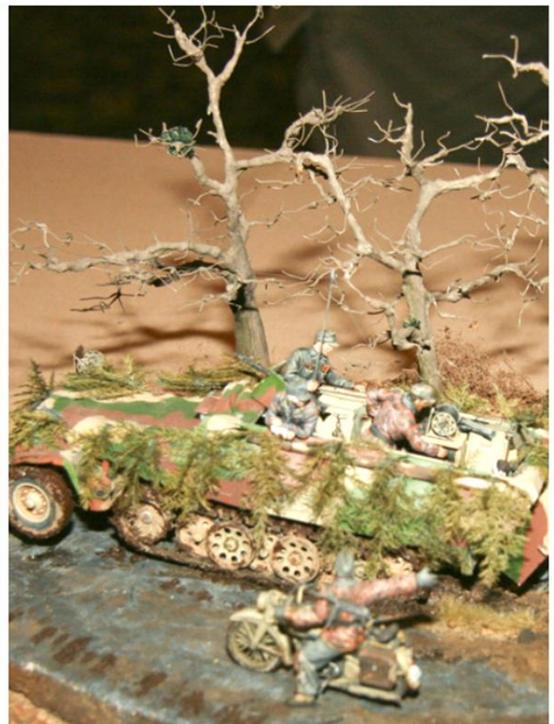


# MosquitoGram

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# The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all fellow members. I am writing this at the last minute because I am very BZY at work and I don't want Devin to kick my ass! Hope all is fine with all of you. I will be looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting Friday!

With that said, I need to go over the dynamics of the show with all of you. We are doing things the same as always but there are always things that need to be done last minute and I want you all to be on the same page as us. Vendors are done (MORE ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE MEETING), make and take models are here, I have the raffle prizes plus the ones Mike has been getting, keep adding up to one great raffle! The awards are done with the exception of the names on the specials and sponsorships. Well done Jon, the money is great! Thanks Joe and Vin, and the contest is in great hands as always! Thanks Mike and Marty! I would ask only that all of you that can please



show up early so we can set up etc. I want the show to be on

time and as good as we can make it. After

that is done, you all should take some time and have fun at the show. As always, the lunch and breakfast is on the club.

I can't really say too much else except this eboard that I have had the pleasure of working with these years, has to be one of the finest and most professional in IPMS today! They make my job a lot easier and they make the club much much better for all of you. Great job guys. Oh, BTW, the newsletter and it's editor should be commended for having one of the finest in IPMS ! Well done Devin. Well, tats it for now, Hope to see you all Friday!

~ *Big Bill Schwarz*

Next Meeting:  
Friday,  
March 14th

Upcoming Events:

March  
Heavy Metal  
Night

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

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



## Joe's VP Piece By Joe Smith

Fellow members of NJIPMS,

Hope this bad weather is getting you guys some quality time in your model room. I for



one have had more time than normal with my Destroyer club build.

As always we ask for your help at MosquitoCon, not only helping out at the show, but also by sponsoring a awards package. Remember you get the discount as well! Please also get the word out to hobby stores as well, as that would be a great boost for the club. So far sponsors have been slow to this point. You the members have been great in the past. Please see me or Vince at the meeting.

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.*



Even as the never-ending winter continues, the one sure sign of Spring is that MosquitoCon is almost upon us. Being that it will happen a week before the April meeting, this will most likely be the last newsletter before the show. I will let Big Bill update you with the latest show news, but be sure to come to the March meeting, where we will discuss last minute preparations, etc.

One area that we always need a little help in is trophy sponsorships, and this year is no different. We'll have the most updated list of sponsors available at the meeting, please consider chipping in and sponsoring a category. The more we defer the costs of the show, the more we can spend money on the stuff you guys enjoy, like the parties we have



each year at Famous Dave's. Anything you can do to help is appreciated.

We will also have a sign-up sheet at the meeting, where you can volunteer for various jobs the day of the show. I know we could use some help at registration and with security. Again, wherever you can chip in is appreciated.

This month, the theme for the contest at the meeting will once again be "Heavy Metal", sponsored by yours truly. That's anything BIG: Battleships, heavy tanks, heavy

bombers, big trucks, big cars or big....well, you get the point. Gift certificates to a local hobby shop will be given out to the winners of the Air and the Land & Sea categories. Hope to see some unique models on the table – the theme contests seem to bring out lots of entries!

Not a lot to say today – works been busy and I am worn out. I hope that I will see you at the March meeting, along with your "Heavy Metal" models!

~*Martin*



## THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Hi gang! I feel there's not much to say. MosquitoCon is ready to go. The awards are done for the show and they'll be at the meeting if anyone wants to see them. There's no secrets with me. I've picked up a few kits and I'll see if I can bring them with me, if not I'll do reviews of them for future newsletter issues.

March will be Heavy Metal night sponsored by Martin. This theme refers to large vehicles, planes, and ships of all types. We have quite a few nights set in stone now.

This year is shaping up to be great. Has anyone see that Gallery Models will be releasing a 1/350 USS Intrepid in its Vietnam fit? I'd imagine this would be interesting to a lot of guys in the club, especially given we have the real ship so close for reference material.

In an unrelated note to the club, has anyone else noticed programming on television is particularly light in terms of WWI media, especially given that this year is the 100th anniversary of the Great War. Irks my mind



how the history and discovery channel have gone full blown reality television instead of what their scope originally was.

~Jon

## The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

It doesn't seem possible, but our show is almost here. Since this is most likely the last newsletter before MosquitoCon, I'd like to reiterate some items that pertain to the show.

We continue to need trophy sponsorship support. Some IPMS clubs have stepped up with trophy packages, but we still need lots more help. We ask you to please



consider sponsoring a trophy package. The cost for membership is 25 bucks. Think of

all the great perks to membership (and all the great parties) and that investment is

small compared to all we get back! Please see Joe at the meeting to sponsor a category.

Secondly, the raffle donations - I have received some nice items from some of the manufactures I've contacted (Iwata airbrush, MicroMark vacuform machine, books, decals, tools, etc). As has been the trend for the last several years, I have yet to receive any model kits from any supplier. So, if you have like-new, complete kits that you'd like to donate, please bring them to the show and we'll use them for the raffle table. They will find a new home, and you'll be helping the club tremendously.

Thank you in advance for your support!

~Mike P.



# WWI MK I "Male" British Tank MB (Master Box Limited) 1/72nd Scale Kit Review

By Devin Poore



Description	Injection molded plastic model
Scale	1/72
Price	MSRP \$28.50
Contents and Media	Injection molded kit, small photo etch detail set, rubber treads.
Advantages	Replaces the old Airfix kit with state of the art. Assembles very quickly with few gaps. Few parts, yet very detailed. The photo etch for the grenade screen is a nice touch.
Disadvantages	The plastic is a bit brittle, which doesn't cause many problems overall, but removing the very tiny periscope covers without breakage was near impossible.
Recommendation	Recommended for WWI tank fans, and anyone who wants to try their hand at a Land Ironclad.

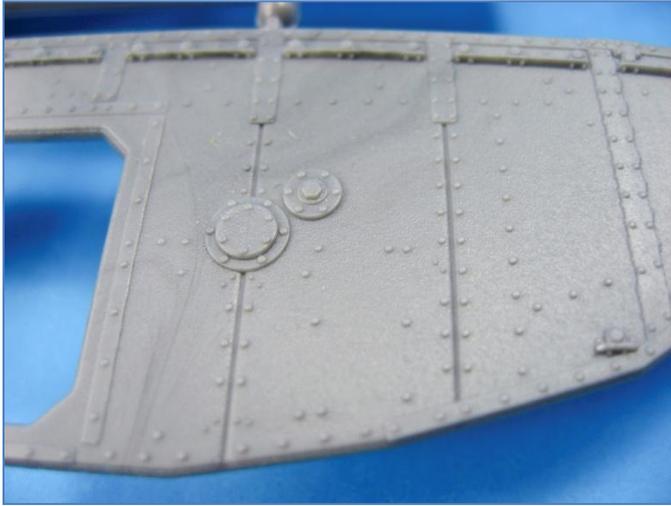
The MKI is the first vehicle in the world to be called a "tank". It grew out of two needs: to protect advancing troops, and to cross trenches. As one can imagine, this new weapon met with initial difficulties as the kinks were worked out, but the overall design was sound enough to evolve up through the MK V. Approximately 150 MK Is were built during the war.

I've built little armor, but the MK I tanks have always fascinated me. They're ugly, brutish, dirty and beat to hell. All the things I look for in modeling subjects.

There are only three sprues for the main kit parts, which number about 40. The treads are rubber (a test shows they hold acrylic paint well), and a small photo etch fret that



has some tiny details and the anti-grenade screen that goes on top of the vehicle.

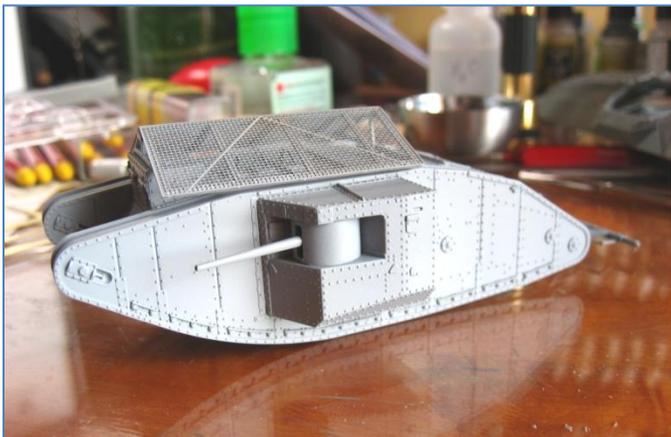


This is the Male version of the tank, and MB has released a Female version of the tank as well.

#### Build:

I actually completed construction on the kit several weeks ago. It's sitting in my spray booth waiting for a day that's warm enough to open a window and vent the booth for airbrushing.

Construction was a breeze and a lot of fun. There's a layout of the parts on the sprues on the first page of the instructions; refer to it, as some of the parts aren't numbered on the sprue. I only had two problems with the build: one was that the plastic is brittle and the tiny periscope covers D-19 broke while



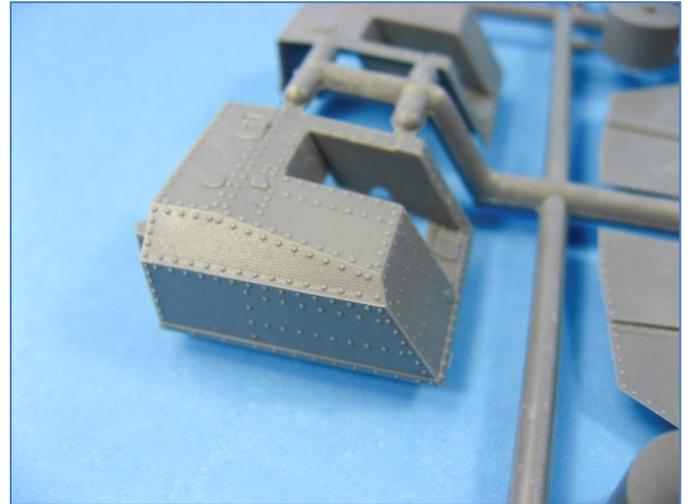
removing (Easy enough to replace with some bent PE runner), and step 3 in the instructions can be a little confusing as to how things fit (hint: look at step 10 along with 3 and alignments sort out nicely)

#### Conclusions:

Very detailed, minimal parts, and builds really fast. This kit is a winner. I have only 2.5 hours into the build on this kit; the speed due mostly to the fact that it goes together with zero seams. Fit is fantastic.

Retail is \$28.50, but I see these in hobby shops and online for \$21-\$24 dollars. An amazing value for the quality.

MB has already released two more versions of the tank, and I can only hope they'll move

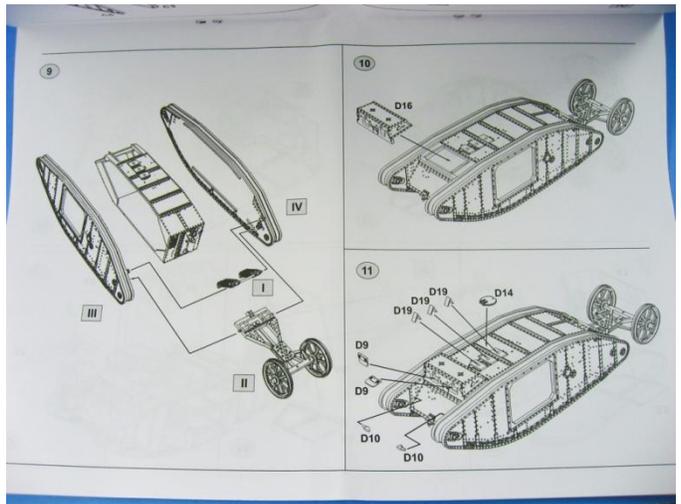
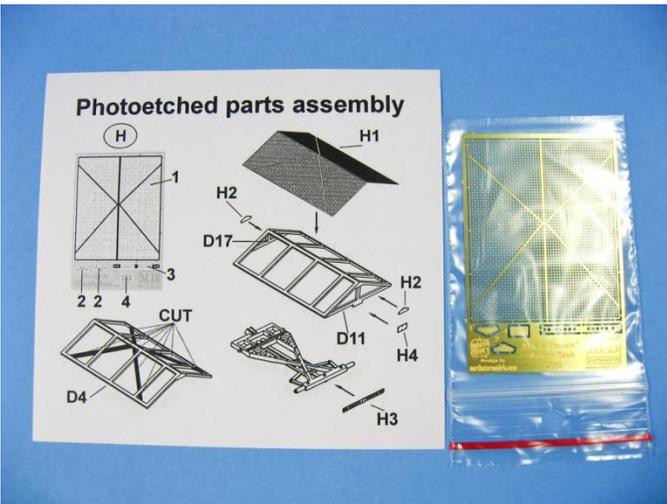
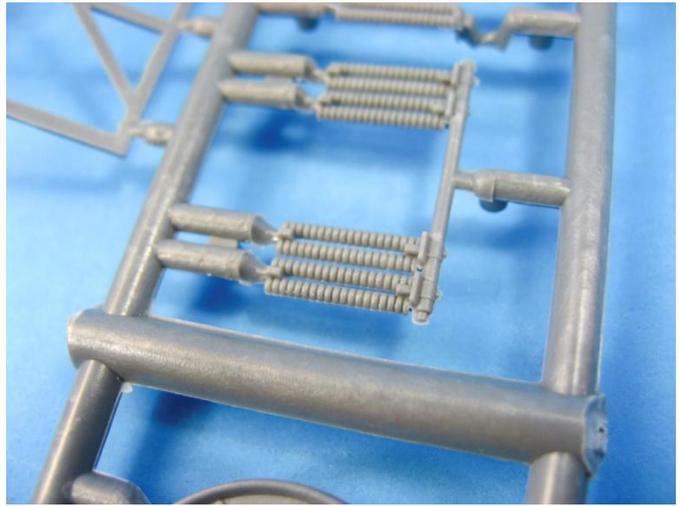
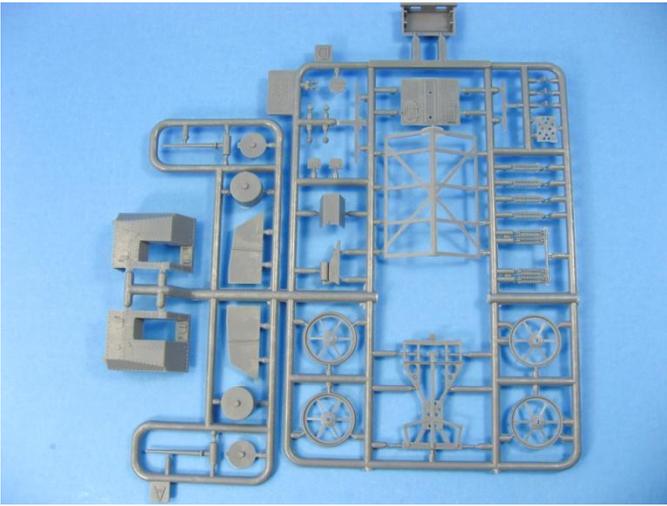
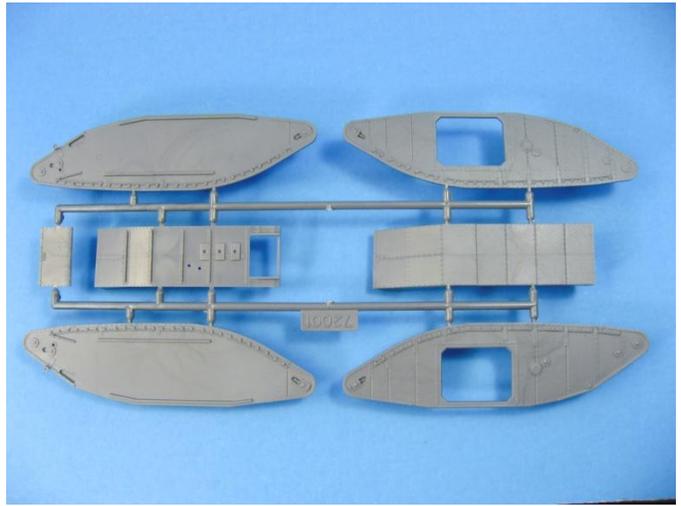


onto more Land Ironclads in the future.

Highly Recommended!

*A few more photos of the kit parts are below. Check the [Reviews section of NJIPMS.org](http://www.njipms.org) for even more photos.*





This month's meeting will be on:

**Friday**

**March 14th, 2014**



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