

MOSQUITOGRAM

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THE IRON WORKS



Fellow Members, MCON is gone, so is the April meeting, the Pegasus Group build and now we must move on. I wish to thank all that participated and do to all the hard work, we have just had one of the top 2 MCONS ever. I thank you all as a group for this and that's the way it should be done!!!! Now onto other things. 1st up is JerseyCon, as you all know, JerseyCon is only a few months away. We have as an e-board been working together again as a group so we can get this done. Ed Minto as always is doing the graphics thing, Mike Pavlo is doing the contact thing, Joe Smith will be joining Tom on the money end of it, Marty is already at work on the contest part of it, I have the hotel, logistic and awards things just about done but there is one major thing missing. I will be needing dedicated members to help out. This is a very much needed thing. We as a club, can't be letting the same guys take the brunt of the responsibility all the time. We need people for other then registration. We need floor people, raffle people and so on and so on. This show will be easier to police and Friday will be slow. Registration will go from (9 to 9 Friday, then we hope to open up by 8am on Saturday. I also expect a very large crowd and I know we will be filling up space everywhere in the hotel. We have made contingents and backup for those. I am confident we will do well but we will do well with membership support in the shape of people coming and helping. Like I have said numerous times before, the club belongs to all of us and even though things are on a volunteer basis, when you volunteer, you are expected and needed to do your share. We have alot of things coming up in the next year and a half and the large rewards you get back are do to your participation. Please keep that in Mind. Jimmy and Vince are already doing the legwork for the vendors as well. My final word on this is support your club, the eboard and each other because it is all ours!!!!!!

Next up I would like to see all of your faces at the meeting next week. We have Beer soda and pizza of various flavors for you all as a small thank you for mcon. Please attend if you can. Nuff bout dat, Mark and Dan will as usual something interesting for your membership entertainment. I look forward to see what dese gize are doin. Keep it up fellas!!! If anyone has any ideas for the club, feel free to let us know. Just last month Jimmy Lincoln came up with a new type of registration form which he is doing for the club. It's fresh ideas that make us look forward to meeting nights. I like to see the model buzz and the guys not being bored. My idea as Pres is to keep things going and not to stagnate. I believe that's what we as an eboard have done so far and we will try to keep it that way too. Tom is doing a good newsletter but can use some membership input so send him something!!!!!! I can't really think of much else on these subjects except one more thing. I'm glad as a membership, we voted to have "OPEN Judging for Armor and Figure categories" It will bring more people to our show and we do have qualified open judges as well and we will help to train others to follow in suit. Well that's about all for this month, I am looking forward

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to seeing you at the beer/Pizza/modeling night . Oh yes, I want you guys that haven't finished your Pegasus kits to "DO THEM AS YOU PROMISED YOU WOULD" we have 18 out of the 25 done so just finish them up because I want them to take to various venues in the coming months.... Happy Modeling

BJG Bill Schwarz, President

THE JUDGES TABLE

I was not able to make it to the April meeting so not sure what went on in the way of a contest. I will find out though and if need be report double next month. Don't forget that May is "Destroyer Night" sponsored by Tom DeHaan. So bring your rolling, flying or swimming destroyers. There will still be the popular vote too so if you don't have anything to fit the bill for theme night, make sure you bring it anyway.

The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make Mosquitocon 2009 such a huge success. As usual, all areas functioned well to "take care of business" and help make things go smoothly. Of course, there were some unforeseen hiccups and glitches, but as usual, we worked together to overcome them in the traditional NJIPMS fashion. A quick scan of the various Internet sites reveals that those who came to Mcon had a great experience. The "word of mouth" praise we have received is the true testimony to how much fun everyone has when they come to "the best little show in NJ". I guess that's what makes it so rewarding – knowing that the attendees appreciate our efforts and that they had a great time.

Now we can steamroll the success we've achieved with Mcon and keep it going right into JerseyCon! As Bill, Martin and Dan touched upon last meeting, JerseyCon is going to take the efforts of every single member in order to be successful. It's a team effort, and every member of the team needs to do his or her share. To quote our leader: " 'Nuff said about 'dat".

I also want to take a minute to mention how much fun I had with my model for the Pegasus group build. I needed that kick in the pants to get my modeling going again. It was great to once again feel that certain sense of accomplishment that comes with completing a modeling project. It's the same feeling we all had a kids when we cranked out a model on a rainy Saturday afternoon. Remember how proud you felt? Well, some things never change, because that same feeling occurs even to this day when you put the "finishing touches" on your latest kit. Well, that Pegasus V2 did it for me, and I'm grateful to have that feeling back again!

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Best Wishes,

Mike Pavlo

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 numbers are staggering. 575 models. 135 registrants. Over 400 walk-ins. 1 hell of a show. Yes, by all accounts, MosquitoCon was a HUGE success. We set records for number of entrants, number of models, and, as far as I know, the number of walk ins. Most of the vendors reported record sales. All I have to say is, "What recession?"

Before anyone puts a shoulder out patting themselves on the back, just remember the job is only half done – JerseyCon is looming on the horizon. Yes, it's only late April, but that means the Regional is less than six months away, with lots still to do. Remember, if you want to reap the benefits from these shows, we need everyone's help in putting them on, especially with JerseyCon, which will take place over two days.

Speaking of the fact this is a two day show, I recommend that as many of you as possible book a room at the hotel the night of the 16th, so you can be ready to participate bright and early on Saturday the 17th, which will be the (much) busier of the two days. There is a special room rate of \$99 available for a block of 75 rooms – order yours now!

Meanwhile, back at the modeling room, I find myself in a horrendous slump. The kit I've been focusing on – the 1/350 Dragon Buchanan – has been fighting me the whole way. No fault of the model, I'm just a ham handed \$&*@ modeler. The latest fiasco involved snapping the hull off the kit supplied base while trying to put on the photo-etched railings sold by Dragon. Which, by the way, are no were near the standard set by manufacturers like Gold Medal Models. This is certainly one of those models that has me muttering, "This is a fun hobby...this is a fun hobby, this is..." (as I break another part).

Remember to bring your latest work in progress to the meeting, for others to enjoy. We have a lot of guys in this club, but it's always seems to be the same people bringing in models month after month. The rest of you fellows do build models, don't you?

Hope to see everyone at the May meeting,

Martin J Quinn

Note From the Minister of Workshops

By Dan Spera

Well, in April, I managed to weasel out of giving my natural metal workshop yet again. We got so involved talking about how successful MosquitoCon was and JerseyCon is going to be, that time just ran out on us. I promise I'm absolutely, positively going to do this thing in the near, or then again maybe distant, future.

This month, Jerry Rinaldi will present his much anticipated workshop on figure painting. As an occasional figure painter myself, I'm looking forward to picking up a few pointers from one of the masters. Thanks Jerry.

In June, former President Dave Schwartz has volunteered to put on a workshop about automotive finishes just like the one on his excellent Tamiya John Player Special. Look forward to seeing it Dave. Thanks.

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. We actually got some suggestions at last month's meeting. I'm looking for someone that might know a little bit about aircraft camouflage schemes and how to paint them and someone else that can tell us about panel line washes. I'd volunteer to do them myself, but you know how that goes. I can be contacted at [ogre1164 "at" aol.com](mailto:ogre1164@comcast.net)

Dan Spera

The Veep's View

By Joseph F. Smith, VP

Hello my fellow Modelers,

Once again i would like to thank Bill & his staff & you the membership for a job well done at MosquitoCon!

In the month of May i would like to get off the subject of modeling & talk about Memorial day. This is a day that we must never forget! For many of us it means a long weekend that we all look forward to! Also the Family get togethers & the unofficial start of summer the Indy 500, but in reality the meaning of the day is to honor are fallen heroes & to remember that their are Families that still suffer the loss of loved ones who have died, and still our brave Men & Women are still making the ultimate sacrifice!

This is not to say that we should feel guilty just please remember & praise our fallen heroes, & pray that are current military personnel all return home safe to their Families someday! I salute are current & past Military & say thank you for making the U.S. the great country it is!

Happy Modeling

Joseph F. Smith

The MiG-29 Fighter in Frontline Service - History, Markings and Color Scheme

This superb newly published 224-page Russian-language book charts the service history of the MiG-29 9-12 (Fulcrum A) in the USSR, Russia and other CIS countries. It is profusely illustrated with many hitherto unpublished photos of the 9-12 in VVS service, many coming from the archives of MiG-29 pilots themselves, and including many new details of special regimental markings in the 1980s and 90s. The book also contains no less than 51 pages of 4C profiles and top-views. It took MiG-29 guru Anton Pavlov and his co-author Sergey Voylokov two years to complete the book, and the TLC expended on the book really shows. The 1,000 print run is selling fast in Russia and we have been very lucky to obtain a shipment.

This book will not be around forever...

Everyone who is interested and wants to buy the book is invited to make a pre-order by e-mail: book_mig-29@airforce.ru.



Quick Review

By Bill Schwarz

This is a simple resin add on set from "MAW DECALS" that adds several resin parts to make an updated FA/18 Hornet. This particular set is kit # 48-R011, which is the update sets for non-IFF hornets. Non-IFF means Identification Friend or foe. In the kit there are 2 ariels one go's on top and one on the bottom, as well as a GPS dome and a gear door with a faired antennae on it. The Gear door is only used on the "C" model Hornet, the rest of the set can be used to update any of the "A" Through "D" models. Of

course you will have to check your reference but these are basically the ticket for this update as used by the Marine Corp. There are no instructions in the set but if you go to MAWdecals.com, They will send you a few pictures of what go's where. The resin parts are very high in quality and will look great on any kit you are building. Remember they are for the "A" through "D" versions. The "E" and "F" models are a whole other ballgame!!! These are highly recommended and very easy to work with. Creighton Henthorn from Maw does his homework, great castings, modeler friendly, and provides a great network of aftermarket parts for Marine Corp and Naval Aviation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Big Bill Schwarz, JPMS30924



This month's meeting will be on:

Friday

May 8th, 2009



This month's contest:

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