

# MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS

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## THE IRON WORKS

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all. We start November with JerseyCon behind us and move on to our regular show MCON which will be our 21st outing! Man has time gone. Can't believe it. When I started the show at my work I was like 37! LOL. As Far as JerseyCon, everyone who came had positive things to say. I am glad about that. But as I have said before, It's now over and we won't be hosting another region for as long as I am the President. It's not that I don't like to do it, I enjoyed this one, but it's the logistics and the money that are my concern. I told RC2 We would entertain the thought about 2012 because no one has put in a bid, but after talking it over with the eboard, it is definitely a no go. I hope who hosts the next ones do well and enjoy themselves and have the staff I did for JerseyCon 2!!! GOOOOOOOOOOOOOD LUUUUUUUUUUUUUUCK! I at this time would like to thank the individuals that helped to get the show done. You all did a great job! Marty, Joe, Vince, Devin, Mike Pavlo, Ed Minto, Arty, Bill C, Harm and Glenda, Jimmy, Big John, Mikey D, Tom V, Stan and Wife, Mike, Pat and Joan

O'Conner, Mike T, New Dan, Steve Z, Darryl, VonStead, Simon, Ciccerones Shapiro, and the other few I can't think of at the moment (please excuse my Brain Fry!!!). You all did a professional job and as usual and made it look easy even though it wasn't. GREAAAAAAAAAAT JOB TO YOU ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Next up is The Lifetime achievement award. This club has had many long term members as you know. I was sitting here one day and realized that as Mikey D said, we are a graying society! That's true more than

Next Meeting:  
Friday,  
November  
11th

Upcoming  
Events:

November  
2011  
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December  
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Year

April 7th,  
2012  
MosquitoCon  
21  
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**Bill's Snap-Together Pegasus kit**

you know. Looking at the members in the region 2 business meeting confirmed this even more. So I decided along with Joe and Mike, to give out the first of these awards. It's not all about age either. My thoughts on this are to give out several of these during my term because they are well deserved to a few long time members that have always gone the extra mile to do things for you all!!! As far as Quinn is concerned, he was my immediate first thought. I also put him in for the region 2 Mike Lyons award which unfortunately he didn't get but was more than deserving to have gotten it. If you look over the past years as far as spirit, brotherhood, and a host of other things like doing the contest, paperwork and logistics as well as most everything else, he is a natural. I could go on and on but you guys get the picture. I want to give them out now before we all get too old to enjoy them!!! LOL! He is the first recipient and he deserves it. When you see a lot of things you have in our club you might want to thank him because he was a great part in doing things so we are where we are at today! Now, Off the soapbox, and on to the next thing but Well done Quinn, Well done !!

On That note, The L.A.A. is in no way

connected or is like the Helen Kennedy award at all. If you noticed I have not given that one out in a while. My reason for that is because somehow I feel it got lost in the spirit it was supposed to be given, and what it was supposed to be. We have guidelines for that award and when someone meets the requirement, they will get it. It doesn't have to be a member either. It can be a friend to the club, Wife, Etc. That's all I have to say on this.

Next, I guess we can start the Wildcat build but I think we will hold it off till after the Xmas meeting. Just make sure you attend the sessions if you wish to learn how the 3 of us do things. I will be looking forward to giving my presentation and actually show you guys that I do on occasion build a model! LOL. Speaking of that, Great Job Darryl Peters on the demo at the show. It was pro done, just like the cars you build. It's great having you in the club!

Well, I think that's if for now, I am



about outta words for this month. Oh, one last thing, November 12th is Battleship NJ day for any members wishing to attend and bring models to display. Parking and entry is free for members. See Tom Boo Boo for additional info.

See Yall at the Meeting on the 11th !!!  
~Big Bill



# Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

My fellow Modelers,

After all the planning and preparation JerseyCon II is now in the history books. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of the Eboard and our members and from other clubs who assisted with the judging. Based on the feedback I was getting from many of the attendees they were enjoying themselves. Friday night was a blast!

And a most deserving congrats to Martin for being honored for the great job you do for this club and also for you and the other club members for all your award winning models. Now it's time to start thinking about MosquitoCon which will be upon us before you know it.

Happy Modeling

*-Joe Smith*



*Friday Night in the Hospitality Suite. Photos by Mikey D.*



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# 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.*



Well, we did it – *again*. We put together a great show which attracted a good crowd and great models. Thanks to everyone who pitched in – by either working the show, providing some sort of expertise or by sponsoring a trophy package, offering a raffle prize, etc.

I'll leave the money to Big Bill, and concentrate what concerns me. Some numbers:

- Total Registered Entrants: 89
- Total Models Entered: 425+
- Total Walk-ins: 201

Not MosquitoCon numbers, but impressive. Personally, I was a little disappointed that we didn't have more entrants, especially since we had 39 on Friday night alone. With the picture perfect weather, I thought we'd break 100 easily. Maybe the fact that there was a fairly popular show in Region 1 the same weekend kept some from that Region from coming down. Some of the MosquitoCon regulars from Long Island were missing as well. Regardless, it was a great show and I had a great time.

Congratulations to all the winners - especially the amazing Dan Kaplan, who's little 1/700 IJN destroyer "Ushio" won Best Ship and Judges Best in Show.

Speaking of awards, I wanted to say thank you to the E-Board for the "Lifetime Achievement Award" that I received at the show. I am very honored and humbled to have been the first recipient of this award. However, I am certainly not old enough to get any type of "lifetime" award!

I also wanted to thank the judges for their hard work, in particular the head judges: Joe Smith (Ships), Rob DiMaio (Aircraft), Marc Rocca (Armor) & Jim Lincoln (The Rest). Without them, the judging would not have gone as smoothly as it did. Thanks to all the other judges, who are too numerous to mention here, but Mike Pavlo & Mikey D also did a lot of work to make sure all the categories and specials were judged. Again, thank you all for your help and dedication. Good luck to Marc Rocca, who now officially takes over as NJ/IPMS's Head Contest Judge.

Speaking of contests...while Marc is stepping UP to being the head contest judge for our events, he is also stepping down as the monthly contest coordinator at the meetings at the end of the year. That means we need a volunteer to step forward to run the monthly contest. It doesn't entail a lot of work, just someone who shows up to the meetings on a regular basis. If you are



interested, please see Marc or a member of the e-board this month of in December. If no one steps forward, there will be no more monthly contests until we get a replacement.

With JerseyCon in the books, the show season is just about over. Later in November, the Long Island Miniature Model show will be held on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Freeport Rec (where Replicon used to be held). I'll be in Florida that week, but if you like figures, there is usually some outstanding work at that show.

Don't forget the Battleship NJ display on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please see Tom Vandermark for details. If you can't be there but want to put something on display, bring a model to the November meeting, and Tom will bring it down to the wardroom to display. I am

trying to arrange child care for my daughter that day and hope to make it with my son.

The long delayed F4F-3 Wildcat workshop build should be starting soon – maybe this month? Yours truly (for comic relief), Dan Spera and Big Bill will each be building the HobbyBoss kit step by step as part of a monthly workshop. As mentioned earlier, this was done years ago with the old Hobby Craft P-35 kit, and was a big hit.

Well, that's it from here...or it's all I can think of at the moment. Hope to see everyone at the November meeting! If not, a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

-~~CO~~ARTIN

## THE JUDGES TABLE

By Marc Rocca

The tables were once again filled with great models. Let's all thanks Simon for sponsoring what was a very successful "Russian Night" Stan Stankewicz took the prize in the AIR category for his P-39 and Mike O'Connor got Land & SEA for the 203mm Howitzer.

Despite the ticket having the letter H crossed out and in nice big writing "RUSSIAN NIGHT NO VOTING". H got 7 votes. I won't say what rank the votes were or where it would have placed. But it would have changed the following results. (Insert the "What the #%\*%" smiley here)

On to the results of the monthly extravaganza...

1<sup>st</sup> place AIR goes to Mike Terre for his Mu-1. Followed by Bill Connolly in 2<sup>nd</sup> with a Sukhoi Su-27 and Ernest Connor in 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Ka-29 Helix.

LAND & SEA was won by Mike O'Connor for his 203mm Howitzer. I took 2<sup>nd</sup> for a T-34/85 and Vince D'Alessio got 3<sup>rd</sup> with a Typhoon Class sub.

Mike Pavlo will be bringing us "U.S. Navy Night" in November. Let's have a good showing for him so fill those tables.

-*Marc*



# The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Well, JerseyCon 2 is history...in the books as they say. Bill, Martin, Joe, and Vince will be providing the numbers at the meeting, and I'm betting they are good. But the show was much more than that. Everyone I spoke to said they had a great time. It looked to me like the turnout was very good and the model rooms and vendor rooms looked crowded most of the time. We couldn't ask for more than that. The hotel staff was very responsive and really helped us with whatever came up. They get a big thumbs up!

More than anything else, I want to thank all the members who did so much to make the show a success. Every facet of the show was covered and guys (and gals) did whatever was necessary take care of issues and provide coverage for all the tasks at hand.

Kudos to our members who pitched in and made JerseyCon 2 a standout.

The banter and the laughter in the hospitality room on Friday night was one for the ages! I laughed so hard, my sides ached. The guests in the bar must have been wondering what was going on in there! It was also great to see so many old friends who we hadn't seen for a while. That's always one of the high points for me.

Before we know it, MCon will be here. There's plenty to do for that, but right now, I still have a warm glow from JCon...or maybe it's from that 30 year old whiskey Bill brought?

~Mike P.

# Note from the Editor

By Devin Poore

The newsletter this month is a bit sparse on photos. I've been out of town on business and pleasure most of the time since JerseyCon and have not had time to process the images from the show. Those included in this issue were taken by others and thoughtfully sent along for inclusion. With all of the photos taken by myself and those who helped me, I have over 1200 images to rename, correct and process. I hope to have it all ready and to Martin for addition to the website within the week. Look to the website in the next week or so to see all of the models that were on the table. Next

month we'll return to a regular newsletter format with images throughout.

On the subject of newsletter content, I could use some. Reviews of the latest kit you got, a trip to a museum or historical location, something about the tools you use. Anything. Send it my way and I'll make it pretty and publish it here.

Until next time.

-Devin



This month's meeting will be on:

**Friday**

October 11th, 2011



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