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BB 55, USS North Carolina, a donation build of the Atlantis kit to the North Carolina Military History Museum, 123 Riverfront Rd. Kure Beach NC, 28449. Alan Welch volunteered to build this while at a meeting of the Wilmington NC Plastic Modelers of which he is also a member.

Meeting Debriefing

- by Mark Sandvigen

David Mohr reported on the Raffle

It was agreed that this year's was better than 2018. The largest sellers were 20 tickets/purchase. Modelers & vendors liked the choice of models The "castaway table" was a big hit – everything sold. Birds of the World – who knew Steve Kasza would buy all of them? 50/60 models per drawing.

Silent Auction:

No bids made till after 12:00 PM. All bids were decent. All cash – only one credit card. Modelers and vendors perceived a lot of value in the auction items.

Suggestions:

Have a third auction at 3:00 PM to bridge the gap between end of judging and awards ceremony. That would fill an awkward activity gap. Better use and arrangement of the auction site – expecially the silent auction side and castaway sides – not sure if we crowded out the vendors or vice versa.

Dennis Korn on Registration:

We received 29 online/27 at the door on the day of the event.

Pre-registration definitely eased the crowd control at the entrance.

Vendor Comments:

Good value for time spent. It was a very well organized contest. All made money. Brought hard to find models.

General Comments:

We need a place for club members' personal materials
Use email list generated from peoples choice cards to advertise

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MOOVINGS

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

New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild. Meeting location: 604 Guion St., New Bern, NC the second Saturday of each month at 12:00 noon. For up to date info on their meetiing: https://www.facebook.com/nbmmgnc

Wilmington, NC Plastic Modelers

Meets at the New Hanover County Public Library, Osprey room, 3802 S. College Rd, 1st Saturday, 2:00 pm Wilmington https://www.facebook.com/ groups/117277425006833

Jacksonville NC Plastic Modelers

meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at The Hobby Chest, 345 Western Blvd, Jacksonville, NC. The Hobby Chest carries a great selection of hobby kits and supplies and is a grand center for tabletop gaming activities. https://www.facebook.com/groups/1319666224752922

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Meetings

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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-

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Carolina Maritime Model Society
Next meeting will be 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, October 1, 2022 BeachCon 22

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

www.grandstrandscalemodelers.org/

Saturday, October 15, 2022

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

October 22, 2022

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

August 20, 2022

"CKM Summer Classic"

Model Car Show & Swap Meet

Village Inn

Clemmons, NC

carolinakustommodelers@gmail.com

Penske PC-6 Conclusion

Part 3 – The lessons provided by experience continued -by Dennis Korn

"It was the best of plans; it was the worst of models."

This is the last installment of the tale of two modelers. The first modeler had high hopes and a plan to build the AMT Penske PC-6 Indy Car into a fine finished model. The second modeler found out that his ambition exceeded his skill level as the finished model is not what he wanted.

Having spent an unbelievable sixmonths on this model, I am declaring victory in the war over the weaknesses in this kit, though I lost so many battles along the way that the lessons learned will stay will me like scars from the battlefield. I did my best to get the tires/wheels squared up by setting up a jig on a flat plate, but I didn't spend enough time when assembling the engine/transaxle sub-assembly to insure the rear lower suspension arms were parallel, so the rear tires a bit cambered out.

The original locating pins for the engine/transaxle to the chassis would have put an unrealistic rake on the car, so I cut the pins off and glued the part right to the chassis, using my jig and eyeball to line things up. The rear wing was the second worst part to assemble onto the car. Try-



(above) Homemade squaring jig nonetheless, sometimes the best laid plans of mice and men are to no avail. Next time Dennis should try my solution to these delimmas; a nice single malt.

ing to line up the mounts (to non-existent locations) and gluing the wing and mounts onto the transaxle, while keeping everything in the right location led me to large amounts of swearing and drinking. After four attempts and the addition of some new tabs, I finally got it on there, but it still isn't perfect.

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(above) To be honest, it's a nice three foot model. From the right angles it looks perfectly tamed.

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The worst part was the upper body piece with the windscreen (which did not come close to fitting properly). If you look back on the first part to this build (so many months ago) you will see that the first challenge was getting the split upper body parts together and my effort to pre-fit it to the chassis. I thought I had succeeded in my efforts, but alas, after adding a support piece behind the driver that was missing from the original kit, I apparently squeezed the two halves together slightly. All my efforts to spread it apart slightly (heat, sanding, etc.) came up empty and I threw in the towel . . . which beats what I really wanted to throw at it.

This model was a challenge and I knew that going into it . . . eyes wide open, but I couldn't quite rise up to that challenge. I did learn so many lessons, new techniques, and some things I will never do again, so the build, like every build, was worth the effort. If for no other reason than the skills I picked up that will serve me as I start the next project . . . \blacksquare

-Dennis Korn



(above) One of the nice features is the removable body top. It does make a nice display.

(below) And a side view of the assembled vehicle ready to roll out of the pits and onto the track. It IS a nice looking build, Dennis.



MASX Painting Masks

I like to feature new or small independent suppliers who for some reason have impressed me. - editor

I am located in Kelowna, the Sunny Okanagan Valley of British Columbia, Canada. Typically I build mostly Luftwaffe subjects but I do love the Grumman 'Cats.

I tried to stay away from kits that had a lot of clear parts and often they would take forever to finish as I would put off masking for a while. Like a loooong while lol.

So that is basically the biggest reason I started this project. Finish my kits. I struck up a friendship with one of the regulars on the Scale Model Graveyard that I bought a few kits from (Victor). The intention was

never to start selling these, just for personal use. After he found out that I had started doing this, he sent me a few kits that had no masks available and that's when the idea solidified.

I asked my wife if she could help with some product packaging so between the 2 of us we came up with what we currently have. (Well it was mostly her. I just gave an outline of what I wanted to see, the rest was all her.)

I started selling them on the Scale Model Graveyard weekend Auctions and they started to sell quite well. I did notice though that the subjects that I thought would sell well (obscure Luftwaffe stuff) was not everyone's interest. The items that I

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Responses to the DownEastCon

We wanted to let some of the folks that attended the DEC to have a say as to how it went so here are some responses to our enquiries- editor

Matt Lutynski

Dennis, just a quick note to say "thank you" for helping out this novice navigate his first competition and to let you know that I felt very welcome along with meeting so many wonderful people...and snagging the 1st place in 1:32 aircraft was insane. As a severely disabled veteran (I know there are more than a few of us) modeling is the only thing that can constantly distract me from the demons and constant pain, now I have more confidence to keep going and challenge myself. I hope to see you again in the future.

Thanks, Matt Lutynski

Dave Corvino

Hi Mark,

It was nice to finally meet you Saturday! I just wanted to let you know I think you guys did a great job hosting DownEastCon 2022. Three of us from my club attended and we all had a good time. All of us won multiple medals. We all found stuff to buy at the Vendor's tables and 2 of us won the Silent Auction! One, Rick Reinert participated as a judge. The other two of us had our wives with us and had to show them a good time!! I took mine to Atlantic Beach for lunch!

The contest was very well run. Registration was set up very well. The venue was very nice and the location convenient. My wife and I stayed in New Bern, which is a beautiful little town. We were there a total of three days and had a great time.

Thanks for a great time! Dave Corvino

Russ Meyer

Jeff,

First, I want to thank you for having me. My experience was wonderful from beginning to end. Reserving the tables was trouble free. Finding the venue was one of the easiest I've done so far. And I really appreciated the help unloading the truck. And from what I saw, there was a really good turn out of models. Thank you again for having me, and I look forward to seeing you at your next show.

Russ

Bill Busch

Hi Jeff,

I have been wanting to reply to your email but things plus not feeling well got in the way. Yes, we did make some profit. We enjoyed the show very much. Everyone was extremely cordial, friendly and helpful. Unfortunately I had to leave after lunch due to not feeling well. We were encouraged by a lot of people to attend and sell at BeachCon22. Zach and Lauren told me they were willing to work the show, so I reserved 3 tables. I do not know if I will be able to attend.

There will be additional models for sale at this show that I could not get priced for your show. I will be lowering some of the kit prices that were at your show. If you want, I can send you an updated short list (when I complete it) including some additional kit listings. I will be reducing the ask price for the WNW kits we displayed.

I was glad when the blasting music stopped when it did. My only somewhat negative comment. It was nice meeting you Jeff.

Happy modelling, Bill Busch

PS. The completed models I was able to see were works of art. I was envious.

Bobby Long

Overall a very good vendor experience. My (free) table location was awesome. It allowed me to do an additional \$60-\$75 in the 30-40 mins because everyone came up front for the awards. I had loads of people standing around the table with nothing better to do than see who won what and pick up stuff off of my tables. Thanks for that Jeff!!!!

Sales wise did just shy of \$800. I consider that a win. Could have done at the very least another \$300-\$400 if I had taken my time and been more selective when I picked up Andy's models. I feel Lance's stuff should have sold better (\$125 total) especially since there was an airbrush, paints and decals. Not sure what happened there. It probably didn't help that Matt had about 6 boxes of decals for \$1 each 2 feet away from me. LOL!!

The only negative thing, and it happens at every show, be it models, toys, comics or collectables, is that when I was unpacking people kept coming up and looking over my shoulder at each box. Annoying, but to have to stop unpacking to make a sale is...ok not a huge problem but still annoying.

A thought:

How about letting vendors who are also entering models in the show be able to register and put their models on the table first thing in the morning then unpack for their tables.

You guys did a great job and should be very proud of what you accomplished! (continued on page 5)

AOA decals

Jeff, yes it was worthwhile, especially considering it's local for me with no expenses (trivial gas expense and only 30min roundtrip drive). After the abysmal turnout at the Columbia show last month, I was fearing that may be the new normal this year going forward so I was bit worried this smaller Havelock show would be a total bust, but thankfully it wasn't a repeat of SC.

I made more at the DownEastCon than Columbia that looked to be about twice the size, and that's not even considering deducting the expenses for the that show (one overnight hotel, 4+hr drive each ways, tanks of gas, etc), which made that one definitely not worth the time/effort this year and I'll have re-consider if I bother attending their next show. However, I'd readily attend the next DownEast again.

Show and venue were good and efficient - and the a/c worked well, with is a definitely another plus. I only wished it was even bigger show. The tables abutting backsides was unusual but we already talked in the morning about the reasons for that layout, so if that was required for more space then it's worth the minor inconvenience.

Next show I plan to attend is Orlando in Oct (last few years I make a mini-vaca while there, otherwise I wouldn't go that distance for the show alone). I'm considering the Myrtle Beach show in early Oct as it's also pretty close by, but hadn't committed as I was waiting to see how the DownEast show turned out relative to Columbia, and also the MB show is the weekend prior to Orlando so not sure I wanted to deal with back-to-back shows yet.

Steve

Marcus Mansker

We did well, including hotel, food and gas (and me) the store did well. Well enough I would do it again. Everyone was great and very respectable, especially to my wife which I greatly appreciated. She had a lot of fun there as well. I do not have much feedback for you. I thought the show was a lot of fun. I have never been a judge before, so that was fun.

For me while the money is obviously a plus, it was more about the advertisement I brought around 100 cards and didn't leave with any. We also got invited to 2 more cons.

- Virginia Shootout August 13 in Salem VA.
- Beachcon 22 October 1 22 myrtle beach

I would love to go to them but that's up to the owner not me.

Next time around, while models did sell I would like to get in more Ammo Mig, AK, and other products of the like for the next one.

Thanks, Marcus

Mike Starling

First of all I would like to thank you for all your hard work and what you did for me Jeff. Everything was smooth and worked like clockwork. Having the extra help there to unload and help set up the tables was an added plus! From my perspective, I really don't know what more you could have done to make things any better! Financially the trip was, for me, very successful. After gas, food, and assorted purchases (approximately \$300 total) I cleared roughly 5 times that amount. Not shabby for a part time collector and selling agent for other collectors! As you know, since Mr. Hayes passed it is very difficult for me to get away from the shop on weekends which is when most contests are held. I am going to attempt to schedule a

few of my vacation days to go to the Roanoke show (never been to that one) and the Myrtle Beach show in October. And of course, barring a disaster, Raleigh in November. I make every effort possible to support RDU because those guys go out of their way to support Hayes Hobby House. I did not enter the competition myself (maybe next year). The only complaint I heard was from a few people who were a bit put off by how entries were "limited". Not sure what that was about as I had no real interest in the competition personally, but I guess it was the trophy hounds moaning because they couldn't bring every model they've ever built? Whatever..... you can't please everyone all the time. Right? I thought it was a great show. well run and well organised!

Regards, Mike Starling

Brian Kraus

Hi Jeffrey,

In answer to your E-mail ... I was very pleased with the show. It was one of the best sales experiences that I have had in some 25 plus years of vending. The percentage of sales to what I brought to sell was very high. The room organization and set up was very well thought out. The Marine personnel helping unload and load at respective times during the day was greatly appreciated. I am reaching out to their unit commanders to commend them. I can only say good things about it.

Well Done!!! Brian

Randy Richardson

Hi Jeffrey, thanks for a good show. It was very organized and the help unloading and loading was great. I plan to attend again.

Thanks! Randy ■

E. C. P. M. DISPLAY CASE,



(above and above right) Jeff Maples brought in two of his DEC entries, the first is a 1/48 Special Hobby Spit Mk Vc. Jeff added a resin cockpit and Baltic Air Force markings for a bird used in Italy, 1945.



(left below and below) Another Maples build was this repop of a Heller Bf109Gg in 1/72. Built OOB with decals for Wilhelm Kientsch, Italy 1943.







(above and above right) Mark Gray brought in Tamiya 1/35 scale Marder II German Tank Destroyer Sd.kfz.131- first armor model he had built, he used a Badger 150 to paint it. Mark considers this airbrush to be Excellent!





(above) Jim Herriott brought in his very first armor kit, this delightful DAK Panzer Mk III.



(above) The side view shows the extra applique armor the Germans had to resort to in response to the increasingly tough allied armor effectiveness.



(above) Jim also brought in a WIP, this intricate bull-dozer. (Is it legal to use those words in the same sentence?)



(above) It's a 1/35 MiniArt US Army D-7 Bulldozer. Jim mentioned that this kit set new standards for tiny parts



(above) Jim also brought in a teaser, the AFV Club 1/350 Type 2 LST-491 Class – new kit that he will start to build sometime in the near future. This is a build your editor is interesteed in following.



(above) Airfix 1/72 A6M2b Zero-zen with folded wingtips for carrier storage, built by William Reece. Based on Zuikaku for the Pearl Harbor attack.



(above) Another William Reece 1/72 build, this time a P-40b Pearl Harbor defender. William built out of box except for added seat belts.



(above) A Ki-44 Tojo, another OOB build by William Reece save for elderly Microscale decals which still worked.



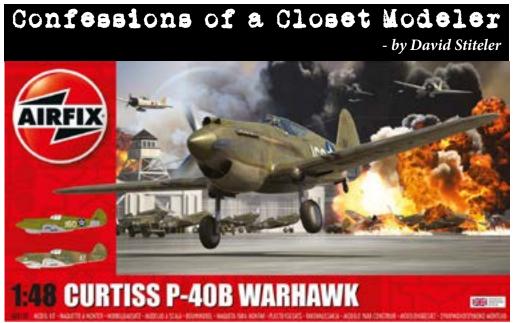
(above) 1/48 FW-190 D-9 with wheels and decals from third party suppliers. Brown 18, JG-26 1945.



(above) William Reece's WIP P-40L, and interesting kit which presented some problems he is working around.



(above) Some of the cockpit detail William is installing in this interesting Merlin powered Curtis fighter.



The past month or so the topic among some of my friends and I has turned to WW2, specifically the attack on Pearl. Having read a multitude of books on the subject and collecting quite a few of them for my library, I can hold my own on the subject. I have always been fascinated with the history involved and the facts and fiction on how the United States got involved in the conflict.

After reminiscing some by watching some old movies, I was inspired by Alan Welch's P-40 he built in 1/72nd scale of Lt. George Welch's plane, no relation he claims to himself. Yes, Lt. Welch was senior to Lt. Kenneth Taylor, but it was Welch that was claimed to be the hero of Pearl Harbor. That's all well and good, but Taylor was up there too doing his part. Not a whole lot is ever said about Taylor. Yet Lt. Taylor, eventually becoming a Brigadier General, had a very distinguished career in the Air Force and in later life until his death in 2006.

With the B-17 project plodding along nicely and hopefully reaching an end soon, and having been so inspired by Alan, I ventured out and acquired a 1/48th scale P-40 kit to model Lt. Taylor's plane (no relation to my wife's family that she knows of), during the Pearl Harbor attack; much to the displeasure of my wife. Oh yeah, I got that well known look...again. The kit is the Airfix 1/48th scale P-40B

Warhawk. It's been a long time since I touched an Airfix kit, but right off the bat I can see great improvements in the quality of the kits, especially the molding. The detail has vastly improved over the last Airfix kit I built, say about 20+ years ago. So far, I'm impressed.

After looking over the detail and washing the parts to get ready for building I get held up with a minor medical procedure, and a trip to Oklahoma at the last minute. Now back I'm ready to dive in...hold on. What the bloody 'ell? 56, 226, 85, 62, 24 and so on, and so on. What is this? You must be in MI-5 to decipher the bloody paint codes to know what color you need? Now I'm Scotch-Irish and we all know how they feel about the English, with their warm beer and beans on toast, and driving on the left side of the road, and the first toast always goes to the Regiment. Well, I kind of agree with that one, but come on! I've been away from Airfix WAY too long!

Obviously, the recommended paint for their kits is Humbrol. Good luck finding that in the colonies without going on-line. Fortunately, you don't need to be in MI-5, just go to the Humbrol website. The Brits are helping us rebels out in a big way. They have the entire paint chart available with color chip, number and name, plus a conversion chart listing for us Model Master holdouts to match

Humbrol colors to Model Master and a few other brands out there. I was lucky enough while I was out in Oklahoma to go visit my favorite hobby shop, yes, a REAL hobby shop, that had in stock, unbelievably, almost the entire Humbrol line-up! Royal, the owner-operator of said hobby shop claims he is one of a few remaining in the country that stocks Humbrol paints. Even though he's 1400 miles away, I'm saved!

So, the times are-a-changing. I've always loved working with Model Master, but they are gone now, or somewhat gone. There are other choices out there, but I'm not familiar with them yet. I've been away from the hobby way too long, so there will have to be a learning curve for me. I hope that the supply of Model Master paints I do have and held on to for all these years lasts me long enough to get the projects I'm currently working on finished. Then, the learning curve begins. I did acquire the needed colors for this P-40, but until my stash fizzles out, I'll stay with Model Master. Old habits are hard to die. But I'm also hoping that this old dog CAN learn some new tricks. Either way, it looks like this P-40 will be an enjoyable build. And yes, I do intend to finish it in less than 7 years! ■

-David Stiteler





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MASX

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thought were just done for my friend at his request were the ones selling.

So basically I decided to advertise an arrangement where people send me their parts and I would send them back with free masks. It has worked quite well and that is where most of the range of subjects has come from. I still prefer to do it this way as I cannot afford to buy all the kits that some people ask for.

I reached out to a few Youtubers and sent some of my products asking for honest reviews and so far have had some great success with that.

Soon the Graveyard auctions got a bit too tricky to manage so we decided to make a Shopify store. Again, this was all done by my wife. She is the brains of the operation, I am the help.

If anyone wants to reach out and ask questions, suggest something or they are looking for something obscure, I would be happy to take a look to see if I can help. ■

- Kevin Hedrich

https://kitmasx.com/

Stickers for the back of the medals – modelers stated that they will not know what contest they were from as time passes.

People's Choice Ballot Box – needs to be more visible.

Resting space – more vendors or more tables? It is the only place with a table for a snack, etc. – needs to be discussed. ■

- Mark Sandvigen

Meeting (continued from page 1)

2023 and solicit new members. See if kit manufacturers want to be involved next time – if not kits, then sponsorship of categories or trophies Need a way to get an accurate count of modelers, public, etc.

Photography – the ability to do very close in shots.



Editor's Note:

I want to throw out an idea that's been kicking around my head for a bit. I have spoken with some of you about this but I'd like to open up the discussion and see what you think.

Injected molded plastic kits have been the standard ever since displacing stick and tissue kits as the go-to back in the 50s. We've seen the ebb & flow and watched as the hobby matured, and grew, and changed.

We've seen greater detail and accuracy, new techniques, and after market suppliers flood the market with everything from white metal and resin to photo etch and now 3-D printed parts and accessories.

I think we now stand on the cusp of a new revolution in kit production. I'd like to make a prediction on the future of the hobby. I think that somewhere down the line, in the not to distant future, kits will not be injected molded anymore, nor will they be produced in the current method of manufacturer. Indeed they won't be manufactured at all. I think we'll simply buy & download the files from the kit companies and print them out on our home 3-D printers. They'll be full kits in pieces, ready to assemble just as they are now.

The advantages for manufacturers are no producing, packaging, shipping, or stocking kits. And for us, a brief wait while our printers spit out a ready to build kit with no mold or ejection pin marks, no flash, and no degradation of aging molds. I think it's intriguing, how about you?

-Editor

Don't forget, the next meeting will be Saturday, September 17, 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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