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The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS

August 2010

THE IRON WORKS

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all. How's your summer going? Mine is hot and sweaty and every day I look forward to coming home and getting cool. As for the club, we have lots of cool stuff coming down the pipe. The first one up will be the Monogram Raised Panel Line Night. There were some 15 of you that took models, so, like before, finish 'em up for the August meeting. Just finish them. The idea is to have fun and build models. That's what it always has been for me and a lot of you. It seems when we stray, we lose something of the kid in us, but sooner or later we come back. When I was President last time, I got so burned out doing everything I hated it all. So I took a few years and gradually came back. I also had ideas and plans and as you guys know I get them done. Now we are on the brink of MCON 20. I would like that show to be the best ever, and with the help of you all I am sure it will be. We shouldn't have to work real hard at it because we have been doing it so long that everyone pretty much knows what to do. The major difference is we are using both gymnasiums and are packing in the vendors. We hope to have 120 tables in the vendor room. Jimmy is working on that plan now. Also Tamiya USA might be there and I talked to John Badger at Long Island and he is coming as well. MCON 20: T-minus 8 months and counting!!!!

Next up is a sad note; as he said at the meeting "RATO" won't be with us anymore because he is moving back to Brazil, but he assured me when he comes back here for work related things, he will be back at the club. I am glad to have known him on this road of life. He is a great model builder, a friend to the club, and a joy to be around. I will miss him.

Next up after that is the club picnic. The eboard of NJIPMS wishes to invite all paid members and their families to the 1st annual NJIPMS Picnic and Family Day. I know, I know, I had one on my property some years back and it was a blast but this one will be

Next Meeting:
Friday, August
the 13th

Upcoming
Contests:

August 2010:
Monogram
Raised Panel
Night

September 2010:
Japanese Night

October 2010:
Prototype Night

November 2010:
Winter Warriors

December 2010:
Annual Club
Party (no
contest)

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the real deal. It is going to be catered by Famous Dave's BBQ. We have the Park from Sunup to Sundown and we have a beer and wine permit to boot. I know all who come will have a blast. The only thing I want from you all is a decent head count. This is important because it's over 20 bucks a head plus the beer and soda. I am having Devin mail a special note to all members so if you can please respond either way. VonStead has volunteered for kid's games and one of you will be assisting him. If you have outdoor games bring 'em. The more the merrier. I can't think of anything else on this now but I will by meeting time. If any of you have questions, let me know.

Next up after that is we have shows coming up soon. The main one is, of course, IPMS Region 2 in Fredericksburg, VA, October 2nd weekend. Marty, I, and the eboard have decided to comp the second night. It's good to be in NJIPMS now!!! As well as that I think we are going to have a hospitality room for friends and members. We are at a high point now and I really think the members should benefit by being in the club. When I started MCON one, we had some 85 bucks in the treasury. Now you guys know the deal and as most of you know, I am not cheap so instead of pizza or burnt brats, we can have things like this. I for one had a blast with everyone at the JerseyCon Hospitality suite. Gerrity still talks about it. It was fun to see the old and the new members and would have been worth it if we made nothing at all!!!!

As well as the Region 2 show, I would like a lot of you to support the NJHMA in September as well as the HVMG in late October. Mike Connoly and Doc Wiseman and others from HVMG as well as Harmon and Glenda from the NJHMA have always supported our shows and have asked for nothing in return. I would like to see more than the regular guys at these shows. Have fun and celebrate our Hobby with both of these fine clubs.



I think that's pretty much it with one exception. I think Dan is starting up workshops again in September. I don't know what he has in store but I am sure he will think of some good ones. I will give one or two as well but not until he gives the one on Natural Metal finishes.LOL LOL. I also want to thank all of you that have done workshops. I see improvement on people's models and I often hear "I learned it from someone in the club"!!!! Good stuff. We'll See y'all at the meeting in August. One more incentive: as well as the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the Monogram raised panel build, there will be three random special prizes awarded and every member that participates will get yet a smaller prize. The only stipulation is no one can win two prizes.

See Y'all soon,
~Big Bill





Some of the Monogram kits, in-progress.

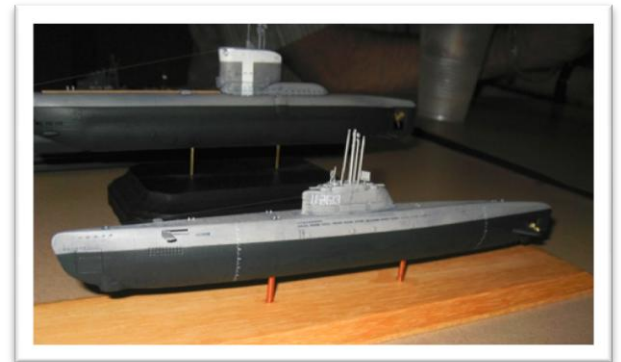
Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Hello my fellow modelers,

First on my mind is a big Thank You to Dan Sperra for sponsoring U.S.A. night. The builds really reflected the kind of artistry that the members of this club put out on a monthly basis.

It was quite a sight to see also the in progress builds of our members work and to visualize what they will look like when finished. Thanks again to Dan and all who participated!



-Joe Smith

*NJIPMS congratulates Dave Schwarz,
a proud new Grandfather!*



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.



Monogram Raised Panel Line Night is upon us. How did everyone do with their builds? Hopefully we'll have a good turnout on the tables – a lot of fellas took models! Remember, regardless of if you've finished your kits or not, **BRING THEM TO THE MEETING.**

As of this writing, my F-8 Crusader is still incomplete, but further along than last time. Thanks to Big Bill for the short demo on how to restore panel lines last month at the meeting – I put the tutorial to good use and spent an evening adding stretched sprue panel lines onto the fuselage. Not bad for my first attempt. Also, since I'm horrendous at stretching sprue, my thanks to Big Bill for supplying that as well.

At this point, once I finish the cockpit, the model is ready to be painted. As long as I can find the time, I should have it done for the meeting. As I've mentioned before, this has been a really fun build – thanks for Bill and Jimmy Pentafello for coming up with the concept.



What's the next group build? Joe Smith suggested we do a 1/48 armor group build. I've always wanted to build either Tamiya's 1/48 Jeep or US Tank Destroyer – this could be the impetus I need to buy one and build it. Ok, so I don't need any impetus to buy one (or anything else)...but building it, yes, I could use a push.

Still haven't found the time (hmmm...a recurring theme) to finish up some additional reviews for the website. Among the kits I've taken pictures and have written some notes for are:

- Aoshima 1/350 I-19 Japanese Submarine
- Aoshima 1/700 Soryu Aircraft Carrier
- AFV Club 1/350 Type VIID Minelayer U-Boat



- Trumpeter 1/350 Admiral Hipper Heavy Cruiser

I've also picked up a few other subs – an I-27 and I-37 (both 1/350) from Aoshima, a different Type VII U-boat and an I-58, both from AFV club and both 1/350, as well as the 1/350 Trumpeter Prinz Eugen (1945 version). One of these days, I hope to take more photos and write down some notes for reviews. Then maybe I'll get to build them some day too.

Keep your calendars open for Saturday, September 11th – our club BBQ will be held that Patriot's Day in Merrill Park in Edison (just off Route 27). The picnic - which starts at 11am and runs until sunset - will be in lieu of our traditional BBQ night, and will be open to members and their families. I'm looking forward to it, and you should be too!

That's it from here. Hope to see everyone at the meeting,

-Martin

THE JUDGES TABLE

By Marc Rocca

SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE! We cannot continue to let life get in the way of our hobby! Ah well, if only. I couldn't make to last month's meeting but Dan was kind enough to give me an update. Good body count and a somewhat lower than usual fuselage, hull and chassis count. I happened to look back at last July's newsletter and that had a similar report. Seems the summer doldrums are here.

Thanks to Dan Spera and Mike Terre, who co-sponsored "USA Night", there are 2 happy people that took away \$25 gift certificates to Avenel Hobby. I got to see the winners in the Briefing Room.



Bill Connolly won the AIR category with a very nice looking F-100F. Dave Schwartz gets the LAND & SEA for a very sharp Corvette. Congrats to you both.

-Marc Rocca



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

During the last meeting, several of us were doing what we often end up doing – reminiscing about modeling in our youth. We were talking about where we used to buy our kits and supplies, as well as which stores carried which particular brands of kits more so than others. For example, I recall Great Eastern having the full line of Aurora and Lindberg kits, but Two Guys didn't have much of those at all, instead they always had the Monogram kits more than anything else. Valley Fair had some Aurora and lots of Revell. Woolworth's had tons of Airfix, probably due to their strong British connection. Funny how there were so many Discount Department stores around back then, and each one was an excellent resource for modelers. And all of that isn't even touching on the topic of the neighborhood Hobby Shops that we had back then. Times certainly have changed.

I often wonder if anyone else is as nostalgic as I am. After BS sessions like we had last meeting, I think everyone is to some extent. Last year I brought in some examples of the various old-time model paint bottles I still have. A lot of the guys seemed to enjoy them. That made me wonder if anyone else has some of the “antique” hobby items still around.

If so, here's my suggestion/request: If you have any of model supplies from the old days, or old kits that still have the defunct store's labeling, please bring them to the meeting sometime! I for one would love to see them, and doubt if I'm alone.

It's been said that you can't relive your youth....but you can have a lot of fun trying!

~Mike P.



Review: Colonial Viper MK II

Moebius Models 1/32nd Scale

By Devin Poore



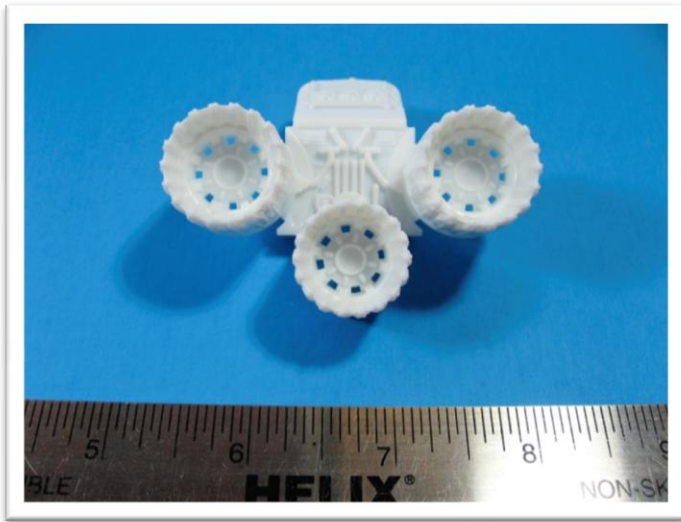
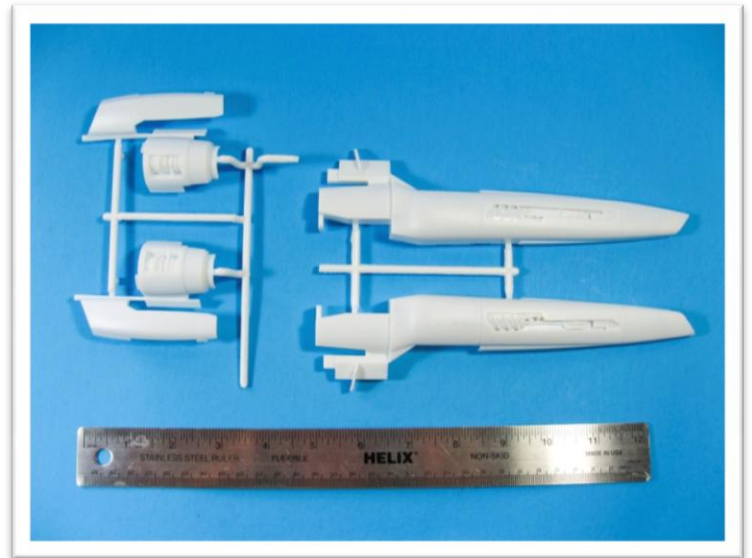
Summary	
Description:	- High quality injected model
Scale:	- 1/32
Price:	- \$29.95 from Starship Modeler website
Contents & Media:	- Parts: 54 styrene (4 clear) plus one resin pilot - decals for two fighters
Advantages:	- It's styrene. Sci-fi guys have had to rely on resin kits for so long to get Battlestar Galactica kits that this in itself is a huge positive. - Large scale - Optional landing gear positions
Disadvantages:	- None that I could find upon initial inspection.
Recommendation:	- Highly recommended

Moebius Models has made a name for themselves in the past few years by releasing “old school” science fiction kits, both revamps of old molds and newly cut molds, of subjects such as the Seaview, *Lost in Space* subjects, and the *2001: A Space Odyssey* Moon Bus. Now they’ve stepped up into the modern age of sci-fi with kits from the re-imagined *Battlestar Galactica* series.



First up is the Colonial Viper MK II fighter. The kit is in 1/32nd scale, which gives a decent sized model in scale with Revell's fighter from the original *Battlestar Galactica* series of the 1970's.

The model is all in styrene, and while I haven't assembled any of it yet (I opened the plastic bagged kit parts for the first time for these photos), word on the internet is that the kit goes together beautifully. One can build this kit out of the box in a day or two, or spend a good long time with the already available after-market decals, PE and masking sets.



The kit is actually multi-media: a beautifully cast resin pilot is included, separately bagged and protected from the other parts. The clear parts that make up the fighter's canopy and display base are also bagged separately for their protection.

A sheet of decals with markings for two fighters is included. The instructions are a mix of line drawings and photos of actual model parts, the booklet stylized with octagon-detailed pages as the documents in the series were.

When I ordered mine I buckled to my own internal "let's superdetail it!" monologue and bought the ParaGrafix photo-etched detail set that includes detailed cockpit consoles, burner can inserts and piping.

Overall this looks like a fun kit and I'm really looking forward to having some time to work on it. I also look forward to the soon-to-be released *Galactica* kit.

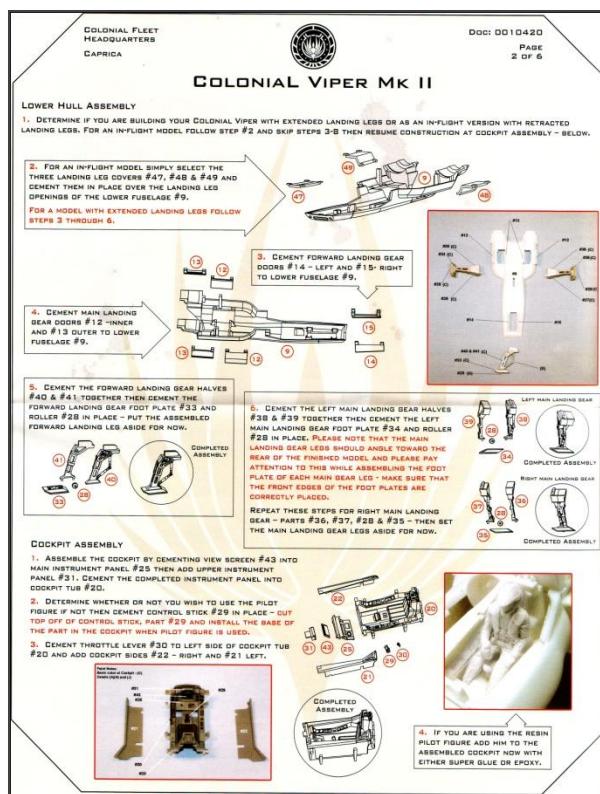
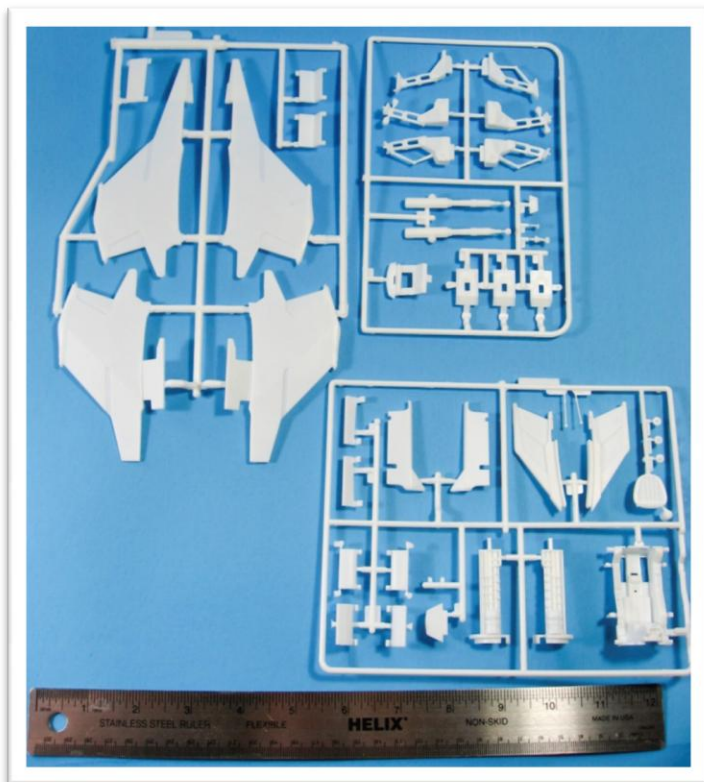
Highly recommended for the serious sci-fi modeler, as well as those who just want to give something fanciful a try.

~Devin



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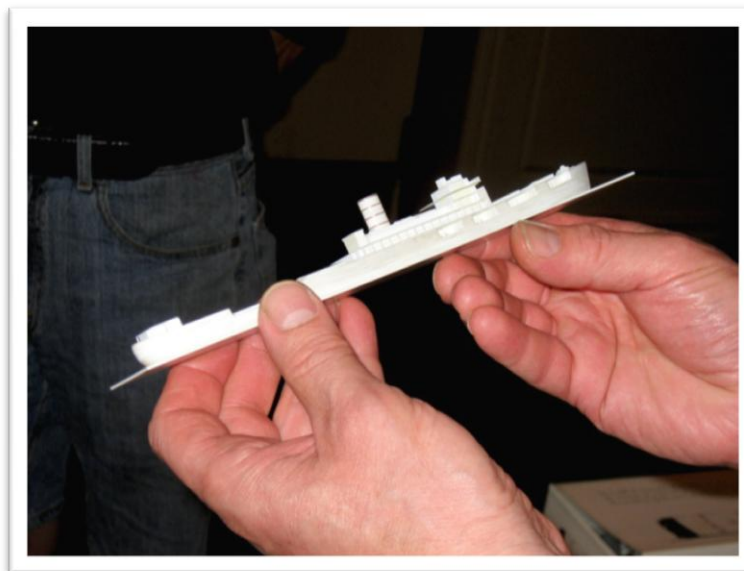
From the Editor

By Devin Poore

I've had several people come up to me at the meetings or email me and say that they like the new look of the newsletter. Thanks very much for that. It's a bit more work than I anticipated; my Sunday off, when I had intended to work on my 1/96th scale ironclad scratch-build, ended up being a day of editing articles and writing a review article.

I wanted to let everyone know that how I choose the photos that I put into the newsletter has nothing to do with what I consider the quality of the model, what I think of the builder, etc. It comes down to what I have publishable photos of, which depends upon whether or not I had a good luck with my camera at the meeting.

Speaking of photos, content, etc., does everyone remember two meetings ago when



Martin said I was experiencing the “honeymoon phase” of being the newsletter editor? That I had more than enough content for an issue or two? Well, the honeymoon is over. As you’ll notice, the review this month is done by me. I can use content. Out-of-box reviews. Photos and write-ups of shows attended (Some of you are going to the NATS, no?), your thoughts on a recent book you picked up. Anything historical or modeling related. Anything you think others might like to read and hear about. This is especially important to you plane, tank, and car guys: if I keep doing the reviews you’re going to see nothing but sci-fi and ships!

Send it in!

~*Devin*



This month’s meeting will be on:

Friday
August 13th, 2010



This month’s contest:
Monogram Raised Panel Lines



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