



CATCH '22



It's Eastern Carolina's Biggest ModelCon!

Scale Model Competition • Vendors • Raffles
July 9th, 2022 • Havelock Tourist and Event Center



201 Tourist Center Dr., Havelock, North Carolina
www.ecpmod.com/downeastcon-2022.html
9:00 am - 5:00 pm



SPECIAL DownEastCon Preview Issue!

Next month, July 9th to be exact, is our event of the year, the DownEast-Con 2022. This is also known as CATCH '22!

To review all we know (or might NOT know), here are the details.

Place:
Havelock Tourist and Event Center
201 Tourist Center Dr., Havelock NC
This is a great place for the con. It's spacious, air conditioned and the home of the Museum of Marine
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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
<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/IPMS-EagleSquadron>

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, July 9, 2022

DownEastCon 2022 (CATCH '22)
Havelock, tourist and Event Center
201 Tourist Center Drive
Havelock, NC 28532
www.ecpmod.com/downeastcon-2022.html

July 20-23, 2022

"IPMS NATIONALS"
La Vista Conference Center
12520 Westport Parkway
La Vista, Nebraska 68128

Saturday, October 1, 2022

BeachCon 22
"The Best of the Beach"
800 Gabreski Lane
Myrtle Beach, SC
www.grandstrandscalers.org/

Saturday, October 15, 2022

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

Meeting Debriefing

by Mark Sandvigen

Steve Kasza -

Steve brought in a mini Sturm Tiger diorama. The diorama displayed a wrecked Testors 1/35 Sturmtiger complete with children climbing and playing on this battlefield relic. Steve had converted Nimrod figures into era specific children adding authenticity to the scene.

Steve's second diorama was of a homeless vet digging through a dumpster. Steve kept the scene simple and poignant without the usual dogs, cats, rats, etc. that normally festoon a vignette like this. Steve pointed out that in the homeless vet's shopping cart, in and amongst the plastic bags, was a Tamiya model of the F-14 that the veteran was loath to part with.

Chuck Collucci -

Chuck broke tradition and brought in two non-German-Panzers, a pair of vietnam era M-48s. Both tanks were minutely detailed and finished & weathered in the Colucci fashion.

William Reese -

William Reese brought in an old Monogram F-14 that he was modeling after the CAGs aircraft and would ultimately sport a black tail and all appropriate markings. The kit's fit is poor and has necessitated hours of filling, sanding, and reshaping of parts to bring the kit up to Richard's standards. The kit will ultimately be given to the radar intercept officer of this particular plane.

William also brought in Tamiya's 1/72 Nakajima Ki44-II Otsu Shoki (Tojo) that he had picked up at a model show. He explained that this was to be a weekend build complete with a paint job from a rattle can. As with all models Richard brings in, detailing and the correct decals take over the "quick build" producing

something or exceptional quality.

All other members have things underway, but didn't bring anything in.

Our vendor section is now filled and it has been posted that any new vendors applying will be placed on a waiting list should there be any last minute cancellations.

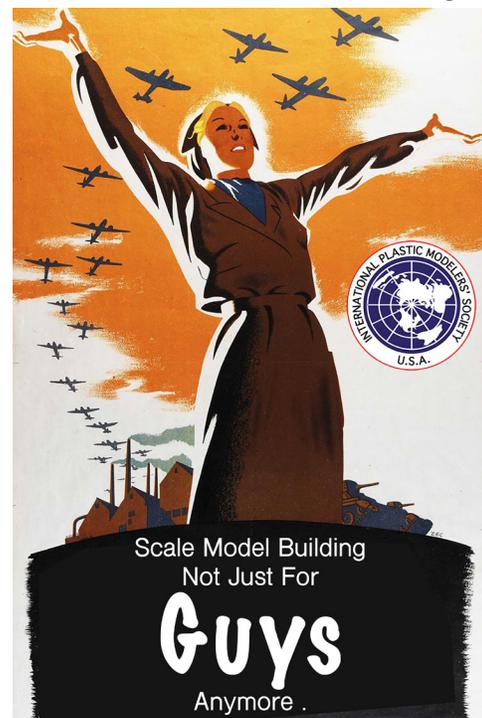
Street signage was reported produce and ready for installation the morning of the show.

The floor layout was finalized and interior signage is in the last stages of production.

Alan reported on our support from IPMS Region 12 and additional prizes and new kit donations for our raffle from Tim Kirkland, (Region 12 coordinator) and Atlantis Models.

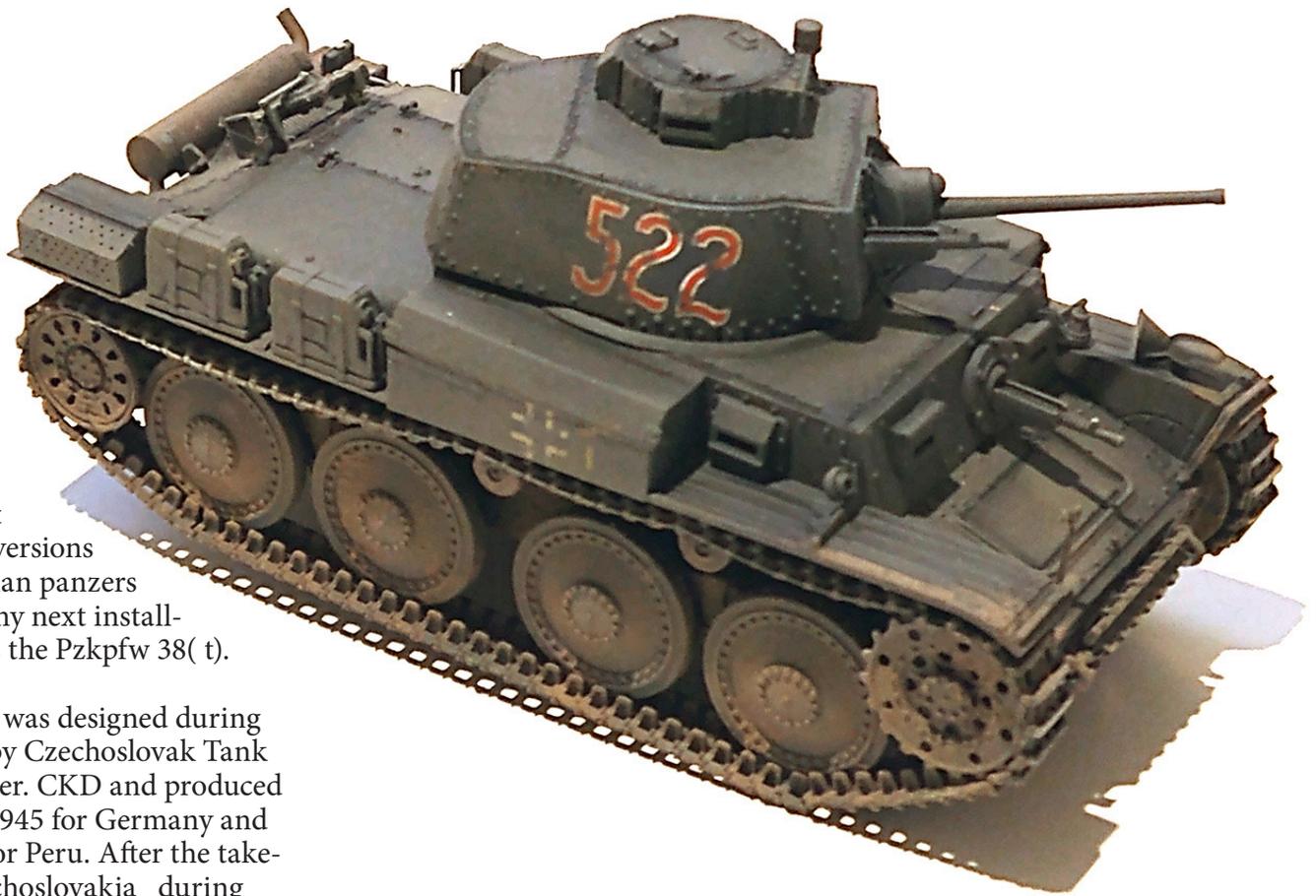
Our newspaper ads are breaking this week and more news releases have been sent out to our media contact list. We are just about ready . . . ■

-Mark Sandvigen



The Czech 38t Panzer

by Chuck Colucci



As my quest to build all versions of the German panzers continues, my next installment here is the Pzkwf 38(t).

This vehicle was designed during the 1930's by Czechoslovak Tank Manufacturer. CKD and produced from 1939-1945 for Germany and 1938-1970 for Peru. After the take-over of Czechoslovakia during WWII, Nazi Germany ordered the continued production of the vehicle because of its superiority over the Panzer I and the Panzer II.

Its advantages were its high reliability and sustained mobility. It was considered very easy to maintain and repair. The vehicle had a 4 man crew. Its main armament was its 37 mm gun with its secondary consisting of two 7.92 mm machine guns, one hull mounted and the other coaxial in the turret. It had a max. range of 160 miles on the road and 62 miles cross country. Max. Speed was 26.1 mph on the road and 9.3 mph off road.

As far as the model is concerned, this is one of the older Tamiya kits. Probably not the best kit out there but not terrible either. It was a relatively quick and easy build with no stress involved. I built it straight out of the box and painted and weathered it in my usual fashion. ■

-Chuck Colucci

(above) Chuck's 38t almost completes his collection of German panzers, here the tank shows off its mid-thirties design concept of riveted construction and little angle to the armor'

(below) the basic chassis WAS good enough to form the basis for many, many, (too many truthfully), variants of different vehicles.



DownEastCon

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Aviation. Our last event, pre-Covid 2018, was held here and was a resounding success. (See photo gallery here: www.ecpmod/gallery)

Date:

July 9th., 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

And for your convenience here is the amended full schedule of contest events:

7:00 Vendors/Exhibitor set up

9:00 Doors open
Registration opens
Vendors Room opens

11:00 1st Raffle drawing

12:00 Registration closes
Judges meeting

12:30 Judging begins

1:15 2nd Raffle drawing

3:00 Silent auction closes

4:00 General awards presentation

5:00 Event ends: after awards
Facility closes

SPECIAL!!

We have tried to make the event as special as possible by easing entry for those who take advantage of pre-registering. Now, instead of wasting time filling out your paperwork at the door in the midst of all the crowd and confusion, do it online, at home, at a time and place convenient to you and bring the paperwork with you. Present your paperwork at the appropriate door and walk in and place your entries. This presents far less of a wait and hassle.



(above) Our medals for winners in each class look particularly nice this year. These will be awarded for classes in the normal competition with different medals for theme winners. Trophies are shown on the back page of this newsletter.

Model Competition:

Yes, and here is a rundown of the classes and categories:

0. Juniors *

001. All Junior entries

I. Aircraft *

102. Multi-wing & rigged. All scales.
104. Single engine prop, 1:72 and smaller.
106. Single engine prop, 1:48.
108. Multi-engine prop, 1:72 and smaller.
110. Multi-engine prop, 1:48.
112. Jets, 1:72 & smaller.
114. Jets, 1:48.
116. Aircraft, 1:32 & larger. All types.
118. Helicopters. All scales.

(Note: Unmanned aerial vehicles, (UAVs), compete by engine & scale)

II. Military Vehicles *

201. Armor, 1:35 & larger. Closed top. All eras.
203. Armor, 1:35 & larger. Open top w/ interiors. All eras.
205. Wheeled & soft-skin vehicles. All scales. All eras.
207. Armor, 1:48 & smaller. All eras.
209. Ordnance – Missiles & Towed Arty. All scales & eras.

III. Figures *

302. Historical Foot & Mounted. All scales.

304. Fantasy & Sci-Fi. All Scales – resin and white metal
306. Fantasy & Sci-Fi. Scales will include 1/8, 1/10, and 1/12 only – injected molded plastic.
308. Gundam. All scales.

IV. Ships *

401. Surface.
403. Submerged.

V. Automotive *

502. Factory Stock.
504. Hot/Street Rods & Street Machines.
506. Competition.
508. Commercial.
510. Miscellaneous & Customs.
(Note: Motorcycles complete in closest Automotive category)

VI. Space & Sci-Fi Vehicles & Installations*

601. Real Space. All Scales
603. Fantasy/Sci-Fi. All Scales

VII. Dioramas *

702. Military
704. Civilian

VIII. Miscellaneous *

801. All other entries
(* Splits or combinations may be employed at the contest to balance numbers of entries for competition.)

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IX. Special Awards

- 901. Best Aircraft
- 902. Best Military Vehicle
- 903. Best Figure
- 904. Best Ship
- 905. Best Automotive
- 906. Best Space & Sci-Fi
- 907. Best Diorama
- 909. Best in Show
- 920. Best Catch '22 Themed model

Catch '22 Theme Italy/Sicily 1943-1945

- Catch '22 Aircraft
- Catch '22 Military Vehicles
- Catch '22 Figures
- Catch '22 Ships
- Catch '22 Automotive

All theme models must be documented.

- Catch '22 Dioramas (specifically from the movie)

Must include a still from the 1970 film Catch-22.

Please note - we will not have a screened-off area and will not show nudity, inappropriate scenes, and/or gore.

- Heller vs. Heller (Best Heller Build)

Vendors:

Here is a complete list of vendors TO DATE, more may sign up before your arrival!

AOA Decals

Bill Busch

Blue Ox Games

Bobby Long

Brian Kraus

Hangar 18

Jim's Hobbies

Lance Bevins

Mike Starling

Plastic Model Movers

Randy Richardson

Russ Meyers

Thunder Road Model Cars

Tom Weiser

Raffles:

TWO separate raffles will take place as happened in 2018 in addition to a separate silent auction. Our Raffles Master assures us that this year's event is larger and better than the one in 2018 so it's an event NOT to be missed!

- 11:00:** 1st Raffle Drawing
- 1:15:** 2nd Raffle Drawing
- 3:00:** Silent Auction Closes

We are also planning some other special attractions during the con. Of course, everyone's first raffle ticket is free! **Blue Ox Games** will sponsor a "PAINT 'N TAKE" table where younger guests can paint a gaming figure to take home. In addition, introduction tables by other area model and model railroad groups will be set up to introduce these scale modeling groups to as many people as possible.

Tables are planned for:

- Eagle Squadron, IPMS Raleigh
- The Wilmington, NC Plastic Modelers
- The New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild
- The Carolina Maritime Model Society
- The New Bern Model RR

There will even be a special award offered. For the first time this year, a "PEOPLE'S CHOICE" award will be chosen by ballots cast by attendees and families.

And, who knows, we might have another trick or two up our sleeves. We hope to host a really great event and the doors open for you at 9:00 am, July 9th! ■

-Editor

← Tweet



Bill Murray
@BillMurray

Step 1: Buy a 3D printer
Step 2: Print a 3D printer
Step 3: Return the 3D printer

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625 Retweets 1,124 Likes

Raffle Report

Last DownEastCon's raffle and silent auction was very popular so we're gonna do it again this con. And just to let you know what to expect, here is a *preview* of some of the items offered in our raffle and amazing silent auction

HK Models 1:32 Lancaster "Nose Art" with painting masks and additional photo etch.

Trumpeter 1:200 USS Iowa (WWII) with reference book.

Tamiya 1:350 USS New Jersey (modern) with additional photoetch and reference book.

Panda 1:35 MRAP vehicle with aftermarket tires and reference book.

And the raffle includes several larger scale kits, including

Trumpeter 1:350 USS Alabama and 1:350 USS Missouri

Trumpeter 1:48 FW 200 Condor

Trumpeter 1:24 FW 190D-9

Hasegawa 1:32 JU-87G

Roughly 100 kits total.

AND, of course, everyone entering the front door receives one . . .



Vendor Report

- by Jeff Maples

Here is a quick report from our foreign correspondent on how the show in Columbia, South Carolina went. -editor

Greetings from Columbia, SC, and The SC Scale Model The Mega Show. Mark Gray and I attended the show on June 18th, hence, our absence from the ECPM monthly meeting.

Our main goal was, of course, to buy as many models from vendors as possible ... no! Sorry. It was, of course, to win as many medals as possible ... NO! Sorry. It was, OF COURSE, to talk to anyone and everyone who would listen about our upcoming show, DownEastCon, Catch '22.

I spoke with at least 100 people (the number of flyers I had) about DEC and the response was very positive. I heard either they were definitely attending or that they would not be able to attend due to a conflict with the July 9th date. I felt positive even with the 'not attending' response because they were 1) upset about not being able to go plus, 2) they knew well the date of the show. That means our word is getting out there.

I did talk with the vendors (2 of which will be at our DEC), but I did not invite them as we have hit maximum space and tables at the Have-lock Center. However, one vendor did show interest in vending if one of the registered vendors drops out. So, I have them on a waiting list. I'm sure there will be some changes to the vendor list as we get closer to July 9th and doors opening.

So, the next time I see you all will be at our show, and I can't wait. ■

-Jeff Maples

UV Resin Gauge Glass by Dennis Korn

(Editor's note) I've kept Dennis so busy working on the DownEastCon he has not had time to finish his Penske build OR his article, so here is a little sidebar by him.

On the on-line forum I belong to (Flory Models in the UK), one of the modelers suggested using UV Resin for the instrument panel glass. I have always used Krystal Kleer or something similar in the past, but the results were always less than satisfactory because the clear material shrunk back too much. I figured I would give this UV Resin a try. It involves a bottle of UV Resin and a UV light ... both purchased for about \$20 total on Amazon. I was happy with the results, though I wish I could detail the gauges a bit more, but 1/25th scale is small for doing that at my age. I did slop some resin outside the gauge holes, but I was able to clean that up. So the process is simple, pour a bit of UV resin the place you want it (I used a toothpick) and then put it under the UV light for 180 seconds (my light has two settings, long and short). That's it, looks great and the next time it will even be better. I look forward to using it on a larger scale. ■

-Dennis Korn



(top right) The original container. (middle right) The instrument cluster with filled gauges. (above) The curing station, all for around \$20 for all you "tools hoarders" like me. - editor



Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers 2022 DownEastCon CATCH '22

Are You Ready For DownEastCon?

- Went on ECPM website and read over the Contest Rules and printed them out for reference
- While on ECPM website, pre-registered my model(s) online
- Printed out the registration form and completed one form for each model I am entering (no more than 8) **whether I pre-registered online or not.**
- My models coincided with **Rule #2** - 8 model entries total, of which **no more than 3 models** are in a single class and **2 models** within a single category.
- Cleverly pre-paid my registration fee of \$10 on ECPM website
- If I didn't cleverly pre-pay online in advance, I packed exact change (\$10 to enter contest, \$5 for one visitor and \$10 for family visiting)

B Cash for all those sweet kits I am going to buy from the vendors

- Wearing my comfortable walking shoes (and they are tied)
- If I do not have any of the above completed before 9:00 a.m. on July 9th, then ECPM will have a special place for me (- at the Havelock Event Center form filling table).

PS - The Rules and Registration form can be found at:

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

click on **DownEastCon 2022 > Contest Entry**

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



(left) There were very few builds shown in our meeting as it was mostly a business meeting to finalize plans for the DownEast-Con, but Steve Kasza brought in this super Sturm Tiger as it might be after the fall. In addition to scratch building an interior he added a couple of "kinder" playing where they shouldn't be with "Mama" scolding them

(right) A different view of kids being kids. What a bizarre and totally useless effort to produce these beasts at the point the war had gotten to.





(left) Chuck Colucci brought in a pair of tanks that surprised everyone, by not being German. Here is the venerable M-48 in 1/35 scale by Tamiya. The build is pretty much out of the box with no extras except paint and dirt.

..... lots of dirt.



(left below) Another view of the Vietnam era MBT with a good deposit of Vietnam onboard. As normal the tank was used by both Army and Marines units.

During the development compromise was inevitable, but not always welcomed, as General Bruce C. Clarke ironically observed: “We know exactly what we want. We want a fast, highly mobile, fully armored, lightweight vehicle. It must be able to swim, cross any terrain, and climb 30 degree hills. It must be air-transportable. It must have a simple but powerful engine, requiring little or no maintenance. The operating range should be several hundred miles. We would also like it to be invisible”.



(left) Another Vietnam era Patton tank. Amazingly this vehicle was used by the US Army from 1952 to 1987, an amazing length of time for an armored vehicle!

(left below) I can't help but think this crew must have had hot rods back in the world given the custom paint scheme.



12,000+ were built over this period and a list of the conflicts Pattons were used in would include:

- Cold War*
- 1958 Lebanon crisis*
- Portuguese Colonial War*
- Dominican Civil War*
- Vietnam War*
- Six-Day War*
- 1965 Indo-Pakistani War*
- 1971 Indo-Pakistani War*
- Yom Kippur War*
- Western Sahara War*
- Lebanese Civil War*
- Turkish invasion, Cyprus*
- Iran-Iraq War*
- 1993 Battle of Mogadishu*
- Kurdish-Turkish conflict*
- 2007 Lebanon conflict*

and I think that's just the short list.



(above and right) Steve Kasza's Dumpster Diver caught a lot of attention being a different, indeed a unique, build. One of the telling points was that the homeless vet was still, at heart, a model builder with a Tamiya F-14 kit in his shopping cart. After all, a guy must have his priorities.



(bottom) IPMS Region 12 coordinator, Tim Kirkland, handing over extra "swag" to Jeff Maples at the Swamp Fox con in Columbia. Some will be extra goodies for the winner of the Junior class and some will find their way into our raffle.





MODELING THE ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY



2022 IPMS/USA NATIONAL CONVENTION OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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
La Vista Conference Center
12520 Westport Parkway
La Vista,
Nebraska 68128

and everything you want to know can be found on the official website which can be found here:

<https://ipmsusa2022.com/> ■

-Editor

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DownEastCon2022



Here is a shot of the BIG PISANO, the Best of Show trophy, along with our category medals that are going up for grabs in our DownEastCon July 9th. Alongside the big daddy is one of the Class Awards, you know, for best aircraft or best ship . . . that kind of thing. In this case it's the theme award for best entry in the Catch'22 competition. (I hope you guys reviewed that great film so we will have enough entries to make it a tough job for our judges.)

In addition we have lined up a great selection of model vendors to tempt your will power and abuse your self control.

And if that isn't enough we have gotten well over 100 items in our incredible raffle. As before, we will be selling raffle tickets for the normal raffle and we have some absolutely



amazing prizes in the silent auction. Want a sneak peek? Just look inside this newsletter on page 5, but don't say I didn't warn you.

The venue is secured, the judges trained and primed, the on street signage is ready to be placed and I have my entries just about finished!

How about you guys?

Oh yeah, we have just added a link to the top 10 restaurants near the event, at least one of which is within meandering distance. So don't be shy, they can be found at:

<https://www.ecpmod.com/downeastcon-2022.html>

Cheers. ■

-Editor

Editor's Note:

It's only a matter of weeks to go until CATCH '22 lands and the excitement is really building. I'm personally looking forward to seeing a lot of old friends and meeting some new ones at the show. What a learning experience to see a show come together from the other side.

But before we get there I want to take a moment to thank the members of this great chapter for the help and support they have so freely given to make this con happen. Everyone is doing what they can, but I'd especially like to mention Mark Sandvigen who did a fantastic job obtaining prize sponsors, Treasurer Marshall Smith for keeping track of income and outgo and enabling plastic to be accepted, Dennis Korn for skillfully wrangling registrations, Jeff Maples for amazing outside promotion and vendor management, David Mohr for pulling together and managing a truly stellar raffle/silent auction.

Then, there is past president John Rastenberger who has always been in the back ground not only with advice but also with words of encouragement when needed.

This is truly an excellent chapter to be a part of. Thank you all. It is a privilege to be a partner with you.

Now let's ROCK this model con! ■

-Editor

Don't forget, next month's meeting will be Saturday, July 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.

Isn't it time you joined IPMS? http://www.ipmsusa3.org/uploads/ipms_application_form_2019.pdf

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