



ECPM - We Put It All Together.



Completing a build always seems to bring out the kid in everyone. Andy Fulcher describes the impressive engineering that he discovered in the Lego car kit he had just finished. That sparked a round robin discussion on some of the amazing Lego builds members had seen.

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2025 Meeting Schedule

January	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist
February	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist
March	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist
April	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist
May	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist
June	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist
July	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist
August	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist
September	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist
October	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist
November	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist
December	12:00-2:00	Bridgeton Methodist

Meeting Debriefing

ECPM General Meeting February 15, 2025 Minutes

Alan opened the meeting – 12:08
18 members in attendance, with no guests

• Name Tags -

Who has them? Mark may have them. He will check and let Alan know. If needed we'll make new ones.

• Group Build NOTE: We are guests here, so everyone is expected to bring a cutting board or some kind of protection for the tables.

• Old Business

Tim Kirkland is ready to take the

bid for DEC 2026 to be regional. Currently we are the only club making a bid as of right now. It looks good for us to get the regional show.

• 2025 ECPM dues -
are being collected currently only by check or cash. Next month Mark hopes to have Square setup for Credit Cards. We would like to get a web-based renewal setup also.

Train show sign up -
reviewed the schedule and asked for help for Sunday morning. Mark volunteered for Sunday Morning and William for Saturday Afternoon.

• Model Train Show Schedule:
Schedule is as follows:
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Staff

Publisher/Editor.....	Alan Welch
Editor.....	David Mohr
Editor.....	Dennis Korn
Editor.....	Lee Rouse
Meeting Photographer.....	Dennis Korn
Columnist	David Stiteler

Meeting Debriefing

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Saturday Feb 22

9:00am-11:00am - Alan Welch

9:00am-11:00am - David Leasure

11:00am-1:00pm - Jim Smith

11:00am-1:00pm - Steven Michel

1:00pm-3:00pm - Robert Brackin

1:00pm - 3:00pm - Gary Mitchell

3:00pm-5:00pm - William Reese

3:00pm-5:00pm - Richard Brown

Sunday Feb 23

10:00am-12:00pm - Steve Kasza

10:00am-12:00pm - Mark Sandvigen

12:00pm-2:00pm -

Gregory Marchlinski

12:00pm-2:00pm - Jim Smith

2:00pm-4:00pm - Alan Welch

2:00pm-4:00pm - David Leasure

• New Business

- a. Any comments from Marshall's service - David M, said a few words. He mentioned that there were firefighters in full dress at the ceremony and one received a call on the radio. This was the 'final call for Marshall' and brought a lot of tears to the room. He was also impressed that his modelling career was mentioned.
- b. David M mentioned that a member of Marshall's family reached out to ask if someone would like to finish the Osprey, Marshall had in progress. William R. said maybe we could do a club build and finish the model for his family. Each member could take a task and finish a piece then we could do the final assembly.
- c. Alan asked if we have pictures of Marshall. If anyone has one, please send it to Alan, for the honor roll.
- d. Alan has a friend from Georgia who has a modeler friend who passed, the widow has some books (roughly 60) she would like to offer to the club members. We will add to the web site and ask that possible a small donation and shipping be

covered for each book.

- e. Any special messages from headquarters – Dennis K. reported nothing new, just mentioned that the National Show is VA. Info Below:
*August 6 _ 9, 2025
Hampton Roads Convention Center
1610 Coliseum Drive
Hampton, Virginia 23666*
 - f. Special Marshall Award for DEC – Dennis K suggested at the last board meeting that we create a special award in Marshall's memory, the category would have to do with Firefighting Equipment. This was voted on and passed unanimously
 - g. Constitution and bylaws for ECPM - (David M) – putting a new constitution and bylaw together and is incorporating comments from the board. Hope to have it ready for the March meeting. We need to update since the last one was very old. (2008 was the last one) Accommodating junior members, new officers added and language from other clubs.
- ### • DEC26 categories vote -
- a. Gary reported the theme "Celebrating America", with one award for the category.
 - b. We wanted to allow choices for the models to build. We will add the list to the chapter business page on our chapter website so all members can view it. David M. gave the example of the Statue of Liberty, Riding a Harley aboard a carrier...being an instant win!!!
 - c. Discussion whether this will be one large group with all the models in say ONE category or will it be broken up by individual categories (Planes, Ships, Transportation, etc..) this will be discussed later.
 - d. Chuck C. suggested that we have a 1,2,3 for each category – this will be discussed later
 - e. Limit it to one entry per modeler.

Maybe? Possible 2 but different categories.

- f. Dennis K. proposed a 1, 2, and 3 for this category.
 - g. Grant Money (250th Celebrating America Grant) – might not be available, since most if not all is already allocated but this will not change our direction for this category.
- ### • Sponsorship of R 12 Cons -
- a. BeachCon 25 (March) - Grand Strand Scale Modelers, ECPM will sponsor 1/32 & 1/24 scale aircraft.
 - b. IPMS Region 12 Regional Convention Charlotte Scale Modelers. ECPM will sponsor 2 categories – Muscle cars and 1 other, whichever is open and needs a sponsor.
 - c. Both clubs have offered to sponsor categories at the DEC'26.
- ### • Adopt-A-Marine –
- a. Mark was made aware of an elderly C130 pilot, who is a model builder, who was wondering if there are airplane models that he could have to build. Scale would need to be 1/48 and bigger. Mark will deliver and supply the glue and paint. Please bring to the next meeting any airplane models you wish to donate.
- ### Ask if anyone else has new business to discuss
- a. Meeting list is on the web site... possible email blast about this being there
 - b. Lee R. volunteered to learn to use the Hall's screen to show videos.
 - c. Sad, but Steve's demo video was lost due to technical difficulties.
- ### • Display Case
- a. Everyone spoke about their models... We had 18 modelers and 17 models!!! This was great fun, but we didn't get much (if any) build time. It was suggested that on group build days we do not do Display Case. ■

-Gary Mitchell



We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Marshall Stewart Smith, of New Bern, a reliable and dedicated soul, on January 28, 2025. Born on May 22, 1947, in Potsdam, NY, Marshall was a beacon of light and talent, touching the lives of many with his thoughtful nature and generous spirit.

Marshall was a talented engineer, serving with distinction in the U.S. Air Force as a mechanic working on B-52 Bombers and continuing his service in the Air National Guard in Connecticut offering military customer support. During this time he also worked as an associate engineer at Pratt Whitney working on airplane engines, maintenance and training to the company customers. His passion extended beyond his work as he embraced hobbies that showcased his creativity and dedication. A gifted craftsman and carpenter, Marshall took joy in building and flying radio-controlled model airplanes, nurturing a particular fondness for steam locomotives. His love for sailing and time spent on the water was only matched by his commitment to his community, serving as an EMT in Potsdam, and later as a volunteer firefighter with the Tri-Community Volunteer Fire

Department. He was also a dedicated member of the Fairfield Harbour Property Control Committee. Marshall's commitment to service was deeply ingrained, and he lived to lend a helping hand.

Those who knew Marshall will remember his thoughtful nature and his deep love for his family, most importantly his wife, Katherine Smith; his two sons, Thomas Smith (Anna) and William Smith (Jennifer); his grandchildren, Bogdan Smith, Kalina Smith, Rylan Smith, and one on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Clara Smith; his brother, Dale Evans Smith; and sister, Nancy Blodgett Smith.

Marshall's love for animals was profound, often rescuing cats, providing them with a loving home, and encouraging others to do so as well. Marshall's life was characterized by his dedication to his loved ones, his community, and his work, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those he encountered. He enjoyed videoing the Craven Community Chorus and was a member of the Centenary United Methodist Church, where his faith was nurtured and strengthened.

Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers has lost one of our own, Our treasurer and compatriot, Marshall Smith. We will miss you greatly, Marshall. Above is his obituary as published in the paper



On February 4th David Stiteler and I attended the funeral service for Marshall Smith, a long-time member of the Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers club. While I did not know Marshall or his family very well, he served as Treasurer for several years and was instrumental in arranging meetings of the club at the Fairport Harbor Community Center. I had the opportunity to work with him on fiscal issues related to our club's hosting of model shows/contests and appreciated both his skill as a modeler and his matter-of-fact approach to that and everything else.

The service was held at the Centenary United Methodist Church in downtown New Bern and went as one expects these kinds of things to go. The Pastor's homily even mentioned Marshall's scale modeling hobby, which made me smile a little inside.

As Marshall was both a former Emergency Medical Technician and involved heavily with the Tri-Community Fire Department, the last part of the service was conducted by more than a dozen fire department personnel in full dress uniform. I had not experienced this kind of ceremony before and did not know what to expect. Two stood as an honor guard next to the casket prior to the start of the service, and after the final hymn a senior officer stood before those in attendance and discussed the history and traditions behind this part of the service. The Fireman's Prayer was then read by a young woman firefighter who was quite moved and struggled to finish it, after which a memorial bell was rung to signify "End of Shift" and that Marshall had returned to his home station.

In the silence that followed the ringing of the bell, the handheld radio of who appeared to be the fire officer leading the group crackled to life and could be heard throughout the church. For a minute I thought all the fire personnel were going to immediately run for the door, jump into the truck parked outside, and head for an emergency. Instead, the announcer made a final fire call for Marshall Smith and stated that they would miss him and his sense of duty. That, out of everything else, put tears in my eyes. n

-David Mohr

Confessions of a Closet Modeler

By David Stiteler



Mission: A parting of the ways . . . again

These past couple of months have had their fair share of life altering events for me; retiring, again for the last time, my closest brother-in-arms finally pulling the plug on his career and insisting that I be present for his retirement eleven hundred miles away, and the request of one of my kids dealing with a broken heart and possibly being in a not-so-good situation needing an exit plan. Fathers doing what fathers are supposed to do. In addition to these events, the loss of a friend is also life altering.

The loss of a friend is never an easy thing to deal with, whether you are a very close friend or not. Hearing of Marshall Smith's passing forced me to reflect on my life and the relationship I had with him and all of my other friends.

Marshall and I share some traits and experiences in our lives. We both were Air Force veterans, and we both served in war zones during our time in service. We both have scars from that service, seen and unseen. One of the similarities is experience working on B-52's, although the model he worked on was much older than what I worked on, and we frequently discussed the differences between the "D" model and the "H" model.

Obviously, I got the better part of that deal with the improved and upgraded version.

Marshall and I shared a love of the hobby of model building, and we had very similar traits when it came to research and attention to detail. We laughed together at the fact that we spend a little too much time researching and not as much time building. It was a running joke on who would get it done first, his V-22, or my B-17. By the way, I wonder if he ever did find out just how wide those stripes on the propeller blades of the V-22 really are. That was a major point for him to get right.

Marshall was always ready to help out, providing a place for the club to meet, serving as treasurer, participating in the contests with setup and take-down, and entertaining us with his valued contributions buying raffle tickets and the endless searching for the called numbers in his bundle. Those were great times.

Marshall was remembered at his funeral for his service as a fireman and paramedic. He was remembered for his love of cats, and how he was willing to save any and all that needed to be saved. He was loved by many, and respected by

all that had the privilege to know him. I enjoyed engaging him in conversation, and joking around with him when able. I'll miss those times.

I've been to quite a few military funerals, and they do have a way of getting to you. Traditions like the folding of the flag, the twenty-one-gun salute, Taps and the missing man formation always puts a lump in my throat. This was the first time that I have attended a Fireman's funeral, and it was very moving. I really wasn't expecting the reaction I had when it ended. I thought the playing of Taps was tough, but at Marshall's, there wasn't Taps. There was the Tolling of the Bell, and the final radio call for Marshall through the entire fire district in the New Bern and Tri-County area. Very haunting, very moving, and very emotional. I lost it at that point.

Marshall's presence will be missed during our club meetings, but he will not be forgotten. It was an honor to have known him and call him friend.

Farewell, old buddy, and God speed. ■

-David Stiteler

BOOKS • BOOKS • BOOKS • BOOKS • BOOKS

The sad news about our brother, Marshall Smith departing is a companion piece to this page. It references the passing of another model builder, but not from our chapter.

William Stuart Mitchell was a model builder this chapter should remember as well. Mitchell lived in Dublin, Georgia and passed several years ago. None of us, even myself,

knew him personally, but Meredith Mitchell has reached out to us with an amazing offer.

Presented here is a list of 60 books Bill left behind and Meredith has offered them to our chapter, free of charge. This offer is open to ECPM members only. Our webmaster, Gary Mitchell, (no known relation to the Mitchells in Georgia), will be posting this list on our award winning

website on a private, members only page. We'll announce the page to the members in an email and it will be first come first serve so watch your in boxes for that email.

Then we can apportion out the shipping cost percentage rated as to how many books each person ordered. So, here is the list, you may proceed to sharpening your pencils now. ■

NOTE: "PB" notated in description means known paperback. No information of hard or soft cover on the rest

Warplanes (small brown books) #1
Warplanes (small brown books) #2
Warplanes (small brown books) #3
Warplanes (small brown books) #4
Warplanes (small brown books) #6
Observer's Book of Aircraft (London 1969)
The World's Fighting Planes (Wm. Green, 1959)
Fighters, Attack & Training Aircraft (K. Mason, 1966)
Greatest Fighter Missions (PB E. Simms, 1962)
Luftwaffe Fighter Aces (PB, M. Spicx, 1996)
American Aces, (PB, E. Sims, 1958)
Aces Against Japan (PB, E. Hammel, 1995)
The World's Worst Aircraft (J. Winchester, 2005)
F-5 in action (PB, squadron #38, 1980)
F-14 Tomcat in Detail & Scale (B. Kinzey, 1979)
McDonnell F-4D (Aerofax, 1985)
McDonnell Douglas F-15 A/B (#2, 1984)
THUD (Lou Drendel, Squadron, 1986)
McDonnell RF-4 Variants (J. Miller, 1984)
TAC (Lou Drendel, squadron, 1978)
The U.S. Airforce in Southeast Asia (1961-1973)
Vietnam Air Warfare (R. Dorr, 1996)
Naval Aviation News (1961)
Air International - Sukhoi Su-24, 1981)
F-8 Crusader in Action (PB squadron, 1973)
F-15 Eagle in Detail & Scale (B. Kinsey, 1979)
RF-4 Phantom (Aerophile Vol. 2#4, 194)
Wild Weasel (L. Davis, 1986)
B-17 Flying Fortress (S. Birdsall, 1965)
Air War Vietnam (Air Progress, 1981)

Famous Fighters of the 2nd World War (W. Green Vol 1)
Famous Fighters of the 2nd World War (W. Green Vol 2)
Phantom (Air Forces Monthly Series #1, no year)
Phantom, Pictorial History (L. Drendel, 1977)
Building the P-40 Warhawk (E. Phillips, 1997)
Super Hornet F/A-18 E & F, (B. Kinsey, 2004)
Combat Aircraft - Journal of Military Aircraft (2005)
P-47 Thunderbolt in action (PB, squadron, #67, 1984)
Mig Alley (L. Davis, 1978)
Mig 21 (Air Enthusiast, 1971)
USAF Aircraft of Today (PB, squadron, 1978)
A League of Airmen (US Power in Gulf War, 1994)
FLY NAVY (P. Kaplan, 2001)
SPITFIRE (I. Rendall, 2008)
Flying Aces (Metro Books, 2001)
History of the U.S. Navy (J. Morris, 1084)
Fighter Aircraft of the 1914-1918 War
(W. Lamberton, 1960)
Air Aces of the 1914-1918 War (B. Robertson, 1959)
BF 109 Aces/N. Africa & Med. (J. Scutts, 1994)
Messerschmitt 109 (H. Nowarra, 1963)
Aircraft Camo Markings, 1907-1954 (B. Robertson, 1957)
U.S. Navy & Marine Corps Fighters (Paul Matt, 1962)
Famous Bombers of WW-2 (W. Green, vol #1)
Famous Bombers of WW-2 (W. Green, vol #2)
Jet Aircraft of the World (W. Green, 1956)
World Airpower Encyclopedia (1960)
Fighter Combat Aircraft 1914 - (J. Winchester, 2004)
Hunters in the Sky (J. Whelan, 1991)
WW-2 warplanes (Aerospace, 1959)
Battle of Britain (R. Bickers, 1990)
Great Aircraft of WW-2 (A. Price, 1992)

How many is too many?

by Alan Welch



ECPM has a group build every Tuesday evening. It's a remote build via zoom and generally has 5-8 members online busily sanding and gluing and painting.

Conversation is part guy talk and part mini-kit reviews with a good dash of humor. A lot of research and kit info is shared which makes the evenings even more valuable. It all seems to work.

Several weeks ago there was a mention of how many kits we had "in progress" and that got me to thinking. So I did a quick, (and I am sure inaccurate), count and to my surprise I could identify 31 kits that were in some form of progress. For some reason this seemed to surprise my fellow chapter members.

In truth, some are "shelf of doom" situations where, for one reason or another I will not finish in my

lifetime. Also in truth, there may be more I have just forgotten that "Oh yeah, I did do some work on that one." cases. But the rest I really intend on finishing someday.

So, Al, why so many?

Well, the answer is surprisingly complex. There are many reasons. Some I made a horrible mistake and put it aside until I can figure out a way to rectify it. (AMT Surf Woody). Some were going to be a "Con" entry but I ran out of time. (B-25 bombing mission). Some were sidelined when I just lost my "model mojo" and I just haven't gotten back around to them yet.

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(above) Zvesda's Borodino. This is still a work in progress because some how I have lost a secondary turret and have not felt like putting the rigging on her.

(below) The Cant Z-501, I thought I could trust my cat. Turns out I couldn't. She pushed it off my work bench.



How many is too many?

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But some are just in my on again/off again production line.

In other words, it just depends. And here is where the beauty of my system shows through. I have projects in all stages of progress. And my model building will depend on how I feel that night. If I want to paint something, I have projects primed and ready. If I feel like gluing things together, there is that stack over there. Do I want mindless repetition to wash out a bad day? I've got stuff to sand and refill seams on. If I have a (God help me), photo etch feeling kind of evening there is always the USS Langley.

So, whatever I feel like doing in my very own model room I have something just waiting for me to turn my attention to once more.

Mind you, I'm not trying to change anyone's mind. I am sure some people start one project and see it through until the final clear coat and that is just fine. And I admit, perhaps 31 open boxes just might possibly be a bit on the excessive side. So I made a promise to myself, no new starts until I have finished at least five (5) of my "in progress" projects.

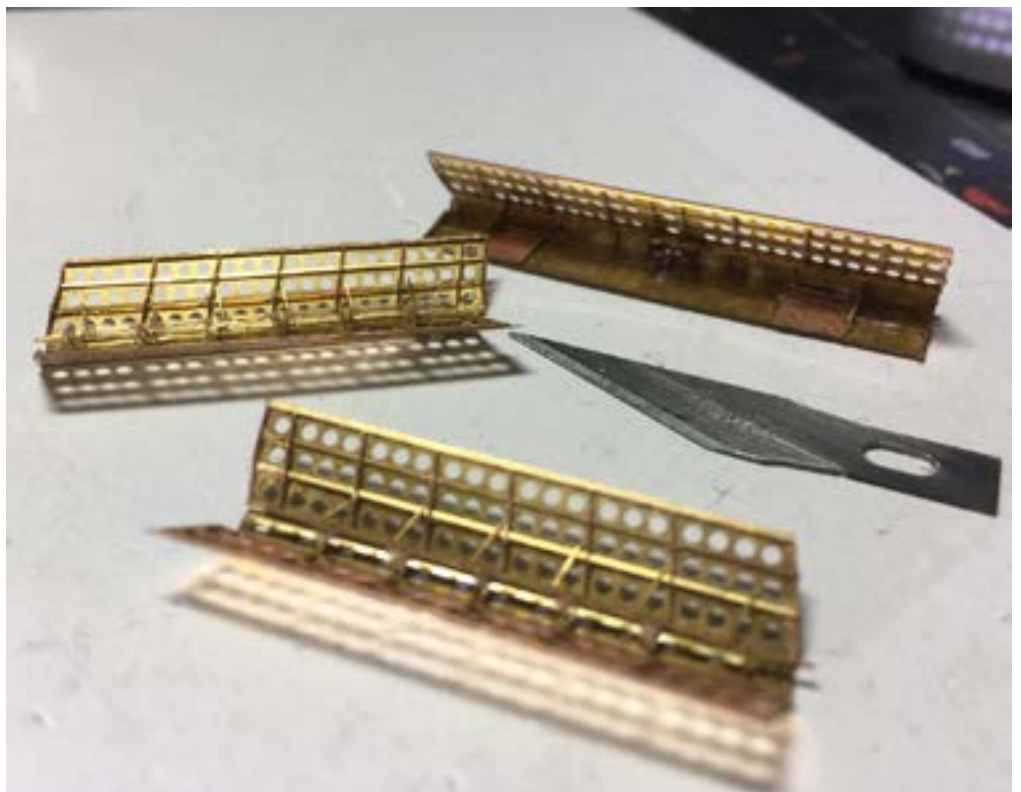
So far I have gotten 3 across the finish line. (But that Heller 1/25 4.5 liter Bently is sure looking interesting and the Very Fire 1/350 USS Atlanta is openly mocking me) ■

-Alan Welch



(above) The Pegasus F9C Sparrowhawk. This was another loooooong build and it felt like it ended up 1/3 kit parts, 1/3 putty and 1/3 scratch built, but it got finished. (Although, thinking about it I might go back and rig it)

(below) Here is some (SOME) of the Eduard photo etch for the 1/72 SBD Dauntless. This was my first foray into Photo etch with a capital P.





OPERATION TIN CAN

One of the grand things about this hobby is the cross fertilization and help offered by many of the chapters and individual chapter members to other people and organizations.

Another opportunity for help and sharing has been recently opened by ECPM chapter member Steve Kasza, and this time the help is offered internationally.

Steve operates a live stream,

([twitch.tv/warduckminiatures](https://www.twitch.tv/warduckminiatures))

where he chanced to meet Rafael Pedro Costa, a builder and armor enthusiast in Benedita, Portugal. Minds merged and interests grew and finally "Operation Tin Can" developed which will have Steve building models of every piece of armor the Portugese Army has used for display in the Museu Militar de Elvas.

The list appears at left and is, no doubt, outdated by the time you are reading this, but the link to the live, dynamic spreadsheet is below. The kits highlighted in green and yellow are already obtained but kits or money to purchase the kits listed in white is still needed. Please contact Steve to donate through the Tin Can FB page, twitch, or warduckminis@gmail.com

Steve is hoping to have this project wrapped up by the museum's 25th anniversary in October of next year.

Worthy goal, Steve. ■

- editor

Museum page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067760216441>

Operation Tin Can:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565140131334>

Link to the dynamic spreadsheet:



Name	Kit Number
25B	6675
Auto Machinogun A.M. Berliet U.D.B. 4 6x6 10ton	
Auto-Machinogun Carrier	RV35011
British Howitzer 3.3 inch	135*023
British Howitzer 3.3 inch	135*023
Carden Loyd 1.5 Ton	
Chaimite	35232
Chaimite Bula	82418
Comando V150	82418
Daimler M943	82422
Daimler M943	35067
Daimler M943	35077
Daimler M943 M/943	35077
DDR	82489
DDR 2	82489
Desmet Brown Car M3.2	A1379
GMC 4x4 M943	CB35112
Grizzly	6048
Grizzly Kangaroo	6048
Humber M/943	CB35081
LeFH180t 10.5cm Howitzer	AF35050
LeFH180t 10.5cm Howitzer	AF3524
Leopard 2 Trainer	BT002
Leopard 2A6	BT002
M3 VTT	2077
M101	AF35191
M1023 Humvee	35263
M108	1354
M109A2	AF35109
M109A5	AF35109
M113	1354
M113 w/TOW II	1354
M114	CB35102
M1151 Enhanced Armament Carrier	13415
M119	R3D35119
M125	1354
M24 Chaffie	AF35209
M3 Scout Car	62451
M3A1 half track	6332
M48A5	2162
M48A3 105mm Howitzer & M1 Dozer Blade	13207
M4A1Z61 HVSS	35323
M4A3E4 HVSS	RM5042
M4A3(106) HVSS	6354
M4A3(76) HVSS	RM5049
M50	AF3503
M577	35071
M578	AF35110
M5A1 Stuart	AF35105
M60 AVLB	3591
M60 Trainer	AF35249
M60A3	AF35249
M72B	35254
M730	AF35002
M74	LF1297
M88	AF35008
M901	264
Pandur	F3057
Panhard HE-60-Z	2084
Recon Vehicle Berliet V.U.D.B. 2-10	
Saladin	3554
Sexton II	6760
TP5 Ford M20 M952	35234
TP7 GM 4x4 m347	35020
Valentine	AF35185
VBL Armour Car	83876
VBL Armour Car	83877
Vickers 6 TON Double turret	35303
Vickers 6 TON Single turret	35304
Vickers Arty Carrier	CV35003

E.C.P.M. DISPLAY CASE

BRT: CAROL PEARL



*(top and left)
Time was we had one member who assembled Leggos, (Rodney Huyett). Now it seems we have two. Andy Fulcher bought in two Leggo vehicles, one completed and one not so much, and was very enthusiastic over the building of them.*

Comment was made on the excellent engineering of the both the plastic pieces and the kit as a whole.

Looks like we'll be seeing more of these builds and, after all, the finished products are made of various supplied parts so they do qualify as kits.



(left) Steven Michel decided that Revell's 1/48th Navy Swift boat was nice, but it really needed to act like a boat. So he converted this plastic shelf sitter into a fully functional R/C powerd boat that he demonstrated. Here Jim Harriett and Chuck Colucci watch closely

(See video at: <https://www.ecpmod.com/videos-new.html>)

(right) Here's a closer look at Steve's work. The cabin is built to be removable for access to the batteries and for maintenance, he scratch built twin rudders out of brass sheet and rods that are actuated via the radio as is the speed of the boat.

Well done, Steven





(left and above) Alan Welch's 1929 "Model T" moving van with custom made decals. Al said this was a really fun build and a good kit from Revell. (original ERTL mold)

(below) Dennis Morey's large scale, (1/32), JU-87B Stuka is nearing completion. Dennis hopes to have it completed by next meeting so maybe we'll get a return visit.



Model Data, Newsletter

Builder/Modeler

Dennis Morey Ju-87B

1/32

(right) William Reece brought in a tri-fecta of Japanese air power. Starting with the Tamiya A6M5c, Type 52C in 1/48 scale. This is an out-of-the-box build including the original kit decals.



(again right) Dressed in gray this would be another Tamiya 1/48 Zero, this time an A6M3 Type 32. William added additional photo etch details, especially to the cockpit. This represents an aircraft in the ill fated Yamamoto escort flight



(Once more right) The third Zero is the A6M2b Type 21B as making an appearance in the Battle of Midway. As with the two previous aircraft this is also a Tamiya 1/48 scale kit.



(right) This 1/16 scale Tamiya Japanese pilot is a long term build finished off by Lee Rouse. Lee had started this some years ago, then put it on the shelf after painting the life vest. Recently he pulled it out again and finished it. This is his first figure painting with acrylics.



(left) Just another shot of us boys just being us boys. Our past Vice-President, Jeff Maples, was the one who encouraged us gather round the display table when showing our builds and we still think it's a good idea.

(right) A 1970 Plymouth AAR Barracuda Painted with Krylon Citris Green and Tamiya semi-gloss black laquer. Jim Smith built this 1/25 Revell kit and wired the engine with 30awg wrapping wire.





(this page) Also on display were more of Chuck Colucci's armor builds. Number one is a German M48A2 from Panzer Battalion 354 in Hammelburg, Germany, 1974. The second is a US Army M60A2 Patton, somewhere in Europe mid 70s. The last one is a US Marine Corps M60A1 used in "Operation Desert Storm", 1991. I do not have information on the kit manufacturer but they are all 1/35 scale.

Below are some more photos Chuck sent in.





(above and left) Here is Dennis Korn's P-61 Black Widow. This is the old Monogram/Revell release which means it was a good bit more work than was really needed. Dennis used the kit figures, (meh), along with added baase, fuel drums and other extras around th eplane. The aircraft itself received some beautiful photo-etch detail and Dennis even went the extra step of hand cutting the tire treads.

Nice work, Dennis.



(above) Two more builds by Jim Smith, the car is a 1/25 AMT 1936 Plymouth modified, (REALLY modified), stock car with a Texas 3D Customs long ram on a tube steel frame. Jim painted it with Tamiya metallic orange and Mica blue, both lacquer paints. Decals are home printed. The P-40, (Tomahawk IIA) is a Monogram 1/48 scale and is Jim's first A/C completion! (Nice one Jim) Marking are for 403 Squadron, RCAF based in Baginton, England.

(below) This Kublewagon was build by our web master Gary Mitchell. Gary claims the Meng 1/35 kit went together so well he almost didn't need glue. Vehicle is brush painted which is entirely suitable for this Afrika Corps transport. Gary used Tamiya acylics and kit markings.





RANDOM MEETING SHOTS



ATTENTION CHAPTER MEMBERS

"30th Annual Train Show" . . . sponsored by
Carolina Coastal Railroaders
is coming Saturday and Sunday,
February 22nd and 23rd.

Manning our booth at the show
for a short shift will get you
free admission and this is
a show that no model
builder should miss.

Sign up on our award winning website.

<https://www.ecpmod.com/new-bern-train-show-sign-up.html>

February 22 Saturday

0900 - 1100 (9am - 11:00am)
1100 - 1300 (11:00am - 1:00pm)
1300 - 1500 (1:00pm - 3:00pm)
1500 - 1700 (3:00pm - 5:00pm)

February 23, Sunday

1000 - 1200 (10:00am - 12:00 noon)
1200 - 1400 (12:00 noon - 2:00pm)
1400 - 1600 (2:00pm - 4:00pm)

NOTE: The Saturday shifts are only 1 hour long with time for
our meeting blocked out. Sunday shifts are 2 hours in length.

**THIS
WEEKEND!!!**



News from IPMS/USA

Region News and updates.

As I'm writing this, the latest update, I have from the DLC is our region is all most all renewed. We lost one Chapter, the Gamecocks/ Sumter. We still have one more Chapter to renew. I'd like to thank all of the Chapter Contacts, Presidents and other members in keeping up with the records.

Please remember they are things I cant fix! For instance web site issues! And Memberships cards, checks clearing! And things outside the region, and decisions by the EBoard. Now I need to know if we have a problem with these, however, I cant fix them. Only the Web Master can work on problems with the Website.

The office manager can track down payments along with our Treasure. So please contact the web master if you have problems with the site. Problems with memberships or payment email the office manager.

If you have something you want our Board to catch their attention. Drop them an email on anything that concerns you.

Region 12 "The Carolinas" Regional convention

The Charolette Scale Modelers have been awarded our convention. I've seen pics of the location and it looks nice.

November 8, 2025
9 AM – 4 PM
Providence Baptist Church
4921 Randolph Rd
Charlotte, NC 28211
IPMS Contest

Calendar:
<https://ipmsusa.org/event/charlotte-scale-modelers-region-12-contest>

Charlotte Scale Modelers
Website:
<https://www.charlottescalmodelers.com/general-5>

MY Goals as the RC

- I would like to see better communication from you, the chapters, back to me and to the DLC. This needs to improve. That members get a copy of this newsletter through you the Chapter Contacts. Please send them by Email and print a few for meetings. To recruit and increase our IPMS membership. Talk to those who haven't Joined or left IPMS. WE are at 4900 members and our Society needs to get more members in IPMS. This keeps dues and Charter fees down, and can help increase funding to or Regional Conventions, more for Make-N-Takes, and to assist our chapters in promotional work.

To establish 2 new chapters.

1st one in the Florence SC area? This area is the middle point from Columbia and the Coast. It's rich in Nascar historywith Darlington Raceway. Its also had some military history so far as South Carolina goes. I have spoken to 2 IPMS members in the Hartsville/ Pee Dee are and they have given me a list of towns near them so the DLC and I can look up IPMS members and contact them to a meeting place.

2nd one is the Western North Carolina area. The Asheville, Hendersonville North Carolina area. This part of NC Has been devoid of an IPMS Club since the French Broad shut down over 25 years ago. I have met lots of modelers from that area over the years. That means they are modelers without an IPMS

Chapter in that part of the State. However, with the Storm from Helena and the damage I'm going to postpone trying to get in touch with them. The devastation up there is horrible so forming a Chapter could be callused.

- To get these senseless boycotts stopped based on personality conflicts!!! This drives a wedge between clubs and drives modelers away from our Chapters and they go to independent clubs.
- To give away a separate award from the RC. I Plan on giving out 2 awards when I attend an IPMS Contest. The First is a model kit to the Junior best in show. This is because my roots are in Junior Modeling promotion. Being the former Junior Activities Coordinator. Juniors need all the encouragement they can get.
- And a second award, the Region Coordinator Choice Award. What is this? I'll choose a model I like out of the entire show!! It's my choice.

So far in 3 1/2 years I've given out 7 sponsorships and kits along with 5 RC Choice awards. I hope to give out more this year.

- And Finally, Communication! We need to communicate! "what we have here is a failure to communicate" Cooperation, between chapters, members, the RC and the Eboard.

**-Tim Kirkland
Region 12 Region Coordinator.**

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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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General inquiries, please contact Bob Walls: robertwalls@comcast.net

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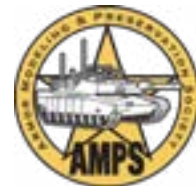
Saturday May 31, 2025

<p>MODEL CONTEST</p> <p>aircraft, armor, action figures, sci-fantasy, ships, dioramas and more...</p> <p>Contest Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acting as IPMS standards - 1", 2" and 3" for each category (open categories possible at judge's discretion) - Categories and entry form on back of page and website <p>General contact: Michael Huber michael.huber@ipms.com</p>	<p>9:00 am to 4:00 pm KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC H.S. (in the gymnasium)</p> <p>9245 Fox Lanes Rd. NW Knoxville, TN 37923</p> <p>Contestant Admission: Adults \$10.00 for first 2 models and \$1.00 for each additional model 18 and under FREE</p> <p>General Admission: Adults \$10.00 18 and under FREE</p>	<p>HOBBY VENDORS RAFFLE DRAW (with great prizes) FELLOWSHIP</p> <p>Vendor information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tables are 4' x 7' - \$20 per table (paid prior to May 1, 2025) \$25 thereafter - Booth open for setup at 7:00am - Only unloading and loading available if needed <p>Vendor contact: Barbara Garcia jbarbar@knox.com</p>
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS:

www.KNOXVILLESCALEMODELERS.com

AMPS SitRep



Boresight: Issues may still remain with the digital Boresight; but they are working on it; I have test driven it this weekend and it works well. We are now waiting on them to release to the general membership.

AMPS Atlanta Show (Feb 21-23). see website:

<https://ampsatlanta.org/amps-atlanta-annual-show>

Keep an eye on the website after the 1st of the year; they are working with Ft Moore about getting access to the Collections on Feb 21st and believe it will happen. Details to be posted ASAP.

AMPS 2025 International Convention

May 15, 2025 to May 17, 2025
Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill, PA
Website:

<https://www.amps-armor.org/SiteShows/ShowMain.aspx?sid=10127>

Theme: African Armor
Any armored themed entry serving on the African continent from 1899 to the present. Entry must contain

documentation (which I interpret to mean what AMPS requires to receive the 0.5 point for research and noting why it matches the theme). I note the accepted (United Nations) definition of the African Continent consists of 54 countries and 4 Territories or Dependencies. This includes all of North Africa (WW2), but only a few of the countries considered Middle East (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia) today - much of WW1 (Palestine), and all of West Asia (current affairs) are excluded.

Here is the room booking link:
<http://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/56438?checkInDate=05/14/2025&checkOutDate=05/19/2025&groupCode=051425AMP>

The hotel block is already open. Special rate is \$149/night excluding taxes. WIFI & Parking are included at the room rate. To reserve by telephone, call 717-763-7177 and quote group code 051425AMP.

Apparently the host hotel (Wyndham/Penn Harris) has changed to a Mercato Mio Italian Restaurant, serving breakfast and dinner. The Perkins is still at the end of the parking lot.

Online registration for the AMPS 2025 convention will be open January 1st and runs through May 11th. **** NEW **** There will be two computers online/onsite for onsite registration. There will be no handwritten registration forms. There will be a separate Walk-In Registration Area for those who do not pre-register for the show. AMPS will provide a laptop & printer for members to enter their information, make electronic payments, and print their model entry forms. Registration Coaches will be in the area to assist. So the old excuse of needing to make a last-minute update doesn't count any longer. It's a change that is long overdue, IMHO.

AMPS Membership info:

<https://www.amps-armor.org/SiteMain/AboutAMPS.aspx#Join>

Read the details at the link above. Basically, you get two printed Boresight magazines per year, and access to the other four issues online. You can attend AMPS events as a non-member, but you cannot enter any models for display or for awards.

We kind of lost track of our AMPS Members and need to recover that information, so many ECPM members may get an survey (email or other) from the Treasurer or another officer to capture your name, AMPS# & expiration date, or you can just send me that info.

More on all this later or if there are questions of me, let me know. The best way to contact me is by email (John.Ratzenberger@earthlink.net) and help me out by putting ECPM-AMPS in the subject so I know it's important to me. Thanks, ■

- John Ratzenberger



It's a great time to join or re-up! Remember IPMS/US special anniversary offer, here is the official web announcement:



Fellow IPMS/USA members, in celebration of the 60th anniversary of our great society we are offering a three-year Adult membership to any new or existing member for only \$60.00! Three-year Family memberships are only \$65.00. This is a one-time offer in celebration of our Society's many contributions to the scale modeling hobby. This offer is for all new and existing members on a one time only basis and will be available starting on the first day of the 2024 National Convention (July 17, 2024) until the day before the 2025 National Convention (August 5, 2025).

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Region 12 Listing

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

Charlotte Scale Modelers

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

Contact Name: Joel Robinson

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www.charlottescalemodelers.com

Coastal Carolina Modelers Association

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

Contact Name: Dave Corvino

Email: dcorvino@sc.rr.com

E-mail:

coastal_carolina@ipmsusa.org

Eagle Squadron

General Meeting Times: 2nd Sunday at 1:00pm-3:00 pm at the American Cleveland Draft House, 1420 East Broad Street in Fuquay Varina & an Informal Build Night, Hangar 18 Hobbies in Cary the last Wednesday of each month from 6pm-8pm.

Contact Name: Lee Griffin

Email: eagle_squadron@ipmsusa.org

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

EagleSquadron

Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers

Meeting Times: 3rd Saturday of the month, 12:00 noon-2:00pm at the Bridgeton Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall

510 B Street, Bridgeton, NC 28519

Contact Name: Dennis Korn

Email: drkornnwp56@yahoo.com

eastern_carolina@ipmsusa.org

Gamecocks

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

Contact Name: Wes Macon

Email: awmacon@yahoo.com

gamecocks@ipmsusa.org

Gaston County Model Builders

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

Gastonia, NC

Contact Name: Lee Whitworth

Email: dlw6290@hotmail.com

gaston_county@ipmsusa.org

Zoom meeting also available at same

time, email to: 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

Contact Name: William Workman

Email: stonehill123@peoplepc.com

george_preddy@ipmsusa.org

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

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

Contact Name: Rick Reinhart

Email: gssmpres@gmail.com

Email: grand_strand_scale_modelers@ipmsusa.org

Lafayette Scale Modelers

Meeting times.2nd Friday of each month, at 6:30 PM at the Westover Recreation Center, 267 Bonanza Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

Contact Name: Eric Engstrom

srericengstrom@aol.com

Mid Carolina Swamp Fox

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

Contact Name: Hub Plott

Email:

dlhpgamecocks@mindspring.com

Email: mid_carolina_swamp_fox@ipmsusa.org

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Mooreville/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

Contact Name: Dave Sciano

Email: mlbdave@yahoo.com

Phone:336-244-5173

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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

Contact Name: Dennis White

Email: sunjester1967@gmail.com

piedmont_scale_modelers@ipmsusa.org

Spartanburg Scale Modelers

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

Contact Tim Kirkland

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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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winston-salem@ipmsusa.org

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Region 12 Chapters

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

Carolina Maritime Model Society

Meeting time/date TBA at the North Carolina Maritime Museum, 315 Front St., Beaufort, NC, and the museum is a great meeting space.

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

Jacksonville NC Plastic Modelers

Meeting times: 1pm every second Sunday 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>

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>

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>

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.

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Editor's Notes:

Loss is a powerful emotion and we all now feel the impact of that. Marshall Smith was a crucial and popular chapter member and his loss will affect us for years to come.

Marshall has been added to our Honor Roll page on our chapter website and will be remembered long after this chapter has faded.

Thank you, Marshall. You were always there when we needed you. Rest easy sir.

On a lighter note, we now have a volunteer to be trained on the video projector available to us at our new meeting place. Lee Rouse is stepping up to that position and our model working demos should be even better in the future.

Thank you Lee Rouse. Now we can project close(r) up images onto the big screen for ease of viewing.

And thank you Bridgeton Methodist Church for your kindness.

Also, our applications for "special" IPMS awards have been submitted to our R12 coordinator, Tim Kirkland.

And now we wait. Positive thoughts, everyone. As always, thanks guys, and cheers. ■

-Editor

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 15, 2024, 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm at the Bridgeton Methodist Church, 510 B St., Bridgeton. It will include a Demonstration! Bring completed builds, and any work-in-progress projects to show. And check your email, our facebook page and ECPM 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