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March 2019 Newsletter

Editor: Tom Henderson

Chapter President Mike Fleckenstein reminded the club of the Old Dominion Open in Richmond where several members attended. A preliminary list of NoVa winners is at the bottom of page 13. Secretary-Historian Chris Nicoll reminded the membership to check the chapter roster to make sure their information is up to date. Being on the roster ensures that members receive the email updates which have become even more important with the large number of meeting date changes lately. (editor's note: I will add a supplemental comment on the roster. IPMS members, please check to make sure your IPMS number is listed and your expiration date is current. It will really help us at the end of the year when re-chartering for 2020). For new members who wish to be included on the roster, there is a form that makes it easy to do so. A hard copy of the roster is present at every meeting for members to review and update. See Chris at any meeting.



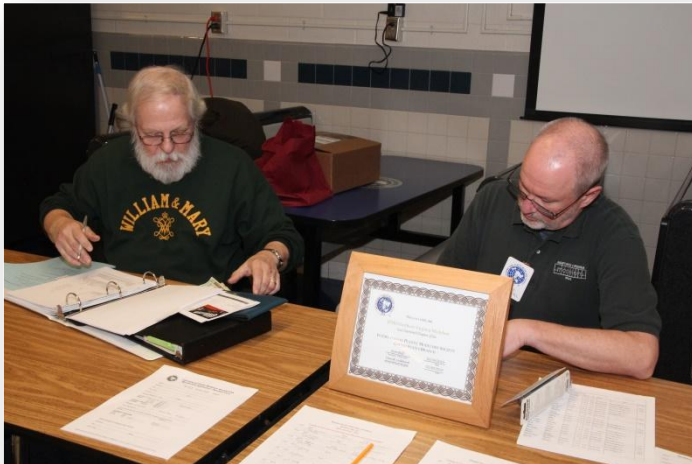
Left: Leighton Greenstreet was kind enough to put up with the roving photographer. Part of his 1st place winning jeep in 1/35 is at the bottom left of the photo. See the entire build on page 5. Right: Typical E-board meeting night supper. Arriving early for room setup and to prepare the paperwork for the meeting does not leave much time for a normal supper. Tim, thanks for volunteering to pose for this one.

As he promised last month, Chris brought his airbrush needle sharpener to the meeting for anyone who would like to use it. He will bring it to the March meeting as well.

Treasurer Tim Barb talked about the status of Model Classic. In short, vendor wise we are at about the same point we were at this time last year so we appear to be on track. Award sponsorships are not at about the same point so a little help was needed. At the end of the meeting, Tim mentioned several members sponsored award packages during the meeting so thanks to all. Many thanks for supporting our chapter. Tim also reminded the membership about the IPMS membership subsidy: members pay only \$10 per year for their membership and the club picks up the rest. We continue to get a few renewals every meeting.

Vice President John Figueroa gave the membership a report on the weekend weathering class member Jose Luis Lopez Ruiz gave to 9 participating members. The class subject was the Tiger tank and the results were stunning (editor: John's report on Jose Luiz's weathering course begins on page 18). We are very fortunate to benefit from the generosity (and world-class skill) of our membership such as Jose Luis holding this class at minimal cost for our members.

The program was a presentation titled "Italy's Foreign Legion of the Air" by well-known aviation historian and author Jon Guttman who talked about his research into Italian aces of World War I.



Left: After the typical E-board dinner, Treasurer Tim Barb and Secretary-Historian Chris Nicoll prepare for the business meeting. Right: Chinxy poses with his first place winning entry in the Figures category.

Contest Coordinator Walter Schlueter said the 2019 BTKS is off to a rousing start with all models purchased by the club having been sold. Members who still want a kit can talk to Walter who will coordinate a second order if there is interest. The kits are:

- DML7352 1/72 SdKfz 251/1 Ausf C Halftrack & 3.7cm PaK 35/36
- DML6732 1/35 SdKfz 10 Ausf A w/5cm Pak 38 Gun
- ITA1384 1/72 Tornado GR 1 RAF Fighter 25th Anniv Gulf War
- ITA2766 1/48 Tornado IDS 311FG GV RSV Aircraft 60th Anniversary
- FRF53 1/72 WWII SdKfz 251/4 German Artillery Halftrack

Walter also presented the sign-up sheets for Model Classic encouraging members help. We continue to see a minimum number of members signing up to help. Contest registration and the raffle are covered but we have many other volunteer needs in the areas of security, vendor concierge, set-up and tear-down.

That wraps up the news for the month. The contest photo gallery is next, followed by Dick Hague's column. We have a special treat this month in the form of a show report from our UK sister chapter IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands. Check out Dave Cope's report on the IPMS

Bolton show on page 14. Next but by no means last is John Figueroa's report on the Armor Weathering Class as mentioned above.

Sign up to help at Model Classic. To Walter's comments above I add the need for strong backs to help vendors unload and re-load. Weather wise, we made it through February but we are not out of the woods just yet so keep an eye on the weather announcements on the day of our next meeting which will be 13 March. See you then.



Author Jon Guttman delivering his presentation on WWI Italian aces

More Models at the meeting



Contest Winners February 2019



*Aircraft 1/72, 1st Place
Vickers Wellesley by Walter Schlueter*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2nd Place
C-17 by Don Dickson*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1st Place
F-18C by Tom Dunbar*



*Aircraft 1/48, 2nd Place
F-9C by Michael Johnson*



*Armor 1/72, 1st Place
T-55 by Jason Gribb*



*Armor 1/72, 2nd Place
Diorama Gene Overton*

Contest Winners February 2019 (continued)



*Armor 1/35, 1st Place
Army Jeep by Leighton Greenstreet*



*Armor 1/35, 2nd Place
Tiger I by Rafe Morrissey*



*Sci-Fi, 1st Place
Sentinel by Jason Gribb*



*Sci-Fi, 2nd Place
"This is My Land" by Jim Richey*

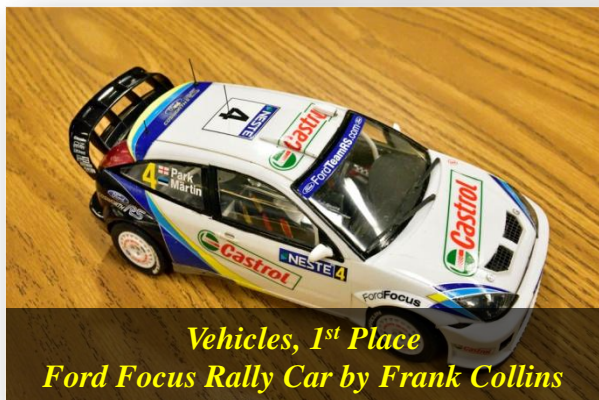


*Ships, 1st Place
G-5 MTB by Leighton Greenstreet*



*Ships, 2nd Place
USS Fletcher by Neil Shiflett*

Contest Winners February 2019 (continued)



*Vehicles, 1st Place
Ford Focus Rally Car by Frank Collins*



*Figures, 1st Place
Creature Trouble by Chinxy*



*Figures, 2nd Place
U-Boat Captain by Frank Collins*



*Master, 1st Place
Gotha G.IV by Mike Swinburne*



*Master, 2nd Place
Il-2 by Don Dickson*



*Special, 1st Place
Lim-6Bis by Frank Koval*



*Special, 2nd Place
Su-15 by Dick Hague*

Contest Winners February 2019 (continued)



Even more models attending the meeting



Contest Winners February 2019 (continued)

Best out of the Box 1/72 Mirage F-1B by Jim Fitzgibbon



Contest Winners February 2019 (continued)

Best of Show 1/32 F-2A3 Buffalo by Rafe Morrisey



Hague's Corner

Building a Waco

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.

Nope, I am not building a plane in Texas. I am building the most famous product of the Weaver Aircraft Company, the CG-4A "Hadrian." This steel tube, wood, and cloth contraption was a WWII glider that brave men actually rode into combat! It was towed into battle using a nylon rope hooked to what was usually a twin engine transport plane. I have been posting pictures of building British Horsa gliders for several months now so it is time to show some gliders America built during the war.



Figure 1

The kit I am building came on the market nearly half the amount of time ago that the real CG-4 came on the scene. It is an old kit and much research had to be done to build it correctly. Even the illustration on the box is better than what is inside. No parts for the tail surface bracing illustrated on the box art are in the kit. Pictures in this update will show steps to correct this.

The interior of the kit disagrees with all the online pictures I have found but, many companies built the CG-4 and museum restorations may not reflect how it was really built. I am therefore using some artistic license with the interior of this kit, but end result should be a good representation of what would have been in there. One chance I did not make was to correct the floor mounted control sticks. The real ones have been pictured to have wheels with a chain drive from the wheels to the cabin roof. That makes sense since the floor mounted sticks would not be feasible with the nose being raised. So let's get going!



Figure 2



Figure 3

Hague's Corner (continued)

First was a thorough washing in warm water and dishwashing liquid to remove oils from the molding process and air drying on paper towels overnight. Tip alert! Figure 4 shows the bench type seats attached with tape to the inside of the fuselage halves. This was done to allow the many support legs of different lengths to be inserted underneath and glued just to the bottom of the seat and not to the wall or floor.

Since the floor is sloped the legs are of many different lengths. Keeping them separated until glued in required some organization of sorts. In Figure 5, the numbers on a slip of paper are the numbers of the leg parts on the instruction sheet. A little liquid glue on the seat end of the leg as well as the underside of the seat and small tweezers to insert the legs worked great. The tape allowed the seat to tilt up enough to stick the legs under them.



Figure 4



Figure 5

Figure 6 shows a photo of a real CG-4 tail and kit parts modified to match. Although the kit includes eight of the elevator hinges (four on each side) the kit instructions only show three installed on each side. Here four have been installed on each side and holes drilled to align the "V" shaped struts to be made for underneath the horizontal tail surfaces and the wire supports that come in from above. Holes have also been drilled in the vertical tail at the top for the wire supports to go into. All of this was shown on the box art but not included in the kit.



Figure 6

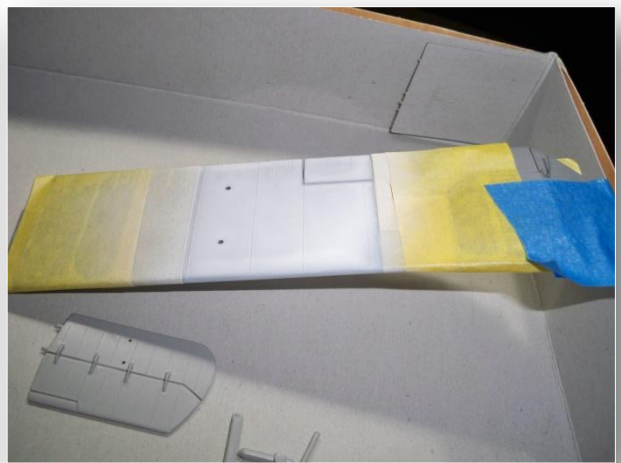


Figure 7

Hague's Corner (continued)

Tip alert: Forget the cockpit door and bulkhead wall included in the kit. The real thing did not have a cockpit door or bulkhead wall.

Figure 7 on the previous page shows one wing masked off to paint the black and white D-Day invasion stripes. The wing has already been painted olive drab on top and neutral gray on the bottom and the white has been sprayed on both sides. After three white stripes are masked off here, black will be sprayed on to create the classic D-Day recognition markings. The other wing took a step backward when an instruction error put one of the control surface activation rods in the wrong place. I only discovered it when I went to mask the already OD/gray painted wing for the white bands. I had to remove the rod and repaint the olive drab. It was drying when this picture was taken of the other wing.

Although the landing gear struts are permanently on in Figures 8 and 9, the fuselage halves are only resting against each other while I decide how to make the inside replicate somewhat how the real thing was painted. The wooden floor will be on the finished model. The seats, based on medical stretchers, are olive drab cloth over a steel covered frame and aluminum legs.

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Figure 8

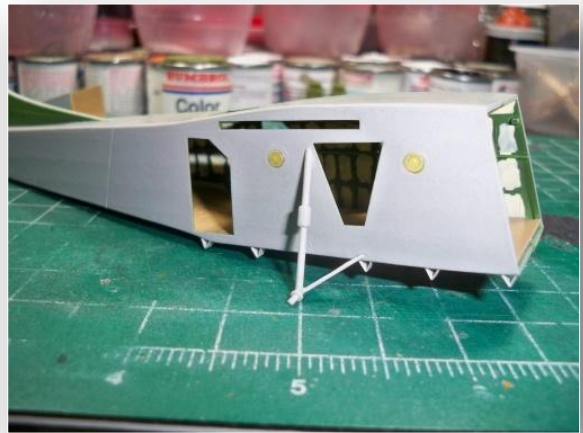


Figure 9

The Hague's Corner piece in the October and November issues was a two part article on Dick's build of two Italeri 1/72 H-21 Piasecki helicopters. As of the end of part 2, one of the two to be painted and marked as a presidential transport bird was not finished because Dick was waiting on decals. Since then the decals arrived and the blue H-21 is now complete. Dick brought it to the February meeting so here is the conclusion of the double build.



Hague's Corner (continued)

Although the Italeri CG-4 is not a hard kit to build, it is a hard kit to build accurately. Italeri is overdue to update this kit as they have done with several of their other kits of this vintage.

Figures 10 and 11 show the inside of a museum example and quite a bit different from what is provided in the kit. If the doors and nose opened on the model I would consider building the wooden benches shown in the photo instead of using the kit parts. Since the doors and nose do not open, little will be visible through the nose and small side windows so the effort was not worth it in this case. As I said at the beginning, different vendors built these things. Since some carried jeeps and small guns, removing the parts as provided in the kit would be more easily removed for those loads than the wooden benches shown here. To be continued....



Figure 10



Figure 11

ODO Preliminary Results Congratulations ODO Winners

I was so busy at ODO this year I barely had a chance to take any photos or do the usual reporter thing to put a show report together. However, I checked the IPMS Richmond website just before going final with this issue and compiled a list of winners going by the names I recognized. If any NoVA member out there placed please let me know and I will put a completed list in the next issue so everyone gets recognized. In the meantime, congratulations Michael, Nelson, Ed and Randy!

Category	Winner	Place	Entry
13 - 1/48 & larger prop, rigged, single- & multi winged	Michael Johnson	2nd	Curtiss F9C-2 Sparrowhawk
15 - Rotary-winged	Nelson Kee	2nd	UH-1H Huey
18 - OOB, large scale (1/71 scale and larger)	Nelson Kee	1st	F-15C Eagle
36 - Small Scale, 1/26 and smaller, all eras	Ed Mautner	1st	1955 Ferrari
55 - Ships on water, all scales (water is judged)	Randy Corish	2nd	Schnellboot

IPMS Bolton Show Report

20 January 2019

By Dave Cope, IPMS Staffordshire-Moorlands

Editor's Note: *As mentioned up front I truly hope those of you have not had a chance to visit the UK enjoy this look into a typical show across the Pond. Many thanks to Dave and IPMS Staffordshire-Moorlands for the insight into how IPMS shows are done in the Mother Country.*

The IPMS Bolton show is the opening show of the season, and what a show to start with! Probably the largest one day show in the north of England and only just over an hour's drive from our base in North Staffordshire. Bolton is just outside of Manchester in the UK. The weather was kind and 13 members of IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands made the trip and once again we were able to put on a varied and high quality (well we thought it was!) display on the 12' X 4' table we were allocated.

For many years the show was held at St Joseph's Roman Catholic High School Horwich and this is now the second year in the shows new venue at the Premier Suite, University of Bolton Arena (formerly the Macron Stadium), home of Bolton Wanderers Football Club - a superb venue. It's a large show, which this year has further expanded onto the mezzanine floor.

Visitors were certainly not disappointed. Over 40 traders were selling a multitude of kits, conversion and detailing sets, decals, paints and tools and 50+ clubs and SIG's displaying all genres of models including space, science fiction, fantasy, military and civilian ships, aircraft and figures - something for everyone really!

As is usual for this show the competition was themed, this year it was "Made in Britain" which was won by the superb large scale model of Thunderbird 2. Best model in show (judged on the table) was deservedly won this year by a stunning 1/48th scale Short Stirling built from the Sanger vac-form kit.

Congratulations must go to our old friends the IPMS Bolton Model Club for hosting another first class show which is rapidly becoming a firm favorite on the UK show calendar.









Armor Weathering Class

By John Figueroa

On the weekend of the 9th and 10th of February 2019, noted modeling author José Luis López Ruiz and the Product Manager of AMMO USA, Iain Hamilton, conducted a Master Class in painting and weathering scale armor models for members of Northern Virginia Modelers. Nine intrepid students attended the class along with Armor Modeling and Preservation Society (AMPS) master modeler Manny Rodriguez assisting José and Iain. The class was held in the basement of our home in Fairfax, VA.

José challenged each of us to get out of our comfort zones with an intensive two-day course, eight hours each day, covering all aspects of painting and weathering an armored fighting vehicle (AFV). For this course, José chose the 1/48 scale AFV Club Tiger I in Panzer gray. Each student had to show up to class on the first day with their kit completely built and primed, either white or gray, but not black. One of the first things José had us do was to study the shadows and highlights on our kits with a strong overhead light, including taking pictures with our cell phones for reference.

José then told us to be prepared for “an overdone kit.” He explained that the first steps will make the kit look like a “circus” vehicle. He stressed that we should not be afraid of the contrast necessary in the early steps because each successive layer of painting and weathering will darken the effects of the forgoing layers. José demonstrated his “Black and White” technique for us then turned us loose on our own kits to see what we could do. Soon the sweet smell of Tamiya lacquer thinner permeated the air. Everyone was busy laying in the shadows, highlights, and mid-tones, then blending the effects as José had shown us.



Even with a uniform coat of primer, you can see the various shades and how the color changes depending on how the light hits each surface.

Over the next two days, José took us through his 26-step process (available for download on the Northern Virginia Modelers web site at <https://www.novaiipms.org/tips>. and demonstrated each technique before giving us the chance to try it out on our own kits. It was intense and a lot of work, but because all work and no play makes modelers dull boys, we all pitched in for lunch and ordered out for pizza on the first day and Popeye’s chicken on the second. We got a chance to get to know each other a little better and share war stories.

Throughout the class José reminded us to keep in mind the concept that each step should be viewed as an intermediate point in the entire process and not an end in itself. José also encouraged us to experiment and understand how each step in the painting and weathering process adds value to our kits, “every layer counts,” José explained.

If the Weather is Bad

Winter is upon us so if the weather is bad on a meeting day pay close attention to the media for Fairfax County school closings. If the schools close on a meeting day or evening activities cancelled there will be no meeting for that month.



José explains a technique before sending us to our own kits to try it out.

The fruit of our labors; all ten Tigers, including José's!

I don't think that I would be wrong to say that everyone enjoyed the two days with José and learned a lot. Although it was a very intense two days, we all left at the end of the second day with a completed Tiger and a smile on our faces.

The last thing we did before breaking camp and returning to our homes was to take a group picture with José and our Tigers. You can learn more about José's Black and White technique, other interesting techniques, modeling news, and see many pictures of José's projects on his web site at: <http://jllopezstyle.com/>



Front row from the left: Rafe Morrissey, Mark Miller, John Figueroa, José Luis López. Back row: Jason Gribb, Chuck Connor, George Coley, Neal Gause, Michael Johnson, Scott Bricker.

March Meeting Program and Contest Theme

Presentation: Aaron Hamilton "The late-WWII Type VIIC" - Story of the famous German submarine to include a current kit rundown.

Contest: Delta – Any Delta winged vehicle or vessel that operated in a river delta. i.e. PBR, Swift boat, paddle-wheel steamer, B-58, Mirage, Vulcan, F-102, CF-105, etc.

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>

Change in E-Board staffing

Mike Fleckenstein has stepped down as President of NoVA Modelers due to a conflicting weekly commitment on our meeting nights. Mike will continue to administer our Website, Roster and with his responsibilities at Model Classic. Thanks to Mike for his 6 years service as Vice President and 2 as president. John Figueroa will serve as Acting President, Chris Nicoll as Acting Vice President and Walter Schlueter as Acting Secretary until an interim Election in November.

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19 March 2019
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27 March 2019
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 Thomas Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road
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Model Contest Ⓢ April 6, 2019

This year's theme is: 75th Anniversary of D-DAY.
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• Best Aircraft	• Best 75th D-Day	• Tailhook Award	• Raffles and Prizes
• Best Armor	• Best Ship	• Trifecta category	• Wall to wall vendors
• Best Civilian	• Judge's Best	• Club "Make & Take"	• Hot food available




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Registration info: Adults-\$15 (includes unlimited model entries). Walk-in's-\$10. Kids under 16-\$5 (children under 12 free). Active members of the military are also free. No bills larger than a \$50.

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