



WHAT THE TRUCK!?!? OK, it's a truck, but it's a model truck, and the first chapter member who identifies the make gets a free newsletter subscription. Model built by Tim Ryan who came back to play with us and brought a number of his builds, AND a friend who also builds. (Nice move, Tim) See more of their works in our meeting photographs section.

Meeting Debriefing

- by Jeff Maples

In Attendance: (The Usual Suspects): Melissa and Rod Huyett, Richard Adams, David Mohr, David Stiteler, Marshall Smith, Andy Fulcher, Dennis Korn, Steve Kasza, Chuck Colucci, Jeff Maples, Mark Grey, and Alan Welch.

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Attendees: Dennis Morey, Ronnie Whitley, Steve Stoeltzing, and Steven Michel

Show and Tell: Rod Huyett started us off with a collection of 3 car kits he made from diecast metal and plas-

tic. The cars included were a Ferrari FXX K, Ferrari Enzo, and a Lamborghini Terzo Millennio. All beautiful cars small or big. Rod said the kits are made to be snap-together, so no glue is required. The smaller plastic pieces snap into the larger metal cast pieces (mainly the body and chassis). The up-side to these kits is they only take about 1.5 – 2.0 hours to build but the downside is the lack of variety of car kits to buy. Rod, maybe there are more of these kits of American cars.

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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: 585 Broad Creek Road, 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
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

Saturday, April 16, 2022
Model Classic 2022
"The Korean Conflict"
Fairfax High School
Fairfax, Virginia
www.novaipms.zzorg

Sunday, May 14, 2022
Smokey Mountain Model-Con
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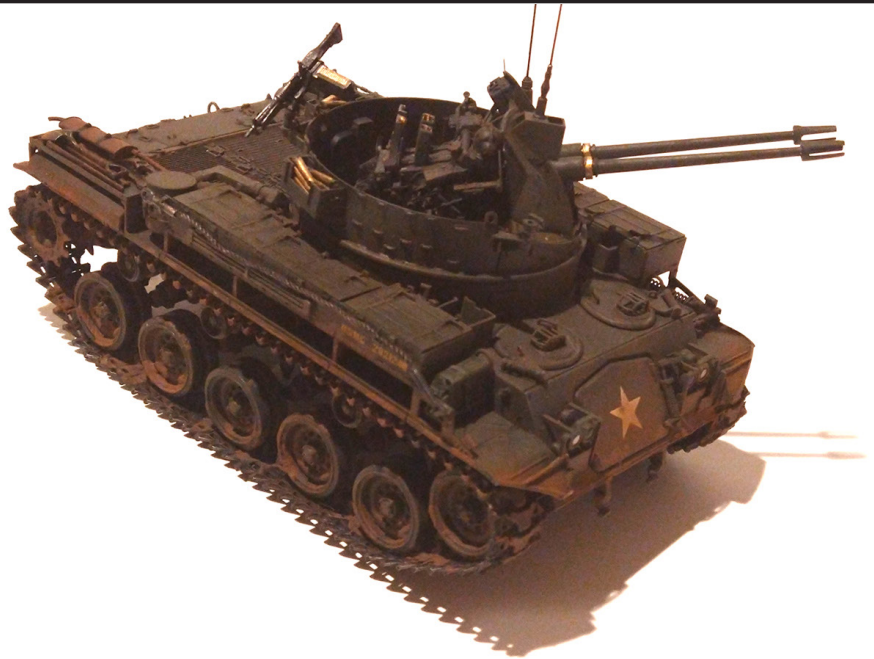
Saturday, 18 June, 2022
2022 South Carolina
Scale Model Mega Show
"The Atomic Age"
SCNG Armory
Bluff Road in Columbia, SC
<https://scmegashow.com>

July 20-23, 2022
"IPMS NATIONALS"
La Vista Conference Center
12520 Westport Parkway
La Vista, Nebraska 68128

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M-42 Duster, mobile AA

-by Chuck Colucci

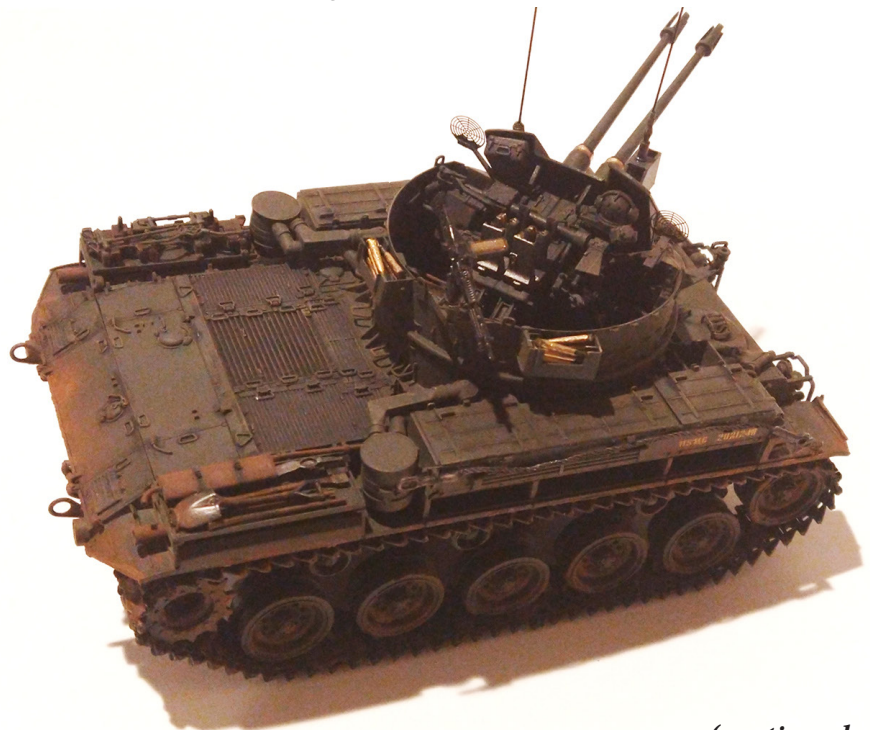


The twin 40mm guns look imposing, and the M-41 chassie gave it decent mobility, but as an AA platform it never got a chance to really prove itself.

My second build for February was my US Army M-42 Self Propelled Anti-Aircraft Gun. Otherwise known as the "Duster". There were 3,700 vehicles built from 1953 - 1980 using components from the M-41 light tank. The main armament was the 40 mm twin Anti-Aircraft guns.

It also carried the 7.62 mm M-60 machine gun as it's secondary fire-power. It had a 4-6 man crew. The M-42 replaced a variety of different Anti-Aircraft systems in armored divisions. It remained in service from 1953 until 1980.

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Duster

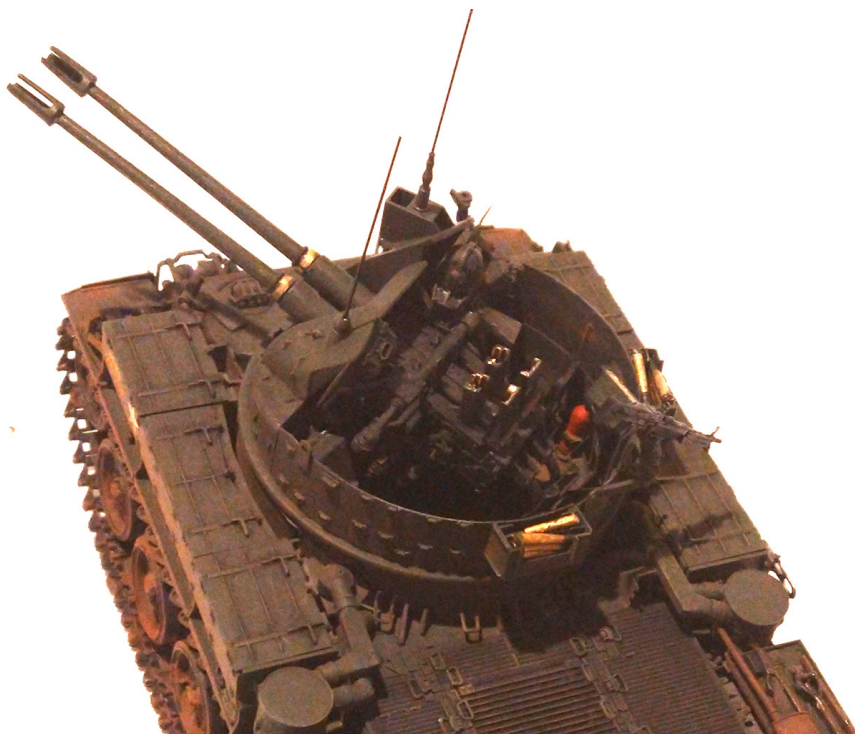
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In the late 1950's, the U.S. Army determined that Anti-Aircraft guns were no longer viable in the jet age and therefore the M-42 was retired from front line service and passed on to the National Guard except for two battery's of M-42's that served the 4th battalion, 517th Air Defense Artillery Regiment in the Panama Canal Zone

During the Vietnam war, 3 battalions were recalled: The 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment and the 5th Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, both in November of 1966. Then in Jan. 1967, the 4th Battalion, 60th Air Defense Artillery Regiment. The last of the M-42's left Vietnam in 1971 and the vehicles were retired in 1988.

As far as the kit goes, this is the AFV Club kit. I had built the Tamiya kit many years ago and as far as detail is concerned, there's no comparison with this current release.

I guess my biggest disappointment with this kit is, because of the



(above) *The infamous open turret holds so much detail it's hard to finish once assembled. Builders are advised to detail and paint/weather as they go. Chuck reports that this AFV Club version is very well detailed.*

amount of detail in the crew compartment and the twin 40 s, and the way it needs to be assembled, I couldn't get inside to paint & weather it the way I would have liked to. If I had to do it again, I think most of it would have to be painted and weathered during the building process. Other than that, the kit goes together

well with lots of small details and I'm fairly happy with the results. I'm not sure if I'm completely happy with my final product after painting and weathering but I think it turned out ok ■

-Chuck Colucci

Con Roundup

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Saturday, October 1, 2022

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Richard Adams brought in 3 builds, too. First up was his balsa model of a Ryan ST (Sport Trainer) at a scale of 1:30 and a 12" wingspan. Richard bought the kit from Easy Built Models (easybuiltmodels.com). However, he didn't really want the standard 2 seat trainer. What he really wanted was the single seat Ryan STA-Special. So, Richard just covered up the front seat (student's seat) and converted it into the STA-Special. Presently, he has not put the tissue skin on the model, yet, but knowing Richard, next month it will be covered and looking beautiful.

Richard's other builds were a Lindberg 1:72 Coast Guard Tugboat which he hand-painted and, lastly, his other build was another Easy Built Models' balsa wood kit at 1:23 (18") scale of a Piper PA-18 Super Cub Float Plane, but this one has the tissue on. The kit does not come with floats, so Richard just made the floats (I mean, why not? This is Richard we are talking about). But they tended to fall off which did not make Richard happy. Richard, we feel your pain.

David Mohr brought in an interesting kit to be built...Takom Models 1:350 of the Zeppelin Q Class which was one of the largest Zeppelins used by the Germans in WW1 (~1916). The scale makes it interesting as you can place the model alongside a 1:350 WW1 Germany ship. Have fun with that, David.

Ronnie Whitley came down from Virginia (along with Tim Ryan) for the meeting (and I thought I had a long ride from Wilmington). Ronnie is a car builder, but he confessed that it had been a 25-year gap since he got back into the hobby. That sounds very familiar to most of us in the room. For such a long gap, Ronnie brought in quite a few kits. With him today was a mixture of AMT and Revell kits at the scale of 1:25 and 1:24. Here was his collection: '78 Subaru Brat (WIP), '77 International

Harvester Scout (WIP), '71 Land Rover Series III (WIP), '63 Chevy II station wagon curbside, '69 Corvair (custom), and a '69 Chevy CheZoom. All beautiful builds. Thanks for taking the trip down, Ronnie.

Tim Ryan also came down from Virginia (as stated above) and is also a car builder (with the exception of one jet). He, too, had quite a collection of car kits with a mix of Monogram, Revell, and AMT with the scale of either 1:24 or 1:25. They included a '71 orange Hemi Cuda, '59 blue and white Impala, '56 FD-100 Pickup, Shelby Cobra 427 S/C (WIP), '23 Model T Delivery Van (WIP), and last but not last a '70 Ford Galaxie with NC Highway Patrol decals (WIP). Next up was Tim's Truck-With-Wings. An Atlantis 1:136 (box scale) Martin P-6M Seamaster Seaplane. Like all of us Sometimes we need a diversion away from our usual comfort zone and this jet was out his comfort zone. Jeff commented it had to be an Atlantis kit because they are the only manufactures who give you an in-flight aircraft stand. Now, Tim used to be a member of ECPM, and it was great to have him back for a day.

David Stiteler brought in two rather interesting aircraft kits that he is willing to sell or donate to our DownEast Con '22 Raffle. The kits are both 1/32 scale and belonged to David's dad when he bought them as new releases in 1976/1977. The first up is a 1:32 Minicraft Hasegawa Blue Angel A-4 Skyhawk (1977) and the other kit is a Hasegawa F-86F Sabre. David did confirm that all the pieces were in the boxes and the decals were in good shape. So, if you are interested in purchasing these kits before they get into David Mohr's hands (Raffle Ringmaster for DownEastCon) give David Stiteler an offer. Also, David is still working on his B-17 and now, he has got his wife pushing him along, so he finishes it before our show in July. You know what they say about every good man...

Marshall Smith is working on his

Testors 1:48 OV-22 Osprey kit, but he did not bring it in for Show and Tell. Actually, Marshall did not bring in a lot of stuff he should have. Marshall, you had one job! (We tease the Marshall because he is a good sport). He did explain that he purchased die-cut masks for the canopy to speed up the building time. Well, we know how short cuts go. Though he has a Testors kit, the only die-cut masks available are for the Italeri 1:48 kit, so he ordered that from Eduard's. I mean; what could go wrong? Marshall told us that when he received his order, the mask die-cut pieces did not fit the Testors' canopy. Steve K explained that the Italeri (being the first to offer the OV-22 in plastic) used the prototype OV-22 and not the Testors' kit. This hit Marshall hard in the wallet, too, but I will let you read about that in Marshall's article found in this very issue. Fear not, though...Alan Welch (who lives to serve) very generously and thoughtfully reminded Marshall that Jeff Maples cuts his own canopy masks and would be happy to help him with the OV-22 canopy. Thank you, Alan. Your kindness has no boundaries.

Chuck Colucci brought in 2 beautiful tanks (can tanks be beautiful?)... let's say 'beautifully built' tanks. His builds are of the Takom 1:35 French AMX-13/90 and the Tamiya 1:35 German Pzkwf 38(t) [the Germans should have bought more vowels when they had the chance]. On the AMX-13 (or as the French designated it... Char 13t-90 Modèle 52) he stated he built the 90mm Cold War version. The kit was great for him to build and had good detail and relatively good fit. He did, however, have a bit of trouble with the photo etch being so small. This was Chuck's first Takom build, and he was very pleased with it. His other tank (Tamiya) was his next installment to his collection of German panzer builds. This Tamiya kit is one of their older ones and Chuck thinks it is not one out there for this subject, but it will do. However, it was quick and easy

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to build with no stress (now, you're talking about my kind of build). Both tank builds were weathered in Chuck's usual Goldilocks' fashion (my term, not Chuck's) where they are not too weathered or not enough weathering but, in the middle, and just right.

Jeff Maples brought in an old build of his, the Roden 1:48 T-28 Trojan. It is one in the series he calls 'Planes My Father Flew' which he built for his dad back in May 2017. Jeff will always remember when it was finished because he wrote the date on the plane's belly. This was Jeff's first and only Roden kit as there were not many selections out there in 1:48 scale. The kit was a little rough to put together but not impossible. His only complaint was that the landing gear was very thin. The nose wheel has broken off twice now in travel to meetings. He stated this would be the one kit he would purchase white metal landing gear for. He painted the model in USAAF colors as the kit depicted with the supplied decals. Jeff was experimenting with panel washes and tried improving Roden's engraved panel lines, but he stated he overdid it. When done the plane looked like a coloring book with very thick black lines all around the plane. Well lesson learned.

Mark Grey also brought in an older build, his Tamiya 1:35 Abrams M1A2 main battle tank. Mark likes the Abrams tanks as they are popular with the US and many other countries. He commented that the paints he used were Tamiya paints he won in a Fine Scale Models contest many years ago. He didn't just win a few bottles of paint but all of the Tamiya colors times 6 bottles per color. He still has these same bottles today. Jeff knows, because Mark gave him 3 bottles of the Tamiya Red Hull (acrylics) for his ice breaker model. He used actual gauze painted in a mix of greens for camouflage around the gun barrel and along the tracks

which made it look very real. Also, for the antenna, he used a fiber optic line (very thin and strong) so it wouldn't snap or break. Plus, for the base of the antenna, he used a small spring he stole from a printer. Now, for some reason, the printer at his co-worker's desk doesn't operate quite well. Hmmm.

Alan Welch brought in his WIP of the Airfix 1:72 P-40B with markings for Lt. George Welch of the Army Air Corp. Alan bought aftermarket decals depicting Lt. Welch's US markings. Alan did state that he is of no relation to Lt. George, but he has always wanted to build Lt. Welch's famous P-40. He used Vallejo light grey for the belly and Bombshell acrylic Olive Drab for the top color. Also, Alan airbrushed not only on his repaired workbench, and new spray booth but also new NEO airbrush. Alan still has to put on the fiddly bits. For those of you who do not know the story, the night of December 6th Lt. G Welch and Lt K Taylor were based in Pearl Harbor (1941) and on the night of December 6th they were at a Christmas party and then an all-night poker game, when they heard that the Japanese were bombing Pearl Harbor. With that knowledge, Welch called the field to have their planes read and they drove straight to their Curtiss P-40's. Once in the air, Lt. George Welch shot down 3 Japanese planes and hit a fourth (which made it back to the carrier).

IPMS Membership: Mark Sandsvegan was not present at the March meeting; however, Alan Welch spoke for him when he told the members present to join IPMS/USA to help them help the local chapters. To find out more about the advantages of being an IPMS member, please go to their website at: <https://ipmsusa.org/> Also, understand that you do not have to be an IPMS member to be a part of ECPM. However, as per IPMS rules, we have to have at least 6 registered/paying members as IPMS members to keep the chapter.

Teaching Classes and Demos: We discussed the proposal for those who would be interested in observing and/or teaching classes / demonstrations to learn about other builder's techniques and methods they use when building any type of model. It was a unanimous vote to have said classes. Starting next month (at the April meeting) we will start classes. It just so happens that we (as a chapter hosting a contest) have to start our Judging Classes. So, for the next 3 meetings (April, May, and June) our class will be on the subject of "How to Judge Scale Models for an IPMS Contest". Steve Kasza is our head judge for DownEastCon '22 and he will be conducting each of these 3 classes. For those of you who are interested in being a judge at our contest or any future contests held by other clubs, these classes will be required. You will not have to bring anything but yourself, pen/pencil, and paper for notes.

ECPM Swag: The proposal for purchasing shirts and hats for ECPM was voted upon and the majority won for said purchases. They will come in handy if worn at DownEastCon if someone has questions, they will come to you. Again, these are great when worn to other clubs/chapter's contests when they are looking for judges. If you don't want to be picked out - don't wear the shirt. The question now - are we buying T-Shirts or Polo Shirts? Also, what kind of hats do we need?

Treasurer's Report: Our treasurer, Marshall Smith, forgot the treasurer's report at home, but he says everything is Okey Dokey, so I believe him.

Models 4 Vets: Mark Sandsvegan, Alan Welch, Rob Rode, and Jeff Maples volunteered to help the American Legion organize a group build for military personnel and veterans at Cherry Point as therapy for PTSD. We had it scheduled for March 30th, however, there have been no sign-

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Introduction to Masking

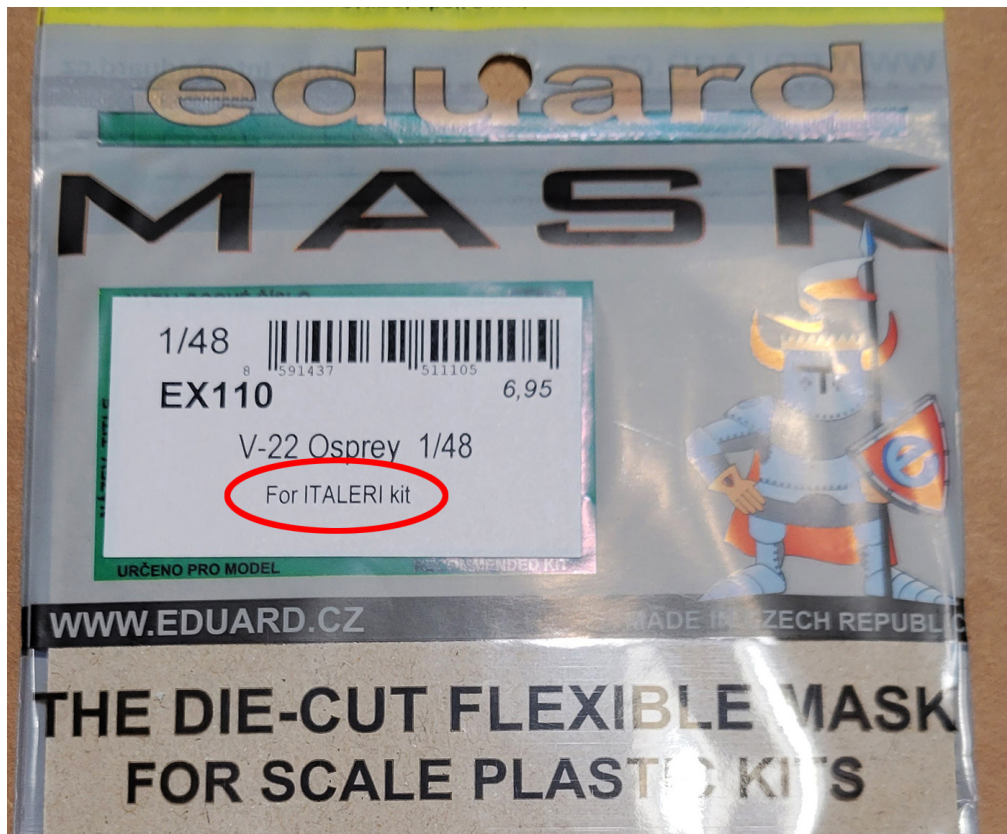
- by Marshall Smith

Czech This Out – Adventures on Using a Mask (But Not to Rob A Bank)

As I continue with my build of the 1/48 V-22 by Italeri/Testors, I realize I must do something to cover the portholes and canopy before spray painting. Also needed is a way to paint the wheels and tires without getting white paint on the tires and black paint on the wheels. I know there are those builders that can paint these areas without using masks, but I'm not one of them. I'm not certain I can be successful even with masks, but I decided to give them a try anyways. I found a set for my V-22 by Eduard, located in Czechoslovakia, or the Czech Republic as it is known now, or possibly part of the New U.S.S.R. next month. The price didn't seem bad at \$9.95, but the \$12.50 shipping was a turn-off for what is a piece of masking tape with die cuts in it that fits in a small envelope. I found a hobby shop in California that had one left, with a reasonable shipping price of about \$2. When it arrived a few days after I ordered it, I opened the envelope and was rather crestfallen to look at a small piece of thin yellow masking tape, about 3"x4" in size.

Close inspection did reveal many rather small and fragile looking die cut shapes that will hopefully cover areas from being wrongly painted and result in all inspectors of my finished V-22 to comment on how beautiful it is. Sure, and pigs will fly out of the rear hatch of this model too. My next step is to peel and apply these masks to the model and start with shooting primer. The wheels and tires will also get masked, and brush painted in two steps, wheels first, then tires. A follow-up article will show the the hopefully successful masking experiment.

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(Above) How the painting mask arrived and, (circled in red), how things started to go sideways. Steve Kasza says Italeri made their kit molds from the Osprey prototype and no plan survives first contact with the test program.

(below) Hard to see but their are very fine cuts in the tape. Really, there are. Look hard. No, look harder!



Modeling the Emden

Filed by our foreign correspondent, David Hamilton.

David lives in Mandurah, West Australia, about 72 km from Perth, the capital of Western Australia. His nearest Model club is on the other side of Perth, would make it a 3 hour return trip. He likes our chapter having discovered it through facebook.

I want to tell you about my journey of discovery while building my model. I don't want to bore you with all those little bits of glue and dabs of paint that go on the model; how part 117A attaches to sub assembly C. You already have experienced that. In parts my journey resembles some Shakespearean tragedy with lots of twists and turns that make you sometime wonder why.

Its about the challenge of turning those bits of plastic into something that resembles the real thing. To have the original in your lounge room or back yards would just be too big. But we can have the same aesthetically pleasing stare of wonderment that is our creation.

For me the whole journey starts when looking at your local hobby shop, we peruse the shelves looking for the one, the one that will light up our eyes, challenge out creativity and give us that sense of....I did that!

So my model of desire is SMS Emden in a scale of 1/350 that took my breath away in 1994 the year Revell released her. I had previously dabbled with 1/700 scale but this was going to be epic, so much larger.

Well, several divorces later some 26 years since my purchase I was able to finally open the box and look at my impending creation. This is in 2020 and I have returned to the joy of creativity. But things have changed, the hobby is no longer plastic and glue. There are new beasts in the game; Photo Etch and crazy glue. Mini spray guns and more than just



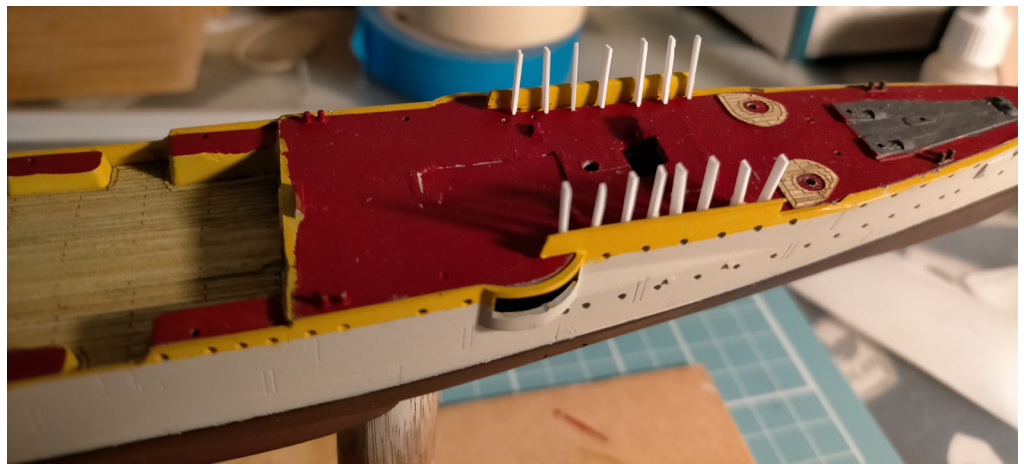
(above) The original boxing of Revell's SMS Emden. The kit is unusual in that the stern pieces are interchangeable so you can make Emden, with 2 screws, or Dresden with 4. It was even marketed as a double kit with parts for both.

Humbrol paints are available to make the while thing pop.

Today, the internet abound with peoples' creativity and youtube videos of how to do it. Their appears to be no end to the material that is covered, So I conducted some research on my little project.

I found literally hundreds of builds by people with a large variety of skill sets. That doesn't mean that the amateurish ones were rubbish, its just reflects an understanding of the enormity of the task at hand to bring this thing to life.

(below) David modified the splinter shield on the hull side for greater accuracy. This kind of thing should be familiar to us all.



I discovered that the items that really looked like the top shelf all contained photo etch and wooden decks and elastic rigging....whatever happened to the good old cotton-real? They also had 3d printed items like search lights, guns & tiny, crew for my boat.

So my project was now going to take longer, much longer than the time I thought. I'll admit it that not everything went to plan and nor did everything look like a brand new car rolling of the production line.

My early efforts at using PE were dismal, then again I was hoping for
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Modeling the Emden

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a miracle. I lacked the proper tools and equipment that help turn those little flat bits of brass into mighty sculptures. More research and more videos to watch and of course more Emails to your very own Alan Welch, asking for help, encouragement and creativity to continue down this rickety path.

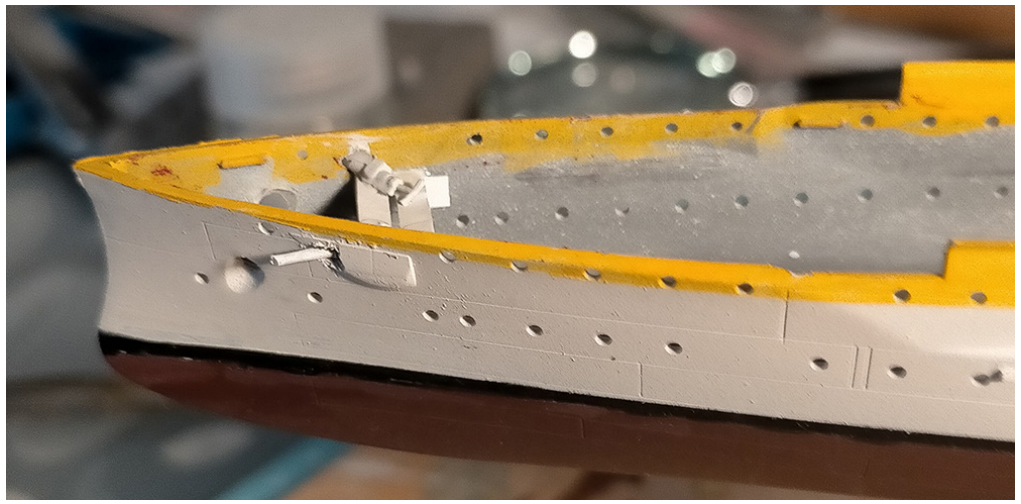
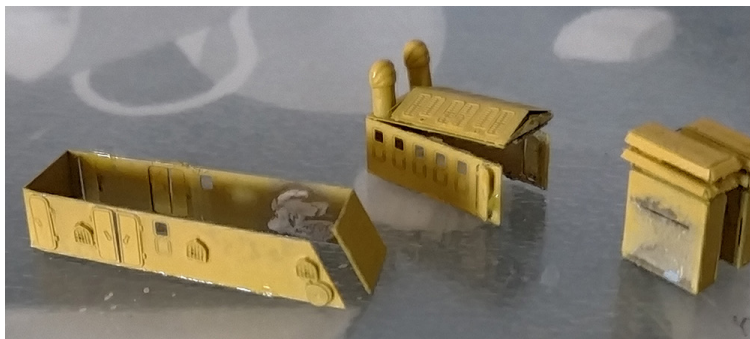
I discovered model groups on Facebook and saw Alan's Emden, it was stunning and somehow I managed to send him a friend request. Alan never bated an eye and has become a friend and a source of knowledge and inspiration.

My real frustration with PE caused me to admit defeat and I had to order another set 1 of the PE to correct the errors I had made.

Whilst I had learnt a thing or two about glue and PE, I still had a way to go. Ships ladders are my Achilles heal and I still hate them today. I even got so desperate with this that I wrote to the manufacture about my problem asking if they could give me some tips on bending the ladders. They never gave me any clues per se but did replace the entire PE sets 1 and 2 because there might have been a error with the thickness thus making it more difficult to work with. That was amazing customer service!

Now I had thinner PE its more fragile and more prone to disaster.

(below) Eduard's photo etch for this kit is extensive. Virtually everything above the main deck is replaced by PE. Yes, even the deck houses.



(above) Scratch building gun mounts and mounts armament where the maker molds a representation in place. Always a fun thing to do. This was a very fun part of the build according to David.

If you are not aware or just haven't noticed it before, you need to pay attention to your hands and where your work is sitting on your bench. The number of times I bumped or nudged it causing parts that seemed to take a lifetime being placed in the correct place are suddenly under your chair because you were in a hurry to do something.....slow down and think first.

Of course every project just has to have some razzle dazzle and we make something from scratch. For me it was adding the forward hull guns that were just embossed on the hull the missing bits from the splinter shield. The biggest hassles was that where part of the shield sat above the the deck, it had to slide under the shield housing above the hull mounted gun.

The whole thing was nearly 18 months of work, but now I can sit back and enjoy the build. Its not perfect but its mine and that, I think, is what model building is about. No doubt their will be haters of PE and will only build straight out of the box. That's totally fine but its like having painted a masterpiece on canvas and not putting it into a frame to hang on the wall.

To you the members of the E.C.P.M. group, embrace your passion. Enjoy it and look at the big picture in what is being created and lend a hand to those who are struggling. You are lucky, you can meet together and share the experience; enjoy it. ■

-David Hamilton

(below) But then there's that proud moment when you call it "Done"!



Meeting

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ups at the camp. Our feeling is that the camp may be on yellow alert due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. If so, we will postpone the group build until the Marines are more available. For the builds we picked 3 kits from Hobby Lobby. They are Academy 1:72 A-10A Warthog, Tamiya 1:35 M41 Bulldog, and AMT 1:25 1970 ½ Chevy Camaro Z/28.

Catch '22 Updates:

Awards Sponsorship: Alan happily announced that all of the Award and Medal sponsorships have been filled and paid for. Thanks to Mark Sandsvegan and members who both sponsored and/or got sponsors to contribute. Well done.

Registration: Dennis Korn had nothing to report that was new. It may be too early for many of the modelers to pre-register. Let's hope that changes as we get closer to July.

Raffle Report: David Mohr is very happy to report we now have 80 kits to raffle off at DownEastCon. Plus, we will have more kits donated by

the vendors as a cost for the tables they use. He has 2 raffle events scheduled...one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Also, to keep things fair, he will try to have the same valued model for each in the morning and an equal model in the afternoon to keep the ticket sales into the second half of the day. He will be looking for volunteers to help with the raffle, so please raise your hand.

Vendors Report: Jeff Maples reported that we now have 9 registered vendors. They are Bobby Long, Matt Wesley, Bill Busch, Jim's Hobbies, AOA Decals, Plastic Model Movers Hangar 18, Tiger Werke, and Randy Richardson. We also have one new 'call-in' from last event, Blue Ox Games. They will attend as they did in 2018. Jeff also stated his concern for more tables. He has over 100 more names and email addresses of other vendors. He knows that he can't invite them all, but Jeff wants to hand pick about 3-5 more vendors, however, we need more tables to do so. Presently, Jeff is working on that. ■

-Jeff Maples

Editor's Note: We have to start wearing name tags, guys. When we were 6-8 members it was easy to keep track of names, but we have missed some people attending recent meetings because we simply could not keep up. If we missed you, we apologize for the omission.

Masking

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Fast forward, or at least half-fast forward to a couple days later and I found out at the latest IPMS chapter meeting of the ECPM club that the Italeri/Testors V-22 kit is of the prototype, which had a slightly different canopy design, so the panels were different shapes or sizes. That resulted in most of the die-cut masks being useless. I forged ahead and used some yellow Tamiya masking tape I had on hand and completed masking the canopy. The wheel and rim masks are the correct sizes and will work, as well as the circular side windows on the fuselage. More later after I airbrush the fuselage. ■

-Marshall Smith

Show 'n Tell



(above) Chuck Colucci brought in two builds, both which will be the subjects of articles in future issues. Above is the AMX-13, a French AFV manufactured during the Cold War. It served with the French army and over 20 other nations' military!

(below) Another Colucci build was this Czech 38t. These vehicles were taken over by Germany and used as front line armor extensively in the first part of the war and in secondary operations right up to the end. By Barbarossa, of course they were outdated and suffered badly.





(left) Richard Adams describes the work he did in “customizing” a Ryan trainer while Newcomers Dennis and Steve are enjoying the talk

(below) Jeff Maples and Mark Gray appear to be finishing up their final exams while Steve Stoeltzing seems to be pondering life.



(above) Despite their expressions, Andy Fulsher, head judge Steve Kasza, and Chuck Colucci are enjoying themselves while listening to other members talk about their builds.

(right) Jeff Maples brought in this Roden T-28, another in Jeff’s series of “Planes My Father Flew” and his father’s “Models That Impress The Girls” series.



(left) Mark Grey’s M1A2 Abrams main battle tank, a Tamiya 1/35 scale kit . . . with extras . . . like an office printer’s spring to give the whip antennae the proper “whip”. (Don’t print anything this week Mildred! I’m waiting for a part to come it.)



(left) Rodney Huyett brought in an interesting cveriety of automobiles including the Lamborghini Terzo Millenio, that's the Darth Vader styled car to the left in black . . . wow.

(below) A beautiful Ferrari FXXK. The engine hood was lifted for easy viewing of the engine compartment by the home audience (but not the reader). (the editor apolo-gizes)



(below) Another one of Tim's Muscle Cars, a '71 orange Hemi 'Cuda. That's why I don't build model cars...no muscles.



(right) Tim Ryan brought a classic 1959 blue and white Chevy Impala. This is a Monogram 1/24 scale kit.

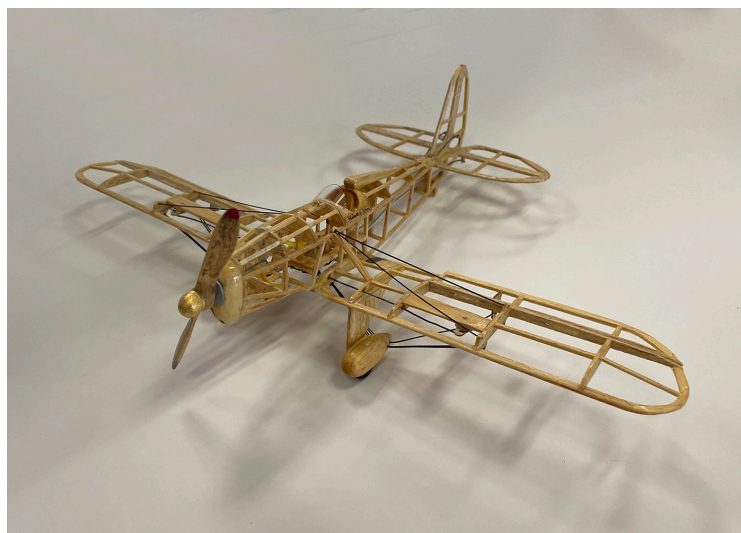
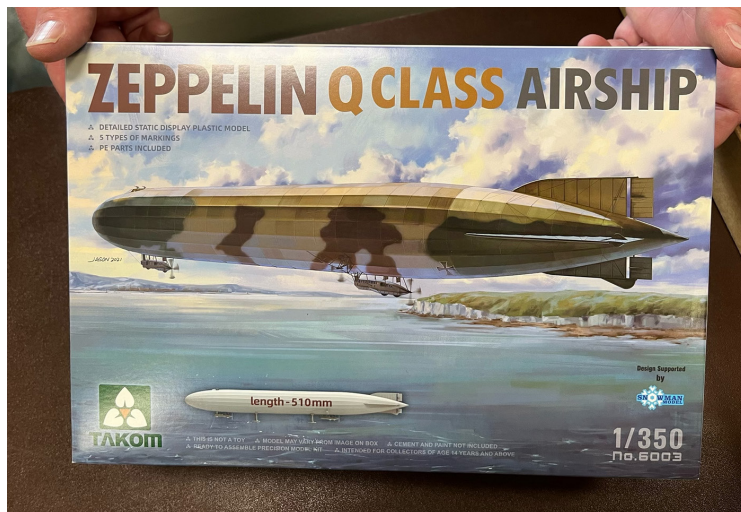




(left) Tim Ryan's Martin Seamaster by Atlantis Models on it's kit supplied stand. (How long has it been since we've seen one of those?) Tim claims he's really a car builder but this build looks all right to me.

(below) David Mohr brought in a still boxed Takom 1/350 Zeppelin. You WW-1 ship builders must be drooling. (I know I am) And it's even in my scale . . .

(below) OK, not plastic, I know, but Richard Adams keeps bringing in these lovely stick and paper builds that wow us. This example is an 18" Super Cub float plane. This aircraft is on it's second set of floats as the kit supplied balsa floats were too flimsy so he just went and scratch built the ones you see out of bass wood.



(above) Another of Richard's builds, this time stick-no paper. Kit started as a Ryan ST but Richard wanted a sports plane so he customized it into a single seater . . . oh, and made all control surfaces operational (I give up. -ed.)

(left) But Richard did, in fact, bring in a plastic kit. He finished his Lindbergh 1/72 scale harbor tug. Richard said he made it as real as possible. (OK, Richard, but next time I expect to see barnacles on the hull. ;-)



(right) More cars, but from Ronnie Whitley this time. Here is his 1969 something Chevy Chezzoom ready for the track.

(below) Ronnie Whitley brought in a 1969 Chevy Corvair, the sweet metallic blue sedan version.

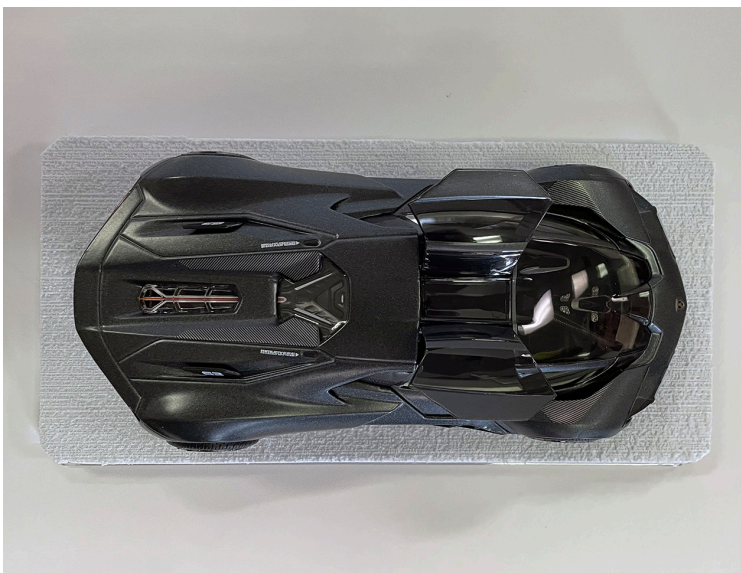
(lower middle) Our cover vehicle, the 1956 F-100 by Ford.

(bottom) Alan's P-40b flown by George Welch, hero of Pearl Harbor. Alan admits there is no blood relationship. (Photo unavailable, artist's rendition)



(above) A 1963 Chevy II Curbside station wagon in two tone red and white, again built by Ronnie Whitley.

(bottom) I know I already posted one photo of this Lamborghini but indulge me, I just like this photo. Can you say "space ship"? I knew you could.





The IPMS Nationals are scheduled for 2022 and registration is open.

Once again the event moves back to Nebraska and is scheduled to take place July 20-23, 2022

The official announcement is:
 IPMS NATIONALS
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We have just added even more reasons to come to the DownEastCon. (I know, I know, but we so enjoy this) So don't be shy, they can be found at:

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Cheers. ■

-Editor

Editor's Note:

Yeah, it's only a monthly newsletter about a hobby club of guys who build scale models. But in addition to being a lot of fun, it's still a daunting project to do each month.

But the bottom line is this is not a one man show, so I think it's time to recognize some of the other chapter members who make this newsletter possible. And some of the guys I am talking about are:

Mark Sandvigen, our IPMS liaison also takes meeting notes and organizes them to record chapter history.

Jeff Maples proofreads the articles in addition to being a regular contributing writer and resident wit.

Marshall Smith, our chapter treasurer also writes articles and produces thinner and cleaners.

David Stiteler shared the ongoing story of the B-17 kit that would not die . . . seriously, it won't.

Chuck Colucci not only builds more models than half the Chapter he also writes his own articles!

So, the bottom line is this newsletter is a chapter newsletter, it's all of ours not just one member's ramblings . . . although I DO tend to ramble on a bit. Thanks to all the members of a really great chapter. ■

-Editor

Don't forget, next month's meeting will be Saturday, April 16, 2022, 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.

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