

MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS

September 2010

THE IRON WORKS

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all. I only have a few things to go over this month, so I will make them as brief as possible. The 1st thing and the most important thing is the 1st annual NJIPMS Members and Family Picnic. It will be held at Merrill Park in Islin, New Jersey, which is less the 5 minutes from exit 131 in either direction off the Garden State Parkway. A map will be provided elsewhere in this NL. We took an average count of the members and family and came up with around 50 people. That's including members and families. It could go a little either way but that's the target figure. As I told you at the last 2 meetings, the entire affair is being catered by famous Dave's BBQ. Each of the 50 plates will consist of 3BBQ ribs, beef brisket, and seared/fire-roasted chicken, beans, slaw, roll, and cornbread muffin. We also have a full tray of salad, fresh fruit, Kahlua brownies, and Dave's World Famous Bread Pudding. This meal also will be served to us by Dave's own staff. They will be setting up at 12:30PM, and will be serving from 1 to 3 PM. All we ask is that you get your 1st plate, which is quite hefty, and let late members get theirs before seconds are given out. The deserts will be given out this

way as well. I want everyone to be fed and fed well before others go back for seconds. As well as dinner, we will be serving several kinds of iced down Beer, sodas, and wine, for those who prefer. I myself like to drink out of USED paper cups like my Motorcycle Bros!!!! LOL. There will be cups for all, but try to hang onto the same one for the entire day. Please control your garbage as well. Put it in the waste baskets or the trash bags so we can take it at the end of the day. All in all I think it will be a highlight for all who come. This is not a last minute parking lot thing on meeting night, and is also a chance to hang out with

Next Meeting:
Friday,
September 10th

Upcoming
Contests:

September 2010:
Japanese Night

October 2010:
Prototype Night

November 2010:
Winter Warriors

December 2010:
Annual Club
Party (no
contest)

Join us on the web, at the [New Jersey IPMS web group](#)

Chairman. I am also told he is going to be the new overall head judge at MosquitoCon soon. Great Job DUUUUUUUUUUUUDE!!!! I think I've said enough for now with one other quick thing. I would like as many of you as possible to support our brethren club the NJHMA. Their annual show, is the 19th of September at the Wayne PAL. These guys used to have the biggest and best shows ever and now can use our support. They do open judging so you compete against yourself. A lot of us will be there. Harm and Glenda have always been kind to our club and have

worked and helped a great deal over the years and they in turn deserve our patronage and brotherhood. So if you can be there, be there! Even if you don't compete.

Well that's it for the month. See you all Friday, September 10th and the Knight of Columbus, Be there or B square.

Regards

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~Big Bill

Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Hello my fellow modelers,

I would to take this opportunity to congratulate Martin Quinn & Ron Dobrzelecki who were winners at the recent IPMS/USA National convention in Phoenix.

This past national was very enjoyable for me and it was very hot in Arizona! The vendors & entries in the model room were down from years past. On Thursday August 5th we went to Pima air & space museum and it was one of best museums I ever visited! It is set on 80 acres and over 300 aircraft to see. The temperature reached 110.

After Pima we took a short drive over to the 309th Aerospace Maintenance & Regeneration Group (AMARG), also known as the boneyard. We had to stay on the bus throughout the tour. Our tour guide was a great guy.

If you ever visit Arizona I highly recommend these two places.



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.



A hearty “Well Done!” to everyone who participated in the “Monogram Raised Panel Line” Night. The tables were chock full of models, and those (like me) who didn’t have time to finish brought in their works-in-progress to display.

As of this writing, my F-8 Crusader is **still** incomplete. Just last night I sprayed the first coat of Insignia White on the lower fuselage, bottom of the wings and other assorted parts. I’m hoping that tonight I’ll be able to spray the 2nd coat of white and move along from there.

I still won’t have it done by the September meeting, but it’s first on my list of models to finish, so hopefully it will be on the table by October, and if it comes out well enough, on the tables in Fredericksburg, Virginia at the IPMS/USA Region 2 convention (You may remember we hosted that show last year).

Speaking of the Regional, have you booked your room yet? Supposedly rooms are going fast. You can find a room by going to the official webpage of the show:

<http://region2.ipmsrichmond.org/>

You can also go directly to the hotel website: <http://www.fredericksburghospitalityhouse.com/>.

When booking, remember to use the convention code to get your discount. Don’t forget that for those of you who stay two nights and provide Joe Smith or Vince “Sauseeg” D’Alessio a receipt that states just that, the club will pay for one night of your stay! That means if you and a friend go and stay two nights, you’ll basically be paying for ½ of one room for one night each. Which means you can’t afford to miss this show!!



If you missed the August meeting, you missed the vote authorizing the e-board to bid on either the 2011 or 2012 Region II convention. Yes, JerseyCon II may be coming back to the Garden State soon. A draft of a proposal is in the works, and Big Bill has reached out to some hotels on Route 73 in Mt Laurel (off Exit 4 of the NJ Turnpike) as we start researching the best location. We learned a lot from JerseyCon I, and feel that with a bigger venue, we can do a bigger and better show that does more than break even. We are striving to have the proposal done by the Regional in October, so we can present it to the new Region II coordinator, who is the current President of IPMS Central PA (condolences to Tom Vandermark, who had put his name in the ring for the position). Our plan is to submit a bid for 2011, and if that is not available, for 2012.

A few months ago I was talking about the impending release of the German Battleship *Scharnhorst* by Dragon in 1/350. Well, my ship has come in – arriving at my house while I was on vacation. I've had a chance to open the box and take some pictures, and I'll I can say is "WOW!" Overall, it's an excellent kit with some outstanding detail. I've submitted a short review and photos to our illustrious newsletter editor – hopefully that has made this edition. A review will also be posted on the club website soon.



Finally, remember to 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 approximately 1230 pm and runs until sunset - will be in lieu of our traditional BBQ night, and will be open to members and their families (If it rains that day, we'll move to the restaurant that is catering the event). I'm looking forward to it, and you should be too! I'll leave the rest of the details to Big Bill, who is organizing the whole affair.

That's it from here. Hope to see everyone at the meeting with "Japanese Night" models in tow (and at the picnic the following day).

-Martin



THE JUDGES TABLE

By Marc Rocca

I write this with the distinct possibility that nobody will read it. I have raised procrastination to some sort of transcendental state. Is there a "Time Management for Dummies" book out there?

All I can say is WOW. When you boys are given a task you really go at it. I guess we can use these models to stop the occasional whimper, "But that has raised panels lines. (Boohoo),"

There will be plenty said about the winners of the raised Panel Night so I will get right into the popular vote. I will also save some thinking power (yeah right) and put all the adjectives here and you can apply them as you like to any of the models since they apply across the board: Fantastic, Wonderful, Gorgeous, Beautiful, Immaculate, Breathtaking, and Amazing, Astonishing... that ought to cover it pretty well.

In the AIR category Jerry Rinaldi got the 1st place nod for his B-26C. 2nd place goes to Stan Stankewicz for his B-26. And I got 3rd for my B-2 "Bronx Bomber"

In LAND & SEA there was just 1 entrant. It may have been because it was raised panel night and that was all aircraft. Or maybe everyone sensed what was going to be there and just didn't bother. His 38(t) Hetzer is stunning. On a separate note I was sorry to hear that Bill will be going back to Scotland. You will be missed Bill.

~Marc Rocca



Special thanks to Jimmy Pentafello of **Ridgefield Hobbies** for sponsoring the Monogram contest and providing gift certificates to the winners.





The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Can it be that the summer is coming to an end? I don't want to believe it's true, but the calendar doesn't lie. The good news is that with September comes the annual NJIPMS End-Of-Sumer BBQ! This year, we are trying something new – a club BBQ the day after the meeting. There is more info elsewhere in this newsletter, but be assured, there will be delicious food and drink available to all members and their families. Bill has arranged for a real feast from Famous Dave's. Their food is outstanding and I'm really looking forward to having a fun, relaxing afternoon in the park. Let's face it- who doesn't love to kick-back and relax with food, drink and friends!?! All of our hard work for M-Con does indeed pay off. The success of the show allows us to enjoy fun-filled functions such as this, and I'm already looking forward to it!

Speaking of M-Con, planning is already underway and Ed Minto has prepared the flyer. The show will be here before we know it and its shaping up to be a blocker buster. It's a great time for NJIPMS!

~Mike P.



The Monogram Classic Raised Panel Line Group Build Trophy package.





Review: German Battleship Scharnhorst

Dragon 1/350nd Scale
By Martin J. Quinn

Summary

Description:	- High quality injected model
Scale:	- 1/350
Price:	- \$129.95 from FreeTime Hobbies
Advantages:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazing detail that was not possible on a few years ago with styrene technology • Initial test fitting if components shows a very tight tolerance of kit pieces • Detail under platforms, and other small details, add to overall detail of kit
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deck planking could have more detail; it isn't bad, but compared to the rest of the kit it is lacking • Multiple small tab on most parts, required for molding, but the modeler will have to remove them
Recommendation:	- Highly recommended

The long awaited (by me, at least) Dragon *Scharnhorst* has arrived, and I had a chance to sit down and look through the kit recently. If you have any of the *Benson/Gleaves* class or *Gearing* kits, there are no real surprises in regards to the overall quality - the parts are all very crisp.

While I'll probably build mine waterline, the upper and lower hull clicked together and looks like



very little filler will be needed, if at all. Contrast that with the Trumpeter 1/350 *Prinz Eugen* - when I tried to dry fit those hull halves together, there were differences of at least 1mm in some places.

What really struck me about this kit - besides the sheer size and number of parts (it's nearly as long as the *Bismarck*) - is the level of molded on detail. The most remarkable place was on the midships gun deck - it has to be seen to be believed. Dragon did a nice job of adding detail underneath all the platforms, which are usually barren on ship models. These types of things really add another dimension to the kit. Also, the DS (Dragon Styrene) blast bags are just flat out awesome.



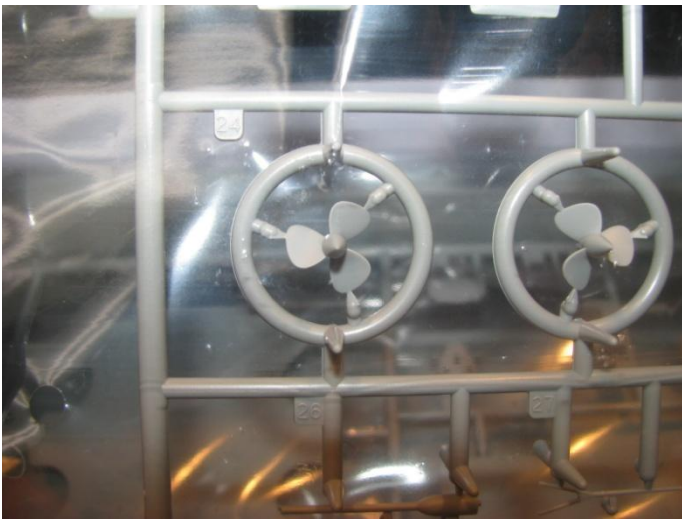
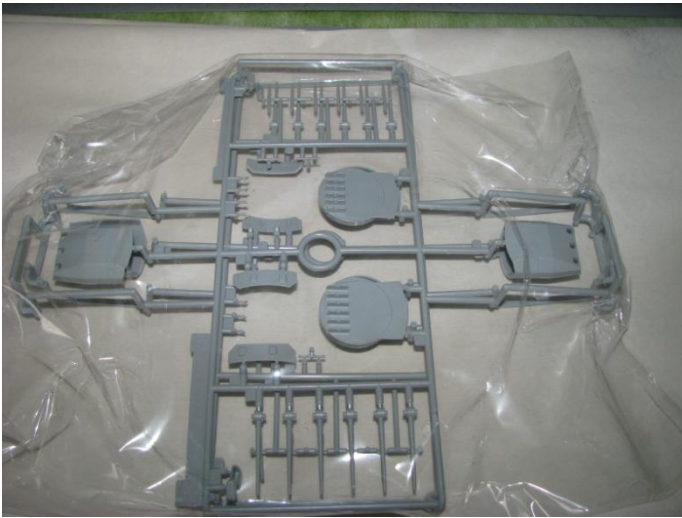
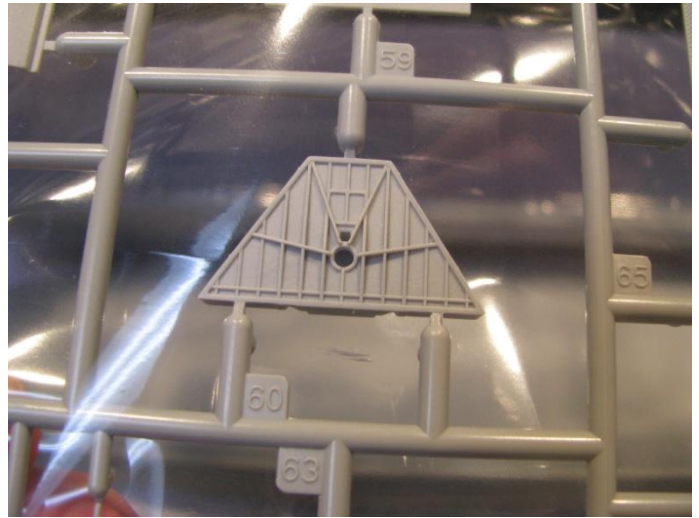
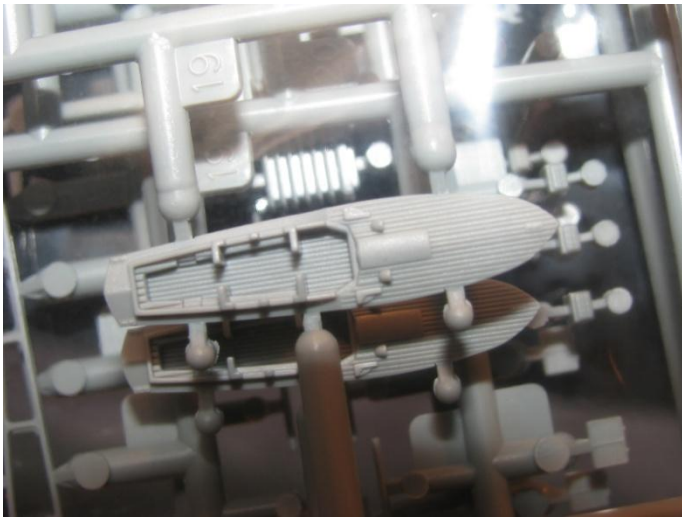
I have only a few nit picks:

- 1) The deck planking, compared to the rest of the kit, is unremarkable. The planking on the anchor chain "washboard" has individual planks, but the rest of the deck does not.
- 2) The plethora of small tabs attached to all the parts. I know WHY this is done (helps during the molding process) but they are annoying to nip off and clean up, especially on a model of this size and scope.
- 3) I'll never finish the Tamiya 1/700 *Scharnhorst* I have 85% done!

The directions are typical Dragon, which is to say read them carefully! And why these companies have you add the lower hull AFTER the model is basically done still defies logic!

Is it the best injection molded ship model ever? I'm not ready to say that -the Hasegawa *Yahagi* and Tamiya *Mikuma* in 1/350 are both exceptional kits - but this is a very, very good model. It's, in my opinion, an excellent value for the price. I picked up mine for \$129 from FreeTime Hobbies. **Highly Recommended.**





This month's meeting will be on:

Friday
September 10th, 2010



This month's contest:
Japanese Night

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Please Note:

All submissions for the next newsletter must be received by Friday September 30th, 2010, or they will not make it into the October newsletter.

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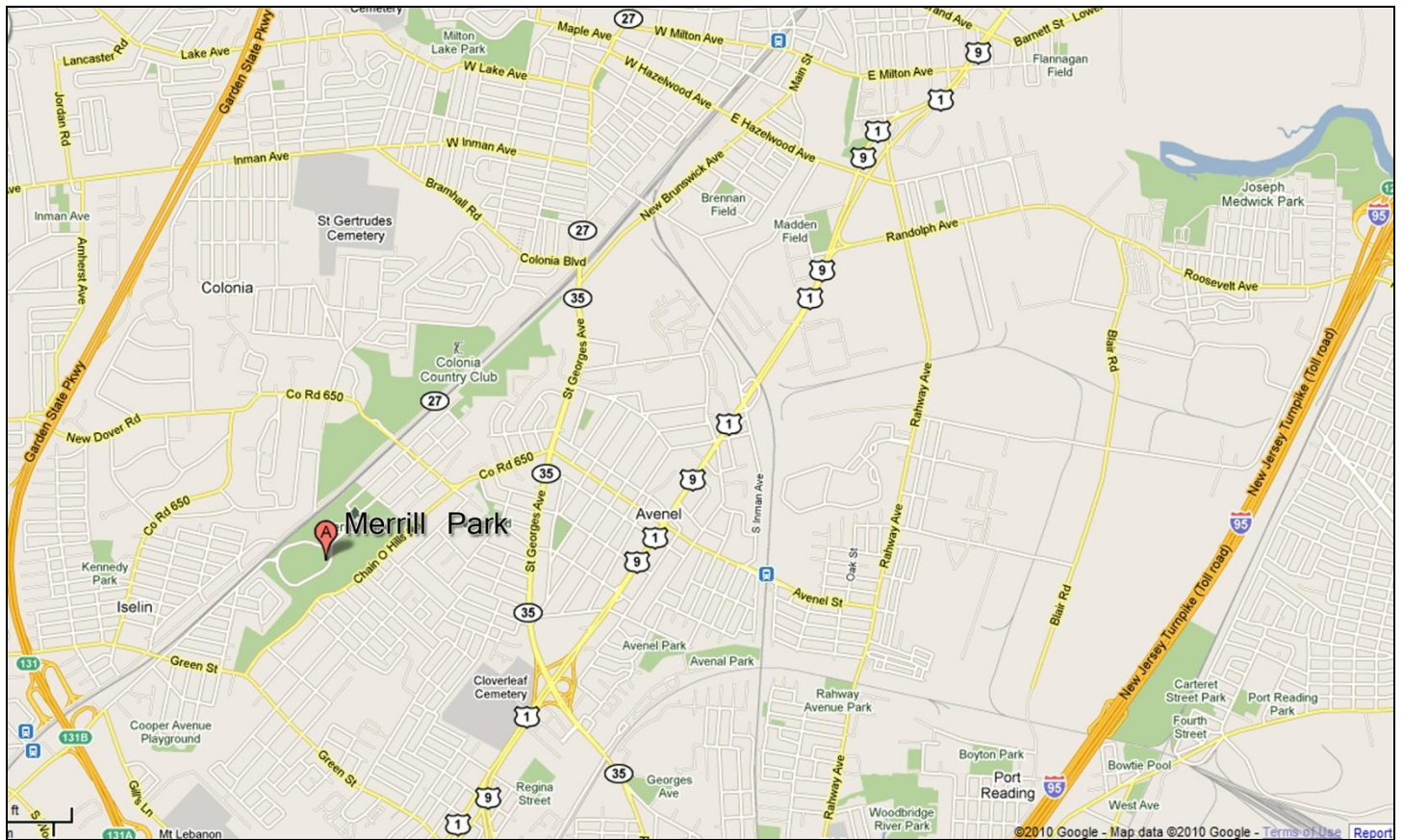
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