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## *February 2019 Newsletter*

*Editor: Tom Henderson*

The IPMS/Northern Virginia Modelers meeting took place on Wednesday 9 January with 84 members in attendance. The chapter grew by one member as we welcomed Victor Tambone. Chapter President Mike Fleckenstein reminded the club of two upcoming events in the near future. The first is ModelCon 2019 in Chattanooga, TN, the same location as this year's IPMS USA National Convention. Although a long drive, IPMS NoVA was represented. Chris Nicoll's show report is on page 15. The second show is the 23 February Old Dominion Open in Richmond.



*There is a good bit going on here. At the lower right corner, Walter Schlueter is signing a club member up for Build The Same Subject. Behind them another member is taking advantage of the club's IPMS member subsidy by either joining or renewing his IPMS membership. At the far end of the table and in front of Bill Strandberg discussing a modeling point with friends, you can see the Model Classic volunteer sign-up sheets. Monitoring all of the action at left is Treasurer Tim Barb.*

I received an email from Richmond asking for judges. If you plan to attend the Richmond Old Dominion Open and would like to judge please send me an email with which genre you would like to judge. I will send the list to the Richmond crew. Secretary-Historian Chris Nicoll had copies of two publications he picked up at Scale Model World (the IPMS UK National Convention). Chris set a convention show guide and a Wingnut Wings magazine on the front table for anyone to browse. Chris also offered use of his airbrush needle sharpener at the next meeting. If anyone is interested, bring your bent Iwata and H&S needle(s) to the next meeting. Chris's sharpener cannot accommodate Paasche needles.

Treasurer Tim Barb delivered the annual chapter financial brief to the membership as required by IPMS. If anyone has any questions or would like to view the detailed report, please contact Tim. Additionally, Tim reminded the membership about the IPMS membership subsidy whereby members pay only \$10 per year for their membership and the club picks up the rest. We had at least two renewals at the meeting.

Vice President John Figueroa introduced the program for the month, which was a WWI presentation by Steve Suddaby. Steve is a WWI aviation historian who periodically visits us with fascinating stories on WWI aviation from angles not usually covered in the history books. This month's presentation was about how the attitude regarding the bombing of civilians evolved from revulsion to acceptance, beginning with the 1914-1915 aerial bombing campaign. Once again the club benefited from its local access to recognized experts who are happy to present their research to us in an interesting and informative program. Another example will occur at the next meeting when our program will be a Jon Guttman presentation. Jon will also talk about WWI, focusing on aviation during the final months of the war.



*Left: Walter Schlueter (left) awarding a Master Modeler Certificate for 1/48 aircraft to Scott Bricker. Right: Taken early in the meeting, I counted 18 models in this photo. That number tripled by the end of the meeting!*

Contest Coordinator Walter Schlueter awarded Scott Bricker a Master Modeler's Certificate in 1/48 aircraft to the relief of us who enter planes into that category. Congratulations, Scott!

The 2019 BTSK is off to a rousing start. The Tornado and Halftrack subjects are proving very popular, with most of the 10 kits made available by the club already sold. Walter also presented the volunteer sign-up sheets for Model Classic and encouraged members to register for the various areas where we need help (security, contest registration, set-up and tear-down).

This month's contest was our annual "Best of", in which everyone is encouraged to bring in the model they feel was their personal best during 2018. We had an excellent turnout with 52 models competing. Our record is 54, established in January 2012.

That's it for chapter news. Our usual contest results gallery follows along with photos of all models on the contest tables, followed by Hague's Corner and wrapping up with the Chattanooga show report. Weather permitting, our next meeting will take place on 13 February. See you then.

### **If the Weather is Bad**

Winter is upon us so if the weather is bad on a meeting day pay close attention to the media for Fairfax County school closings. If the schools close on a meeting day or evening activities cancelled there will be no meeting for that month.

## Contest Winners January 2019



*Aircraft 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
He-111 by Scott Vanetten*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Ki-61 by Chris Nicoll*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
B-57G by Jim Rotramel*



*Aircraft 1/48, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
J-35B Draken by Scott Bricker*



*Armor 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Sherman ARV by Leighton Greenstreet*



*Armor 1/72, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Panther IV by Mark Miller*



## Contest Winners January 2019



*Armor 1/35, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Marder III by Leighton Greenstreet*



*Armor 1/35, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Merkava by Mark Miller*



*Sci-Fi, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
T-Rex by Chinxy*



*Sci-Fi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
MiG-37B by Tim Barb*



*Ships, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
USS Arizona by Neil Shifflett*



*Vehicles, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Holt 75 Tractor by Jim Richey*

# Contest Winners January 2019



*Vehicles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Ariane 4 by Tim Barb*



*Figures, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Navy Diver by Frank Collins*



*Figures, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Daphne's Surprise by Jeff Alger*



*Master, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Porsche 917 by Chris Bowie*



*Master, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Me-262 by Vivian Watts*



## Contest Winners January 2019 (continued)

### Best out of the Box 1/72 Spitfire IXc by Chris Nicoll



# Contest Winners January 2019 (continued)

## Best of Show 1/35 M7 Priest by Mark Schreiber





## More Models January 2019





## More Models January 2019 (continued)



## More Models January 2019 (continued)





## More Models January 2019 (continued)



# Hague's Corner

## A Shiny Object Won

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. Even though you do not see a build from start to finish, I hope you find Dick's running modeling diary as informative as I do.*

When I received the original FH-1 Phantom kits, everything on the desk got shelved for a while, including these other early rocket and jet aircraft. The models in Figure 1 are the Japanese J8M, a version of the Me-163 rocket fighter. The submarine carrying a pattern Me-163 and the plans to build it was sunk on the way to Japan from Germany. Mitsubishi was left with just a booklet on the Me-163 and maybe one of the rocket engines.

Japanese engineers did a pretty good job copying that scant info into a real aircraft. The B-29 crews flying over Japan should be thankful for the sub sinking. Had the original gone into production on a timely basis that aircraft would have been a very effective suicide rocket missile! A few years ago construction crews in Japan uncovered a Japanese built J8M in the rubble of a collapsed building. It has now been restored and is on display in Japan.

Figure 2 shows both J8Ms along with a pair of Kikkas, Japan's first jet fighter. The jet made one flight, and then suffered a takeoff accident on the second attempt. The end of the war put an end to the program. A production line had started and several more were near completion. The National Air & Space Museum has one of those incomplete ones and may someday restore it.



*Figure 1*



*Figure 2*



*Figure 3*



## Hague's Corner (continued)

Tip alert! Model props should at least turn if not spin. Here is how I made one do that. Figure 3 shows a piece of sprue glued inside the nose of a model. The left end of the sprue was heated on a lighter until it got a bit larger. Figure 4 shows a disc of plastic card glued to this enlarged left end. Figure 5 shows a piece of hollow plastic tubing that has had one end flattened after being heated. This new part will be trapped, but not glued, when the fuselage halves are glued together. The kit prop, which has a short shaft intended to be just glued to the hole in the front of the model can now be glued carefully into the tubing. Figure 6 shows part of the prop sitting in the tubing which now needs to be cut off to bring that up next to the nose. If all goes well the prop should at least turn when touched and if you do a good job it will spin.



Figure 4



Figure 5

Figure 7 shows why I didn't get much modeling done tonight as I had a very persistent visitor. I think the cold weather really bothers that injured right front leg a result of his "tom-cattling" days. Sometimes this big old cat just needs to be held like a baby, a big baby! (*As promised, Dick, ed.*)



Figure 6



Figure 7

## Hague's Corner (continued)

Figure 8 shows a decal sheet from a PV-2 Harpoon kit I got over the holidays. The Harpoon was a late WWII Navy patrol bomber, but the kit has only post-war markings when other nations acquired this very capable twin engine warplane. I think I will build the version using those yellow and green markings at the top. They would go on a gray and white Brazilian Harpoon in the immediate post war period. I think that would be a very attractive and different looking bird.

The real B-25 in Figure 9 is the exact same one I got a ride in years ago while working with the Civil Air Patrol at an airshow in Manassas. I asked the owner where he got the plane and he said it was a derelict parked at Kellogg Airport. I remembered a derelict B-25 sitting at Kellogg when I was stationed at nearby Custer AFS in 1962 and 1963. A friend of mine had taken a picture of it and gave it to me. I told the B-25 owner I thought I still had the picture and would try to find it for him. He really wanted to see it as he had not seen the plane before a ferry crew picked it up and took it away to be restored.

That night I found the picture and took it to the show and gave it to him. A little later I was passing by the area where they were selling rides and he saw me and said to the woman selling tickets to save a space for me! I found someone to take over my CAP duties a bit later and went for a ride, climbing in the back of the plane. I was able to roam around and see out of both side windows and then crawl back to the tail gunner position. Just as I was turning around to look forward the plane went over Quantico and the Potomac River before making a turn back to Manassas. What a view! I think 99% of the airplane was now ahead of me from that position. With no forward turret blocking the view I could just see the tops of heads in the cockpit. Coming back amid ship, I was next to the bomb bay wall when the pilot opened the bay doors to show the airshow crowd what that looked like. There was noise but not a whole lot of air came inside the fuselage as the bay was pretty tight. Of course I didn't have a camera but I sure got to touch, smell, and feel every bit of that great experience. I found this article on the plane in an Air Classics I was cutting up and have saved the entire article. I no longer have that picture but I think it was worth it. I contacted my friend who took the photo but unfortunately he had long ago thrown away the negatives.



Figure 8



Figure 9





## ModelCon 2019

### Host: IPMS Chattanooga Scale Modelers

*Show Report by Chris Nicoll*

This year several members of IPMS NoVA made the 8 hour drive to Chattanooga to attend ModelCon 2019. The crew included John and Nora Figueroa, Curtis and Shirley Clinton, Mark Tutton and Chris Nicoll. It was a very successful regional show, with 90 competitors and 393 models on the competition tables.

Vendors were more of the local variety, but deals were definitely there with lots of models, supplies and aftermarket items making their way back to Virginia. A very wide selection of planes, armor, ships, cars, and Sci-Fi graced the contest tables.

All of the vendor tables have been sold for the Nationals (*IPMS Chattanooga is hosting the 2019 National Convention, ed*) so this fall's show is lining up to be a successful one. The vendor list will be on the website soon.

Modelers from around the local region were the primary competitors at ModelCon. The contest tables captured the full range of models including extensive dioramas and Sci-Fi, including a huge Millennium Falcon which came from Manassas and won Best of Show! Automotive and Sci-Fi were especially hot topics with lots of terrific examples on the tables.



John, Curtis and Chris volunteered as judges. Our own Chris Nicoll brought home a silver and two bronzes. Club leaders Lynn Petty and Mike Moore run a tight ship in Chattanooga and I'm sure this will carry over into the Nationals.

The Chattanooga Nationals will have not only contest tables, but club and Special Interest Group (SIG) tables as well to try and get more models into the show. It is not a bad drive (especially when there is no snow in the forecast) and the hospitality is well worth the trip.

## February Meeting Program and Contest Theme

**Presentation: Jon Guttman "Last Month, Last Honors"** Jon's presentation will cover the aerial history of the last month of WW1

**Contest: Warsaw Pact no More** – Any vehicle from a country that was once part of the Warsaw Pact but has since left e.g. Hungary, Poland, Czech Republics, etc.

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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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 Fairfax VA 22030

**19 February 2019**  
**IPMS Washington DC Monthly Meeting**  
 Beverly Farms Elementary School  
 Potomac, MD

**27 February 2019**  
**NCMSS Monthly Meeting**  
 Thomas Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road  
 Alexandria, VA 22310

**23 February 2019**  
**IPMS Richmond Old Dominion Open**  
 Richmond Raceway Complex  
 600 E Laburnum  
 Richmond, VA 23222

**7-10 August 2019**  
**IPMS USA National Convention**  
 Chattanooga Convention Center  
 1150 Carter St., Chattanooga, TN



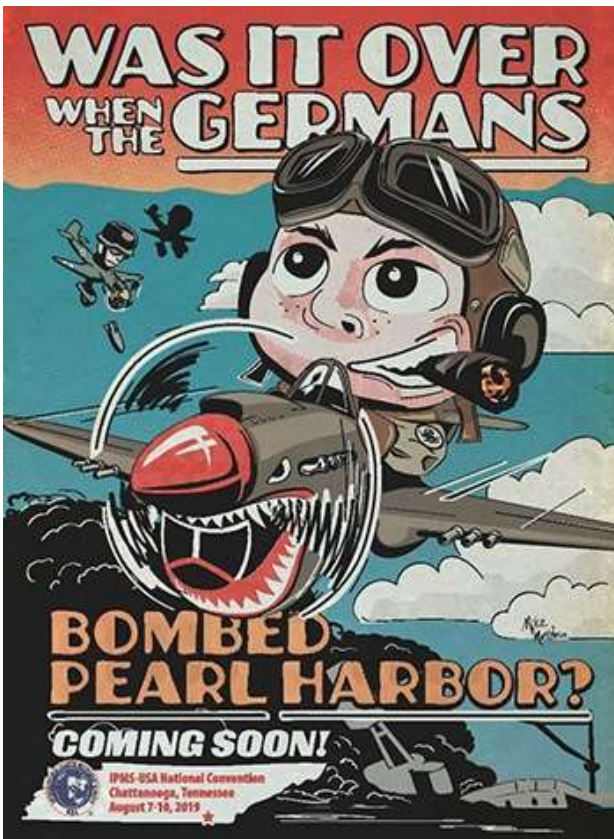
**IPMS Richmond Presents**  
**Old Dominion Open**  
 Scale Model Show and Contest  
 February 23, 2019

**Richmond Raceway Complex**  
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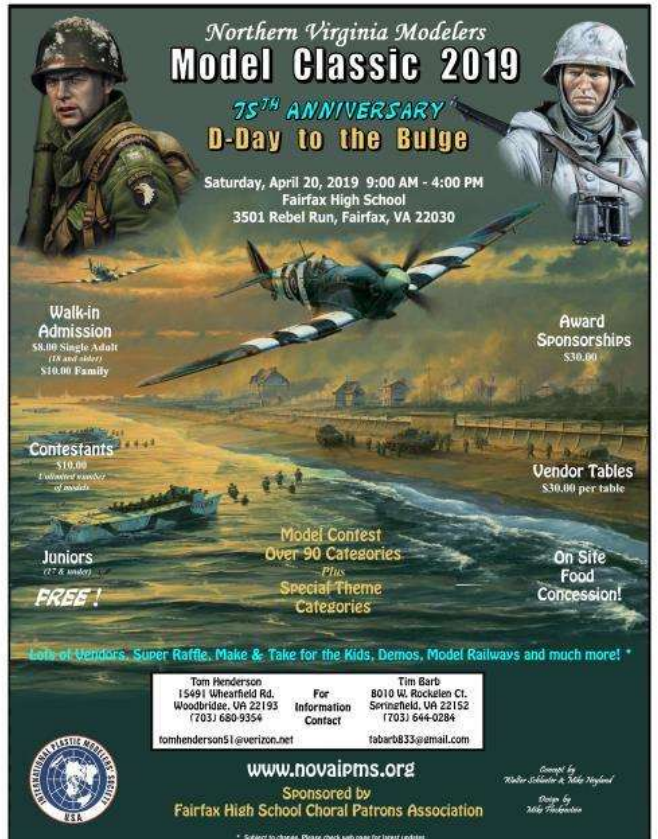
*"That's one small step for a man,  
 one giant step for mankind"*  
 Neil Armstrong  
 July 20, 1969



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**WHEN THE GERMANS**  
**BOMBED PEARL HARBOR?**

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IPMS USA National Convention  
 Chattanooga, Tennessee  
 August 7-10, 2019



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**Model Classic 2019**  
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