

# MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS

November 2010

## THE IRON WORKS

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all, hope Halloween treated you all OK. My column will be short but full of info this month so listen up, it will be at one point concerning each and every member when it comes to certain things. First up, with the winter months upon us, I as well as most of you will be in the shop as much as possible building models or painting etc! This is a good thing. I am seeing a growing trend in the club and it seems to the eboard that a lot more guys are building! More than ever before. Keep it up. That's the one main reason we are in this club. There are several other reasons but that's the biggie. It is also nice to see guys hanging out and having a good time after the business part of the meeting is over. Keep it up!

Next up, we have been selected not only because we are a great club, but because no one else threw their name in the hat, to host the 2011 Region 2 Convention. Marty and I gave a presentation at the business meeting in Virginia a few weeks ago. All other chapters seem supportive and hopefully "JERSEYCON II" will go off without a hitch! The dates are the 20th and 22nd October 2011. Don't hold me to these dates, I don't have a calendar in front of me

at the moment and I don't feel like looking at the one on my computer! LOL. Anyway, it will be on exit 4 of the NJTPK at the Wyndham hotel and convention center. More to come on that. The eboard has a meeting for the 13th of November so more info will be available after that time. One thing I do know is that JerseyCon 2 will be much different then JerseyCon 1. mostly because of what we learned to do and not to do! More on this later.

Next up is the region 2 convention we just attended! It was a very nice event. I actually had quite a good time. I liked the way the convention was in close

Next Meeting:  
Friday,  
November 12th

Upcoming  
Events:

November 2010:  
Winter Warriors

December 2010:  
Annual Club  
Party  
And  
Model of the  
Year

April 2, 2011  
MosquitoCon XX

October 21-22,  
2011  
JerseyCon II

proximity to the rooms as well. We got off the elevator and we were there. I'm also glad to see that a lot of us made it and I would like to see more attendance from you guys at future conventions. The Monogram/Pegasus exhibit was looked at by everybody and we heard tons of positive comments! Great Job Boys!!! Also, the club got an award for Newsletter of the Year; it was accepted by Tom V and Marty Quinn who both worked hard to make it the N L of the year. Great Job Boys! I don't know the tally of members who won awards, but I do know that Vinny Sauseech D'alessio won one for his sub and for his Jap zero. Anyone else who won, bring your award to the club to show everyone. Great Job Vin!!! I also know the O'Connors won several as well! Great Job to Pop and Son! The vendors had some good stuff and a few of them had GREEEEEEAAAATTTT prices. I bought some things I don't need, just because of the price!!! LOL!

Friday night, we had a blast at Joes Crab Shack. We drank and ate and we all had fun. Some of us even went back on Saturday night! I think I will make this a region 2 thing for the guys attending from now on. There will be a few changes though but only minor ones. Now with that said, If you expect to get your room paid for, you need to have paid your dues at the October meeting, and you must present a valid receipt from the hotel( NOT A CREDIT CARD STAEMENT) stating that you did indeed stay the 2 nights at the hospitality house and you paid the convention rate. If you do not have both these requirements, don't even think about getting reimbursed!!!! All you have to do is show it and Vin and Joe will take care of it. The old "I give you my word" doesn't make it when it comes to club money. If you have any problems with this, come see me. I am open to discussion, but the end result is the same; make the requirements or don't get paid PERIOD!

Last up is Skeetercon 20. It is shaping

up nicely. Jeff Gerrity has taken 3 extra tables since he acquired Nostalgic Plastic, and the vendor forms are going out right after xmas. I expect this show to do well, and I also expect all member cooperation. No one member is above another. Not me, not Marty, not you. I treat you all the same, and I expect something back from you at the show which makes us the money we have fun with. So I will ask that each member help out and give back for what you get. I won't harp on this but I want cooperation. If you vend, you can still show some esprit de corps, and you not so early risers, come a little earlier to help out the hard core members that have the show going before you get here! That's all I have to say on this! Also PAY YOUR DUES! IF YOU DONT, YOUR NAME WILL BE IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER! Dues are a cheap price to pay for what you get back. Also I would like you guys to work harder at selling sponsorships this year. It's important to the club so please help us out. Each package sold, helps us out and puts us more in the black!!!!!! That's it for now, See Y'all at the meeting.

Regards

~Big Bill



# Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Hello my fellow modelers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended and participated in entering models at the Region II show in Fredericksburg Virginia as it was great to get together with club members.

I was finally able to finish my Monogram P-47, and display it at are club table in Virginia. Just think that in November 2011 newsletter we will be writing about JerseyCon II.

After the first of the year we will have another group build, this time it will be 1/48 scale armor. I will talk it over with the Eboard and you the members to finalize the start date. If you have never tackled an armor kit I believe this is the way to go! I find them fun with good detail and easy to assemble!

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.*



It's on! JerseyCon II, that is. Based on our clubs track record and the strength of our bid – plus the fact that no one else bid for the 2011 show, we will host next year's Regional Convention! The venue will move up the NJ Turnpike one exit to Interchange 4, and will be at the Wyndham Hotel on Route 73 in Mt Laurel. The hotel has almost two thousand more square feet than last year's venue. We already have a floor plan in hand, and have already started thinking about table layouts, etc. Due to previously booked events, the show will be October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. From the discussion held during the R2 business meeting, it seems that there are clubs lined up to host the show through 2014.

NJ/IPMS was well represented at the Regional, with usual suspects as Big Bill, Vinnie Sauseeg, Joe Smith, the O'Connor clan and the Triceratops Brothers. Big John T and Tom Boo were also in attendance. Congrats to Vinnie for his wins, including his green German U-Boat! Nice work – though a bit surprised you didn't accidentally eat the U-Boat at lunch one day. The IPMS Richmond guys did a really nice job – they had over 120 entrants and probably over 500 models on the tables.

A slightly smaller turnout for the "Prototype Night" theme at the October meeting, but still impressive none the less! I can't say enough how impressed I am to see so many guys finishing models. Great club spirit! If you want to host a theme night in 2011 – please contact Marc Rocca. If there is nothing else going on in March, I'll sponsor Empire Night once again.

As previously mentioned, the next group build, which will kick off in 2011, will be 1/48 armor. Stayed tuned for more from Joe Smith for details! After that – Bill is talking about an automotive group build and I'd like to organize a "maritime" group build. Let's keep the fun going. Also – if you haven't finished either your Pegasus or Monogram models, please try and get those done as soon as possible.

Hard to believe it is already November. That means MosquitoCon is only 5 months away, and will be here before we know it. Another E-Board planning meeting is in the works, I'm sure Big Bill will have more information as it becomes available.



For ship fanatics, Combrig Models has announced a very ambitious “Three Year Plan”, with multiple releases in both 1/700 and 1/350. Here is a sample of what they plan to release in 1/350:

Battleship SMS Baden+Bayern  
Battleship SMS Viribus Unitis  
Battleship SMS Friedrich der Grosse  
Battleship HMS Majestic  
Russian Battleship Peresvet  
French Coast Defense Battleship Henri IV  
Battleship SMS Ostfriesland  
Battleship SMS Nassau  
Battleship HMS Lord Nelson  
Battleship HMS King Edward VII  
Battleship HMS Canada  
Battleship HMS Erin  
Battleships of the R-class  
Battlecruiser SMS Von der Tann  
Battlecruiser SMS Blucher  
Battlecruiser HMS Lion  
Battlecruiser HMS Tiger

Battlecruiser HMS Seydlitz  
Battlecruiser HMS Derfflinger  
Light Cruiser SMS Elbing

As you can see, they are focusing on World War I and earlier, which is an era likely to be ignored by the main stream injection molded companies. I have Combrig’s 1/350 Armored Cruiser Scharnhorst, and it has to be seen to be believed. Their kits are just about the finest resin ship models available at this time. It truly is the Golden Age of scale ship modeling. It also means that I need to clone myself so I can build some of these kits when they come out, instead of just hoarding them!

That’s it from here. Hope to see everyone at the meeting with their “Winter Warrior” models on the table.

-DARTIN



# THE JUDGES TABLE

By Marc Rocca

Even though our sponsor for Prototype Night, Tom Stead, was unable to attend, the night was a big success with a nice representation of models that fit the bill on both tables. Top Honors went to Mike Terre in the Air category for his Penn Aircraft Syndicate X02-1. I got the prize for Land & Sea with a Pz 38 (t) Grille M with a 30 cm AA gun field mod.

The regular monthly vote was a bit lower than member attendance. In the AIR category, Mike Terry Took 1<sup>st</sup> for the X0Z-1. 2<sup>nd</sup> goes to Mike O'Connor for his XB-28 and

Pat O'Connor's F-4H-1 got him the 3<sup>rd</sup> place slot. Also on the table was John Tamasik's He-178, the world's first aircraft to fly under turboprop power.

In LAND & SEA, Stan Stankewicz shows he doesn't stink get 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 2006 concept Camaro. A Sherman Firefly built by Harry Dente gets 2<sup>nd</sup> place. And Jerry Rinaldi's masterful usage of flesh tones gets him 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

~Marc Rocca



# The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Recently, a guest editor wrote an editorial in *Fine Scale Modeler* about the value of our unbuilt kits. Not the monetary value (although that is generally secondary in our minds when we think of our "stash"), but rather, the pleasure we derive from our unbuilt models. The writer mentioned how he has completed them, sometimes many times over, in his imagination. I think most of us can relate to that. In fact, until I read that piece, I had never really stopped to realize just how much fun it can be to simply imagine how a kit will look once completed, long before a single drop of cement touches styrene. While there is no substitute for the

satisfaction that comes from finishing a project, the pleasure that is derived from planning and "building in your mind" can be substantial. When I open a new kit, I picture it completed, with the camouflage and decals applied and all the steps that would take it there.

I know that I'll never get to finish all the unbuilt kits I have, but that doesn't stop me from visualizing each one completed. I'll continue to build (at my usual slow pace, unfortunately), but enjoy knowing that it's OK to dream.

My family and I wish every member and their families a Happy Thanksgiving!

~Mike P.



# An Individual Effort

By Marc Rocca

Since I returned to the hobby 5 years ago there is something I think about now and again. What is the fate of our hobby? In a way we talk about it at our meeting all the time. I am sure it comes up at club meeting all over the world. Many times it is the result of clubs trying to figure out how to increase membership and get younger models started.

With a 25 year spread between builds the hobby had changed drastically. Kit manufacturers and selection had grown. The amount of aftermarket accessories, from big companies

to cottage industries, is incredible. Global markets make everything available to



anyone, anywhere. But it's not all good. It all comes with a price. I have just started a project using a \$45 kit and about \$150 in aftermarket goodies. OK, I am going little nuts on this one. Just a \$45 kit can be out of reach for kids these days.

But before that comes into play, we still have to get the younger group interested in modeling. I spend a fair amount of time in a few of the online forums. Recently a 16 year old forum member from Utah, Andrew, aka raptordriver, told a story that is doing exactly what we talk about. He is getting young kids together and showing them how to build models. The age range is 10 to 16 years old. The response to his efforts has been amazing. I just wanted to share his

conversation with you and to commend him for his efforts. Below is a cut/paste of his original post.

At IPMS SLC-X, an old man walked up to me and said, "Wow you don't see very many kids modeling anymore. They just don't have the patience." I disagreed, I knew he was wrong. I went to my LHS and asked the owner if I could set up a model club. Specifically for aircraft. He smiled and told me go for it.

We would meet every third Thursday at 5:00. One kid and only one was interested. Slowly this started to catch on, and soon I got a phone call. Her name was Tammy, and she asked how much does admission of the club cost? I eagerly told her it was free. But you will need \$10 for modeling supplies. Then he came and called a friend and the cycle continued.

Now we have eight youth (not including myself) interested.

For their first model, I just let them go by themselves. At the beginning of the class, I have a random modeling demonstration, decals, and airbrush. etc. For my older or more driven students I am teaching them techniques and having them apply them. One guy is even reading Finescale magazines. Testors kits are a great place to start I have found out. Every time someone is at a kit dilemma, I strongly recommend Testors. Testors kits aren't bad, they



were just made for beginners not experienced modelers.

Well that's it, if you have any suggestions on how I could improve I would love to hear

them. I would like to thank Painklr [forum member] for donating many small kits.

**Marc Rocca**

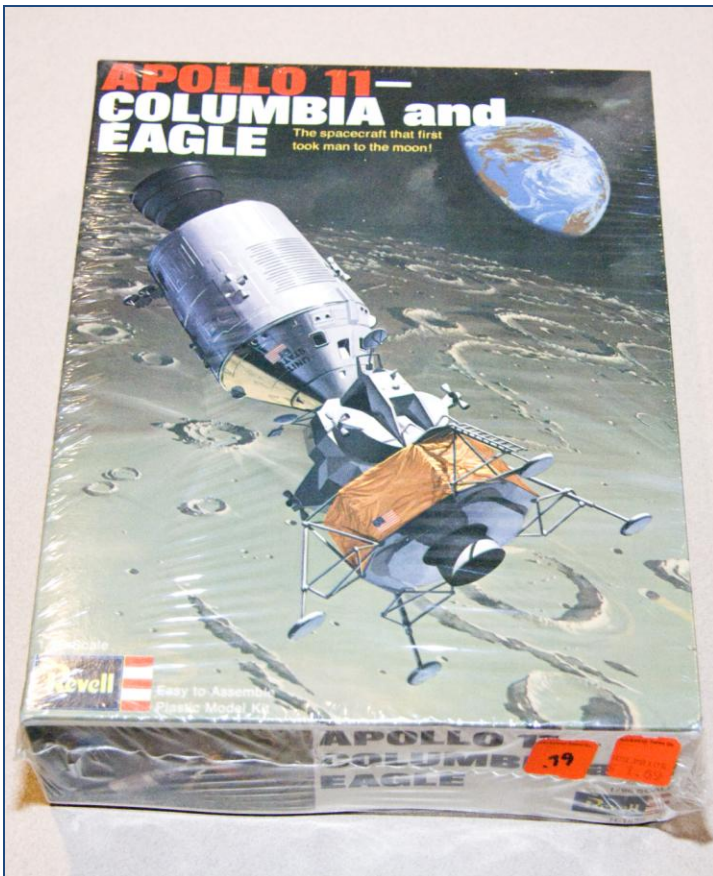
## From the Editor

By Devin Poore

Thanks to everyone who's stepping up and contributing to the newsletter (and not making me have to literally beg, in public, for it to be so!) Marc's insightful piece above about how we all can make an effort to spread the hobby to the next generation is one of those submissions. Next month we'll have a review of the new Admiral Hipper kit, and a photo feature on the USMC Museum.

Again, if you have any questions about what to send to the newsletter, please do ask. It's not hard to do (if I can do it..., you know the rest) then you can, too. I'm more than willing to help with editing, photo cleanup, etc. Just let me know how I can be of help.

-Devin



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# More Models from the October Meeting



This month's meeting will be on:

**Friday**  
November 12th, 2010



This month's contest:  
**Winter Warriors**

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## Please Note:

All submissions for the next newsletter must be received by Friday November 26th, 2010, or they will not make it into the October newsletter.

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