

SHOW REPORT

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We are partial to Hellcats this month – especially if they built as nicely as this one

Super Nova

Model Classic 2012

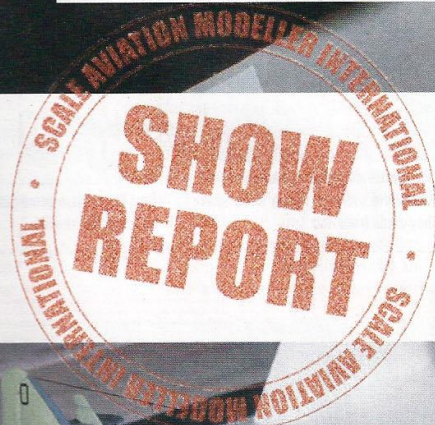
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On 12 June the Northern Virginia Modelers chapter of IPMS USA held its annual Model Classic. This year's theme was 'The British are Coming' and eighty-three adult and six junior contestants entered 412 models in the competition. The show took place at Fairfax High School, Fairfax VA, and marked the 200th anniversary of the war of 1812

Winners of the Best British subjects were:

- Best British Aviation: Harrier GR.3 by Scott Samo of Lexington Park Maryland.
- Best British Nautical: HMS Illustrious by Robert Witt of Baltimore Maryland.
- Best British Land Subject: Challenger 2 by Raleigh Lamb of Hampton Virginia.
- Best Aircraft went to an F-16DB also by Scott Samo. Congratulations to Mr Bill Brickhouse of Tidewater, who seems to have gone home with a chest full of gongs too...

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Revell's 1/72 Gannet with its wings on the right way round

SAMI



Hasegawa's Hurricane Mk IV as a tank buster



Author Gina Cavallaro, an American journalist who has covered the US military in Iraq and Afghanistan, made an appearance at the show



Late mark Spitfires were well represented thanks to the British theme

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1/48 Airfix Sea Vixens are not such a common sight on this side of the pond



A nice build of 'Dumbo' in 1/72. Beautiful modelling - but how did the thing ever get off the ground?



Yet another Spitfire - an early Mk.I contrasting nicely with the Griffons on parade



The latest Airfix GR 9 in 1/72. Could it be more British?

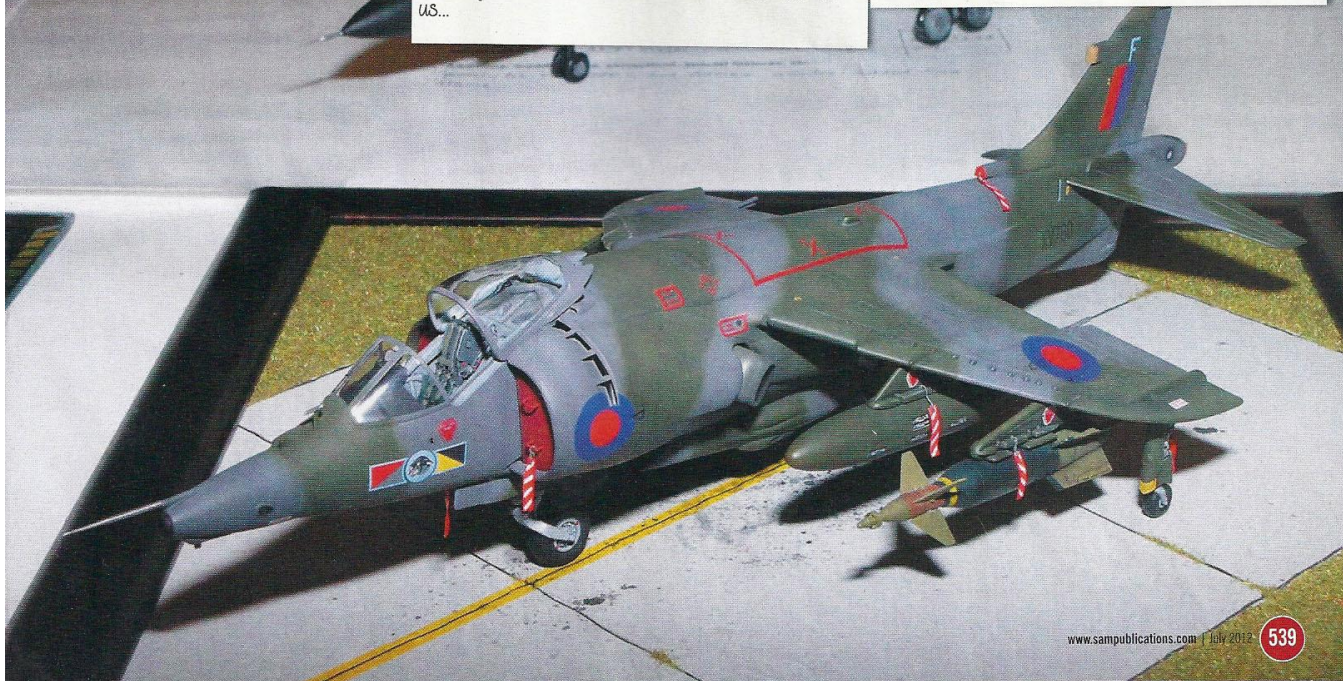


Best British aviation subject - a well deserved accolade for this GR 3

Johnny Johnson Junior? That's a new one on us...



A Polish Squadron Spitfire IXc in a state of undress





Breathtaking paint job on the F-16 no doubt helped to earn it the 'Best Aircraft' award



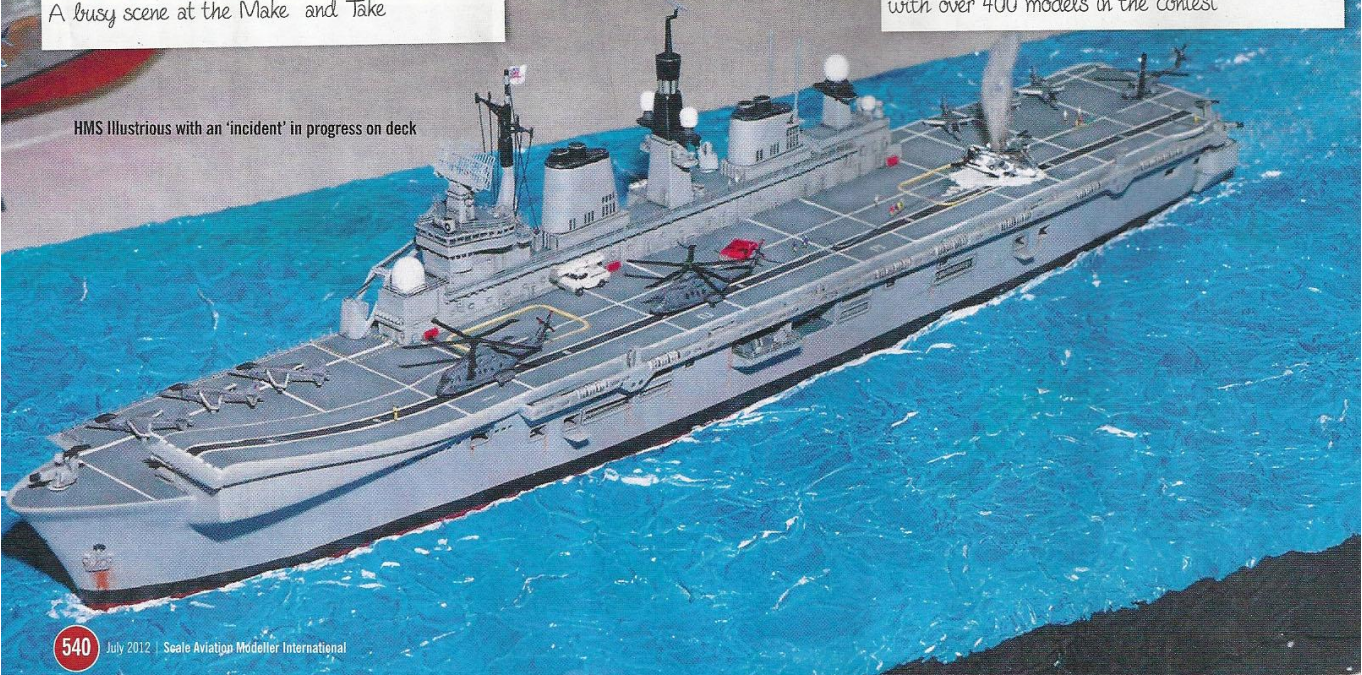
A busy scene at the Make and Take



The vendors area - always an interesting place to be



Morning Ladies. Registration kept staff busy, with over 400 models in the contest



HMS Illustrious with an 'incident' in progress on deck