

Newsletter



**The
Winners
Circle**

**“Classic
Plastic”**

**Monogram 1/48
Chance-Vought
OS2U Kingfisher
by Glenn Thorn**

Our April “Classic Plastic” theme winner was Glenn Thorn with his excellent build of Monogram’s 1/48th scale Kingfisher. Released in the mid-1960s, this kit was a highly-anticipated addition to Monogram’s stable of other quarter-inch scale Navy aircraft. The Kingfisher, however, was free of the toy-like “operating” features like folding wings and

dropping bombs of those earlier releases. Glenn’s build was carefully weathered to represent an aircraft that had seen lengthy service aboard ship. Well done, Glenn!

**NEXT MEETING
May 3**

**Theme Contest
“D-Day: 6/6/44”**



President's Corner

by Rich Turner

Has the IPMS had its day?

Another month of contemplation but my modelling bench, after reclaiming ownership, does at least have a clutter of tools and paint as I restarted work on my Lancaster scratch build.

This week I read an article by Michael Benolkin, titled 'Is the IPMS (USA) Dying?' An interesting article and very much in line with my current thoughts which I translated as a question more about the hobby rather than the Society itself. However, you could argue they are the same.

We can read that 1 in 5 chapters do not renew their membership or have resorted to meeting in the back booth of McDonalds due to only having 5 members. The average age of IPMS "club" members in the US is that of Social Security Age. Another model shop closes and the list of depressing "facts" goes on and on. Does this mean that the hobby has indeed had its day, superseded by technology and other new distractions? Do people not model anymore, are younger modellers simply not taking up the hobby, are shops going out of business simply because they have no trade? I don't think so...

In part this is true, how many kids model with their parents as we did. How many parents have the 'hand' skills or the time that existed 30 years ago, or grandparents that built things in their sheds?

Over the past 20 years we've seen many clubs in the traditional sense decline into non-existence whether this be modelling, gardening, fishing or painting clubs. Yet fishing, for example, is as strong if not stronger than ever with better equipment, more disposable income etc etc. The UK town that I grew up in had 7 fishing stores each with its own team, shelves stacked with the latest gear and more importantly a group of guys that had all the latest information on techniques and local hotspots. The weekends competition winner was "in the house" at the store, at the club room, in the press. At fourteen, fishing as many competitions as I could, this is where I gleaned my information, friendship and status. Same goes for modelling. We were part of a club, part of a store group, we learnt, we expanded, we grew, without which one could say we were on our own.

Today those fishing stores have all gone, the last model store closed in 2018 and the local hero, grandmaster and following gone. Club attendances are decreasing and our hobbies have had their day. However, I'm not completely buying into this.....the expert, club; those folks have gone, gone where?

If we look at show attendance, not just in the US, look where people buy kits and tools, I think we will see a different picture than that we fall into the trap of seeing when we talk about the demise of the club of today. Our only source of materials and information is no longer the store or the club but literally the world.

The advent of the internet, access to information, ability to connect and stay connected, to participate and compete, I think, has been the demise of the 'traditional club' in that folks can get everything that they wish for at their fingertips anywhere at any time. No need to go to the store, or the club..... I can be part of an online virtual club, watch everybody in action on YouTube, say what I think and get comments on Facebook,

THEME CONTESTS 2019

January "The Vietnam War Era"

Winner: Glenn Thorn, F-8U Crusader.

February "It's Cold in Here"

Ironically, cancelled due to weather

March "The Sixties"

Winner: Jack Lynch, Batman

April "Classic Plastic"

Winner: Glenn Thorn, Chance-Vought Kingfisher

May "D-Day"

In honor of the 75th anniversary of the event, model must somehow be related to the D-Day invasion of June 6, 1944.

June

No theme. Gold/Silver/Bronze judging.

July "50 Shades of Grey"

Model of any subject in any category that is/was mostly grey, either in overall color or camouflage.

August "The Axis"

Model of a subject in any category from, and/or employed by, the Axis nations in WWII.

September "That's a New Kit!"

A build of anything from a kit that was released no earlier than 2014.

October "Big Builds"

Any kit in the large end of its category's scale spectrum.

November "No Big Six"

Model in any category (auto, aircraft, armor, etc.) but one that cannot be of US, British, German, Japanese, Russian or French origin.

QUESTIONS about DVSM's Contests should be directed to **Mike Turco at MATurco@aol.com**

Twitter and buy and sell anything I need on Ebay. One can be a very active modeller yet never leave the house. This I believe is the growth not the decline of which we talk and these are the folks that clubs and stores need to attract as “members” as well as supporting the more traditional.

I think all too often we underestimate the impact this has had on our clubs and blame it on an aging demographic and decline in the hobby. More importantly I believe that clubs underestimate the need to evolve and embrace the ‘new’ connected world. Those clubs, stores and groups that have completely embraced the online world are those that are strong and continue to grow. By embracing, I don’t just mean having a presence; I mean using the online tools to drive towards a future. Using the website, Facebook, Youtube and online forums to connect, support, engage and retain. Content and knowledge generation and effective outreach is what I believe has the power to connect us to all those modellers and potential members that are not part of the ‘traditional club’ as we know it today. If we are to say that we have not had our day we have to continue to grow.

As an IPMS Chapter, DVSM compared to others I think we can say that it is reasonably strong in membership and attendance but is more traditional than we could be when it comes to attracting new members, providing programs, activity and outreach. Over the coming months I hope that we can engage and utilise more of the tools available to us to support a strong future and get ourselves out there where I know many other modellers reside. We will continue to talk about this and I will present more information shortly. If any DVSM members have a particular interest and experience in the online marketing world and have a desire to be more involved please let me know.

On a different note, those that attended the MFCA

show a few weeks past were treated with some mind-blowingly good figure painting, including some sub-genres like flats which seem to have disappeared in the European scene. The competition included some of the best ‘flats’ and painting skills that I have ever seen. It’s interesting to me how under the one title of ‘Scale Modelling’ or even ‘Plastic Scale Modelling’ each genre is so varied or even separated. Armour, aircraft, cars and figures all requiring different skill sets, techniques and styles and perceived standards. Do they all co-exist, can we do all, can we master all, I’m not sure. Each genre is light years ahead of the next each in a different way. All I can say is that having seen some of the figure painting on display at MFCA it’s a skill set that I’m going to learn and keen to include in our club activity.

Save the date, DVSM Open Day Saturday 28th

September. We have provisionally arranged with AAA Hobbies to hold a DVSM Open Day in the store and modelling room. This will be in the format of a display, club information and modelling demonstrations. The purpose is to provide outreach and gain new members and supporters. We plan to promote this event so what we were talking about above will factor.

Remember to bring your kits and tools along on Friday where we continue with the regular build nights, plus you can also join us at AAA hobbies the first Sunday of each month for open modelling.

In the meantime, let thy sprues free. See you all Friday.
Rich

SAVE THE DATE!
Sept. 28
“DVSM Open Day”
AAA Hobbies

2019 Theme Contest *Point Standings to Date*

	<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sept.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Thorn, G.	5		4	5							14
Lynch, J	4		5	3							12
Anderson, D.	2		4	2							8
Turco, M.	3		3	2							8
Loftus, J.	2		3	2							7
Rakos, R.	2		2	1							5
Ratcliffe, W.			2	3							5
Tomczak, P.	1		3	1							5
Bailey, E.				4							4
Kopczynski, P.	2			2							4
Leknes, J.				3							3
Rifkin, H.	1			2							3
Cicconi, B.				2							2
Hoover, G.	2										2
Lam, S.	1			1							2

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

April Display Highlights

Photos by Paul Tomczak



Martin Marlin, 1/72, by Howard Rifkin



Douglas AC-47 Gunship, 1/48, Paul Kopczynski



Mitsubishi G4M1 "Betty," 1/144, J. Leknes



Isuzu Fuel Truck & Toyota Starter Truck, 1/72, by Jack Bailey



B-17G Flying Fortress, 1/48, by Dave Anderson



Mitsubishi A6M3-32 "Zero." 1/72, Scott Lam

April Display Highlights

Photos by Paul Tomczak



"Space Taxi" by Mike Turco



Douglas Skyraider, 1/72, by John Loftus



1963 Corvair, 1/25, by Rod Rakos



Mack DM-800 Tractor, 1/25, by William Ratcliffe



1955 Indianapolis 500 Roadster, 1/24, by Bob Cicconi



Bf-109G-10, 1/48, by Mark Webb

April Display Highlights

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Fiesler V-1, 1/32, by Paul Kopczynski



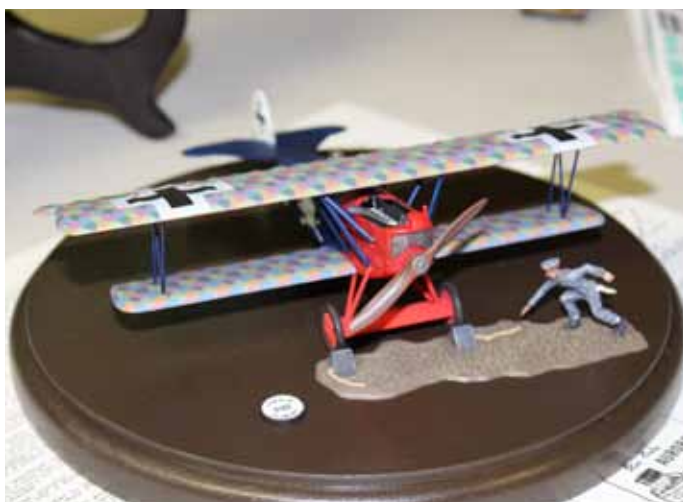
Ducati 888, 1/12, by Mike Turco



Pepsi Nascar Race Team, 1/25, by Dave Anderson



'55 Chevy BelAir, 1/25, by Dave Anderson



Fokker D-7, 1/48, by Jack Lynch



Juvenile Tyrannosaurus Rex by Paul Tomczak



Wayne, NJ: Saturday, April 6, 2019

By Mike Turco

No surprise here, the Jersey Boys of IPMS NJ held yet another fine show. MosquitoCon 28 goes into the record books as a success, a contest and show we look forward to every year. And this year as shown below, the DVSM club achieved its greatest MosquitoCon success to date and brought home 20 awards including three Bests. Congratulations to the northern New Jersey club and the DVSM award winners.

Category	Model	Award	Winner
Aircraft, Multi-Engine Prop, 1/48	Dornier Do 335 Pfiel	1st Place	Paul Tomczak
Aircraft, Jet, 1/48	Yak-28 Firebar	1st Place	Glenn Thorn
Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, Carriers, 1/400 and Larger	Zara	2nd Place	Bob Cicconi
Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, Carriers, 1/401 & Smaller	USS Arkansas 1945	1st Place	Bob Cicconi
Ships, All Others	Somers, 1940	2nd Place	Bob Cicconi
Submarines	Japanese I-1	1st Place	Bob Cicconi
Submarines	SSN 720, USS Pittsburgh, 1/89 scale	3rd Place	William Ratcliffe
Civilian Vehicles, Automotive, all types <1/25	1989 Andretti Lola, 1/43 scale	2nd Place	William Ratcliffe
Civilian Vehicles, Automotive, all types >1/23	Caterham Super Seven BDR	1st Place	Mike Turco
Civilian Vehicles, Commercial/Trucks	1974 Mack Snorkel Firetruck	1st Place	William Ratcliffe
Motorcycles, all scales	2013 Ducati 1199 Panigale Tricolore	1st Place	Mike Turco
Space & Sci-Fi, Factual Vehicles, all scales	X-15A	2nd Place	John Loftus
Space & Sci-Fi, Fictional Vehicles, all scales	Warhammer Death Guard Bloat Drone	3rd Place	Paul Tomczak
Figures, Beings, Robots & Suits	Front 46 Gefechtsroboter	1st Place	Glenn Thorn
Figures, <54 mm	Warhammer Eversor Assassin	1st Place	Paul Tomczak
Figures, <54 mm	Warriors, 12th SS Normandy	2nd Place	Glenn Thorn
Figures, 55 mm and larger	Nuts Planet Apocalyptic Flame	1st Place	Glenn Thorn
Miscellaneous, all types and scales	The Tyrant Prince - Juvenile T-Rex	1st Place	Paul Tomczak
Miscellaneous, all types and scales	Hurst "Jaws of Life"	2nd Place	William Ratcliffe
Miscellaneous, all types and scales, any 20+ year old kit	'34 Duesenberg SJ Torpedo Phaeton	3rd Place	Mike Turco
Best Civilian	1974 Mack Snorkel Firetruck	William Ratcliffe	
Best Sci-Fi	Front 46 Gefechtsroboter	Glenn Thorn	
Best of the Rest	Front 46 Gefechtsroboter	Glenn Thorn	

MosquitoCon 28



1st Place Aircraft, Multi-Engine Prop, 1/48: Dornier Do 335 Pfiel by Paul Tomczak



1st Place Aircraft, Jet, 1/48: Yak-28 Firebar by Glenn Thorn



1st Place Civilian Vehicles, Commercial/Trucks: 1974 Mack Snorkel Firetruck by William Ratcliffe



1st Place Ships, Battleships, Cruisers, Carriers, 1/401 & Smaller: USS Arkansas 1945 by Bob Cicconi



1st Place Motorcycles, all scales: 2013 Ducati 1199 Panigale Tricolore by Mike Turco

Northern Virginia Model Classic



Fairfax High School, Fairfax, VA, April 20, 2019

By Mike Turco

D **VSM members are lucky** to be centrally located in IPMS Region 2 because every April we can travel north to MosquitoCon and south to Fairfax, VA and the Northern Virginia Model Classic. Despite Easter weekend threatening attendance, vendors galore and a reported 500+ models were on display at the impressive Fairfax High School venue. Each year they make sure to remind the attendees that it is not so much a model competition as it is a charity event benefitting the school choir. And the event does not disappoint, with the young Marine Color Guard presenting the flag and the choir doing a fine rendition of the National Anthem, which is always an inspiration. Kudos to the Northern Virginia club for continuing the tradition with another fine Region 2 event. While not as many DVSMers made it this year as in the past, two members did take home awards, with Bobby Cicconi taking Best Ship. Nice going!

Category	Model	Award	Winner
Aircraft Out of Box, Jet, 1/48	F-16 FSD	2nd Place	Mike Turco
Aircraft Out of Box, 1/32	F4U-1A Corsair	1st Place	Mike Turco
Civilian Vehicles, Cars, Trucks 1/23 & Larger	Caterham Super 7	3rd Place	Mike Turco
Civilian Vehicles, Motorcycles, All Scales	2013 Ducati 1199 Panigale	1st Place	Mike Turco
Civilian Vehicles, Out of Box, Cars & Trucks, 1/23 & Larger	1968 Matra MS-11 F1 Car	3rd Place	Mike Turco
Civilian Vehicles, Out of Box, Motorcycles, All Scales	1992 Ducati 888 Superbike	1st Place	Mike Turco
Space/Sci-Fi, Factual, All Scales	Moonlander	1st Place	Mike Turco
Ships, Powered, 1/351 & Smaller	USS Arkansas	1st Place	Bob Cicconi
Ships, Powered, 1/350 & Larger	Zara	1st Place	Bob Cicconi
Best Ship	Zara		Bob Cicconi

Northern VA Model Classic



1st Place Aircraft Out of Box, 1/32: F4U-1A Corsair by Mike Turco



1st Place Ships, Powered, 1/350 & Larger and Best Ship: Zara by Bob Cicconi

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