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June 2019 Newsletter

Editor: Tom Henderson

Acting President John Figueroa started the May meeting by welcoming the 63 people who attended with no new members this month. John noted that that Acting Vice President Chris Nicoll had the club roster file open on his computer so updates can be made on the fly. He encouraged the membership to see Chris during the break and update any new information, especially IPMS numbers and expiration dates which are important for the chapter re-chartering process at the end of the year.

Master modeler José Luis López conducted another master class the previous weekend which was another success as evidenced by the 1/48 Sherman tanks on the contest table. John reminded everyone to check the website on a routine basis for information on upcoming meeting dates. Our next meeting is June 12, the second Wednesday of the month.



Acting President John Figueroa making his opening remarks while Acting VP Chris Nicoll, with laptop open, Treasurer Tim Barb and Acting Secretary/Historian Walter Schlueter await their turn to address the membership.

Treasurer Tim Barb presented a brief financial summary of Model Classic 2019. Thanks to the outstanding sponsorship support from our sister chapters, the membership, and a great vendor turnout we had a very successful show. The chapter will be able to finance its activities for the next year. We had to pay more for the facility this year because the cost of janitorial services increased. Tim reminded the group of our IPMS-USA membership subsidy. Club members pay \$10 for each year of membership and the club covers the rest.

Tim also reminded everyone about the Northern Virginia Maker Faire which will take place 2 June at George Mason University from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Our plan is to have all types of models displayed and hopefully people building some kits as well. Location is the JC Atrium at George Mason University in Fairfax. At present we have a sufficient number of volunteers. However we have eight free passes for people to visit the show. The Maker Faire is an excellent opportunity to show our hobby off to the public. If you are interested in one of the free guest tickets or are interested in joining the volunteer force in case someone has to cancel contact Tim Barb. Contact information for Tim is on page 17.



Left: Meet Brady Stephenson, the youngest graduate of José's master class. When Brady walked in the room there was some concern that Jose's class, aimed at adult modelers with some experience, would be lost and over his head. Brady rapidly put that concern to bed once things got started. Armor guys - watch out!

John Figueroa then presented a brief presentation on how the National Convention is shaping up. After speaking with the Convention chairman and his deputy at Model Classic, John gave us a rundown of themes, attractions, and the potential excursions. He also announced there will not be a banquet in conjunction with the awards ceremony. Our Chattanooga hosts decided to let everyone enjoy the local cuisine with so many nice restaurants close to the convention center. Skip desert because there will be an ice cream social just prior to the awards ceremony. A couple of questions regarding the show were asked such as would the contest room be open during the time that the banquet would have occurred. Our understanding is it will not be open until after the awards ceremony. Next month John will have a brief showing various attractions in Chattanooga. Additional information on the National Convention is on page 4.

Secretary/Historian, Walter Schlueter reminded everyone to vote for the contest during the break. Switching gears to Build the Same Subject (BTSS), Walter announced all of the club purchased kits are sold out. If anyone would like to procure a kit through the club for the annual BTSS contest, let Walter know very shortly because with enough requests we may be able to procure another batch.

Doug Carl from the Washington Armor Club announced that the next WAC meeting is on Saturday 4 May, 2PM to 5PM at the Thomas Jefferson Library in Falls Church, VA. I know, too late for May but the WAC meets in different locations, switching between Maryland and Northern Virginia venues so check their website as well as our upcoming events column at the end of the newsletter for dates and locations .

Dick Hague let everyone know about the Manassas airshow scheduled for the weekend after the meeting. Check out Dick's after action report in Hague's Corner. Another member talked about the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum airshow scheduled for 8 June.

The program was great especially for Tomcat fans as it was part two of Haagen Klaus's history of the F-14 test program and experimental developments of the famous jet. After Haagen's presentation the meeting wrapped up with Walter's announcement of the contest winners followed by Mike Poreda and the monthly raffle.

I owe Mike Fleckenstein a world of thanks for running the newsletter these past two months while I was swamped with work. Our next meeting is June 12, which is a second Wednesday. A National Convention summary is next followed by the photo gallery of the models that attended the meeting. Hague's Corner starts on page 11. John Figueroa's report on the Maryland Automotive Modelers Association {MAMA) Nameless National Luminaries (NNL) show completes the May issue. See you on 12 June.



Haagen Klaus delivers his highly informative presentation on the history of the F-14 test program, highlighting the several unique test variants that flew during the Tomcat's career. At lower left, John Figueroa presents a NoVA medallion of thanks to Haagen for taking the time to put together and deliver his presentation. Thanks, Haagen!

About the 2019 IPMS National Theme

“Was it Over When The Germans Bombed Pearl Harbor?”

By IPMS/AMPS/Chattanooga Scale Modelers Association

Editor's Note: Well yeah, doesn't everybody know the Germans did it? At John Figueroa's suggestion (AFTER I had this issue finished and put to bed, by the way) I lifted this page from the May edition of "The Plastic Whittler" which is the Chattanooga Chapter Newsletter. If anyone is a bit mystified as to what the theme is all about, here is a full explanation from the hosts themselves. Hmm, maybe an airliner in Navy colors with cool CAG markings and a tail hook. It was a good suggestion, John 😊

Just in case you don't know the classic Animal House movie reference you should review the attached movie clip first!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVY7w9DqZ_A

Our Theme for the 2019 IPMS National Convention is the intersection of several things.

First - We could tell you that “As serious **accuracy obsessed modelers** we are appalled at the lack of historical education in today's youth.....” And if time permitted I could tell you stories such as the one about the clerk at Staples who was printing a batch of our flyers and scratched his head and said “I thought it was the Japanese...” Note - Our guys are just as fanatical about accuracy as any other modelers and we have the utmost respect for our Pearl Harbor veterans.

Second – There are a lot of modelers who no longer have fun with their hobby. They suffer from Advance Modelers Syndrome. The theme is a way of putting a level of fun back into the convention.

Third – Like the Delta's our club is just a bit unconventional. We're trying to spark interest by tipping our hat at being slightly unconventional and doing things just a bit different from the normal IPMS National Convention. Some of those things are the economical dessert reception instead of a full blown banquet on the closing night. By doing that we're working to be more inclusive of all who come to the convention. We're also encouraging display only models and specially asking for previous award winners to bring their models back for viewing by all. So far the unconventional aspect of the show seems to be paying off! The numbers are looking like we'll have a very special convention! We have a record number of vendor tables reserved!

There are hundreds of categories for the contest portion of the convention as per the norm. The bulk of the contest portion of the convention will be identical to the typical IPMS Nationals. We also have a few theme and special awards (D-Day, Wrecker's Ball, Make-A-Wish, etc.) that are intended to cater to the historical accuracy and craftsmanship aspects of the contest in selected special theme veins. But yes we also have one theme award of “Was it Over When the Germans Bombed Pearl Harbor” award. Open to interpretation? You bet it is!!! That's the point of that one! Hypothetical – Humorous – Something that is just “Wrong.” All we ask is that the person entering for that theme award explain the connection.

Be sure to visit the 2019 Nationals Website for more details

<http://www.ipmsusanationals.com/>

I want to encourage all to bring several of your outstanding models either to enter the various categories or put in the “Display Only” portion of the model room!

Contest Winners May 2019



*Aircraft 1/72, 1st Place
IL-76MD by Sergei Gural*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2nd Place
RF-101C by Walter Schlueter*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1st Place
F-9 Panther by Pat Brown*



*Aircraft 1/48, 2nd Place
T-38A by Daniel Bowers*



*Armor 1/35, 1st Place
KV-1 by Mikkel Petrich*



*Sci-Fi, 1st Place
Vostok 8 by Mikkel Petrich*

Contest Winners May 2019 (continued)



*Sci-Fi, 2nd Place
Planetary Explorer by Tim Hosek*



*Figures, 1st Place
Steve Canyon by Brian Nicklaus*



*Master, 1st Place
J7W2 Shinden by Dick Hague*



*Special, 1st Place
Me-263 by Frank Koval*



*Special, 2nd Place
P-65 by Dick Hague*

Contest Winners May 2019 (continued)

Best out of the Box F-6D Missileer by Jim Rotramel



Best of Show Stug IV Diorama by Pat Brown



More Models at the May Meeting



More Models at the May Meeting



Hague Tip

Need another modeling aid on your workbench? Here is a container you can use to close up those small parts that would fall out of the hated end opening box. Ideally it would fit into that box to also give it a bit more strength to keep it from getting crushed, the two main complaints against the end openers.



Hague's Corner

Manassas Air Show, 4 May 2019

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. One of the messages Dick recently sent to his readers a short summary of the Manassas Air show on 4 May so this is a 1 to 1 scale airshow report. Dick volunteered to work the airshow where he talked to visitors about a B-25 nose section on display.

I don't know what was hotter, the exhausts of the two dueling Czech L-39's or my feet, but I'm sure both would show up on an infrared scan! I saw less of the air performers and static displays than I did the day of the rehearsal as I spent most of the day on the back of or beside the B-25 nose shown in the first two pictures. Those two pictures were actually taken last year as I couldn't get a clear shot when I was in picture taking mode.



Hague's Corner (continued)

We definitely need to teach history in a more interesting way in our schools. I found that people of all ages responded with interest as I talked about the B-25 and its deeds. About half of the people remembered the recent news that Dick Cole, the last Doolittle crew member had passed away. One of the large pictures at the display depicted the B-25s on the Hornet's flight deck with a lone B-25 taking off. What really impressed the visitors was when pointed to the right side and tell them that Dick Cole was sitting in the copilot's seat of that B-25!

I also had another surprise for the people who saw the movie Forever Young. When I told them this was the very same B-25 cockpit they watched Mel Gibson crash in at the start of the movie they were almost as excited as if they were meeting Mel himself! This came at the end of my presentation explaining the tortured career of this particular aircraft and its survival. Learning the history of this B-25 really nailed it as it connected them personally with the B-25 in a way they won't forget!



Hague's Corner (continued)

Additionally, once I had a captive audience I had to tell of my own experience building a model B-25, to include painting that devil's yellow color on the prop tips before finding out the Doolittle Raiders prop tips were not yellow. After all the trouble painting those tips I wasn't about to repaint them and sought another paint scheme to complete the model.

I then pointed out all the yellow painted prop tips on the C-54 and TBM around us and was somewhat surprised at how few knew why that was done. That pointed out the very good reason people should get safety briefings before entering an active flight line which of course this was not. The reason for the unpainted B-25 tips was another opportunity to give a short history lesson which I think the younger folks really liked.

While I did not get to roam around Saturday I did manage to get a shot of the rear inside of the TBM and of how the gun turret looks from underneath. There were many other aircraft on static display that I didn't record with my little camera but I did get that great shot of the Marine standing on top of the C-53 rotor head taking pictures of the show.

I can't wait to do this again in 2020!



Maryland Automotive Modelers Association NNL

11 May 2019

By John Figueroa



Front: Mark Tutton. Back row (Left to right) Grant Berry, Joe Bles, Jim Ritchie, John Figueroa, Nora Figueroa, Steve Dumain

The Maryland Automotive Modelers Association (MAMA) – Mid-Atlantic Nameless National Luminaries (NNL) show and contest was held on Saturday 11 May 2019 in Severna Park, Maryland. Nora and I arrived to find that Northern Virginia Modelers was well represented at the show. Several NoVA members made the short and scenic trip to Severna Park for this fine event. If you have never attended an NNL event, it's a little different than your typical IPMS show in that it features only scale model cars and trucks and has a unique judging paradigm, more on that later.

Although it's distinct, it's also fun to step outside of the usual IPMS trappings. And the workmanship takes a back seat to no one. The tables were packed with beautifully crafted kits. Some of the kits brought me back to my days as a young boy drooling over a Shelby Cobra or a 1930 Packard.

The NNL story is interesting in itself, one automotive modeling blog reports it this way:

The birth of the NNL was a backhanded slap at Mark Gustavson and his attempts to create a national model car contest known as the FIMCC - the First Invitational Model Car Championship, scheduled to be held in Omaha, Nebraska April 11-13, 1980. Mark readily admits that his lack of experience and youthful arrogance resulted in the cancellation of the contest, but he lashed out at the "big name" modelers from the old MPC contests for a perceived lack of support for his efforts to launch a premier juried model car contest.

The FIMCC was stillborn and never got off the ground. Fueled by his embarrassment and in spite of his own (admitted) lack of judgement, Mark used his Putty Thrower column in the fledgling modeling magazine Scale Auto Enthusiast to lash out at "those national luminaries who shall remain nameless" for not supporting his proposed national contest.

Many modelers thought Mark's comments to be rather pompous, so three guys in Toledo, Ohio - led by old MPC legend Tom Woodruff - held a casual get-together in the garage of Tom's home in the summer of 1980 just to hang out and look at models, without judges or a competitive atmosphere. They called it the Nameless National Luminaries or NNL. The idea was to hold a show that was the antithesis of what many perceived as GSL's "best of the best", tightly juried, anal-retentive judging. The Toledo boys had a non-competitive model show with no judging, just a popular vote for Best in Show.

The Toledo show grew in popularity, particularly for modelers who were intimidated by the nerve-wracking world of top shelf competitive modeling, and over the last twenty-five years the format has gradually spread to other locales. Today both contest formats have grown and established its own niche in the automotive modeling culture. The Toledo NNL is still the Granddaddy, but the big east coast NNL in New Jersey is the largest model contest in the country (in terms of number of entries), and Birmingham and the West Coast shows also draw well, showcasing extraordinary work from modelers who might not enter a juried competition.

The Great Salt Lake International Model Car Championship is without question the pinnacle of scale automotive modeling in the competitive arena, and regularly draws the cream of the crop in modeling talent and miniature automotive works of art.

To this day, NNL does not use dedicated judges and the people attending the show vote for the best entry in each category and for the best in show.

The vendors were varied ranging from guys thinning their stashes to handmade resin and metal accessories to dress up an engine. Prices were good with many deals to be had. I went home with a Moebius Models 1952 Hudson Hornet that I picked up for \$25 and a bunch of ignition wires, battery cables and pre-wired distributors. If you are looking for something different, a little off beat, and definitely a lot of fun, I can highly recommend an NNL show.



June Meeting Program and Contest Theme

Presentation: Vince Mankowski "Dioramas, Vignettes: Composition, Balance, and Execution."
Vince will discuss how to plan, lay out, balance and compose settings for our models and simple techniques for groundwork & bases.

Contest: D-Day. Any D-Day marked vehicle.

Visit the club website at www.novaiipms.org and join the club Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/novaiipms>

Both locations will allow you to access the monthly Contest/Program Schedule as well as information about IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers.

We're also on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northern-Virginia-IPMS>

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* Mike Fleckenstein stepped down as President in March due to a conflicting weekly commitment on our meeting nights. Mike will continue to administer our Website, Roster and his responsibilities as a key leader for Model Classic. Thanks to Mike for his 6 years service as Vice President and 2 as president. John Figueroa, Chris Nicoll and Walter Schlueter are serving in their acting positions as shown above until we conduct an interim election in November.

Upcoming Events

8 June 2019

Washington Armor Club Monthly Meeting

US Department of Agriculture Facility
Beltsville, MD
Gather at the parking lot of strip mall along US Route 1 in Beltsville (about 05.mile north of Capital Beltway) at the PETCO Animal Supply [address is 10464 Baltimore Avenue] at 9:45am, then depart via personal car convoy at 10am to the back gate of the USDA facility, then to Building 005. The meeting generally lasts about two hours. If individuals arrive late, they can park in the parking lot and walk to Building 005 and knock on the windows on the west side, we are in the conference room.

12 June 2019 (2nd Wednesday)

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting

Fairfax High School
3501 Rebel Run
Fairfax VA 22030

18 June 2019

IPMS Washington DC Monthly Meeting

Beverly Farms Elementary School (BFES)
8101 Postoak Road, Potomac, MD

26 June 2019

NCMSS Monthly Meeting

Thomas Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA 22310

7-10 August 2019

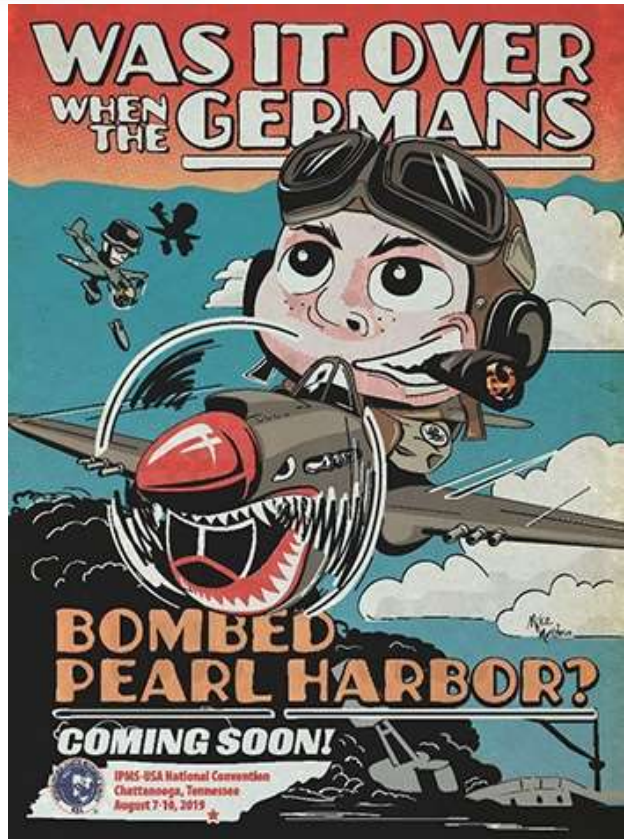
IPMS National Convention

Chattanooga Convention Center
1150 Carter St., Chattanooga, TN, 37402

21 September 2019

PENNCON 2019

Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center
2634 Emmitsburg Rd, Gettysburg, PA, 17325



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