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## *May 2025 Newsletter*

*Editor: Tom Henderson*



Jim Fitzgibbon's Best of Show Hasegawa 1/72 F-4J

The IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers chapter meeting took place on Wednesday, 3 April 2025 at Fairfax High School. It was well attended by 65 club members and a few visitors. Excitement at the forthcoming Model Classic event was center stage for this month. John Etherton made an appeal for award sponsorship as we were falling short this year. This is an excellent way to support our club.

Thanks to Bryan Nylander for taking the time to solicit volunteers for Model Classic during the meeting. We warmly thank those that responded. This is our big gig of the year and we can't do it without you all!!!

Trystan Bennet conducted an excellent presentation on 3D printing. As 3D printing continues to grow in our hobby, tutorials like Trystan's are invaluable to take the mystique out of the complexities involved. Thanks to Trystan for an outstanding and detailed presentation.

On another note, the club Board is looking for a volunteer to take over the monthly contest administration. Many thanks to Mike Monsivaiz for leading the monthly contest the past year and we appreciate all his efforts. Sadly, Mike's other commitments is pulling him away from this duty. The vacancy is an excellent opportunity for someone new to contribute to the club. If anyone is interested, please see Dale Hutchinson and he will walk you through the process.



*Rafy Levy's demo on designing and building dioramas*

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## Hague's Corner

### Polish Yaks on the Move

*by Dick Hague*

Although this is not a farming story, two Yaks were cut from the herd tonight! The pics on the next page are of the Yak-17, the developed version of the Yak-15. The biggest visual change was going to tricycle landing gear which is having a wheel on the front. This version was suitable for use by Russian fighter squadrons and several Eastern Bloc air forces in the period between WWII and the Korean War.

Tip alert: If you make paint chip cards showing the paints you use, spray some clear finish on part of the card to see how it looks under a particular finish. Here Tamiya TS-43 Racing Green has had the end of the card sprayed with Tamiya Clear Semi-Gloss, which is also what this Yak-15 has been painted on the top with. While it is a little hard to see that difference on a monitor, in person it is quite different.



Well, your Eastern Bloc air force has never operated jets before so you obtain some Yak-17Uti two seat jet trainers.

And in the first and last pic I see that the red wingtip light's plastic cover must have melted down onto the drop tank! Back on the bench at first light! Unless this is just a reflection! That is too big to have been missed but I was diagnosed with cataracts this week so maybe.....

And as a final note, all Yaks on the work desk are now finished and ready for their pictures to be taken!

Except maybe this one!





# Contest Winners April 2025



*Special, 1<sup>st</sup> Place*  
*1/48 F-14 by Dale Hutchinson*



*Special, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place*  
*1/35 Sherman by Jessie*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1<sup>st</sup> Place*  
*Sea King by Dale Hutchinson*



*Aircraft 1/48, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place*  
*Sea Hurricane by Trystan Bennet*



*Aircraft 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place*  
*F-4J by Jim Fitzgibbon*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place*  
*P-39 Diorama by Unknown*



# Contest Winners April 2025



***Military Vehicles 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
FT-17 by Jesse***



***Military Vehicles 1/35, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
SdKFZ-232 by Charles Locke***



***Military Vehicles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
SdKFZ-221 by Stephen Gibbs***



***Civilian Vehicles 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Mercedes 55K by Mike Snyder***



***Ships, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
HMS Furious by Dennis Forrest***

# Contest Winners April 2025



***Sci-Fi, 1<sup>st</sup> Place***  
***HI-NU by Beatrice Vetter***



***Sci-Fi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place***  
***Babba Fett by Trystan Benner***



***Figures, 1<sup>st</sup> Place***  
***Aurora Nights by Mike Snyder***



***Figures, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place***  
***Troglodon by Jon DeSalva***



***Best Out of the Box***  
***FT-17 by Evan Frulla***



# Best of Show

## 1/72 F-4J Phantom II by Jim Fitzgibbon



## Rest of the Models



*1/48 Val by Walter Schlueter*



*1/48 F4D by Jim Rotramel*



*1/72 Phantom by Jim Fitzgibbon*



*1/72 Phantom by Jim Fitzgibbon*



*Gundam*



*1/35 Hanhamog 35-E by Evan Frulla*



## Rest of the Models



*1/35 Panzer V by Evan Frulla*



*1/35 JagdPanther by Dennis Forrest*



*1/48 Ki-61 by Scott Bricker*



*Knights by unknown*



*1/35 M-41 by Cody*



*1/48 MiG by Frank Kovall*



## Rest of the Models



*1/48 Mirage by Walter Schlueter*



*Model Trio by unknown*



*1/48 N1K1 Rex by Walter Schlueter*



*1/48 P-51 by Khurran*



*1/35 Panzer II by Evan Frulla*



*RX-78 by David*



## Rest of the Models



*Sinanj Stern by David*



*Star blazers ship by Walter Schlueter*



*Sylia Stingray by Dennis Forrest*



*1/48 TA-4 by Dennis Forrest*



*1/72 TS-11 Iskra by Walter Schlueter*



*1/72 TS-11 Iskra by Walter Schlueter*

# Model Classic 2025

BLUF (Bottom Line Up Front), MC2025 was a success! Treasurer Jon Etherton mentioned it was our second best year since COVID. Jon will give the chapter membership a brief on the financial results but it is safe to say the chapter has sufficient funds to operate for the next year.

The statistics: 693 people attended the show. 137 of that number were contestants who entered a combined total of 611 models, a few short of breaking the current record. No less than 52 vendors, 9 exhibitors and 1 author joined us this year.



Overall, pretty much like in previous years and at other shows we have attended. Hundreds of fabulous models to view. Aisles full of people checking out the models and thinning wallets and purses among the vendors. The exhibitors were something else. How about that humongous Lego Samuel B. Roberts at Brickmania? The incredible ship building talent among the Washington Ship Model Society? It always a joy to see the T-Trak N-gage guys there. I never get tired of spending time at the new layout they develop every year. Peter Ansoff and the paper modelers vendor and exhibit tables – can you believe the variety of paper models on display – that locomotive! IPMS Central MD displayed their growing 1/72 collection of key WWII aircraft of all sides that fought in the Pacific.

No other show has a concession stand like the one put on so well by by PTSA All Night Grad Committee. Along with their well supplied concession stand in the hall, they stocked carts with food and drink and moved around the show. Show attendees, staff and especially vendors who find it difficult to leave their tables appreciated the roving carts. In addition to the sustenance concession, a platoon of All Nigh Grad Committee jumped in to help with setup and teardown. We would not have been ready to open the show on Saturday and would have been there very late into the evening after the show without their help.

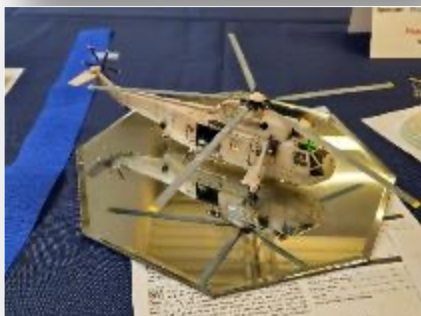
No other show has an opening ceremony like the one we enjoy courtesy of the Choral Patrons. Two choral students beautifully sang the National Anthem to open the show.

A million thanks also go to the FHS facility staff that readied the cafeteria for us to execute setup and took care of our little requests all day. And then there was Elissa Robinson. Although Elissa had moved on to another school, we were very happy to learn she volunteered to return to FHS for model classic as our facilitator. We cannot thank her for all the help and guidance she provided before and during the show.











# Tips and Share Meeting

19 March 2025

The April Tips and Share meeting was pretty much the same as always – a group of friends sat around a virtual table, a couple while working on kits, and talked about modeling. Well, OK the truth is we also took a few minutes to solve most of the world's problems for a few minutes but most of the talking was about models.

We had the pleasure to see in-progress and completed builds from Sam Wood and a fantastic new vignette by Mike Fleckenstein. Ladies first.

## Sam Wood



It is a 1/72 "Shadow Fox" from a series called Zoids. For those who know zip about Gundams (like me) these things are packed with detail. Sam used the same techniques as we aircraft/military/autos etc. use and she is skilled at it. A very impressive build of something you want on your side of a fight.

Although Gundams are at the top of her interest list, she is also a versatile modeler. If you saw

her excellent 1/72 Ki-43 last month and thought it was likely an Arma kit think again. Aoshima. At Tips & Share she shared an in-progress Subaru 360 by Hasegawa in 1/24, primed and almost ready for paint.



# Mike Fleckenstein

Mike builds awesome 1/72 vignettes. This is his most recent completion, titled 'SAS - "Rogue Heros" - North Africa, 1943.' The Special Air Service forerunners of what know today as various types of Special Operations troops Army/Air Force/Navy and Marines. The SAS were famous, and feared, behind the lines hit and run raiders of airfields and other targets of opportunity but especially airfields.

The base is base 1/4" wood. The hillside is Styrofoam. The rocks are pine bark nuggets. The SAS troopers came from FC Model Trend in France. The jeep is a Dragon kit. Mike praised the detail of the SAS figures. Weathering is oils and pastels. He described additional details like who made the camel but I could not keep up.





## May Meeting Program and Contest Special

**Program:** Haagen Klaus – Early P-51 Mustangs

**Contest Special:** Rolling Thunder - Build any type of 2 wheeled vehicle

Visit the club website at [www.novaipms.org](http://www.novaipms.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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### IPMS NoVA Executive Board and Chapter Volunteers

#### IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Chapter Officers

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| <b>President:</b><br>Scott Bricker       | <b>Vice President</b><br>Haagen Klaus          |
| <b>Treasurer:</b><br>Jon Etherton        | <b>Secretary/Historian:</b><br>Dale Hutchinson |
| <b>Chapter Contact:</b><br>Tom Henderson |  |

Join IPMS/USA: [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org)  
*Application for new membership and  
renewals is on the next page*

#### IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Chapter Volunteers

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| <b>Contest Coordinator:</b><br>Mike Monsivaiz  |
| <b>Webmaster:</b><br>Mike Fleckenstein<br><i>IPMS USA Webpage of the Year for<br/>2017</i>   |
| <b>Newsletter Editor:</b><br>Tom Henderson<br><i>IPMS R2 2020 Newsletter of the Year</i><br><a href="mailto:tomhenderson51@verizon.net">tomhenderson51@verizon.net</a> |
| <b>Raffle Coordinators:</b><br>Randy Corish, Mike Howe   |
| <b>Program Coordinator:</b><br>Vacant, volunteer needed  |
| <b>Make and Take Coordinator</b><br>Tim Barb   |

# IPMS USA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## International Plastic Modelers' Society/USA Membership Application / Renewal Form

New ☐ Renewal ☐ IPMS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Affiliation, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

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|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>Junior</b> (17 years or younger) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$17.00            | Date of Birth _____ |
| <b>Adult</b> One year               | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00            |                     |
| Two years                           | <input type="checkbox"/> \$58.00            |                     |
| Three years                         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$86.00            |                     |
| <b>Canada &amp; Mexico</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00            |                     |
| <b>Foreign</b> Surface              | <input type="checkbox"/> \$38.00            |                     |
| <b>Family</b>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult fee + \$5.00 |                     |
|                                     | # of cards? ____                            |                     |

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If recommended by an IPMS member, please provide his/her:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ IPMS #: \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Cash ☐ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Where did you hear about IPMS/USA? Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local model club     | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet search               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend               | <input type="checkbox"/> IPMS web site                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ad in IPMS Journal   | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm a former member rejoining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ad in other magazine |  |

Applications should be printed and mailed to:

IPMS/USA  
PO Box 45235  
Omaha NE 68145-0235



## Upcoming Events

2 May 2025

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

5 May 2025

Washington Armor Club Meeting  
Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library  
7584 Leesburge Picke, Falls Church VA  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

20 May 2025

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

21 May 2025

## IPMS Northern Virginia Tips and Share Zoom Meeting

27 May 2025

National Capital Model Soldier Society (NCMSS)  
Monthly meeting  
Thomas Edison High School Room E-112  
5801 Franconia Rd.  
Alexandria, VA 22310

22 February 2025

6-9 August 2025

IPMS National Convention  
Hampton Roads Convention Center  
1610 Coliseum Drive  
Hampton, VA 23666

6 September 2025

National Capitol Model Soldier Society Annual Show  
Springfield Hilton  
6650 Loisdale Road, Springfield VA

13 September 2025

Penncon 2025

Eisenhower Campus Center, Messiah University  
1 College Ave, Mechanicsburg PA 17055

**National Capital  
Model Soldier Society**

# 64<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHOW

**SEPT 6, 2025**  
**Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM**  
at the  
**SPRINGFIELD HILTON**  
6550 Loisdale Rd  
Springfield, VA

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Two-Day Painting Class by Jim Rice of Sabot Miniatures (Sept 4 & 5)
- Trophies and Sponsored Awards
- Car/Ship/Train/Airplane Club Displays
- GUNDAM Build Tables & Giveaways!
- Modeling Demonstrations
- Hobby Vendors

Celebrating **250 YEARS** U.S. Military

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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA IPMS PRESENTS

# PENNECON 2025

## MODEL SHOW AND CONTEST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 9:00AM TO 4:30PM  
Eisenhower Campus Center, Messiah University  
One College Avenue, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Show theme: **LAST OF THE LINE**

we are a "family friendly" event with a focus on showcasing projects across all scales and disciplines. Participants are encouraged to display their work in a safe and secure environment.



**Contest fee (up to 3 entries):**  
Adult \$15.00 (individuals under 21 \$10.00)  
Junior (18 & under) \$5.00  
Unaffiliated individuals admitted free!  
Messiah University students, faculty and staff: free admission with valid ID!  
Make & Take for kids 15 and under.

**Walk-in and Display only:**  
Individuals \$7.00  
Families \$10.00

For more information visit: **[www.cenpennipms.com](http://www.cenpennipms.com)**

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**2025 IPMS-USA National Convention**  
August 6-9, 2025  
Hampton Roads Convention Center  
Hampton, Virginia

**REGISTRATION:**  
ADULT: \$55.00 (PRE-REG ENDS 6/30)  
ADULT: \$65.00 (WALK-IN)  
JUNIOR: \$25.00

**GENERAL ADMISSION:**  
INDIVIDUAL: \$12.00  
FAMILIES: \$20.00

**PROVEN VENUE:**

- 61,000 FT<sup>2</sup> VENDOR ROOM
- OVER 450 VENDOR TABLES
- 40,000 FT<sup>2</sup> CONTEST ROOM
- OVER 300 CONTEST TABLES
- FREE PARKING AT VENUE
- NEARBY DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT <https://ipmsnationals.org>

**SHOW THEME: "CRADLE OF INNOVATION"**

**SPECIAL THEMES:**

- NACA TO NASA
- DAWN OF THE ATOMIC AGE ('45-'60)
- ICONIC INNOVATIONS
- 250 YEARS US NAVY & US MARINE CORPS

**HOTELS:**

- SEVEN HOTELS UNDER CONTRACT
- EMBASSY SUITES ATTACHED
- NEARLY 2000 ROOM-NIGHTS
- MOST LESS THAN 1 MILE
- MOST INCLUDE BREAKFAST
- FREE SHUTTLE TO HRC



## Ed Mautner (1944-2025)

The NoVA Chapter is shocked and saddened by the sudden loss of very good friend. Ed was an incredible human being not to mention a fantastic modeler. His smile in this photo, copied from his obituary, tells a lot. Kind, engaged in the chapter, and an encouraging mentor to other modelers (me included). Even though he was quiet by nature, his presence was felt at our meetings and at shows/conventions. He will be terribly missed.

President Scott Bricker sent me the link to his obituary. I pasted its words below but I encourage everyone who knew him visit the link anyway. There is a memory board you can annotate with stories and condolences, send flowers or make donations to the Holy Cross Abby in Berryville, VA. There is also a link to listen to his story and another to plant a tree in his memory.

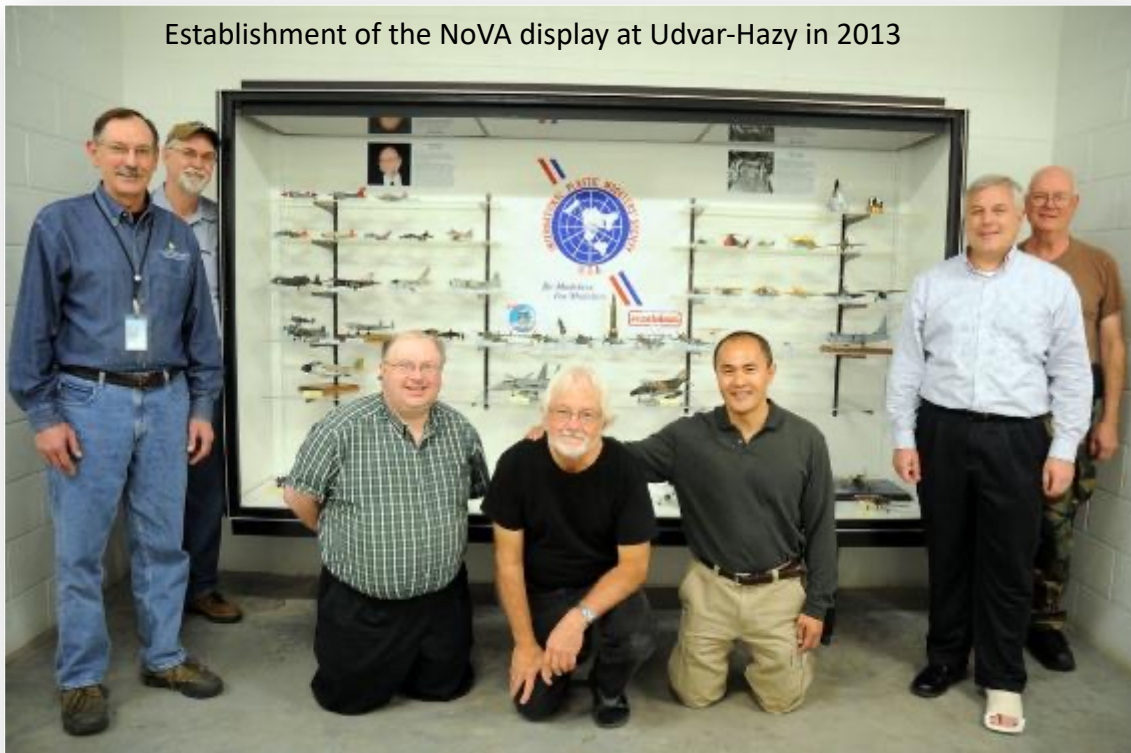
<https://www.app.com/obituaries/pnys1166512>



Scott also sent me several photos of Ed that do a great job of depicting his dedication to the hobby and to his phenomenal skill. His favorite genre was naturally automobiles. Especially fast ones.



Establishment of the NoVA display at Udvar-Hazy in 2013



Ed with friend and business partner Tom Faletti



By the way, Ed did not just build autos.

