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Northern Virginia Model Classic 2022

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On 16 April 2022, after a two-year absence, the Northern Virginia Chapter of IPMS USA held their first model show since the pandemic began. All of our vendor tables were sold out and the vendors were doing a brisk business. Some vendors said they did as well or better than they did at a model show in Virginia, earlier in the year. In addition, our host and sponsor, the Fairfax High School Choral Boosters, did very well, and they are looking forward to next year's show as much as we are.

We are very proud of the effort it took to run a show that covers such a wide range of models. As this was our first show in two years, the following are some statistics and pictures, which show the National level quality of the entrants. We had 676 models spread out over 83

categories, 133 contestants, and 340 walk-ins with 616 total attendance. This year's theme was the Korean War and we had many entries for that category. In addition to the models, we had display tables with paper models, which could give the plastic ones a run for the money, we had N-Gauge train layouts, some gorgeous ship displays, a make-and-take table for the kids, a huge raffle table with plenty of items to win, and authors such as Dana Bell and Aaron Hamilton who were happy to discuss their work and sign autographs for people purchasing their books.

Next year's show will be planned as soon as we have caught our breath, so stay tuned. If you want to learn more, please see our website www.novajipms.org

As always, pictures can tell more than words. So without further ado, here is a selection of pictures from our show.



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