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December 2022 Newsletter

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Happy Holidays! This issue is a bit light because I missed the November meeting. I was in the UK attending Scale Model World so not there to take photos and be present during the business meeting. President Tim Barb was also at SMW. To make it an apparent perfect storm I did not receive any meeting notes from Secretary/Historian Cliff Brown so he must not have been able to attend either. That means Vice President Scott Bricker was the only elected E-board member to run the meeting. The business meeting and model gallery content is understandably a bit light this month.

Contest Director Walter Schlueter moderated the elections since VP Scott Bricker was a candidate. Results are as follows:

- President: Scott Bricker
- Vice President: Haagen Klaus
- Secretary/Historian: Dale Hutchinson

Scott reminded members that the 14 December meeting will be our annual Christmas celebration. The holiday party is a family event so family members are welcome. The chapter will bring sandwich platters, soda, water, plates and utensils. Club members are asked to bring foods besides just deserts. Any food left over will be given to the school custodians. A favorite part of the party is the gift exchange. If you bring a wrapped gift (something that you would like to receive) you will receive a ticket. When your ticket is called you come up and select a wrapped package. After all numbers are called but packages are not yet unwrapped, a two round trade session begins. The first round is a trade with the unwrapped presents. Then everyone opens their packages. If you don't like the item, you can trade for something else.

I am pretty sure none of us who attended Scale Model World brought any models to place in competition. If anyone did and placed, please bring the model and the award to the December meeting. The models were awesome, by the way.

Treasurer Jon Etherton briefed the membership on the state of the chapter's finances. The annual financial status brief is an IPMS requirement. Bottom line of Jon's brief was the chapter is in good shape although our income from Model Classic was lower than pre-COVID days. Any chapter member who wishes to see detailed budget information can contact Jon directly

Jon also talked about the chapter's IPMS membership subsidy program. Under the program, the chapter pays for a portion of anyone's membership to in or renew as a member of IPMS-USA. To do so, give your application and \$10 for each year (up to three years) to Jon. The club will submit the membership application in along with the balance of the membership fee. Make checks payable to "Northern Virginia Modelers." When you get your membership card, let Jon know so we can keep the membership roster up to date. The forms are on the club website.

Contest Director Walter Schlueter announced the contest results, followed by the raffle by Curtis and Shirley Clinton

Speaking of the contest, next month is the annual build the same subject (BTSS) contest. Kits are the Spitfire, any variant, M1 Abrams, any stock cars and the Starship Enterprise, any variant.

A quick rundown on the November Tips and Share meeting is next, followed by the Contest pics, and then Hague's Corner. A Scale Model World show report will close out this issue. See you at the December meeting.

Tips and Share Meeting 16 November 2022

This month's Tips and Share meeting was yet another session of modeling talk, and of course a pile of modeling tips being shared among those attending. To any new modelers out there, there are some very skilled modelers in the "room" during those meetings. It is a great opportunity to get answers to any modeling questions you may have. Modelers also share their works in progress during which they talk about the good and not so good characteristics of a kit they are building, share any new technique they tried, and even ask the gang for advice on issue(s) being encountered.



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Contest Winners November 2022



*Aircraft 1/72 & Smaller, 1st Place
Skynight by Chris Mikesh*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1st Place
Ki-43 by Jerry Lawson*



*Aircraft 1/48, 2nd Place
F-4J by Mark Haskill*



*AFV 1/35, 1st Place
Merkava Mk. I by Rafy Levy*



*Sci-Fi, 1st Place
MSN—075 Gundam by David Zweigel*



*Figures, 1st Place
Gondorian Troops by Jon DeSalva*

Contest Winners November 2022



*Master, 1st Place
F-15D by Jim Fitzbibbon*



*Master, 2nd Place
F-15E by Don Dickson*



*Special, 1st Place
F-15 Trio by Don Dickson*



*Special, 2nd Place
MiGs by Chris Mikesh*

Contest Winners November 20212

Best out of the Box F-15D by Jim Fitzgibbon



Best of Show Spitfire Collection by Jim Fitzgibbon



Hague's Corner

Finished for Now

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.

Finished For Now is how I describe this Academy F-84E model (Figures 1-4). I'm not happy with how the sliding portion of the canopy turned out. There were these off-white reinforcing bands put on the real aircraft when the previously all clear rear part started cracking. On the model these bands are made by spraying Tamiya Insignia White, which has a greyish tint to it. I had previously done this step on three Tamiya F-84's using Eduard masks. On this Academy kit I used KV masks which have a white paper and not the more flexible Kabuki



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

tape of the Eduard masks. This is a good kit and if Eduard comes out with a mask for it I will repeat this step on a spare canopy I have. I tried to see if the Eduard masks for the Tamiya kit would fit but they are slightly different, so for now.....FFN.

There are several reasons for declaring it finished. It is an early jet, it is in Korean War markings, and it is the first model I completed in many months! FFN!

Tip alert! Kristal Klear is better for filling the photo recon camera ports on the bottom of the Airfix Spitfire PR XIX than the included clear plastic lenses (Figure 5). This Swedish example as well as a post WWII Royal Air Force example will become completed once I add a bit of Future Acrylic Floor Wax to the camera ports to protect them. You can skip this step if you never wash your models in water. Never say never...tip!

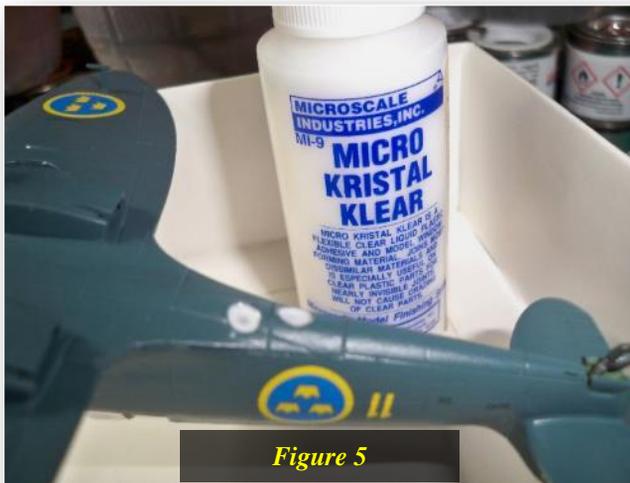


Figure 5

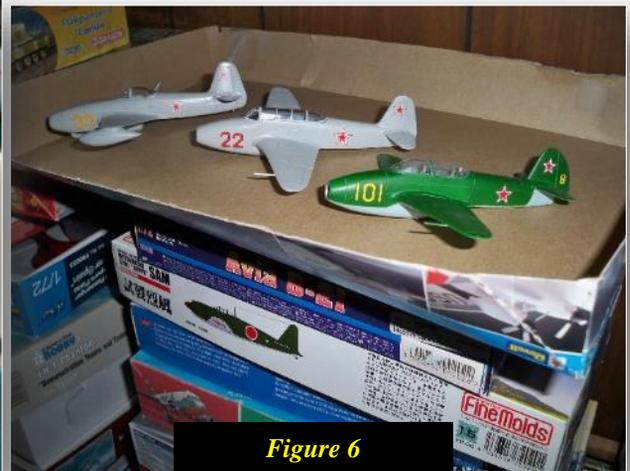


Figure 6

Something being saved for a cold and rainy day are the missing parts for this trio of an early Russian Yak jet fighter and two seat trainer variants (Figure 6). They are here awaiting a day of fiddly sanding to clean up the little landing gear parts. Over the weekend these three had painting completed, decals added, and flat or clear semi-gloss overall spraying completed.

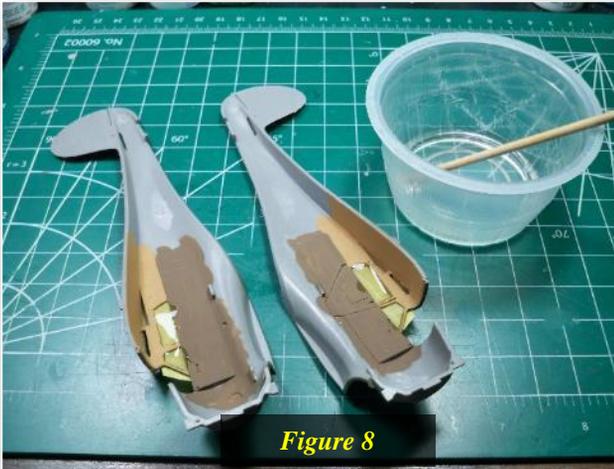
Tip alert! Prior to spraying the bottom light blue on the green Yak 21, the previously sprayed grey primer which covered the entire model, was masked off in the wheel wells to leave them grey. Small pieces of wet paper towels were pushed into the wells, blotted, and left to dry overnight (Figure 7).

While the outside of the windows of this UC-43 look like a perfect fit, unfortunately the Tamiya Kabuki tape produced a very rough surface (Figure 8 next page). I would have used the tape I used on the



Figure 7

right half with Future didn't smooth it out. I removed those coatings last night and I think the next step will be applying a small amount of the original 20 Minute Finishing Epoxy to the outside and see if that smooths it out to what I want to see.....a clear view inside (Figure 9)!



While the outside of the windows of this UC-43 look like a perfect fit, unfortunately the Tamiya Kabuki tape produced a very rough surface (Figure 8 next page). I would have used the tape I used on the C-73 but couldn't find it. Coating the left fuselage side with Humbrol Clear and the right half with Future didn't smooth it out. I removed those coatings last night and I think the next step will be applying a small amount of the original 20 Minute Finishing Epoxy to the outside and see if that smooths it out to what I want to see.....a clear view inside (Figure 9)!

Tip alert! The Zvezda and Revell kits of the weird Ekranoplan are the same moldings (Figures 10 and 11). There is also a KV mask available for the clear parts. The part number at Hannants is KV14402. Go to Hannants site and type in 'ekranoplan' in the 'other' box. Several types of these weird monsters are there. I wonder when Putin will be pulling one of these out of a museum to use in Ukraine!



Hague's Corner (continued)

I am starting the sixth week of being on the computer without my constant companion of the past six years. Those of you who love and lost pets know how I feel. I expect him to be jumping up any second and am careful rolling the chair back when I get up or kicking over the water dish when walking into the bathroom. But life must go on.



Scale Model World 12-13 November 2022



In a few words, what a show!! A model show in the UK is like our US shows in that there are a bunch of models to see, a bunch of modelers and friends who are modelers with whom to meet, the opportunity to compete in a contest, and man what a bunch of stuff to buy. Differences are the lower emphasis on competition, the club and special interest group (SIG) displays, and the greater overall sense of comradery among everyone present, friends or strangers. Scale Model World or "Telford" as it is also known, is the UK equivalent of our National Convention. The models entered in competition number in the neighborhood of one of our well attended regional conventions. However, when the models on display at the many club and SIG stands are added to the count, a modeler's eye receives a feast of literally many thousands of models. I did not get up on the catwalk this time, so the pics below are from 2018. These two should give you an idea of the size of this show. These two pics are show one of three halls! In general, the incredible club and SIG displays are in the middle with vendors along the walls and ends of the rows.



Left: Where it all happens – the Telford International Centre. Right: Our first event was a wonderful evening of food, drinks and merriment the evening before the show with members of our incredible sister chapter and hosts IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands at the Wrecking Giant pub. Left to right: Our very own Dave Vaughn who I did not know was coming until he tapped me awake on the train from London, Tim and Barbara Barb, Carol and Mike Fleckenstein, Karen (a phenomenal figure modeler) and David Cope, and Gary (apologies I do not know his last name).

To summarize our experience, we spent two days meandering around the club, SIG, and manufacturer displays, admiring the models and talking to their builders manning the displays. Naturally, a good portion of those hours was spent visiting the huge number of “traders.” Airfix was there of course with many of their kits on display. I usually lean towards aircraft with guns and missiles on them. Among their new releases was a 1/48th Avro Anson – two built kits and the sprues on display. Training and liaison plane. Airfix has been getting better and better, but this thing takes the cake. It was amazing. Wish I would have taken pics of the sprues to show you. The only reason I did not bring one home is because my loot bag had no room left after I bought the 1/48 Buccaneer which looked as good. Tamiya was there with several new kits with sprues like the 1/48 F-35 laid out for display. If you are looking for an F-35 in 1/48 this is the one to get.



Scale Model World (continued)

All that being said, nothing about our Telford experience was greater than the hospitality we received from our sister chapter IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands. They integrated us into their display. I do not have the words to express appreciation for the extent to which the SM crew took care of us during the show.

The logistics of bringing models across the pond was too intimidating for me but not for Tim Barb. Being a figure modeler, he brought two appropriate subjects; Dr. Who and the TARDIS that were easier to carry without breakage. And yes, I know it stands for. Mike Fleckenstein brought a table that ran photos of NoVA models from past meetings and shows.

There is one final event I can think of to report. Those of you who know me will be surprised to learn I actually went to the banquet. No award ceremony (judges place simple cards at the models. Builders are on their own to go and pick up their awards— that's it). Three course meal preceded by a mixer. \$30.00. Wonderful speech by IPMS UK President Paul Regan. Here are some of the model pics from Tim and me, most are from the competition. I will let them speak their 1,000 words.

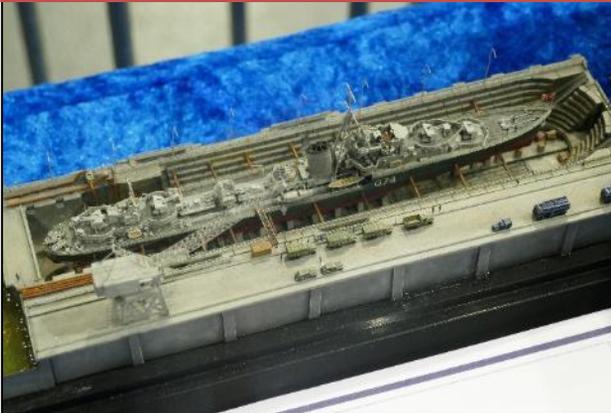




The Hurricane SIG – one of many SIG displays



Guess what this diorama depicts. BIG.



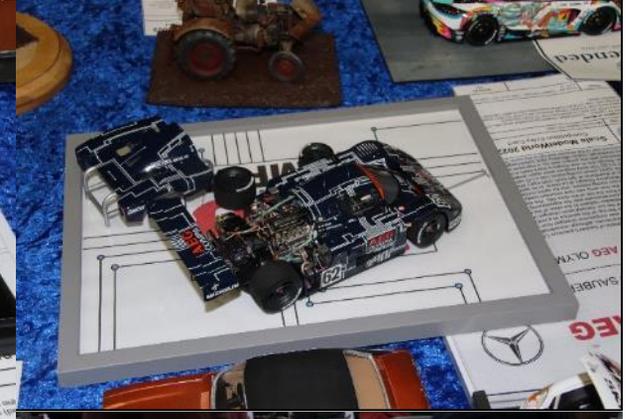


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I worked on the real Assault Breacher Vehicle program – well done.







December Meeting Program and Contest Theme

Program: Christmas Party

Contest: Family portrait. Bring a collection of the same family of subjects perhaps in different markings or variants.

Visit the club website at 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.

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14 December 2022 (**Second Wednesday**)
 IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting
 Fairfax High School
 3501 Lion Run, Fairfax VA

12 December 2022
 Washington Armor Club Meeting
 George Mason Regional Library
 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA

21 December 2022
 IPMS Northern Virginia Tips and Share Zoom Meeting

15 December 2022
 IPMS DC Meeting
 Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Rec Ctr
 13850 Travilah Rd. Rockville, MD 20850
 7:30-9:00pm

23 December 2022
 NCMSS Monthly Meeting
 Thomas Edison High School
 5801 Franconia Road
 Alexandria, VA 22310

25 February 2023
 IPMS Richmond VA Old Dominion Open
 Richmond International Raceway, Henrico Building
 600 East Laburnum, Richmond VA

25 March 2023
 BeachCon 2023 (Scheduled 1 Oct show cancelled due
 to hurricane Ian)
 General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center
 800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC

15 April 2023
 IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classic 2023
 Fairfax High School
 3501 Lion Run, Fairfax VA

2-6 August 2023
 IPMS USA National Convention
 San Marcos, TX



**2023 Old Dominion Open
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 800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC

<p>Contestants \$10.00 Unlimited number of models</p> <p>Non-Contestants \$5.00 Single Adult (18 and older) \$8.00 Family</p> <p>Juniors (17 & under) and Active Duty Military (with ID)</p> <p>FREE!</p>	<p>Model Contest Over 50 Categories</p> <p>Special Theme Award <i>Best of the Beach</i></p> <p>Please refer to Contest Rules on Website for definition</p>	<p>Award Sponsorships \$40.00</p> <p>Vendor Tables 6' Table - \$30.00 8' Table - \$40.00</p> <p>On Site Food Concession!</p> <p>Raffle</p>
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Upcoming Events

**Northern Virginia Modelers
Model Classic 2023**
Between the Wars
1920 to 1940
Saturday, April 15, 2023
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Fairfax High School
3501 Lion Run, Fairfax, VA 22030



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