

August 2019

# Tactical Notes

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 16th 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting Topic: Friday Night Fight



**All IPMS/USA Nationals Issue**

**A Canuck visits the Nats**

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## President's Page

By Stu "Optimus Primer" Cox

Friday Night Fights Workshop and build session is THIS Friday, August 16 at Kyana. Uncle will be opening the workshop around 5pm.

All are welcome! Bring kits or accessories to swap and sell if you like! Club will be providing Pizza.

Saturday regular workshop will be held, normal hours.

Thank you,

President Stu(g) Cox

# Your VP Goes to the Nats

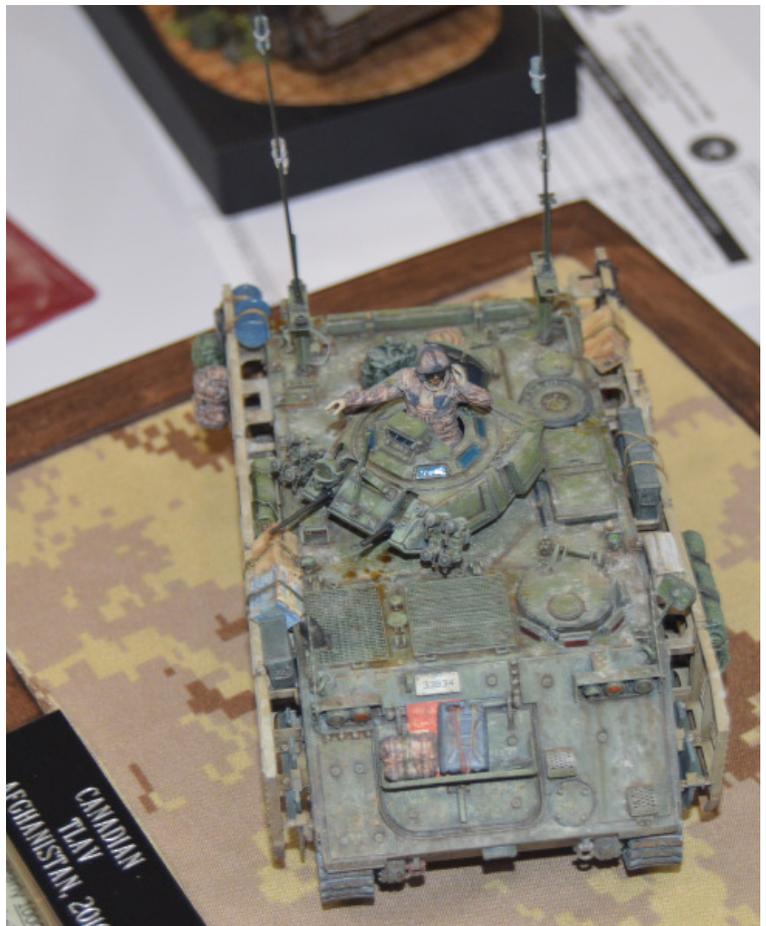
By Dr. Terry Hill

2019 National overview:

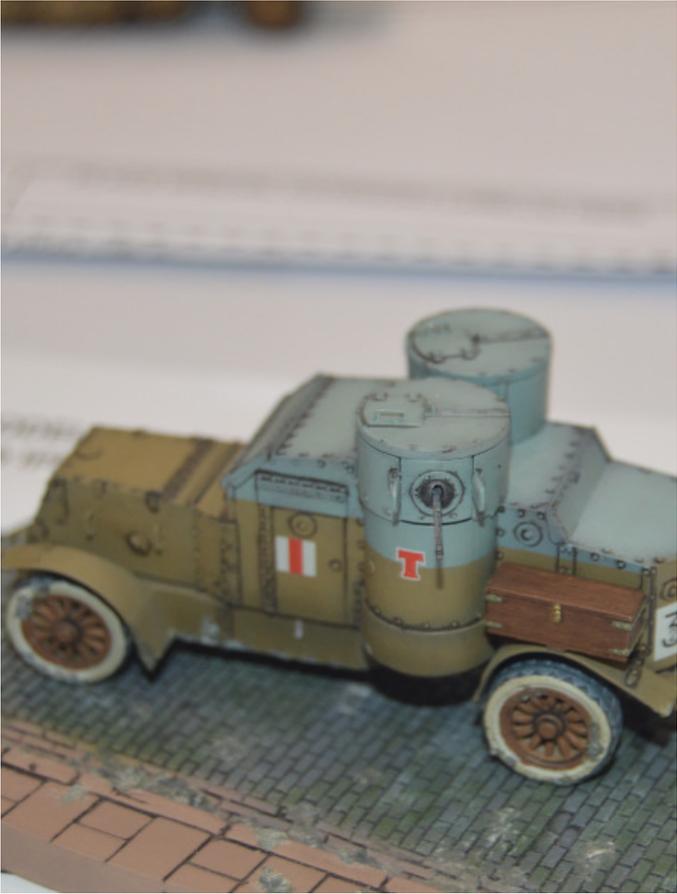
This will be my brief overview of the IPMS 2019 National contest and show this past weekend. As most of you are aware the IPMS Nats were held in Chattanooga Tn. This particular Nats was well within driving distance of Louisville and has been a greatly anticipated event. The drive was easy although about 4 and a half hours in length. The venue was the downtown Marriot and was an excellent facility. The rooms were very nice, it was quiet, clean and the hotel was overall great. There was a free shuttle that took us around the downtown area for food and sites. The show rooms were lighted, roomy, and served our needs completely.

The show was well run, organized, and as far as I can see, flawless in execution. Mike Moore and his club deserve all the credit for a job well done. I know he worked for 2 years to pull this off and it showed. There were 997 entrants and almost 5,000 entries. The largest Nats ever held. The quality of entries was top drawer all across the board. It was awesome. The vendors were great.

This has to be one if not the best Nationals I have attended and I have been to 20 Nats. If you missed it you really missed a great show. Next year it will be in San Marcos, Texas.







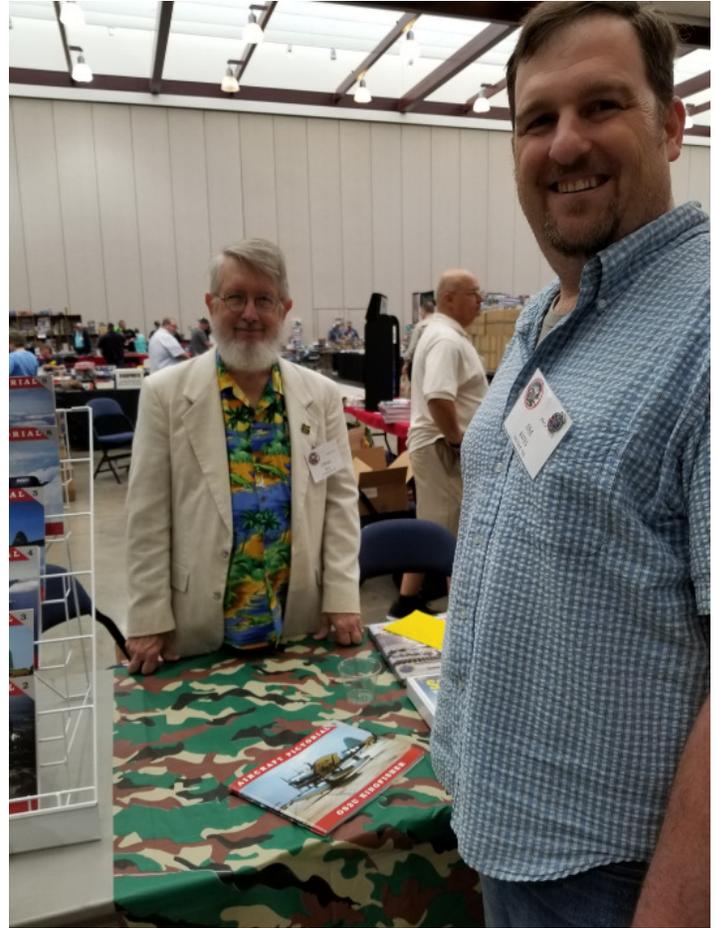
## The Cranky Canuck goes to Chattanooga

By Jim “The Cranky Canuck” Bates

The 2019 IPMS USA Nationals were held this year in Chattanooga, Tennessee. It was an excellent show and I had a great time, even though I was afraid at times that I might melt from the heat. (I’m a pale Canadian; the sun and I are not friends.) Thanks to David Knights for driving, Tim Nelson for putting up with a roommate, and all the rest of you who make the event so much fun. I love the models and the vendors, but to paraphrase Dr. David, it is the friends, discussions, and BSing that “bring me to the table.” Plus, I got some time conversing with that great sage Dana Bell.

Speaking of the vendors, I was lucky enough to get an advance copy of the Tamiya P-38... the slide into 1/48 scale continues...and as always spent a little too much time in the bars. Winner of the Best Canadian subject sponsored by IPMS Canada was Harvey Low’s excellent 1/35 TLAV, but my favorite model on the table was a 1/32 HK Models Lancaster in RCAF markings that was a display only. The quality of the models on display was stunning (I am quitting and taking up knitting) and I heard that the number of models on the table set a new record. After a great week...thanks again David...I was left penniless, inspired, and slightly overweight, awaiting a DHC-2 Beaver to return me home to my lair.

A few of the many 1/72 models that caught my eye (and Baby Groot) are pictured.







## Number 24 and the best yet!

By D.M. Knights, Editor.

Well, not really a wrap up, as I will have more to say and more pictures to post, but it is a summation of my general impression, with appropriate comments.

I've been to 24 IPMS/USA National Conventions over the years.

1985 Indianapolis, IN, 1988 Dayton, OH, 1991 St. Louis, MO, 1993 Atlanta, GA, 1995 Albuquerque, NM, 1996 Virginia Beach, VA, 2000 Dallas, TX, 2001 Chicago, IL, 2002 Virginia Beach, VA, 2003 Oklahoma City, OK, 2004 Phoenix, AZ, 2005 Atlanta, GA, 2006 Kansas City, MO, 2007 Anaheim, CA, 2008 Virginia Beach, VA, 2009 Columbus, OH, 2010 Phoenix, AZ, 2011 Omaha, NE, 2012 Disney World, FL, 2014 Hampton, VA, 2015 Columbus, OH, 2017 Omaha, NE, 2018 Phoenix, AZ, 2019 Chattanooga, TN

I've kept an informal list of my top 5 conventions, with, up to now, the number 1 convention being 1996 Virginia Beach. That is now no more. The 2019 Chattanooga convention is the clear number 1. This convention was well run, from beginning to end. Convention chairman Mike Moore and his team deserve a ton of credit. Ron Bell, the retiring president of IPMS/USA also deserves credit. When he was 2nd vice-president, the person at IPMS/USA in charge of the national convention, he made significant changes that brought stability and order to the task of putting on a convention. His changes made it much easier for a chapter to host a smooth running convention.

In no particular order, Chattanooga had a great vendors area; a well lit spacious model room which accommodated the record setting 4600+ models entered; the best lineup of seminars that I've ever seen at a convention, and a bunch of great attendees who I got to spend a ton of time around, hanging out, talking models and eating and drinking way too much. All in all this was great. If someone put a gun to my head and made me find something to criticize, I could say that the \$150 a night room rate for the convention hotel was on the steep side, but seriously, in this day and age, the time of the \$99 convention hotel room has long sense passed.

Now, one thing I want to mention. The Seattle area IPMS club had 20 members in attendance. They understand how much the Nationals experience means to modelers. While MMCL had good attendaance, given the location, so many more of our members missed an opportunity to experience the best thing in modeling. I hope you won't miss it in the coming years. Speaking of that, the Nationals in 2020 are in San Marcos TX, 2021 is in Las Vegas, NV and 2022 is back in Omaha, NE. I am already making my plans for the future. You should be too.

Bravo to everyone involved. Can't wait for this team to bid again.





## Financial Report

By Rich Guetig

**We still have money unless Rich spent it all in Chattanooga**



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