

# MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS

May 2011

## THE IRON WORKS

By Bill Schwarz, President



Ok boys, due to timelines for Devin -- WHO IS GETTING MARRIED! -- I will keep this as short as possible! #1, Skeetercon, was very successful for many reasons! One is the number of people who came, but mostly because everyone was so well prepared! From Quinn to Pavlo, Vin, Jim, Joe, Myself, Mikey D, got it all done. The rest of you made setup and the rest of the day look so easy. You guys are pros at this show and it was proven again this year when we were ready to open the show 30 minutes early! Well done! Well done! I cannot express enough gratitude to all of you who made the show go so well. Considering the

CLUSTERF%\$#K of the P.A.L, We did amazing! Vin will tell you the numbers at the meeting. It's no one else's business how and what we did. It's for all of us as members to know only! I am still elated at all the help and generosity of our members! "BRAVO ZULU" to you all!

Oh did I tell you Devin's getting Married? Well, Devin's getting married! Do well in life Devin! You deserve it! Next up is the Atlanta show. It was cancelled due to lack of vendors and sponsorships! We as a club will continue to help all other chapters when we can. But I am going to be watching over our money very closely! We will not be spending



Next Meeting:  
Friday, May  
13th

Upcoming  
Events:

May 2011:  
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June 2011:  
Notte Italiano

July 2011:  
USA Night

August 2011:  
Tamiya 1/48  
Armor

Sept. 2011:  
South Pacific

October 2011:  
Russian  
Night

October 21-  
22, 2011  
JerseyCon II

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tons unless it is on ourselves, but we will continue to support all we have before as well as Nationals. It seems with the gasoline so high, people are spending less and going out less. I too do this. But if you can, please support all the shows you can by going to them. Long Island is coming up soon, as well as Art Loder and Bill Ellis's region 1 bash. Four of us are pooling so it won't be that much out of pocket. Some of you do the same if you can, and try to support all the guys that have helped to make Skeetercon what it is. Nuff said. Well, lastly, the eboard is going to the Wyndham to work out scenarios, we already have committed vendors and I believe the show will do well. I do not think it will do Skeetercon numbers due to it being an IPMS regional, but we should do well. What we learned at JCON 1, we will definitely make up for on JCON 2. We also

have a new logo for the awards, which Devin will post a pic of and we have a new co head judge "MARC ROCCA" to work with Marty at JCON 2 before he finally retires. Marty deserve a rest. He has done this for many years and he needs a break. Well done dude, welcome onboard Marc, too! I think I said all I want to for this newsletter so I will see y'all at the meeting. Until then, Have a great week and Happy Modelling!

P/S P/S P/S almost forgot! NJIPMS has been named REGION 2 Chapter of the Year! We just got the word from our RC2. He said we deserve it for all we do, and I agree with him. ALL THAT YOU GUYS DO HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE!!!! WEEEELLLLL DONE!!!!

~Big Bill



*Before and During.*

## Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Congrats and well done job at MosquitoCon 2011! Congrats also to the winners in their respected categories! And now it is on to JerseyCon II.

Also, keep up the good work on those Tamiya 1/48 armor kits!

*-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.*



Before we get into that little thing we did on April 2<sup>nd</sup> – some great news that you may have seen at the end of Bill’s piece. New Jersey IPMS has been named IPMS Region 2 “Chapter of the Year” for 2011 by the IPMS/Region 2 Coordinator, Frank Froment. This is a reflection on everyone in the club and the great work that we all do – Well done!

Well, another MosquitoCon has come and gone. Hard to believe another one is “in the books”. Every year, on the morning of the show, Mike Pavlo says “it seems like we were just here!”, and he’s right – it goes by so quickly. But then, time flies when you are having fun (or working hard).

For those of you who didn’t make it to the April meeting (and missed the food and drinks courtesy of the club), here are some numbers:

- 128 Contest Entrants
- 461+ Models
- 426 Walk-ins

The 461 count has a “+” suffix, because for some entrants, there is only a placeholder for

“registrant XX”, and no registration forms. That modeler could have entered one model or ten models – no way for us to know. Still, that’s a lot of models on the tables!

Some interesting trends:

- Entrants in the aircraft categories in general – and 1/48 single engine prop in particular – was down this year.
- Entrants in all the ship categories was down this year
- Entrants in the armor categories was up this year
- Entrants in the automotive categories was up this year



*IJN Ushio by Dan Kaplan. Best of Show.*



Not sure if the last item is due to the fact that we revised the automotive categories and expanded them this year. Really not sure what explains the paucity of 48<sup>th</sup> scale single engine aircraft. I'm still scratching my head on that one.

We did get thrown a curveball 3 days before the show, when the PAL told us they had rented out the front gym for a basketball tournament. That led to us scrambling to rework the floor plan and move the vendors back into the bingo room. It also led to a horrendous parking situation - I wonder if it impacted our attendance in anyway.



Curveballs aside, I'm really proud of the way the membership came together and did a fantastic job the day of the show. I saw a lot of old members and some new ones helping set up, doing security, admissions, entrants, etc. As Bill mentioned in The Iron Works, we were even able to open the doors early. You guys really pulled it off in a big way.

I'd also like to thank all the judges who helped out – there would have been no show without them! In particular, I'd like to thank Rob DiMaio and his “crew” from the Long Island Scale Modelers group – Freddie, Roger, etc. – who really did a great job in judging all the armor categories. Thank you

gentleman! I'd also like to recognize Marc Rocca, who will be assuming the head judging duties starting next April with MosquitoCon XXI. Thank you Marc for taking over the reins!

I have the missing gift certificates from Ridgefield Hobby for those who didn't get them for Empire Day and for some themed contests last year – please see me at the next meeting to get yours.

Following up on a build day at the Knights of Columbus – what month works best for everyone? If we are going to do this, we need to start planning. I think it will be a great day – let's make it happen.

I want to let everyone know about a couple of upcoming shows. First up is the NoreastCon 40 show, which will be held in Schoharie New York May 13/14, 2011. For more information, go to <http://www.aloder.freeyellow.com/>, or look for the flier elsewhere in this stellar publication.

The following month, the Long Island guys will be having their annual “RepLICon” show at a new venue and at a new time of the year. Instead of having the show at the Freeport Recreational Center the week before MosquitoCon, they have move the event to June, and will have it where they hosted last year's NoreastCon: The American Airpower Museum in Farmingdale, Long Island (New York). This year it's going to be – at the request of the museum – at two day show. For those of you wanted to enter the contest, Sunday is the day to go if you are only going one day, as that is the day they'll do the judging and have the awards ceremony. For more information, go to: <http://www.lisms.org/>. Guys from both these clubs supported MosquitoCon – please try and get out to at least one of the shows and reciprocate. One



club helping the other is part of what this great hobby is all about.

A reminder - you can also go to the Upcoming Events page on the website for info on upcoming shows.

Finally, congratulations to our newsletter editor on his upcoming nuptials. All the best to you and your better half, Devin!

Well, that's it from here. Hope to see everyone at the May meeting!

-COARTM

## THE JUDGES TABLE

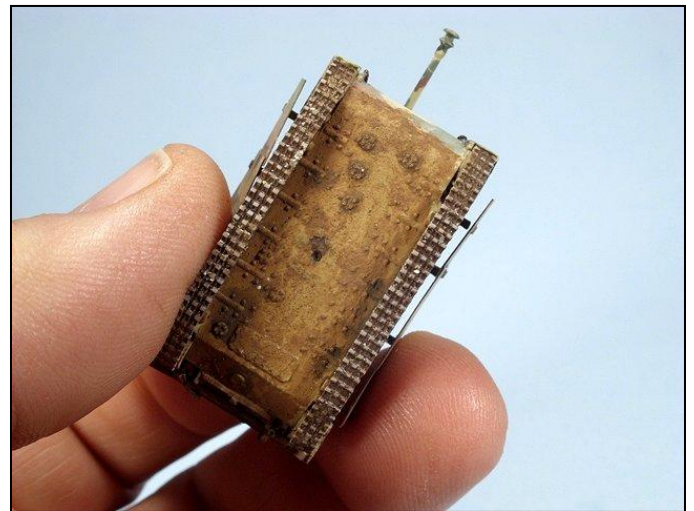
By Marc Rocca

Ok this will be short and sweet. Partly because there is not much to say and mostly because this was supposed to be done ages ago and Devin is likely be ticked off that I am just doing it now.

There wasn't a regular vote this month since all the entries on the table this month were for the theme night. Art was not able to be with us so Ernest filled in as the judge for "Two of a Kind Night". Air went to Pat O'Connor for a pair of B-25's and I got Land & Sea for 2 Stug III's in different scales. Art gave us gift certificates, 1 for Avenel and 1 for Ridgefield Hobbies. In a blind choice I got the Ridgefield cert but it will probably cost more in gas to get there :o(

Jimmy Pentifallo is sponsoring May's theme...

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*If it's 1/72, then it's too big!*

~Marc Rocca



# The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Well, we managed to pull off another successful MosquitoCon! Number 20 was well received and, with the exception of a few glitches, everything seemed to go smoothly – a true testament to the hard work and dedication of our members. The larger size/better lighting of the new model room this year was appreciated by all. Did anyone else notice how well the bleachers worked out during the day? At any given time, I saw modelers gathered there, taking a “breather” and taking in the aura of all the models on display. Overall, it was a great day!

Two weeks after MCon, I was back at the PAL, but this time it was for the famous NNL model car show. I must say, it did seem strange to be at the PAL, but that it wasn't MCon going on. That show started at 9:00, and I got there around 9:30 (figuring I was getting there “early”). What I found was a completely filled parking lot, back lot

& service road shoulders. I had to park on a grass field at the very rear of the property, behind all the ball fields (right next to Ed Minto, who arrived about 10 seconds after I did). The place was packed! I enjoyed looking at so many well built car models, which is a genre that takes me back to my early modeling roots when I built many car models, some of which would be worth a small fortune today based on the prices I saw at the show.

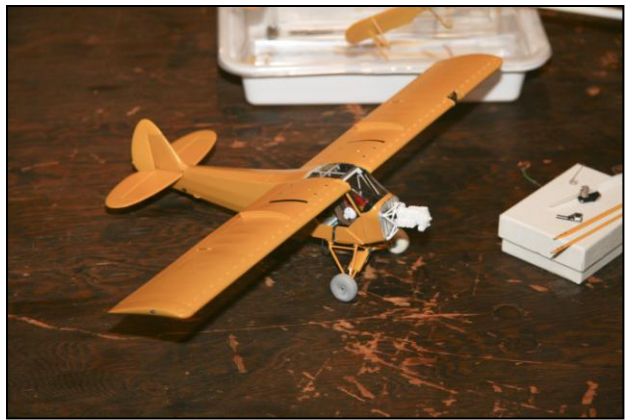
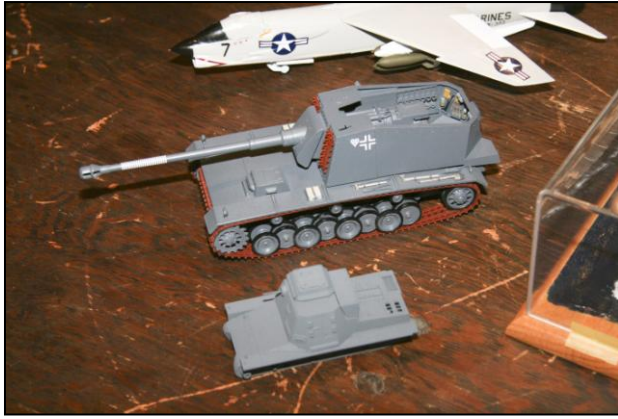
A big thank you to Bill for bringing all the great food to our April meeting. It was fun to kick back and savor the post-MCon glow. We now need to set our sights on JerseyCon II, which will be here before we know it. More details at the May meeting.

Best Wishes,

~Mike P.



# More From the April Meeting



This month's meeting will be on:

Friday  
May 13th, 2011



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October 21st & 22nd, 2011  
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Hello Fellow Modelers,

Please pass this on to your modeling groups.

It is my privilege to announce the Chapter, Website and Newsletter of the Year for Region 2.

## **Web Site of the Year for Region 2**

Goes to the Roanoke Valley IPMS website, whose webmaster is Jay Dennis.

Their webpage is colorful, informational and easy to navigate. There is easy to find information about various websites, galleries, club activities and other information a modeler would need. Please click on this link <http://www.rvipms.com> and I sure you will agree that the Roanoke Valley IPMS Web Site should be nominated as Website of the year.

## **Newsletter of the Year for Region 2**

Goes to the IPMS-DC club's "The Capitol Flyer" whose editor is Paul Dhedouville.

The IPMS DC chapter newsletter, The Capitol Flyer is colorful and presents a monthly theme to the newsletter. They also enclose great articles and reviews. They advertise upcoming events and have an IPMS membership application. Please take the time to review these newsletters and I am sure you will select The Capitol Flyer, the IPMS DC chapter newsletter as newsletter of the year.

## **Chapter of the Year for Region 2**

Goes to the New Jersey IPMS club -

The New Jersey IPMA Chapter is a great organization and supports not only Region 2 but also Region 1. They have a fabulous show, "MosquitoCon" that is one of the largest in Region 2 and on the East coast. They also Support our Troops by collecting and donating kits for the Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is near and dear to my heart because I was one of those Soldiers that served in Iraq. They also conduct "Make and Takes" which encourage young modelers to continue this great hobby. Please view the PowerPoint presentation and I am sure you will agree that the New Jersey IPMS chapter will be selected as the IPMS Chapter of the Year.

Frank Froment  
IPMS# 44757  
President, Central PA IPMS  
<http://www.cenpennipms.com>



NJIPMS is proud to host the IPMS/USA Region II event...

# JERSEYCON 2

## MODEL CONTEST ★ OCT. 21-22 2011

Show's theme is: "1941—America Enters The War"

held at Wyndham Hotel, Mount Laurel,  
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Call for 856-234-7000 for rooms.

Show will be October 21-11, 2011.

Special Awards for: Best Armor, Best Ship, Best Aircraft, Best Civilian, Judge's Best, Best "Out of Box", Tailhook Award (Naval Aircraft).

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Registration closes at 12pm October 22th.



For contest info: Bill Schwarz—732-567-3724. email: [whsch@optimum.net](mailto:whsch@optimum.net).

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Please visit our web site at [www.njipms.org](http://www.njipms.org) for more information and convention updates. For more information on the Wyndham Hotel, Mount Laurel New Jersey, call 856-234-7000 or visit [www.wyndham.com](http://www.wyndham.com)

Contest registration prices (rates subject to change).

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| • IPMS Member before Sept. 15, 2011—\$15   | • IPMS Member after Sept. 16, 2011—\$20           |
| • Non-IPMS member before Sept. 15—\$20     | • Non-IPMS member after Sept. 16,—\$25            |
| • Junior Entrant, 17 years and under.—\$10 | • Admission: 18 and over—\$10.00. Under 18—\$5.00 |

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