

# **PREZ SEZ MK II**

**BOB COLLIGNON**

It is with sadness that I open my new tenure as your proud Prez by offering my condolences to the Memmo and the Krygier families. It was a tough opening to the year when Mike Miodonski passed in December; might I add I was proud of the showing of the club at his wake. Then 27-year member Mike Memmo passed away in May so it's been a sad year for their respective families and our club, so far, and through Prez-idential fiat I say it stops NOW, no more members passing for at least another 5 years, OK? :) !!!

Both Mikes were great guys, had skills and were always there for IPMS Niagara Frontier - we're truly gonna miss you two Mikeys! In Mike Memmo's honor, don't ever forget the "Polar Bear" joke :) Please keep them and their families in your prayers. In addition, our condolences go out to Dave and Matt Krygier and their family for the recent loss of Dave's Mom; sorry for your loss, Dave.

Well, a new term for me and let's get onto the business of our club. First, I want to thank our past board and especially Tony G for stepping up when Mike Miodonski started to get more and more ill and was unable to finish his term - thanks Tony G. A HUGE thanks to the NOREASTCON 2009 Show Committee. I also want to thank Billy Sauer and Larry Osolkowski, our new DIZPATCH editor. Billy, thanks for doing our paper and electronic newsletter for all these years, an excellent job might I add. Bill won the IPMS/USA Best Newsletter a few years ago. I want to thank Larry for stepping up and taking over the DIZPATCH duties; a tough job, but from seeing how well Larry did/does our websites I have no doubt that DIZPATCH will be great! Thanks Guys!!! In the future, if you take photos of a club event/meeting etc., please plan on always getting a disc of the images to Larry so he always has fresh material for the club website.

Speaking of photos, could someone plan on bringing a camera to document our demos for posting. We especially need someone this month because I'm doing the demo.

This month's events:

1. Around the room question..."What demos would you like to see and what demo could you do?"
2. I'll be doing a weathering demo on my Laffly. I'll be using powders, glazes, washes, etc.
3. We'll discuss the Ft. Niagara model some. What we learned, what we should have done, what we should never have done, why we should never have raised our hands when Tom Faith asked for volunteers :) :) etc. etc.

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4. We'll have a short discussion of a final "after action report" on NOREASTCON 2009.
5. Bring some stuff to sell.
6. Congrats to Justen Hanna for stepping up and volunteering to be 2010 BuffCon ShowChair and ditto to new Board member Bob Raithel, our new Chief Judge. Tony B thanks for all your past service as our Chief Judge.

I have a special request of some of you: we, the club, ended up paying for several more dinners than we had contracted and/or collected money for. I have the very meticulous list Paul Hines kept. If you came to the NOREASTCON dinner and didn't "officially" pay your \$30, please do the honorable thing and give treasurer Dave Schwab \$30 at Monday's meeting... on the QT of course.

So, anyway...who's going to the IPMS Nat's? Hope I can, I want to watch Tony G walk up and collect the IPMS/USA Chapter of the Year trophy, if we win it of course.

See y'all Monday,

Da Prez bobC

PS: Remember I'm the "wordy" Prez, now do you wish you had voted for someone else :) :) :) ?

# **MEETING NOTES**

**DICK SCHULENBERG**

President Tony Gliszczynski called the meeting to order with a moment of silence for Mike Memmo. Tom Faith talked about Mike's Seneca Wolf Clan heritage and Bob Collignon shared Mike's most famous Polar Bear joke. We will long remember him.

The first order of business was our annual elections. We had a full slate of officers and Executive Board members with no contested seats. The Secretary was directed to cast a single vote to elect the entire slate. Officers for 2009 - 2010 are:

President - Bob Collignon

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Justen Hanna

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Larry Osolkowski

Secretary - Dick Schulenberg

Treasurer - Dave Schwab

Executive Board (E-Board) members - Tony Bartoszek, Paul Hines, Bob Raithel, Dan Marafino, Chuck Nichter, Tom Faith

We have a new member, John Doerr. You may be familiar with John's name because of the many photos from BuffCon and NOREASTCON he's posted on the web. John is a prolific modeler, mostly airplanes but now some modern armor. He offered to help if you want to set up a personal website. Welcome aboard, John.

Joe Szczygiel dropped in. Joe took top awards at NOREASTCON with his armor models. He builds everything except SciFi. Dave Schwab later told me that Joe signed up too, so: Welcome, Joe.

Tony then led us through the wrap up of our successful NOREASTCON 2009. Model entries were just over 400 entries, but, like BuffCon, the quality was really up there. We had good general admissions both days and the room always seemed to be full of people. The dealers were quite varied with a lot of neat stuff at good prices. The seminars were well done and well attended. The Blind Builds on Friday evening were hilarious. The Awards Dinner went off very well. The award presentation team of Aris Pappas (IPMS Washington DC) and Tom Faith and the Power Point team of Larry Osolkowski and Bill Borkowski did super jobs. We had excellent participation by club members that made setup, moving dealer stuff, admissions, registration, security and teardown almost flawless. Well done to everyone who participated.

To top it off, we were again awarded the IPMS Region 1 Chapter of the Year

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trophy. We've won this award a number of times because of the work of the club as a whole, so congratulations and thanks to everyone.

The infamous "I am not a modeling loser" contest has raised its head again. Entrants must complete a new model purchased at NOREASTCON for the August meeting. (Yes, this August). Losers who don't complete their model in time must pay off the winners with a \$5 card from Tim Horton's. Entrants are: Tony G, Chuck Nichter, Larry Osolkowski, Dave Schwab, Dan Marafino, Wayne Dippold, Justen Hanna, Tony Bartoszek, Tom Faith, Bob Collignon, Bob Raithel, John Zachritz, John Doerr, Joe Szczygiel, Matt Keysa, Frank Blonski, Eric Hillebrand and Tom Brown. Good luck guys. Tim Horton is gonna love this!

The 1/300 Fort Niagara diorama project continues to progress towards a July 1<sup>st</sup> completion date. The groundwork is in and painting and detailing is going on. The buildings, ships and details are ready to install. Tom Faith showed the three dimensional 1/350 cast resin figures purchased for the diorama, lots of them. A small group has been working on the diorama at Bob Collignon's studio on the Monday evenings at 6 when the club or E-Board is not meeting, Wednesday evenings, also at 6 and on most Saturdays from 10 to 1 or so. Come on down.

There were some really neat models on the display tables. Here goes:

Mark Budniewski - a new 1/25 AMT kit for the 2009 Dodge Challenger. This is the first new kit from AMT's new management and looks very nice.





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Tony Bartoszek - the new Bronco 1/35 kit of the Humber armored car for the challenge.



Katie Brown - her red, white & blue Corvette from the NOREASTCON Make and Take.

Tom Brown, Jr. - his 1/144 C-118, also from Make & Take, ready for paint.



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Tom Brown - an odd Dragon 1/3 scale kit to make 2 Glock G17 hand guns and cases, for the challenge. Should be easy to get this one done in time.



Justen Hanna - a 1/48 Arado 96 WWII Luftwaffe trainer under construction for the challenge from the MPM short run kit. A bit challenging but looking good already.





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Tom Faith - his completed Russian fuel trailer and jerry cans on a neat groundwork base. Nicely weathered with pastels and MIG powders.



John Zachritz - a couple of kits for the challenge; a Testors (old Hawk) 1/48 MiG 15 and a new Pegasus P-51B in red tailed Tuskegee Airman markings. Good choices.



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Bob Collignon - the Pegasus kit for the "War of the Worlds" alien ship, also for the challenge.





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Brian McFee - his nearly completed 1/48 Korean War Tamiya F-51D, the well known "Mouse Meat" from the 12th Fighter Bomber Group with a shark mouth and yellow napalm tanks and painted and decaled 1/48 tails for the first F-15C that scrambled from Otis AFB to cover New York City on 9/11.



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Frank Blonski - 3 reissued 1/25 classic car kits purchased at NOREASTCON; the Revell Outlaw, the AMT Ala-Cart and the Revell 1966 Pontiac GTO. One of these is for the challenge.



John Doerr - nice buildups of an Abrams tank and Bradley IFV in the markings of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, his son's unit in Iraq.





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Dave Armitage - a nice diorama of 4 Mongol horsemen of the Golden Hoard ca 1200 AD, 54mm soft plastic from the Italeri set and an HO scale scratchbuilt railroad station with pinking shear cut shingles.





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Joe Szczygiel - a Tamiya LVTP2 Amtrac under heavy modification and detailing as a Marine mine clearing vehicle, whipping out cords of C4 to explode mines ahead of the vehicle.



Matt Keysa - his 1/35 Flakpanzer conversion in progress. Matt showed his scratchbuilt gun mount and floor plate.



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Paul Kittel - his 1/72 scale HMS Ontario, War of 1812 warship for permanent display at Ft. Niagara, about 90% done. It's scratch built from Admiralty drawings and informed conjecture. Quite beautiful.



Good stuff all around.

The pizza & wings party was enjoyed by all.





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The next meeting is Monday, June 15 at 7 PM. As always, bring your current project, a new kit to show or something from the shelf that you'd like to show off. We love to see them.

Please note that we can no longer use the basement door we've used forever. The Youth Center is keeping it locked for security purposes. Please use the door nearest the parking lot, take the elevator to the basement and turn right down the corridor. The room is on the right. The alternate is the door farthest from the parking lot. It's marked "Youth Center" and leads directly into the pool table part of our meeting room.

See you Monday.



# **OLD FORT NIAGARA DIORAMA**

**JERE BRUBAKER**

From its location at the mouth of the Niagara River, the Fort Niagara controlled access to the portage around Niagara Falls. In doing so, it also controlled access to the "water highway" that started with the Great Lakes and, with its connecting waterways and portages, stretched deep into the heart of 18th century North America long before the advent of modern roads and highways.

A new exhibit currently being developed by the Old Fort Niagara Association in one of its eighteenth century buildings, the Provisions Storehouse, will highlight this and much more about the waterfront, and maritime activities surrounding the fort in the 18th century.

Several key components of the exhibit will help to tell these stories.

First of all, visitors will view a large wall mural of the Great Lakes and associated waterways. This will establish the concept of the "water highway" and Fort Niagara's strategic location at the mouth of the Niagara River where it controlled the access point to the portage around Niagara Falls, the largest obstacle on the "water highway".

Next, visitors will view a large topographic model of the Niagara River, highlighting the impact of Niagara Falls and the portage around it.

Then visitors will view the model of Fort Niagara in the late summer/early fall of 1780, currently being built by members of the Buffalo Chapter of IPMS. Of course this spectacular model will illustrate the appearance of the fort's defenses and surroundings in the eighteenth century, but it will also draw dramatic attention to several things including: the striking difference in the number and types of buildings inside the fort in the eighteenth century versus today; and the many and varied buildings and activities at "The Bottoms" or "The Lower Town" in the eighteenth century (today the usually quiet site of Coast Guard Station Niagara).

The timeframe of late summer/early fall 1780 was chosen because it allows us to show the fort at a very active period, but it also allows us to integrate several related elements and story lines that would not be possible at some other time, namely the British Indian Department (which had buildings at "The Bottoms" during this time) and the Brig-Sloop Ontario (which sailed from Fort Niagara to founder and sink on Halloween, October 31, 1780). Plus, from the point of view of "landscape interest" the late summer/early fall allows for a bit more color.

The balance of the exhibit will be rounded out with...

- A display case containing 18th century archaeological findings from the Bottoms;
- A flip chart highlighting the evolution of the built environment at the fort and the Bottoms, as well as the dramatic loss of land along the lake shore and the riverbank due to erosion;
- A display case discussing boats used around Fort Niagara in the 18th century (canoe, bateau, boats and ships) and featuring Buffalo Chapter member Paul Kittell's very impressive and striking model of the Ontario;
- And a display of shipping barrels and containers used to move many tons of supplies and merchandise moving around Fort Niagara in the 18th century.

All in all the new exhibit will be a great addition to the telling of Fort Niagara's story, and the models built by members of the Chapter will certainly be an attention-grabbing highlight!

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### **The Next Club Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter IPMS will be on Monday, June 15, 2009 at the Harlem Road Community Center, 4255 Harlem Road (near Main Street), Amherst, New York. We meet in the basement youth room from 7:00PM to about 9:00PM. Please do not arrive before 6:45PM.

**Important: All submissions to e-Dizpatch must be received by the Monday one week after our scheduled meeting night.**

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