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May 2022 Newsletter

Editor: Tom Henderson

The IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers monthly meeting took place on 6 April 2022 with 42 members attending. The first item of business was the formal presentation of the 2021 Member of the Year to Jon Etherton. The focus of this month's business meeting involved preparations for our annual Model Classic (MC) contest and show. After sadly canceling the 2020 and 2021 shows, we were happily able to host MC this year. President Tim Barb stressed the need for chapter members to volunteer to help run the show. Sign-up sheets were available for all positions (setup and teardown, make and take, security, vendor concierge, registration, raffle). Treasurer Jon Etherton also mentioned sponsorships are still available for \$30 per category.



Left: Jon Etherton receiving his temporary Member of the Year plaque at the December meeting. The MOY decision was made so close to the meeting there was not enough time to have a suitable plaque made. Once the plaque was made the January meeting was cancelled due to the weather, I was not able to attend in February, and forgot to bring it in March. I FINALLY brought it to the April meeting for Jon to receive his permanent plaque.

Other business items discussed:

Our July and August meetings will be by Zoom. Fairfax High School will be shut down during those months while its HVAC system is renovated. The question of having our meetings at another location was brought up, but it is doubtful this will happen due to the expense involved. Tim reminded the membership of our regular monthly Tips and Share meeting scheduled for 20 April. Additionally, the May Tips and Share meeting will take place on Saturday, 7 May. It will be the quarterly joint Tips and Share meeting (to include a contest) with the Staffordshire Moorlands Model Club IPMS, our UK sister chapter. An email to all will be sent a couple of weeks before the meeting on how to enter models into competition. These sessions are always a load of fun. The modeling camaraderie gained by the discussions, the models, and exchange of the

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers April 2022 Monthly Meeting (continued)

how to do that information between a bunch of skilled modelers on each side of the Atlantic is cool as heck. By my personal observation, we tend to learn more from our UK brethren than they learn from us. Please join in if you can find the time on 7 May (2:00 PM EDT).

Curtis and Shirly Clinton ran the chapter raffle which led into the program for the evening. The program consisted of all modelers who entered models into competition giving the membership a short rundown on the kit they built. Remarks included an assessment of the kit itself and techniques used by each modeler to build and paint the model.

The final event of the evening was announcement of the contest winners by Contest Coordinator Walter Schlueter. Twenty-two models participated in the contest. Our next regular monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, 10 May.

Our monthly Tips and Share meeting took place on 20 April via Zoom. As per normal, we exchanged information about kits members were working on and tools and techniques. The opening discussion centered on attendees' experiences at Model Classic on April 16. Mike Fleckenstein then walked the attendees through his recently completed 1/72 vignette using a resin kit of the Nike MIM-14 with launcher and figures. Mike Beckett presented his 60s vintage 1/48 Lindbergh F-100, and Scott Bricker showed his F4U entered at Model Classic that mirrored the Korean War crash scene from the show flyer. Scott shared his technique for representing the flocks of snow thrown up in the crash.

The photo gallery for this month begins next. Dick Hague's latest modeling update follows the gallery. A short report on Model Classic 2022, beginning on page 12 brings this issue to an end.



Contest Winners April 2021



*Aircraft 1/72, 1st Place
F-14A by Dale Hutchinson*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2nd Place
Nieuport 11 by Greg Richards*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1st Place
Pucara by Dale Hutchinson*



*AFV 1/72, 1st Place
Jagdtiger by Greg Richard*



*AFV 1/35, 1st Place
Jagdpanther by Dennis Forrest*



*Ships, 1st Place
USS North Carolina by Dennis Forrest*

Contest Winners April 2022 (continued)



Figures, 1st Place
Captain Nova Yamamoto by Dennis Forrest



Master, 1st Place
M08 Greyhound by Mark Schrieber



Master, 2nd Place
F-105 by Jim Rotramel



Special, 1st Place
F-86 by Greg Richard

Rest of the Models April 2022



1/48 T-33



German SP Gun

Rest of the Models April 2022 (continued)



BMW



Chinook



Cougar



Corsair



F-4K-F-4M



Phantom FG.1

Rest of the Models April 2022 (continued)



Formula 1 Racer



Hot Rod



1/48 P-40



Panzer I



Japanese Carrier



P-51

Rest of the Models April 2022 (continued)



F-4J FAR



Air Defense Artillery



Corvette

Contest Winners April 2022 (continued)

Best out of the Box F-86D by Jim Fitzgibbon



Best of Show Talibans by Luis Fernando



Compare the size of this thing to the poker chip. Unbelievable!

Tips

by Dick Hague

Editor's note: Dick shares a unique running text and visual diary of his modeling adventures which includes triumphs, defeats, lessons learned and tips. It is too tall of an order to pull together one complete build from the various messages, so what you are seeing in these articles is a moving "window" of Dick's modeling adventures over time. Nevertheless, we are getting a host of tips and lessons learned suitable for beginners and experienced modelers alike.

Building this kit back in 2017 it is actually a kit first marketed when Matchbox produced it in 1988 (Figure 1). I am sure it was in several colors of plastic as they once did. This was to make it colorful without painting as Matchbox hoped to get a lot of much younger modelers into putting kits together. Revell picked up many of the old Matchbox molds and reissued them as this kit was. The kit has optional parts to do two other He-70 variants which are talked about in the video below. Take a quick look at Figures 2-8, watch the video, then go back to the pictures for a last look. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bf3wRceDro>



Figure 1

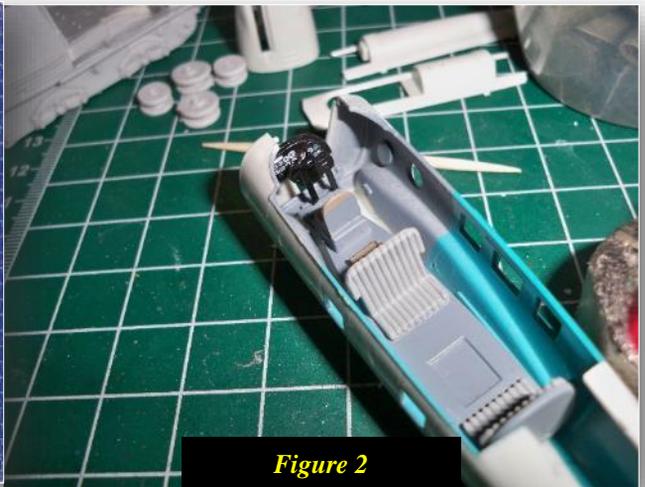


Figure 2

We probably owe this aircraft a debt of gratitude due to the death of a high-level Luftwaffe general in one of these types just before WWII (Walther Wever, ed.). He was the leading German



Figure 3

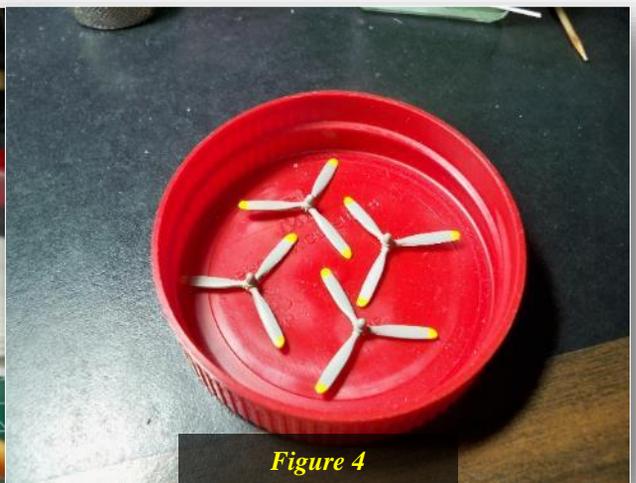


Figure 4

Hague's Corner (continued)

Air Force advocate for large size strategic bombers. His successors opted for smaller tactical twin engine bombers which proved to be a huge mistake as shown by how Britain withstood their attacks!



Figure 5



Figure 6

Tip alert! Notice in Figures 3 and 4 how well Perfect Plastic Putty has filled that terrible wing root gap. Fill the gap and smooth it with a moistened finger....no sanding required in this and many cases!!

The very last picture is an original Matchbox kit of the British Wellington bomber (Figure 9). This was started many years ago but put aside for some reason. When newer and better kits of the Wellington hit the market there was no incentive to finish this kit. It sat and accumulated over twenty years of paper dust which was generated by the many single sheets of toilet paper I pulled off a roll at each modeling session. Warm, rising air from the lamps on the model desk carried these particles up and they fell like snow onto the Wellington on top of a case next to the modeling desk.

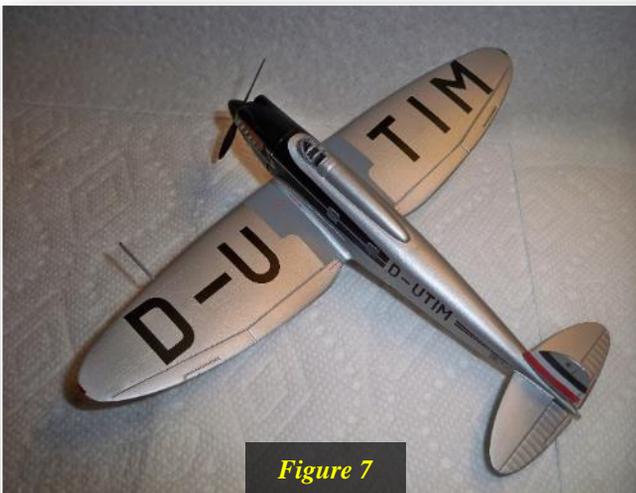


Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9

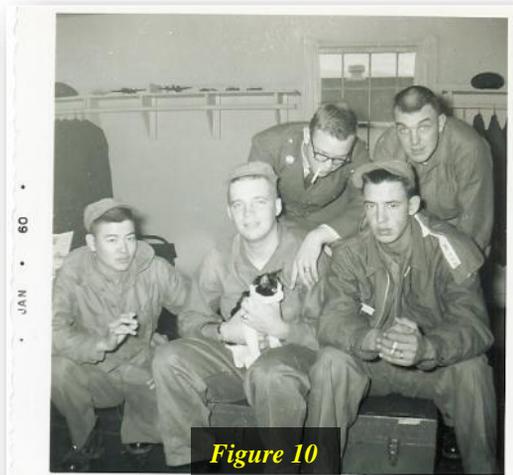


Figure 10

Here's a thought. The kit is molded in green, brown, and black plastic, which is how most Wellingtons were painted. I could remove the paint I started with, leave a few details painted, and complete it as Matchbox intended for junior modelers. I think the decals might still work and if not, well Wellington decals are not exactly like moon rocks!

Should I finish it as an original Matchbox?

In closing I just found a picture of my first Wellington model (Figure 10)! I built this Airfix kit sitting on a footlocker in the barracks at Lowry Air Force Base. It's on the shelf in the background, second from left. Other modelers in the barracks used my shelf for displaying theirs. I'm not in this picture because I was taking it! I left it there when I transferred to another squadron. Still no complete Wellington model in the collection but lots of kits!

Model Classic 2022



After a two-year Pandemic hiatus, we were finally able to host Model Classic 16 April 2022. Our theme was the Korean War. Taking into consideration we lost some institutional memory, had new leadership in key positions, and had an important volunteer test positive the day before the meeting, planning and execution of the show went very smoothly. 618 people consisting of contestants, walk-ins, vendors, and exhibitors attended the show. Vendors purchased a combined total of all 154 tables that were available. Vendors happily reported they did a brisk business. The reduced thickness of my wallet bears them out.

133 contestants entered over 700 models into competition, a new record by a large margin. The 30 modelers who volunteered to judge had their hands full to complete their task in time for the scheduled 3:00 pm awards presentation. The presentation started 15 minutes late. Anyone with judging experience will appreciate what an amazing feat the judging team accomplished. A lot of thanks are owed to the entire team with special appreciation to the organization and leadership applied by head judge (Mike Fleckenstein) and the category head judges:

- Juniors: Nelson Davis
- Aircraft: Mike Dobrzelecki,
- Military Vehicles: Charles Locke
- Civilian Vehicles: Tom Chase
- Ships: Dave Powell
- Figures: Dave Hoffman
- Space, Sci-Fi and Dioramas: Peter Espada
- Miscellaneous: Leighton Greenstreet
- Theme (Korean War): Jim Rotramel



The between the lines implication underneath the great job done by the judging team is they really needed more judges. So here is a plug for you to consider volunteering to judge. You do not have to be a world class grand master champion modeler (I am an average modeler at best). The experience will teach you things you can apply to improve your modeling while making new friends in the process. The next show you attend, give it a shot! A unique element of Model Classic is the presence of exhibitors, many from other modeling disciplines. Their presence gave show attendees, and us, a look at the diversity of modeling while enhancing the show for the family. Thanks to the T-Track train club for their great layout, the International Paper Modelers who showed what can be done with that medium, The Washington Ship Model Society, and authors Dana Bell and Aaron Hamilton. We also welcomed displays by our sister modeling clubs. The Southern Maryland Scale Modelers took us up on it this year. During our post show hot wash meeting, Raffle Coordinator Curtis Clinton wondered why we did not set up a table display of our own chapter. Ten second silence. Never thought of it. Next year.

Speaking of Curtis, he and his bride Shirley did an outstanding job pulling the raffle together despite more than one obstacle thrown in their way. They are not Marines, but they demonstrated they understand the concept of improvise, adapt and overcome in spades.



Curtis and Shirley Clinton did a fantastic job running the MC2022 raffle.



Angel Garcia-Ablanque: Microworld Games LLC.

Mark Tutton: Mark's Models and Toys



Left: Furball Aerodesign. An example of how much I like their decals— he know which ones I did NOT have! Middle: Gael Hobbies with many other vendors had a boatload of kits to sell. Right: Speaking of boats, one of the many awesome ship subjects at the Washington Ship Model Society.



Left: Author Dana Bell. Right: The T-Track club with their awesome N gage layout



Left: The Washington Ship Model Society. Right: The International Paper Modelers Society. Yes, those ships are paper!

And then there were the sponsors. We had 83 categories in the contest, each of which bears a cost in design and production of the award medallions. The number of categories that receive sponsors can make the difference between the club ending up in the black or in the red. A great deal of thanks belongs to all of you who in total did not allow a single category to go unsponsored. Thanks are also due to supporting firms in the modeling industry. Namely, Angel Garcia-Ablanque's Microworld Games LLC who donated kits, Microscale Decals, and FCM Decals for their donations to the raffle.

Rich Isner, thank you for jumping in the fray and pulling duty as our announcer with less than 24 hours' notice. Another little matter we forgot about when planning the show. We expect to have our date for Model Classic 2023 in the July-August time frame. The theme has already been selected. It is under tight secrecy and will not be revealed here but you might want to start brushing up on potential builds depicting the 1920s and 1930s. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Photos of the Best of each class and Best of Show are on the club website at www.novaiimps.org/model-classic shot by Mike Fleckenstein during the judging of Best of Show, along with a gazillion photos of every model at the show taken by chapter Vice President Scott Bricker.



The Fairfax High School Choral Patrons who were a huge factor in making Model Classic 2022 a success. From left to right: Choral Director Juliana Woodill, Anneke DeJong, Ashlyn Dahl, Alex Golden, Sydney Thompson, Dani Vigna, Cole Vigna, Tina Winn, Jayla Panyasithavong, Sara Brennan, Coni Vigna, Kelly Via, Charlie Bicknell

The next behind-the-scenes story involved our show host and sponsor, the Fairfax High School Choral Patrons. Ordinarily, VA state law prohibits for-profit business sales transaction from taking place on school property. An exception permits for-profit sales if an activity is a fund-raising event for a school organization. When Fairfax High School granted permission for us to have the show, we were teamed with the Choral Patrons. For those of you who attended, the high school students who sold you snacks during the show were Choral Patrons. Not only were they our hosts, kept us fed, and applied their wonderful vocal skills to open the show by singing the National Anthem, they jumped in with us Friday evening to help set up tables, cover the contest tables, helped with the awards presentation and and broke down tables for pickup by the rental company after the show. The Choral Patrons received our building use fee and their proceeds from the food sales to help fund their activities during the school year while becoming what the military calls a force multiplier to the IPMS Chapter crew who ran the show. They were nothing short of awesome.



The awards presenters. Rich Isner announcing the awards while Choral Patron students Coni Vigna, Dani Vigna, and Sofia Atoche Diaz handed the awards to the winners.

Last but boy not least is a huge note of thanks to the Fairfax High School maintenance staff. They moved school tables, set up rental tables, and immediately responded to our many requests to unlock doors, lock doors, provide carts, and I don't know what else all of us asked of them. Elissa Robinson was assigned to be our facilitator. She FACILITATED. And then there was the FHS maintenance supervisor on duty, Mr. Edward Sanchez. Without being asked, seeing me being tied up supervising table setup in the cafeteria on Friday night, grabbed a layout and led a team to set them up in the hall.

Didn't think I was going to leave out the club movers and shakers, did you? A couple escaped the camera to include Contest Director Mike Fleckenstein, VP Scott Bricker who was behind the camera for much of the show, and President Tim Barb. Thanks to Kevin Grantham, Irv, and Stan Piet from Martineer Models who jumped in to help with setup, and everyone whose names I never caught for the work they put in to make MC 2022 happen.



Registration. That is Scott Bricker at far left but I failed to find a picture of his front (because I didn't hunt him down and get the pic). Next is Leighton Greenstreet, ambassador from our UK sister chapter IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands. The dude registering is Vince Mankowski, one of our former presidents. He manned the Detail and Scale vendor table which unfortunately for my wallet was next to my vendor table. Seated at the far end of the table is Treasurer Jon Etherton. He also ran registration. Words cannot describe the effort he put into making MC2022 a success.



The front desk. From the right this time, Donna Hosek, Carol Fleckenstein, and two students of the ever-helpful Choral Patrons. Mover/shaker Barbara Barb managed to be behind the three attendees to Carol's right.

Model Pictures

Just the bests. I was going to add a couple of pages of model pics taken by Scott but decided against it because I am so far behind on this issue I need to wrap it up now. You can still see everyone of them in the Model Classic page on our website at novaipms.org.



Best of Show – Larry Valetz



Best Junior: Natalie Haller



Best Aircraft: Nelson Kee



Best Space/Sci-Fi: Douglas Corp



Best Diorama: Mike Trentadue



Best Military Vehicle: Caesar Rodriguez



Best Civilian Vehicle: Scott Bregi



Best Figure: David Hoffman



Best Korea War Theme: Matthew Lunn



Best USAF Aircraft Theme: Andrew Frill



Best Cold War: Andrew Frill

May Meeting Program and Contest Theme

Program: Open discussion by members of their contest entries

Contest: Star Wars at 45: Build a Vehicle or Character that featured in any of the Star Wars films

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.

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George Mason Regional Library
7001 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA
10:00am - 1:00pm

10 May 2022 (Tuesday)

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting
Fairfax High School
3501 Lion Run, Fairfax VA 22030
Start time 7:45 pm

17 May 2022

IPMS DC Meeting
Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Rec Ctr
13850 Travilah Rd. Rockville, MD 20850
7:30-9:00pm

7 May 2022 (Saturday)

IPMS Northern Virginia Tips and Share Zoom Meeting
Quarterly meeting and contest with UK sister chapter
IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands
Begins at 2:00 pm

25 May 2022

NCMSS Monthly Meeting
Thomas Edison High School
5801 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA 22310

20-23 July 2022

IPMS USA National Convention
LaVista Conference Center
LaVista, Nebraska

13 August 2022

IPMS Roanoke Virginia Shootout
Salem Civic Center
Salem, VA

**Northern Virginia Modelers
Model Classic 2022
THE KOREAN CONFLICT
70th ANNIVERSARY**

Saturday, April 16, 2022 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Fairfax High School
3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030

Walk-in Admission
\$8.00 Single Adult (18 and older)
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Contestants
\$10.00
*Minimum of number of models

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