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January 2019 Newsletter

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The IPMS/Northern Virginia Modelers monthly meeting took place on Wednesday 5 December with a record 150 members, family and friends attending our annual Christmas celebration. The chapter welcomed new member José Luis López Ruiz. José is from Spain and will be with us for a few months while in the states on assignment from his company. He is a world class armor modeler who has also written a few books on armor building and finishing.

The December meeting was our annual Christmas celebration and celebrate we did. Chapter Vice President John Figueroa and wife Nora did a masterful job pulling together a Red Hot and Blue BBQ feast along with Domino's Pizza, Popeye's Chicken, and a salad. Dessert items were courtesy of the membership. We all lined up, loaded up, ate and spent some quality time among family and friends. No one and I mean no one went home hungry.

Two important events took place during the meeting; the group photo and announcement of the 2018 Member of the Year.



Our 2018 member of the year is Dick Hague. Dick's well deserved Member of the Year (MOY) award is due not only for his Hague's Corner contribution to the newsletter. He is the most prolific builder we have, often bringing several models to a meeting while cheerfully explaining techniques used to build them to fellow modelers. Especially appreciated is Dick's willingness to reveal the identity of some of the obscure airplane models he brings in to a newsletter editor who will go unnamed. Congratulations, Dick!



After the group photo, member of the year award, and dinner, attention turned to our annual build the same subject (BTSS) contest. We had a good number of Mirages but not so many Bradley Fighting Vehicles. That being said, the BFVs that did appear were awesome, one of which took Best of Show (Nelson Kee for his astonishing 1/35 Bradley which also won the 1/48 armor category). Chris Nicoll took first place with his 1/72 BFV against stiff competition - it was the only entry. Nevertheless it was a first class build. In 1/72 aircraft first place went to Vivian Watts for his Spanish F1C. Jim Fitzgibbons took second with a Mirage III. In 1/48 aircraft Scott Bricker took first place with his Israeli Shahak reconnaissance Mirage while Jeff Alger took second with a very colorful Mirage. The Build the Same Subject kits for 2019 will be announced by Contest Coordinator Walter Schlueter and be available for purchase.

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.



IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers December 2018 Monthly Meeting (con't)

The final event of the meeting was the traditional gift exchange. Participants brought a wrapped kit and received a ticket from Raffle Coordinator Mike Poreda. Mike dumped all of the tickets into a large jug, then drew them one by one. Each ticket holder picked a package and waited. When all of the tickets had been called, we opened the packages, followed by an exchange process involving anyone who did not like what they unwrapped and hoped to exchange it with another modeler. Conclusion of the gift exchange and final farewells meant the end of another enjoyable NoVA Christmas celebration.

The contest photo gallery is next, followed by this month's installment of Hague's Corner. The final article is a Floyd Werner review of the new Japo book about RAF Coastal Command B-24s. See you at our next meeting on 9 January 2019. To our sister modeling clubs, from our modeling family to yours, we hope you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year.



Treasurer Tim Barb (l) and John Stevens happily consented to a surprise candid photo



Tom Dunbar (l) and Kevin Grantham also kindly put up with the photographer



Chapter President Mike Fleckenstein brought along his neighbor and band mate Bruce Clark who did double duty shooting the group photo



Kit swap before.....



Chase Bricker just heard his ticket called for the gift exchange



Kit swap after. Holding them up in the air means "anyone want to swap?"

Contest Winners December 2018



*Aircraft 1/72, 1st Place
Mirage F1C by Vivian Watts*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2nd Place
Mirage III by Jim Fitzgibbon*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1st Place
Israeli Shahak by Scott Bricker*



*Aircraft 1/48, 2nd Place
Mirage J2201 by Jeff Alger*



*Armor 1/72, 1st Place
Bradley Fighting Vehicle by Chris Nicoll*



*Armor 1/35, 1st Place
Bradley Fighting Vehicle by Nelson Kee*

Contest Winners December 2018 (continued)

Best of Show 1/35 Bradley Fighting Vehicle by Nelson Kee



Models December 2018



Hague's Corner

Banshee Adventure

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.

Tip Alert 1 (Figures 1-3). Another use for toilet paper! Let's say you are trying to finish a model and the paint you just opened is all dried out and the nearest hobby shop is fifty miles away or six days via email! Only you can prevent dried up paints and it starts when you first start painting! After you've torn off at least ten sheets of paper, only then open the container. Take one sheet and wipe off the rim. Use a second, sometimes even a third, to wipe off the lid. For dried paint that is on the lid put some lacquer thinner on it and let it soak a few minutes and then clean it off. Use a brand of toilet paper that doesn't leave lots of little paper particles up in the air. Tear off a sheet or two in front of your light. If there are many pieces use another type. You have enough things trying to mess up your painting!



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

Tip Alert #2 (Figures 4-6). Don't waste that paint you just saved from drying up by painting your hands trying to hold parts! Parts that are no longer attached to the sprue can be stuck to a piece of tape on the bottom of a plastic cup. Pick the cup up instead! For those parts you have painted by hand and are still on the sprue, have a second clean brush and open thinner so you can wipe off the slips onto the other side caused by your shaky hand! Dip the brush into the thinner but



Figure 4



Figure 5

blot it on a piece of that great toilet paper nearby and then wipe off the slip with the brush. Then wipe off the brush before dipping it back in the thinner. Repeat until the part looks okay.



Figure 6.



Figure 7.

Tip Alert #3 (Figure 7). Need to match some paints to a decal for some touchups? Use these homemade color chips to see if you have something that works. Do this either outside or where you have lights that don't affect colors.

Tip Alert #4 (Figure 8). Don't worry, they don't feel a thing because of the paint fumes. It is a lot easier to paint these little guys like this, and you can put them down without holding them a long time to dry. For another reason, read Tip #2 again.



Figure 8.

Tip Alert #5 (Figures 9 and 10). The figures show a handy product (scotch tape) and at least one use! Let me know if you have others and I'll pass them on....maybe.



Figure 9.



Figure 10.

Tip Alert #6 (Figure 11). Don't be afraid to write on your models with a soft pencil, at least if you are trying to show where the paint should go. Paint the lighter color up to the line and the darker color over it. Any other writing on it, well, just make sure that it is your model first.



Figure 11.

Tip Alert #7 (Figure 12). Use an "iron bird." Back when I was working for an aerospace company we had a full sized mockup of a complicated engine installation. While you might have to make many modifications you really don't want to be cutting and splicing on the real thing, and sometimes doing it in plastic is good too! Here, and sorry you can't see better, but some multi part landing gear parts are being held without gluing to the wing, of a model that's not painted or anything and can be used to hold the gear parts in alignment that are being glued together. That blue Banshee in the background caused me enough trouble getting the old decals on that the risk having a glue soaked gear part fall on something was unacceptable! You don't need an entire model, just the right parts of one. Here the other kit was well, just handy!



Figure 12.

B-24 Liberator in RAF Coastal Command Service With Focus on Aircraft of No. 311 (Czechoslovak) Squadron RAF by Pavel Turk and Miloslav Pajer *Review by Floyd Werner*



I must say I was impressed with this book from the outset. The quality of the book and the material contained inside is typical JaPo. The title looks like it is only about Czechoslovak No.311 Squadron, but this book is about a whole lot more.

The B-24 was the most produced American airplane in WWII. Its use by Coastal Command is better known in England but not so well known in the US. The use of the Liberator as a precision bomber in the US was overshadowed the vitally important mission of U-Boat patrol. This book fills that void.

JaPo is well known for packing their books with a plethora of information, and this one is no different. There are 320 pages of text, photos and color profiles. There are 550 photos with a number of them in color. The 70 color profiles are really impressive and show the differences in turrets, radar, antennas and anti-shipping ordnance.

There is a breakdown by each squadron, with notes and highlights, including hand drawn mission notes from attacks against U-boats. The unique markings and squadron codes are interesting. The quality of the photos is exceptional. I was quite impressed with the rocket attacks by Liberator BZ723 which sank a U-Boat with rockets and guns. It is a perfect example of the level of detail used throughout the book. The book includes the aircraft profile, and a description of the attack to include drawings and photographs. The aircraft's return to Czechoslovakia is also covered. The B-24 is seen in interesting Czech markings while being handed over to the fledgling Czech Air Force.

Appendices in the back cover the entire list of B-24s in the Czech Squadron. The appendix has an interesting chart covering the armament, radar and codes for every aircraft where known. For the modeler there is even a color plate that explains the camouflage schemes.

Liberator B. Mk. III FL993 "LB", No. 111 (C) OTU, Bahamas, 1944



Liberator B. Mk. III BZ762 "LO", No. 111 (C) OTU, Bahamas, 1944



Liberator B. Mk. III BZ762 "LO" (No. 111 (C) OTU) in the Bahamas. The USAAF assigned the Liberator to the 111 (C) OTU on 2nd April 1944. It arrived at Fort...

Liberator B. Mk. III BZ762 "LO" (No. 111 (C) OTU) in the Bahamas. The aircraft carried a standard RAF camouflage...



A full crew of Liberator BZ762 "LO". A full crew of Liberator BZ762 "LO" (No. 111 (C) OTU) in the Bahamas. The aircraft carried a standard RAF camouflage...

Liberator G.R. Mk. V BZ716 "PPOM", No. 311 Sqn. RAF, Tain, 1945



Liberator G.R. Mk. V BZ716 "PPOM" (No. 311 Sqn.) in the Bahamas. The aircraft carried a standard RAF camouflage...

Liberator G.R. Mk. V, RAF s/n BZ716, "PPOM" (No. 311 Sqn.) in the Bahamas. The aircraft carried a standard RAF camouflage...

A new Liberator was allotted to No. 33 Squadron on 10th May 1943 and was taken over by No. 33 Squadron on 10th July 1943...

Liberator G.R. Mk. V, RAF s/n BZ716, "PPOM" (No. 311 Sqn.) in the Bahamas. The aircraft carried a standard RAF camouflage...

December 1943 already said and only inspected and rebuilt when at SAI, after 17th February 1944. Normal Aviation Ltd. was ordered to hand the plane over back to...



Liberator G.R. Mk. V BZ716 "PPOM" (No. 311 Sqn.) in the Bahamas. The aircraft carried a standard RAF camouflage...



January Meeting Program and Contest Theme

Presentation: Steven Sudaby "Aerial Bombing 1914-1915: Crossing the Rubicon with Baby Steps" Steven shows, through the events of 1914-1915, how European power attitudes "crossed the Rubicon" from being against bombing of civilians before WWI to acceptance by WW2.

Contest: Best of 2019: Bring the model you feel is the best one you built during 2018. It does not have to have been in the contest during the year. Fill up the tables!

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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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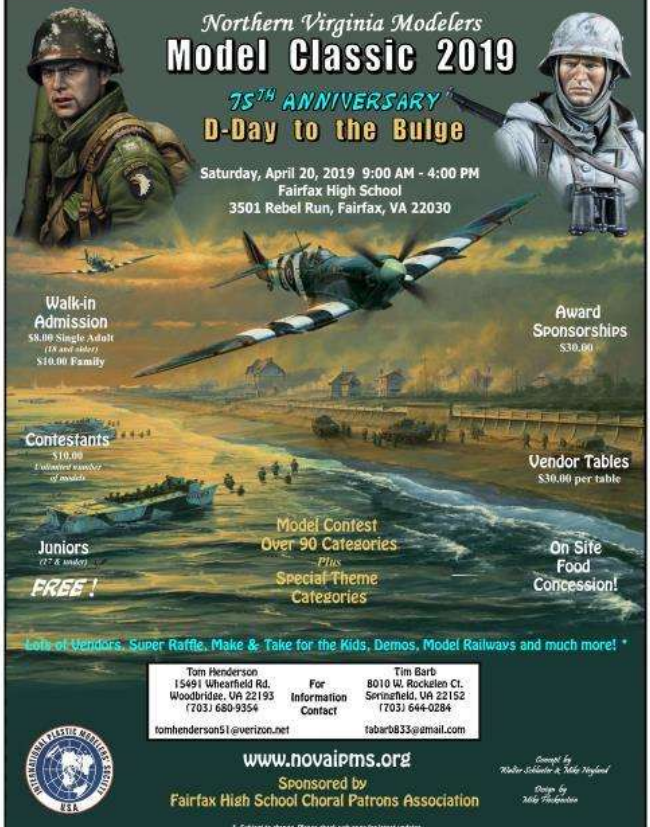
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small step
for a man,
one
giant step
for mankind"*
—Neil Armstrong
July 21, 1969



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