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The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS

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THE IRON WORKS

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all. I'm keeping this as short as possible this month. You all know what's just a few weeks away so there's no need to go over anything other than we discussed at previous meetings. The only thing I will say is that now the club needs you in a support capacity and I would like to see all our members, even though I realize that may not be realistic for some of you, to get down to the hotel Friday and Saturday and help us out for JerseyCon. All help is appreciated. We are rolling at 9:30 am on Friday to open the show by 3 pm. Things look good vendor-wise, and model contest room-wise. We are selling tables up to the last minute and making small preps so we can have a great two-day show. So if you can, be there. WE NEED YOU! See Dan for security, Marty for the contest, or me for anything else. I believe the show, depending on the weather, will be very good. I have been receiving a lot of mail in regards to it and it has been positive. Anyone interested in sponsoring a trophy package, please do so, as we can use the support. See Joe Smith on that one.

On that note, the Hospitality Suite will be open Late Friday night. It will have

usual fare but remember one thing" It's for members and select friends, not for everyone at the show. It's costing us money so keep that in mind instead of inviting every Tom, Dick and Harry! Nuff Said. Next up. Breakfast for "MEMBERS THAT WILL BE WORKING ALL DAY SATURDAY" will be served in the main restaurant. All others pay their own way! You are entitled to breakfast buffet only. Marty and I will make sure it's for MEMBERS ONLY THAT ARE WORKING! Lunch will be provided the same way. You will be given a coupon. It will entitle you to a lunch with choices that will be served BBQ

Next Meeting:
Friday,
October 14th

Upcoming
Events:

October 2011:
Russian
Night

October 21-
22, 2011

JerseyCon II

Mount.
Laurel, NJ

November
2011
US Navy

December
2011:
Model of the
Year

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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.



Ask not for whom the bell tolls, It tolls for thee. Yes, the clock is just about done ticking, and the bell is about to ring. Three weeks from when I write this, JerseyCon 2 will be already over (and then we get to start planning for MosquitoCon XXI!).

While we've only got a few weeks to go, there is still quite a bit to do. The table layouts are done, now Mike Pavlo is laying out the categories, while Jimmy & Big Bill are still finalizing vendor contracts and layouts. Big Bill and I will be making a trip down to the hotel before the October meeting (which will be one week before the show) to finalize everything with the venue.

We could still use everyone's help with trophy sponsorships. As of right now, we've gotten commitments for about half the trophy packages – good, but not good enough. Please consider reaching out to any hobby related contacts you have to see if they'll sponsor a trophy package or sponsor the raffle. As mentioned last month, I've already gotten some stuff – a resin ship from Battlefleet Models, and a trophy sponsorship (Best Ship) and some new 1/700 Dragon ships from Modelwarships.com. If you don't know of anyone in the hobby to reach out to, then please consider reaching into your wallet or checkbook to sponsor a category.

Thanks to Big Bill for the outstanding food at the 2nd annual NJ/IPMS Family Picnic on September 11th at Merrill Park in

Iselin, NJ. There was a good turn out of members and their families, and while it threatened to rain at anytime, the adverse weather held off until the festivities were over. My kids and I had a good time – on the way home, my daughter asked when we were going back! While I never took any photos, I saw Mikey D furiously snapping away. Perhaps he shared some photos with our NL editor?

While I don't have any photos from this years picnic, I did find this one from the ORIGINAL NJ/IPMS family picnic from about 20 years ago.



Well, that's it from here. Hope to see everyone at the October meeting!

-MARTIN



THE JUDGES TABLE

By Marc Rocca

Hello boys and girls. This month will be a two-parter since I was losing my mind at the end of July and did not report any results.

JULY

In the AIR category...Stan Stankewicz took 1st place with his P-47, with Art Doran hot and his heels in 2nd with another Jug. Martin Quinn, aka "Head Judge for Life", takes 3rd with his F-8 Crusader.

LAND & SEA was pretty light but Jerry Rinaldi must have run out of skin tone paint because he built a 1/6 scale jeep towing a 37mm gun for which he takes 1st place. John Tamasik got 2nd for nicely done M977 Hemtt.

Dan & Mike sponsored "USA Night". Jerry got the L&S prize for his Jeep and I got AIR for an SB2C Helldiver.

In LAND & SEA, Tom Van DermMark got 1st for his USS Mayo. One of the ships from the NY Deli Class. OK, OK stop groaning. Jonh De Silva gets 2nd with the USS San Francisco. John Tamasik gets 3rd for a Japanese Type 97 "Chi Ha". See John, I told you at the last meeting... you're an armor guy.



SEPTEMBER

1st in AIR went to Bill Connolly for an F4U-1 Corsair. The O'Connors get the 2nd 3 spots, Pat for an F\$F Wildcat and Mike for a Mitchell B-25D.



Stan Stankewicz sponsored "South Pacific Night". I took the AIR category a Spitfire Mk IVXc and Tom Van Dermark got the L&S category for the USS Mayo.

I would like to once again thank the sponsors of our theme nights.

-Marc



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or at
<http://groups.google.com/group/njipms>



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Well Boys, JerseyCon 2 is almost here. As you read this, it's probably only a week or so away. I'm excited because I know it's going to be a great show. Modelers will be coming from far and wide to attend, and we'll be seeing guys who we don't normally see at MCon due to distance.

As with MCon, we'll need everyone's help for the show to go smoothly. We know we can count on everyone to do what's needed to pitch in. Bill and Martin will be supplying updates on the show and the logistics, and which areas need personnel assigned. Please also remember to see Joe or Vince for trophy package sponsorships. We

still need lots of help in that area. Please consider giving back to the club if you can by sponsoring a package. Also, if anyone has a new, modern kit(s) that they'd like to donate to the raffle, please bring them to the show. We all have kits that we bought that we know we'll never really get to. Think of it as a way of creating shelf space for another kit!

Also, I'd like to thank Big Bill for setting up the 2nd annual "NJIPMS Picnic in the Park". The food and the company were outstanding! What a great way to enjoy the perks of all our work throughout the year.

~Mike P.



Kit Review: HMS *Albatross*

Niko 1/700

By Devin Poore



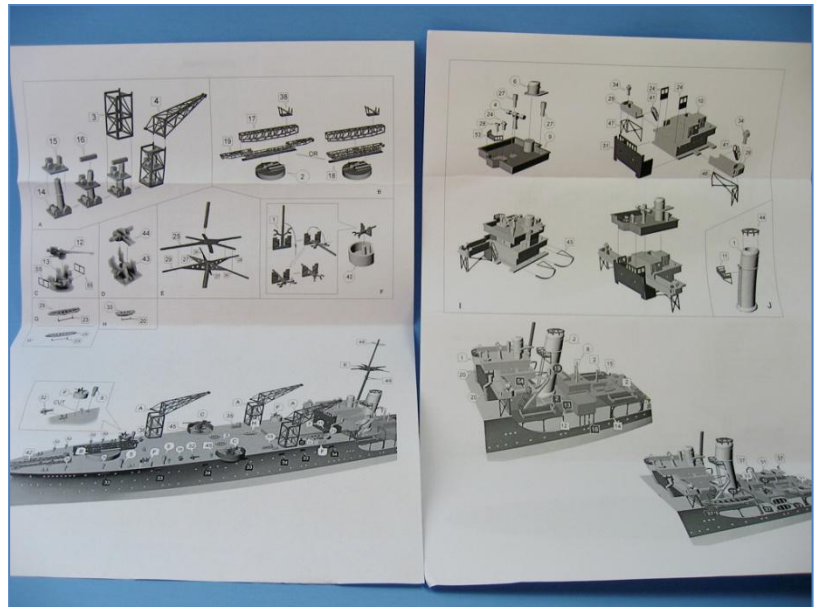
Summary

Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Very well molded resin kit with photo etch detail sheet of railings, cranes, etc.
Scale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1/700
Price:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$59.95 from Freetime Hobbies/Pacific Front
Contents & Media:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Single piece waterline hull, 5 small bags of guns, aircraft, crane bases, anchors, aircraft, stack, deck houses, etc. 1 sheet of PE brass details. 3 sheets of double-sided instructions.
Advantages:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Incredible casting with no visible bubbles or warpage.- Very unique subject.
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Small parts! Not necessarily a disadvantage, but if you're not into small parts and assemblies, you won't like this kit.
Recommendation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recommended

The HMAS *Albatross* was laid-down in 1925 as a seaplane carrier/tender for the Royal Australian Navy. She operated with the Australians until decommissioned in 1933, although they continued to use her for aircraft maintenance after her decommissioning. In 1938 the *Albatross* was sent back to the Royal Navy as part payment for the new cruiser *Hobart*.



Although there had been little use for a seaplane tender when the Royal Navy acquired her, the advent of war and the early loss of the carriers *Courageous* and *Glorious* put the *Albatross* into action. She operated in the Freetown area of western Africa where her aircraft escorted convoys, and then in 1942 she was transferred to the Indian Ocean where she served until being paid off in September of 1943. From October '43 until early '44 she was extensively converted to a repair ship for the upcoming invasion of Europe. At the start of the invasion she was assigned to Sword beach where she repaired many damaged craft; she was later moved to Juno beach for continued service. On August 11th she was hit by a torpedo and returned to Portsmouth for repairs that lasted until early 1945, essentially ending her war service except for limited duty as a depot ship.



Post war *Albatross* was sold and converted to a Greek passenger liner named *Hellenic Prince*. In 1953 she was used as a troopship during the Mau Mau Uprising, and then she was finally scrapped in 1954. *[History paraphrased from Wikipedia, so take with an appropriately sized grain of salt]*

The Kit

When I saw this kit first advertised on [Freetime Hobbies](http://www.freetimehobbies.com) website, I had to do a Google search to verify that this was an actual ship. I'd never heard of *Albatross* before, and she was so odd looking that I was immediately intrigued.

In the typical Niko rectangular box you get a solid cast waterline hull, a bag with various deck structures and the stack, another bag with seaplanes (fuselages and wings to be assembled), another bag with crane bases and anchors and such, and finally another bag with the ship's guns. Instructions are included on three double-sides sheets that show a parts breakdown of what's in the box, and then exploded-view 3D CAD drawings of the assembly process. A photo etch sheet takes care of the multiple cranes, railings, and other fine details.





As with most Niko kits, the resin castings are flawless and amazing. Unfortunately the resin is of such a shade that it's hard to photograph, but take my word for it. Not an air bubble, crack, or blemish anywhere to be found. The hull sits dead flat on the table, no warping or hoggin at all, and even the dozens of portholes in the hull are perfectly aligned (something that most resin producers seem to have difficulty with).

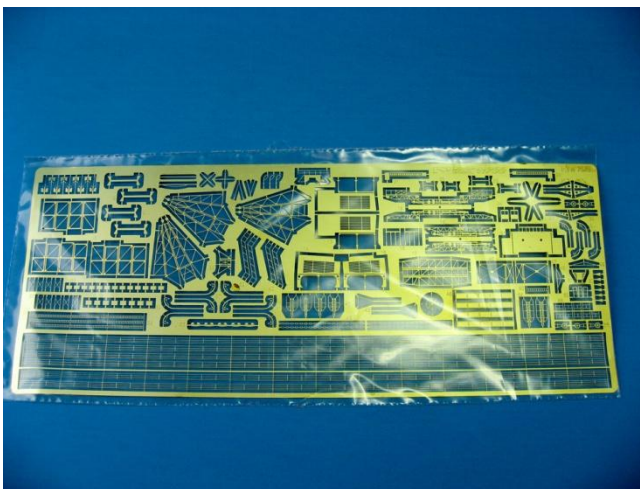
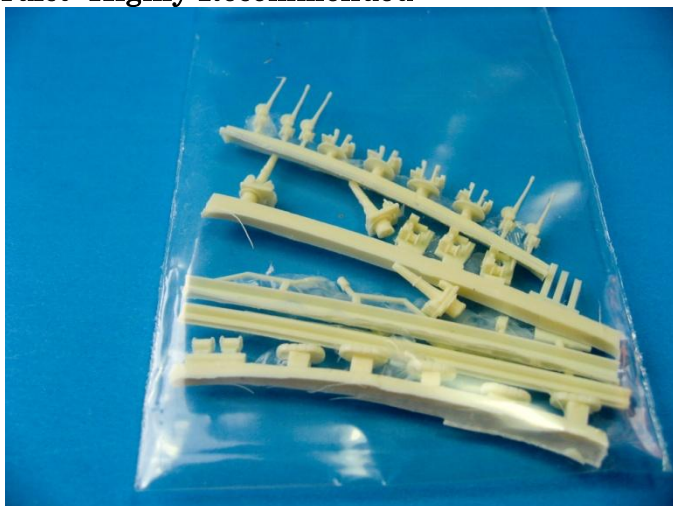
As stated in the history above, *Albatross* was converted extensively in 1943, and I do not really know which fit this kit depicts, pre or post refit.

Were I to guess based on the few online photos of

her, I'd guess she's in early war fit here, but further research will be required.

Overall I find this a very nicely done kit of a very unique subject. Niko quality speaks for itself, and this is another great kit of a ship that I injection molded ship producers wouldn't even consider to making.

Verdict: Highly Recommended



More from the Meeting



For more photos, please visit the [NJIPMS website!](http://www.njipms.org)



Below are the JerseyCon contest categories. Those with an empty Sponsored By: box next to them are still up for grabs.

Help us sell some trophy packages!

The most recent version of this list is online at:

http://www.njipms.org/JerseyCon/JCONII/JC2_ContestCategories2.htm

2011 Region II Contest Categories			
	<u>Aircraft (100)</u>	Out of the Box?	Sponsored by:
101	Single Engine Prop Aircraft 1/72 and Smaller	Yes	Mike Pavlo NJIPMS
102	Multi-Engine Prop Aircraft 1/72 and Smaller	Yes	Simon V NJIPMS
103	Single Engine Prop Aircraft 1/48	Yes	Art Doran NJIPMS
104	Multi-Engine Prop Aircraft 1/48	Yes	IPMS Northern Virginia
105	Single Engine Jet Aircraft 1/72 and Smaller	Yes	Tom Reavely NJIPMS
106	Multi-Engine Jet Aircraft 1/72 and Smaller	Yes	IPMS Tidewater
107	Single Engine Jet Aircraft 1/48	Yes	
108	Multi-Engine Jet Aircraft 1/48	Yes	
109	Single-Engine Props & Jets 1/32	Yes	Simon V NJIPMS
110	Multi-Engine Props & Jets 1/32	Yes	
111	Rotary Winged Aircraft – All Scales	Yes	
112	Commercial, Civil and Racing Aircraft – All Types and Scales	Yes	
113	Vacuforms & Mostly Resins – All Types and Scales		
114	Conversions & Scratch Builds – All Types and Scales		IPMS Delaware Valley
	<u>Military Vehicles and Artillery: (200)</u>		
201	Armored & Soft Skinned Vehicles – 1/72 and Smaller	Yes	IPMS Northern Virginia
202	Armored & Soft Skinned Vehicles – 1/48	Yes	Gary Kingzett NJIPMS
203	Tracked & Wheeled AFVs (Closed Top) – Pre-1945, 1/35 & Larger	Yes	IPMS Tidewater
204	Tracked & Wheeled AFVs (Closed Top) – Post-1945, 1/35 & Larger	Yes	IPMS Northeast New York
205	Tracked & Wheeled AFVs (Open Top) – All Eras, 1/35 & Larger	Yes	
206	Wheeled Soft Skins – 1/35 & Larger	Yes	
207	Self Propelled Ordinance – All Types and Scales	Yes	
208	Towed Ordinance – All Types and Scales	Yes	
209	Commercial Conversions – All Scales		
210	Major Conversions & Scratchbuilds – All Scales		
	<u>Ships: (300)</u>		
301	Battleships, Carriers and Cruisers – 1/401 & Smaller		Joseph Smith NJIPMS
302	Battleships, Carriers and Cruisers – 1/400 & Larger		Gary Kingzett NJIPMS
303	Powered Surface Ships – All other types 1/401 & Smaller		Long Island Scale Model Society
304	Powered Surface Ships – All other types 1/400 & Larger		



305	Submarines – All Types & Scales	Yes	
306	Sail & Oar Surface Ships – All Types & Scales		
	<u>Automotive: (400)</u>		
401	Cars, All Types 1/23 & Larger	Yes	IPMS Northern Virginia
402	Cars. All Types 1/26 & Smaller	Yes	
403	Cars. Street/Legal 1/24 & Larger	Yes	
404	Cars, Custom 1/24 & Larger	Yes	
405	Cars, Competition (Open Wheel) 1/24 & Larger	Yes	
406	Cars, Competition (Closed Wheel) 1/24 & Larger	Yes	
407	Trucks & Commercial Vehicles, All Scales	Yes	
408	Motorcycles, All Scales	Yes	
	<u>Figures: (500)</u>		
501	90 mm and Smaller		Jerry Rutman NJIPMS
502	91 mm and Larger		Jerry Rutman NJIPMS
503	Mounted, All Scales		
504	Fantasy and Robots, All Scales		Jim Lincoln NJIPMS
	<u>Dioramas: (600)</u>		
601	Armor/Military Themed Dioramas – All Scales		Tri State Scale Modelers
602	All Other Types of Dioramas – All Scales		NJHMA
603	Vignettes – All Scales		
	<u>Space & Sci-Fi (700)</u>		
701	Space, Factual Vehicles – All Types & Scales		
			Brooklyn Plastic Modelers Society, in memory of Joe Turner
702	Space, Fictional Vehicles – All Types & Scales		
	<u>Miscellaneous (800)</u>		
801	Miscellaneous – All Types, All Scales & All Eras		
802	Trifecta – Three Different Types – All Scales		
803	Adult Novice – All Types & Scales		
804	100 TH Anniversary of US Naval Aviation		
805	Classic Plastic – 25 year & older kits, all types & scales		
	<u>Junior Entries: (900)</u>		
901	Juniors Under 13 – All Types & Scales		IPMS Richmond
902	Juniors 14 & Older – All Types & Scales		IPMS Richmond
	<u>Special Awards (000)</u>		
001	Tailhook Award (Best USN aircraft)		Bill Schwarz NJIPMS
002	Best Out of the Box Model		Martin Quinn NJIPMS
003	Best Civilian Subject		
004	Best Armor		Marc Rocca NJIPMS



005	Best Ship		Modelwarships.com
006	Best Aircraft		
007	Best "Theme" Award		IPMS Northern Virginia
008	Best New Jersey Related Subject		Marc Rocca, NJIPMS
009	Best of the Rest		
010	Peoples Choice Award		
011	Judges Best in Show		Charlie's Trophies/3 Mikes Resin

- Contest rules.
 - No sweeps!
 - Previous National and Region II winners - up to & including the 2011 Nationals - are not permitted.

This month's meeting will be on:

Friday

October 14th, 2011



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October 21st & 22nd, 2011
Mt. Laurel, New Jersey



IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

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Adult: \$25 Junior (17 years old or younger): \$12 DOB: _____

Canada & Mexico: \$30 Other Foreign: \$32 Foreign Air Mail: \$55

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If recommended by an IPMS member,
 list his/her name and member number _____ (name) _____ (IPMS#)

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