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## *June 2025 Newsletter*

*Editor: Tom Henderson*



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

The Northern Virginia IPMS Club held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at Fairfax High School. Attendance remained strong, with 65 members present, including three new visitors. This continues the trend of consistent participation over the past year.

We were pleased to welcome Michael Cabrera, David Tyson, and Zach Smith to the meeting. All three are enthusiastic fans of the Gundam genre, and we appreciated them joining us and sharing in their passion for one of the fastest-growing areas of the modeling hobby.

Jon Etherton provided an update on the club's finances, noting the positive impact of our highly successful Model Classic 25 event. He expressed sincere thanks to all the volunteers who made the event possible.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation by NOVA Club Vice President Haagen Klaus, who delivered a detailed and engaging overview of the

Allison engine P-51 Mustangs. Haagen's talk stood out as one of the most informative in recent memory—well-paced, data-rich, and accessible to both modelers and aviation enthusiasts alike. The Allison P-51s are featured in the latest Detail & Scale release, authored by Haagen himself, which comes highly recommended for those looking to explore the topic further.



*Haagen giving his presentation on the history of the Allison powered Mustang. At right is his build of the Halberd resin kit of the XP-51.*

Following the presentation, contest results were announced. With so many high-quality builds on display, judging—particularly for Best of Show— proved challenging.

On contest matters, I, Dale “Hutch” Hutchinson, NOVA Club Secretary, am currently overseeing the club contest operations until a permanent lead is appointed. I’ve begun digitizing all historical contest results to improve future management and accessibility. Additionally, the Master Class is undergoing a reset, with updated criteria being finalized. I’ll be sharing the new guidelines in the coming weeks, with the goal of reopening this class to allow more members the opportunity to advance.

We are also exploring the introduction of a new category, tentatively titled “Mech,” to better accommodate the growing interest in Gundam, Zoid, Armored Core, Megami, and related genres. This initiative will free up the Sci-Fi and Figures categories while providing proper representation for this dynamic area of the hobby. Club member Sam Wood is advising us on the best approach to implementing these changes. Club member Sam Wood is advising us on the best approach to implementing these changes, as well as new/related categories for Model Classic 26.

Hutch

Editor: Our next meeting will be 11 June. This is the last meeting scheduled at Fairfax High School for the school year schedule. I am working with the community affairs office to schedule our meetings from July through June of next year. We may need to meet at an alternate location if the school will not be available for renovations during July and possibly August. Watch for updates on the Google Group board. The meeting photo gallery is next, followed by Hague’s Corner before concluding with the report from the monthly Tips and Share meeting. See you at the June meeting.



# Contest Winners May 2025



*Special, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
B MF by Dennis Forrest*



*Special, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Fokker D.VII by Walter Schlueter*



*Aircraft 1/48-1/32, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
1/32 Bf-109 by Dale Hutchinson*



*Aircraft 1/48-1/32, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
1/48 P-40 by Tristan Bennett*



*Aircraft 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
P-51B by Jim Fitzgibbon*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Hurricane by Dave Weiss*



# Contest Winners May 2025



***Ships, 1<sup>st</sup> Place***  
***1/700 Ayamami by Dennis Forrest***



***Civilian Vehicles, 1<sup>st</sup> Place***  
***Tow Truck by Randy Corish***



***Civilian Vehicles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place***  
***Golden Rod by Steve Dunain***



***Sci-Fi, 1<sup>st</sup> Place***  
***Millenium Falcon by Ben Hardaway***



***Sci-Fi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place***  
***Shadow Fox by Sam Wood***



***Figures, 1<sup>st</sup> Place***  
***Darth Vader by Tristan Bennett***



# Contest Winners May 2025



*Figures, 2nd Place*  
*Darth Vader by Tristan Bennett*



*Best Out of the Box*  
*Hurricane by Dave Weiss*

## Rest of the Models



*Delta Zayin by Zach Smith*



*Display Only*



*EX Gundam by David T.*



*1/48 F-100 by Dennis Forrest*



## Best of Show Jeep Tow Truck by Randy Corish





## Rest of the Models



*1/72 Fokker D-21 by Mike Howe*



*1/72 Fokker Dr.1 by Walter Schlueter*



*Gusion by Mike Caberra*



*1/48 Mustang Mk.I by Rick Kranias*



*1/48 NiK2 by Jerry Lawson*



*1/48 SB2C Helldiver by Walter Schlueter*



## Rest of the Models



*1/72 Su-22U by Steve Dumain*



*1/48 T-4 by Walter Schlueter*

## Hague's Corner

### Quite a Change

*by Dick Hague*

This is a short update showing the views on the modeling desk after that Yak roundup! This well along WWII German self-propelled gun (Figures 1 and 2) was going to get the late war German brown and green camouflage patches prior to some insignia decals but the old tin of green had become a nasty shade of brown over the years. Fortunately, the next modeling session will see a brand-new tin of that green opened and applied.

The Sikorsky H-19B rescue helicopter's door already has some tacky adhesive applied to it so that the door can be moved around wherever desired (Figure 3 next page). The yellow antenna in the upper left of the picture needs to be painted white and the green navigation light located between the AIR and FORCE marking needs to be painted green! The other side's light is already red (Figure 4 next page). The rotor is finished and just needs to be dropped down onto the shaft. The tail rotor's red and white stripes are on and just needs to be glued to the tail.



*Figure 1*



*Figure 2*





Figure 3



Figure 4

Left foreground of Figure 4 are a pair of P-39's or maybe P-63's.....my morning coffee hasn't clicked in yet! Whichever, the nearest one is a rather rare two-seat version. And yes, another Yak has snook back onto the desk but this time it is a Yak-18. The bad canopy problem is possibly solved and since this will be an all-black Korean War 'Bed check Charlie' version it was allowed to happen.

The red and gray H-19B at Figure 5 is in the same stage of completion as the yellow one except that the right sliding door is missing.....and has been for years. These two will be the completion of this batch of seven started in 2012. I like this kit and might do a few more (Figure 6)!



Figure 5

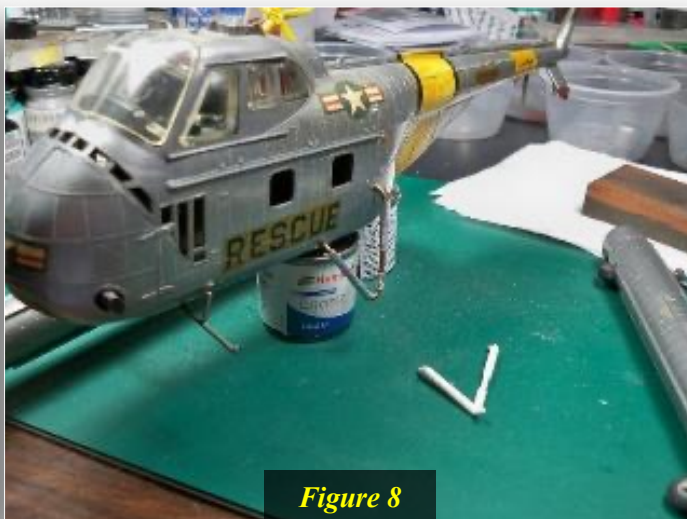


Figure 6

Completion of this USAF version on floats (Figure 7) allowed me to finally stop trying to fix the ancient Revell kit that I had built, probably the same or a year later than what was molded into the inside of the old kit (Figures 8 and 9)! Notice that dried clear blob of the old tube glue DUCO used back then. Also inside the old kit, this WAFB stood for 'Wrexham Air Force Base' which is what my model room was named when I was living on our farm that was named 'Wrexham' (Figure 10).



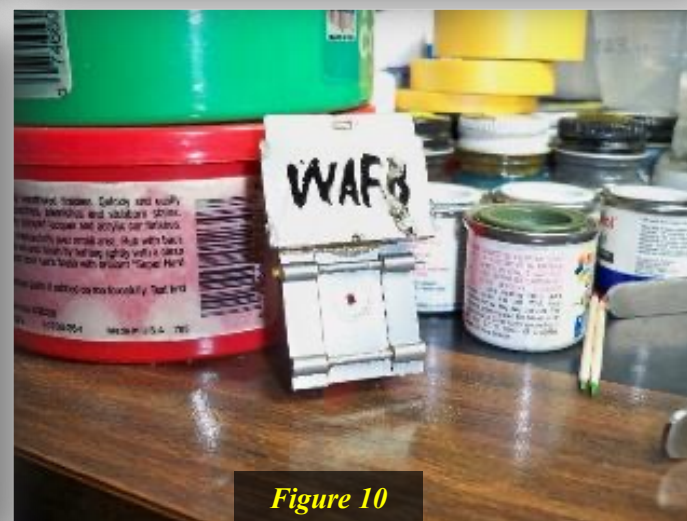
**Figure 7**



**Figure 8**



**Figure 9**



**Figure 10**



# Tips and Share Meeting

## 21 May 2025

The newsletter had been almost done a few days ago. All I needed was to get a few pics of the model entries, add a quick narrative and be done on time for a change. It turned out no one submitted any completed model photos. That was a bit disappointing, but I figured that would at least let me make this T&S meeting report a quick paragraph or two, then wrap this issue up.

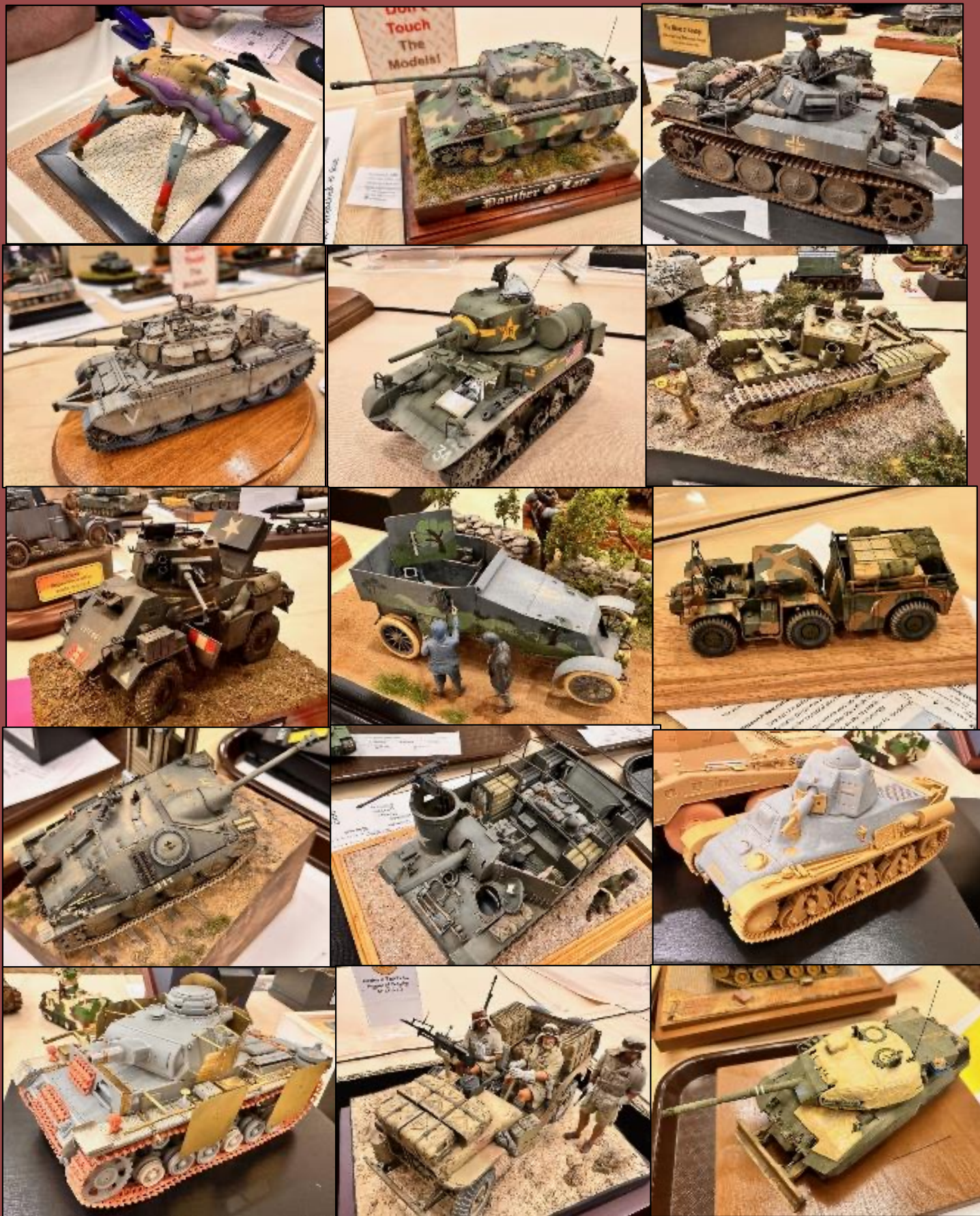
Then, Neal Gause and Winston Gould threw a monkey wrench into my snug plan when they started talking about their experience at the AMPS show. Having been to AMPS a few times when they were within a tank of gas, I can vouch for the accuracy of their report. Excellent show. Winston and Neal gave a great rundown on how the AMPS folks ran the show, their judging process, and the incredible quality of the entries on the contest tables. Winston shared a bunch of photos with us. He described the kit and some of the techniques used by the builders. Then Jon went and said "Why don't you send some of those pics to Tom so he can put them in the newsletter!" So much for my one or two paragraph plan.

Kidding aside, it was a great idea. Neal sent no less than 30 pictures, beginning with what you see below. I wish I could have recorded Winston's descriptions.

No one submitted photos to Jon this month so we just spent some quality time talking models. Ken LaSala held his in-progress wood sailing ship in front of his camera, which really looked cool. I am looking forward to seeing the finished product. I am sure you won't be able to see the pics until I finish this sentence, but here they are.....











## May Meeting Program and Contest Special

**Program:** TBD

**Contest Special:** Korean War – Build anything that saw service during the Korean War.

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

<b>President:</b> Scott Bricker	<b>Vice President</b> Haagen Klaus
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<b>Chapter Contact:</b> Tom Henderson	

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*Application for new membership and  
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Randy Corish, Mike Howe

**Program Coordinator:**  
Vacant, volunteer needed

**Make and Take Coordinator**  
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## International Plastic Modelers' Society/USA Membership Application / Renewal Form

New ☐ Renewal ☐ IPMS#: \_\_\_\_\_

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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
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<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

11 June 2025

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting  
Fairfax High School  
3501 Lion Run, Fairfax VA 22030

7 June 2025

Washington Armor Club Meeting  
George Mason Regional Library  
7001 Little River Turnpike Annandale VA  
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

20 June 2025

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

18 June 2025

IPMS Northern Virginia Tips and Share Zoom Meeting

25 June 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

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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA IPMS PRESENTS  
**PENNCON 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**



**Contest fee (up to 3 entries):**

Adult \$15.00 (includes \$7.00 entry fee)  
Junior (18 & under) \$5.00

Uniformed individuals admitted free!

Messiah University students, faculty, and staff: free admission with valid ID!  
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