

MosquitoGram

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MosquitoCon 23



The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all! Hope all of you are doing fine. This is the 1st time I have had time to sit down and write a few lines to you so here it goes.

1st up is MCON. Even though there was a conflict with AMPS that same day, we did very well indeed. Hopefully this will not be a repeat any time soon. I'd like to think that the dates were just some kind of administrative error and I will leave it at that. We as a club have been and always will be courteous when in conflict of other area shows at the same time. MCON has been and always will be for the foreseeable future the 1st week in April. That's what it will be next year as well. One reason it's the only early date, and #2 it is our official opening of the show season. I've already contacted the LISM club and Bob DaMeo told me his show will be the following week, which is good. Our only problem is it's on Easter weekend, but studies show except for a few people, MCON is business as usual! I'd like to at this

time thank all of you who helped to put the show on and to Dan Spera who is rejoining the club and spent his Saturday at MCON just to help out! Well done boys! I will just finish this part with one thing. I do not like politics and clubs! They don't go well; as a club we can be courteous and respectful to each other. I want you all to remember: This is a hobby, not real life, and the club is to have fun, let off steam, and, well... have fun!

I will go over the show's numbers at the June meeting not Mays because we are having a party that night. Food and drinks for all the help and an appreciation for all who make up NJIPMS!

Next up, I have to discuss our future at the Knights of Columbus. It's not a big issue at this moment but I want you all to be

Next Meeting:
Friday, May
9th

Upcoming Events:

May
Open Contest

June
Mustang Night

July
North Africa Night

August
WWI Night

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

September
Destroyer
Group Build



aware that there is a new administration as far as the Hall goes and things might change in the not too distant future. **DO NOT GET ALARMED OR READ INTO THIS AT THIS TIME!** We've done nothing and have been there for a lifetime. Seems they are having political problems they and they alone have to resolve. I will let you know as information comes available. That is all I know. I will say a few words at the meeting as well but we on the eboard are not concerned as of yet, and we will act, and never leave you all without a meeting place. That's it on this.

Last 2 things. We are having our annual

Picnic at Famous Dave's, as we have had in the past. We will have it at the restaurant, same place same time. I will let you know which of the 2 Sundays we pick in June as soon as the 4 of us get together and decide. Either way it will be a great Sunday.

Finally, Jim Clappsy and Big John Tamasek are the workshop guys. I have retasked Jim and added John in the mix so we can have more workshops. If they ask, please cooperate! All of you are good enough for this!

~ *Big Bill Schwarz*

Joe's VP Piece By Joe Smith

Fellow members of NJIPMS,

Another MosquitoCon is in the history books, and thanks to the eboard, and you the members, for another all around team effort! Despite having to contend with AMPS having their show the same weekend, we still did very well.

May 3rd, Martin and I, along with some other NJIPMS members, will be attending

the Long Island show where our club did very well last year as well as past years.

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.



Well, it's been awhile, thanks to the politics at the Knights of Columbus kicking us to the curb and canceling our meeting in April. Big Bill has more on this; please check out the Iron Works for further information.

As Bill said, MosquitoCon, even with the AMPS related conflict, was a good show. Contest entrants and entries were down about 25% from last year, but we seemed to do better in walk-ins than last year.

MosquitoCon #	Entrants	Entries
21	131	484
22	122	471
23	92	352

Thank you to all the vendors and trophy sponsors who supported the show – and thank you to all the members who once again stepped up and made the show happen. We also could not have done it without the judges – thanks to Marc Rocca, Jim Lincoln, Doc Peters, Mikey D and Gary Kingzett (who made a rare appearance!), along with all the other judges, for helping get it all done.

Now that the show is over and we are counting our earnings and basking in the greatness of the glory that is MosquitoCon, it's time to start thinking about the future. And by that, I am not talking about the date

(which, by the way, will be the first Saturday in April 2015). What I am talking about is people starting to step up and learning what the e-board does to get this show put together each year. I am talking about people stepping up to learn how to book the hall, how to solicit vendors, how the registration runs, or how the judging runs. We aren't getting any younger, folks, and some of us have been at this for a long time.

As I've said before, over the course of 23 MosquitoCons, there have been two (2) head judges – Mikey D and me. Other than a one year break, when Mike stepped back in again, I've been doing the head judge gig since 1998, and it's time for some new blood.



I probably put less effort into this year's show to any show in the past, and it almost bit us when Doc Peters realized I had screwed up the judging sheets for the



automotive categories. Thankfully we recovered and fixed the problem, but it was my lack of enthusiasm and interest this year that caused that mistake to happen. So, what I am saying is that someone else needs to step up and start learning how to run the judging, because after MosquitoCon 25 in 2016, I'm done as head judge. Period.

How is everyone making out with their destroyer builds? I've water-lined the hull, then painted that and the main deck, but haven't made much more progress other than assembling and then painting the tops of the funnel caps aluminum, which was standard for Kriegsmarine ships. Still looking for a suitable photo-etch set for the kit – doesn't seem that anyone one has released one yet. I have an Eduard set for the Trumpeter Z-25, so I might see if that works. Please bring your "in progress" builds to the meeting, so we can all compare notes and see where we are at.

As of this writing, NoreastCon 43 has come and gone, it was held May 2nd & 3rd at the American Airpower Museum in Long Island. Turnout seemed pretty good – from NJIPMS I saw Devin Poore, Vince D'Alessio, Ed Minto, Tom Reavley, Joe Smith and Mikey D in attendance. I don't know how Vince did, but I know Devin took a 2nd in Ships and a 3rd in Armor – congrats Devin!

In other news, I start a new job tomorrow – my hellacious commute to NYC (almost 2 hours each way) is over. I'll be working in Livingston, New Jersey, so the 2+ hours it took me to get to the meetings from work will also be a thing of the past. Hopefully now that I'll reduce my commuting time and get some of my life back, I'll start to find some time in the work shop!

Well, that's it from here. Hope everyone is enjoying our release from the grips of Old Man Winter! See ya'll at the May meeting!

~Martin



THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

Well it's unfortunate we didn't get to have a meeting last month, but I wouldn't have been able to attend anyway. I went to Washington DC with my family, and I must say it was great. One downside to the numerous monuments and historical sites was the amount of homeless people there begging for money. It doesn't bother me, but it's sad to see in our nation's capital. Anyway on to things that matter. For May there will not be a contest theme. June will be Mustang night, July will be North Africa night, August will be WWI night, September will be the Group Build night. October and November are open. I am wondering if anyone is open to hosting a Sci-Fi night in one of those months, it was a hit last year. I'll be sponsoring WWI night in honor of the 100th anniversary, but I don't want to host two nights if I don't have to.

I hope everyone has at least started on their destroyer for the group build. Mine is coming along nicely. A full build article is on the model warships forum for those interested. I'm doing the Zvezda Z-17. It definitely needs

work, but that's what makes it more fun to me. I've also picked up some interesting kits I'll be bringing to the meeting. The new Pitroad 1/700 USS Colorado and the Pitroad 1/700 USS George Washington CV-73. The George Washington is the most modern carrier available in 1/700 scale. It's really a beauty. I plan to build it as homage to a friend serving in Yokosuka right now. I also grabbed the newest Gundam released: the 1/144 High Grade Wing Zero. WOW what a beauty. You've got to see this one in person.

Anyway, hopefully we can get sponsors for the last two months confirmed at this meeting!

Ciao,

~Jon



The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

I'm writing this just a few weeks after MosquitoCon, and I still can't believe it has come and gone already. From my viewpoint, the show seemed to have gone very smoothly. We've already discussed the whole "same day as AMPS" problem, and that was completely out of our control. We had fewer entries due to that issue, but overall the monetary side didn't seem to have been hurt too much, so we're grateful for that. Several modelers mentioned to me that the show was great

and that they had a fantastic time. That's what it's all about!!

I'd like to thank all the members who helped with all the various tasks both before and during the show. When everyone pitches in, it makes the whole shebang much more fun for everyone. Also much appreciation goes to all the trophy sponsors, raffle donators, judges and supporters. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and celebrating yet another successful show! ~Mike P.



SH2F Seasprite Kitty Hawk 1/48th Scale Quick Kit Review

By Bill Schwarz

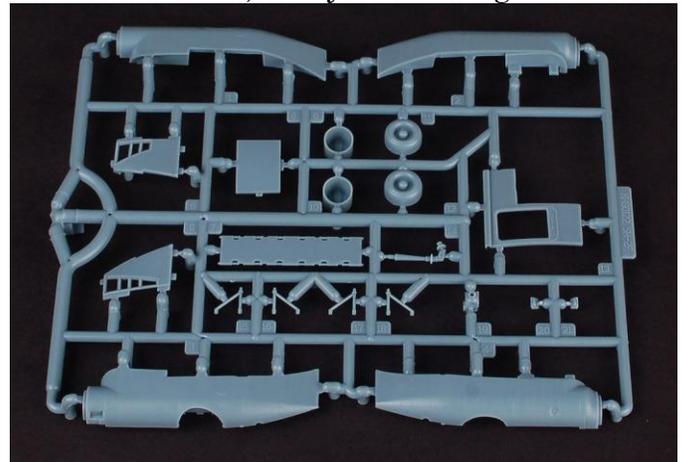
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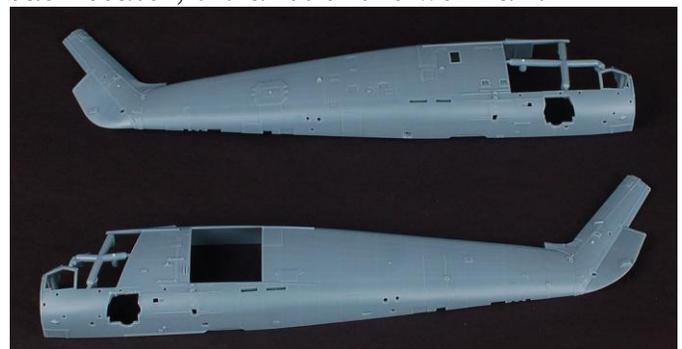
Hi all! This is not a full build article as of yet because I am still putting it together. I hope to have it for the Nats. Kitty Hawk has been out there for awhile and are giving us subjects not normally seen in the mainstream. The Seasprite to me is one of those kits. The only other offering in this scale was the old matchbox kit and re-issue of said kit by Revell. It was basic but can be made into quite a model with the help of Chris Miller of Cobra Companies aftermarket sets and some basic modeling skills.

The Kitty Hawk kit is not much different. I'm going to give it to you straight. I crewed in the SH2F Seasprite for over 3 years and have logged several hundred hours in the type. I accumulated the hours while in HSL-32 Invader out of NAS Norfolk in the 70's. I know it well and you can't fool me as to the kit saying it's an SH2F! I can honestly tell you it's a conglomeration that's made to resemble an F but an F it is not, out of the box. Whoever did the research didn't do their

homework or the manufacturer has other plans for this kit. I can see a D model, an F model, a U model and a G model from this kit. Right now you have a D model with a G top and a canvas seat in the crew compartment. To me this is just stupid. If you advertise an F then put the crews ASW/Comm station with the 3rd seat, the sonobouy rack behind said seat, the right engine housing and a few other antennas that I do not see, and you have a good start.



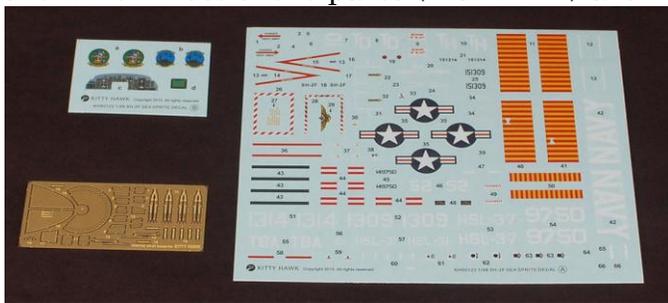
They hung the Mad gear on the side and must have assumed the pilots did all the work! NOT TRUE! The AW, which is the back-seater, did a lot of the work and



doubled up as S.A.R, S.E.A.R and various



other duties while along for the ride. The canvas passenger seat was only used from time to time for photographers and people who got the pleasure of taking a ride in it. The Seasprite has always been my favorite ride. I liked it better than any Sikorsky or Huey at that time. I like its looks and even today to me it looks better than any other. If you want to build an F, Chris Miller has made things easier. He has made an updated engine housing for the pre "G" engines as well as a new forward roof section as well as an interior and exterior set (WHICH IS INTENDED FOR THE MARCHBOX KITS) but which most of the parts (NOT ALL) are



usable. I also don't like Kitty Hawk not making any attempt at a cabin roof or sidewalls. It seems empty. They also made the L/S rear door as a separate piece. Ours were shut and never opened unless it was for maintenance or repair. Older models used the open doors on that side. We didn't. Also Caracal just came out with a wonderful marking set for the F with many options and

even some artwork. The sheet spans quite a length of service time as well.

I'm not telling you not to buy the kit. Buy it, but if you're going to make an F it is quite different looking from the sides and top, and is noticeable. I know a G is coming soon which was the US Navy's last variant, also Poland and Australia fly them still I think. If they do a U or D version it will also be different. Early Marine birds had a 3 blade tail rotor as well. The Seasprite served a very long Tour Of Duty and should not be forgotten. Neither should the crews who flew it. I am very proud to be part of its history! I'd like to see an F-18 Hornet land on a Knox Class Frigate at night in a rolling sea! Me thinks' not. It's only a few feet bigger than the Seasprite!



This month's meeting will be on:

Friday
May 9th, 2014



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