



Hello my friends,

It sure is nice to have warm weather here again. I just wish that the world around us wasn't going to hell in a speed buggy on a down hill slope. Anyway, I apologize for not putting out a newsletter the last couple of months, things have been weird and home issues getting in the way, I hope to get the newsletter back on track and a little more consistent.

Keep building and stay safe.

Remember, I am always in need of articles.

Penny

#### Club Meeting Update

Everyone,

I received notice that the Transportation Museum opened back up today. We have been told we can start back meeting. With the build meeting normally being today we will wait until our next regularly scheduled business meeting (June 25) to restart. I will be sending out a reminder along with any restrictions or requirements we will have to follow. Please bring your mask and self-distance accordingly.

Thanks

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER

June Business meeting will be on 6/25/20 at 77pm. Keep in mind to wear your mask and sit accordingly.

Club membership dues are coming due. Please get these mailed in to Greg as soon as you possibly can. Dues are \$25 for regular members and \$12 for the associate members.

The R2 2020 show has been rescheduled for June 18-19 2021. More details at our next "in person" meeting. The t-shirt will be re-designed with the new dates and info, but the remaining t-shirts will still be available for sale at \$15.00 for a raffle ticket entry. The shirts that already been sold will still be honored at the rescheduled show.

#### New officers are as follows:

President- Dennis Smith

Vice President-Jay Dennis

Treasurer- Greg Clower

Secretary- Rocky Sink

**“Gee, I wish I had unlimited time at home to work on models!!”**

**OK, so you got your wish. Seems like a harsh way to realize your wildest dreams, doesn't it???**

Too all my brethren in the modeling world, I send my greatest wishes that you and your families are well and safe. This Coronavirus has certainly changed the American landscape and has thrown a monkey-wrench into what seemed like a normal existence only a few short weeks ago. PLEASE STAY SAFE! That is the number one concern now. Enjoy your quality time at home with your favorite hobby, model-building. Stay in touch with your modeling buddies the best you can through newsgroups and Zoom meetings. Send in pictures of your new creations to post on Facebook posts and chat rooms and help keep the hobby alive with orders to your favorite mail-order hobby suppliers and don't forget to include your local hobby shops in your buying plans. Even though they may not have retail sales in their stores many are working out a way for customers to get their supplies without breaking social distancing rules. Check their websites and phone numbers to see how they are working through the pandemic. And please don't forget to support our older members in their time of need and stay in touch to make sure they are safe and well. We all have grown a little long in the tooth, so to speak, and we must use extra caution in the environment that is out there right now.

Our Region has been especially affected by the corona virus in that many of the states that make up the Region are in the “hot-spot” areas of the country, namely NJ, PA, VA, MD, DE and DC. Even though states are now trying to work out a system of gradual re-opening, we may be a long way from the normal we were used to, including large crowd gatherings in tight quarters, or as we call it, a model show. Information is still vague and ambiguous on the re-opening of spaces for large get-togethers. We will have to wait and see what transpires in the next few months. Which leads me to my next bit of information.

MosquitoCon 2020 has moved to August 22 at the Wayne PAL building in Wayne, NJ. Contact Big Bill Schwartz at [whsch@optimum.net](mailto:whsch@optimum.net) or Mike Pavlo at [njipms.com](http://njipms.com) for details on their show and any rules and/or restrictions.

PennCon 2020 is scheduled for September 19 at the Eisenhower Convention Center. Contact Chet Mohn at [magus47@aol.com](mailto:magus47@aol.com) for details on the show and any news that may affect the show.

MarauderCon 2020 has moved to October 3 at the Level Volunteer Fire Company building in Havre de Grace, MD. Contact mark Altizer at [maltizer1@verizon.net](mailto:maltizer1@verizon.net) for details on the show.

Hopefully all of these shows will be able to be held and will be successful. Let's keep our fingers crossed. **This brings us to the IPMS Region 2 Convention. It is with a very heavy heart and disappointment that our committee has decided to postpone the Region 2 Convention until 2021.** Our theme, 2020—“Eyes on the Prize” will still be in play and all of our categories, Special awards, raffle and Mega-Raffle, as well as Silent Auction, seminars, demos and speakers are still planned, but this will take place in 2021, a date has not been settled on yet but will probably be in the Fall of 2021. The logistics of a two-day Regional combined with the uncertainty of the virus as well as conflicting state and federal rules made the show too risky to put on in 2020.

I want to thank all of the support we have already received from Region 2 clubs and your sponsorships will be carried over to the show in 2021. For those who have already made hotel reservations, please let me know if any cancellations run into any problems. To all potential vendors, please accept our apologies and know you have an open invitation to the 2021 show and hope you can make it then. The t-shirts that were already purchased will still be good in 2021 for the raffle drawing that we had planned, so don't forget to wear them. Again I am sorry for the cancellation, but we feel this is the best course of action to ensure not only the integrity of the show, but also the safety of our members and Region 2 participants.

In closing, please stay safe and hopefully we can all get together and enjoy the close-knit fellowship we have always had😊😊😊

Tim Ward  
Region 2 Coordinator



## P-38F-15 Lightning "The Sad Sack" 95<sup>th</sup> FS, 2Lt. Roland O Leeman Vicenza, Italy 1944

This is the fantastic new 1/48 Tamiya model. I built her as "The Sad Sack" at the time of her 183<sup>rd</sup> mission in Italy at the end of May, 1944. More than thirty pilots flew her from December 1942.

The model is really fantastic, I just added the Eduard cockpit instrument panel, gun barrels, and supercharges, and the wheels are from a Res Kit detail set. The kit original parts are just fine, but the resin details are raising the level of the details. I have to say that probably the wheels and the gun barrels are two weak aspect of the model. The engineering of the model is unbelievable, everything fit perfectly and you need to work really hard for making mistakes. However, I thought I could be smarter of Tamiya and decided of not following the instructions and you can image the consequences.... Anyway, after cursing against my stupidity and a yoga section I was able to fix my mistakes and eventually finish the model. This is also my first attempt to depict a model with a significant amount of chipping. If you look at pictures of these airplanes this aspect was very evident. I image that after 183 mission she should have a significant deterioration of her painting. For the chipping I have used a combination of chipping fluid from MIG AMMO, a silver pencil and some sponge technique. I am very pleased with the final result.

This is also the first model I was able to finish in two years. I think this is likely the only good aspect of the stay at home due the pandemic.

Happy Modeling!

Michele





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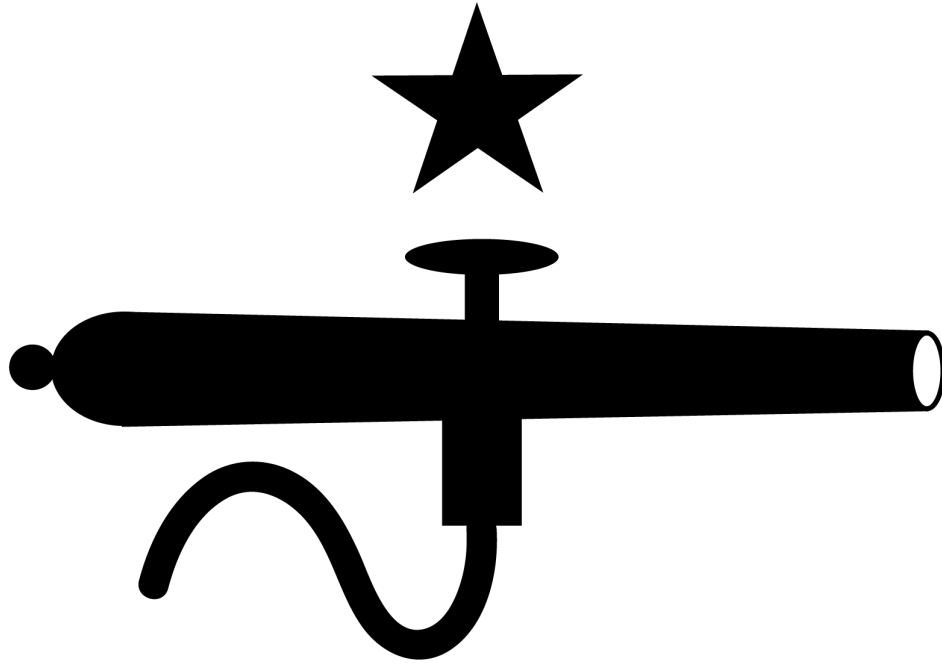
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# Upcoming Shows and Events



Aug. 22, 2020	MosquitoCon 2020 - Wayne, NJ	Bill Schwarz <a href="mailto:whsch@optimum.net">whsch@optimum.net</a>
Sept. 19, 2020	PennCon 2020 - Gettysburg, PA	Chester Mohn <a href="mailto:magus47@aol.com">magus47@aol.com</a>
Oct. 3, 2020	MarauderCon - Havre de Grace, MD	Mark Altizer <a href="mailto:maltizer@verizon.net">maltizer@verizon.net</a>
June 18-19, 2021	IPMS R2 Convention - Salem, VA	Tim Ward <a href="mailto:twardf86@aol.com">twardf86@aol.com</a>



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IPMS/USA NATIONAL CONVENTION  
**SAN MARCOS, TEXAS**  
JUL 29 - AUG 1, 2020

*Remember to check the websites and/or chapter contact for up to the date info and details on the contests.*