

MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS



February 2014 Edition

****February Meeting Date Change! We Meet on February 7th!****

The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Friends, Romans and Fellow members! Lend me your ears! I am not here to bury Caesar under the spreading chestnut tree, but I am here to tell you in a very brief NL piece what's coming up and what's going on. It's February now and MosquitoCon 23 is counting down! It will be here in a few short weeks! As most of you already know, the only time we ever ask the membership to give back is MOSQUITOCON and DUE'S! Now it's time to earn the next fun time outing, by meeting us at the hall at 7AM for setup and whatever else needs to be done. Spearheading the contest assault as usual will be Quinn and Pavlo. These guys do a great job and always have the clubs best interest in mind. Help them any way you can. Just by being there helps more than you know!

Vin and Joe have the MONEY well under control and to date have been the best treasurers this club has ever had. Period. Now don't any of you take this as a knock. IT IS NOT. Any of you that have stepped up for office have done well and the fact that you did step up is a wonderful thing! It's just I have known and worked with these guys for so long, I can never give them enough praise! So should you, for the things they do for you the membership! Well done boys! Well done

indeed!

I have the vendor thingy well in hand and to date, Jan 26th, I have 70 phone-call definites. This doesn't even include some of our regulars. I see no problem in being able to sell out both rooms full with vendors. This is also a good thing. Our vendors know our show puts money in their pockets! LOL. Nuff said about this. Just please remember to step up and do your share to make MosquitoCon another great one! With that said, after next year, we are going into the 25th show Milestone. I as well as the guys are gonna plan something special. Themes, awards etc. I am looking forward to MCON 25! I can't believe it has been all

Next Meeting:
Friday,
February
7th

Upcoming Events:

February
Open display

March
Heavy Metal Night

April 5,
2014
MosquitoCon

May 2-3
NorEastCon
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Levittown,
NY

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



these years since I started this thing; it seems like yesterday. I was like 36 years old and Pavlo still had hair! LOL! Well onward to the future. I have enjoyed every moment as does the rest of the eboard for doing this. Like I said before, we have all come full circle and the days of stupid politics are pretty much gone and that's the way it should be. Now let's just enjoy everything related to the club!

I just got back from a few weeks in LA/San Diego and I had my usual great time. Hunting in prop shops, Hollywood toy stores, I actually got to meet George Barris! "KING of Kustom cars and got to see and feel the Munster Koach, the #5 Batmobile, KITT, and a few others. It was inspiring to meet a legend who is now 88 and still going!! Great for him. I also visited the Vasquez Rocks where Kirk fought the Gorn, March AFB museum, the Griffith Observatory, as well as



the queen Mary Chill (an Ice palace built for the holidays where the Spruce Goose once stood). Great trip indeed! Well kiddies, that's about it for now, please remember that due to VALENTINES DAY, the meeting is now a week earlier! **FEBRUARY 7th is the meeting! See you all there on the 7th!**

Do well/Live/laugh/and Model

~ *Big Bill Schwarz*

Joe's VP Piece By Joe Smith

Fellow members of NJIPMS,

As I take a break from Martin's Destroyer Group Build, to write my monthly piece, I



have been making good and steady progress on Dragon's U.S.S. Buchanan. The kit for the

most part has been enjoyable and is for the most part has been a good fitting model with some minor tweaking required.

I will finish her in Measure 21 scheme. The key for me is to stay the course and not stray till she is finished! You just never know about trying something new, it could lead you to becoming a ship modeler as well. I remember Marc Rocca trying an armor kit, and as they say the rest is History!

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.



First and foremost, **the meeting date has been moved up a week to Friday, February 7, 2014.** That will allow the members with wives and sweethearts (or both) to spend the following Friday, Valentine's Day, with their ladies, without having to worry about missing the meeting. Do we take care of you fellas, or what?

A big thanks to Jimmy Pentafello from Ridgefield Hobby, who brought the Tin Can Group Build kits to the meeting a month early! Some folks who were at the January meeting already received their kits, and some (like me) have already started them. I know, a little early, but considering I am so slow, I needed a head start. I will be at the February meeting, kits in tow, so if you are on the list for a kit, be there!

Speaking of the kits, my choice was the new Zvezda Dieter Von Roeder, Z-17, in 1/350 scale. When I got the kit home, I gave it a good look, took some photos, and wrote a review. Hopefully that will appear somewhere in the pages of this esteemed publication.

As I sit here tonight – a week before the meeting – typing this in my hobby room, there are only 63 days until MosquitoCon. 63 days! Which means, it will be here before

you know it! The Eboard will be meeting soon to ramp up the show prep – stay tuned for more information.

Don't forget that the March meeting will once again be "Heavy Metal Night". So finish up those big bombers, battleships, super heavy tanks or whatever "heavy metal" excites you. There will be prizes for



winner in both the Land/Sea and Air categories.

Well, I actually am still half awake, and would like to perhaps work on a model for a while tonight, so that's all from here for today.

Here is hoping that everyone got some time at their workbenches too. See ya'll at the February meeting!

~Martin



THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Hi all, I wish I could have gone to the meeting last month, but we all have women that we need to listen to and I got stuck going down to Atlantic City for the weekend. Fortunately I don't gamble so the only money I lost was on food and drinks. Anyway the awards for MosquitoCon are coming along great and I'll bring a few samples Friday for everyone to see. More or less the same as last year but we'll have some very nice specialty awards.

I'll cut to the chase. I need more sponsors for theme nights. I'm going to sponsor a WWI night in August for the 100th anniversary. We'll have the culmination of our group build in September. I believe we'll have a Russian night in October or November again and I think another movie night or sci-fi night. I know these are tough times for everyone but it's unfair to have the same 4 or 5 guys sponsoring every year. The club gives you a lot for your dollar, every once in awhile it's good to give back.

Also, I should note that since I wasn't at the last month's meeting I have no contest results to announce, sorry about that! I know

everyone was looking forward to their certificates (*laughs*).

As a final thought, I'd like to say that this is a great time to be a WWI modeler. WWI has always piqued my interest ever since I was a kid. I remember watching a British program called "Dreadnoughts" with my father and there were romanticized stories of the Kaiserliche marine off South America that were very interesting. We now have one of, if not the, very first Kaiserliche marine battlecruisers in plastic! Flyhawk models has produced a 1/700 SMS Derfflinger which will be released very soon. If you preorder you can grab a limited edition version of the kit with brass barrels and a float plane. Up till now we've only had resin kits that were very expensive and turned most modelers off (not me obviously... I picked up something very cool I'll bring). With the recent massive influx of WWI aircraft and the few armor kits that are available things are starting to shape up nicely. It's about time too, it's already been 100 years!

~Jon



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

I'm sure Bill and other e-board members will be providing MCon updates in their pieces and/or at the meeting. One thing to keep in mind is that, by the time you're reading this, our show will only be 2 months away! I've been reaching out to other chapters for trophy sponsorships, and we usually get good support. But, we also need (and normally receive) excellent support from our members as well. Please consider sponsoring a trophy package for MosquitoCon. You can see Joe or Vince at the meeting. For all that our members receive from being in the club (think free feasts throughout the year, parties, group builds, etc), it's also nice to give back to the club. Sponsoring a trophy package is an excellent way to do that. Enough said.

I'm in the process of reaching out to hobby manufacturers to request donations for our MCon raffle table. As in the past, if you have any like-new kits that you now realize that you'll never build, please bring them to the show as a donation for our raffle. The kits will go to a new home, and you'll be helping to support the club. Nice!

Side note – This past weekend I attended the huge model railroad show in Springfield Mass. As always, it was spectacular. If you have any interest in model railroading at all, you owe it to yourself to check it out. It's about 3 hours



from north/central Jersey and it's a real extravaganza.

~Mike P.



WWII German Destroyer Z-17 "Diether Von Roeder" Zvezda 1/350th Scale Kit Review

By Martin J. Quinn



Description	Injection molded plastic model
Scale	1/350
Price	MSRP \$41.95
Contents and Media	178 injection molded parts
Advantages	Unusual subject. First release in injection molded plastic of 1936 class of destroyers; following Trumpeter and Dragons release of 1936A, 1936A (Mob) and 1936B classes.
Disadvantages	Slightly under scale, oversize port holes on hull, soft plastic and details, use of "Aztec" stairs.
Recommendation	Recommended for hard core German World War II destroyer fans. Casual ship modelers may want to stay with the Trumpeter or Dragon releases.

EDITORS NOTE: This is a truncated version of Martin's review. The full version with all of the history and photos can be found on the NJIPMS website [HERE](#).

The model comes in a sturdy box with a dramatic painting on the cover of Diether Von Roeder in what is most likely a Norwegian fiord. Upon opening the box, you'll find another cover as part of the box bottom, sort of nesting boxes. Opening this flap reveals five sprues of plastic (one with the hulls halves, then two large and two small), a stylistic stand for the model (shaped to resemble the ocean floor?), directions and a small decal sheet.

None of the sprues are labeled. The two smaller sprues are identical. They contain

the main armament, AA guns, anchors,



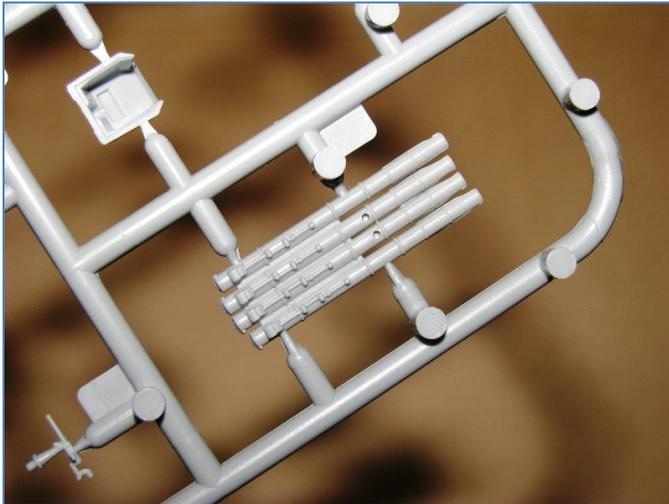
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davits, ships boats, cranes and torpedo tubes. Some of the parts – like the torpedo tubes and small AA guns – are nicely done.



The hull comes in two halves, both on the same sprue. The length is 13 ¾ inches, which is a little short in scale. The portholes look to be WAY overscale, and you can see very small marks on the hull from the mold. Inside the hull are deep grooves to cut the hull to waterline configuration.

Also, the bottom of the hull where the struts and shafts go is a separate piece located on another sprue. That is most likely going to lead to some filling and sanding if you are going the full hull option. If you are doing full hull, there are two spots to drill out for the stand to affix to the bottom. Make sure you take note of that before assembly starts!

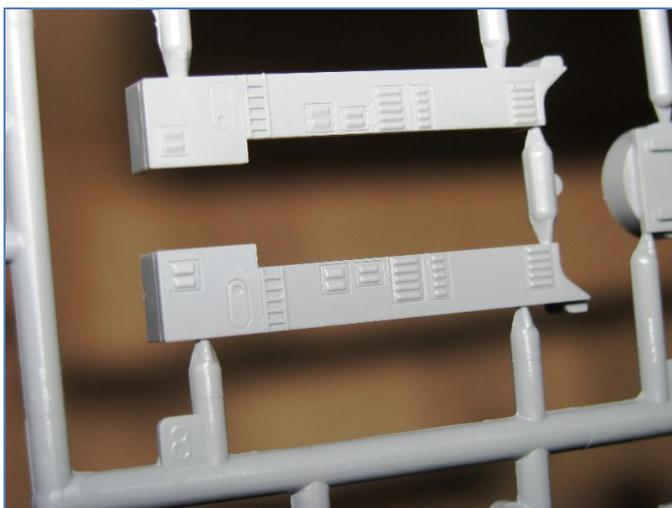
One of the large sprues contains a name plate, superstructure bulkheads, decks, more boats and other small parts like the breakwater, struts and props, and the jack and flag staffs. The watertight doors on the bulkhead sides have the details etched in, but the doors look a little small. The good thing is you'll be able to place any photo-etch enhancements right over them without having to scrape anything off. This is the sprue where the dreaded Aztec stairs make their first appearance. They are clunky and

over scale. Why Zvezda included them is beyond me. One of the bridge platforms is also on this sprue, and I found the planking on the deck to be a bit heavy.

The second sprue contains the main deck parts, both fore and aft. The aft section contains mine rails, which stand a little proud in appearance, but they very may well be to scale. The forward section of the deck is two parts – the section for the bow is separate, which leads me to believe there may be further releases with the more curved bow that started with Z19. Measuring the deck at its widest point, it appears that the ship is slightly narrow in scale in relation to the original.

There are more bulkheads on this sprue, along with the funnels, decking for both the forward and the aft superstructure, some piping and parts for the masts. The forward part of the bridge has recessed windows and the German eagle adorning its front – you'll have to remove this to portray her as during the Narvik battles, as this was most likely removed by this time. Other bulkheads again have the recessed watertight doors, in both rounded and square styles, and some

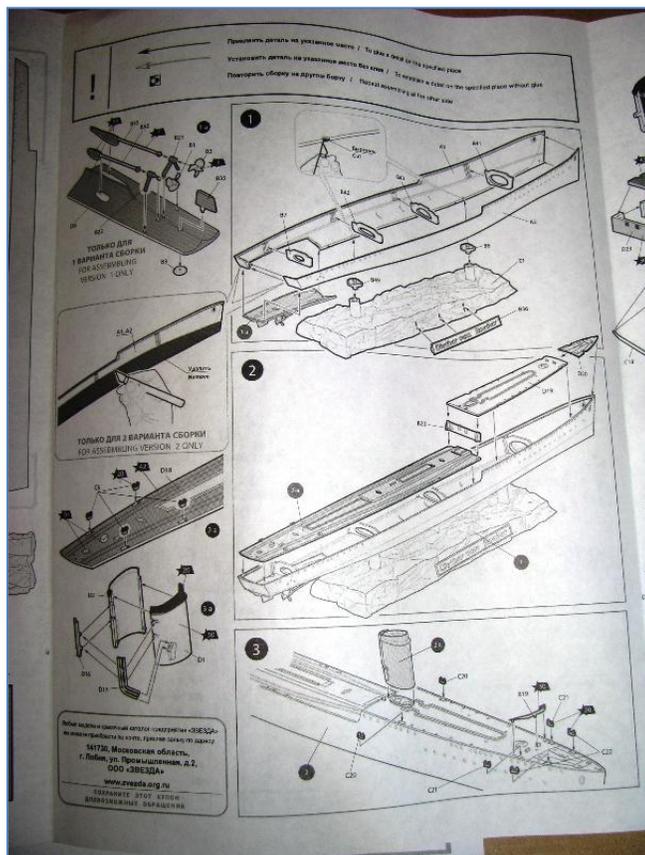




molded on ladders.

The decal sheet is pedestrian, with two number “51”s for her pre-war pendant number, and two Nazi flags with no swastika, which is common for European releases.

The instructions are well done, the format is similar to Trumpeters, and seem logical in



their layout and progression. The color callouts are all in Humbrol paints, and are questionable, as they depict the ship on one color. Photographs clearly show these ships in a two tone scheme, most likely the standard German livery of Dunkelgrau 51 on the hull and Hellgrau 50 on the superstructure, which is how I plan to depict mine, along with the prewar pendant numbers.

Conclusions:

On the plus side, we have a Type 1936 German Zerstörer in 1/350 scale! The kit – while being slightly under scale – is a good starting point to build a good representation of this important class of ships.

On the negative side, this model is soft on details – the Aztec stair and over scale portholes being a particular disappointment to this reviewer. Additionally, in an era where most manufacturers are including at least basic photo-etch in their models, this kit has none.

If this had been the first Zerstörer kit released, perhaps I wouldn't be so disappointed in this kit. However, it does not measure up to the Trumpeter releases in detail, let alone the Dragon Zerstörers.

This kit cries out for some photo-etch, which hopefully someone will release in the near future. In the meantime, you can probably get away with using one of the Eduard sets they released for the previously released Zerstörer kits, if you can find them.

This kit is recommended for hard core German Kriegsmarine fans. If you are a casual ship modeler and want just one German Zerstörer in your collection, I recommend one of the Trumpeter or Dragon kits instead.



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Friday

February 7th, 2014



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