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March 2025 Newsletter

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SCRATCH BUILT Revue 12 Gunsight by Rick Kranius
1st Place Miscellaneous and Best of Show
February 2025

The Northern Virginia IPMS Model Club monthly meeting took place on Tuesday, 4 February 2025, at Fairfax High School. Monthly meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month, but due to a scheduling conflict with the High School, we had to conduct it a day early. No matter, February's meeting was well attended with 63 participants. Many were pleased to get together as January's meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The meeting started off as usual with a few intro comments. One of the most important comments was a continuing appeal for folks to volunteer to help with this year's Model Classic. Everyone was encouraged to go to the sign-up genius to see where they can plug in.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADA923ABFEC07-52995457-model#/>

Haagen will be needing head judges for the modeling contest. This is the biggest event of the year for the club and is one of the largest and most popular model shows in the mid-Atlantic region. We can't do it without your help, as often the needs are many and the workers are few. If you are unsure where you can help, please reach out to either Scott, Haagen, or Hutch and they can assist in guiding you.

The highlight of the club meeting was the contest and related show-and-tell of each build. There were a robust 43 excellent diverse entries in the monthly contest and made for a very pleasant and rewarding evening.

This issue starts with Dick Hague's Corner below as you can see. Apologies but I will not have a Real Thing page on the Revi 12c gunsight. I may not be the best Google searcher but all I could find on the web was where you can buy one and generic articles on reflector gunsights. The model gallery will be next, followed by a new article from Fred Horky on his experiences flying the C-130 during the Vietnam War. Hope everyone survived the February snows. See you on 5 March.



Left: Contest and display tables. Good turnout. Right: Jim Fitzbibbon talking about his 1/72 F-89 during the "Show and Tell" program for the month.

Hague's Corner

No Graduation Pictures Yet

by Dick Hague

Finally! I finished two of the Yaks tonight! They were left alone as paint dried but maybe tomorrow they can be photographed and join the storage container with the other two completed Yaks!

Figure 1 (next page) is the Yugoslavian Yak-3. Other Yaks from this plane's unit shot down an American C-47 when it crossed their national border in 1945. Despite both nations being on the same side fighting the Germans in that area it seems a bit of nationalism was at play here! That part of the world has always been somewhat chaotic. The Yak-3 fighters were probably the most successful and loved of all the Russian fighters by their air force. It was the same to them as the Spitfire was to the British, Zero to the Japanese, Mustang to the Americans, and Messerschmitt Bf-109 was to the Germans. I think this plane, especially in this color scheme, is a very attractive aircraft. My opinion!

Next to be finished is the too late for success in service Yak-23 trainer (Figure 2 next page). The Yak-23 came along as a trainer for the Yak-15 but by the time it appeared the Yak-15 had been

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Contest Winners February 2025



Special, 1st Place
1/48 P-47 by Bryan Nylander



Special, 2nd Place
1/48 Corsair by Wes Shull



Aircraft 1/48-32, 1st Place
Machi MC-202 by Wes Shull



Aircraft 1/48-32, 2nd Place
MiG-15 by Scott Bricker



Aircraft 1/72, 1st Place
F-89 by Jim Fitzgibbon



Aircraft 1/72, 2nd Place
Ho-229 by Ed Mautner

Contest Winners February 2025



*Military Vehicles 1/72, 1st Place
T-34 by Stephen Gibbs*



*Ships, 1st Place
Chibi Hiryu by Jesse*



*Sci-Fi, 1st Place
Millenium Falcon by Isobel Nylander*



*Sci-Fi, 2nd Place
HU Gundam HWS by Bee Vetter*



*Miscellaneous, 1st Place
Revi 12c Gunsight by Rick Kranius*



*Best of 2024, 1st Place
1/35 Israeli Dozer by Rafy Levy*

Contest Winners February 2025



*Best of 2024, 2nd Place
1/48 Spitfire by Bryan Nylander*



*Best out of the Box
X-Wing by Darren Riggs*

Rest of the Models



*1/144 P-47 Collection by Vince
Mankowski*



1/35 257mm Pion 35-M by Christenson



1/48 A7MA Reppu by Walter Schlueter



Krieg Guardsman by Alex Mason Shoire

Rest of the Models



Bumble Bee Movie by Elias Memby



1/32 Cobra by Matt Lunn



1/48 F-15A Streak Eagle by Nelson Kee



1/48 Helldiver by Walter Schlueter



1/35 Hidden from Plain Sight Diorama by Unknown



1/48 Ki-43 by Walter Schlueter

Rest of the Models



1/48 Ki-61 by Scott Bricker



1/48 Mustang Mk. III by Trysten Bennett



1/72 P-51B by Vivian Watts?



1/735 Panzer IV by Isobel Nylander



1/72 PB5-C by Unknown

Rest of the Models



Sci-Fi Figures by Jon DeSalva?



1/48 Mustang Mk. III by Trysten Bennett



1/144 Russian SST Diorama

Best of Show Scratchbult Revi 12c Gunsight by Rick Kranius





Figure 1



Figure 2

superseded by the superior Yak-17 and its trainer version Yak-17Uti. Here the model is propped up by a makeup sponge while its flat steel painted tailwheel is drying. **Tip alert: A bag of makeup sponges can be very useful for blotting decals when they are applied as well as being a platform to sit a just wetted decal while you wait for it to be movable on the backing sheet.**

Figure 3 shows out of focus the one thing I was trying to show! The just painted flat steel color tail wheel! Probably better though, the jet exhaust just ahead of that tail wheel shows why a steel one was needed! The next pic shows Yak-15's #22 and #29 propped up on Lego blocks while their just painted tail wheel dries (Figure 4).

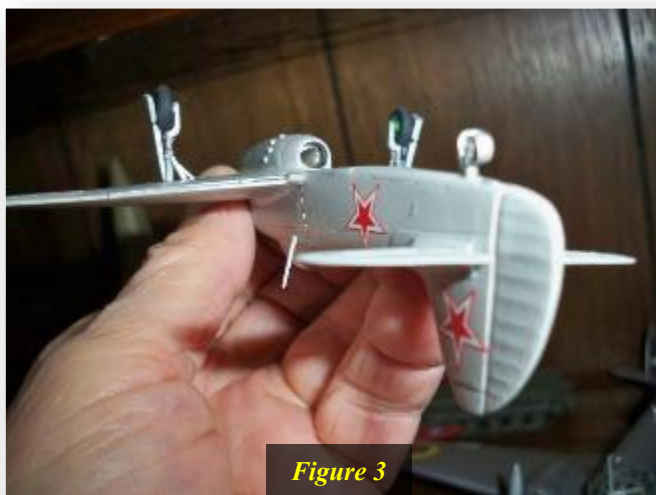


Figure 3



Figure 4

This US marked Yak-27 will probably join the other Yaks in the storage container when the North Korean Yak-9 gets completed (Figure 5 next page). This model is on the Korean War shelf as the only other enemy plane there now is a Mig-15, even though the Yak-27 didn't participate in that war. The Yak-9 did as well as the armed two-seat trainers the Yak-18.



Figure 5



Figure 6

More Yaks, but not part of the current 'get the Yaks off the desk move', this pair of WWII Yak-6 light transports are really awaiting warm weather for some outside spray painting (Figure 6).

Two down, eight to go!

C-130 Pilot in Vietnam[©]

by Fred Horky



It's me again, the Old Guy.

Something keeps drawing me back to the above image.

I took the picture in 1968 at the very height of the 'nam war, at a place called Dau Tieng and a time remembered as "The Tet Offensive". It was just after sunrise. Dau Tieng was/is about halfway between Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City to everybody else, but still Saigon to me) and the Cambodian border, and was/is the long-time (1925!), former but now-long nationalized Michelin Rubber Plantation.

The C-130 has just landed and is coming out of reverse, on the 2,900' dirt runway cut right across that little piece of France and



.....zooming past the above former luxury villa that in the old days had been very good duty for a French rubber plantation manager ... complete with a big swimming pool! but hard work for their ill-paid Vietnamese minions, working out amongst the plantation's ten square miles of rubber trees



....continually bleeding them of the "white gold" of their latex sap.



Asia War Games (the first flying the C-123, the second the C-130) was as a thirty-four-year-old C-130 pilot, now a TALO (Tactical Airlift Liaison Officer) on the GROUND this time.

My job was to help make airlift operations safer and more efficient, and fortunately for me not as the typical eighteen-year-old draftee "grunt" out among the neat rows of planation trees, looking for people he didn't know but that wanted to kill him; an American soldier who had been told "....don't shoot the rubber trees!they belong to the French."

REALLY!

Did anyone ever mention that Lyndon Johnson's War was a very stupid war?

But I guess all wars are stupid.

Sixty years later, one wonders if JFK would have found a different answer, had he lived

Ask any youngster anything about Vietnam today, and all you'll likely get is a blank stare.

But a fast-dwindling number of we old, irrelevant guys will remember.....



But to get back to that same C-130 in 1968: a little later it roared past me in the opposite direction; the totally wild and runaway bougainvillea flowers blooming in front of the former French villa offering me this neat photo op....

Such are the ruminations of an old fart nonagenarian on a Tuesday morning, nearly sixty years later

Fred Horky

March Meeting Program and Contest Special

Program: TBD

Contest Special: Vietnam War. Build anything from that war.

Visit the club website at www.novaiipms.org and join the club Google group at <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/northernvirginiamodelers>

Both locations will allow you to access the monthly Contest/Program Schedule as well as information about IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers.

We're also on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northern-Virginia-IPMS>

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Upcoming Events

1 March 2025

Washington Armor Club Meeting
George Mason Regional Library
7001 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

5 March 2025

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting
Sully Government Center
4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly VA 20151
3501 Lion Run, Fairfax VA 22030

18 March 2025

IPMS DC Meeting
Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Rec Ctr
13850 Travilah Rd. Rockville, MD 20850
6:30-8:45pm

19 March 2025

IPMS Northern Virginia Tips and Share Zoom Meeting

26 March 2025 (not a typo 3rd Wed this month)
National Capital Model Soldier Society (NCMSS)
Monthly meeting
Thomas Edison High School Room E-112
5801 Franconia Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22310

22 February 2025

29 March 2025

BeachCon 2025
General Robert H. Reed Rec Center
800 Gabreski Lane
Myrtle Beach, SC

5 April 2025

MOSQUITOCON 33
Wayne PAL Hall
PAL Drive, Wayne NJ

12 April 2025

IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classic 2025
Fairfax High School
3501 Lion Run
Fairfax VA 22030

GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS
Presents

Show Theme
The Pacific War

Saturday, March 29, 2025 9am - 4pm
General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center
800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

General Admission
\$5.00 Single Adult (18 and older)
\$8.00 Family
\$24.00

Confestants
\$14.00 (includes member of models)

Juniors (17 & under) and Active Duty Military (with ID)
FREE

Vendor Tables
6' Table - \$38.00
8' Table - \$48.00

Award Sponsorships
Category Medallions \$30
Best of Class Trophy \$40
Best of Show Trophy \$50

On Site Food Concession!

Scan for show website

www.grandstrandmodelers.org

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MOSQUITOCON 33

Model Contest • April 5, 2025

This year's show theme is: "Classic Rivals", at the Wayne PAL Hall, PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ (973-696-2096). Plenty of parking in the back!

- Best Aircraft
- Best Armor
- Best Ship
- Best "Classic Rivals" subject
- Best New Jersey subject
- Best Tank subject
- Best Vietnam subject

For contact and vendor information please contact:
Bill Schwarz 202-357-6724 (no cell in the party) Email: whedg@att.net
REGISTRATION INFO: Adults \$20 (no kids unless invited from outside) Modelers \$10 (10 & under \$5) (includes 12 Foot & 12 inch members of the club) See "Mosquitocon 33" target for a list.

• Please note the regional or club modeler's models may be removed from the show's category.
• Please note there is a "no cash" policy for the show.

Need more show info? Just scan the QR code to visit us at www.njipms.org.

Northern Virginia Modelers Model Classic 2025



50th Anniversary
of
The War in Southeast Asia
1955 - 1975



Saturday, April 12, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Fairfax High School
3501 Lion Run, Fairfax, VA 22030

General Admission
\$10.00 Single Adult
(18 and older)
\$15.00 Family

Award Sponsorships
Category: \$30.00
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Contestants
\$15.00
Unlimited number of models

Juniors
(17 & under)
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Active Duty Military
(with ID)
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Super Raffle!



**Theme Award
Best Vietnam Subject**

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