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## *October 2021 Newsletter*

*Editor: Tom Henderson*



This was our first in person chapter meeting since March 2020. It was great to see everybody in the flesh after a year and a half of Zoom faces. Don't take that wrong - Zoom was and is a Godsend. We had 42 attendees, one of which was a new member. The chapter welcomed Ed Brauchli who lives in Vienna, VA where he builds all sorts of models.

After acting President Tim Barb welcomed everyone to our ninth meeting of 2021, he informed everyone that there have been numerous changes to the chapter since our last in-person meeting. In summary, John Figueora has moved to Indiana and Chris Nicoll has resigned. Tim Barb stepped into the role of acting President while Jon Etherton transitioned from program coordinator to Treasurer. It boils down to the positions of Vice President and Secretary /Historian being vacant as we approach our elections for 2022. The program coordinator position is also vacant but it is an appointed position so not subject to election. We hope to have all positions filled during our upcoming election at the November meeting. Nominations are scheduled for the October meeting so if you are interested in running for any of the E-board elected positions or serving as program coordinator please let any member of the E-board know as soon as possible. Tim has stated he is willing to continue as President should the members so decide.

- 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.

## *IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers September 2021 Monthly Meeting (continued)*

- The program Coordinator handles getting monthly programs, speakers or demos for the chapter and it is a non-elected position.

Club officer full duty descriptions can be found in the “Contacts” tab of the website.

With our return to regular in person meetings, our UK sister Chapter- Staffordshire Moorlands will not be able to enter the monthly contest. We are therefore scheduling quarterly Zoom meetings which will include a tips and share session and a contest. The Staffordshire- Moorlands meeting will replace the normal Tips and Share meeting for that month. The first meeting took place on 18 September. Tim Barb sent a short report on the meeting which begins on the next page.

### Treasurer report

Jon Etherton informed everyone that we are currently in good condition with a substantial amount in the bank to support other chapters and our own programs. Jon also reminded everyone, especially our newer members, about our IPMS-USA Membership Subsidy program. If you join IPMS-USA, or wish to renew, give your application and \$10 for each year to Jon and the club will submit the membership application in along with the balance of the membership fee. Checks are to be made out to “Northern Virginia Modelers.” When you get your membership card, let Tim know so that we can keep the membership roster updated. The forms are on the club website under the “About” tab.

### Secretary Report

Walter Schlueter announced that 20 models were entered into the monthly contest. The average for September is 23. Additionally, Walter said he will train whoever takes over as Secretary Historian so if you are interested in running for that position Walter will make sure you will have an excellent head start. He also informed the chapter that Bruce Bulin will be taking over as your Model Classic Concierge. Walter will continue to run the monthly contests.

An announcement was made for the PENNCON show at Gettysburg on 11 September.

The meeting ended around 9:23 PM.

To borrow Walter Cronkite’s famous sign off, that’s the way it is for September 2021. Next up is a short report on the Staffordshire Moorlands meeting by Tim. The usual photo gallery is next followed by another round of Dick Hague’s modeling adventures, this time along with a few words of 9/11 remembrance. A short PENNCON show report starting on page 13 will put this issue to bed for another month.

The National Capitol Model Soldiers Society (NCMSS) show held on 25 September is not forgotten. I could not make it since it was wedding anniversary weekend. For some reason celebrating a wedding anniversary at the show was not an option. Result: No show report. David Hoffman sent an email with to let us know they have posted pictures, a recap, and the awards list at the NCMSS Website and Facebook Pages:

<https://www.ncmssclub.org/annual-show>  
<https://www.facebook.com/NCMSSclub.org>

The next monthly meeting will be held on TUESDAY, 5 October 2021. Stay safe out there.

# Joint Meeting Between the Northern Virginia Modelers and the Staffordshire Moorlands Modeling Club

By Tim Barb

On 18 September the chapter held a special zoom meeting with our sister club in the UK, the Staffordshire Moorlands Modeling Club (SMCC). Thirteen people participated, three from the SMCC (David and Karen Cope, John Lingwood) and ten from NOVA (Tim and Barbara Barb, Mike and Carol Fleckenstein, Dana Bell, Alex Tratensek, Jon Etherton, Curt Clinton, Cliff Brown, Bane (didn't get his last name). Bane was a presenter at one of our previous meetings and was signed on from Belgrade Yugoslavia. This truly was an international session!

The meeting's contest was similar to those we held during our club zoom meetings the past few months, with the Special being "any vehicle from a country south of the equator." The meeting's program consisted of the entrants describing the models they had entered. Since this meeting took the place of our September Tips and Share, the discussions about the models concentrated on the construction and painting techniques used on the entries. Lots of excellent tips were shared. We plan on having these joint sessions quarterly in the coming year and our next one is planned for sometime in January 2022.

The winners of the contest were:

1/72 Aircraft: Alex Tratensek – Vickers Valetta C.1

1/48 Aircraft: David Cope (SMCC) – FW 189

1/48 AFV: John Lingwood (SMCC) – Sherman Firefly

Vehicles: Alex Tratensek – Bedford TK Aircraft Refueler

Figures: Karen Cope (SMCC) – Cyclops

Special (South of the Equator): Gregory Richard –

Indonesian MiG 21F-13

Out of the Box: Gregory Richard – Spitfire Mk Vb Floatplane



*Above: Karen Cope's Cyclops*

*Left: John Lingwood's Sherman Firefly*

## Contest Winners September 2021



*Aircraft 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Bf-109 by Brenden Converse*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Me-P1011 by John DeSalva*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
A-1 Skyraider by Daniel Bowers*



*AFV 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Bren Gun Carrier by Greg Richard*



*AFV 1/35, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Rikue Motorcycle by Ken Kavula*



*AFV 1/35, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
AMX-13 by John DeSalva*

# Contest Winners September 2021 (continued)



*Sci-Fi, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Flying Sub by Kevin Grantham*



*Vehicles, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Bedford Tanker by Alex Tratensek*



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



*Masters, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
U-2C by Jim Fitzgibbon*



*Masters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Centurion Tank by Charles Locke*



*Special, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Super Etendard by Walter Schlueter*

# Contest Winners September 2021 (continued)



*Special, 2nd Place  
MiG-21 by Greg Richard*

## Rest of the Models



*U2*



*BAE-125*



*Corsair*



*EE Lightning*

## Rest of the Models (continued)



*F-16I Sufa*



*Figure (sorry I do not know the subject)*



*Czech 109*



*Corvette*

**Best out of the Box  
AMX-13 by John DeSalva**



# Best of Show Vickers Valetta by Alex Tratensek



# Hague's Corner

## Mixed Feelings on 9/11

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. Dick wrote this piece on the 9/11 anniversary. I had to shorten it a bit but thought his memory of that day would be good to add to our own.*

At the time I was working at Manassas Airport and as I walked into the shop inside our hangar our normally hard to understand Chinese machinist was shouting something about crazy planes flying into buildings. That was quickly followed by being handed some pre-cut lengths of chain and padlocks and being told to secure all the vehicle and pedestrian gates in our areas. After securing the two gates on the west side of the airport in our area I headed over to the east side to secure those. The Pentagon must have been hit while I was in transit.

When I got to the east side the fourth hijacked airliner was still missing. As I was securing the large vehicle gate next to our building one of the mechanics ran out to tell me about the one down in Shanksville. I then headed for the conference room where most of the staff were watching the news on TV. I remember telling a few of the younger employees that they were witnessing history, that this day would remain in their memories forever like the Pearl Harbor attack back in 1941.

We had been testing a UAV and somehow we resumed testing a few days later while everything else there was still grounded. This particular one didn't get adopted but lots of other UAVs did!

After all of the "20 years after 9/11" media coverage I was mentally exhausted and just went to bed with all the televisions within range of my hearing turned off. A few hours later I got up and went down to the model room to work on a few planes. This Academy kit of the Korean War vintage F-84E needs the canopy parts painted, landing gear added and the wing tank tip lights added to be able to join the Korean War shelf (Figure 1).

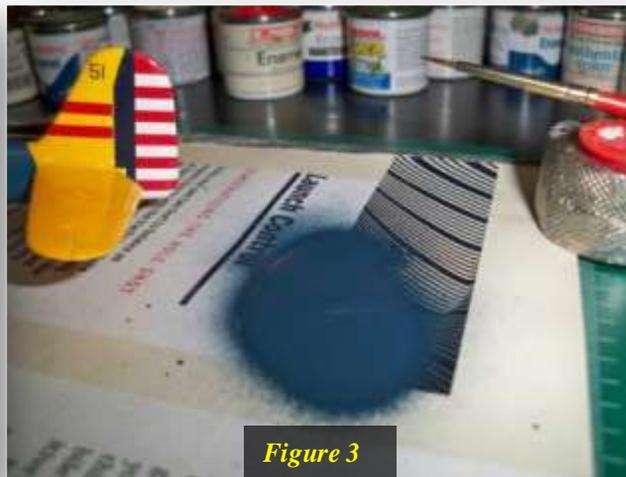
Tip alert! See the USAF on the top of the right wing? The same lettering appears on the bottom of the left wing but is interrupted by the retractable landing gear whose cover doors also get some of that lettering. To keep from confusing the mirror image right wing doors I left the part number tags on the doors that needed decals for the left side. At my age keeping left and right and top and bottom from getting confused can happen very quickly. This really helps.



*Figure 1*

## Hague's Corner (continued)

Figure 2 shows a tail stripe decal that I had thrown in the trash the night before getting a second chance at life. After it folded over and stuck on itself and threatened to tear apart I gave up. The next day I pulled it out of the trash and let it soak for several hours before slowly pulling it apart and finally putting it on the model (Figure 3). While most if not all of the adhesive is gone it is securely attached under a sprayed coat of Semi-gloss Clear.



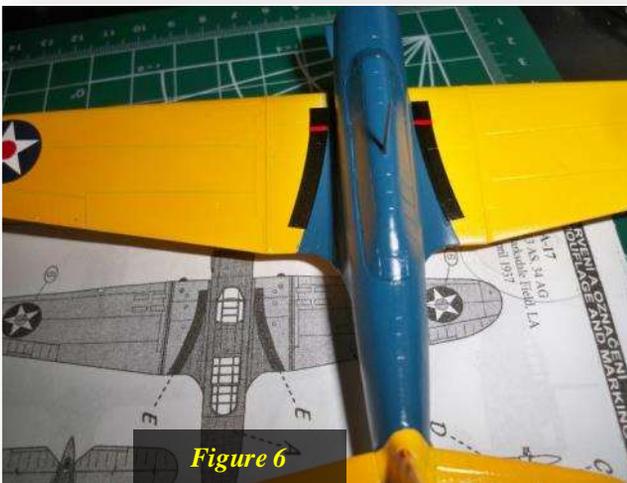
Save that empty spray can! See that splotch of blue paint in Figure 3? That was the absolutely last gasp of a Tamiya spray can of which I needed one brush full of blue paint to connect the tail decal's sides at the top of the rudder. The 'bump' between the two red stripes needs to be painted white as it is the rear position light on this 1930's Northrop A-17 ground attack aircraft. The wingtip red and green lights still need painting as well as stringing an antenna from the canopy mast to the tail to complete this oldy.



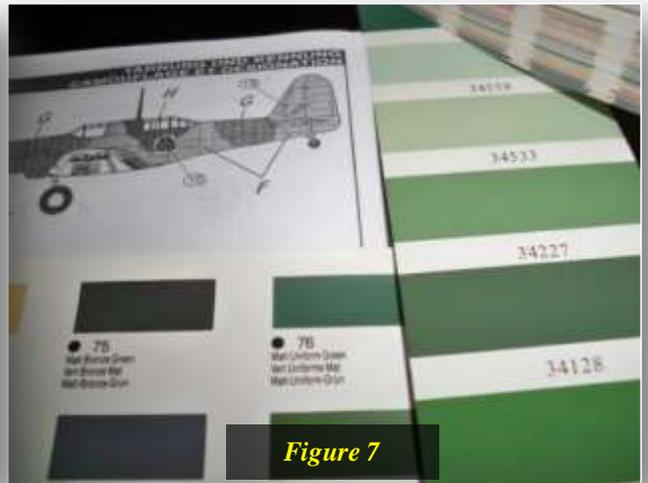
See the black stripe next to the fuselage blue paint (Figure 4)? There is one on each side of the plane and it is an area painted on the real thing with a non-slip material for the crews to walk on. That should have been included on the kit decal sheet but wasn't and it is hard to get that curve just right if you paint it. If I had thought about it early enough before the wings were all glued together I could have used the curve of the top wing's edge to trace onto masking tape or black decal material where to cut to get that curve. Here is my plan 'B'. Actually plan 'P' from a P-39 decal sheet, Figure 5.

Spray some semi-gloss black on a magazine page and brush paint the little bit left to complete the wing walks (Figure 6). Of course the second kit of the A-17 in the stash already has the wings glued together so another set of these decal walks went into that kit's box for future use. That A-17 will be an all-over natural metal version. A war games camouflaged A-17A is also in the stash. Figure 7 shows one of the called out colors being matched to a FSN 595 real paint chip example against a real Humbrol paint chip card. I don't think this is the color I was looking to match but it shows the usefulness of this procedure. You should do this under both indoor and outdoor lighting.

If you need tape circles that are not on a pre-cut sheet like the very small ones I needed to paint the tail wheel, don't overlook using a manual punch. They come in all sizes (Figure 8).



*Figure 6*



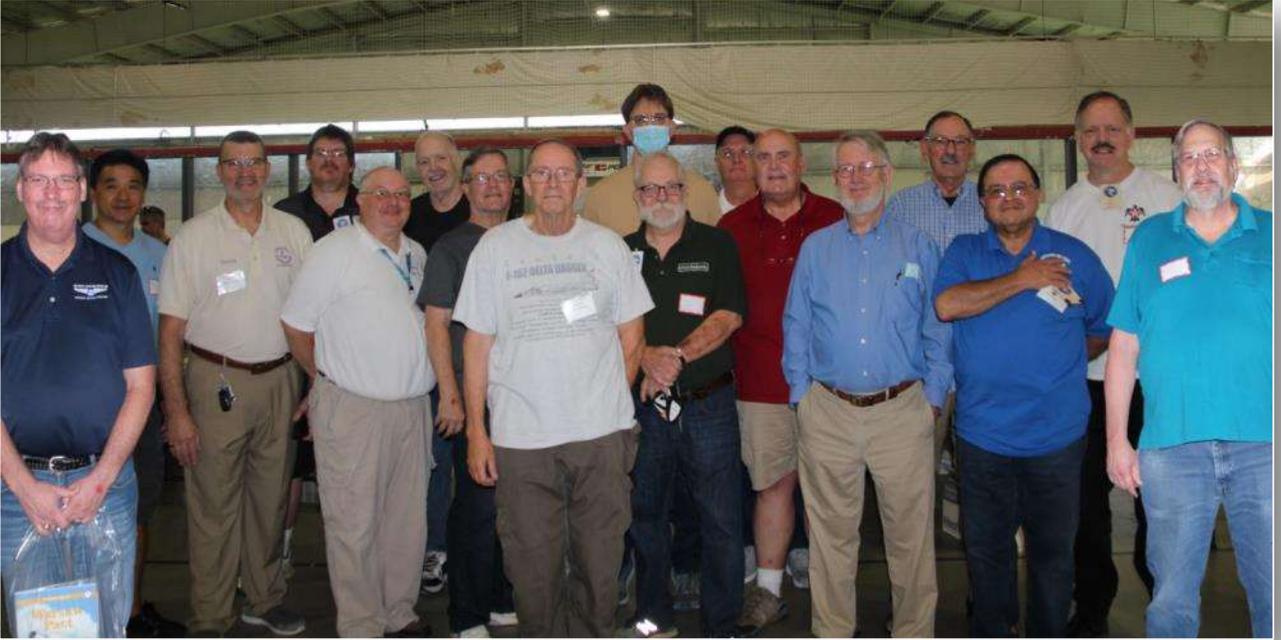
*Figure 7*



*Figure 8*



# PENNCON 2021



*Starting at left: Brian Cable, Nelson Kee, Vince Mankowski, unknown, Mark Tutton, Vance, Mike Poreda, me, Walter Schlueter, Tim Barb, unknown, Sherman Collings, Dana Bell, Ed Mautner, Peter Espada, Brian ?, Randy Corish*

This was the first time I attended PENNCON. Something always came up that forced me to miss this show. The jinx was finally lifted this year. In short, the day can be summed up as a pleasant drive in beautiful weather that took the bride and I to a real live model show - it was a great day.

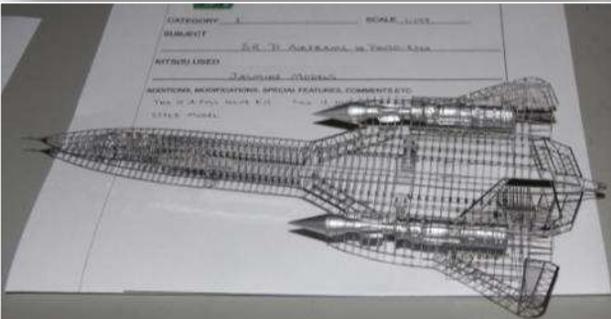
I signed up as a vendor since I made 0 progress with my stash reduction project over the last couple of years due to the cancellation of Model Classic 2020 and 2021. (We are currently a go for 16 April 2022). My bride Stephanie came along because she always enjoys helping me reduce the inventory. Upon arrival I put our hand cart together in the parking lot, put the box of models on it and headed for the entrance to the show. Never having been there before I did not know you can drive into the show hall to unload your stuff. Once that became evident as we walked into the show Stephanie gave me her unspoken look that said "You made me walk all the way in from the parking lot when we could have driven right inside?" I responded with my unspoken look that said "Well how was I supposed to know this is my first time here!"

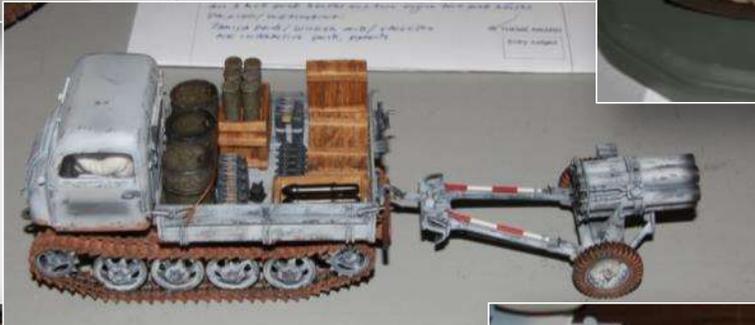
Once we found and placed the models on the table it was time to do what we always do at model shows: Visit the vendors, enter our models into competition (or just look), and catch up with friends we have not seen for a while. All three items were happily accomplished. Mark Tutton, Furball and the Detail and Scale stand manned by Vince Mankowski got some of my money. Believe it or not I did not buy a single kit. Well OK I got a line on Eduard's 1/48 Desert Babes Tornado GR1 of which I have been searching for a long time so I did commit to buying a kit. After the vendor tour it was off to the next target - the contest area. The contest consisted of 414 models entered by 77 contestants. It was a heap of fun admiring all those

## National Convention(continued)

pieces of inspiration on the tables. A few of my favorites are below. The third item mentioned was catching up on friends not seen for nearly two years, and making new friends after speaking a common phrase heard at model shows; "How did you do that?"

Having accomplished all of the above to include selling off all of the kits I brought, Stephanie and I departed before the awards ceremony to visit friends who live a north of Harrisburg. I wrote to IPMS Central PA (Dana Sadarananda) who was kind enough to provide the contest numbers above. People wise, in addition to the 77 contestants PENNCON welcomed 144 individual and 24 family walk-ins. A list of winners was not available when Dana and I talked via email. Since we were not present for the awards ceremony I do not know how chapter member fared. Winners, please bring your winning model to the next meeting. It was great to finally break the jinx and make it to PENNCON. To any IPMS Central PA guys and gals reading this, great job. Thank you.







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## October Meeting Program and Contest Theme

**Program:** *US - Members will talk about the models they bring to the chapter.*

**Contest:** **It's Halloween** – Any monster or horror kit

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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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# Upcoming Events

- 5 October 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
- 12 October 2021  
 Washington Armor Club Virtual Meeting  
 Start time 7:00 pm
- 19 October 2021  
 IPMS DC Virtual BOGSAT (Bunch Of Guys, or Gals, Sitting Around a Table) Meeting (Via Zoom)  
 7:30-9:00pm
- 20 October 2021  
 IPMS Northern Virginia Virtual Tips and Share Meeting (Via Zoom) with UK sister chapter IPMS Staffordshire-Moorlands  
 Start time 2:00pm
- 27 October 2021  
 NCMSS Monthly Meeting  
 (via Zoom - see note next page)
- TBD (Postponed)  
 NOREASTCON 49  
 8250 Park Rd  
 Batavia, NY 14020
- 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  
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**IPMS RICHMOND**

**OLD DOMINION OPEN**

**SCALE MODEL SHOW & CONTEST**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2022**

**RICHMOND RACEWAY COMPLEX**

**Henrico Hall**  
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**THE KOREAN CONFLICT**

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**3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030**

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 Walter Schlotter

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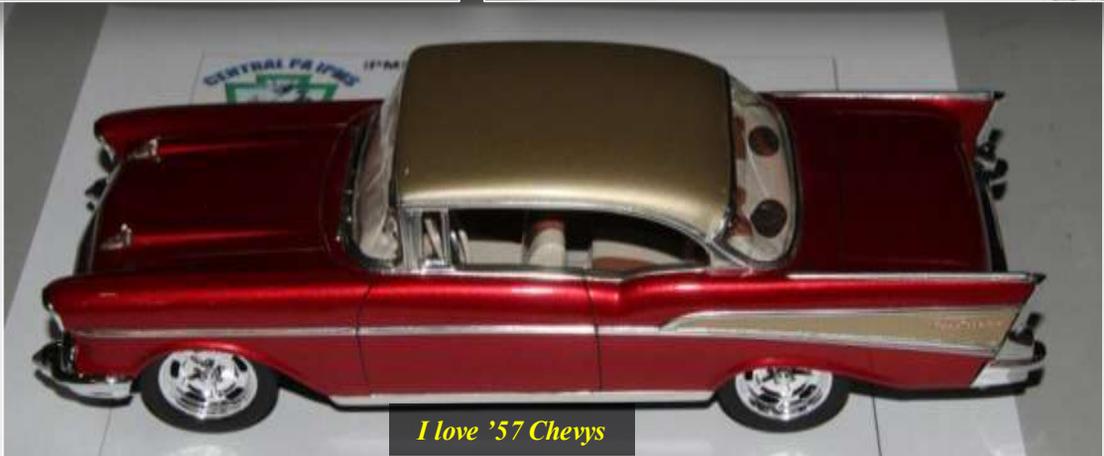
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## Upcoming Events (continued)

### 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.

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