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## *November 2021 Newsletter*

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*Left: Acting President Tim Barb kicks off the business portion of the meeting while Secretary/Historian Walter Schlueter and Treasurer Jon Eiherton await their turn at the mike. Right: New member Matt Lunn (right) introduces himself to the membership while Tim looks on.*

The IPMS Northern Virginia monthly meeting took place on 5 October 2021 with 35 members in attendance. The chapter welcomed two new members: (1) Dan Hagedorn of Fairfax VA, senior curator with the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field in Seattle and former adjunct curator for Latin American Aviation for the National Air and Space Museum. Dan is the author of a number of detailed histories about Latin American aviation, airliners, etc., and (2) Matt Lunn of Herndon VA, a Marine who holds an interest in any vehicle used by the US Marine Corps. Aircraft and AFV dudes and dudetes look out. Matt brought two models to the meeting, one aircraft and one military vehicle. Both won.

Acting President Tim Barb welcomed everyone to the October meeting but had to open with the sad announcement that Rafy Levy's wife Susan passed away. Many members were already aware as Rafy let his social media and email friends know earlier in the week. If anyone would like to send condolences, his e-mail address was on the messages sent out.

The most important item on the business meeting agenda was nominations of chapter officers in preparation for elections next month. Nominations were received for president and vice president but none for secretary/historian. Nominations remain open until elections begin in November. Tim Barb announced that he would be canvassing for other nominations before elections next month. Any member who is interested in any of the elected positions (president, vice president and secretary/historian) or would like to help by volunteering as the program coordinator please notify any member of the current E-board (Tim, Jon and Walter) in advance of the November meeting. A letter will be sent to membership for nomination as the chapter has around 150 pretty active members. Nominations will stay open until the beginning of November.

## IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers October 2021 Monthly Meeting (continued)

The duties of the Vice president are to run the meetings in the President's absence, represent the chapter at both IPMS and outside functions, and maintain the roster.

The duties of the Secretary Historian are to maintain monthly meeting minutes, maintain minutes of E Board meetings, maintain chapter renewal documents, and process documents necessary for chapter renewal in conjunction with the treasurer.

The program Coordinator handles getting monthly programs, speakers or demos for the chapter. If you would like to volunteer you do not need to wait until the November meeting to notify an E-board member.

These duties along with the duties of the president are on the website.

**Treasurer report:** Membership Subsidy program. If you join IPMS-USA, or wish to renew, give your application and \$10 for each year (up to three years) to Jon. Checks are to be made out to "Northern Virginia Modelers." The club will submit your membership application along with the balance of the membership fee. When you get your membership card, let Tim know so that we can keep the membership roster up to date. The-forms are on the club website.

**Secretary/Historian and Contest Coordinator Report:** Though Walter is not rerunning for Secretary and is stepping down from the Model Classic head concierge position, he will continue to run the monthly contests. Speaking of the contest, chapter members entered 20 models into competition. The average for October is 21.

### Chapter news

IPMS DC has returned to in-person meetings (people can still attend via Zoom) and moved to a new venue, the Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center. Check IPMS DC Facebook page or web site at <http://www.ipmsdc.org> for more details. The rec center address is on their website and in this issue on page 13. The standard meeting date remains the same (third Tuesday of the month).



The program for October was a presentation by everyone who brought model for the contest. Each builder discussed what their inspiration was in choosing the kit, pros and cons regarding accuracy and buildability, techniques used, and any other unique aspects of the kit worth passing on to others who may be considering the same kit. Receiving twenty kit reviews in one night was pretty cool. The Tips and Share meeting on 20 October was yet another new learning experience, at least for me. Ken LaSala gave us a presentation on casting figures with resin, a subject that had never crossed my mind until seeing Ken's presentation. I put a couple charts of his 9 chart presentation here as a teaser. Look for the full presentation in the "FYI" tab in the chapter website (novaipms.org). Well done, Ken.

**Raffle news:** Curtis Clinton mentioned he tries to get models from all genres and if he gets a kit that looks like it is banged up, he will do a best offer so people who might want a clean boxed kit are not disappointed getting a damaged box. He also suggested that if you have multiple tickets that win to perhaps take your first choice and your third choice, thereby giving someone else a chance to win something. Curtis will also be making changes to the parts bin program to ease people looking through really old parts for something specific.

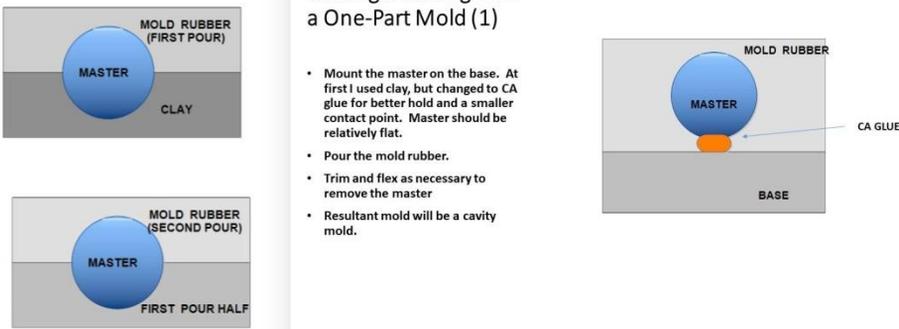
Upon completion of the raffle, our second in-person meeting came to an end. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 November 2021. The October gallery is next followed by a new Hague's corner. Looking ahead, the December meeting will be the traditional Christmas party. The school gave permission for us to have food at the party which is great news. Check out the Christmas Party primer on page 8. This section will end with a couple of charts from Ken's resin casting presentation.

### Making a Casting from a Two-Part Mold (1)

- Immerse one-half of the master in clay and held firm. Be sure to lay in drain paths. Requires flow channels like injection-molded items on a sprue. Master should be relatively flat.
- Pour rubber to cover the masters plus more for support
- Remove the rubber mold half with the embedded master from the frame and turn it upside down so the other side of the master was exposed,
- Pour the second half of the mold.
- When set, separate the mold halves and remove the master.

### Making a Casting from a One-Part Mold (1)

- Mount the master on the base. At first I used clay, but changed to CA glue for better hold and a smaller contact point. Master should be relatively flat.
- Pour the mold rubber.
- Trim and flex as necessary to remove the master
- Resultant mold will be a cavity mold.



December is our annual Christmas celebration and Build the Same Subject contest. It will be a pot luck food event although the chapter will provide some sandwiches, soft drinks and bottled water. This is a family event so significant others and children are more than welcome. Everyone attending is asked to bring a food item, preferably a covered dish to share. Of course we welcome desserts but you know the old saying..."too much of a good thing..." Don't get me wrong I am a sucker for cupcakes, cake and cookies as much as anyone else; we just don't want EVERYTHING to be cupcakes, cake and cookies. We will also have our traditional Christmas gift grab bag event. If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped kit to put on the pile (a nice one - something at a level you would like to receive as a gift).

# Contest Winners October 2021



*Aircraft 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
X-20 Dyna Soar by Aaron Hamilton*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Blenheim by David Anderson*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
MiG-21M by Matt Lunn*



*Aircraft 1/48, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
XP-14 GI Joe by Kurt Hollenbach*



*AFV 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
GAZ AA by Greg Richard*



*AFV 1/35, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Flakvierling by Matt Lunn*

# Contest Winners October 2021 (continued)



*AFV 1/35, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
SA-2 by Greg Richard*



*Sci-Fi, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Creature from Black Lagoon by Kevin  
Grantham*



*Vehicles, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Audi R-8 y Rich Caswell*



*Vehicles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
V-2 by Greg Richard*



*Masters, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
F-8E by Jim Fitzgibbon*



*Masters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Desperate Measures by Randy Corish*

# Contest Winners October 2021 (continued)

## Rest of the Models



*Camaro*



*EA-6B*



*Huey*



*MiG-21*



*RB-57*



*Snark*

**Contest Winners October 2021 (continued)**

**Best out of the Box  
M-113 by Charles Locke**



# Best of Show Bellanca by Scott Bricker



# Hague's Corner

## On Becoming a Double Ace

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.*

In the military aviation world becoming an ace is when a pilot downs five aircraft, hopefully all enemy ones! On a more general definition, doing five of anything can now be considered becoming an ace. For my modeling purposes I consider finishing five models at one time and for the title of this update, finishing five of the same type to confer ace status for that action. The 'double ace' means I completed five of the same type twice, starting with the five Academy late version P-40s a short time ago (Figure 1).

Well today I finished five McDonnell FH-1 Phantoms (Figure 2)! At first I intended to complete five models today but the F-84E still needs a lot of work on the canopy and underwing armament to get it done today. Also the old A-17 Army Air Corp attack plane needs an antenna strung and some minor touchup work that I just didn't feel like doing today. There are several P-59s in various last stages and several others but I wanted, like the P-40 completion, all of the same type aircraft and I think I came up with a brilliant idea if I do say so myself!



Figure 1



Figure 2

I did say the word 'finished' and I am definitely finished with the two ancient FH-1 "Phantom" kits in Figure 3. I let those crude ancient kits fall in the trash to include the decal sheets so I am truly finished with them. I did save the wheels, a couple of cockpit parts and the arrestor hooks, but not for work on any Phantoms!

I will write an update later and critique this newly issued Special Hobby kit trio along with some close ups of the individual aircraft

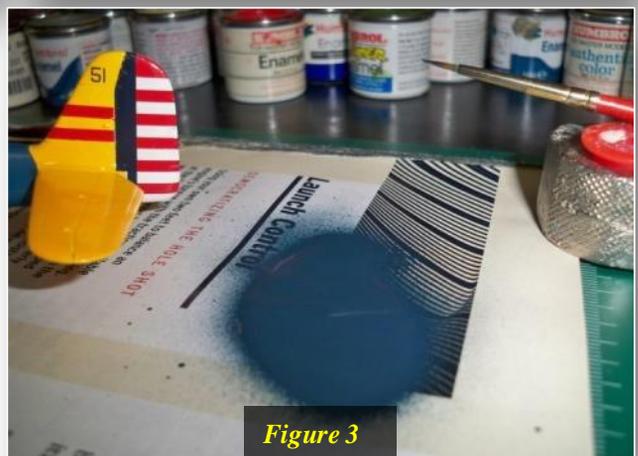
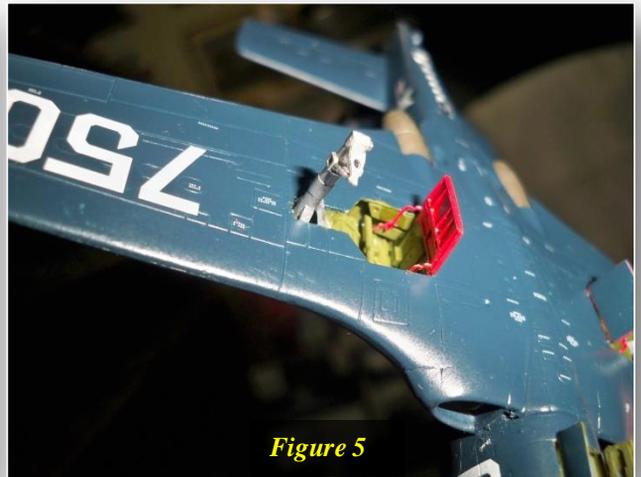


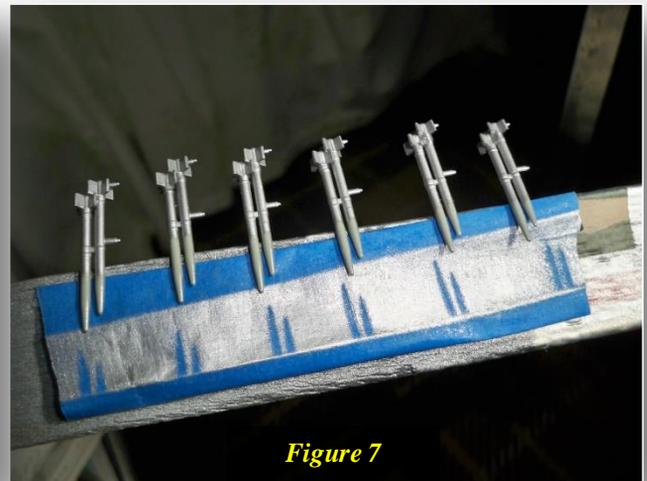
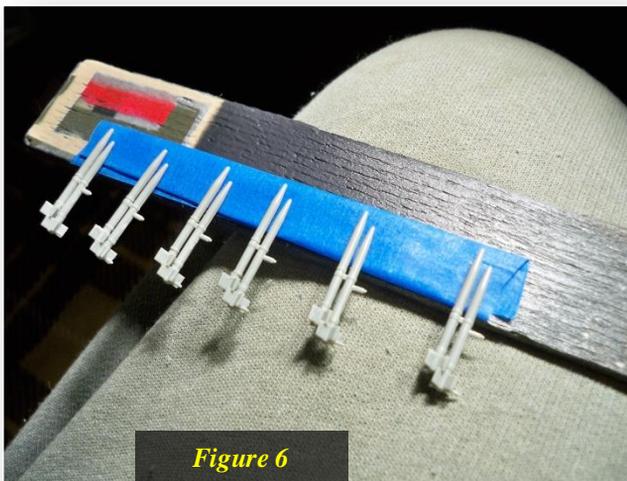
Figure 3

## Hague's Corner (continued)

like this view of the landing gear (Figures 4 and 5). There are some tips as well as corrections to things I found in the instruction sheets, so if you have this kit unbuilt in your stash wait just a bit longer for this info.



Tip alert! I mentioned underwing armament for the F-84E and here are some of the underwing rockets getting painted (Figures 6 and 7). I stuck them on some blue painters tape to spray them silver and then turned them over to spray the other side. Later, when dry, an olive drab band will get painted around the nose behind the nose fuse. I may spray some olive drab on decal strips rather than try to mask them. Here there are six pairs but the model only needs four. I'll use the best four.



On line research found the F-84E in Figure 8. It is from the same squadron as my Thunderjet so its markings are a good finishing reference. If I had seen this picture earlier there are a couple of things I would have done different but none are a show stopper. That is always the way it goes when building a model, you get info after you wanted it!



# November Meeting Program and Contest Theme

**Program: TBD**

**Contest: Snapshot in Time – Any diorama**

Visit the club website at [www.novaiipms.org](http://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>

## IPMS NoVA Executive Board and Chapter Volunteers

### IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Chapter Officers

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# Upcoming Events

3 November 2021

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting  
Start time 7:00 pm  
Virtual meeting - notification links sent via the IPMS  
Northern Virginia Modelers Google Group

9 November 2021

Washington Armor Club Virtual Meeting  
Start time 7:00 pm

16 November 2021

IPMS DC Meeting  
13850 Travilah Rd. Rockville, MD 20850  
7:30-9:00pm

17 November 2021

IPMS Northern Virginia Virtual Tips and Share Meeting  
(Via Zoom)  
Start time 7:00pm

24 November 2021

NCMSS Monthly Meeting  
(via Zoom - see note next page)

13-14 Nov 2021

IPMS UK Scale Model World  
Telford, UK

26 February 2022

Old Dominion Open  
Richmond Raceway Complex  
600 East Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA

7-9 April 2022

AMPS 2022 International Convention  
Marriott at City Center, Newport News, VA

20-23 July 2022

IPMS USA National Convention  
LaVista Conference Center  
LaVista, Nebraska

## National Capital Model Society monthly Meetings

The NCMSS is conducting their meetings via Zoom. They send email invites with the link prior to every meeting. If you are interested in attending the NCMSS monthly meetings are not already on their list, send an email to David Hoffman at [bpchasseur@comcast.net](mailto:bpchasseur@comcast.net)  
Go their website "Meeting and Info Schedule" page for more information.

# IPMS RICHMOND

## OLD DOMINION OPEN

### SCALE MODEL SHOW & CONTEST

#### FEBRUARY 26, 2022

#### RICHMOND RACEWAY COMPLEX

**Henrico Hall**  
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**Richmond, VA 23222**

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### Northern Virginia Modelers

## Model Classic 2022

### THE KOREAN CONFLICT

#### 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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

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