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May 2018 Newsletter

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The IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers monthly meeting took place on 4 April 2018 at Fairfax High School with 84 members attending. The chapter welcomed no less than 4 new members. Welcome aboard Doug Carl (I know not so new - Doug filled out the form to be included in the group email which triggered the new member identification - I was going to leave him off but figured what the heck), Rick Kennedy, Jim Richey and Cornelius Schiflett.

Chapter President Mike Fleckenstein opened the meeting by reading a note from Joy Neyland thanking the membership for attending the memorial service and remembering how much Mike enjoyed being part of the club. Mike placed the note on the front table so everyone could read the note in its entirety during the meeting.

Treasurer Tim Barb gave the membership an update on final preparations for Model Classic but since MC2018 is now history I will report on the results instead. BLUF (Bottom Line Up Front), Model Classic was a great success thanks to our sponsors, vendors, guests, the Fairfax High School Choral Patrons, show attendees, and you. A slightly more detailed report starts on page 10.



Left: Chris Nicoll capturing a view of a Japanese battleship from the perspective of a Dauntless. I never saw picture - he must have missed! Right: Work in progress discussion.

Contest Coordinator Walter Schlueter reminded everyone the club still has some build the same subject kits available at reduced prices. Before opening the floor for member comments, Mike Fleckenstein spoke about the 100th anniversary of the Royal Air Force celebration at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center on 27 April. *(editor's note: I have this crystal ball that can see into the future every time I am way behind schedule with the newsletter. It tells me that due to personal commitments I am going to miss the Udvar-Hazy event and miss the chance to see a Lancaster fly. I can also see that VP John Figueroa and the usually kind Tim Barb will cruelly torture me by sending a constant stream of pics via text during the event. All day. Sigh).*

Vince Mankowski then took the mic and gave the membership the first of two stories we heard that night about sad, neglected, mistreated, even stolen model displays that in their suffering are crying out in desperation for help. Back in 2003 the chapter participated in a group build to establish a display of naval aviation history in the atrium of the US Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) located at Patuxent River MD. Vince departed NAVAIR for several years, recently returning and finding to his horror that many of the models were gone. He found out they were being removed from the display and given to people departing the command as farewell gifts.



Two sots of Aris's tour through aviation museums in New Zealand.

Having explained the story of the display to authorities (who were not present 15 years ago and simply were unaware of how the display came into being), the practice has been stopped. Vince requested model donations from club members to restore the display to its original glory. There is a lengthy list on page 13. Vince emphasized he is not asking for every model on the list, but hopes to have some from each category. Already completed models are great as are models members may want to custom build for the display. Antique aircraft are still well represented so the more serious need is for currently serving aircraft. This is great opportunity for those of you who love to build things with large pipes sticking out the back or modern turbos to include those things that take off and land vertically.

Our second sad story is the Freedom Museum at Manassas Airport. Museum staff members Jim Church and Tom Hueg addressed the membership asking for assistance to repair and/or replace broken display models. To put it mildly, they are beat up. Jim and Tom showed several slides of damaged scratch built wood/fabric and metal models although they also have many plastic models in display cases that do not look good at all, many suffering from missing and broken parts. New additions they asked for are a TBM (really cool if it could be George Bush's aircraft), an F6F, an F4F, an F-86 and a Nike Launch Site. If you would like to help the Freedom Museum with high quality display models please give them a call at 703-393-0660. I received an email from Tom Hueg while putting this issue together. He reported several members visited the museum resulting in a 1911 Curtiss Model D getting a new set of landing gear and a donation of a 1/48 F4F.

The program for the evening was an interesting and informative Aris Papas photographic guided tour of aircraft museums in New Zealand. Aris treated us to MANY interesting photographs accompanied by stories of his travels.

Our next meeting (*remember pretend you are reading this in April*) is on Wednesday 2 May followed by the June meeting which will take place on Wednesday 6 June.

Hague's Corner

by Dick Hague

My Fine Molds 1/72 "Lorna" is actually a Kyusyu Q1W1 late war Japanese anti-submarine plane, code named "Lorna" by the Allied Technical Intelligence Unit (ATIUI) because it is much easier to yell "Lorna at 3 o'clock" than all that other stuff! Of course there is more to it than that, which you can look up online by searching for ATIUI and code names for Japanese aircraft. We do the same thing today but with a different system. I've heard the aircraft described as looking like a German Ju-88 on steroids.



A mishap with the clear parts gives this build a B- as far as my satisfaction with it is concerned. I dipped the clear parts in Future to improve the clarity even though it was already very good. When I removed the masking tape from the parts, some of the Future came off making for ragged and frosty looking edges along many painted frames. The same thing happened recently with another model from Fine Molds. Although they are excellent kits, the problem may be due to the quality of the clear plastic used, providing a base too smooth for the Future to stick to.



Hague (continued)

I have another pair of planes from another brand with identical clear parts and I will use Future on one of them as a test. Maybe my batch of Future has gone bad. This might be fixable by removing the clear parts (which are super glued on) and all the paint and Future with ammonia. But without another set of clear parts on hand in case something broke during removal it isn't worth the chance. Future usually works as its own solvent and I tried using that to even out the ragged edges but it only slightly helped. There were other items that brought on the B- but I won't point them out. If you make all your models to be A+ you won't get many built!

Moving on to another subject; my recently completed Potez 630. The 630 was the first of a series of Potez 6XX twin engine fighters, and the version used as a trainer after better versions became available. The white stripe down the side and through the unit insignia was kind of strange but I had seen pictures of it, so I knew it was accurate. The answer came when another modeler sent me several pictures and articles on the 630. One of the articles had an explanation for the stripe. The 630 received this stripe to keep French pilots from



confusing it with the German Messerschmitt Me-110 (Bf-110) which was of similar configuration in spite of one having round radial engines and the other with inline liquid cooled ones! In this picture the plane has been abandoned to soon serve the German captors as a trainer. The Azur 1/72 kit that I built it from had decal markings and drawings to build it in its German trainer role.



Contest Winners April 2018



*Aircraft 1/72, 1st Place
B-58 by John Klinkum*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2nd Place
Mystere IV A by Walter Schlueter*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1st Place
A6M2-N by Jerry Lawson*



*Aircraft 1/48, 2nd Place
Bf-109G-6 by Neil Shifflett*



*Armor 1/72, 1st Place
Tiger I by Leighton Overstreet*



*Armor 1/72, 2nd Place
Mark 4 Male by Gene Overton*

Contest Winners April 2018 (continued)



Contest Winners April 2018 (continued)



*Vehicles, 1st Place
Dominion Gas Truck by Hunter Selby*



*Vehicles, 2nd Place
Corvette CR 5 by Vince Mankowski*



*Figures, 1st Place
Deadpool by Rick Kennedy*



*Figures, 2nd Place
Italian Carabiner by Frank Collins*



*Master, 1st Place
FJ-4 Fury by Matt Shipp*



*Master, 2nd Place
Bf-109G by Aris Pappas*

Contest Winners April 2018 (continued)



Best out of the Box 1/72 T-6 by Vince Mankowski



Best of Show VW Dragster by Hunter Selby



Model Classic 2018

It requires a lot of time and effort to host a show like Model Classic but when you see row after row of tables full of models to enjoy, and vendors to empty your pockets, all of the spare time and effort to make it happen becomes worthwhile. Model Classic 2018 was a success. The E-board will provide preliminary results to the membership at the May meeting (*yes, I realize because I am so far behind the May meeting is history and you already heard the E-board report but I am pretending it is still April so humor me*). While we are waiting for the E-board report, here is a summary of the show.



Our traditional opening ceremony. A Young Marines color guard presented the colors while Fairfax High School Choral singers sang the National Anthem. The Young Marines Color Guard are from the left, YM/PFC September Craddock, YM/MSgt Issac Jones, YYM/Cpl Cynthia Borka, and M/Pvt Vanessa Branscum. The choral singers are from left to right: Sebastian Newlin; Seth Strong; JoyAna Weekly; Marin Bronaugh; Gries; Brigid Smullen; Leila Gibbs; Sydney Goldstein; Kabir Ali; and PJ Pavot with Choral Director Luke Frels directing.

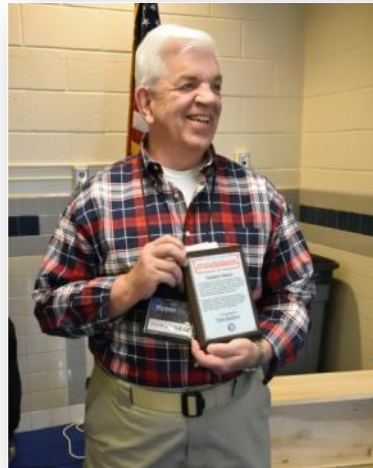
The numbers: 560 models graced the contest tables with over 800 people attending (contestants, walk-ins, vendors and exhibitors). The doors opened at 9:00am, after which we paused about 40 minutes later for our traditional opening ceremony. The Fairfax High School Choral Patrons sang the National Anthem, accompanied by a color guard courtesy of the Young Marines.

Following the opening ceremony, Mike Fleckenstein called Sherman Collings and Tom Dunbar to the podium. Sherman and Tom were founding members of IPMS Northern Virginia in 1984. Mike presented both gentlemen with a Founder's Award to recognize what they began has now become one of the most active chapters in the country.

Then it was time enter models in the contest, enjoy viewing the models and the exhibitor displays, and help the vendors take as little home as possible. The Adult Friends of Lego, the Potomac Module Crew, the N-gage T-Trak folks, the International Paper Modeler's Convention and the Washington Ship Model Society put on their usual impressive displays. Unfortunately the Mount Vernon Miniatures (doll house) and Able Company East (RC Tanks) were not able to attend this year. We hope to see them Model Classic 2019 which by the way is set for 20 April.

MC2018 (continued)

Award package support was awesome. Thanks go out to our sister IPMS chapters Washington DC, Richmond, Baltimore, Roanoke, New Jersey, Delaware Valley, Tidewater, and Knoxville. Thanks are also due to the Washington Ship Model Society, The Washington Armor Club and last but definitely not least the National Capital Model Soldiers Society. A particularly touching sponsorship was from the "Colleagues of Mike Neyland," a wonderful group of people who worked with Mike.



Founding Award recipients Tom Dunbar (left) and Sherman Collings

As for you, IPMS NoVA members sponsored no less than 24 categories, nearly 30% of the total (90 categories). Vendors who sponsored were Byrd Aviation Books, Doug Carl, the International Paper Modelers and Tim Hosek. Check out the chapter website (www.novaiipms.org) home page for a complete list of MC2018 sponsors, vendors, exhibitors and all of the photos in the gallery below plus many more. Contest results can be found in the Model Classic link.

The Pics



MC2018 (continued)



Vince's List

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1:48 Fighter/Attack/Strike
Fighters
F/A-18E or F Super Hornet
F-35B Lightning II (USMC)
F-35C Lightning II (USN)
F-5E/N Tiger II (adversary)
F-16A/B Viper (adversary)

1:48 Electronic Warfare
EA-18G Growler
EA-6B Prowler

1/144 Electronic Warfare
EP-3E Aries II
E-6B Mercury

1/72 or 1/144 Transport
C-130J Hercules
C-2A Greyhound
C-9B Skytrain
C-40A Clipper

1/48 Training Aircraft
T-2C Buckeye
T-6A/B Texan II
T-34C Turbo Mentor
T-38C Talon
T-45A/C Goshawk

1/144 Maritime Patrol
P-3C Orion
P-8A Poseidon

1/72 or 1/48 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)
X-47B UCAS-D
MQ-4C Triton (Naval version of Global Hawk)
MQ-8B Fire Scout
MQ-8C Fire-X (UAV version of H-57 Sea Ranger)

1/48 Rotary Wing
AH-1W Super Cobra
AH-1Z Viper
UH-1N Huey
UH-1Y Venom
MV-22B Osprey
HH/CH-46D/E Sea Knight "Phrog"
CH-53E Super Stallion (blades folded)
SH-60B/F Seahawk
MH-60R Seahawk
VH-3D Marine One
VH-60N Marine One

Carlisle Barracks Open House

I received an email from Doug Carl asking if there is room in the newsletter to post the following information:

On May 19 and 20 the U S Army Heritage and Education Center at Carlisle Barracks, PA will hold their open house celebrating Army Heritage Days. This year's theme is 50 years from the Tet Offensive. See the link below for programs.

They put on a very good program with lectures from special guests, static displays of various military vehicles and weapons including some rotary aircraft, and re-enactors from the French and Indian Wars through Desert Storm. Returning from last year is a live tank/vehicle demonstration where various vehicles run a looped obstacle course- a real crowd pleaser. Food services and parking will be provided. Last year they had around 3000 + attendees, so plan to arrive near 9am for a better parking space or you may have to park in the field (not that bad unless it rains).

While returning to the greater metro area, you may also want to stop by the visitor center at Gettysburg National Battlefield Park (closes at 6 pm). It is about 40 minutes south of Carlisle so plan accordingly, or better yet stay the evening in Carlisle or Gettysburg and take in the battlefield the next day.

<http://ahec.armywarcollege.edu/armyheritagedays/>

May Meeting Program and Contest Theme

Program: Aris Papas - "Aviation Museums of the Pacific" - A tour of aviation museums in New Zealand

Contest: "Mid-East Rising Star" – Any vehicle used by Israel since its founding in 1948.

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

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

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Upcoming Events

2 May 2018

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting

Fairfax High School
3501 Rebel Run
Fairfax VA 22030

15 May 2018

IPMS Washington DC Monthly Meeting

Ritchie Park Elementary School
8501 Post oak Rd, Potomac, MD 20854

23 May 2018

NCMSS Monthly Meeting

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

23 June 2018

Scale Model Mega-Show

IPMS Mid Carolina Swamp Fox/AMPS Central SC Wildcats

SC National Guard Armory and Military Museum
1225 bluff Road, Columbia SC

4 July 2018

IPMS Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers

DownEastCon 2018

Havelock Tourist and Event Center
201 tourist Center Dr., Havelock NC 28532

1 – 4 August 2018

IPMS-USA National Convention

Phoenix Convention Center
Phoenix, AZ
www.ipmsusanationals2018.org

11 August 2018

IPMS Roanoke Valley Virginia Shootout

Salem Civic Center
1001 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153

National Capital Model Soldier Society Annual Show

8 September

Thomas Edison HS
5801 Franconia Rd.,
Alexandria, VA



Upcoming Events (continued)

Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers
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July 14, 2018
1 January 2018



Where: Havelock Tourist & Event Center
201 Tourist Center Dr, Havelock, NC, 28532
(right between/behind the 2 hotels below)

Theme: "The United States Marines"

Admission: Adults (18 & over) \$10, unlimited entries, spouse free.
Juniors (under 18) FREE with an entry.
General Admission: \$5, Family Pass \$10 (3 or more).
1 Raffle Donation + \$15/table

Vendors: Winner's choice; \$1/one, \$5/six

Raffle: Some selected goodies, TBA.

Silent Auction: TBA.


Schedule:
7:00am Site & Vendor set-up.
9:00am Doors Open; Registration & Vendor Room open.
11:00am 1st Raffle drawing.
12:30pm Registration closes; Judges Meeting.
1:00pm Judging starts; 2nd Raffle drawing.
3:00pm Silent Auction bids close; start final Raffle drawing.
4:00pm Awards ceremony.
5:00pm Facility closed.

For Area Info &: 1-800-437-5767 or
Logging: 1-252-447-9000 Holiday Inn Express/Suites both adjacent
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**SATURDAY
AUGUST 11, 2018
SALEM CIVIC CENTER
1001 Roanoke Blvd.
Salem, VA 24153
9am to 4pm**

National Capitol Model Soldier Society
Honor History Through Art
September 8, 2018
Time: 9am—5pm



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US ARMY HERITAGE & EDUCATION CENTER
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Adults \$15.00 (additional entries \$1.00 each)
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