



(above) Tim Ryan's 1929 Model A Ford roadster in 1/25 scale is done out of the box and painted with Rust-Oleum black and Dupli-Color Driftwood gold. Tim says this older AMT/ERTL kit still builds up quite nicely.

## Meeting Debriefing

- by The Editors

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!!**

The December meeting returned to convention and included our year end Potluck Lunch, (great food), and included not one, not two, but THREE(!) raffles for Hobby Chest gift tokens.

Attendance was good with 25 members and spouses including: David Mohr, Karen Mohr (the raffle Diva), Dennis Korn, William Reece, Richard Adams, Rodney and Melissa Huyett, David Stiteler, Joe Gray, Tim Ryan, Ronnie Whitley, Chuck Colucci, Robert Brackin, Jim Harriett, Jim Gower, Marshall and Katharine Smith, Gregory and Anna Marchlinski, Alan Welch and his wife Kathy Tucci, and Jeff Maples. It was a great turnout and good to have so many wives joining us.

After introductions we launched right into old business.

### Name Tags:

As usual, Jeff Maples handed out our name tags. If there is a member attending the meetings who does not have a name tag, please let Jeff know.

### Old Business:

We quickly ran through old business, (after all, food was waiting) which included IPMS and ECPM membership and renewals and a report on the corrected and updated chapter roster. Then we moved on to the important subject to discuss, **MMMMMODELS!**

(Alan wanted to schedule the show and tell segment *before* lunch so as to minimize the danger of greasy fingers on models).

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## Meetings

Contact & meeting info on locally based model building groups and interest groups.

**New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild.**

Meeting location: 604 Guion St., New Bern, NC the second Saturday of each month at 12:00 noon. For up to date info on their meeting: <https://www.facebook.com/nbmmgnc>

**Wilmington, NC Plastic Modelers**

meet on the 1st Saturday of each month. Meetings are held at the New Hanover County Public Library, Osprey room, 3802 S. College Rd, at 2:00 pm to 4:30. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/117277425006833>

**Jacksonville NC Plastic Modelers**

meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at The Hobby Chest, 345 Western Blvd, Jacksonville, NC. The Hobby Chest carries a great selection of hobby kits and supplies and is a grand center for tabletop gaming activities. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1319666224752922>

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# Meetings

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**IPMS Eagle Squadron** General meeting on the second Sunday at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the American Legion Post 116 in Fuquay Varina and an Informal Build Night, Hangar 18 Hobbies in Cary the last Wednesday of each month from 6pm-8pm.  
<https://www.facebook.com/IPMS-EagleSquadron>

## Carolina Maritime Model Society

Next meeting will be at the North Carolina Maritime Museum, 315 Front St., Beaufort, NC, meeting time and date TBA. This group builds ships and boats and the museum is a great meeting space. <https://www.facebook.com/CMMSNC/>

## REMEMBER!

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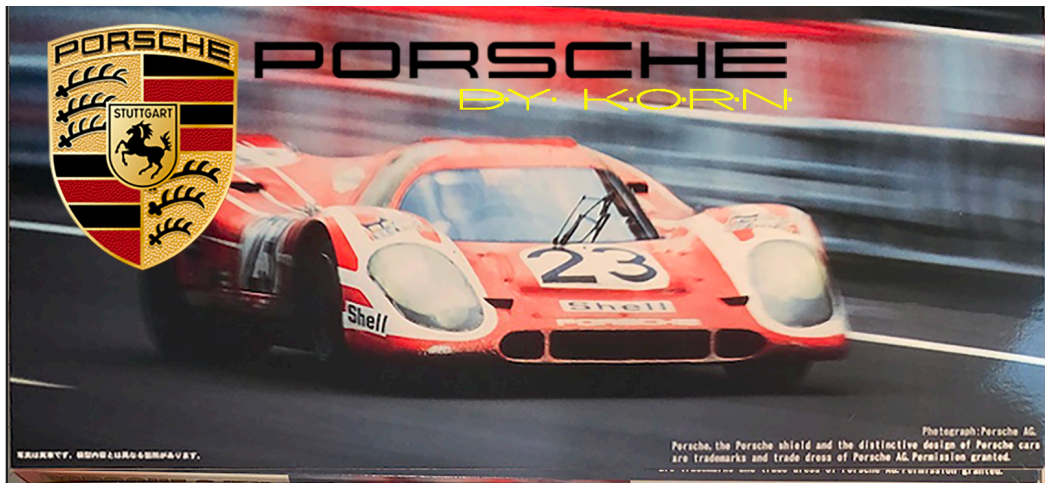
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The year 1970 was a year that marked many significant moments in history. Kent State University saw four students gunned down by the Ohio National Guard; the Beatles announced they were breaking up; I moved to Germany for the second time to start high school in the fall; and Porsche finally won Le Mans after 19 failed attempts.

In June of that year the battle lines for long-distance racing dominance pitted Ferrari against Porsche. Porsche had three teams fielding eight 917s and Ferrari had four 512s on the works team and seven more 512s entered by privateers. In their 20th year at Le Mans, Porsche brought the 917 in both a long-tail version (917L) and in a short-tail version (917k). These cars were equipped with either a 5-liter flat-12 or 4.5-liter flat-12 engine. Some thought the secret to winning was all out speed, but others looked at reliability as the key to 24 hours of racing.

Chairman Ferry Porsche dropped the Tricolore to start the race . . . this year introduced a change from previous years as there were no drivers running across the track to their cars. The cars were all lined up along the pit wall, all fired them up and launched onto the track at the drop of flag. After this year, all subsequent starts at Le Mans would be rolling starts. For movie buffs, the movie Le Mans used quite a bit of footage from the 1970 race to

intermix into the action that was shot after the race for the movie. . the movie production company actually entered a car and shot 250,000 feet of film with on-board cameras. The movie has no plot, but man those cars. In the movie, the head of the Gulf Porsche Team tells Steve McQueen he wants "Porsche to win Le Mans." But it is not the Gulf Porsche Team that wins Le Mans in 1970, but the Porsche Konstruktionen 917k driven by Richard Attwood and Hans Hermann and that car is the subject of this model build.

Hans Hermann was a 40-year-old experienced driver who had never won Le Mans and Richard (Dickie) Attwood was a Formula 1 driver who was called upon to assist the Ford GT40 program in its infancy. Unlike  
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*(below) Research is always key when building a specific historical vehicle. Dennis always does his homework*



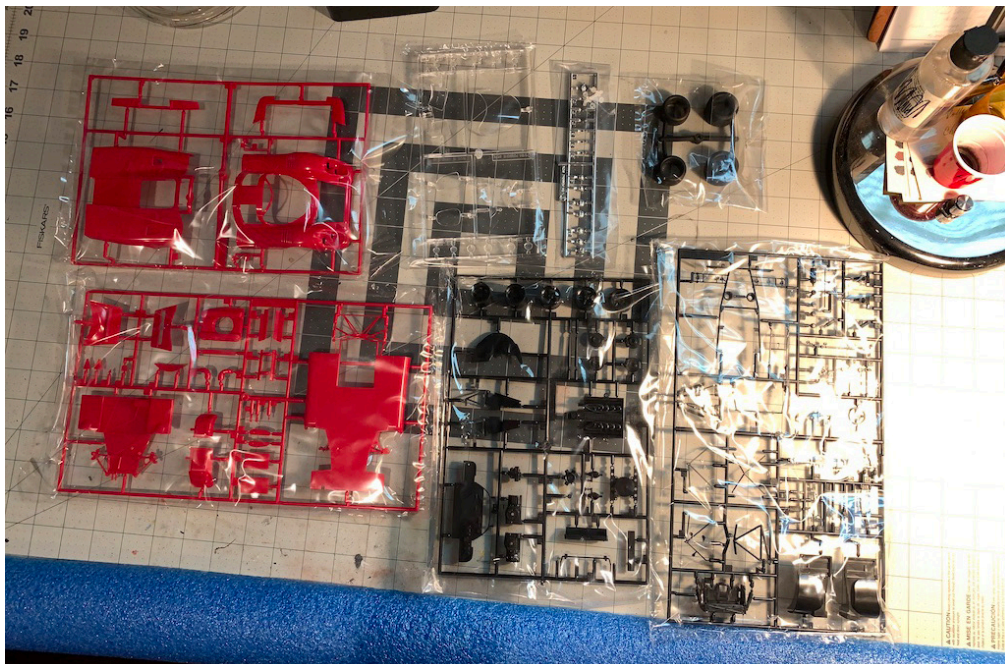


# Porsche by Korn

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in the modern era of Le Mans, there were only two drivers for each car . . . today there are three . . . that shared the driving duties for 24 hours. Attwood didn't know it at the time, but he had a mild case of mumps and was not able to sleep at all or keep anything down but Cornflakes. Hans Hermann told his wife that if he won Le Mans he would retire. They qualified 14th with the short-tail version of the 917 and the smaller 4.5-liter engine. By early evening only 3 of the top 10 qualifiers were still in the race. The #23 Porsche 917k took the lead in the 11th hour and through rain that lasted throughout the night and the next day, they brought the first victory to Porsche at Le Mans.

The model is a Fujimi . . . a brand I have not built before . . . so this should be fun. The parts trees look relatively clean and it is my hope that the body parts fit better than my last project. The upper body comes in two parts . . . front and rear . . . and requires for this version to install some pieces and use filler to make them part of the body. Obviously



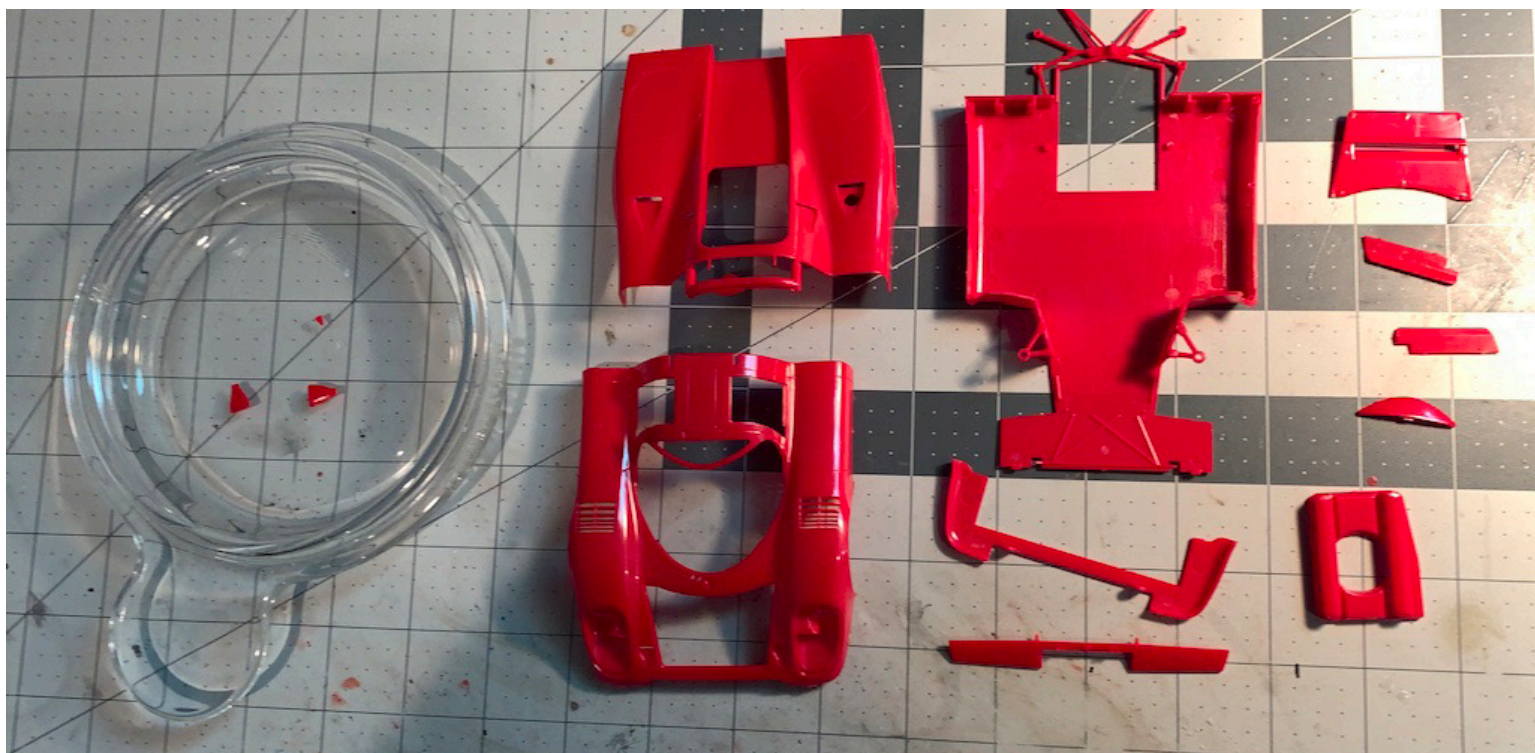
Fujimi used the same molds for different versions of this car. So instead of following the instructions exactly (who ever does really), I started with the body by installing the missing pieces and adding filler. Then when I was satisfied with the finish came primer, some sanding, more primer, a bit more sanding and more primer.

*(above) Fujimi's packaging left little to be desired. Each spue is in its own plastic envelope*

At this point I went on vacation, came back and could not get the nerve up to shoot the body color paint on the body, which brought the project to a halt. First there was the hassle of trying to find the proper color (even though I ordered it from a hobby shop, but when it never showed up, I had that charge

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*(below) Starting to assemble the body, organization is a help'*





# Porsche by Korn

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reversed and looked elsewhere), finally deciding that I could use the Guardsman Red from MCW I had in stock. Thanks to a push from Alan Welch, I finally laid down a few coats of red.

In the meantime, I am working on painting some of the details and deciding how much of the Studio 27 photoetch set I would use on the kit. Not planning on using much as this kit will not have any doors open . . . so I will save most of the photoetch for another version. With this model I decided to do something new and I primed all the parts while they were still on the sprue. With the clean shots from the molds, I decided it would be quicker this way. I know others do this as their standard operating procedures, but this was a first for me.

I tried something new on the two seats by trying a fabric paint on them after scribing the seat folds in place. The paint may have been old or something, as it did not come out of the can cleanly. I would say I am not really happy with the results, but it will be buried inside the car, so good enough.

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*(above) Painting and assembling the components. Dennis painted the parts on the trees, another "first".*

*(below left) Although the painted seats did not live up to his hopes the finished products do look interesting in this shot.*

*(below right) Wheels have a nice "used" look and have a great flat finish giving a very "rubber" look.*





# Porsche by Korn

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I was hoping to put on the decals on the body halves before final assembly, but some of the decals run the length of the car, so I will have to wait on decals until the final steps.

I finished off the interior parts of the car, the rear engine/transaxle/suspension parts (with extensive support tubing) and went to fit the body. Body fit has been my Achilles heel on all my race car models so far. This model was a closer fit, but still required some finessing, especially when I decided after struggling with the rear half of the body to attach it first . . . it should have been attached after the front half . . . this just increased my challenges.

I have some touch up on exterior paint to finish before decaling can commence, but I should have this one done in time for the January meeting (though I want to make a base for it . . . that may have to wait).

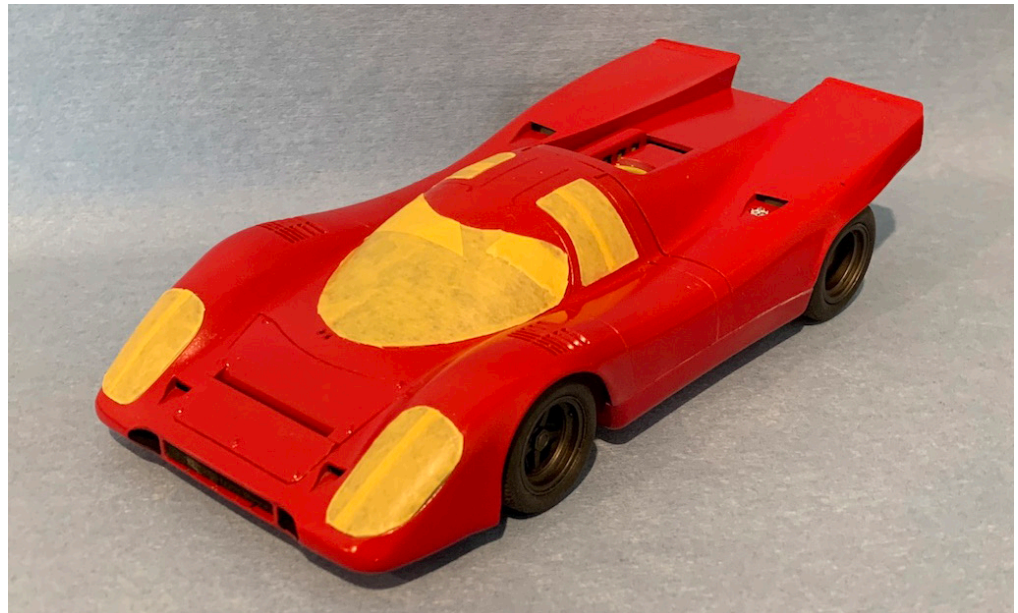
-Editor

**Note: This article will be continued in next month's issue so be sure to tune in next month for the exciting conclusion of this ræe. (. . . er, build article)**

*(right) Here is the Studio 27 photo etch detail kit for the Porsche. It looks to be comprehensive with many, many teeny tiny parts. (To quote Puss in Boots, "Fear me if you dare")*

*(below) The base coat of red. Almost, but not quite, Ferrari Red but who's counting. It IS red though and the tape masking gives it the look of an extra in "Cars".*

*But that's just me.*



## Discussion Time

By: The Editor

To give a little history this chapter has been around in the neighborhood of thirty (30) years. Our meeting time has been 12:00 noon on Saturdays for as long as I can remember. But recently it has been brought to

our attention that this meeting schedule might not be the most convenient for every one.

To clarify the situation, our illustrious webmaster has posted a

small poll for our members to let us know how they feel. So if you want to let us know what your preferences are please go to our chapter website and give us some feedback. We can discuss the results at the January meeting. That address, once again, is:

<https://www.ecpmod.com/chapter-business.html>

. . . And you might find some other interesting things elsewhere on the site. ■

-Editor





# Confessions of a Closet Modeler

By David Stiteler

Christmas is a special time for family. This time of year, it takes me back sometimes to when I was young, and my father was serving in the Navy. It didn't happen often but there were times when he was deployed at sea over the holidays, and I always waited with anticipation for that rare phone call or telegram and even a radiogram from a local Ham Radio operator.

When it was possible it was always great to talk to him and he would ask how my latest project was going in school, or the model we may have started before he left. He always ended the contact with, "Sleep soundly these next nights. Your Navy is on station".

I missed him very much, but those times provided very fond memories I will always treasure.

While I was serving in the Air Force, I tried to pass on the love of the hobby to my son, Joshua. Unfortunately, he never took to it like I had hoped. We did share other interests, and even though I was fortunate to be home for most of the holidays while my kids were growing up, there were times I was absent over Christmas. With technology I was able to be in touch more often and yes, I passed on the tradition of asking how the latest project was going and made the promise of getting involved with something as soon as I returned. And always, I finished the conversation with, "Sleep soundly these nights. Your Air Force is awake watching over you."

Now, the boot is on the other foot. I'm rooted here at home, and my middle child, Joshua, is half a world away, serving in the Air Force. We're in contact frequently, thanks to Facebook Messenger, Zoom, and e-mail. And each time we get

together, as I was once the child, he would ask me how that B-17 is coming along.

The needling is in fun, and we have a good time with it.

This Christmas will be the first Christmas that my son will not be home with us. It won't be easy but then I believe it wasn't easy for my kids when I was gone. Having the roles reversed takes me back to when I was a kid, waiting on my father to return.

So, I will, when time allows work on the B-17, and the P-40, and on Christmas day, we will fire up the computer and Facebook Messenger with the Airman in Korea. And I'm pretty sure his first words to me will be, "Hey Dad, how's the B-17 coming along?". That before Merry Christmas, Dad. And I'll love it. What goes around, comes around.

For all of us that has family members serving either at home or abroad, remember them in your prayers this Christmas season. It's their service that allows us to celebrate the reason for the season in our own way, freely.

And since I once served in the Air Force, I'll speak for my son also. Sleep soundly these nights. Your Air Force is awake and watching over you all.

Here's wishing all of us a very Merry Christmas, and a safe, Happy New Year! See you in 2023! ■

- David Stiteler



## Meeting

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### The Display Case:

We had a varied display of more than built models this month. Details on what was displayed are given in the photo captions but we ran the gamut from fine, finished builds through future projects to unopened kits to art and . . . well, best just read on.

One thing to consider adding to our year-end-holiday-bash is a white elephant gift exchange. Jeff Maples, brought in two new kits that he acquired from both the Raleigh's Eagle Squadron and Wilmington's White Elephant gift exchanges so best let him explain.

For those of you who are not familiar with white elephant gift exchanges, there is a lot of backstabbing and stealing along with great fun. Jeff stated he takes great joy in stealing his favorite kits from other members. (maybe a little bit too much joy).

He acquired an Academy 1:72 scale B-17F "Memphis Belle" from his Wilmington group, and then at the Eagle Squadron, he acquired the Tamiya 1:48 scale A6M3 Zero.

Jeff mentioned that he has been talking with fellow ECPM member, William Reece, including hopes that William will help him with his expert advice when Jeff builds Zero.

This collaboration brought to Jeff's mind about having a group build for ECPM. As Jeff explained, we could have a group build, live on zoom (or such) once a week, and we could build whatever we like. The idea seem to be a big hit as a lot of people raise their hand when asked who would like to participate. More info will come on this from Jeff at the beginning of 2023.

### Lunch

Once models no longer needed  
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to be handled we all moved on to lunch. Our intrepid photographer succumbed early on to the variety and quality of the spread and therefore no photos survived the onslaught on the buffet but reports have it the food was extensive in quantity and excellent in quality. The exact menu is still classified and therefore cannot be released to the public but no reports of dissatisfaction have been received

## IPMS shows on website:

Each month, Jeff gives an update on IPMS contests and shows in the (somewhat) local area.

By asking for a show of hands, Jeff wanted to see how many people are going on our ECPM website. Not many hands were raised, and Jeff was hoping he'd see more hands go up.

The reason for the question was due to the fact that both Alan and Jeff update a page on the ECPM website that has links to these local shows coming up in 2023.

Jeff used his iPhone as an example on how to get onto our website, look for the tab 'Other Cons', once clicked on you will see 4 to 6 new shows starting in January happening within a reasonable driving distance. He showed that with each contest, he has put on a hotlink that will bring you to the club's contest homepage. Also, on that page, one can find the IPMS Events hotlink that brings you to a year of contests from Maine to California.

## IPMS Affiliation:

It was brought to Jeff's attention that in the new year IPMS/USA will keep a tally making sure each chapter has a minimum of five IPMS members. They are asking that each chapter member of the IPMS/USA go on their website and affiliate themselves with their chapter. Jeff stated that he

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# The Group Build Initiative

By Jeff Maples



I presented this idea at the December meeting, and it seemed to be a hit. For those who were not at the meeting, I thought the chapter could do a live group build on Zoom or such.

Now, many clubs will do group builds. In most cases (at least the ones I have done) there are 2 separate phases...

*1) The club picks a theme - sets a finish date - participants find that kit that fits the theme - and starts building at home.*

*2) When the finish date arrives (usually 4 to 6 months later) they bring their models in - place them on a common table - and each builder talks about their model.*

So, for those 4 to 6 months, there is no interaction. I would like to change that.

Here is what I propose for our ECPM Group Build...

*1) We DON'T pick a theme. Build whatever you feel like. Now, a good suggestion was made at the December meeting to build B-17's (because B-17's came up a lot at the meeting). Great, but you don't have to. You can build a ship, a tank, a figure, etc. If I were to label this group build with any theme, it would be 'Participation'.*

*2) We do the build online with other builders using Zoom, or Facebook Live, or Google. We meet once a*

*week as we will pick a day and time that fits the majority of people. So, during those 4 to 6 months there IS interaction.*

*3) We don't quite pick a finish date. When we finish our build, we simply take it into the next meeting, where you get to talk about your group build model, plus the other participants at the meeting can share what they learned from your build.*

In the beginning of new year, I will be sending an email to the ECPM members, plus other builders who receive our ECPM Newsletter, that will include a poll (if you will) to gather information from those who want to participate. This would entail you picking your top three...days, times, and visual communication software, so I can determine what will work for the majority.

Of course, not everyone will have picked the same #1 day, time, and device, hence the top 3 choices. Plus, not everyone will be able to attend every build online. But, within your data collected will exist a common ground.

So, keep this in mind when that email comes around and let's discuss this in more detail at the January meeting.

Until then, Happy New Year, and I hope you are all enjoying your new Santa kits you got this Christmas for being a good builder. ■

- Jeff Maples



# Con Roundup

**January 21-2023**

*"SCMA Spartanburg"*

Spartanburg SC

(non IPMS)

<https://www.facebook.com/SCMASpartanburg/>

**January 28, 2023**

*"Eagle Squadron Minicon"*

American Legion Post 116

6400 Johnson Pond Rd.

Fuquay, NC

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/874411673009197>

**February 25, 2023**

*2023 Old Dominion Open*

Richmond Raceway Complex

Henrico Hall

600 East Laburnum Avenue

Richmond, VA 23222

<http://ipmsrichmond.blogspot.com/>

**February 25, 2023**

Region 3 Atlanta Con.

IAM Union Hall

1032 S Marietta Pkwy

Marrieta GA.

[kdmcelmore@gmail.com](mailto:kdmcelmore@gmail.com)(link sends e-mail)

Event Website(link is external)

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**BeachCon 22**

*"The Best of the Beach"*

800 Gabreski Lane

Myrtle Beach, SC

[www.grandstrandscalemodelers.org/](http://www.grandstrandscalemodelers.org/)

**May 20, 2023**

*"40th Smokey Mountain Con"*

Knoxville Catholic High School

9245 Fox Lonas Rd. NW

Knoxville TN

<https://www.knoxvillescalemodelers.com/annual-model-contest.html>

**July 15, 2023**

*"The Forbidden Contest"*

Spartanburg SC

**August 2nd - 5th, 2023**

*IPMS Nationals*

Embassy Suites and San Marcos

Convention Center

San Marcos Texas

<https://www.nats2023.com/>

**November, 2023**

*"Region 12 Convention and Contest"*

1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy,

Dallas, NC, 28034

<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/chapter/ipmsgaston-county-model-builders>



# SitRep

*Some information on the upcoming AMPS cons and gatherings for you armor builders out there.*

**AMPS Atlanta and**

**Atlanta Military Figure Show 2023**

Feb. 17, 2023

The Hilton Atlanta Northeast

5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd,

Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

**AMPS Armor & Miniature**

**Figure Contest**

April 14 - 15, 2023

Santa Rosa County Auditorium

4530 Spikes Way,

Milton, FL 32583

**AMPS 2023**

**International Convention**

May 4 - 6, 2023

*"The Pacific War"* theme

Penn Harris Hotel

1150 Camp Hill Bypass,

Camp Hill, PA 17011

*-Mark Gray*

## Meeting

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would send out an email to all ECPM members with instructions on how to do the affiliation.

At the November meeting, Alan asked those IPMS/USA members to please raise their hand, and we had at least a dozen at that meeting.

All in all, it was a very satisfying meeting in many ways, but it also raised a number of questions. If you have read straight through until this point the editor would like to point out that there are a number of suggestions for basic changes to things such as meeting times and proposed additions to meeting

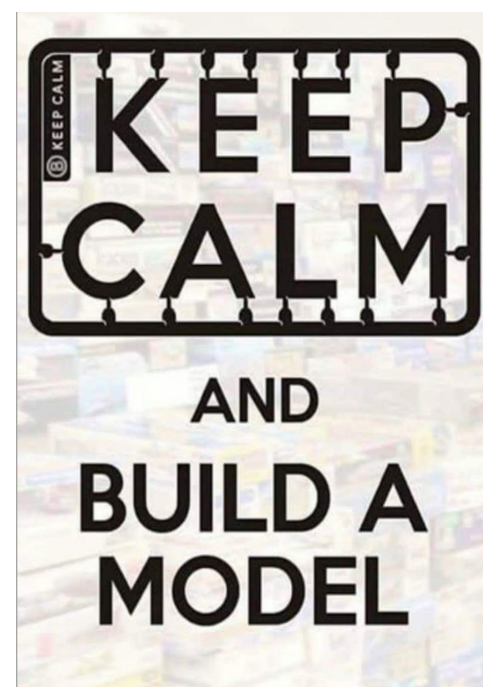
themes and activities we are asking the chapter members to help decide. These are scattered through the newsletter in their own little articles so please help customize the chapter to your liking.

Finally, apologies for getting the newsletter out a bit late, (I know, this should have been published **LAST YEAR!**), but again, real life interfered.

So, that's it, see you guys at the January meeting, same bat time, same bat place.

Again, thanks for being a great chapter to belong to. ■

*-Editors*





# E.C.P.M. DISPLAY CASE

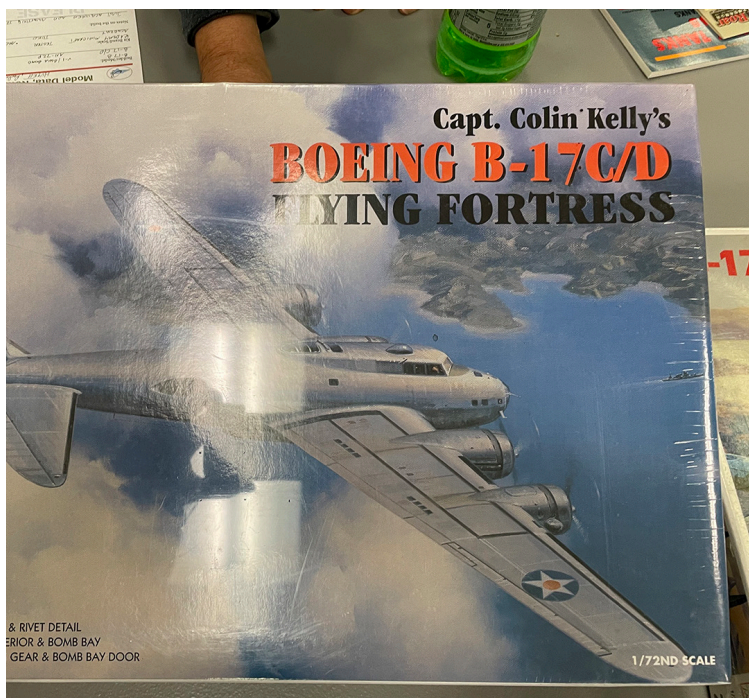
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(above) Richard Adams finish a lovely British 9 pounder field gun manufactured by Artesania Latina in 1/32 scale. Richard said the wheels were a little difficult but overall, the kit was very nice and was an enjoyable build.



(above) Rodney Huyett brought in several future projects and again, delves into the unusual and little known. This AH072P is manufactured by TOKO, a brand that so far none of us is familiar with. Can anyone shed any light on this company?



(above) Another of Rodney Huyett's future projects is Colin Kelly's heavy bomber by Academy. And Rodney seems to have caught the B-17 bug that has infected many of us. Group build anyone?



(above) Mark Gray delved into the specular fiction "what if" category with this US MARINE 23rd century attack aircraft assigned to VMFA-212. It was originally an Atlantis UFO from the tv series "Invaders".





*(above) Alan Welch brought in a small convoy of Liberty Ships. This one is named. SS Rust bucket and is a nameless representation of one of the nearly 3,000 ships of this class built during the war.*



*(above) The second is a donation build of the SS Zebulon B. Vance, the first Liberty launched at Wilmington NC and is going to the Military History museum at Fort Fisher.*



*(above) Gregory Marchlinski brought in his award winning Native American war horse which was converted from a WW-II German cavalry man. Go figure.*

*(below) Greg also brought in a large number of model and history publications to give out for free. It was Christmas a wee bit early. Thanks Greg.*



*(above) Another of Greg's prize-winning builds was this small north African diorama of an 8th Army universal carrier advancing with infantry support.*

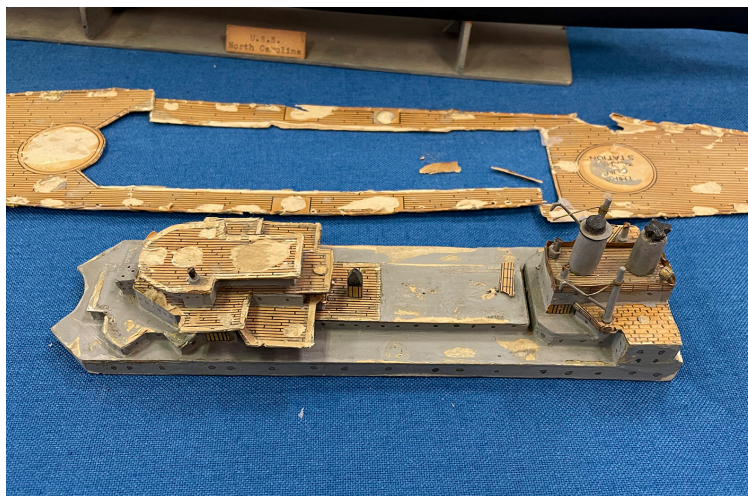




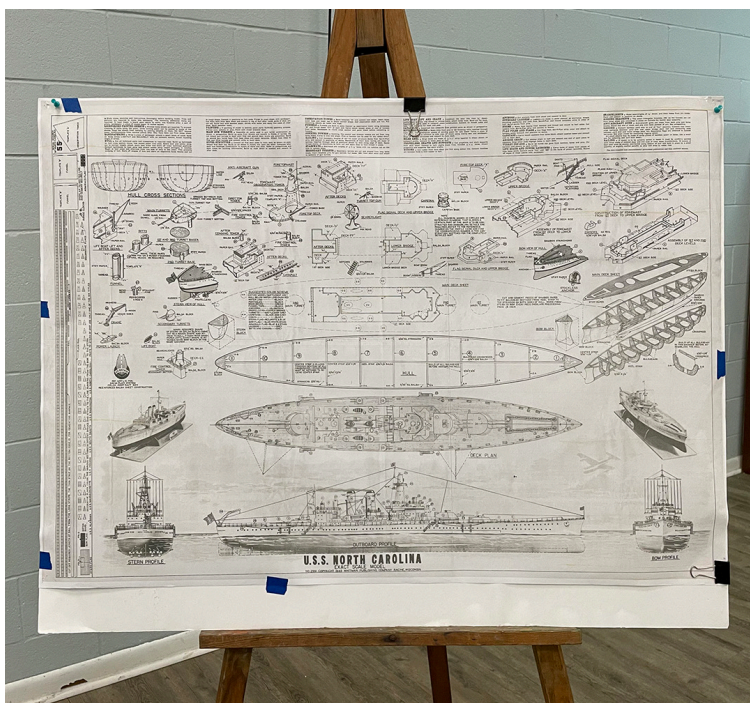
(above) Jeff Maples brought two unbuilt kits he received in various Christmas gift exchanges, a Tamiya 1/48 Zero Sen (Hamp) and an Academy B-17f in 1/72. (There's that B-17 theme again)



(above) And another future build brought in by Rodney Huyett, yet another B-17, but a B model this time. (Our editor had no choice but to run the images side by side for an art comparison)



(above) One of the most unusual and arcane kits shown at the meeting is this WIP of the USS North Carolina. It's a restoration of a 1941(!) model before the ship was launched.

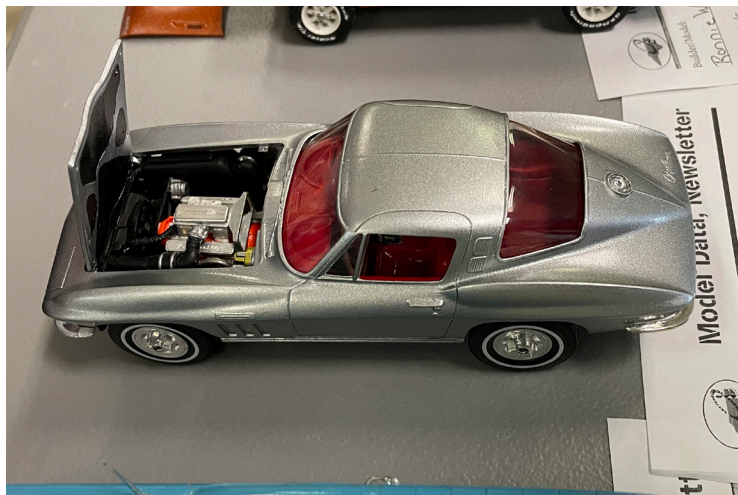


(above) Jim also displayed the plans the battleship kit was built from. If you look closely, you can see the turrets were guessed to be rounded, but it was prior to the launch of the details were based on "guesstimations".



(left) It was a "best guess" of what the The Showboat would look like and is being restored with the help of the curator of the BB-55 Memorial park.





*(above) Tim Ryan's 1929 Ford (from page 1) again because the editor just really likes the way it came out in this photo. Also, it's nice to see automobiles so well featured in our meeting.*

*(left top) Ronnie Whitley's 1965 Corvette, an AMT 1/25 original issue that was found in an attic!*

*(left center) Another Ronnie car, and this time it's 1978 Subaru Brat, an AMT 1/25 kit. Photo doesn't show it but it's a lovely metal flake paint job.*

*(left bottom) The lineup of Ronnie's vehicles with a sincere apology from the photographer for not getting better images of some really nice builds. From the bottom a Revell 1/24 scale Land Rover, a lemon yellow AMT 1972 Chevy Luv, next is a 1956 two-tone Chevy Nomad; a 1/25 Revell/Monogram release, and the Corvette and Brat as detailed above.*





*(above and left) This is Tim Ryan's police cruiser built on a 1970 Ford Galaxie, kit by AMT. It's a box build except for the decals. Painted with Testors paints and finished with Future.*



*(left and below) Another AMT service vehicle by Time Ryan, this time a Chevy Impala built as a fire chief's car. Tim used a Rust-Oleum rattle can for the red covered with future for a topcoat and did some superb chrome detailing with a Molotow Chrome Marker Pen.*



*Nice! work Tim*

*(this and at right) This is Revell's GMC pickup with snowplow attached. Tim Ryan again used Rust-Oleum primer with Testors red overpainted then sealed with Future.*





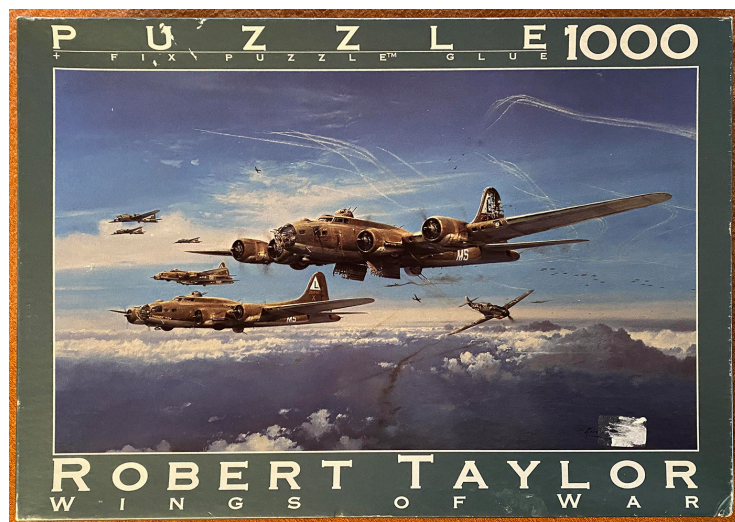


*(above and above left) A Monogram 1/24 1931 Rolls Royce kit built by Tim Ryan. Tim warned it's a finicky kit and not for the unexperienced builder but, as shown, can be worked into a very nice finished product with several functioning parts. Paints are Rust-Oleum, Tamiya and Testors.*

*(left) Tim Ryan's 1969 Chevelle SS 396 in 1/24 by AMT/ERTL. This older muscle car kit has some flash to contend with but is still a fun build.*



*(Left bottom) The heart of the muscle car, the engine compartment. Tim said the only fit problem with the kit was a slight clearance issue over the breather assembly, a relatively easy fix.*



*(above) Not a kit or is it? It has pieces you assemble to make a representation of an airplane, only one in 2-D instead of 3-D. David Mohr brought in a Fink & Company jigsaw puzzle of a beautiful piece of aviation art, "Return from Schweinfurt" by Robert Taylor.*





# News from IPMS/USA

Region 12 Spotlight  
Regional Contest, 2023

The Eagle Squadron has successfully re-scheduled their MiniCON to January 28, 2023.

Until then, happy holidays to you all.

<https://www.ipmseaglesquadron.org/minicon-2022>

Most of you will have seen posts of our canceling the November '22 date due to storm Nicole.

With that being said, the MiniCON location, time, categories, and rules are all staying the same. We are even using the 2022 forms we have already printed. So, no worries.

Here is something new, we'll be in 2 buildings. The contest and the vendors will each have their own building on the American Legion grounds.



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## The International Plastic Modelers' Society - USA

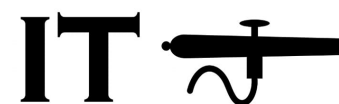
National Convention 2023

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Convention Center

San Marcos, Texas

August 2nd - 5th, 2023



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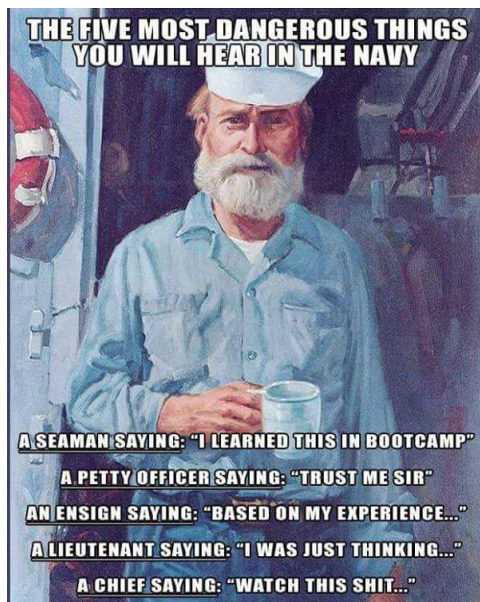
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## WHY YOU NEVER GOT THAT "SPECIAL" KIT YOU WERE WAITING FOR



And, in case you didn't notice we are trying on our new logo for size to see how it fits

What do you guys think?

### Editor's Notes:

*First, apologies for the lateness of the newsletter, real life intervened again.*

*But another year has come and gone for us. It was a great year for ECPM. The chapter experienced good growth in membership, several inactive members returned, DownEastCon was successful, We won the national website of the year award, and the Christmas potluck lunch and Hobby Chest gift token raffle were a great year-end finale.*

*And, in general, there is a lot to be thankful for, over and above a raft of terrific new kits and accessories coming onto the market. After the Covid depression clubs and chapters are starting to return to a reasonable con schedule. There is even plans in motion for a regional con in the Charlotte area! With all this, 2023 seems to be shaping up to be a great year for us in this hobby.*

*There are things we all can work on here to improve the chapter experience. It has been suggested by several members that the noon, Saturday meeting time is causing issues. Please go to the "Chapter Business" page on the ECPM website and take the quick survey and let us know if there might be a more convenient time for the meeting.*

*I hope the holidays were enjoyable for all of us and our families and I look forward to working with you fellows in the new year to make this chapter even better and more fun for us all. ■*

*-Editor*

**The next meeting will be Saturday, January 21, 2023, 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm at the Fairfield Harbor Fire Department, 585 Broad Creek Rd. Please bring your new builds and work-in-progress projects **along with** your oldest built or unbuilt kit. And check your email, facebook page and ECPM website in case changes are made in time and/or date.**

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