops

By Dan Spera

At the May meeting, we got so caught up in the beer and pizza party that Jerry Rinaldi's figure painting workshop got squeezed out. Jerry took it in stride and said he'd be happy to give it another try in September. Thanks Jerry.

This month, former President and car modeler extraordinaire, Dave Schwartz has volunteered to put on a workshop about automotive finishes. Looking forward to it Dave. Thanks.

With vacation season upon us in July and August, I think we'll skip workshops in those months. Jerry will be back in September and I suspect October's meeting will be all ate up with JerseyCon. I'll do my best to put on the natural metal workshop in November, even if it's to an empty room. Besides, the B-58's gotta be done by then. We'll see.

Remember, we're looking for you to send us your questions and problems. We'd be happy to put together a workshop around your issues. I can be contacted at ogre1164@aol.com

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.



As I write this, Memorial Day is behind us (did you remember the real reason for the holiday?), and May is about to turn to June. That means there are only four months left until JerseyCon, with lots going on and lots still to do. If you've been on our club website lately, you should have noticed a finalized flier, with newly updated categories. If you haven't been there, go to www.njipms.org, then click on the JerseyCon button on the left hand side of the page.

By the end of June, we hope to have a new JerseyCon page up and running, which will include links to both contestant and model registration forms. I want to give a special thanks to Jim Lincoln, who revamped the model registration form and is working on the contestant registration form.

As I've mentioned before, we are going to need everyone to pitch in to make this show a success, so please see Big Bill, Mike Pavlo, Joe Smith, Dan Spera or myself to volunteer for an assignment. We are also working on other stuff for the show, which I'm sure Big Bill either has covered or will cover in Das Iron Works.

Thanks to Tom DeHann for sponsoring "Destroyer Night" last month, and for providing some fantastic prizes. This month's contest should be open, so whatever is finished, put it on the table. Also, remember to bring in those 'works in progress' for the display table every month, for the rest of us to check out. I always enjoy watching the progression of a build as it moves along.

On my workbench, I was finally able to finish the Dragon 1/350 Buchanan, which was on the contest table last month. However, I'm sort of spinning my wheels now and not really getting much done, as planting, mulching and lawn work have taken over the weekend schedule now that the weather is finally getting warmer. With so many "in-progress" builds, I am going to have to just grab something and try and finish it, or else I'll never get anything done! Hopefully everyone is finding more time and having more success with their latest projects!

Hope to see everyone at the June meeting,

Martin

The Veep's View

By Joseph F. Smith, VP

In wartime there is always unsung heroes and people that get the Lion share of credit! Pilots who were very successful received many awards & accolades and also became national heroes!

But in the background of Pilots great success, where the maintenance crews and the mechanics who kept these war birds going! The rigors of war the nonstop use, conditions and the environment, these machines where exposed to time & time again!

Did Michael Wittman have a very reliable Tiger 1 or was it a case of quality maintenance and dedicated mechanics! Would Wittman have become a Tiger 1 ace without good service to his Tiger?

This is dedicated to all are Men & Women in our armed forces for the sacrifice and the fine job your are doing!

Joseph F. Smith

This month's meeting will be on:

Friday

June 12th, 2009



This month's contest:

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-Ed Minto/emojo5@comcast.net

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