

March 2019

# Newsletter



## CONTEST REPORT

# 2019 Old Dominion Open: Richmond, VA *by Mike Turco • photos by the author*

**I**f you thought last year's 800+ models couldn't be beaten, you needed to see this year's event, held on February 23. The IPMS Richmond club outdid themselves again, as their 2019 Old Dominion Open Model Show and contest was the largest in its history. Despite the cold and rainy weather that lasted all day, 213 entrants displayed 988 models, and over 700 general admission visitors attended. Add to that 60 vendors spread over 177 eight-foot tables both in the main display room and the adjacent room, the latter needed to accommodate the vendor overflow. I can't imagine there is a bigger local IPMS event in the USA.

**Among the contest's 75 categories** were a few new ones, including Sci-Fi and Spacecraft split into flying and on-the-ground models, two Gundam categories that totaled a whopping 90 entries if I remember correctly, and a category for "Automotive Rust, Dust and Junkyard" models. I have argued for years that the latter subject

is one that deserved its own category, separate from the stock car and show car categories, since it demands a unique skill set and should not be directly competing with the efforts of those modelers trying for finish perfection. I was so glad that the Richmond club established it that I sponsored its awards. Way to go, Richmond!

**Bob Cicconi and I attended** this year and came away with a few awards, listed in the table on page 3.

**The Richmond club** is a credit to the IPMS and Region 2. I urge those who haven't been to an "ODO" to plan to attend next year. Will they break the 1,000-entry barrier? Don't bet against it!

*more Old Dominion Open photos on page 3*

**NEXT MEETING**  
**March 1**

**Theme Contest**  
**"The Sixties"**

Visit the DVSM website: [www.dvsm.org](http://www.dvsm.org)

# President's Corner

by Rich Turner

**C**an't quite believe it's already March and having been out of action for a few months it feels an age since I spent any serious time planning let alone actually doing any modelling. The yoyo UK weather seems to be holding fast here on the East Coast providing for an interesting mix of hot and cold, wet and dry.

**On the subject of weather** and bad weather in particular I'll apologise in advance but I'm going to climb on my soap box and have a rant.

**As you know we cancelled** the February meeting due to snow and ice. I personally spent three hours in my truck fighting the weather and incompetent drivers to get home. You will understand that as club officers we have a duty of care to ensure that where possible we ensure every members safety and wellbeing. After consulting others I took the decision to cancel and sent out an email as early as possible to one of the current email lists that we have.

**As with all communications** of this nature it is important to point out we will not reach everybody all of the time. Most received the message but a few that did not and turned up at the club. This was unfortunate, but I will say that I was a little narked by some of the email responses we got especially when realising that one said person actually opted out of email communications! When we are in the season of bad weather I will ask that rather than shooting the messenger after the event that members are more proactive in watching for communications prior to travelling when the forecast/weather is very obviously bad.

**That being said,** I do recognise that we do need to look at a better way of communicating with our members. There is no one catch all solution, but the vehicles that we do currently have need to be more efficiently utilised, with better access to those that need it. By this I am referring to email, phone list, website, facebook and other social media platforms. For one, I see no reason why those that have an email would not wish us to receive emails from DVSM.

**In addition to above** and thinking ahead, we need a more effective way to support growth initiatives such as events and membership. Over the coming month I/we will be working on a media plan that will encompass all aspects of communication and will be shared in due course.

**Back to modelling,** I'm looking forward to this month's theme 'The Sixties' - Model in any category (auto, aircraft, armour, ship, etc.) of a subject born in the years 1960 - 69. Aircraft of pre-1960s vintage flown in the 1960s, or cars of pre-1960 vintage driven through the 1960s do NOT qualify. Same goes for all other categories.

**I look forward to seeing you** all on Friday, weather permitting!!

Rich

## THEME CONTESTS 2019

### January "The Vietnam War Era"

Model of a subject from the period of the overt U.S. action during the war, i.e., August 1964 – April 1975.

### February "It's Cold in Here"

Any build with a winter theme.

### March "The Sixties"

Model in any category (auto, aircraft, armor, ship, etc.) of a subject born in the years 1960 - 69.

### April "Classic Plastic"

Model kit in any category (auto, aircraft, armor, ship, etc.) that was issued before 1980.

### May "D-Day"

In honor of the 75th anniversary of the event, model must somehow be related to the D-Day invasion of June 6, 1944.

### June

No theme. Gold/Silver/Bronze judging.

### July "50 Shades of Grey"

Model of any subject in any category that is/was mostly grey, either in overall color or camouflage.

### August "The Axis"

Model of a subject in any category from, and/or employed by, the Axis nations in WWII.

### September "That's a New Kit!"

A build of anything from a kit that was released no earlier than 2014.

### October "Big Builds"

Any kit in the large end of its category's scale spectrum.

### November "No Big Six"

Model in any category (auto, aircraft, armor, etc.) but one that cannot be of US, British, German, Japanese, Russian or French origin.

**QUESTIONS** about DVSM's Contests should be directed to Mike Turco at [MATurco@aol.com](mailto:MATurco@aol.com)

# Old Dominion Open *by Mike Turco • photos by the author*



• *The Southern Maryland Scale Modelers did a big group build of racers at the “Talladega Turn”, but instead of cars used aircraft marked like NASCAR. Very cool!*



• *Von Braun MOONLANDER, 1952 Concept, 1st Place Real Space by Mike Turco*



• *USS Arkansas, 1944. 2nd Place, Maritime, 1/351 and Smaller by Bob Cicconi*



• *C5 Cargo Ship. 2nd Place Maritime, Civil by Bob Cicconi*



• *Caterham Super 7, 1st Place Large Scale Automotive by Mike Turco*

## Awards to DVSM Members at 2019 Old Dominion Open

Category	Model	Award	By
35 Automotive, Factory Stock, all eras	1948 Ford Convertible	2nd Place	Mike Turco
36 Automotive, 1/26 & smaller, all eras	AC Cobra 289	3rd Place	Mike Turco
37 Automotive, 1/20 and larger, all eras	Caterham Super 7	1st Place	Mike Turco
45 Automotive, Motorcycles	Ducati 888 Superbike Racer	1st Place	Mike Turco
64 Real Space & Sci-Fi, real spacecraft	Moonlander (1952 Concept)	1st Place	Mike Turco
50 Maritime, Surface, powered, 1/350+	RN Zora	3rd Place	Bob Cicconi
51 Maritime, Surface, powered, <1/351	USS Arkansas, 1944	2nd Place	Bob Cicconi
52 Maritime, Submarines	IJN I-1	3rd Place	Bob Cicconi
53 Maritime, Civil (cruise, merchant, etc.)	C5 Cargo Ship	2nd Place	Bob Cicconi



# 2019 Theme Contest *Point Standings to Date*

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Totals
Thorn, G.	5										5
Lynch, J	4										4
Turco, M.	3										3
Anderson, D.	2										2
Hoover, G.	2										2
Kopczynski, P.	2										2
Loftus, J.	2										2
Rakos, R.	2										2
Lam, S.	1										1
Rifkin, H.	1										1
Tomczak, P.	1										1

Monthly points are awarded as follows: Each person who enters a model into the theme receives 1 pt. 1st place = 4+1, 2nd = 3+1, 3rd = 2+1

## Join IPMS/USA

**Why?** The International Plastic Modelers' Society/USA, of which Delaware Valley Scale Modelers is a chapter, finances the insurance required for our monthly meetings and for model contests around the country, and offers a make and take program for young modelers. Encourage the enjoyment of modeling in all its forms: aircraft, armor, cars, ships, fantasy, figures, military or civilian, beginner or advanced, join IPMS/USA! "By Modelers, For Modelers"

**What do I give?** Adult, 1 year: \$30. Adult, 2 years: \$58. Adult, 3 years: \$86. Junior (under 18 years), \$17. Family, 1 year: \$35 (adult + \$5).

**What do I get?** A membership card with your IPMS number that entitles you to enter the IPMS/USA National Contest, plus the magazine, IPMS/USA Journal, six issues per year, featuring great models and building techniques, kit and book reviews, and activities, plus access to members-only content on ipmsusa.org.

**How?** Clip and mail the coupon in the DVSM Newsletter or the IPMS/USA brochure, see our IPMS contact, Joe Vattilana, at the next DVSM meeting, or join online at ipmsusa.org. ■

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Payment Method:  Check  Money Order

Chapter Affiliation, (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ IPMS No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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