

NoVa sets records with its Classic

ON APRIL 20, 2019, the Northern Virginia chapter of IPMS/USA reached new heights with the Northern Virginia Model Classic, held at Fairfax High School. We set new records in numbers of models competing, and attendance. We had a total attendance just shy of 1,000 people. This year's theme was "D-Day to the Bulge" and, for a one-day show, with 588 models competing, and close to 60 vendors, we have now exceeded some large regional IPMS/

USA shows. This was a major milestone for our chapter.

Our sponsor, the Fairfax High School Choral Boosters, gleefully provided food and refreshments for everyone. Our show is a major fundraising boost for their annual budget and they seemed to enjoy helping make our show such a record breaker. In addition, we had the very rare opportunity and honor to have in attendance a World War II veteran who participated in the

invasion of Okinawa. He was presented with a flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol building.

Work is already in progress to put together next year's show. Here is a selection of pictures that give a flavor of our chapter and the size of this amazing show.

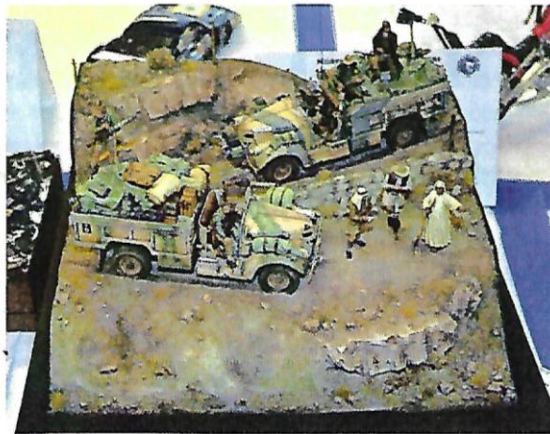
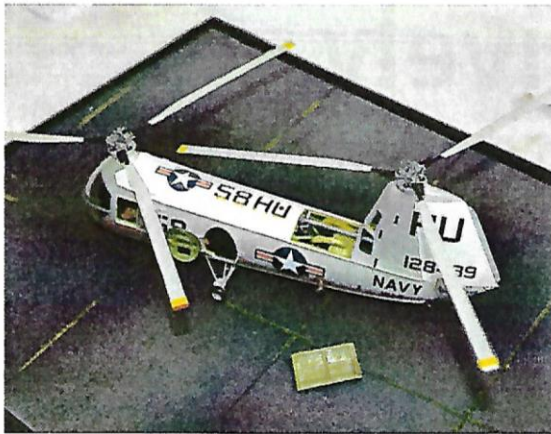
– *Walter Schlueter*

The check-in desk for Model Classic 2019 was staffed by the unstoppable team of Carol Fleckenstein, Merry Robert, Nora Figueroa, Marisol Ruiz and Donna Hosek. At right, a view of just a small part of the contest room.



A club photo taken at the 2018 holiday party shows how big NoVa is. There were 150 people at that event and that was less than half of the club members!





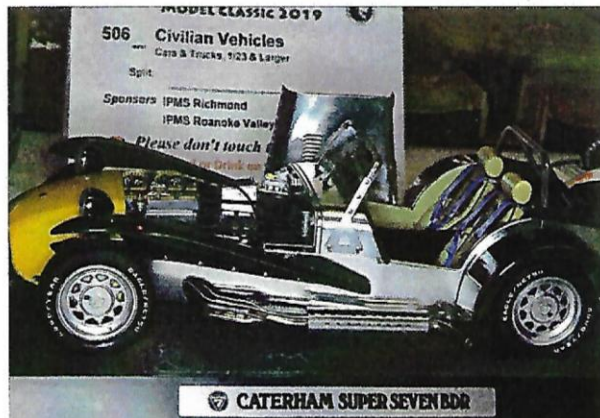
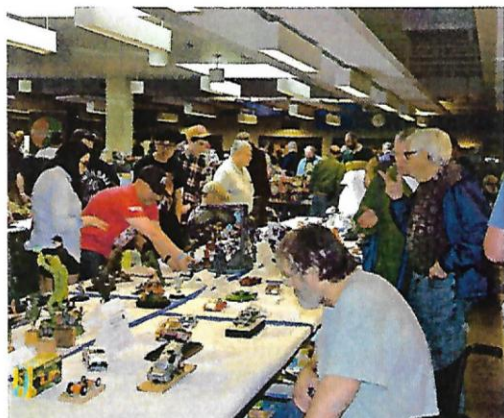
Left: Sherman Collings' Piasecki HUP helicopter was awarded Best Aircraft. Right: the diorama "British Long Range Desert Group (LRDG)" by Mike Trent was awarded Best in Show.



Maria Khramtsova's Tu-204 was the winner in the Junior (12 and Under) Category. Keith Hudson's vacuformed Supermarine S.4 claimed first in its category.



The 1:32 jett category was won by this AV-8B II+ Harrier by Haagen Klaus. Walter Schlueter's Avro Shackleton came from the 1:72 Airfix kit; he brought it so NoVa's sister chapter in the UK and their UK contact could see it.



The crowded contest room was filled with spectators all day; almost 1,000 people attended the show. At right is the Caterham Super Seven built by Mike Turco, winner of third place in the Civilian Vehicles, Cars, Trucks, 1:23 and Larger category.