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December 2018 Newsletter

Editor: Tom Henderson

The IPMS/Northern Virginia Modelers monthly meeting took place on Thursday 8 November with 65 members attending. The chapter welcomed new member Kirk Wicker. Chapter Vice President John Figueroa opened the meeting with a reminder for members to keep an eye on the website, meeting announcements, and the newsletter for our meeting dates. The school schedules our dates for the entire (school) year around late May – early June. We always ask Fairfax High School for the first Wednesday of the month but as this year illustrates we do not always get that day. There is a priority system whereby State and County needs are met first, after which guest organizations like ours are scheduled. If the first Wednesday in any given month is not taken, we get the date. If it is they will give us the second Wednesday. If that is not available then they give us a date as close to the first Wednesday as they can. That is why the November meeting was the first Thursday. Check any of the resources mentioned above at the beginning of each month to make sure you don't go the school on a first Wednesday and wonder why you are the only one there.

The 5 December meeting is our annual Christmas celebration. The food plan is different this year because it is being catered by Red, Hot and Blue. Popeye's Chicken, Domino's Pizza, and a salad are also on the menu. Sides will be baked beans, mac 'n cheese, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, biscuits and bread. The club will provide the drinks. John asked everyone to bring a dessert item (the only thing the caterer does not provide). Please do not bring any cooked food.

The December contest is the traditional build the same subject (BTSS) so we hope to see a lot of Mirages and Bradley Fighting Vehicles on the contest table. The BTSS subjects for 2019 have been decided and will be announced at the meeting. I do not think I am at liberty to disclose although I will toss out a hint: both are foreign.

Another holiday party tradition is the gift exchange. Raffle Coordinator Mike Poreda explained how the exchange works for those who wish to participate. The gift exchange is a five step process. 1. Bring a wrapped kit (one of a quality you would like to receive) to the meeting and get a ticket from Mike. 2. Mike will call out ticket numbers. When you hear your number called, give your ticket to Mike and choose a gift but do not open it. 3. When all numbers have been called, members may exchange their STILL WRAPPED kit with another member. 4. On Mike's command, everyone opens their gifts. 5. If you do not like what you got, you can join a final exchange round in hopes of finding someone who is willing to swap his or hers for yours.

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

The IPMS/Washington DC and IPMS/Baltimore MarauderCon took place 17 November at the Level Volunteer Fire Company in Havre de Grace, MD. Unfortunately I was unable to attend MarauderCon this year. I received an email from Treasurer Tim Barb who reported it was a great show with 527 models entered into the contest. Guess I will have to wait two more years before getting the chance to attend the next MarauderCon.

ModelCon 2019 hosted by IPMS/Chattanooga Scale Modelers (hosts for the 2019 National Convention) will take place on 11-12 January. The convention center is located downtown where there are many family attractions. Several members plan to attend so contact John if you are interested in making the trek by car pool.

We have a temporary new member inbound who we hope to meet at the Christmas party. His name is Señor José Luis López. José is from Spain and will be spending a few months in the states on an assignment. He is an accomplished armor modeler and author (Painting Guide for AFVs of World War Two and Modern Era). Check out Jose's website (jlopezstyle.com) to see some of his incredible work.

John reminded the membership that all members are invited to the Figueroa's annual Holiday Party at their home in Fairfax on Saturday 8 December. John left flyers on the table for anyone interested.

Treasurer Tim Barb reminded the membership about the club IPMS membership subsidy. Tim also announced that Fairfax County Libraries now have 3D printers for public use. Here is some information if you are interested:

- Bring the file and they will print it for you.
- Currently, there is no fee to have your items printed.
- Check www.fairfaxcounty.gov and enter 3D Printing in the search field.

IPMS DC President Sunil Gupta informed the membership about the upcoming IPMS DC meeting which took place on Tuesday 20 November. The next meeting will be 18 December at Beverly Farms Elementary School. Visit the DC Chapter website (<http://www.ipmsdc.org/index.php>) for the address and for information on our sister chapter.

The program was an informative techniques demo by John Figueroa on the use of oil paints. I was sorry to miss his presentation. Perhaps I can talk John into a private tutoring class.

That's it for chapter news. The contest gallery is next, followed by Hague's Corner on page 7. The reason several of us missed the November meeting is because we were in the UK attending Scale Model World. The after action report on that great trip begins on page 9. **Our first meeting in 2019 will be 9 January.** Not sure if the next issue will be done before the holidays so just in case here is wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Contest Winners November 2018



Aircraft 1/72, 1st Place
Su-15 by Don Dickson



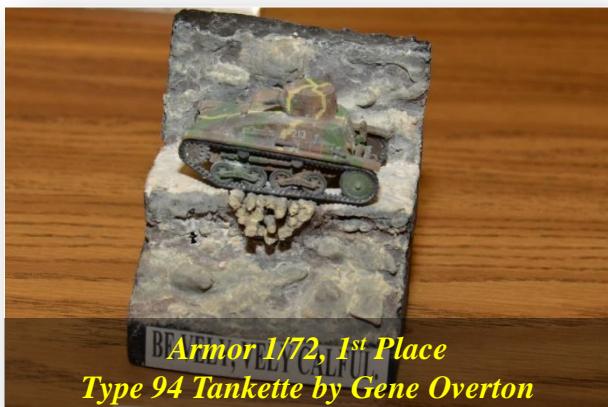
Aircraft 1/72, 2nd Place
F-14 by David Anderson



Aircraft 1/48, 1st Place
H-34 by Don Dickson



Aircraft 1/48, 2nd Place
Ryan STM-22 by Michael Johnson



Armor 1/72, 1st Place
Type 94 Tankette by Gene Overton



Armor 1/35, 1st Place
T-72 by Pat Brown

Contest Winners November 2018 (continued)



Armor 1/35, 2nd Place
ZSU-23-4 Shilka by Jason Gribb



Sci-Fi, 1st Place
MaK Super Jerry by Pat Brown



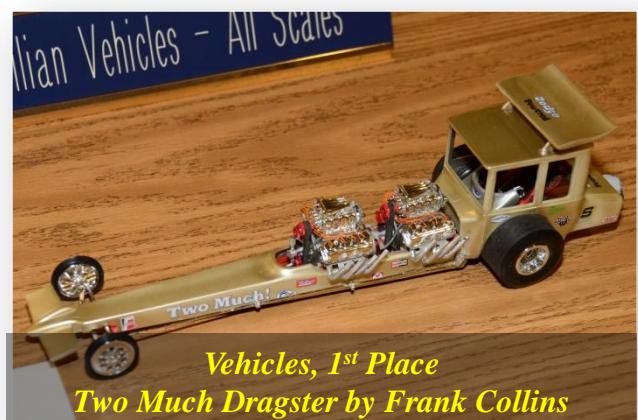
Sci-Fi, 2nd Place
Jango Fett's Slave 1 by Jeff Alger



Ships, 1st Place
Kursk by Aaron Hamilton

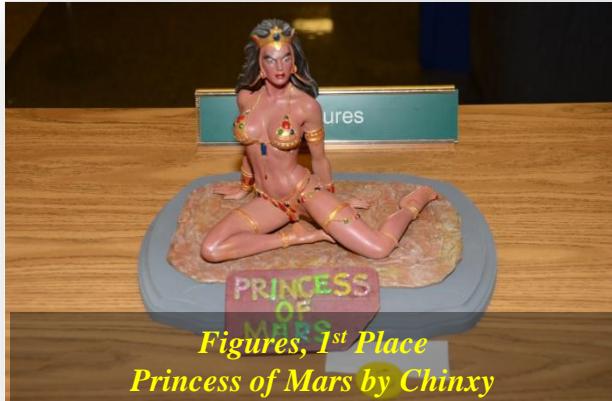


Ships, 2nd Place
Vosper M.T.B. by Neil Shiflett



Vehicles, 1st Place
Two Much Dragster by Frank Collins

Contest Winners November 2018 (continued)



*Figures, 1st Place
Princess of Mars by Chinxy*



*Master, 1st Place
Jet Provost S. Yemen by Jim Fitzgibbon*



*Master, 2nd Place
SDF-1 by Walter Schlueter*



*Special, 1st Place
He-162 by Pat Brown*



*Special, 2nd Place
T-34 by Micha Jelisavic*



Contest Winners November 2018 (continued)

Best out of the Box 1/35 ZSU-23-4 Shilka by Jason Gribb



Best of Show 1/48 F-22 By Nelson Kee



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.

For this project I pulled a probably thirty year old Airfix Banshee kit from the stash (Figure 1). As much as I wanted to I could not find a picture of an operational Banshee that did not have silver leading edges to the flying surfaces, so a quick blue paint job was out of the question!

Because I like metallic paint on the jet exhausts I masked them off, as well as the cockpit and tail hook underneath, and sprayed a coat of light gray primer on the entire model but mostly on the front edges of the flying surfaces (Figure 2). The front edges in particular then got a heavy spraying of Tamiya Gloss Aluminum from a spray can (Figure 3).

Since there are no molded lines to locate the silver leading edges, a night of fiddly masking came about before cutting loose with some good old Tamiya Navy Blue (Figure 4)!



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

The masking did produce a tip. Since there were curves involved, I used some curved tape strips from a Maketar Canopy Survival set, which is a pack of generic shapes for those times when no precut masks are available. While not exactly matching the curve of the left wing area just prior to the intake, it can be made to work by using shorter pieces (Figure 5).



Figure 4



Figure 5

The right wing leading edge has not been completely masked in Figure 4. A problem did arise in that the wings are not exactly equal, probably due to the time from when the kit was produced. Here the axiom "close enough" was applied, and the tape put on the right wing was 'modified' to make it work. I installed the seat and canopy after some touchup painting in that area, and then applied the blue. A tricky later step was installing the blue painted rocket racks under the wings. The national insignia and NAVY decals will have to be applied first as the racks are right on top of those markings.



Figure 6. This is the current status of the Banshee project as of this writing. I will print the exciting conclusion of this story if Dick sends it in the future. I wonder if a Cobra will be the next project.

Special announcement: We received an email from Fairfax High School notifying us our January 2 meeting has been cancelled because the school will be closed that day. Our meeting date has been moved to **9 January**. This reinforces the need for everyone to check the website (novaipms.org), newsletter, Facebook page and my little meeting reminder messages for the latest information on meeting dates.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 9 January 2019.

Telford! Scale Model World 2018



Back row l to r: Jim Rotramel, Leighton Greenstreet, Chris Nicoll, Tom Henderson, Aris Pappas, Tom Chace, Mike Dobrzelecki. (IPMS NJ) Front row l to r: Jon Etherton, Mike Fleckenstein, Carol Fleckenstein.

Scale Model World is the IPMS UK national convention. It takes place at the same place every year, the International Centre in a town called Telford in the county of Shropshire, 140 miles NW of London. Unlike our national convention SMW is only two days long, and there is an incredible amount of modeling to see in those two days.

The size of the show is so large it is almost overwhelming. Take a look at the photo on the next page. I took that photo from a second floor walkway. I would need to swing about 45° to my left to put the rest of that huge room into the camera's view. Now take the size of that hall and multiply it by almost 3. Vendors are located along the outside walls of each hall and at the end tables on both sides. In the middle are the many IPMS UK modeling club and special interest group (SIG) displays.

The SMW format is very different from our national convention. The emphasis on the contest is much lower than here. The heart of SMW is the incredible participation by the clubs and the SIGs. I understand there were about 3,500 models entered into the contest at Phoenix. The contest count at SMW was around 1,300 (awesome) models. However, if there was a count of the models on the many club and SIG displays the number of models to see in those three huge halls exceeds any US National Convention. In short, we spent both days visiting

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those club displays, SIGs and of course the vendor stands. Members of the clubs and SIGs were with their tables to cheerfully talk to visitors about modeling and their organizations. While at SMW, we spent some quality time with one club in particular.

IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands member Leighton Greenstreet is also a member of IPMS NoVA while he is on assignment here in the Colonies. One of the NoVA crew came up with the idea of establishing a sister chapter relationship with IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands. Leighton ran the idea by his club mates, who were receptive to the idea. They are a small chapter whose meetings take place every two weeks when they get together for build sessions. They gave us a warm reception at their club stand. I personally learned a new modeling technique from a gentleman named John Lingwood who answers to his nickname, “Prof” for Professor.



Bird's eye view of a piece of SMW. This is one of three huge halls full of club and SIG displays, and of course a huge number of vendors.

I never knew mixing oils and enamels can be done. Prof used an amazing figure to walk me through how to do it. I learned something about oils even if I missed John Figueroa's demo.

The opening photo explains why several people missed the November meeting. Many NoVA members are probably wondering who the two dudes are in the back row on the far right. Tom Chace is a member of an IPMS chapter in Ohio. Mike Dobrzelecki is a member of IPMS New Jersey. There were several other IPMS US members at SMW who we frequently spend time with at our IPMS National Conventions, Tom and Mike included. We took two photos

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immediately after the remembrance ceremony, one for everyone, then a second for the NoVA crew. The photo session started with everyone, and occurred so quickly after the Remembrance Ceremony that Tom and Mike got there too late. We included both gentlemen in the NoVA photo.

So what is the Remembrance Ceremony? As we all know, 11 November 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. We justifiably consider that conflict, although it involved less than a year in combat for our troops, to be a pretty big deal for America, and it was for many reasons. However, our experience in that war cannot hold a candle to the nations of Europe, who lost an entire generation of young men during 4 terrible years of slaughter. WWI was a massive deal for Europe.

Every year on Remembrance Day, at 1100 on the 11th of November, the entire nation stops and stands in silence for two minutes to remember the millions of military and civilian losses suffered during and since WWI. Homes, Buckingham Palace, places of business, airports, and Telford - everyone stops and stands in silence for two full minutes. I guarantee you cannot be present and not be moved by this event.

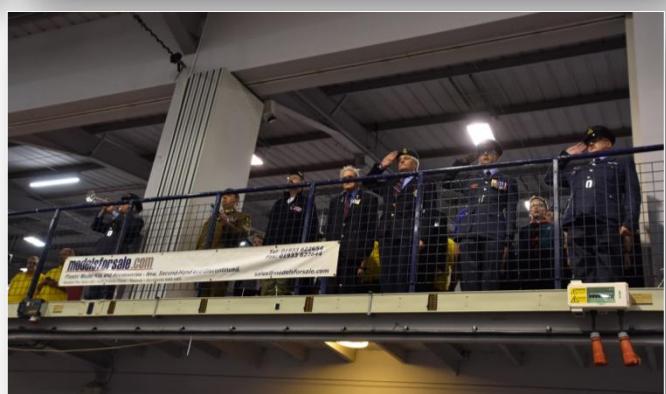
So that was our Scale Model World adventure and a memorable experience it was. The level of fellowship and comradery that existed everywhere we went was tremendous. I told everyone this would be my last trip before retirement. I just might have to re-think that statement and start saving my pennies.



Top: Taken after the banquet: You know everyone except for two gentlemen in the back row. Standing next to Chris is Paul Regan, President of IPMS UK. To his left is Competition Secretary Tony Horton.

Upper Right: IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands. The official IPMS photographer taking pictures of the clubs and displays came by while we were visiting. The Staffordshire Moorlands folks promptly herded us behind the display to be included in the photo.

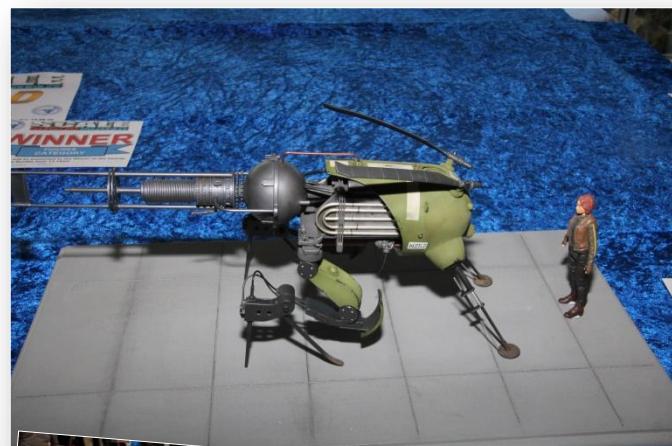
Right: The Remembrance Ceremony underway. The Telford event is led from this same spot on the elevated walkway every year .



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SMW 2018 (continued)



Hi Planes 1/48 B-36 - BIG!

Airfix announced a 1/24 Hellcat for 2019



SMW 2018 (continued)



December Meeting Program and Contest Theme

Program: The Holiday Party. The party will be catered. Everyone please bring a dessert to share, and a wrapped kit if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

Contest: Build the Same Subject

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

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

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9 January 2019

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting
Fairfax High School
3501 Rebel Run
Fairfax VA 22030

18 December 2018

IPMS Washington DC Monthly Meeting
Beverly Farms Elementary School
Potomac, MD

19 December 2018

NCMSS Monthly Meeting
Thomas Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA 22310

11-12 January 2019

ModelCon 2019
Chattanooga Trade and Convention Center
1 Carter Place
Chattanooga, TN 37402

23 February 2019

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