

DownEastCon is now officially over and our winner, in the Junior Category, is Ethan Winnick. Above Ethan poses with his gold winning A-10 Warthog and his (intensely proud uncle), Rob Rode. Ethan and Rob drove in from Raleigh to our show. They are members of the Eagle Squadron, IPMS Raleigh. More photos from DEC start on page 10.

# After - CATCH '22 Recap

- by the Committee

#### Alan Welch

I have to admit right off the bat this was my first con to work on. Having a clean slate I wanted to try some things I had not seen in other shows hoping my experience in other fields might be useful.

One of the issues I wanted to address was the awful confusion and crowd at the entrance as builders with boxes or totes full of models tried to find places to set things down and fill out entry forms which were different from show to show. This is why I pushed pre-registration so hard and it seems to have paid off. Dennis will elaborate on that in his section.

Then, at the entrance, itself, I was able to divide the incoming guests into three paths, one to the hard right for non-competing visitors, one to right oblique for pre-registerd entrants who pretty much zipped on in, and the third to the left for traditional register-and-pay-at-the-door builders so they could wade through the paperwork, pay and then enter.

I also contacted the Single Marine program at nearby Cherry Point Marine Air Station and was able to obtain 4 young volunteer Marines to help the vendors off load their stock in the morning then reload it after (continued on page 2)

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# Meetings

Contact & meeting info on regional model building groups and info on upcoming cons and other events.

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 meetiing: https://www.facebook.com/nbmmgnc

Wilmington, NC Plastic Modelers Meets at the New Hanover County Public Library, Osprey room, 3802 S. College Rd, 1st Saturday, 2:00 pm Wilmington 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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### Events

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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/IPM-SEagleSquadron

#### **Carolina Maritime Model Society**

Next meeting will be 2 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

### Con Roundup

#### August 13, 2022

"Virginia Shootout" Salem Civic Center 1001 Roanoke Blvd., Salem, VA 24153. twardf86@aol.com

#### Saturday, October 1, 2022 BeachCon 22

"The Best of the Beach" 800 Gabreski Lane Myrtle Beach, SC

www.grandstrandscalemodelers.org/

#### Saturday, October 15, 2022

"Fast Traxx Fall Con" VFW Post 2031 Jordan Lane, Statesville, NC 28677 gsw0882@gmail.com

#### October 22, 2022

"Doin The Charleston" 4990 Dorchester Rd. N. Charleston, NC niatira2014@gmail.com

#### August 20, 2022

"CKM Summer Classic"
Model Car Show & Swap Meet
Village Inn
Clemmons, NC
carolinakustommodelers@gmail.com

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the show. Feedback indicates this was very appreciated by the sellers. I think Jeff, Vendor Wrangler, will have something to say about that . . . . along with much, much more.

That's all for me for a while, I'll turn this over to Dennis Korn, our registration Guru, and come back for a recap at the end of this article.

#### Dennis Korn-

Since I was charged with tracking online registration and then working the table for same day registration, here is what my experience was like.

Our on-line registration was a great idea. Out of 56 total modelers to enter models into the show, 29 registered on-line and 27 registered same day (though some on-line modelers added models on Saturday morning). and we had a total of 224 models . . . though it would appear at least 2 or 3 on-line registered modelers did not show up on Saturday. So on-line registration works and it made Saturday registration quite easy . . . having two stations, one for pre-registered and one for same-day made it flow nicely.

We originally planned to close registration on Saturday at 12:30pm and could have easily closed it at 12:00 instead. We had three people working the registration table, which made the operation run smoothly.

We also took pictures of the entry forms on Saturday as they came in and this helped later to fill the voids in the database that I assembled from the entry forms picked up after the event (which was a pure genius idea . . . to leave them on the tables after the modelers picked up their models).

#### The Vendor's Side of the Table – Jeff Maples

The physical organizing of my first model show started with me being promptly late for the Friday night set up. However, it could not be helped, as I was still airbrushing & gluing my model entries at home and that were due the next day which (I will remind you) I only had 8 months to work on. I knew that you would understand this. Thank you.

Upon my arrival (finally) Friday night at the Havelock Tourist and Event Center, my cunning plan of arriving after all the work was done fell right into place. Oh, I moved a few tables here and there to make it look like I was at least trying. I feel like that went without a hitch, as I could see my fellow workers rolling their eyes in approval. I would like to thank Marshall Smith for the fire house's 8 foot tables. A number of vendors really needed those and greatly appreciated you bringing them out. Thank you, Marshall.

Now that everything was in place, I checked into my hotel room and finished my 2 entries so they would dry in time so as not to get wet paint or glue on the contest tables. However, this went with many, many hitches. Don't ask.

Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Show Time! Well, more like...time to get to work, Jeff!

I was so excited and, honestly, that excitement lasted all day. The vendor area, as most of you know, was my side of the room and everyone was so professional and friendly that it was a joy to work with them. On top of that, Alan got 4 Marines to help the vendors unload their cars/trucks that (continued on page 3)

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morning and, again, at the end of the day. Let me tell you that the vendors were thrilled! I'm not sure this is a common service at other shows. Well done, Alan.

The vendor tables were full of kits very quickly. I did explain to them that because of limited space, I could not put sitting areas between the tables. We needed more room for aisles and walking space. Actually, in the end, they didn't mind because this kept them with their customers, making eye contact, and making conversation. Studies show this increases your chance of a sale. I hope that worked.

The rest of the day seemed to be me bugging Robert (who did an amazing job – Robert tells us more) about the People's Choice Award & Blue Ox gift certificate drawing, me bugging David Mohr about more announcements, me bugging Steve Kasza about the judging, me bugging the front room about registrations, and me bugging Alan...well, just because I enjoy it.

I got a chance to judge along with our head judge, Steve K, who also did an amazing job (tell us more, Steve). What was nice about the judging was we got representation from every chapter/club attending the show plus new builders who never judged before, and who we got to teach. A show does better when the judging team isn't made up of mostly the hosting members. Our teams of 17 builders were very eclectic.

After the Award Ceremony, and paparazzi sessions around the winning models, it was time to pack up the vendor area which, again, was so much easier with the help of our Marines. Actually, the Marines were so efficient that I did not get a chance to do any shopping at the end of the day. So, my wife thanks you, Marines.

As all fun must come to an end, so did ours. However, I was very pleased to look at the clock hitting 5:00 on the nose and we were completely done with the cleanup. My hat off to you all for such a great job.

You know what? I'm still excited!

#### Mark Sandvigen

Friday afternoon -

The convention floor was set up perfectly, small items like the podium, sound systems were in the wings and only needed David Mohr's guidance regarding their position. The amount of pre-fetch materials from people's cars were more than anticipated, we were very lucky to have as many volunteers as showed up. A special shout-out to David Mohr and his lovely wife for all of their preparation in getting the materials from the storage unit to the contest. The donated kits, the as-is table, and auction items would be a major hit for the show. The table placement and category map and subsequent category cards were terrific and allowed the tent-cards to be placed easily. Placards and easels went up easily and there were enough for guidance to both contestants and the public. Allowing supporting clubs to set up on Friday reduced traffic and confusion on contest day. Exterior set-up was a breeze with tables for re-registered contestants, late-registrants, public, etc. set up perfectly.

Ultimate take away – 18 months is the right amount of time to plan an excellent contest.

Comments and suggestions –
The ability to come in and set-up on
Friday was a god-send and should
be replicated at our next contest.

Saturday would be hectic enough, adding the set-up to this would have made contest prep difficult.

Vendor tables were confused with regular contest tables and needed to be switched out. Different labeling will be needed on the lay-out map to accommodate vendor table-size requests.

Model classes somehow got split putting categories on alternate rows. While not a problem with viewing, it made judging problematic.

IPMS changes are being made regarding figures, Gundam, Pokémon, etc.. A close eye on these categories will be needed to ensure these growing categories have the table space, judging criteria, etc. in place in future contests.

#### Saturday -

The coordination with the Single Marine Program was an unexpected bonus – their help was invaluable given the amount of vendor inventory moved into the convention center. The raffle drawing and auction ran flawlessly.

The functioning of the front end and especially the late registration table was a breeze. The thought put into this area was really well done. As it is the first impression of the contest, it could not have worked better. The work Marshall did in getting cash for the drawer was spot on. Over 90% of the late-registrants did so in cash! All of the fallbacks used to ensure good record keeping functioned well.

The judging was extremely well run, had I gone to the judges meeting, rework on some of my forms could have be avoided reducing Steve Kasza's workload. The attention paid to the junior modelers is an example to all. Ethan actually made friends with a bunch of old guys and was disappointed that we would not be at the Squadron meeting as his guests.

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#### Aaaaand, I'm back.

So, we're happy. We made a few mistakes, (only God is perfect), and identified some changes to be made. We'll simplify the class/ category conundrum making it easier to understand. We'll handle the photography better, put the IPMS table in a more prominent and findable position, same with the People's Choice ballot box.

Speaking of IPMS, I want to include a shout out to Tim Kirkland, RC for Region 12 who sponsored an additional prize for our junior category. Tim supplied some kits as prizes, some IPMS Journals so the winner could get a feel for the organization, and a one year's prepaid membership for the winner. Thanks for sweetening the pot, Tim.

I want to cut back on the interior signage, some of that seems to have gotten in the way of people. And name tags, we have to have name tags for participants. But we'll try this thing again in 2024 and we'll hope folks will come and visit us again.

Thanks for coming, folks. Keep on building. ■

-Editor



## A Word About The Wives

No report would be complete without mentioning four people who's contribution made the show not just what it was, but possible at all. Four wives of chapter members who pitched right in along with their spouses and filled crucial positions to make things run smoothly. These heroes need to be recognized and thanked.

Fran Downey, wife and stabilizing influence of Jeff Maples, was the whirlwind at the front desk in the morning who kept contestants moving, (whether they wanted to or not) and supplied information and direction to the lost and bewildered.

Later on in the day she took her trusty iPhone in hand and joined the photo crew in recording the contest entries and many happy competitors holding their awards.

Karen Mohr, or as she is know in genteel circles as "The Raffle Diva", was crucial in setting up, maintaining, and wrapping up the raffle. Her tireless grace under fire kept the flow of ticket stubs heading into the proper channel and calmed the frazzeled head of everyone in range of the raffle table. Karen proved to be one of the more popular VIPs in the room.

Another rock of stability without which the entry hall might have

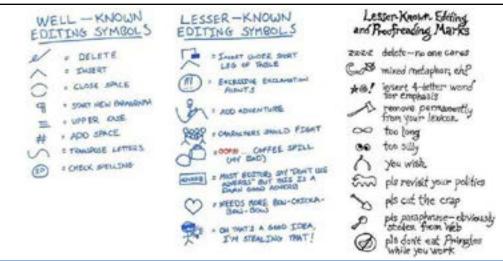
devolved into the chaos we worked so hard to avoid was Mrs. Kathy Smith, who warmly welcomed family, friends, the curious, the lost, lonely, and other visitors who were interested in not only what scale model building was all about but who were these strange people who construct tiny things. Kathy made us look nominally sane. Whenever I visited the entry she would be behind her table, calmly and efficiently welcoming people and graciously ushering them through the door and that calmed my frantic head.

And last, my own dear wife, Kathy Tucci, who in addition to being the third "first face" greeting the contestants in the entry hall, also formed a crucial part of the photo team while maintaining some degree of sanity, stability and enthusiasm in her spouse who started this whole thing.

Just so you know, Kate, I honestly could not have done it without you.

So, thank you Kathy. And thank all of you magnificent warriors for service above and beyond. In addition to putting up with our hobby year in and year out, you rolled up your sleeves and did critically important jobs right alongside the chapter members. You four must *really* love us. ■

-Editor



# **SPONSORS MAKE THE SHOW**

We, truly, could not have done this without the support of those who are listed below. These fine people and organizations sponsoring categories and special prizes made taking home all those medals and trophies possible. So, thank you good people from the bottom of our chapter's heart.

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(IPMS) Tidewater	901 Best Aircraft	Dennis Korn (ECPM)
001 Juniors	John Lent (IPMS Tidewater)	506 Competition
108 Multi Engine Prop:	106 Single Engine Prop:	William Prentice, Beaufort
(1/72 & smaller)	(1/48)	601 Real Space:
902 Best Military Vehicle	(The Bill Brickhouse	(all scales)
David Mohr (ECPM)	Memorial Award)	(IPMS) Grand Strand
102 Multi-wing & Rigged:	(IPMS) Eagle Squadron,	Scale Modelers
(all scales)	Raleigh	702 Military Diorama
308 Gundam: (all scales)	205 Wheeled & Soft-skin	(IPMS) Spartanburg
603 Sci-Fi Vehicles &	Vehicles: (all scales/eras)	704 Civilian Diorama
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(all scales)	<b>Hobby Chest of Jacksonville</b>	801 All Other Entries
(IPMS) Northern Virginia	302 Historical Foot &	(IPMS) Eastern Carollina
Modelers	Mounted: (all scales)	<b>Plastic Modelers</b>
104 Single Engine Prop:	304 Fantasy & Sci-Fi:	903 Best Figure
(1/72 & smaller)	(all scales, resin &	(The Pat Fulcher
110 Multi Engine Prop:	white metal)	Memorial Award)
(1/48)	502 Factory Stock	909 Best of Show
112 Jets: (1/72 & smaller)	Damaris Carter	(The Jay Roig
114 Jets: (1/48)	306 Fantasy & Sci-Fi:	Memorial Award)
116 Aircraft:	(injected molded plastic,	Riverside Subaru,
(1/32 & larger; all types)	1/8, 1/10 & 1/12 scales)	New Bern, NC
118 Helicopters:	(IPMS) Charlotte Scale	905 Best Automotive
(all scales)	Modelers	Alan Welch, (ECPM)
201 Armor closed top:	401 Surface Ships	906 Best Space &
(1/35 & larger; all eras)	Mark Sandvigen (ECPM)	Science Fiction
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(1/35 & larger; all eras)	(IPMS) Race City, Mooresville.	999 People's Choice
207 Armor:	504 Hot/Street Rods &	Jeff Maples, (ECPM)
(1/35 & smaller; all eras)	Street Machines	920 Theme Award:
209 Ordnance - Missiles &	Blue Room of Verona (AirBnB)	"CATCH '22"
Towed Arty:	510 Miscellaneous &	(The Billy G. Maples

**Customs** 

**Memorial Award)** 

(all scales/eras)

# CATCH'22/DownEastConCoverage

A small sampling of photographs showing some of the fun and games that went on during our July 9th event. Special props to the venue and staff for doing everything in their power to help us make it the success that it was.

photos by Fran Downey, Rick Meyer and Kathy Tucci and Alan Welch





(top) Raffle Diva, Karen and Raffle Meister, David conducting court. Many believe it was our best raffle, ever!

(above) A 1/72 Heinkel He-177 Greif by Larry Mason was one of the many stand-outs builds in competition.

(right) Part of the excitement was when the F4B4 attempted to land during the raffle but was waved off by the LSO





(above) Setting up is always such fun, especially in the smaller scales. Shane Edlund, of the Eagle Squadron, is 104, single engine aircraft 1/72 and smaller.



(above) Seems they make models out of just about anything these days. Here we have the main gun turret from the battleship Bismarck.



(above) Depicting the horrors of wars gone by, builder Bob Vasile captured such with realism and originality'...



(above) Road trips just don't seem to be as much fun these days.



(above) The raffle seemed to be great fun for everyone . . . especially Andy as he worked it.



(above) Brian Cooker's beautiful, diminutive, resin DuFaux C1



(above) William Reece looking jollier than normal as he accepts his second place medal.



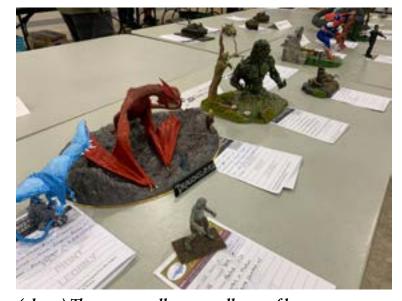
(above) USS Langley's air compliment is parked on deck. What fearlessness it must have taken to fly these off her.



(above) Ed Cichoki's Benz Patent Motor wagon took first place in 502



(above) This Japanese amphibious tank shows the degree of madness some will go to in killing their fellow man.



(above) The rouges gallery, a walkway of horrors.



(above) A 1/48 F4U-1 and just a beautiful job of building as well as weathering.



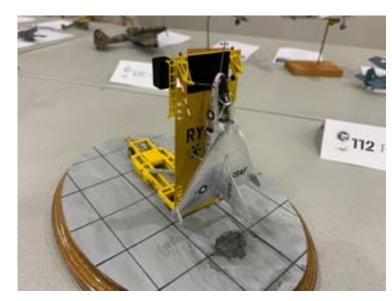
(above) As if 1/72 wasn't bad enough Ibra Tayeb built this Armstrong Whitley Argosy in 1/144!



(above) This is a Gamma Goat brush unit and it took third place in category 508



(above) From one veteran to another Ed Westbury, Eagle Squadron, collects his 2nd place for his M8 Hellcat



(above) Brian Cooker's VTOL Concept Aircraft



(above) As you can see the vendor's area was popular . . . very popular.



(above) And people said the selection was better than our last con in 2018.

And here are some happy guys who are taking home lovely awards to honor their builds. If you were not photographed with your medal(s) and model(s), I apologize. There are more photos on our club website and Facebook page, so maybe you can find yourself there. I apologize, sincerely, and I promise it was not that you weren't cute enough.

Trust me...this is Alan.

Well, trust me anyway.. ■



Irvin Edwards II, in from Maryland













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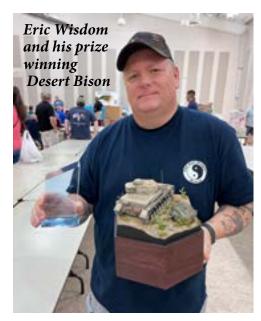
















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(above) Eric Wisdom's collection of builds and awards.



(above) A nice Hasegawa P-38J by Wayne Dippold snared second place in his category.



(above) Rick Reinert rocked with a 1/32 scale Wingnuts Wings kit of an LVG VI



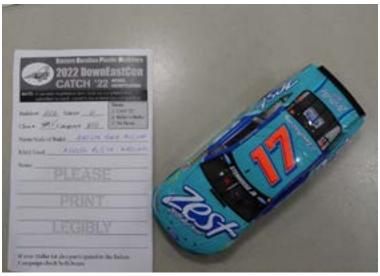
(above) Scott Bregi picked up a nice second place award with this SU-122.



(above) An abandoned farm tractor collected a second place civilian dio for Ron Verberg



(above) Thomas Mathisen demonstrated that an undertaker is the last person to ever let you down.



(above) Kel Gaither's "NASCAR Ford Fusion" won the trophy as Best Automotive



(above) Scott Bregi collected the trophy for Best Space entry with his stellar "Sputnik".



(above) Scott Ward's diminutive yet detailed 28mm "Cleric" was blessed with the trophy for Best Figure.



(above) The dreadnought "Sevastopol", built by Bruce McKenzie sailed away with the trophy for Best Ship.



(above) Eric Wisdom collected the Best Armor trophy for his "Desert Bison".



(above) "Junkyard Ho's and Spa" picked up the trophy in Best Diorama.



(above) Ron Davis collected "Best Catch'22 Diorama" in the theme awards category with his beautifully detailed "Wespe" 105mm artillery piece.

(below) Jeff Maples smiles with his Bf109G-6 which won awards for Best Heller vs. Heller, Best CATCH'22 Aircraft the trophy for best CATCH'22 Theme build.



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(above) An excited and happy Rob Rode collects his "Best Of Show" trophy for his beautiful 1/48 build of a Grumman OV-1 Mohawk. This is one of those "worth a thousand words" pictures where expression and emotion are the star of the show. Congratulations Rob!

(right) It was a big day for the family overall. Rob brought his young nephew, Ethan Winnik who pretty much charmed everyone, audited the judging along with his uncle and other IPMS members, and took home his own award by taking First Place in the Junior Division. His prizes included that gold medal plus kits and a year's IPMS membership given by Region 12 Coordinator, Tim Kirkland.

WAY TO GO ETHAN!! Looks like Eagle Squadron will be having a new member pretty soon.

And Rob, you may just be cultivating some competition up there.



# The Complete (as we can get it) Winners List

1st: Glenn Martin 1st: Scott Wood F-100D 3rd: Tait Ekstrom 28mm Cleric RX-75 Guntank 116 304 2nd: Tait Ekstrom 3rd: Eric Engstrom 3rd: Scott Ward Bandai Eevee P-47D Hiking Wizard 2nd: Eric Engstrom 2nd: Dave Corvino 1st: Ethan Winnick 1/72 A-10 Warthog Brewster F2A Buffalo Mad Labs 102 1st: Matt Lutynski 1st: Brian Staples Lizardman on Carnosaur 3rd: Ibra Tayeb ME-163B 118 306 DeHaviland Rapide 2nd: Rick Reinert 3rd: Christopher Ekstrum 3rd: Jeff Maples LVG VI **UH-34D** Captain America 1st: Brian Cooker 2nd: Matt Lunn 2nd: Jeff Maples Sikorsky HO35-1 Superman DuFaux C1 104 1st: Brian Staples 1st: Scott Bregi TAH-1G King Kong 3rd: ShaneHedlund 201 Ki-84 Frank 2nd: William Reece 3rd: Derek Beard 3rd: Irvin Edwards II Defiant Mk-1 **M4A3E8** Gundam Helies 1st: Scott Bregi 2nd: Scott Bregi 2nd: Bob Vasile Zock Gundam Piaggio PC-1 SU-122-5A 106 1st: Eric Wisdom 1st: Irwin Edwards II Desert Bison Gundam 3rd: David Key 203 401 F4F Wildcat 2nd: Eric Wisdom 3rd: Charles Colucci 3rd: Ron Verburg M8 Motor Carriage Chinese Iunk F4U-1 Corsair 1st: Glenn Martin 2nd: Ed Westbury 2nd: Rob Rode M8 Hellcat TBF-1C Avenger 1/350 USS England 1st: Larry Mason 1st: Bruce McKenzie 108 3rd: David Key Kangaroo 1/350 Sevastopol DO-17Z 205 403 2nd: Larry Mason 3rd: Davis Key 3rd: David Key Heinkel He-177A-5 LRDG w/gun Guppy class 2nd: Chris Ekstrum 2nd: Bruce McKenzie 1st: Brian Cooker 1929 Schneider Cup Racer M978 Japanese I-10 110 1st: Dave Corvino 1st: Gary Foster 3rd: Rick Reinert Holt 75mm artillery Fulton's Nautilus 207 502 P-38H 2nd: Wayne Dippold 3rd: Christopher Ekstrum 3rd: Kel Gaither P-38I T-62M 1950 Olds 1st: Rob Rode 2nd: Ashley Abernathy 2nd: Kel Gaither 1/48 OV-1 Mohawk T34/76 1968 Chevelle 1st: Larry Mason 1st: Ed Cichocki 124A1 3rd: Larry Mason Benz Patent Motor Wagon Goshawk 3rd: Christopher Ekstrum 2nd: Larry Mason 3rd: Thomas Mathisen 37mm Flak 36 Rafale 1932 3-window coupe 2nd: Bob Vasile 1st: Scott Bregi 2nd: Alan Welch 1932 Ford Coke Cooler Delivery German 21cm Mortar Tu-128U 114 1st: Scott Bregi 1st: Kel Gaither 3rd: Bob Dedman Nike Ajax 1932 Ford Street Rod **302** F-4D Phantom 506 2nd: Rob Rode 2nd: Brian Staples 3rd: Bobby Long F-105F 1815 Polish Lancer Ford Cobra

2nd: Scott Bregi 1st: Christopher Ekstrom BF109G-6 AT-M6 Assault Walker Bratham BT 18 Best Heller Build: Jeff Maples 1st: Kel Gaither 702 BF109G-6 NASCAR Ford Fusion 3rd: Eric Wisdom 508 Nusse BEST OF CLASS AWARDS 3rd: Bob Vasile 2nd: Ashley Abernathy **Best Aircraft: Rob Rode** Gamma Goat Brush Unit Bronco 1/48 OV-1 Mohawk 2nd: Brian Staples 1st: Mike Trentadine **Best Military Vehicle: Eric Wisdom** *Special Delivery* M48A3 Marine Desert Bison 1st: Kel Gaither 704 Best Figure: Scott Ward 1939 Wagon Rod 2nd: Ron Verburg 28mm Cleric 510 Abandoned Farm Tractor **Best Ship: Bruce Mackenzie** 3rd: Dave Corvino 1st: Brian Staples Sevastopol Jeepers Creepers Truck Junk Yard Ho's & Spa Best Automotive: Kel Gaither 2nd: Kel Gaither 801 NASCAR Ford Fusion Custom Cadillac 3rd: Ed Cichocki **Best Space: Scott Bregi** 1st: Mack Batson Bismark Gun Turret Sputnik 1940 Ford Sedan Delivery 2nd: Bob Vasile **Best Diorama: Brian Staples** 601 Junkyard Ho's & Spa Recover the Dead 2nd: Ron Verburg 1st: Brian Staples PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD Sputnik Bulldozer 1st: Scott Bregi Hank Strub III Sputnik THEME AWARDS USS New Jersey -----603 CATCH '22 Aircraft: Jeff Maples: 3rd: Wayne Dippold BF109G-6 **BEST IN SHOW** Colonial Viper **CATCH '22 Dioramas: Ron Davis: Rob Rode** 2nd: Bob Vasile German Wespe 1/48 OV-1 Mohawk Doomstalker Best CATCH '22 : Jeff Maples: **IPMS/USA MEMBERSHIP FOR** IPMS No.: Name: If Renewing First Middle Address: City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_ Phone: E-mail: Signature (required by P.O.) Type of Membership Adult, 1 Year: \$30 Adult, 2 Years: \$58 Adult, 3 Years: \$86 Junior (Under 18 Years) \$17 Family, 1 Year: \$35 (Adult + \$5, One Set Journals) How Marry Cards? Canada & Mexico: \$35 Other / Foreign: \$38 (Surface) Checks must be drawn on a US bank or international money order Payment Method: Check Money Order Chapter Affiliation, (if any):

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## **We Retired Our Sailor Ad!**



Earlier this month we received word that our website, www.ecpmod.com, was chosen as the region 12 website of the year! This sent us to the IPMS Nationals to compete for the National award for 2022.

## We just received word we took that award as well!

Coming in on the heels of our DownEastCon the news is even sweeter. Thanks to all our chapter members who helped make this possible. I think it safe to say that ECPM has opened some eyes!

-Editor



Editor's Note:

Well, it's all over but the shouting, and amazingly there really has been a good deal of shouting, and its all good! It was a ton of work but without fail the chapter rose to the challenge and we got'er done!

We know how we feel about CATCH'22, but how do YOU feel? Please drop us a line and give us feedback so we can make DownEast-Con 2024 even better.

In the meantime I'd like to thank those competitors, who brought some really outrageously good entries, the vendors who busted their bottoms schlepping boxes of goodies in and out, the four volunteer Marines who helped them, the staff from the Havelock Tourist and Event Center who worked hand in hand with us to make this happen, and also the interested parties who came to look, to marvel, to question, and to wonder what the big deal was.

But mostly I'd like to thank the members of the New Bern Chapter of IPMS, the Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers, who stepped up and did it. It was a bit scarey, basically all of us were neophytes to staging and producing a con. We had ideas and God bless them we actually tried a few new ones and they worked pretty darned good.

Next con they'll work even better...
just you wait and see. (Get it, you'll
have to come to the next one...
pretty good marketing, eh?) ■

-Editor

Don't forget, our next meeting will be Saturday, September 17, 2022, (We are taking August off) 12:00 noon till 2:00 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 and the chapter website in case changes are made in time and/or date. Isn't it time you joined IPMS? http://www.ipmsusa3.org/uploads/ipms\_application\_form\_2019.pdf

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