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May 2023 Newsletter

Editor: Tom Henderson

The IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers April 2023 meeting took place on 5 April at Fairfax High School with 55 members in attendance. President Scott Bricker was out of town so Vice President Haagen Klaus ran the meeting. With Scott being absent, the April meeting turned out to be an unintentional episode of The Haagen Show as you will see below.

The first order of business was a Model Classic update from Tim Barb who ran the show this year. Tim reported preparations were going well across the board. He was pleased to report that enough members had stepped up to the plate and volunteered to help. Except for judges. Tim encouraged those who have not yet signed up to help run the show to consider judging. As it turned out we had a good turnout of judges so that part of the show went well, much better than last year.

Ed Mautner delivered a moving eulogy for Tom Faletti, our most recent loss. Tom specialized in cars. He raced 1:1 scale cars in addition to being an enthusiastic and excellent modeler and business partner with Ed. His patient coaching as I worked through trying to produce one of those super smooth, super shiny finishes on my Mustang is etched into my memory for good.

Haagen briefed chapter members on our first chapter organized group build on 11 March. In short, it was a great afternoon. There will be others. Check the April issue of the newsletter for a full report.

The best part of the evening for me was the visit by Dave and Karen Cope from our UK sister chapter IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands. Leighton Greenstreet escorted Dave and Karen to the meeting. In case anyone does not know, Leighton is also a Staffordshire Moorlands member whom we are lucky to have among us while he is here on assignment. Dave, Karen; it was truly great to touch base you at the meeting. Happy modeling and I look forward to seeing you guys at the Wrekin Giant Friday night before SMW.



Left: Ed Mautner talking about Tom Faletti while Tim Barb prepares to brief the chapter on preparations for Model Classic. Right: Leighton, Dave and Karen Cope

The second-best part of the program (sorry, Haagen) was Haagen's picture show of an airshow at Edwards Air Force Base. Haagen's photos made it clear he knows what he is doing behind a camera as well as an X-Acto knife. Awesome photos. Military Vehicle guys, would anyone like to give a similar presentation? Nokesville, Danville, heck Bovington. Shiny four (or more) wheel enthusiasts – Corvette Museum, maybe? Haagen, don't forget to send me that camera information. I just know if I get the same camera my photos will instantly be just as good.



Haagen's Presentation on the October 2022 airshow at Edwards Air Force Base

Model Classic

It was a successful show. Attendance: At least 693. Models: 121 entrants entered a total of 568 models into contest. If you have not already done so, check the website for photos of the "Best Of" winners. Congratulations to all contest winners as well as all 121 contestants who created such a truly awesome display of modeling across all genres. I wish I had the memory to thank each and every one of our chapter members who pitched in to make the show a success. That being said we were still a little shy in a couple of areas, setup/teardown and registration looked that way to me. I was there at setup so Irv, Kevin, Mike (Monsivaiz), Hutch; THANK YOU. That includes anyone there I am forgetting – please forgive my horrible memory. Given the extent of the rental tables that must be placed in a short amount of time, chapter member help was not enough. We had to pay the rental company an extra couple of hundred dollars that could have been profit to help. Additionally, six young ladies from the All Night Grads Committee assisted. Something to think about for next year, guys. I was not able to help play with tables due to an injury so I did not stay through teardown. Breakdown did not start well but rapidly improved. I heard Bruce mention he only had three people for teardown just before I departed. However, several Adult Grad Party students jumped in to assist as I left. I later learned a bunch of chapter members joined the teardown party which then went well. I know Nelson Davis was one of those guys.

Speaking of the All Night Grads Committee, they were amazing. It is clear the handoff process between the Choral Patrons and the All Night Grad folks was very well executed. The All Night Grads were amazing. Besides the ladies who assisted with setup and breakdown, students with their parents ran a truly great snack concession. How about pulled pork sandwiches made fresh on site by a parent with his smoker. Many thanks to the students and the two parents whose name I know, Laura Buice and Susan Malkus. The All Night Grad Committee, teamed with the school staff, were important factors in the success of Model Classic 2023.

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers March 2023 Monthly Meeting (continued)

There are not enough words to express appreciation for the support we received from the Fairfax High School staff. Even though we are no longer teamed with the Choral Patrons, Choral Director Juliana Wordworth provided students to sing the National Anthem at the opening ceremony. We were overjoyed to see Facilitator Ms. Elissa Robinson return this year. She was as much of a godsend as she was last year. She was everywhere making things happen from start to finish. The help we received from the custodial staff was fantastic. They were there before we arrived, available to assist, and did so from before we arrived until after we left at the end of the day.

It was a great day. Unfortunately I did not get the time to take a lot of pictures this year. I put my favorites in a gallery starting on page ?. We do not have a date for next year as of this writing. We will let you know as soon as we receive the date from the school. The usual features begin with the April model gallery below, followed by a new episode of Dick Hague's modeling experiences and useful tips. See you at the May meeting.

Contest Winners April 2023



*Aircraft 1/72, 1st Place
MiG-15 by Chad Kennedy*



*Aircraft, 2nd Place
Hawker Hunter by Jon DeSalva*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1st Place
CH-46 by Matt Lunn*



*Military Vehicles 1/35, 1st Place
M4A3E8 by Ben Hardaway*

Contest Winners April 2023



*Military Vehicles 1/35, 2nd Place
AMX-13 by Jon DeSalva*



*Sci-Fi, 1st Place
Y-wings of Gold Squadron by Ben
Hardaway*



*Ships, 1st Place
Half Moon by Tim Hosek*



*Ships, 2nd Place
Kongo by Dennis Forrest*



*Figures, 1st Place
Idoneth Harrows Deep by Jon DeSalva*



*Figures, 2nd Place
Eldar Autarch by Tim Hosek*

Rest of the Models March 2023 (continued)



*Master, 1st Place
He-111 by Leighton Greenstreet*



*Master, 2nd Place
Tu-22 by Charles Locke*



*Special, 1st Place
Virago by Walter Schlueter*

Rest of the Models



B2 1/48 Aaron Hamilton



*B-24 1/144 Unknown
(Vince Mankowski ?)*

Rest of the Models March 2023 (continued)



Dinosaur



Dinosaur



Dinosaur



Dinosaur



B2 1/48 Aaron Hamilton



1/72 Firefly by Walter Schlueter

Rest of the Models March 2023 (continued)



1/48 Hellcat by Mike Snider



Fantasy Pachyderm



Some kind of space fighter



Ivran Tan by Dennis Forrest



1/35 M-26 by Ben Hardaway



Millennium Falcon

Rest of the Models March 2023 (continued)



1/48 Natter by Aaron Hamilton



P-39Q, I think it is 1/72



1/48 Auto Gyro by Matt Lunn



1/72 Su-34 by David Anderson



VF-1 Vertech 100 by Dennis Forrest



YB-49 by Aaron Hamilton

Best out of the Box 1/72 Hawker Hunter by Jon DeSalva



Jon's model depicts Hunter XE654 which was assigned to No. 8 Squadron. Unfortunately, this Hunter was lost on 22 November 1967 when it flew into the ground near Fahud, Muscat, Oman during a practice low level attack. Flt Lt Roger Patterson lost his life in the crash. (Aviation-safety.net)



Contest Winners March 2023

Best of Show 1/32 Bf-109G by Wes Shull



Best of Show Supplement

Wes's 109 is the Zoukei-Mura G-14. It was one of the aircraft flown by the planet's ace of aces Erich Hartman. He achieved 352 victories while flying with Jagdgeschwader (JG) 52 on the Eastern Front. Russian forces captured Hartmann at the end of the war and imprisoned him until 1955. He joined the post-war West German Air Force and was the first commander of JG 71 "Richtofen." Hartmann was forced into retirement in 1970 because of his opposition to procurement of the F-104. He died on 20 September 1993 at 71 years of age. (Wikipedia)



Credits:

Painting: http://www.aviation-history.com/airmen/Erich_Hartmann.htm

Portrait: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/air-space-magazine/who-was-erich-hartmann-180975845/>

Hague's Corner

“Please Stand by this is just a Test”

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.

hear those words on TV these days! Well, you can relax for now for this is just a.....

Tip alert! It is hard to find a kit where the warning to not glue painted surfaces together is not mentioned somewhere! Sometimes that could be needed, and I have a perfect example of that in this tip!

In Figure 1 I glued this clear red navigation light to the wing of a previously painted model I sprayed with Tamiya AS-12 Aircraft Aluminum. I had a choice of using either liquid cement or thin super glue and made tests of both on a test wing also painted this way (Figure 2). Just above the top blue test plastic on the left you can see a slightly darker spot on the aluminum paint. This is where this blue plastic had been glued with the Tamiya Quick Setting Cement. I used my finger to break it loose from the paint and I was happy with the result. I applied it with the tiny brush that comes with this cement.



Figure 1



Figure 2

While I found that the thin BS-101 Super Glue gave adequate strength of adhesion, capillary action pulled the plastic back onto the glue looper almost every time. A second problem was the super glue didn't evaporate as quick as the Tamiya glue did and left more of a mark around the plastic. BS-101 wins for canopy and other clear attachments but in this case I will use the Tamiya.

You probably shouldn't celebrate sad anniversaries, but Charlie has been gone from keeping me company in the model room now for over six months. Also sad is the little girl stray Katy seems to be permanently gone too. She would have had a permanent home here too, but she had a terrible fear of being closed up anywhere! The January 23 picture of her coming in to eat some treats was the last I took of her, she disappeared shortly afterwards. The stray yellow and white male called Moo even comes around looking for her to join him for meals here and usually won't start until she showed up, even after two months! Sometimes he sits there and blinks at you and it looks like he is crying! I understand!



Charlie



Katy



Katy



Thanks for the cartoon, George! I needed a laugh after thinking about all the cats! Also holding back much modeling activity was filling out and filing my state and federal taxes...finally.

There are several models very close to completion, some needing only one or two more steps. Unfortunately I have to attend to some work down at the Chesterfield place now and any modeling I get to enjoy will be on something down there....and there is still plenty of modeling down there!

Tip alert! This Special Hobby kit of a post WWII British twin engine transport plane should have had its cabin windows attached using BS-101 and not Tamiya Quick Setting (Figure 4). When I was installing these windows I was thinking that the little spidery nicks on the edges of the clear plastic windows might be melted down some by the Tamiya solvent action but it didn't! It's back in the box for now as I'm not up to cutting masks for the complicated cockpit and nose transparencies!

One of the choices of markings in the kit is this colorful Belgian example now somewhat the worse for wear in the Brussels Museum (Figure 5). Special Hobby issued several variants of this aircraft. There are many different types of paint schemes they have worn. Note to Special Hobby; have masks available with the next reissue! They recently started making masks for kits they develop.

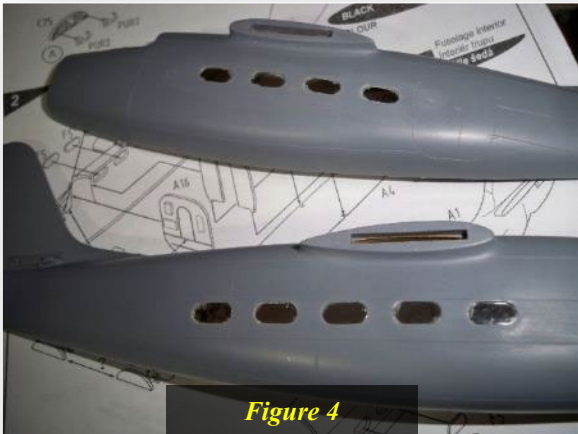


Figure 4



Figure 5

This is the third month of no completions, and I could call this blue Spitfire completed but that would be cheating as I still have a few more things I want to do with it (Figure 6). I bought several of these a few years ago when Airfix wanted to commemorate their first aircraft kit. This one I plan on completing with a minimum of painting or add on details except maybe an antenna wire from the post to the tail. Aurora did a kit of this back in the fifties (Figure 7 next page) and used the original Airfix kit's markings as seen in Figure 6! So much for their research. The code markings Airfix used were fictional! This was the first Aurora airplane kit to come with landing gear. It was never issued without one. Almost all their earlier kits were updated with landing gear and a few of them were also fictional! Aurora also used that beautiful baby blue plastic on the first issue of their P-38.



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8

If I was a better I would give odds to this Venezuelan Fiat BR.20 bomber (Figure 8) being the first completion of 2023 followed by the P-47 with the appropriated Indian chief on the nose (Figure 8 background); still a couple of issues with this kit as on the blue PBJ that has a bad spot, out of sight in this picture, on part of the nose transparency (Figure 8 foreground).

Also, odds on this Brazilian P-40 getting finished in spite of decal problems. The hardest decals are still to go on the Spitfire next to it and it doesn't even have landing gear on it yet (Figure 9)!



Figure 9



Figure 10

Tip alert! If you are in this Spitfire and you look out to your left and see that the yellow square on the wing has changed color....run! That means you are flying through poison gas! Early in WWII combatants were afraid poison gasses would be used as in WWI. Thankfully none of the sides used it but early in the war that was in doubt, so early war British planes had this detector patch applied to them just in case. Also close to completion is this other Spitfire and Polish dive bomber (Figure 10) but then watch out for a pair of air force H-19 helicopters.



Figure 11

Everybody please stay safe!

Model Classic Pics

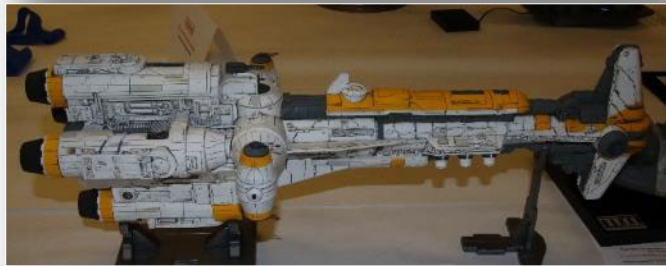
Unfortunately, I did not get many pics but here is a selection of the ones I did get.



Model Classic 2023 (continued)



Model Classic 2023 (continued)





See you Next Year – 13 April 2024!

May Meeting Program and Contest Theme

Program: Kurram "Khumar" Abbas – Airbrushing with Acrylics.

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17 May 2023

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