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## October 2018 Newsletter

*Editor: Tom Henderson*

The IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers monthly meeting took place on 12 September 2018. Chapter President Mike Fleckenstein opened the meeting by reminding everyone to keep an eye on the club web site for meeting dates because we have more non-first Wednesday meeting dates than normal this year. Meeting dates are on the home page of the website so be sure to check the site at the beginning of every month. Mike also mentioned two upcoming shows in our area which will finish out the 2018 show season. The first was PennCon hosted by IPMS Central PA on 15 September. The second is MarauderCon on 17 November at Havre de Grace, MD. Club Secretary Chris Nicoll asked everyone to update the club roster if any contact information has changed paying special attention to their IPMS#s.

The National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center invited IPMS/NOVA to participate in two upcoming events. The first is the annual Halloween Air and Scare. The date this year is 20 October. The second is a WWI Family Day which will take place on 3 November. Our participation consists of setting up model displays and of course manning the display tables



*Left: VP John Figueroa addressing the membership during the business meeting. Right: An excellent illustration of one of the most important benefits of an IPMS, or any modeling club meeting.*

to talk about the models and the hobby to the literally thousands of people who will stream by the display. There are a limited number of slots available for free parking and snacks. Anyone interested should contact Tom Henderson (contact info on page 18). The deadline to submit names to the museum is 1 October so by the time you are reading this that will already have happened. If you are interested in participating, contact Tom anyway. It would be good to have a backup list of modelers we can call on if someone is suddenly unable to attend.

For anyone planning to attend the 2019 IPMS National Convention in Chattanooga, TN, hotel reservations opened on 14 September. Hotel information can be found on the convention website. Go to the IPMS USA website and click the National Convention website.

The upcoming annual election of chapter offices was the next topic discussed. In a normal year, nominations take place during the October meeting with elections in November. This year the November meeting takes place close to the UK national convention where most of the chapter officers will be. Elections will therefore take place at the October meeting. Mike opened the floor for nominations or for anyone interested in running for any elected position



*Left: Raffle Coordinator Mike Poreda, with Frank Kovall on his left getting ready to run the monthly chapter raffle. Right: The contest table, reflecting the monthly special (helicopters) for the month.*

(President, Vice President, and Secretary-Historian). The currently serving E-board members indicated their willingness to serve for another term should the membership decide.

Mike submitted a proposal to the membership regarding the E-board term length. His suggestion was to elect chapter officers to a two year term. The reason for the proposal was the recognition that an elected chapter officer, particularly for a chapter as large as ours, at the end of one year has just gained enough experience to be most effective. A two year term will yield a more experienced and stable E-board. After discussion, the proposal was seconded and approved. Also, a two year election cycle puts in sync with IPMS national policy.

Sister chapter IPMS/Washington DC President Sunil Gupta reminded everyone about the DC Chapter meeting held on the third Tuesday of the month. As with NoVA, meeting dates and locations are posted to the DC Chapter website. Sunil added to Mike's MarauderCon announcement by stating a few vendor tables and award sponsorships are still available. Forms are available on-line in fillable .pdf form at [www.maraudercon.org](http://www.maraudercon.org). Joe Bles followed Sunil to thank everyone who participated in the National Capital Model Soldier Society annual show on 8 September.

Haagen Klaus announced that Detail and Scale is now using Amazon Print-on-Demand to publish printed books. E-books are still available for those who prefer them. New titles include the F4F Wildcat and the F-8 Crusader.

Bill Strandberg talked about two events marking the 70th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift. The first will be (well, was) a ceremony on 16 September at the Air Force Memorial. The next day a C-54 and an Air Force A400M were on display at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. If anyone attended either of these events and has a photo or two you would not mind sharing please contact Tom Henderson.

Treasurer Tim Barb talked about the chapter IPMS USA membership subsidy. As long as the treasury can afford it, the chapter will pay 2/3 of any initial IPMS membership or renewal. See Tim for details at any meeting.

Club Vice/President/Program Coordinator John Figueroa fielded an idea to have a “micro-techniques” presentation in 2019. The idea is to have four or five people present a favorite technique in ten to fifteen minutes. If anyone is interested please contact John Figueroa.

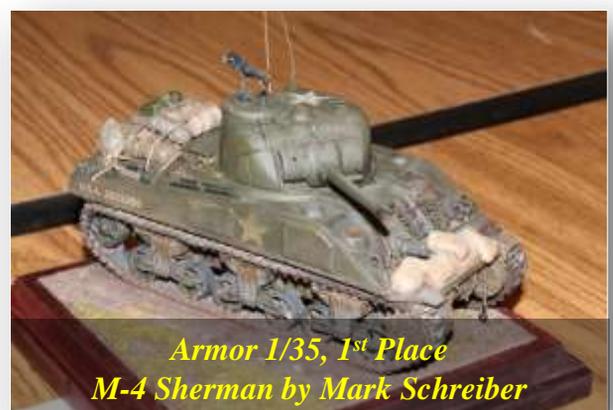
John also talked about the 2019 presentation schedule. Anyone interested in providing a technique or presentation to the membership should contact John. He then introduced the program for the evening which was a presentation by Haagen Klaus on F-14 Tomcat testing. Haagen delivered a great presentation on the history of the F-14 Tomcat test program and the stories of several key test pilots. Discussion was enhanced by the presence of Tomcat test pilot Bill "Pinch" Paisley who provided a lot of insight on the various test aircraft and pilots.

That is it for the meeting news. The contest photo gallery is next, followed by the next edition of Hague's Corner. Our next meeting is Wednesday 3 October. See you then.



*Haagen delivering his excellent presentation about testing the F-14, and subsequently receiving appreciation from VP John Figueroa on behalf of the chapter*

## Contest Winners September 2018



## Contest Winners September 2018 (continued)



*Armor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Panzer A by Jason Gribb*



*Sci-Fi, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Hydra Tank by Mark Schreiber*



*Sci-Fi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
MS-09F Domtropen by Sunil Gupta*



*Ships, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Type XXI U-Boat by Aaron Hamilton*

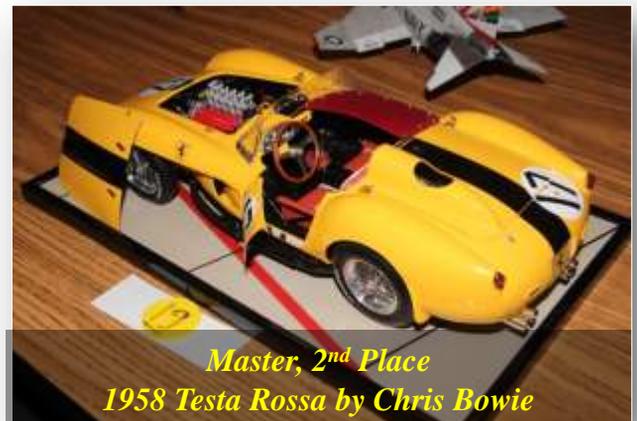
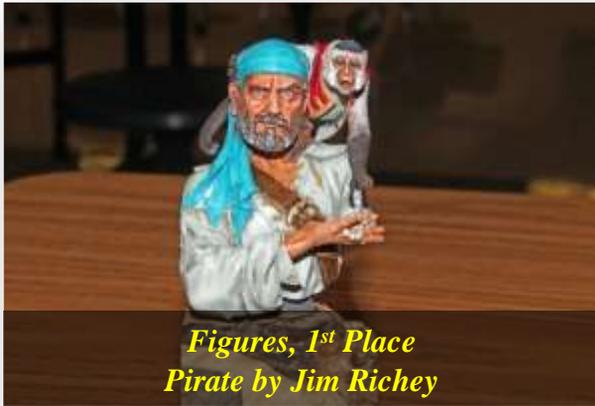


*Ships, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
USS Burden Hastings by Neil Shiflett*



*Vehicles, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Dirt Track Racer by Frank Collins*

## Contest Winners September 2018 (continued)



# Contest Winners September 2018 (continued)

## Best out of the Box 1/72 Helicopter Collection by Dick Hague



# Best of Show 1/35 Marder III By Leighton Overstreet



# Hague's Corner

## The H-21s

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. This one is a little different. Dick has been working on two Italeri 1/72 H-21 Piasecki helicopters. I have no less than 7 emails that included progress being made on the H-21s along with other subjects. I thought I would pull the H-21 portions out of each to create one H-21 build article. This will be a two part article, maybe three as they were still not done in the last message.*

I am currently building models of two H-21 helicopters. Both are USAF versions. The markings that came with the kit are of the 1370th Sq. of MATS at Turner Field, GA in 1960 and is one of the two I am building. The first five pictures (Figures 1-5) are my kit instructions and box art plus model and real H-21's found online similar to that one.

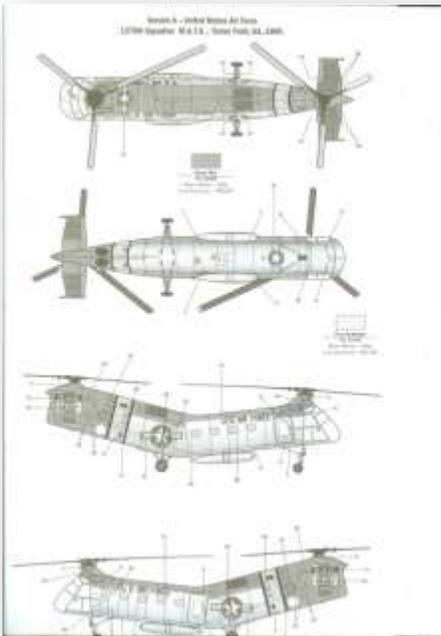


Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

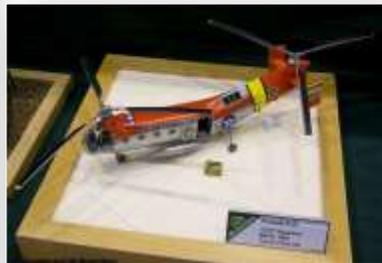


Figure 4



Figure 5

The second H-21 is the same kit but with aftermarket decals to depict the blue ones with white tops seen around DC and the Pentagon in the sixties (Figures 6-7). The one I have new decals for includes a presidential shield on it, shown in a picture I found online (Figure 8).

The first decision was what color to paint the rotor blades. The kit version has you paint the blades white! The only all white bladed H-21 I know of is on the airshow circuit now but single white blades on Viet Nam Army examples are mentioned in some stuff I have read. There are several other versions possible with this kit and all of them have a different paint scheme for the blades. They call for flat black blades with a dark metallic leading edge and red, yellow, and green tips. The modeler built the model in Figure 4 with black blades and what looks like red,

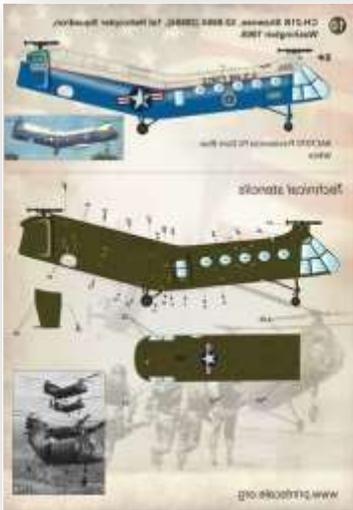


Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8

green and yellow tips. I had heard somewhere in the past that the colors were for tracking but I have never seen a color photograph of the real thing with anything other than yellow tips. The aftermarket decals do not mention rotor blades. The USAF Museum example had a light colored blade with yellow tips (Figure 9). Figure 10 shows a blue painted one in a museum with black blades and yellow tips. I went with black blades on both sides on for one model, and black bottom/light gray top with other. Both have yellow tips. That decided it was time to move on to the build.



Figure 9



Figure 10

Most of the time you learn from your mistakes, as I had learned here, and I sprayed this open vent area on the top of the H-21 helicopter's fuselage before gluing in from below the black plastic screen provided in the kit (Figure 11). Not so on the second H-21, which had the screens glued in as one of the first things done on starting the kit (Figure 12).



Figure 11

## Hague's Corner (continued)

Tip alert! I made my own pre-cut mask! In Figure 13 a piece of tape has been stuck on the outside of the vent area of a kit that doesn't have the screen added. A small marker has outlined the shape of the three vents. Notice that the top of the vents is tapered, so it is not a perfect rectangle and they are slightly different in size, so I numbered them. Since you can't mark exactly next to the edge due to the marker's shape you have to cut the tape a little bigger and stay outside the lines. Don't get confused as you apply the numbered masks, just remember you have to look up inside the model to see if you got the right one in the right direction! It wasn't perfect and I had to keep adding more tape, but in the end it worked!



*Figure 12*



*Figure 13*

A coat of white primer went on first followed by a coat of Tamiya Pure White spray (Figure 14). Why didn't I just mask off the vent and spray it after the model was together? Two reasons. The first is that green primer painted parts are inside the screens and white paint would get on them and there would be no way to protect them from the spray. Secondly, the screens are barely glued onto the cross pieces and you have to keep a finger on them from the inside when you push down on the screens, otherwise the tiny contact area of the screens to the frames is easily broken....don't ask.....!



*Figure 14*

Finally, some H-21 doors are stuck on a paint stick to have the inside sprayed gray (Figure 15). After that, the outside of one will be painted silver and the other blue. I'll add the windows later and hope the Tamiya Extra Thin cement penetrates the paint to make a good bond. I've had good luck (read gotten away with it) doing that before. I don't recommend it! Next: wheels, seats and



*Figure 15*

## Hague's Corner (continued)

props. Not quite a tip but in the first picture some square Lego blocks are being used as squares to ensure the H-21 rear fins are at 90 degree angles to each other (Figure 1). Since I'm already in red TIP ALERT mode, the second picture shows what a well-equipped modeler should have in the way of colored pencils (Figure 2). These are great for adding some highlights where even a dash of paint would be too much. On this model, the white pencil was rubbed over the black painted instrument panel's raised circles that are supposed to represent instruments. Even a regular lead pencil can give a burnt metal appearance to a part previously painted some dark color. Don't forget to get one of those little pencil sharpeners if you go and buy a bunch of these pencils! Most of these are of a brand called Prismacolor and came from a craft store. This is probably a lifetime supply, except maybe for the silver one.



Figure 16



Figure 17

In Figure 18 the wheels of the H-21 had the hubs masked with some circles from the generic circle sheet and then the tires were sprayed rubber black. Although the kits have some pre-cut masks that include the wheels, this particular set had a reverse masking procedure. The tire should get painted black first and then some Life Saver pieces of mask used to put on the sidewalls of the tire and then a liquid mask applied to cover the tread. Only then would you spray the hub silver. Since this set was a scaled down mask from the larger 1/48 H-21 mask set, in the larger model size that might have made sense. Not here.



Figure 18

Next are the web seats for the cabin (Figure 19). I originally was going to have all of them painted red but I found a color picture of the blue painted H-21's cabin and the webbing was gray, so I did a quick repaint. A small brush, using an aluminum acrylic paint was used to pick out the metal portions of the seats. In lots of places it took two coats to cover but an enamel aluminum paint would have pulled up some of the red or gray paint, which would have been even more trouble than two coats of acrylic.

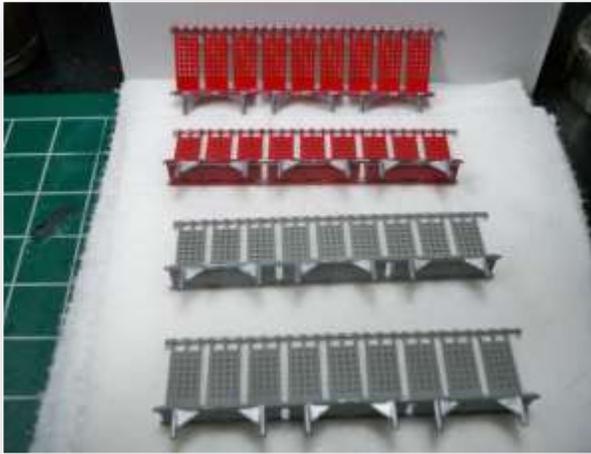


Figure 19



Figure 20

Figures 20-22 illustrate a previous technique I showed of painting prop blades. First a white primer was sprayed on the tip, then after an hour or so of drying chrome yellow was sprayed on. In the third picture the yellow tips are being masked off. The next step will be to spray the blades black on both sides for the red and silver H-21, and black on the bottom / light gray on top for the blue version.



Figure 21



Figure 22

My goal for today's build was to get the fuselage halves together which I accomplished before shutting down for the night. There will be quite a bit of cleaning up of the seams on the two halves of the two models, so that will probably be the goal for tomorrow, other than spraying the rotor blades.

*Editor: Instead of tomorrow, the H-21 story will continue with the next issue.*

# Event Report

## IPMS/Central Pennsylvania PennCon 2018



NoVA Modelers at PennCon.

(l-r) Nelson Kee, Tom Faletti, Gary Michel, Gene Barnes, Mike Johnson, Mark Tutton, Mikkle Petrich, Shirley Clinton, Curtis Clinton, Ed Mautner, Kevin Grantham, Peter Espada, Jerry Lawson, John and Nora Figueroa

Several hundred excellent models were on display at this year's PennCon, hosted by IPMS/Central Pennsylvania. Central PA does not use the traditional IPMS Judging system. Instead, models were judged by a team of three judges who evaluated each model's overall build. The results were categorized as None (no award), Bronze, Silver and Gold. Thus in each category there can be several Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. The awards were medals suspended on ribbons much like an Olympic Medal.

Congratulations to the following winners:

- Hunter Selby - Best of Show for his VW Gasser
- Ed Mautner - Gold for his Williams Canon F1 and another gold for his FT17 tank
- Nelson Kee - Nelson also took two gold awards home for his F-35 and his Huey.

Photos are on the next page.

## Hunter Selby Best of Show: VW Gasser



## Ed Mautner Golds: F1 Williams and FT-17



## Nelson Kee: Huey (Silver) and F-35 (Gold)



# National Capital Model Soldier Society

## Annual Show 8 September 2018



*Left: David Hoffman's Best of Show winning mounted 200mm Chasseurs a Cheval Officer. Right: Greg DiFranco won the Popular Best of Show Award for his Flats Diorama masterpiece "Alexander at Issus."*

The National Capital Model Soldier Society held its 57th Annual Washington Show on 8 September at Thomas A. Edison High School in Alexandria, Virginia. While the club is focused on model figures of various scales and categories, many types of ordnance models were also on display. Major changes this year included the addition of war gamers from the Northern Virginia Gamers and Historical Miniature Gamers Society who had their own gaming events at the show. Another new feature was a raffle with model kits donated by club members and a silent auction. Other clubs that added value to the show included the Washington Ship Modelers, NVNTRAK railroaders and Maryland Automotive Modelers Association (MAMA). A Gundam Category was new as well with quite a few outstanding entries.

The show started with the presentation of the colors by the Young Marines Color Guard. The competition tables were full with 213 exhibits of exceptional quality from 40 individual exhibitors. The exhibit room was appreciated for having more space and great lighting. Having the Gamer competition in the same room added to the experience. Although the vendor and flea market tables represented all aspects of the modeling hobby, we felt the absence of the Red Lancers Military Miniatures due to the passing of Chuck Robinson earlier this year. The club sponsored a special Red Lancer Best Napoleonic Award in his memory.

The show was honored to again have some talented participants from out of the region and other clubs, including Miniature Figure Collectors of America Grandmaster Greg DiFranco, who earned several awards including the Popular Best of Show Award for his Flats Diorama masterpiece "Alexander at Issus." David Hoffman won the Judges Best of Show for his mounted 200mm Chasseurs a Cheval Officer.

## NCMSS Show (continued)

As in past years Mike Fleckenstein photographed the entries as they came in, and a complete Gallery and the show award results can be found on the NCMSS website at [NCMSSclub.org](http://NCMSSclub.org). NCMSS Commander Burt Thompson and various club members worked hard to make this year's show and awards ceremony a success. Special thanks go out to IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers, IPMS Richmond, Huzzah Hobbies, Long Island Military Miniatures Club, and Data Machines Corp for their generous donations to the show and for sponsoring several special awards. Their support helped make the show a great event that promotes our modeling hobby.



## October Meeting Program and Contest Theme

**Program:** Sunil Gupta and Jerry Lawson - "Silhouette Cameo vs. Cricut" - Demonstration of the Silhouette Cameo and the Cricut cutting machines for the design and cutting of custom stencils and masks.

**Contest:** "Orange is the New Black" – Any vehicle with scary artwork, creature of the night, or night fighters.

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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.

We're also on Facebook

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**3 October 2018**

### **IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting**

Fairfax High School  
3501 Rebel Run  
Fairfax VA 22030

**16 October 2018**

### **IPMS Washington DC Monthly Meeting**

Beverly Farms Elementary School  
Potomac, MD

**20 October 2018**

### **Air and Scare**

NASM Udvar-Hazy Center

**24 October 2018**

### **NCMSS Monthly Meeting**

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

**27 October 2018**

### **International Paper Modelers Convention**

Hampton Inn & Suites Dulles Airport  
22700 Holiday Park Dr.  
Sterling, VA

**3 November**

### **WWI Family Day**

NASM Udvar-Hazy Center

**17 November 2018**

### **MarauderCon**

Level Fire Company  
3633 Level Village Road  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078  
<http://maraudercon.org/>

**23 February 2018**

### **IPMS Richmond Old Dominion Open**

Richmond Raceway Complex  
600 E Laburnum  
Richmond, VA 23222



# Upcoming Event Flyers



**MarauderCon 2018**  
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# Maraudercon 2018

**17 November 2018** 9:00AM to 5:00PM

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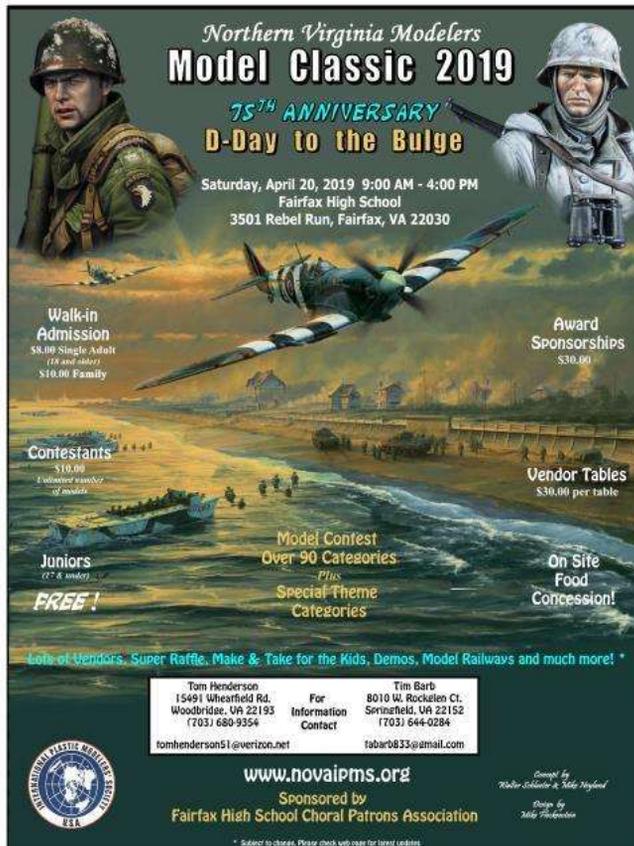
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**Old Dominion Open**  
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 February 23, 2019

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