

# Newsletter



**The  
Winners  
Circle**

**1/200 North American  
XB-70 Valkyrie  
by William Radcliffe**



## “Failures & Disasters”

*Photos by Paul Tomczak*

**F**ormer member and master modeler William Radcliffe marked his return to the DVSM fold with his flawlessly-built 1/200 North American XB-70 Valkyrie. It was great to see Mr. Radcliffe’s work back on display at our meeting and we look forward to seeing more of his small scale masterpieces. Congratulations, Bill!



# Presidents' Corner

by Rich Turner

**I**t's officially the Fall, or should I say Autumn, where has this year gone? The stores are full of Halloween and some with Christmas trees, tinsel and fake snow. All I know is that for many as the nights draw in and time at the grill is replaced with more modelling time it's the season where most of us get inspired to pick up the tools and start building.

**Over the coming months** we have some great monthly themes to get the juices flowing with 'Best and Fastest' and 'Rivals' for October and November respectively. A note to myself and others that the description as well as the theme title need to be understood and not taken in isolation else we end up with the confusion/misinterpretation of last months 'Failures and Disasters' theme. Don't forget that in addition to the 'Favourite 5' December theme we have the Pearl Harbour build.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**October 5**

**Theme Contest**  
**"Best & Fastest"**

We mentioned last month that as a follow-up event we would have a modelling evening at the November meeting, so please don't forget to bring stuff to work on and share with others.

**Thinking ahead to 2019**, we need to start thinking about monthly themes, so if you have any themes in mind please let Mike have them so we can start pulling a list together for the vote which I would like to see done in November. Also, I would like to propose one theme, which is close to my heart; June 6th being the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings, so June theme 'D-Day – a model of a picture taken during the D-Day landings'.

**See you all Friday.**  
**Rich**

**Last Saturday** we had our club modelling day at AAA Hobbies which for the first time of running went well with reasonable attendance and I think that we may well see some new members out of it. I'd like to see this become a regular fixture in the calendar that we can build upon.

## THEME CONTESTS 2018

### January "In the Thousands"

Winner: 1/48 F4F-3 Wildcat by Rich Turner

### February "The Seventies"

Winner: 1/48 F-14 Tomcat by Glenn Hoover

### March "The Vietnam War Era"

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

### April "What If?"

Winner: 1/72 X-15D by Mike Turco

### May "Watch and Listen"

Winner: "Millenium Falcon" by Richard Turner

### June No theme (Gold/Silver/Bronze Contest)

### July "Black as Night"

Winner: 1/72 X-15 by John Loftus

### August "Weather Related"

Winner: 1/48 English Electric Lightning by Richard Turner

### September "Failures & Disasters"

Winner: 1/200 XB-70 Valkyrie by William Ratcliffe

### October "Best & Fastest"

Model of a speed-record setting plane, car, ship, rocket, tank, motorcycle, etc.

### November "Rivals"

Two models of subjects that fought or competed, e.g., F-86A and MiG-15; Ford Mustang and Chevy Camaro, etc. (Two models, double points)

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

# September Display Highlights

Photos by Paul Tomczak



M2-F1 Lifting Body, 1/72, by Howard Rifkin



RMS Titanic, 1/350, by Dave Anderson



Northrop XP-79, 1/72, by Howard Rifkin



Brewster F2A-1 Buffalo, 1/72, by Paul Tomczak



Brewster F2A-1 Buffalo, 1/72, by Bob Cicconi



Brewster F2A-3 Buffalo, 1/72, by Paul Tomczak



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1965 Mustang AWB Dragster, 1/25, by Keith Jones



1963 Pontiac Tempest AWB Dragster, 1/25, by Keith Jones



1958 Edsel Pacer, 1/25, by Mike Turco



AC-119K Provider, 1/72, by Howard Rifkin



I-1 IJN Sub, 1/700, by Bob Cicconi

# September Display Highlights

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Breda BA-65, 1/72, by Bob Cicconi



Douglas DC-10, 1/200, by Scott Lam



F4U-1D Corsair, 1/32, by Jack Lynch



F-16, 1/72, by Mike Turco



Heinkel He-100D, 1/72, by Paul Tomczak



Douglas TBD Devastator, 1/72, by Paul Tomczak



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*North American X-15, 1/72, by Howard Rifkin*



*Mack Cement Mixer, 1/87, by William Ratcliffe*



*Velociraptor, by Dave Acker*



*Roman Warrior, 54mm, by Dave Acker*



*Moose, by Dave Acker*



*Lagg-5, 1/48, by Mark Webb*

# September Display Highlights

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*Horten Flying Wing, 1/48, by John Loftus*



*F4U-1D Corsair,  
1/32, by Rich Turner*



# Penncon 2018

Carlisle PA – September 15th *by Paul Tomczak*

**I had not been to Penncon** since 2014 and was determined to make the trip out to the Army Heritage Center this year. Things had changed since my last visit and the contest and vendors were now located in two rooms. I also enjoyed the increase in total vendors as well.

**I got there around 9:30 AM** and spent the first half-hour or so getting my models out and on display. I brought eight builds with me and I brought a Space 1999 Eagle as my entry into the “As seen on TV” theme. As usual the largest amounts of models could be found on the aircraft and Armor tables. There were also some nice Sci-fi and car models as well. I did not win the theme award, but my Eagle did win a Bronze medal.

**I spent** the next few hours taking my time at the vendor tables. Some interesting bargains and some of the same vendors we usually see at shows. A few DVSM members also had vendor tables as well. I think I did pretty well and came away with some models I did not expect to find. I also took advantage of Starfighter decals being there to get some needed decals. I am pleased I found a F7F Tigercat and a Monogram Huey Cobra (for \$4.00!!). The Cobra is one of the earliest kits I can remember building. I can't wait to build this one to my current standards. I did pretty good at the raffle as well, winning five times. At least now I could tell my wife I “won” all these models in the raffle and be semi-honest.

**I waited a few hours** before I started taking pictures of the models. I was able to get photos of most and I have to say there were some really great builds. I thought the judging was tough but fair. It will certainly help me with what I pick for future contests. I did not get an award for my two aircraft, but won an award for my other six models. In addition, I got the Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy award for one of my Warhammer builds. That was a pleasant surprise!

**Overall it was a fun day.** I had to make two trips to the car to carry all my models and I got some nice awards as well. Well worth the trip and hope to do it again in 2019!

**More photos on next page! ■**





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# 2018 Theme Contest *Point Standings to Date*

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Totals
Turco, M.	4	4		5	4	4	4	4			29
Turner, R.	5	4			5	1	5	2			22
Anderson, D.		3	n	4	1	3	3	3			17
Tomczak, P.	4	1	o	2	1	1	3	1			13
Hoover, G.	3	5			3						11
Loftus, J.			m			5	3	3			11
Cicconi, B.	1	2	e				4	2			9
Lam, S.	1	1	e			2	2	2			8
Bailey, E.	2	1	t		2	1	1				7
Vattilana, J.	2	2	i	2		1					7
Ratcliffe, R.			n					5			5
Kopczynski, P.	2	2	g								4
Rifkin, H.	1	1						2			4
Spix, J.				4							4
Leonetti, J.		3									3
Rakos, R.	1	1			1						3
Scheidenmantle, D.				3							3
Goschke, J.							2				2
Senner, D.		1			1						2
Schurr, G.		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

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