

# MosquitoGram

The Official Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of IPMS



July 2014 Edition

# The Iron Works

By Bill Schwarz, President



Hi all, I'm very very busy this month and I am extremely late on my NL piece so first off I apologize to Devin for being late, and for the rest of you, I am making this short and sweet.

As most of you know, fellow club member Dave Klanica's daughter Molly passed away a few weeks ago. Such a tragedy. Life lost too soon! The only thing I can say is that because I am at an extreme loss of words over this is I hope the family recovers and feels better soon. We are going to create a junior modeler award for future MosquitoCons as a way to honor her memory. I remember talking to her many times and I always liked the unusual subject matter she would build. I'm glad to have had her come to the club and share her love of model building. Molly, you will be missed!

Next up is a biggie for me, I as well as you all lost a model friend and one of the best guys ever to be in modeling. I'm speaking about my bud Andrei Korbanics. We have been

buds for many many years and when I first heard of this, I actually didn't believe it, but alas, it's true. Again, I can't convey to you my feelings on this other than it is a big loss to me. He taught me painting and building techniques in the 80's that I still use today. Andrei, if you can hear me, Thank you for your friendship and brotherhood for so many many years. I will remember you and all you have done for me! There will be a grand master award for him at MCON's as well.

Last up is the NATS. If you're going, good. There will be a dinner party Friday eve. I'm looking forward to this as well as seeing old friends. It's not about modeling for me anymore; it's about the long term friendships that have evolved out

Next Meeting:  
Friday, July 11th

Upcoming Events:

July  
North Africa Night

August  
WWI Night

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

September  
Destroyer  
Group Build

October  
Russian  
Night

November  
Sci-Fi Night

December  
Annual  
Christmas  
Party



of being in this club. I'm sure a lot of you feel the same way, so enough on this, one last word on this, with the tragedies of late, I hope we can enjoy each other's friendship for years to come. So with that said, we are all getting older so do it! As you can see, you never ever know what tomorrow will bring! Lastly the party at Famous Dave's was pretty good. I enjoyed myself and I was glad to see all that came. The only beef is that there were a few of you who said you were coming and didn't. Please let me know next time. We had food leftover and though it was

all taken home, I would have liked to see the few guys who said they were coming to have been there.

That's it for this month, I will see y'all Friday at the Knights' in Garwood. After that the meeting location is up in the air, but I will keep you informed. We, one way or another, will have a meeting place with similar surroundings.

~ *Big Bill Schwarz*

### Joe's VP Piece By Joe Smith

Fellow members of NJIPMS,

Once again, a big thank you to our Big Bill for giving us a great day at Famous Dave's.

Also, thank you to the club members for helping out a fellow member last month during our impromptu fundraiser. A great response I'm sure is well appreciated.

I hope you all have had a great 4th of July.

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.*



“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

As I write this, it's the morning of July 4, 2014. Happy Birthday, America! A day to celebrate our independence from Great Britain and to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy. I hope in between the parades, cook outs and fireworks, you take a moment to reflect on just how audacious it was for us to “*Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown*” and how improbable it was that we actually achieved that goal.

Unfortunately, since the last meeting, there has been some tragic news. A few days before the Annual NJIPMS BBQ at Famous Dave's, we received word that one of our junior members, young Molly Klanica - daughter Dave Klanica - had passed away. Molly attended the meetings with her Dad, and usually brought along her latest work. A very sweet young lady, who's passing is both shocking and sad. Our thoughts and prayers go out the Klanica family during this difficult time.

In memory of Molly, Big Bill came up with the idea of awarding the Best Junior model

at each MosquitoCon in her honor. With the Klanica families blessing, we will start to do that at the next show.

Regrettably, the bad news doesn't stop there. Just yesterday I found out that longtime friend of the club – and occasional member – Andrei Koribanics passed away. I don't know any details – I found out the news, as so often happens now a days, on Facebook. Where – less than a week ago – I had wished him a Happy Birthday, and he had responded with a “Thank you!” Not only was Andrei a supremely gifted modeler and artist, he was a genuinely nice man and good person. Another sad loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family as well.

Hard to transition from news like that, but last week was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand



in Sarajevo, the spark that lit the fuse that ignited the powder keg of World War I, a war that changed the world forever. A war which introduced butchery and slaughter in a scale never before seen, a war that directly caused that world war that followed, and a war that probably never should have been fought. In August, the contest theme for the month will acknowledge the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of hostilities. If you are going to the IPMS National Convention in Hampton this August, one of their special awards also is “Great War” themed.

Speaking of the Nationals, I know a bunch of club members are going. Big Bill will probably have more information in his column or at the meeting on whether the club will be doing any “rebates” on member

room costs, as we’ve sometimes done in the past.

How are the Tin Can Builds coming along? I still haven’t done any more work on mine, but I am hoping to get back to her soon. The USS North Carolina is FINALLY finished (yay!) and my diorama for MRC will be delivered to them this coming week, before the meeting. Hopefully that means time to work on the tin can.

Well, that’s it from here – it’s time to get back into the shop, as I have a deadline to meet and work still to do on my diorama! See ya’ll at the July meeting!

*~Martin*



# THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva

We had a good turnout last month for Mustang night. I'm hoping to see an equally great one for North Africa night this month. Last year it was kind of light, so let's change that. Please remember that August will be WWI night and you should have your destroyers for September. I haven't gotten around to finishing mine, there's too much else going on with it being summer. I know a lot of other guys in the club go on vacations, etc. and that building takes a backseat. That's perfectly fine. Your project will always be there when you come back.

Speaking of "other activities," I didn't get to go to Famous Dave's for the yearly outing so I'm upset about that but I hope everyone else had a great time there. The food is always good and we have an opportunity to socialize and relax.

Lastly the working title for Mosquitocon 2015 is "End Game" and a synopsis of said theme: *"It could be the 70th anniversary of the end of WW2, the 40th anniversary of the*

*end of Vietnam, or the last production model of a car or plane. More creative modelers could do the sinking of the Titanic, the Hindenburg disaster, etc."* I can see some issues with Sci-Fi for this but we can work around that I'm sure.

I hope to see you all at the meeting.

Ciao,

~Jon



## The Contact's View

By Mike Pavlo, VP

Just wanted to comment on what a great time we had at the annual NJIPMS summer kick-off BBQ at Famous Dave's! My son Mike came along and shared a few laughs with us. The food and service was excellent as usual and I think everyone had a great time. A big thank you goes out to Big Bill for arranging the party. That shindig was just another perk that we all get to enjoy as being members of this great club!

In case anyone didn't notice (like I didn't!), our very own Marc Rocca has an excellent article on the hairspray weathering technique in the latest issue of Finescale Modeler! It's the July 2014 issue and Marc did a nice job of clearly explaining, and showing via photos, how that technique can achieve incredible worn-paint results. Congrats to Marc and thanks to him, that technique just got a whole lot clearer.



I won't be able to attend the July meeting, so I hope you guys have fun. Hope to see you at the August meeting and/or the Nats!

~Mike P.

## Jupiter "C" Glencoe, 1/48th Scale, Quick Kit Review By Mike Terre

If you see this model walk away from it, as it is evil. If somebody gives you this model they are not your friend. This model will destroy your weekend.

The Glencoe 1/48 model of the Jupiter "C" is a reissue of the Hawk kit, first released in 1959. In fact some of the old Hawk markings are still found on the interior of some parts. The kit



contains thirty two parts, with some surprisingly good detail, molded in light gray styrene. A launch pad is provided to use as a stand. The decals are from Scale Master.

The major problem with this model is that the molds are old and very warped. The four pieces that make up the body of the rocket are extremely warped and cannot be assembled. I tried every trick I knew to straighten them, bending in hot water, sectional gluing using clamps and super glue, nothing worked. I realized that these pieces had to be replaced with some sort of tube if the model was to be completed.

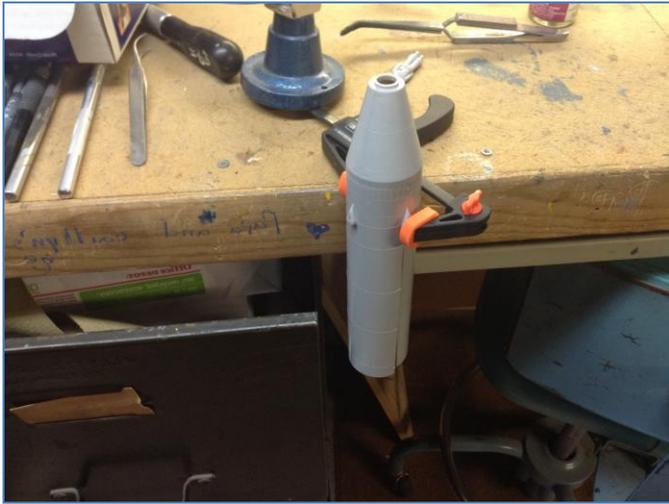
The parts had a diameter of one and one half inches which scaled perfectly to the six foot diameter of the real Jupiter "C". Now where to find a tube?

The tube was found at Lowes, in the form of a twelve inch long PVC tail stock for a kitchen drain with a diameter of one and one half inches. It cost \$1.49. With my tube in hand I could continue with the build.



The aft portion of the original body parts that contained the fins, exhaust and exhaust vanes were cut away from the warped section as was the guidance section from the upper body portions. The original nose cone was glued to the cut upper guidance section for more strength. The central section was replaced by the PVC tube, cut to the proper length. By the way all this cutting was done on a band saw, first time I ever used that large of a tool on a model.





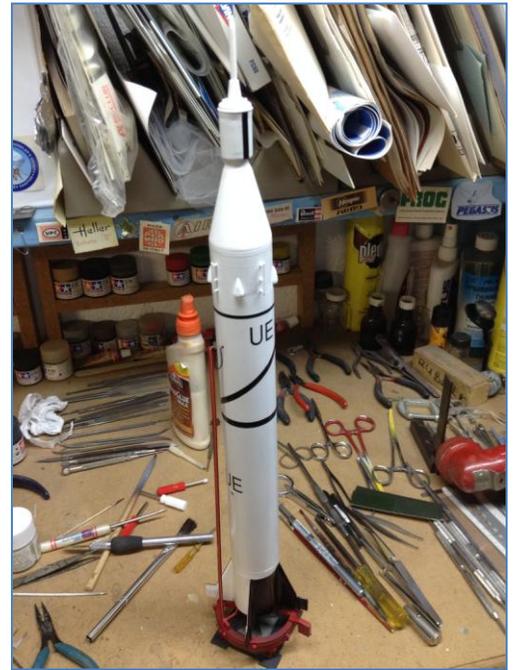
The build went fairly easy after that, with the upper and lower sections of the kit being super glued to the new PVC central section. The fins and their associated exhaust vanes for the lower section went on without problem. A little filler, some sanding, and I was ready to paint. The model is done in overall Krylon gloss white with Tamiya X-1 gloss black for the black identification panels on the lower section. The Scale Master decals went on with no problem and the entire model is coated in Krylon gloss.



Here's an interesting thing concerning the markings. Do you know what the "UE" means on the side of the rocket? It's a code for the serial number of the rocket. A numerical value was given to the letters in the name "Huntsville" where the rocket was

designed. The second "L" in Huntsville was not used.

- H=1
- U=2
- N=3
- T=4
- S=5
- V=6
- I=7
- L=8
- E=9
- X=0



An example would be "UI" which was serial number 27, "UE" being 29. We had to keep the Russians guessing in 1959 !

To complete the model I had to build the launch pad which is used as a stand. Looked like a piece of cake. WRONG. The rings which form the majority of the launch pad were warped. At this point I used brute force and much super glue to get the thing straight. If that pad is ever dropped the flying pieces will be dangerous! The pad was finished off in Tamiya XF-7 red with black pastel used for exhaust staining. The exhaust deflector is Tamiya XF-56 metallic gray with Tamiya XF-1 for the surrounding structure. A launch arm containing the electrical supply and umbilical cable was made from Evergreen "H" stock and floral wire to add a little interest.

The model is big, nineteen inches high mounted on its launching pad and does not look bad at a distance. Don't get too close as the launch pad might spring apart and get you!



This was not a fun build, more of a relief that it's over. However, I learned some new build techniques. In its day the original Hawk model was very good, it is sad that the molds have deteriorated to such an extent, and even sadder that Glencoe would sell such a defective product. But all is not bad with this model, like the original Hawk model you'll

get this nifty Jupiter "C" pin. Think I'll use it as a tie tack for a wedding Deb and I are going to, it's sure to impress her as well as the other guests.



This month's meeting will be on:

**Friday**  
July 11th, 2014



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