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## June 2022 Newsletter

*Editor: Tom Henderson*

The IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers monthly meeting took place on 10 May 2022 with 39 members attending. President Tim Barb announced the next in-person meeting will be in September. Fairfax High School will be closed from June through August due to construction. Our June, July and August meetings will be via Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month. Tips and Share will take place on the third Wednesday via Zoom as usual.

Breaking news! Stop the presses! Fast forward to 17 May, one week after the meeting. Tim sent a message to the membership announcing we will be able to meet face to face June through August after all. We have a venue for those three months thanks to Rafy Levy. We will meet at the Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax on 1 June, 6 July, and 3 August. Times vary so check the website, Google Group announcements and the upcoming events page of this newsletter for details. Now back to 10 May.



***Mike Poreda found some great deals at one of the vendor tables, but he was kind enough to leave some for the rest of us.***

Other business items discussed:

Treasurer Jon Etherton summarized the results of last month's Model Classic. BLUF (Bottom Line Up Front) the show was successful. The show provided enough funds for the chapter to operate over the next year. He compared the financial statistics to our last Model Classic in 2019. The show was not as well attended this year which we expected. Likely causes were a combination of good weather, it being Easter weekend, and many people not yet comfortable attending an event with the COVID threat still being present. Vendor intake was also lower. That being said, there were still plenty of people, an amazing model turnout which set a new record by a wide margin, and an excellent selection of vendors. Overall, the E-board is very pleased with the results of MC2022. As for MC2023, we will not be able to secure a date until July due to a new

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scheduling system for outside activities like ours. Jon's presentation consisted of summary numbers only. He let the membership know he will share the financial details, or answer questions from any member who contacts him.



***Jon Etherton (left) and Vince Mankowski talking details of NoVA's assistance as the Southern Maryland Scale Modelers gear up to host their first show next year. Right: Members are encouraged to bring works in progress to the meetings. They are guaranteed to generate several how did you do that questions, and tips to finish the build. This is Scott's Shturmovik.***

Vince Mankowski announced the Southern MD Scale Modelers is planning to host their first show in 2023 (yay) and asked if NoVA is willing to lend their experience and relevant documents with them. The E-Board gave an enthusiastic yes answer. Leadership of the two chapters will meet as the Southern MD guys and gals prepare to host their 2023 show.

Upon conclusion of the business meeting, we voted for our favorites on the contest tables, purchased raffle tickets if we had not already done so, chatted (about modeling of course), maybe purchased a few kits and accessories from folks who were selling off some of their excess inventories, and accomplished other important functions to prepare for the raffle drawing followed by the program.

The program began immediately after the raffle drawing. This month there were several presenters; the modelers who built the kits on the contest table talked about their builds, issues encountered, and techniques used. In some cases they gave a little history behind the models they built.

The final event of the evening was Contest Coordinator Walter Schlueter's announcement of the contest winners.

Our monthly Tips and Share meeting took place via Zoom on Saturday, 7 May. This month was our quarterly meeting with our IPMS UK sister chapter, IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands. We had 15 in



***Dale Hutchinson talks about his outstanding Su-35 build during the program. It took best of show.***

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attendance about equally split between the clubs. Discussion took place on the arrangements at Scale Model World (Telford) this November. Talking points were who might be coming from the US, and special requests. Our UK hosts as ever are extremely welcoming and accommodating for this event. We voted for the contest and then adjourned after further informal discussion.

That wraps up our activities in May. The model photo gallery, to include the NoVA Modelers–Staffordshire Moorlands tips and share meeting, is next. I have to warn you, the Hague’s corner feature this month is a shocker. The story and images you are about to see are disturbing, so I want everyone to be prepared before you reach that page.....MILITARY VEHICLES!

I would say “See you at the June meeting” but I am behind schedule with this issue due to a seriously busy work schedule. You may be reading this after the June meeting. If so, see you in July.

## Contest Winners May 2021



*Aircraft 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
F-86 by Greg Richard*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
C-130 by Mike Snider*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Ju-87 by Leighton Greenstreet*



*AFV 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Dingo Armored Car by Greg Richard*

## Contest Winners June 2022 (continued)



*AFV 1/35, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
M-18 Hellcat by Mike Snider*



*Ships, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
USS Quincy by Tim Hosek*



*Ships, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Graf Spee by Mike Snider*



*Vehicles, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Batmobile by Mike Snider*



*Figures, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Necron Overlord by Tim Hosek*



*Figures, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Battle Skeleton and Human by Luis Fernando*

## Contest Winners June 2022 (continued)



*Master, 1st Place  
F4U-4 by Scott Bricker*



*Master, 2nd Place  
Boeing 707 by Jim Rotramel*



*Special, 1st Place  
Speeder Bike by Matt Lunn*



*Special, 2nd Place  
Rebel Transport by Tim Hosek*

## Rest of the Models June 2022



*1/72 Bf-109E*



*1/35 LAV*

## Rest of the Models June 2022 (continued)



*1/48 Meteor*



*Ship Turret*



*1/48 Stuka*

**Best out of the Box**  
**Razor Crest by Jim Rotramel**



# Best of Show SU-35s by Dale Hutchinson



# Tanks for the Update

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.*

While I consider myself a reasonably good plastic aircraft modeler anything without wings or rotors is pushing my limits!

Despite that I have reasons for the occasional venture into other 'things.' There are a few reasons for those excursions into unfamiliar subjects. Since I must sometimes look up exactly what this tank thing I've built is, it's obvious that I'm not that into it. However, after nights in books and on the internet trying to dig up some detail on some obscure aircraft from an unknown air force in a forgotten war somewhere, just building 'something' is very therapeutic (Figures 1 and 2)! test



Figure 1



Figure 2

Then while most of us plane builders consider those ground vehicles something called 'targets', displaying them next to their mortal enemies helps tell a story. It doesn't hurt that several vehicles can be placed around most aircraft without taking away valuable parking spots for the planes! Finally, I would say something like explaining the size of an unfamiliar aircraft next to a known vehicle such as a Jeep or 6 x 6, answers that question for most viewers (Figure 3).



Figure 3

Model publications used to speak of something called AMS, or Advanced Modeling Syndrome if aging memory is correct, where research stopped building progress. Here are some Tips that I used, and use, to give myself a break from the aviation model world. Remember way back to 2010? Seems like another century to me now. That was when I

restarted getting some models built. For some reason I had accumulated quite a few of the Italeri kits of Russian tanks and self-propelled artillery.

With a few experiences when I was still doing some aviation work for a living I had used Krylon spray paints on some proposal models for the company where I was working. Russian vehicles are green, right? Testors used to make a color called 'Russian Armor Green.'

**Tip alert! If you can still find it, Krylon Italian Olive is a dead match for that Testors color. Let's make some Russian targets.....quickly!**

As all good modelers should, I first washed all the plastic parts trees in my favorite medium of Palmolive Green Dishwashing Liquid and let them dry overnight. Don't wipe them dry. If you wipe plastic dry it creates a charge that will attract dust out of the air. I once wiped dry a just washed torpedo bomber and the charge actually pulled droplets of interior green paint off of my brush! The next day I took the parts trees outside and sprayed Italian Olive on all the trees with the parts still on them. The treads I painted differently.

Now look at pic 0815. Some of these vehicles are the simplified ones intended for war game playing. You can see some of the treads look a bit plain. But notice some silver grab irons that are still unpainted on most of them. Cheap detail addition, next two pictures! These aren't the brand I use but any HO scale railroad grab iron looks okay on 1/72 scale armor. HO is 1/87, slightly smaller but remember we're not risking AMS with this operation now are we?!? Climbing up on a box car or a climbing up a



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

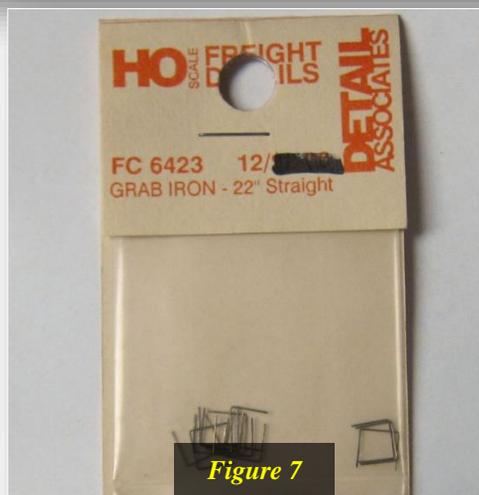


Figure 7

## Hague's Corner (continued)

takes the same type of hardware. Brush paint it with the Testors or just spray some Krylon on a glossy magazine page and brush it on.

What about those simple wargame models? Back row display and paint them with some multicolor camo schemes like in pic from 17 Aug 2011. Finished, five Russian things, now back to the stuff I must worry about. A few repairs of aircraft on that then current 'shelf of doom' and then a decade of getting planes built with vehicle therapy sessions mixed between airplanes. And more uses for Krylon Italian Olive!



Figure 8



Figure 9

Final tip, check out those headlamps on the Russian gas trucks using Kristal Kleer over some silver paint.



Figure 10



Figure 11

Some of the built armor models I have seen are real works of art, museum quality at times or fit for use in movies for special effects. For me it's a way of getting a breath of fresh modeling air!

## June Meeting Program and Contest Theme

**Program:** TBD

**Contest: Video Models:** Model of a vehicle found in online video games (Star Trek online, Star Wars online, World of Tanks, etc.)

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

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1 June 2022

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting  
 Sherwood Community Center  
 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax VA 22030  
 Start time 7:00 pm

4 June 2022

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

15 June 2022

IPMS Northern Virginia Tips and Share Zoom Meeting  
 Begins at 2:00 pm

21 June 2022

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

22 June 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

## IPMS USA National Convention

July 20-23, 2022



Pre-registration (until 15 June)	\$55
Registration after 15 June	\$65
Proxy	\$35
Junior	\$25
Walk-in/day	\$15
Trophy Pkg	\$90

La Vista Conference Center Omaha,  
 Nebraska

Registration opens 1 Feb 2022

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