



## ECPM - We Put It All Together.



(above) Jim Harriett's Parot 20 pounder field piece was a show stopper at February's meeting. Though not a "plastic" model his transgression was forgiven.

## Meeting Debriefing

- Mark Sandvigen

The meeting began as normal, noon on Saturday the 18th of February with 20(?) members in attendance. Participating this week were Jeff Maples, David Mohr, David Stiteler, Richard Adams, Jim McGinnis, Joe Gray, Andy Fulcher, Chuck Collucci, Robert Brackin, Steven Michel, Mark Sandvigen, Dennis Morey, Kel Gaither, Jim Harriet, Marshall Smith, Jim Gower, Steve Kazsa, Tim Ryan, Dennis Korn, and Alan Welch

### Old Business

IPMS Membership Status Report-Mark Sandvigen. As of the last meeting we were at 23 members with 17 IPMS members. We have had a recent jump in number taking us to 29. A plea was made to get newer members to update their profiles on the IPMS website membership page.

This is important to ensure their IPMS membership number is linked to our club. For current members that have gone totally cellular and/or digital, they were asked to update their profiles as there are missing addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. which makes it difficult for us to stay in contact.

### Membership Roster Update -

Marshall Smith and Jeffrey Maples updated dues and membership list in tandem. The current list plus our new chapter members are up to date except for IPMS #'s and their attachment to our club.

### Volunteers to work ECPM booth at the train show - Dennis Korn

New Bern will be holding its annual  
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### REMEMBER CHAPTER MEMBERS,

We will be starting the March meeting one hour later at 1:00 pm to see how it works. Don't come at noon and have to sit around waiting.

(Although that WOULD give us more volunteers for table set up)

## NOTICE TO OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS

*We have an opening in the exciting world of digital publishing. If you would like to participate in putting out this newsletter and have a knack for light research please contact me.*

*Trust me, this is light duty and you will get to see your name in lights.*

(er, print, sorry) ■

-Publisher

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# Classic Chevrolet Cabriolet

by Tim Ryan

**Issued: October 1990**

This is a 3 in 1 kit, offering the options for building in totally stock form, custom or full on drag racing style of the time.

This kit was originally released in 1975 as a new tool. This issue was released 15 years later in 1990, with the last re-issue being done in 2000.

The coupe version has been offered many more times over the years, starting out in 1968, then new tooling added for dirt track versions in the late '70's. The trend of "retro" box art is showing on the latest version of the coupe, revisiting the Salt Flats type car.

This kit is quite typical of the late '80's and '90's box art with it's monochromatic pearl pink paint work and "shaved" body, devoid of all chrome trim and door handles save for the grille and mag wheels. Even the headlights are gone!

The instruction sheet has quite the interesting write up about the 1937 model year Chevrolet, touting it's advancements in design. Several firsts in automotive design were incorporated into this model year.

## **The kit:**

### **Engine options:**

I was impressed with the detail parts included in this offering. The stock 216 inline Six cylinder as well as the blown big block version just called Custom by the instruction sheet. The 216 has optional intakes, stock single carb or chrome dual carb intake with 2 nice non chrome carbs. Primer applied to the 216 six cylinder.

The V-8 version is really configured as a drag only set up as it offers no radiator fan, nor an exhaust system beyond the chromed fender well



*(Above) The box art displays the customized version, stripped of most adornment and chrome.*

*(below) The kit parts spread out for inventory. The engineering looks quite nice, especially considering the age, (1975), of the molds.*

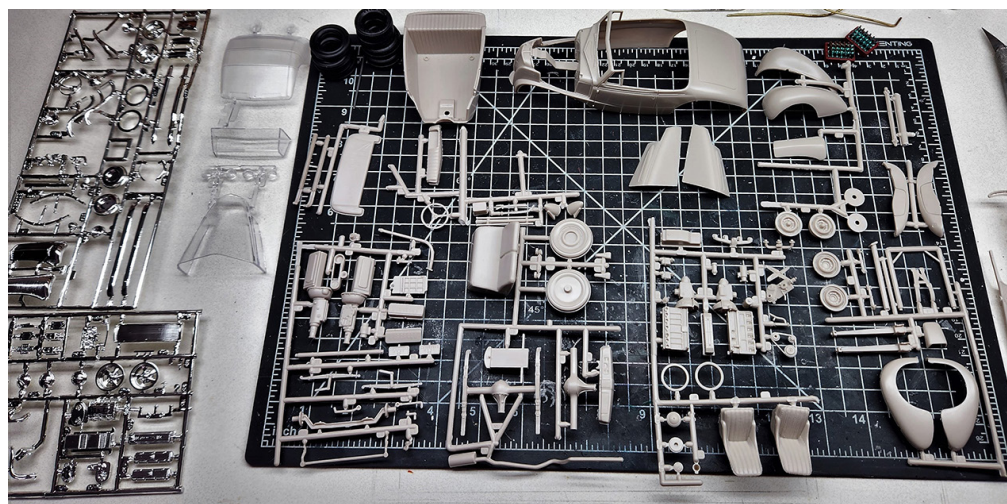
headers, so a little imagination needs to be used here if your going for the "custom" design. I will attempt to parts box the exhaust system so I can make use of the V-8.

### **Wheel options:**

Factory style non chrome steel wheels with two front and two rear wheels, each with different wheel back designs. Rear chromed wheel

backs having the standard hole for the steel axle, the fronts are chromed open rings that allow the molded pins on the ends of the front axle to fit into the wheel. These will not be able to roll as they are glued directly to the axle stubs. Custom wheels are chrome Cragar SS style molded very nicely.

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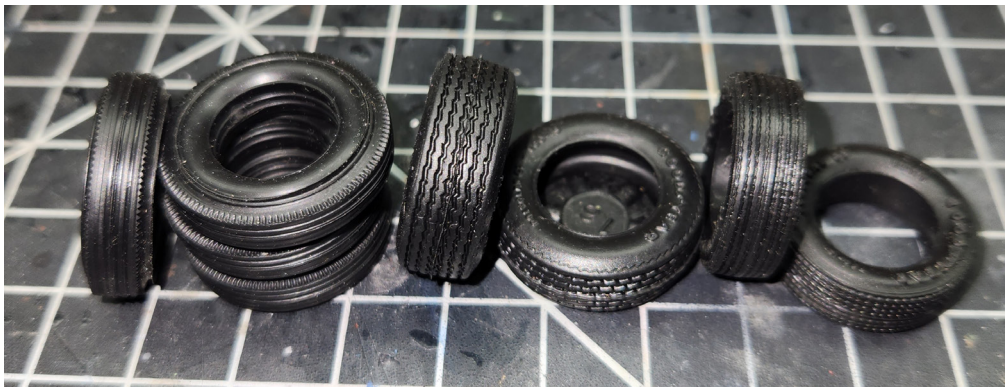
# Classic Chevy

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## Tires:

4 skinny Firestone factory style or the optional big and little Goodyear Polyglas tires.

All have nice tread design and clean sidewall detail with the raised lettering that can be highlighted with some acrylic white paint.



## Chassis:

Front suspension has two ride heights, stock and raised ala "gasser" look. This does have nice detail parts for the front steering parts even though it's not posable steering.

Rear end offers optional "torque arms" (traction bars) and two driveshafts to pick from. Assuming the one without the universal joints is to be used with the factory six cylinder as cars back then had "prop shafts" fixed to the rearends. In real life applications, the rear end is replaced completely with more modern driveline components. Prop shafts can't handle the higher power of even small V-8's of today. There is only a single exhaust set up for the stock version.



(top) The tire options, two full sets including the stock factory equipment.

(above left and right) the two interior seating options

## Interior:

A tub style bucket for the interior having "roll and pleat" design in the back molded in, a factory plain split back bench seat, factory dash with sharp gauge and trim detail.

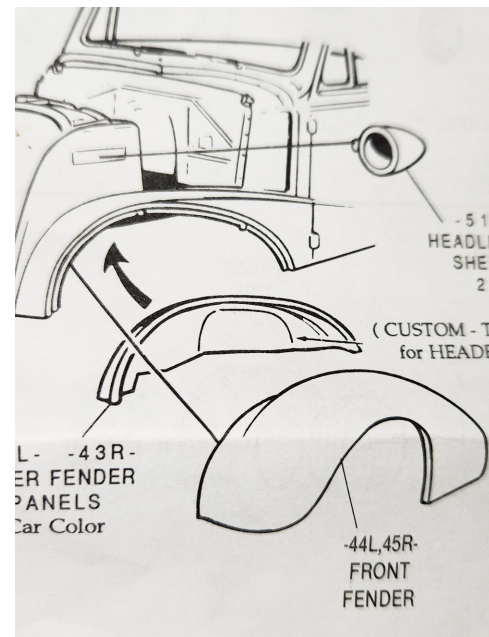
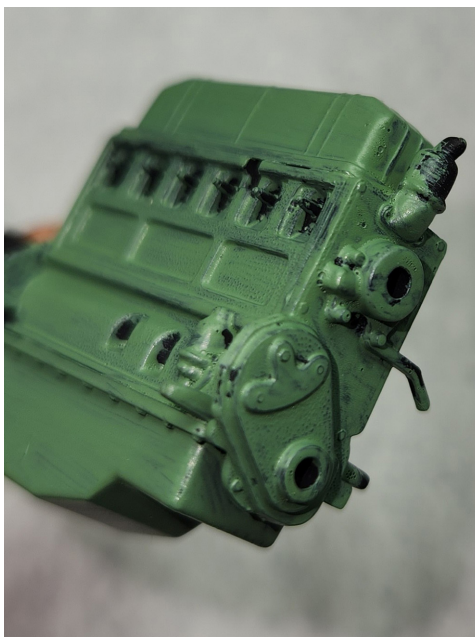
Custom dashboard and bucket seats with matching "roll and pleat" with a chrome instrument cluster and steering wheel. Roll bar and shoulder harness belts are available as well.

(below left) the stock inline six cylinder

(below right) the nifty assembly design of the body allows for lots of building options.

## Body:

This is where this kit really shines. The fenders are all molded separately from the main body. Also separate front inner fender panels too. This lends toward building this in many different configurations, depending on what your choice is for your



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*(above) The headlight mounting, which opens a lot of customizing options.*

*(below) The confusing tail light conundrum detailed in the article.*



## Classic Chevy

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build. Open wheeled, only open front wheels, full fendered, the choices are nice to have as an option.

Headlight shells are molded with the stanchions that attach to outlined mounting points in the body, this really makes aligning them much easier. I mounted these before applying any primer to the body so they have a solid hold using Mr. Cement S liquid glue from Mr. Hobby.

I also attached the fenders to the body at this time. (Do the headlights first so you have more room while attaching without the fender in the way) I left off the inner fenders so I can paint them easier.

I did a mockup of the body on the chassis with the interior to check for fitment. I marked the embossed outline so I could be sure to get the light shells mounted properly.

The taillights are another story all together. The instructions are vague at best and totally wrong. I googled a few images of the real cars to find the actual location points. This was the closest I could determine for being factory style. I drilled holes in the body for the lights and the gas cap (had a hole underneath to be opened for gas cap)

I spent a lot of time wet sanding the body panels to get them smoother at the rumble seat seams as well as the door seams. I used a sharpie to highlight everything beforehand so I knew when it was even across the panels. There were only a few small mold lines at the rear corners of the interior. ■

*-Tim Ryan*

*(continued next month)*



# Six Rules for Getting Kids Into Scale Modeling

By Michael Luedke

IT HAS BEEN WITH much interest that I have noted increasing calls to get more kids involved in our hobby over the last few years. In 19 years as principal leader of the Wisconsin 4-H Modelclub, I have seen an awful lot of parents who have tried to interest their kids in modeling. Some succeed. Others fail totally.

I have observed that successful parents (or teachers for that matter) seem to follow certain unwritten rules. What follows is my attempt to codify these rules to help other adults in attempting to interest kids in this wonderful hobby.

**RULE NO. 1: Build Together:** By far this is the single most important rule. Any child will be more interested in something if there is an interested adult there with him or her. When you buy a child a model, buy two of the same kit. Sit down and build with the child. You will both have fun. You will talk to each other and you will end up with a child interested in what you are doing. With patience and some luck, in two or three years he will be showing you how to rig a biplane!

**RULE NO. 2: Keep It Simple:** I have lost count of the number of nine to 13 year olds I have judged at local county fairs who show up with what might have been pretty good models if they had not been their very first kits. Invariably, the kit was a well-meaning but ill-informed gift or the result of a parent with a grossly overblown idea of how simple this hobby is. Also invariably, I never see those kids back the next year.

First kits should be simple. If the child is under age 12, start with a snap kit or two. For a first glued kit, aircraft modelers have an easy choice with the Hobby Boss 1:72 Easy Build line, while car people can move on to

the usual suspects of 1:24 scale street cars. In figures, kids seem to work best with war-gaming scale fantasy figures by Citadel and War-hammer.

Whatever you choose, the emphasis should be on simplicity and buildability. A child who gets frustrated is unlikely to want to try again.

Finishing also requires simplicity. Stick with acrylics and hand brushing. When he or she gets those right you can easily move on to rattle cans or airbrushes.

**RULE NO. 3: This Is Not School:** You build a model why? To relax, of course, after the rigors of a tough day. Why would your kid be any different? He or she spends all day in school. Imagine if the idea of modeling involves strict regimentation and a total demand for detail. This is supposed to be fun for both of you.

As an example, consider directions. Every kid learned about following directions in kindergarten. They simply need to be shown how that applies to the sheet of sometimes woefully drawn paper full of odd words in front of them.

In addition, remember that you are building a model, not running a course in history or engineering. As a rule, if a child likes building the rest will invariably follow in time.

**RULE NO. 4: He's not you:** He may not like what you like. He certainly does not know what you know. He won't paint the same as you and (heaven forbid) he may actually want to put those awful pilot figures in that Mustang. Let him! He also isn't going to turn out a model of your level of quality for some time. That's all right.

Show him the way to use sanding sticks or how to properly use a rattle can. Let his own imagination work from that point on as a tool to develop ideas in both of you. His skills will develop the same way yours did all those years ago.

**RULE NO. 5: Reduce Risks:** How many times as a kid did you leave mucky glue fingerprints all over your model or the dining table? Think about that. Use materials that will, if the inevitable happens, make clean-up easy.

Acrylic paints can clean up with water and a bit of window cleaner. Use a white glue-based product to attach clear parts. Tube glue? Use liquid plastic cement or bonding agents. Likewise, avoid CA glue. Kids have a habit of gluing parts of themselves to anything and everything. The idea is to keep things simple and to avoid the idea that if something goes wrong, panic ensues. No kid wants to be involved in an activity that may result in people getting angry simply because they made a mess.

**RULE NO. 6: The Play's The Thing:** Let's face it. From time to time you will pick up that P-51 and fly it about the room. It's the modeling version of "air guitar." Your child will not only be no different, he will do it more. Let Him! After all, no one wants just one plane or car to play with. I suspect that you already do most of the above without thinking about it. If not, give it a try. You and your child will quite probably have more fun and the hobby will get a new member. ■

*-Michael Luedke*

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# Confessions of a Closet Modeler

By David Stiteler

## *This month: The Curious Case of the Orphan Bomber*

Last month after my wife and I returned home from visiting our son in South Korea, and we started to get back in sync with Eastern standard time, I heard from out of the blue a guy I used to serve with before he transferred out of the unit we were both in before my retirement.

He wasn't aware that I had moved to the east coast, until some of the guys from the old unit brought him up to speed about the newsletter for our cosey little club here. With the help of my good old comrades in arms back in Oklahoma, he's been following the continuing saga of the B-17, "Thunderbird". And of course, when he wanted to get in touch with me about a subject, my buddies back west wasted no time in providing an address and phone number.

Thanks, guys.

Here's his story. He is a bit of a movie and TV nut, like Tony from NCIS. He can spout one liners from just about any movie or TV show you challenge him on. He was a great mechanic when it came to maintenance on aircraft, all the while keeping you entertained, or bored, with scenes from just about any movie or show. So, when he calls me to "catch up", I figured it was going to be a long conversation.

His thing is media entertainment. My thing is aviation. He knows this, so I figure if we are talking a specific subject, airplanes must be part of it. I didn't have to wait long. After the usual pleasantries were out of the way, he gets to the meat of the call. The subject...the movie and TV series "Twelve O'Clock High". Yes, I know both the movie and TV series. I watch the series on TV just about every Saturday night. It's on one of the cable channels.

Ok, in the movie and TV show, the B-17 that General Savage flies is named "Piccadilly Lily". His question to me was is the plane pure Hollywood or was it a real B-17 in WWII?

As smart as I know he is I was taken aback some on why he didn't research this himself. His response was that since I'm the "B-17 Guru", that sort of information would be right up my alley. Funny man, he is. I tell him that I don't know for sure, but I would be happy to do some research for him so that he could update his movie and TV trivia database in his brain. I promised that as soon as I had something, I'll give him a call, or forward what I find in an e-mail. That would be great, thanks.

Now, I like to do research; it relaxes me. I found out that yes, there was a B-17 named "Piccadilly Lily", served in England with the 8th Air Force, and ironically, was lost on a mission to Bremen, October 8, 1943, 21 years to the day before my birthdate. Gave me a little chill up my spine. I forwarded what I found out, and he responded with a big Thank You and thumbs up.

Fast forward three weeks and then some. I'm coming home from a lousy day of work, and as I'm walking through the garage door, before I can get out a "Hello, Babe", sitting in her recliner with her laptop in her lap playing either one of her card games, or doing her dual lingo thing, I hear, "What have you bought now?"

I'm confused, because I haven't bought anything that would be shipped to me from anywhere. But sitting on the kitchen counter, is a box from UPS, addressed to me. I go ahead and open it, and to my surprise, I pull out an Academy, 1/72 scale B-17, with a set of decals

taped to the top and you guessed it, of "Piccadilly Lily". Of course, Bethany sees this, rolls her eyes at me and then starts in on me about yet another model of a B-17 that I magically acquired somehow.

I protest, and then see the note in the box with the model, from Dean, the movie/TV dude. "Please build this for me. Thanks." Just what I needed, another Fortress to the already growing Wing I have stashed upstairs. When I showed Bethany the note to prove I had nothing to do with this, I got the eye roll again and was told that I had to have had something to do with this. Like I have said before, I like B-17's, but they're not my favorite plane. The F-4 Phantom is. Why couldn't it be Phantoms?

So, I get in touch with Dean and ask him when he's expecting this thing to be completed for him. I also told him that the line forms to the right, and he's going to have to wait his turn. He chuckles and tells me that there is no rush. He knows that I'm a busy man, and yata, yata, yata, just as long as he can have it before he retires...in 4 years.

As I said, he's a funny man. ■

-David Stiteler

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# Meeting

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Train Show, March 4th and 5th at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center. Volunteers were asked for and we will be following up with a volunteer sheet to the club.

## New Business

Treasurer's Report - Marshall Smith presented the figures and the report was accepted. Expenditures included:

- Rental deposit on HTEC - (Marshall) This has been paid up to date.
- Pre-purchasing of category award medals for DownEastCon 2024 to avoid inevitable price increases.
- IPMS Chapter dues – paid up to date.

**Meeting Time Change** – Alan mentioned that members, especially those that have a distance to drive, suggested the club meeting time be moved back an hour to 1:00 PM vs. 12:00 PM. There were a few dissenting voices who would have liked to have moved earlier in the day. The compromise is to try it and then revisit in a couple of months.

**Possible DEC Themes** - Alan brought up looking at Themes for the 2024 show as many things that we will do from now until July of 2024 will hinge on a theme.

1. All things Carolina was brought up. It turns out that the club used this regional theme in 2016 and the desire to redoux a previous theme was not well received.
2. Modeling 24/7 – this theme was ventured forth from a spouse volunteer. The thought here is anything with a 24 (Jeff Gordon's NASCAR, or USS Reeves (CG-24), or something in 1/24 scale like an Airfix Hawker Hurricane Mk.I). Or something with a 7 in it following the same pattern. There were secondary themes such
3. Review Categories - (Jeff) the subject was broached regarding an OOB category. Steve Kasza, our chief

judge stated it would be too hard to judge as kit manufacturers are adding so many after-market parts to the kit, it would nearly impossible to compare a 1/48 Tamiya from 1970 OOB to a 2023 1/48 anything OOB. IPMS has redone their rules to begin to define what can be created and judged under the Basic Kit Build (BKB) categories. There are so many requirements to ensure that modelers do a BKB and not cheat that it would be a very hard category to judge. *Action:* Steve Kasza, Jeffrey Maples, and David Stiteler to explore and bring their findings back to the group.

Another category that was mentioned was 3-D printed and separate category for resin figures.

4. Order Medals - Alan Universally acclaimed – yes. A suggestion, however, was made regarding Best of Winners – a bigger medal on an acrylic stand.
5. Gold foil data for backs of medals and other options - Alan Universally accepted given it prove cost effective.

## Tuesday Evening ZOOM Build -

Jeff anyone can join, it is just an opportunity to build and shoot the breeze. There is no requirement to finish anything and while this is a group build any model can be worked on.

## AMPS Report, upcoming AMPS

*Events* - Mark Gray – nothing has changed on the website or correspondence in over six months. Mark stated he would report if there were changes.

## Display Case - (Jeff)

(Even if someone did not bring a finished build ask what they are working on)

**David Mohr** brought some old, boxed models – a Scarlet Tanager, a 1/700 Fletcher Class Drydock from Skywave and a couple of books. Aside from the Tanager, the rest were giveaways.

**David Stiteler** took some good-natured ribbing concerning when he displayed his newest B-17 to build for his USAF buddies. While he has yet to make real progress on his B-17, he now has a B-17F to research and build with a set of War Birds decals to make it look like Gen. Savage's plane in 12 O'clock High.

**William Reese** seems to have brought in every B-17 model ever manufactured, plus the definitive work by Edward Jablonski, "Flying Fortress". William stated he bought his first work by Jablonski with lawn mowing money earned in the early 1970's. In his lifetime, William stated he had built at least 20 B-17s. His favorite box art was the 1972 Revell issue of the 1/72 Memphis Bell. Some of his most memorable builds were the B-17F "Hells Angels" for a friend of his fathers. He also built a B-17E, Madame X which participated in the Battle of Midway and later in the South Pacific. He also built another B-17F "Sure Stuff", aka, the Duchess a plane that holds the honor of having the Medal of Honor awarded to her bombardier, Jack Mathis.

**Kel Gaither** presented a work in progress, a 1971 Plymouth Road Runner, number 43 driven by Richard Petty. He is doing a lot of kit-bashing to make the car look as it did when Petty drove it. He is using real automotive paint to bring a sense of realism to the model.

This model is on the front of our web-page very difficult model to build and with over 150 very small pieces to bring it to life. This beautiful model is featured on the splash page of our website.

**Mark Gray** brought in a beautiful set of Israeli Merkava tanks. A Merkava II from the 1970s and a new Merkava IV. He created his own sand (non-skid), paint matching, and chain-mail protection for the 1970's Merkava II. The Merkava IV

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# Meeting

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is a superb model that could be built right from the box.

**William Reese** displayed a number of aircraft the first being a 1/48 BF-109 Trop which sported a scratch-built cock-pit. There were fitment problems with the engine cowling that were overcome giving us a another William Reese winner.

**Jeff Maples** also presented a P-47 which he was quick to use as an object lesson in "decals placement guessing". A great looking model with too many wing decals.

**Jim Gower** brought a 1940's era model of the North Carolina that is being restored by the New Bern Ship Modeler's Guild. This wood frame with paper overlays used for detail is a combined effort of the North Carolina Museum and the Guild. It is an interesting model in that it has no scale to speak of. For example the deck bits are almost as big as the 5/38 caliber guns.

**Jim Harriett** brought in a beautiful Civil War 20 lb Parrott rifle, circa 1860-1861. Jim stated the olive drab color match was difficult and if the carriage wheels were broken, the model was ruined. His careful attention to detail showed in every aspect of the cannon. He also brought in a 1/35 MiniArt WWII D-Day D-7 Bulldozer. Of the 609 parts included in the kit, Jim stated that 600 of them must have been in the bulldozer tracks.

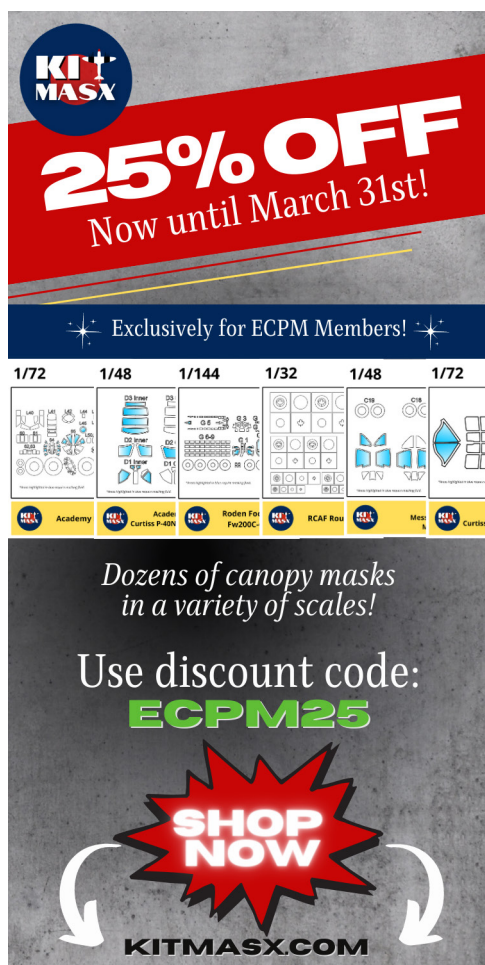
**Steve Kasza** brought in his usual spectacular builds – one being a completely reworked Revell AG 1/35 scale Panzerhaubitze (PzH). Steve stated that this model is more scratch built than a commercial offering. His overall take – do not waste your time. Steve also brought in a HobbyBoss 1/35 Soviet SS-23 Spider Tactical Ballistic Missile. This model

was a 2014 offering and Steve again applied his magic and produced a beautiful offering and wonderful history behind the model.

**Steve Michel** brought in a 1/260 scale Revell Polaris Nuclear Submarine Model Kit. This cutaway kit allowed Steve to add detail to everything including the engine room piping. He also added a Polaris missile leaving the tube complete with the most realistic flames anyone has ever seen in model.

**Richard Adams** (oldest modeler in the chapter) brought in three exquisitely carved and polished animals, 2 dolphins and a bear. These animals were hand carved from iron wood, or more commonly known as Eastern Hophornbeam. The wood is so hard that once carved it can be brought up to a high luster using a buffing wheel. ■

-Mark Sandvigen



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## Know Your Kit Contest!



- Rule 1.** To win the monthly prize you must be a current ECPM chapter member.
- Rule 2.** Each month we'll upload a new contest image here in the newsletter. The image is a one (1) inch square clipping of a popular plastic model kit box top art.
- Rule 3.** The kit can be of anything, airplane, armor, ship, Sci-Fi, monster . . . . anything. (We ain't gonna make it easy)
- Rule 4.** Identify the subject *and* the kit manufacturer and upload your answer onto our [Award Winning Website!](https://www.ecpmod.com/chapter-business.html)

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- Rule 5.** First correct answer on our ECPM website wins your choice of one Kit Masx\* pre-die cut masks that you pick out at the next ECPM meeting. (kitmasx.com) You must be present to receive your prize. If you cannot attend the next ECPM meeting, then we will hold your choice until we see you again.
  - Rule 6.** If no winning entry has been submitted by the publication of the next contest the unidentified image will be posted on our facebook page for open competition although no prize will be awarded at that point.
- (\* See special offer to the left)





(above) Steve Michel's \$5.<sup>00</sup> Polaris sub was shown as an unbuilt box o' parts last month and this month made a triumphant return, built, finished and mounted with a missile being launched. Well done Steve.

(right) Jim Harriett listens attentively as Mark Gray lectures on Israeli armor, Mark brought in two examples on the table below his hand.







*(above) Ol' Yellow Hair defends himself to the last, this is a 90mm Andrea plastic figure, beautifully finished by Robert Brackin.*

*(top right) Another fine character from Robert is this French Knight circa 1350. This time the Andrea 54mm figure is white metal.*

*(bottom right) Robert also brought in his white metal 54mm Andrea Celtic chieftain wearing a strange head-piece. Well, it probably wasn't strange looking to him.*



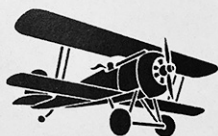
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*(top) This month we tried a different set up suggested by vice president Jeff Maples. Jeff felt a central table for models would allow chapter members to get up and mill around together to not only get a closer look at the builds, but also feel much more like a group rather than individuals.*

*(bottom) Andy Fulcher's "boat project" was finally displayed after some time being only spoken of in reverent terms. This is a commission build and Andy is being meticulous for build quality and detail finesse.*







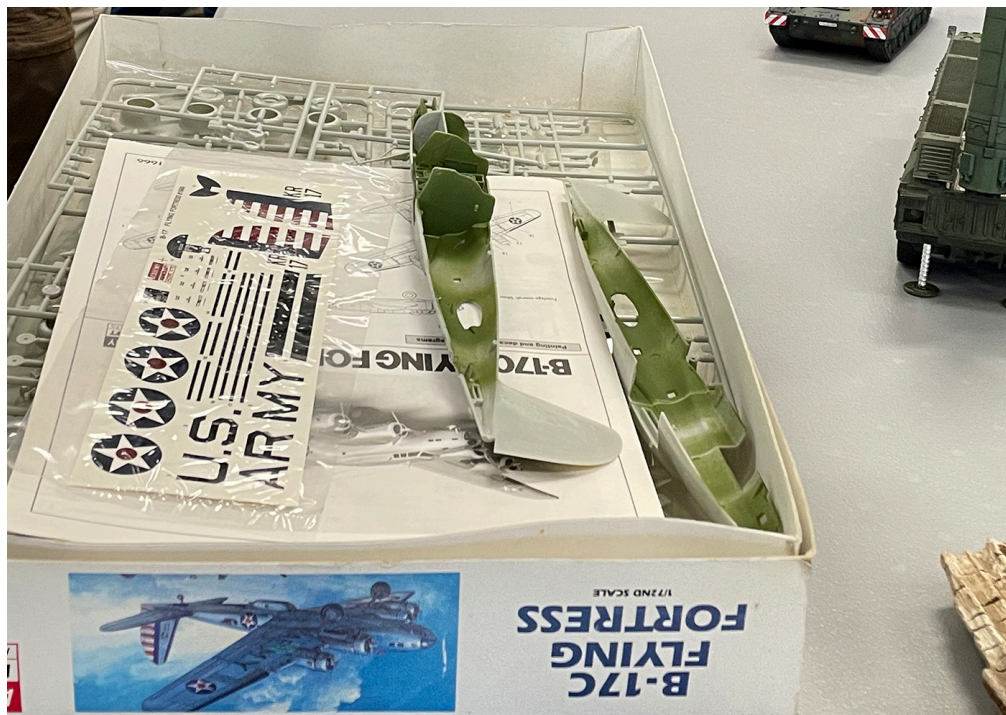
(above) Security was on hand, alert and carefully monitoring the proceedings.

(below) William Reece also brought in his finished Bf-109F in Hans Joachim Marseille's markings.

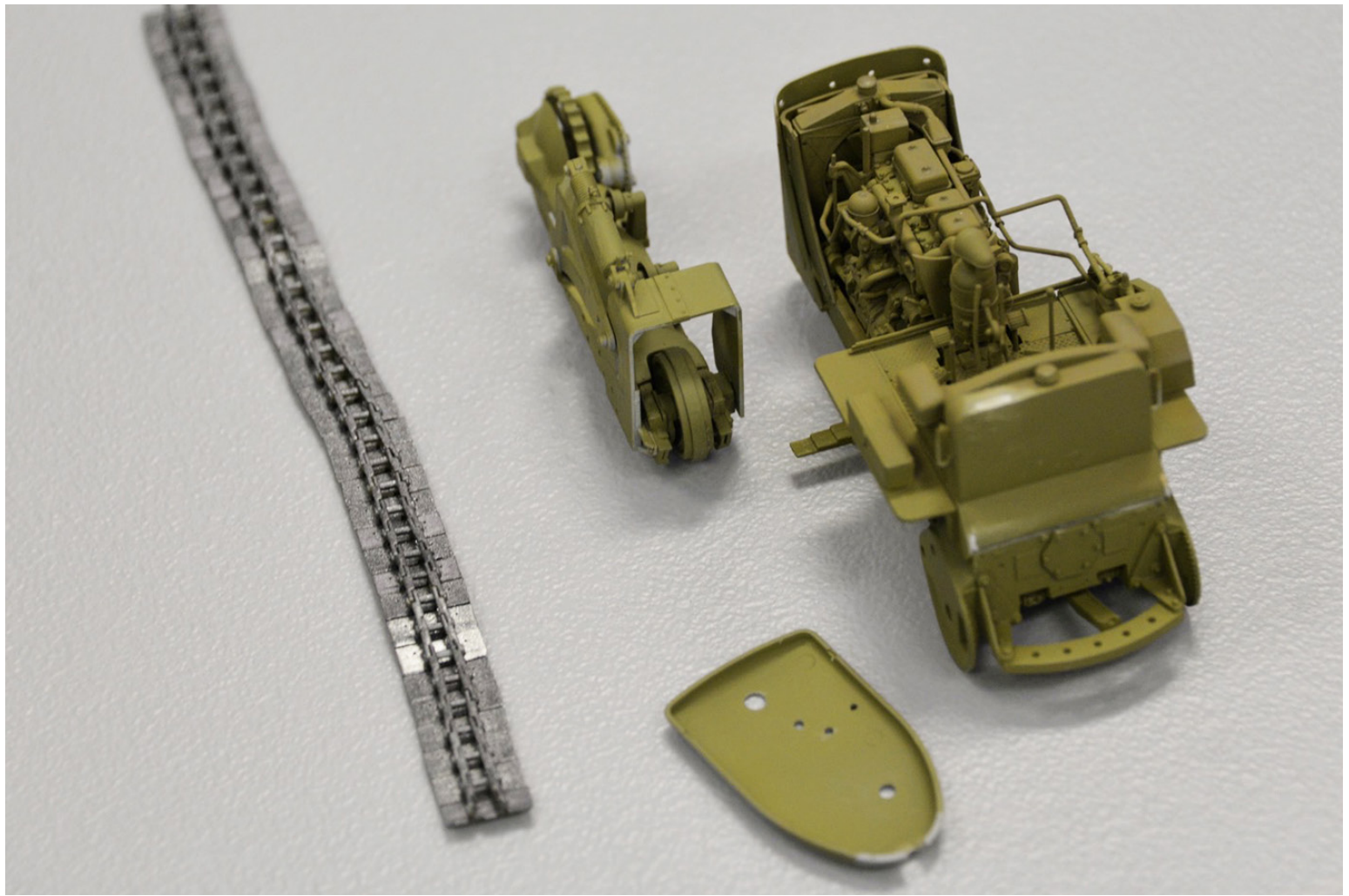


(top) This month was “Show Your B-17” month and William Reece took top honors with four unbuilt kits. William’s birds cover the “E” through the “G” models, a good spread.

(bottom) Alan Welch also brought his Fortress in, this an earlier “C” model by Academy. He has started the kit, (and has gotten about as far as his first attempt back when the kit was newly released) but wonders why he is building it as he’s out of room to display it if he ever DID finish it.







*(above) Jim Harriet's WW-II US Army bulldozer with the caterpillar tracks from hell. (Just ask him) For the record it's a 1/35 MiniArt US Army D-7 Bulldozer in 1:35 scale..*

*(below) Light turnout, model wise, but a strong turnout in personnel who's to say which is more important. Even though there were few models displayed the range went from carved wooden birds to an amphibious missile launcher.*







*(above) Steve Kasza brought in a Russian, amphibious, 1/35 Hobby Boss SS-23 IMBM launch vehicle. She is an odd thing capable of moving on road or water.*

*(right) A closer shot showing some of the fine detail work puts into his work. Amazing, especially for how fast he can build things.*





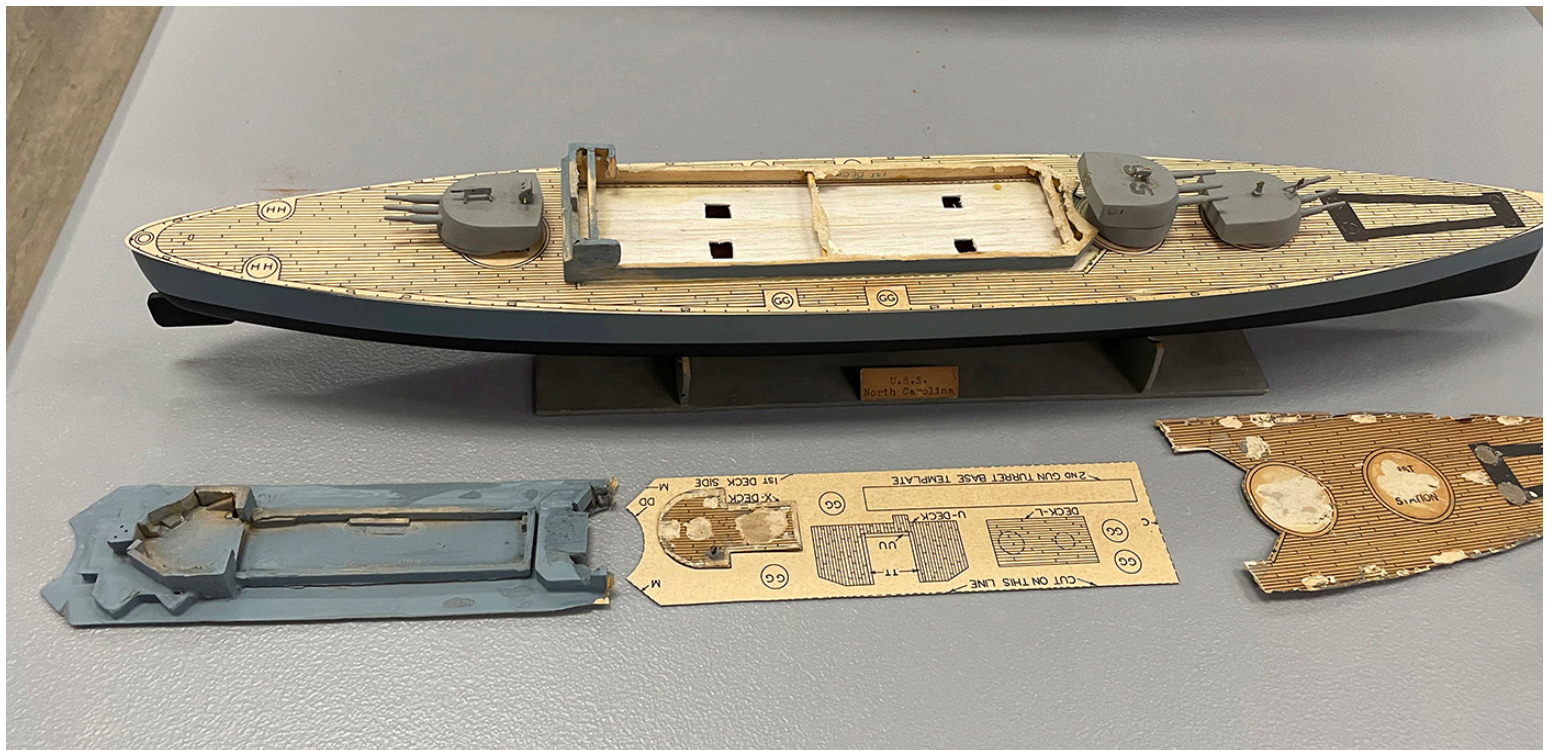


*(above) Mark Gray's Merkava MK 4, kit by Meng. This has been built stock except for the MRE boxes. The green paint is the current IDF camo which is Sinai gray. Water cans are Verlinden*

*(below) Mark also brought this Israeli mark 2 Merkava by Tamiya. The nonskid was made with scale railroad sand and liquid glue which went on first. Again, the MRE boxes are from Verlinden. Mark hand made the paint masks for the Hebrew lettering which spells Lightning. The RPG skirts were made from jewelry chain and shotgun pellets. He scratch built the tow chains as well as the sleeping bags. Everything else is box stock.*







*(top) Jim Gower returned with this special treat, it's the 80 year old kit of the USS North Carolina our sister club, the New Bern Maritime Modeler's Guild is restoring for a private owner. While not a "plastic kit" the model has such significant value that the Whitman-Ace kit which is balsa and bamboo paper/card stock caught the attention of the curator of the actual battleship, North Carolina, who is actively providing much needed research and material assistance.*

*(below) Kel Gaither recently finished this Salvinos JR model obtained from Wes's Model Car Corner. It's finished as the Zack Knowlden asphalt modified. For an in depth look at this build go to:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMijsbrkqyA>*







*(left) Jeff Maples missed last month's meeting so this month he brought in his oldest kit, this was a built one, of a Granville Brothers GB Sportster.*

*(Below left) Richard Adams return from an illness and brought three figures he had carved by hand from Ironwood! The man is seriously impressive.*

*(below) The other build Steve Kasza showed was this 1/35 RevellAG Panzerhaubitze 2000, a German 155 mm self-propelled howitzer. Steve allowed with was perhaps half kit and half scratch build as the original kit was less than acceptable.*



*(above) Richard Adams did not bring a kit in, this month, but what he did bring was certainly impressive. He had a number of hand carved figures carved from the very hard Iron Wood!*







*(top left) Andy Fulcher, background, describes some of the issues he has had getting his wooden boat project, foreground, to the point of returning it (finished) to its owner.*



*(top right) Richard Adams' hand carved figurines, lovingly finished and a joy to behold.*

*(bottom left) A close up of Yellow 14 by William Reece. This was the aircraft that Marseille died in. Kit was a Hasegawa release from 1991, a 1/48 scale beauty.*

*(bottom right) Jeff Maples also brought in his latest build, a 1/72 Heller P-47N, the last production, long(er) range version of the Thunderbolt. Jeff says he was surprised as to how much he enjoyed building the smaller scale. (He is traditionally a 1/48 man)*





# Region 12

*Contact & meeting information on regional IPMS model building groups. This will give you the opportunity to visit other IPMS chapters.*

## **Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers**

Meeting Times: 3rd Saturday of the month 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Fairfield Harbor Fire Station, 585 Broadcreek Road, New Bern, NC 28560

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## **IPMS Eagle Squadron General**

Meeting Times: 2nd Sunday at 1:00pm-3:00 pm at the American Legion Post 116 in Fuquay Varina & an Informal Build Night, Hangar 18 Hobbies in Cary the last Wednesday of each month from 6pm-8pm.

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## **IPMS/Scale Modelers of Rowan County**

Meeting Times: 1st Sunday of every month at 1pm-4pm and the third Friday of every month at 6pm to 9pm At Christiana Lutheran Church on HWY 52 in Salisbury, NC

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## **Charlotte Scale Modelers**

Meeting Times: 1st Friday of each month at 7:00pm at the Memorial United Methodist Church; 4012 Central Ave, Charlotte, 28105.

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## **Gaston County**

Meeting Times: 4th Friday of the month 6:30 pm at Christ United Methodist Church, 3415 Union Rd Family Life Center, Gastonia, NC

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Zoom meeting also available at same time, email to: [dlw6290@hotmail.com](mailto:dlw6290@hotmail.com)

## **George Preddy**

Meeting Times: 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Sarah's Kabob Shop- 5340 W. Market St. Greensboro, NC

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## **IPMS Mooresville/Race City Modelers**

Meeting Times: 3rd Sunday of the month, 2pm to 5pm, at Fast Trax Raceway & Hobby, 1-50 Ostwalt Amity Rd, Troutman, NC, 28166

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## **Winston-Salem**

Meeting Times: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7PM; Southfork Community Center 4403 Country Club Road Winston-Salem, NC

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## **Piedmont Scale Modelers**

Meeting Times: 2nd Saturday of the month at 10am-4pm at the Greenville Military History Center of the Carolinas at 14 Airport Road Ext. Greenville, SC

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## **Mid Carolina Swamp Fox**

Meeting Times: 3rd Wednesday of the month 6pm-8pm at the Lexington County Library 5440 Augusta Rd, Lexington, SC

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## **IPMS/Grand Strand Scale Modelers**

Meeting times: 10:00am- 3rd Saturday at Horry County Memorial Library, Socastee Connector Road 141, SC-707 Socastee, SC

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## **Spartanburg Scale Modelers**

Meeting times: 4th Saturday of the Month, 12pm-3pm; Spartanburg Memorial Airport; 500 Ammons Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29306

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## **IPMS/Gamecocks**

Meeting times: 2nd Sunday of the month at 3pm-5pm, at Sumter County Airport, Sumter, South Carolina from 3pm-5pm

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## **IPMS/Coastal Carolina Modelers Association**

Meeting times: 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am, at 119 Bramwell Drive, Summerville, SC

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*The following clubs are non-IPMS groups but are included as a courtesy*

## **New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild.**

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

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# Con Roundup

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  
Marietta GA.

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

[Event Website\(link is external\)](#)

Saturday, March 25, 2023

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April 1, 2023

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2290 Salisbury Hwy

Statesville, NC 28677

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/  
IPMSRaceCity/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/IPMSRaceCity/)

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](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](https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/chapter/ipmsgaston-county-model-builders)

## A Message from Charlotte and Gaston County

Good evening fellow modelers. I just wanted to make an early introduction and let the clubs of Region 12 know that Charlotte Scale Modelers and Gaston County Model Builders are teaming up to host a regional convention/contest on Saturday, November 4, 2023. The actual venue site will be in Dallas NC.

Over the next couple of months, we will announce all the particulars to include the show's theme(s), special awards, anticipated vendors and publish the final contest categories. There should be enough to satisfy modelers of all persuasions and we will have more than adequate categories for juniors.

At present the contest coordinators will be myself and Roger Woods of GCMB and our contact information is at the bottom of this email.

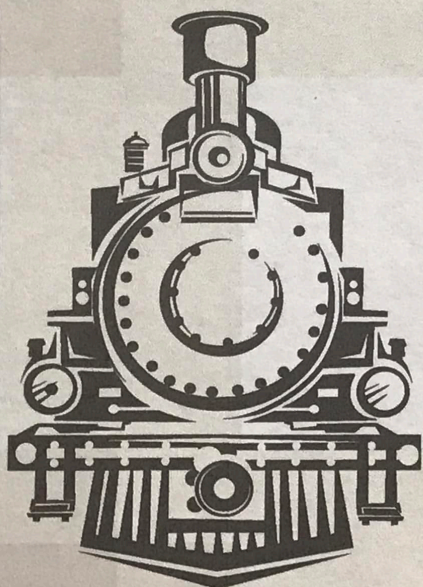
I hope you will mark your calendars and make plans to attend. I also hope that each club will consider sponsoring a trophy package and possibly even volunteering to assist with the judging. Judging will be in accordance with all IPMS rules.

Charlotte Scale Modelers have decided that our club members will not compete but will instead have a number of models on display. If anyone has an out-of-control stash, consider a kit donation towards the raffle.

We are anticipating a great event, have a wonderful venue site to host this event. Have a great week and build something. ■

-Christopher Fish

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# News from IPMS/USA

Region 12 Spotlight  
Regional Contest, 2023

*This is the "good news" email we received from Tim Kirkland, R12 Coordinator.*

Good morning R12 contacts.  
Hope all of y'all are well today. I Met several of y'all Saturday at the SCMA Show here in Spartanburg. However, I did miss some that did attend.

Late Friday I Received news about the progress of the rechartering. After confirming that all 14 of ours are rechartered, I saw only one other Region completely rechartered. I was informed later Friday night that our Region was the first to have all chapters done by 12 hours!!!

I want to thank all you officers that took time to do the system of club

profiles. Also, for attempting to keep good records on your part. I'm proud of all of you!

"ATTA BOY"

Let's move forward in submitting Bids for Chapter of the year, Member of the Year, Newsletter of the Year, and Website of the Year by March 1st. I'm sure we have Chapters that can receive the IPMS USA National award from these I've listed.

I look forward to our shows so far this Spring and Fall and maybe a few more scheduling more before long. Again, I'm proud of all of y'all for promoting and working for your Chapters and IPMS USA! ■

*-Tim Kirkland RC R12*



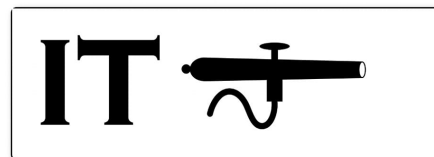
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## The International Plastic Modelers' Society - USA

National Convention 2023

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Convention Center  
San Marcos, Texas  
August 2nd - 5th, 2023



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# Region 12 Chapters

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## Wilmington, NC Plastic Modelers

meeting times: 2pm-4:30pm  
the 1st Saturday of each month.  
Meetings are held at the New  
Hanover County Public Library,  
Osprey room, 3802 S. College  
Rd. [https://www.facebook.com/  
groups/117277425006833](https://www.facebook.com/groups/117277425006833)

## Jacksonville NC Plastic Modelers

Meeting times: 7pm every third  
Wednesday at The Hobby Chest, 345  
Western Blvd, Jacksonville, NC. The  
Hobby Chest carries a great selec-  
tion of hobby kits and supplies and  
is a grand center for tabletop gaming  
activities. [https://www.facebook.  
com/groups/1319666224752922](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1319666224752922)

## Carolina Maritime Model Society

Meeting time/date TBA at the North  
Carolina Maritime Museum, 315  
Front St., Beaufort, NC, and the mu-  
seum is a great meeting space.  
[https://www.facebook.com/  
CMMSNC/](https://www.facebook.com/CMMSNC/)

*This is the best up to date info we  
have on the scale model clubs in our  
region. Should you find an error or  
omission please contact the editor of  
this publication.*

## REMEMBER!

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# SitRep

## 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  
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Camp Hill, PA 17011

-Mark Gray

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## Editor's Notes:

Greetings chapter members, This is  
your friendly reminder that this is  
March. And some exciting news all  
around.

First up is our new start time of 1:00  
p.m.

Starting the month of March (and  
according to the group vote) we will  
change the "yearly raffles for Hobby  
Chest tokens to "quarterly raffles".  
At this March 18th meeting, we will  
have 2 raffles each for the prize of  
\$50 of Hobby Chest tokens. So, be  
prepared to bring cash for tickets.

In addition we need to finalize our  
theme ideas for DownEastCon  
2024. We've had some great ideas  
submitted but maybe there's an even  
better one rattling around so this  
will be your chance to shine.

Our first in-chapter contest, (Know  
Your Kits) premieres in this issue.  
Now you can win Kit Masx canopy  
painting masks and show off your  
model knowledge by winning this  
monthly game.

Jeff's ECPM Zoom group build  
is taking off. We have about 7  
attendees and we would love to see  
more join. It's easy to get involved -  
just let Jeff know (email/at meeting).

And who knew so many guys had a  
B-17 in their stash!

Not bad, not bad at all.

And we have been discussing other  
things to make our website and  
chapter even better. So, I guess I can  
start playing around with graphics  
for the next DownEastCon. ■

-Editor

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 18, 2023, 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm at the  
Fairfield Harbor Fire Department, 585 Broad. Creek Rd. Please bring your new builds  
and any work-in-progress projects. And check your email, facebook page and ECPM  
website in case changes are made in time and/or date.

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