

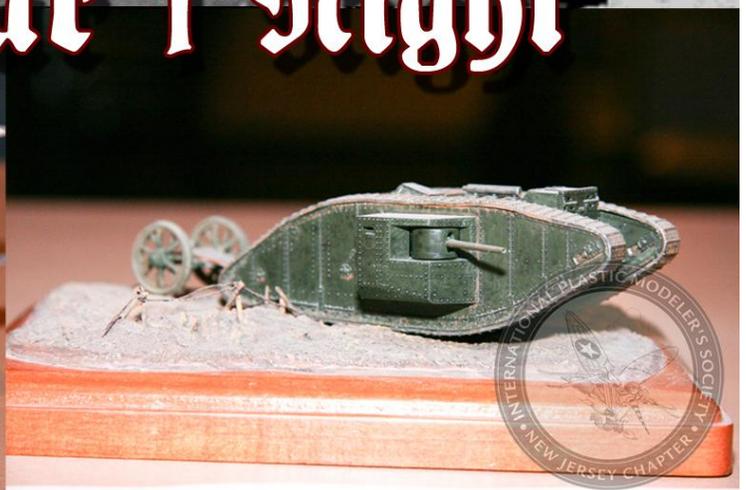
# MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS

December 2013



World War 1 Night



# The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Fellows, do to moving and other commitments, I have to keep this NL piece down to a paragraph or two. With that said, let's get on to business.

1st up: Dues. There are 2 or 3 that are long time members that still owe. I'm not going to say who you are, but pay your dues asap. That's all on this.

Next up, I would ideally like to see all active members at our annual Xmas party this year. We are as usual going to be well fed and drinks will be available for a few hours. I hope to see a lot of your wonderful faces there. I know it will be packed as is every other party we have. You may bring your wife as well. I will have service for 40 and the menu will be multi-national. I'm going Greek gyro style with fresh pita and Greek



salad, as well as lasagna, baked ziti, meatballs and sauce, fried chicken and ribs with potato salad and 1/2 sheet cake. The

only thing you have to bring is your smiling cheerful selves. The rest we will take care of as usual. I'm sure everyone will have fun. On that note, Please bring your 1st place models from the club contests for all to view. There will be awards given out for model of the year 1,2 and 3 as will be a few well deserved specials so show up and join in the festivities. I just want to remind you of one thing. Make your first plate with enough food but not so much there won't be certain items for everyone! You all know my feelings on this and what has happened in the past. After round one, you are free to indulge to your heart's content. That's all I have to say on this.

Last up is by the time you read this, the first mailings for MCON 2014 will be out. Ed did a great flyer as usual, Marty and Mike are well into the contest portion, Jon is aware what we need award-

Next Meeting:  
Friday,  
December  
13th

#### Upcoming Events:

December  
Annual  
Christmas  
Party

April 5,  
2014  
MosquitoCo  
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May 2-3  
NorEastCon  
43  
Levittown,  
NY

Aug. 6-9,  
2014  
IPMS  
Nationals.  
Hampton,  
Va.



wise, and I have been working with the vendors. I have some 93 tables spoken for and I will go max again if I can, so we have more things for us fun-wise. I think that's it for me with club business this month.

Moving is a pain in the ass but it's for the better, plus im flying out for my bi-annual trek to Los Angeles on Xmas day. I will be doing my usual movie related things plus a whole lot more. I'm going to the Valasquez rocks to see where many movies were filmed

that you all have seen, then off to the portal under the 6th street bridge to see the location where "THEM" was filmed as well as a host of other movies, then off to ElCajon pass, the Griffith Observatory, Pinks, Randy's, then south to Anaheim, then to San Diego. I'll be tired but it's worth it! LOL. I also would like to say may you all have a safe and Happy Holiday Season and you all do well and enjoy life!!

~ *Big Bill Schwarz*

## Joe's VP Piece

By Joe Smith

Fellow members of NJIPMS,

I Hard to believe that another year will enter the History books! That also signals the start of MosquitoCon as well.

Congratulations to out winners in last month special contest, and to all that entered Models as well. Congratulations to our President for handling the food arrangements as well!

I like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas as well as a Happy Hanukkah, and a safe a Happy & healthy New Year to everyone of our members and your Families as well.

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.*



Just a reminder this is the last month to submit your selection for the tin can group build.



We have about 10 people in the group build now - the more the merrier!

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and has a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!

Don't forget to bring those first place entries to the meeting so we can choose the model of the year.

See everyone then!

*~Martin*

## THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

2013 is all but a few weeks away from being history. I hope everyone has had a great year, made new friends, spent time with family, traveled to your heart's content, and of course built models. The theme night for December has been the same forever. The Model(s) of the year. What that first place winners from each monthly contest are to bring their kits. We will then vote and results will be announced in January for

which Air and which Land and Sea kits were the models of 2013

Speaking of voting, I'd like to explain something that most of you probably don't know, and it's why voting is so important. The top three builder of the year awards are determined by a points system. I'll try to explain it in words. When you guys vote every month, your vote does indeed count. Voting 1st place gives that person 5 points,



2nd place 3 points and 3rd 1 point. The



ballots are added up and the points determine the monthly winners. Then I add up the points from each month to determine who the three top builders of the year are. So you see, voting does mean something! I can explain it better in person, I'm not one for writing my thoughts down. With that being said, the three builders of the year (in order) are Marc Rocca, Mike O'Connor, and John Tamasik.

Now as far as the model of the year contest goes, the following people SHOULD bring their kits in, some of you have more than one so pick your best:

January - John B - Star Wars dio, Stan - War of the Worlds dio

February - no meeting

March - Marc Rocca - Panther, Art - C.200

April - not enough votes, everyone was in MosquitoCon mode

May - Vince - M41 Walker (that's what's listed here), Mike O'Connor Fokker D.VII

June - Mike O'Connor - Gotha G, Whoever built the LRDG British Truck ( I don't have your name listed)

July - John Tamasik - Midget Racer, Marc Rocca - Fokker

August - Jerry Rinaldi - Hula girl, Jim Claspy - Zero

September - Big Bill - Jaws (Bruce), Devin - Basestar

October - The T-72 with the debris (was it John B?), Sturmivick - Stan

November - John Tamasik - German WWI Tank, Mike O'Connor - WWI German plane (no model written here)

As can be seen, quite a few of you have more than one kit. I think it might be best to choose your BEST to make things more fair (and so you don't have to carry as much).

~Jon

## The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

I wasn't able to attend the November meeting, but upon checking our website photos, I saw that there were quite a few entries in the WWI contest theme. I'm sorry that I missed seeing the models in person! Once again, very nice pieces were brought in for the theme contest – nice job!

Although it seems hard to believe, the Holiday season is upon us. It reinforces just how quickly times flies by – it seems like we

were just watching the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks!



But no matter how old we get, this time of year still remains special. We think of all our memories

of the past, and try to remain hopeful for the future. It's also a time to keep the members



of our Armed Forces in our thoughts and prayers. The holidays are a very difficult time to be away from loved ones, so please remember our servicemen and women and remain thankful for their service and sacrifice.

I'm looking forward to the meeting and our annual holiday party. I hope to see everyone there.

I wish every member and their families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

*~Mike P.*

## MiniArt AEC MK II Armored Car

Kit Review

By Martin J. Quinn



Description	High quality injection model
Scale	1/35
Price	MSRP \$69.00
Contents and Media	510 injection molded parts/44 photo-etch parts/decals
Advantages	Very detailed model of British World War 2 armored car, full interior, multiple variants to choose from.
Disadvantages	Some confusion in the instructions: unclear where some parts go, other parts mis-numbered, painting instructions for parts, not camouflage, not clear; photo-etch can be difficult to work with. Some fit issues.
Recommendation	Highly Recommended



## History (from Wikipedia):

The Associated Equipment Company (AEC) of Southall, Middlesex, was a manufacturer of truck and bus chassis and its Matador artillery tractor was used for towing medium field and heavy anti-aircraft guns. The armored car based on the Matador chassis was developed initially as a private venture and shown to officials in 1941 during Horse Guards Parade in London, where it made a favorable impression on Churchill. 629 units were produced in 1942-1943.

AEC tried to build an armored car with firepower and protection comparable to those of contemporary tanks. The first version carried a Valentine Mk II turret with 2 pounder gun. Subsequent versions received more powerful armament - a 6 pounder or a 75 mm gun. The vehicle also carried two machine guns, smoke grenades discharger and No. 19 radio set.



The Mk I was first used in combat in the North African Campaign late in 1942, where a few vehicles were reportedly fitted with a Crusader tank turret mounting a 6 pounder gun. The Mk II / Mk III took part in the fighting in Europe with British and British Indian Army units, often together with the Staghound.

The vehicle remained in service after the end of the war until replaced by the Alvis Saladin. The Lebanese Army used the car at least until 1976.

## The Model:



Having already released an AEC Mk I armored car with the Valentine turret, MiniArt now releases the Mk II with a new turret housing a more powerful main gun.

The model comes in an attractive, sturdy box, with striking artwork of a camouflaged Mk II in Indian Army Markings on the cover. Upon opening the box, you'll find it stuffed to the lid with parts. On the bottom of all these parts is are the decals, the photo-etch parts and the instruction booklet.

The parts are, for the most part, crisply done, with some minor flash here and there. Detail abounds and there are numerous small parts, almost as if MiniArt said "look how small I can make THIS part!".

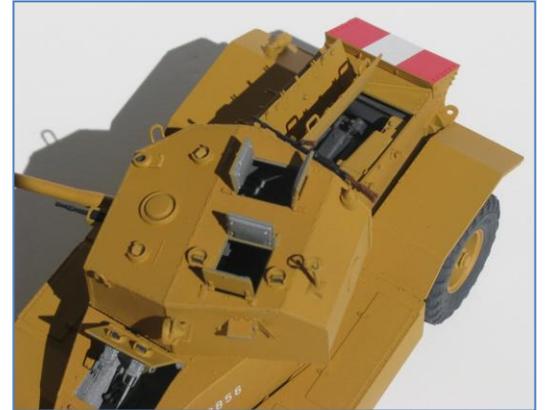
The model comes with a complete – and I mean COMPLETE – interior. There are ammo stowage boxes,



radios, periscopes, springs for the hatches, a complex driver's seat, steering wheel and connecting rods to the steering, some of which go through the hull and connect to the axles and transmission on the outside of the hull!

The painting instructions call for an aluminum/silver interior. Some internet research shows that by the time AEC started manufacturing the Mk II, the interiors were most probably white. But, as this was an out of the box build for Model Rectifier Corporation (they provided the kit), I followed the kit instructions.

Construction is pretty straight forward, but as mentioned in the top of the review, the instructions - while nicely drawn - are not always clear. This includes several parts being mislabeled and some parts having an arrow that vaguely points to where they are supposed to go. This led to a few parts having to be moved after being glued (but luckily before drying) to the correct spot.



Once the interior and engine compartment was done, I glued the top of the hull on. This was one of the few times I needed some filler. I left the hatches off for easy of painting, but this did cause me some grief later on when trying to install the springs and bars that kept them propped open (I wanted to have all the hatches open as MRC was using this on the hobby manufacture show circuit).

The turret interior is as complex as the inside of the hull, with even more detail packed in. The periscopes - for both hull and turret - are clear parts, which I found to be a little brittle and difficult to see to add the photo-etch brackets too. In the end, they seemed to turn out okay. The front plate of the turrets seemed not to want to fit, but I was finally able to manhandle it into place by holding the front and sides together while they dried, using liquid cement to speed up the process.

I had wanted to finish the model in one of the striking two tone schemes, but as I had a deadline - and a 10 day family vacation that started right after I received the model - I opted to paint the model an overall "sand" color of a British unit serving in the Middle East.

The decals - especially the serial numbers - silvered a little, but I chalk this up to some grainy paint that spit out of my airbrush when I sprayed a final coat onto the model.

I received the model in late June and delivered right after Labor Day, 2013. So it took me about six weeks to build. That's lightning fast for me, but, as I said, I was on a deadline. Still, I really enjoyed building this kit. While it has some minor fit issues, some confusion with the instructions, and is not a "shake and bake" Tamiya kit, it's still a high quality product that will give you hours of enjoyment. Highly recommended!



# NJ/IPMS Tin Can Sailor Group Build

Models	1st Choice	2nd Choice
1/350 Tamiya US Navy DD-445 Fletcher		
1/350 Dragon USS Buchanan DD-484 1942		
1/350 Dragon USS Livermore 1942		
1/350 Dragon USS Laffey DD-459 1942		
1/350 Dragon USS Benson DD-421 1945		
1/350 Dragon USS Benson DD-421 1940		
1/350 Dragon USS Gearing DD-710, 1945		
1/350 Dragon USS Chevalier DD-805, 1945		
1/350 Trumpeter HMS Eskimo 1941		
1/350 Trumpeter German Z-43		
1/350 Trumpeter German Z-30		
1/350 Trumpeter German Z-25		
1/350 Dragon German Z-38		
1/350 Dragon German Z-31		
1/350 Dragon German Z-39		
1/350 Zvezda German Z-17		

Return this slip (the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is in case your first choice is out of stock) to Martin Quinn no later than the December 2013 Meeting. This will give us time to acquire and distribute the models at the February 2014 meeting.

### Group Build Rules:

- One model destroyer kit provided per participant. No accessories will be provided by the club
- Modelers can build their own kit, if they so choose (no compensation from NJ/IPMS), only restriction is no IJN destroyers.
- Modeler can build the kit in any format they wish: waterline, full hull, out of the box or with after-market upgrades (any accessories/after-market must be provided by modeler).
- Group build runs from February 2014 to September 2014 meeting (yes, I added a month). At the September 2014 meeting, a contest will be held, where a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and third place winner will be chosen. Awards and prizes will be given out that night.
- Most of all - have fun!



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This month's meeting will be on:

**Friday**

December 13th, 2013



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

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

Family (Adult dues + \$5, one set magazines, # of membership cards required: \_\_ )

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

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