

# MOSQUITOGRAM

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## THE IRON WORKS



Fellow IPMS'ers, With dual core and windows vista in hand, I embark on another feeble attempt to bring you an interesting newsletter piece. I love the dual core, but hate the windows vista program but i will endeavor to percivier!!! I think I spelled that right! It will take me time which I really dont have at this moment to figure out the vista word/office stuff, so I am doing this on notepad! Nuff said.

First thing up are the shows. Both are going very well. I have already ordered the awards and Marty and the others are working on their part. The awards as I have told you are being done at Charlie's Trophies, AKA Mike Reeves, AKA 2 Mikes resins, and he has given us a sweet deal as well as a few freebies!!! The major awards will be acrylics this year as well. As more info becomes available, we will pass it on to you all. I will give my report at the meeting, as will Marty, Joe, Mike, and Tom. We will also have a report from Jimmy and Ron on the vendor portion of the shows. One other thing, we will have a premium vendor section at both shows this year. I will tell you more as this falls together. Nuff on that

Next up is the group build. I have to inform the non airplane guys that due to availability of the tanks, this portion of the group build will be put off to a later date. I still want it done but it is not feasible at this point. As for the plane portion, I have the models in my possession ordered from Gordo Kwan at Sprue brothers. He also gave us a nice discount!!! Thanks Gordo!!!! Please pickup your model at the meeting and sign for it. Remember If you don't finish it, you pay for it. The building rules are as follows. Glue, paint, decals, antennas and seatbelts are acceptable. No need for aftermarket items. My thought on this group build are to build something nice and simple. These kits build well and look great when finished. I will bring the 262 I have been working on to the meeting. You will be surprised how nice it looks!!! Also as I said before, the judging will be a lot different for this contest as well. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd certificates will

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be given out but the prizes will be given out at random. This is a good incentive for you to build. Also I plan to use this finished group build as a display that will attract potential new members and maybe get some of the armchair non builders to give it a try. The owner of Pegasus Hobbies wants to see this group build as well and I would like to see it in one of their ads and I will be bringing it to the Nationals for people to see as well!!!! – and I hope to also see it in a few magazines. More to come on this later. Oh 1 more thing, the contest will be held at the March meeting !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Next up is workshops. As you all know, Dan Spera is now the minister of workshops. I know he has a few good things planned but if he asks you to hold a workshop, please cooperate and do one. This keeps the club interesting and new. While on that Marc Rocca is now the club contest chairman. He is doing a good job too. Thanks to him for assuming Steve's job, and a well done to Steve for his efforts over the last few years. Keep up the good work!!!!

Next up is Maraudercon. Me and my cousin Vinny D'alessio made the trek and met Marty, Joe, Dan and Mike down there. It was a nice day to spend with the guys and we got to support one of the other clubs in our region. I am just sorry to say that even though we were both there, I never got to meet our RC. Maybe next time!!!!

Last up is the December meeting. The only thing I want you to bring is yourself and your spouse or children. Nothing else. All I would like from you all is that you tell me that you are coming so I can get a head count. All things will be included. Beer, soda and food. We are being catered this year with non-traditional trays of food. I know we all get burned out with the same stuff at every Christmas party. 1 or 2 things might be similar but a lot will not be. I will keep the menu a surprise, but I don't think you will be disappointed!!!!

Next up is that I am glad to have once again become president, but I will not make the same mistakes that lead to burnout and Meltdown last time. After Jerseycon in 2010, someone else will be taking over for me. It's just that simple. and when I die, which will not be so soon, I want you guys to remember me with an awards that reflects my personality and my attitude towards modeling. Keep out the expletives!!! LOL. Thats it for this month, see yall Friday. P/S Keep it loose and fun at the meetings like last month!!!

Happy Modeling,

***BJG Bill Schwarz, President***

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# The Veep's View

By Joseph F. Smith

**A** word we never want to hear is change, but sometime change can be good. Take Marc Rocca for example. Marc, as we know, builds great airplanes. Then Marc decided to try Armor, now look at him, he can't build enough Armor, he absolutely loves it! I was glad when Marc said he was going to build Dragon's excellent U.S.S. Buchanan.

Gentlemen you never know until you try something new! Just give another area a shot in modeling, you to may be hooked, and when you get bored in one area the other may lift you out of a slump! See you at Nov. meeting. Happy Thanksgiving to all our members and their Families!

***Joseph F. Smith***

# OCTOBER CONTEST RESULTS

**W**hen I agreed to take over as the contest chairman I wasn't told that I would need to write stuff too. Keyboards and I have a love/hate relationship. You can usually hear the spell checker gasping for breath by the time I am done typing up anything.

First up is the theme night, "One of a Kind" sponsored by Tom Stead. There were some very interesting entries and all were very nicely done. Top honors went to Mike Terre for his Sack AS-6 – lots of extra detailing, with goodies from the spare parts and some scratched details as well. The Air category table had some beautiful stuff. Dan Spera took 1<sup>st</sup> place with Saab Draken with an incredible paint job. The 1/48 scale Hasegawa kit was painted with a \$15 airbrush, proof that it's not the tools that make the model (Oh boy could I make a wise crack at that). Kit decals and paper seat belts top off the presentation. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Mike O'Connor took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with his 1/144 scale Minicraft C130A. Built out of the box with a beautifully done metal finish. Pat O'Connor took 3<sup>rd</sup> place with his 1/144 scale Anigrad resin kit of the Vought XF5U-1 "Flying Pancake" that he finished out of the box.

## AIR CATEGORY

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dan Spera	1/48 Saab Draken	Hasegawa
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike O'Connor	1/144 C-130A	Minicraft
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pat O'Connor	1/144 Vought XF5U-1	Anigrad

For the monthly contest, the Land and Sea category did not have sufficient entries. Come on guys... there's more than airplanes out there ;o).

## LAND AND SEA CATEGORY

1 <sup>st</sup>	No Entries
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The Junior category saw Kaitlin Sara Singh take top honors with a 1/48 scale Monogram Patton tank. Her 1<sup>st</sup> (hopefully not last) armor kit with filled seams, airbrushed finish and water slide decals, dry brushing and pastels for weathering. If I didn't know better I would swear she has someone giving her some tips. Now who could that be?????

## JUNIOR CATEGORY

1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)	Kaitlin Sara Singh	1/48 Patton Tank	Monogram
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## Theme Nights

November: Russian Night: sponsored by Simon Vichnevetsky

March 2009: Group Build Night

# Worth Remembering

By Mike Pavlo, VP

**D**uring our meetings, as we discuss the latest kits or works in progress, it's common to recall the kits we grew up with. While admiring how great the new Hasegawa P-40 looks when completed, someone is bound to mention something like "We've come a long way since the old Revell kit!"

In recent years, it has become common for new kits to be released of subjects that have been around for years. When this happens, the original kit is normally rendered obsolete. But is it? Does obsolescence matter to a modeler? We all know that these older kits can be turned into finely finished models with enough time and effort. But perhaps the real value of the older kits lies not in their buildability or collectability, but rather in their ability to help us remember a simpler time. I know that, for me, whenever I see a classic kit, I immediately recall the building pleasure it provided in the long-lost days of our modeling youth.

There are even several books that tap into this emotion: Remembering Revell Model Kits; Greenberg's Guide to Aurora Model Kits and Monogram Models, each by Thomas Graham. Others are Classic Plastic Model Kits by Rick Polizzi and Airfix-Celebrating 50 Years of the Greatest Model Kits in the World by Arthur Ward. I own a few of these titles and they are filled with juicy modeling memories.

So, the next time you purchase that great new kit, don't be too quick to cast the original aside. Keep it around. You may discover that its true value is immeasurable.

***Mike Pavlo***



# A Brief Note From the Minister of Workshops

By Dan Spera

**A**t a meeting several months ago, as the new club administration was taking shape, I was having nice conversation with Big Bill and Marc Rocca. Marc mentioned that he was taking over contests from Steve. Bill thanked him for stepping up and said he still needed someone to take over workshops. They both looked at me and smiled ... and so, here I am.

We're starting to line up some workshops for the next few months. This month, Marc Rocca has volunteered to share his Hairspray Paint Peel technique with us and in January Mike Terre will demonstrate his world famous Bi-plane Rigging. In February, I'll put on a presentation about Natural Metal Finishes.

In the months to come, we need volunteers to put on workshops and suggestions from you, our members, regarding what you'd like to see. Don't be shy; let us know what you want and we'll do our best to present it to you. A possible way to help us come up with workshop topics is to bring us your modeling problems and let us help you solve them in the form of a workshop. *(editor's note: I love that idea!)* I look forward to hearing from you.

**Dan Spera**

## Long Island Historical Miniature Model Show

Saturday, November 15, 2008, 9am to 5pm

Freeport Recreation Center; Merrick Road, Freeport, Long Island



# 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**s part of my “duties” as Vice President, Bill asked that I write something monthly column for the newsletter. Along with being co-chair for JerseyCon, head judge for MosquitoCon, newsletter Editor and Webmaster, **and** (most importantly) helping to raising two kids, I’ll try to find the time to put something down to paper each month (Isn’t sarcasm grand?).

After five years, next month will be the final newsletter that I “edit”. Starting in January, President-for-life Tom “BooBoo” Vandermark will take the controls as newsletter editor from me. This was (at least) my third go round as newsletter editor (and hopefully my last!) and this will be Tom’s second time at the helm – both times following in my wake. Thank you Tom, for stepping up (again) – good luck! I will continue to update the website for the foreseeable future. I am, however, open to any suggestions on how to improve the website. So if you have any ideas for graphics, layout or content, please come see me at the meeting, or drop me an e-mail. Just don’t call, I really don’t want to talk to any of you more than once a month. Just kidding...

Now that the weather is starting to cool and the holiday season is upon us, do you find yourself having more or less time at the workbench? I was on a roll in September, making great progress on my 1/700 Combrig HMS Agincourt. But then everyone in our house got sick over the course of a few weeks and I’ve found it hard to get back to the workbench. The Agincourt has been put on hold and I’ve been concentrating on finishing an **OLD** 1/35 Tamiya SU-85 that I’m converting into an SU-100 with a MB Models resin set I bought in 1987, at the LAST Region II convention that was held in New Jersey. It was my first attempt at working with resin, and wasn’t coming out that great, so I shelved it for years. Earlier this year I was looking at it and decided to start working at it again. All the major parts are on, it just need another coat of dark green paint. I hope to have it on the table for this month’s “Russian Night” theme. I’m also working on an Accurate Miniatures 1/48 SBD-1, that I’m doing as a pre-war Marine Corps bird with yellow wings. It’s the first time I’ve tried doing a natural metal plane

with yellow wings, so try not to laugh at it too much when it's finally finished. About all that's left is to paint the markings on the cowl, belly and wing chevrons, then I can put the decals down. Hopefully that one will be on the table in January. See everyone on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November – don't forget the theme that night is the aforementioned **Russian Night** and Happy Thanksgiving to those who can't make it.

*Martin J Quinn*

*This month's meeting will be on:*

*Friday  
November 14<sup>th</sup>*



*This month's contest:*

*Russian Night*

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