



## WHAT'S ALL THIS THEN?

*We're not a cooking class so what is this food doing on our front page? Well, in lieu of a Christmas celebration in December, (Everyone is generally carbed out then), we decided to postpone the celebration until January. But then January got iced out so it was put off until February. Well this is February and here it is. We may not be the biggest chapter in IPMS but nobody outcooks us.*

### Meeting Debriefing

by Mark Sandvigen

**Meeting Start: 12:00 PM**

We extend a "welcome aboard" to a pair of new members to the chapter: Dennis Morey, Dale Hansen, and Rodney Huyett made an appearance once again. Counting the several wives in attendance the head count was 20 in all.

**Show and Tell** - Richard Adams finished and returned with his build of the venerable Lindberg Nantucket light ship in the interesting 1/95 scale. Richard said he had to repair some "wind damage" sustained by the aft light but the finished product was spectacular.

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### Financial Developments

by Treasurer Marshall Smith

**Or:** Not everyone who says they're your Pal is one . . .

Last month, I started a PayPal account so people could register for our upcoming Con(test) or even pay their dues online through the PayPal account. All was well with the registration process when I gave the ECPM bank account, but then PayPal wanted a photo ID, home address, phone number and copies of our bank statement before they would release any of our funds. With more

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## Meetings

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

**New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild.**

Meeting location: 585 Broad Creek Road, New Bern, NC the second Saturday of each month at 12:00 noon.

For up to date info on their meeting: <https://www.facebook.com/nbmmgnc>

**Wilmington, NC Plastic Modelers**

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

**Jacksonville NC Plastic Modelers**

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

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# Events

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**IPMS Eagle Squadron** General meeting on the second Sunday at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the American Legion Post 116 in Fuquay Varina and an Informal Build Night, Hangar 18 Hobbies in Cary the last Wednesday of each month from 6pm-8pm.  
<https://www.facebook.com/IPM-SEagleSquadron>

**Carolina Maritime Model Society** Next meeting will be 2 at the North Carolina Maritime Museum, 315 Front St., Beaufort, NC, meeting time and date TBA. This group builds ships and boats and the museum is a great meeting space.  
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## Model Con Roundup

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# Describing Re-scribing

-by Jeff Maples



(above) The tools used by Jeff to complete the panel scribing in the article, or as I refer to them, weapons of mass instruction.

Being a builder of aircraft, one annoying aspect of an aircraft build (as there are many) is sanding the seams smooth and clean only to sand away the engraved panel lines at the same time. The builder will find this at almost every seam. I am hard-pressed to think of a glued seam where there are no panel lines on a plane.

With this being said, I have finished a few of my earlier builds without re-scribing the engraved panel lines and they look like excrement. So, I thought, 'how hard could it be to re-scribe the engraved lines with the simple tool I had?' That tool would have been a single-edge razor blade. On the next build, I tried that single-edged razor blade to re-establish the engraved panel lines and that looked even worse. Yes, even worse than excrement which I would rather not think about.

So, on YouTube, I found a Czech Republic builder, David Damek, whose

videos are under the title 'Plasmo.' Fun Facts: Plasmo is the smash of 2 words: Plastic and Model (fun). By coincidence, it is also a Latin word meaning: to form or shape (more fun!). I watched and learned so much from David, one is the best way to re-scribe engraved panel lines. I have included this video at the bottom of the article.

He uses 4 things: electrical tape (or the option of DYMO vinyl tape), a razor saw, and a scribe. These items can be bought at your budget level; however, the fourth item is... patience. Unlike the other tools, this one is used in every step. Spare no expense on this tool.

The electrical or DYMO tape (see the next paragraph for the difference) is used as an edge connecting one end of the engraved panel line with the other end of the broken panel line. The edge of the tape is now mimick-

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# Rescribing

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ing where a panel line was sanded away. The razor saw will be lightly dragged along this tape edge to establish a slight cutline. Do it a second time (with light pressure, again) and make the cut a little deeper.

Footnote on Tape: Like Plasmo David, I use electrical tape because it is thick, however, it is also flexible and soft. This may cause the edge to waver and/or be cut if too much pressure is applied. I find electrical tape best for the leading edge of a wing because of its flexibility it sticks to a rounded shape and is only needed for a short distance. For a lengthy scribe (flat wing or fuselage length), I use DYMO labeling tape. It is vinyl, very thick, does not waver, and keeps a straight line. However, it does not hold well on a round shape.

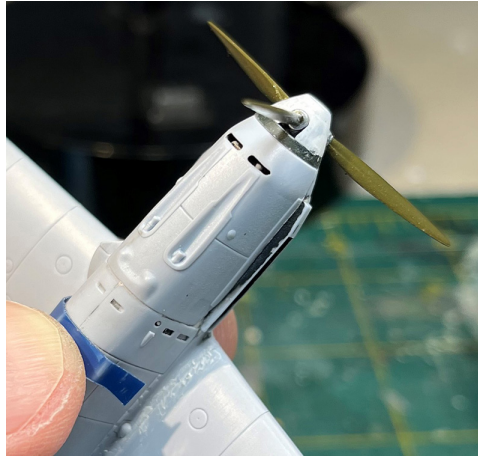
The razor saw looks like a double-edged razor blade, however, both edges have very tiny teeth and a lot of them. The metal is also very thin, so, when you saw into plastic it leaves a very thin cut line. It can be bought with and/or without a wooden handle. I purchased the JLC brand at a show. However, online you can find additional to the JLC brand, Micro-Mark items, and CMK (Czech Master's Kit).

As stated above, the razor-saw can be passed along your chosen tape as many times as needed. Each kit manufacturer uses different plastic... some soft, some very hard.

Once you feel you have established a clean cutline, you lift your chosen tape off the model and see your handy work. By this time, if you need to improve the cutline with the razor saw, the line should be established



*(above) Guide tape in place Jeff carefully makes the first incision. Note that Jeff, (wild man that he is), is dangerously not using the wooden handle with the saw blade. He did this for clarity in this photo.*



*(above) Saw cut finished, next step is to switch to the Tamiya engraving tool. This widens the groove using the initial saw cut as a guide for clean, accurate engraved lines.*



enough to use the saw by hand without the tape edge. Use low pressure and take your time.

Now, the scriber. Professional scribing tools (also known as a burin) are found with a variety of cutting tips. Professional engravers and dentists use these metal tools to cut lines into a number of hard materials. I have many dental tools from a member of the Wilmington NC Plastic Modelers who happens to be a dentist. They are free and I use them for many things, but I must say the Tamiya Scriber 2 is designed to perfectly scribe plastic out of a cutline from the razor saw.

The scriber works like a plow. When dragged along the saw cutline (that has right-angle walls), it removes the sidewalls away in curls of plastic on both sides and leaves a V-shaped engraved line. A dry brush, airbrush blast, or a lung full of hot air (ha-ha...that's you, Alan) will get rid of the waste plastic dust/curls.

Now, the kit's panel lines look continuous and just like the factory panel lines. Also, the new engraved panel lines accept your favorite wash beautifully. These simple tools and methods can really make your model look great and not look like excrement (or worse). And isn't this what it's all about? ■

*-Jeff Maples*

*(left) New panel lines done and indistinguishable from the original molded-in-place kit details.*

**Every time  
you make  
a typo,  
the errorists  
win.**

# Meeting

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**Rod Huyett** brought in some interesting canon kits, one a Bombard sXV was fully built but the rest were still in the box. These were Spanish in origin but the company is long gone. Rod also brought in a few Red Star models for the nostalgia effect. (Anyone else remember them?)

**Chuck Colucci** arrived with an entire ModelCon in tow. In addition to a German Italeri RSO and an AFV kit of a U.S. M-42 "Duster", (which are featured in this month and next month's newsletter) Chuck displayed a dozen or so gondolas for of . . . well . . . full of junk! And fine looking junk I must say.

**Robert Brackin** brought in a great selection of his painted figures. This collection covered history from Biblical times all the way up to the American "Old West"

**Alan Welch** finally finished a couple of 1/72 aircraft and presented them. First was an RS kit of a Curtiss Hawk-11, on floats and in Peruvian markings. The story of this plane wraps up in this issue. Along with the Hawk was a Hasegawa P-47D Thunderbolt. Al said the kit was beautiful but the finish was decal hell as many of the kit supplied decals were in multiple pieces to fit over/under and around the various protuberances and things that adorn the "Jug".

**FOOD** – We would like to thank all those who volunteered to bring dishes for the potluck. The food was delicious with more than enough for everyone. We would like to thank everyone for using the sign up sheet on the club website so we had an excellent variety of dishes.

## Old business

**IPMS membership** – The chapter will be entering several award categories this year. The Chapter was encouraged to become IPMS members to help us achieve Chapter of the Year. The goal is to have 100% membership in the parent organization.

**Treasurer's report** - \$4,218.48

**Updates on CATCH '22,**

**Banner** – For all of those that did not make it to the New Bern Model Train Show and our booth, Alan and Dennis

Korn unveiled our club banner for all to see. It was the first time for many that they had seen the finished banner. The banner met with universal acclaim as setting just the right tone for the chapter.

**Awards Sponsorship** – Our sponsorship coordinator stated that all categories were taken. The club had taken three as place holders in case any requests come in late. He also urged those club members who had taken sponsorships to get their funds to the Treasurer sooner rather than later as we will be ordering trophies and medals soon.

**Registrations** – No new ones yet, but it is not uncommon this early in the game.

**Raffle report** – We have more than enough models and have a phenomenal model for the silent auction which will have a significant reserve. David requested that we get a schedule published mentioning the raffle. It is important that attendees/vendors know that you must be present to win.

**Report on vendors** - Jeffrey Maples has been busy attending first, Mid Carolina Model Car Swap Meet Salisbury NC, and is attending the Old Dominion Open where he has been passing out flyers to interested vendors. Jeffrey is also validating and updating the vendor lists provided by IPMS Region 12. We will get a fuller report on the model shows and vendor response at our next meeting.

**New AMPS Rep.** – Mark Gray has taken up the mantle of becoming the Armor Model and Preservation Society (AMPS) representative from our chapter. AMPS is having their AMPS 2022 International Convention, Thursday, April 7, 2022 to Saturday, April 9, 2022, Marriott at City Center, Newport News, VA. We are sure that we will be hearing more at our next meeting.

**SC Show Award Sponsorship** – We have been receiving constant updates to the sponsorship lists from Tim Kirkland, IPMS Region 12 Director. These lists have been passed to Jeffrey Maples, DownEastCon vendor coordinator for reconciliation and contact.

**MODELS 4 VETS** – the Veteran's Make & Take is scheduled for Wednesday, 30 Mar 2022, at the New Bern Chamber of Commerce (conference room) from 12:30 - 15:30 PM. The models and tools have been purchased and are await-

ing registration. We have chosen three models; Armor is a Tamiya M41 Walker Bulldog, The car kit is an AMT 1970 ½ Camaro Z28, and the aircraft is an Academy 1/72 A10A Warthog.

Our sponsor, American Legion Post 539, is asking for between three to five volunteers based on participation. However, the readiness state of the current US Military has been heightened which may cause a postponement of the event. We are working closely with MCAS Cherry Point and will be updating everyone once we get clarity on what is happening.

**RR Show** - Dennis Korn stated that the train show was a big success with close to 1500 attendees the first day and over 500 the second day. Expenses are not yet all tallied to provide the club with a full understanding of the event, but at this point it is viewed as very successful

The take aways were the number of families with children. The children were very interested in our booth and the very special model brought in by David Mohr. The "Carpet Monster" was a huge hit with the children as it was just their size and the whimsical nature of the creation appealed to them. This will have an impact on our show and will be discussed at our next meeting.

**Proposed classes** – Alan Welch brought up the idea of chapter meetings with classes. Everyone was exceptionally keen to have something that improved our skills. The immediate suggestions were photoetched and airbrushing. There will be more suggestions in the future, I am sure.

**ECPM Swag** – Alan stated in his previous jobs and in other clubs, they had shirts, coffee cups, and ball caps. The question was put to the club as to whether we wanted to have some. The immediate reaction was the DownEastCon and having at a minimum – shirts.

Alan has vendors and has promised to bring this up again at the next meeting.

Chuck Colucci request from all chapter members to save their sprues and no longer needed spare parts as he is creating a train venue with gondola cars full of scrap metals. He brought along a couple of samples which were fantastic.



-Mark Sandvigen



# GOSH! Hawk! part two

*This article is continued from last month's issue.*

Last month we ended with jig angst, but, eventually I had the jig constructed and was ready to insert the fuselage/lower-wing/float assembly into place and adjust the holders to align the upper wing for gluing.

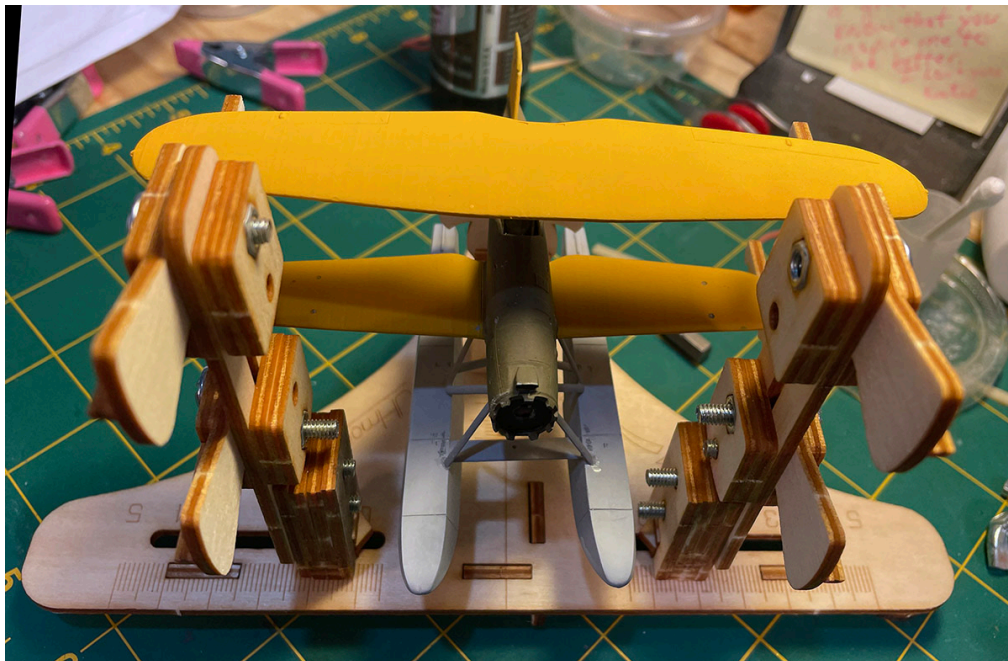
Well, the problem here is although the idea was sound, adjusting the jig to get the fuselage centered and the height and the angle of wing inclinations correct and then one set screw will loosen and then that adjustment is now out of alignment and . . . I'm SURE it will become easier as I get more accustomed to using it but HOLEY KAZOOZAS it was a massive pain to get everything just right.

But, eventually I got everything juuuuuuust so and managed to glue the upper wing on. I did the inter-plane, (outer), struts first, then took the Hawk off the jig, inverted it on my work space and reinforced the glued struts with a second round of glue. Then I proceeded to the inner struts, those between the fuselage and the upper plane. Of course, there was some adjustment on wing alignment because there is *always* some adjustment on wing alignment needed, yes? No? Yes?

Whatever.

And, of course, two of the float struts broke during this process so they must be repaired . . .

But we now have both wings attached and can now move along to the horizontal stabilizers. Once done it's time for clear coat and decals and then



*(Above) The nearly completed jig, I just have to glue the rubber cushioning to the upper surfaces so the model rests on rubber and not harder wood.*

*(below) All parts of the jig are now in place and the assembly is complete. I have attached the Curtiss to the jig and am gluing the upper wing to the inter-plane struts. So far it is all fitting like it's supposed to. (fingers crossed)*



final assembly and some detailing, touch up, weathering and dullcoat.

So there is still a bit of weathering to do and and the aileron connector and I will probably go back in and rig the bracing wires but overall she is finished enough to show at our chapter meeting. After all of my carping and

bitching I am pleased with the results and the fact that I have yet another unique addition to my collection and it is one that relatively few other people have bothered with.

I love Curtiss Hawks, I already have another F-11 variant in house ready  
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# GOSH! Hawk!

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to start and I guess I should really build one of the straight old Monogram F-11s for comparison.

I rate this kit as “good”. It would have gotten a “great” if a little more engineering had been done in terms of location pins, etc., but it went together fairly well and has some lovely detailing and options. Another point of contention is the float option that can be built is supplied with markings for the Peruvian Air force which was my choice. However, now that it is complete, those of you with sharp eyes will note that Peru is *not* included as a user of the bird in the listing that follows. How fun is that? If you can find one at a less than cutthroat price I recommend buying and building it.

Here is a bit of history on the lineage.

## XF11C-1 (Model 64)

First prototype derived from the **Curtis F6C Hawk**.

## XF11C-2 (Model 64A)

Second prototype, redesignated **XBFC-2**.

## F11C-2 (Model 64A)

Production version, redesignated **BFC-2**; 28 built.

## XF11C-3 (Model 67)

One F11C-2 fitted with retractable undercarriage and a 700 hp (520 kW) R-1820-80.

## XBFC-2 Hawk

The XF11C-2 prototype redesignated as a fighter-bomber.

## BFC-2 Hawk

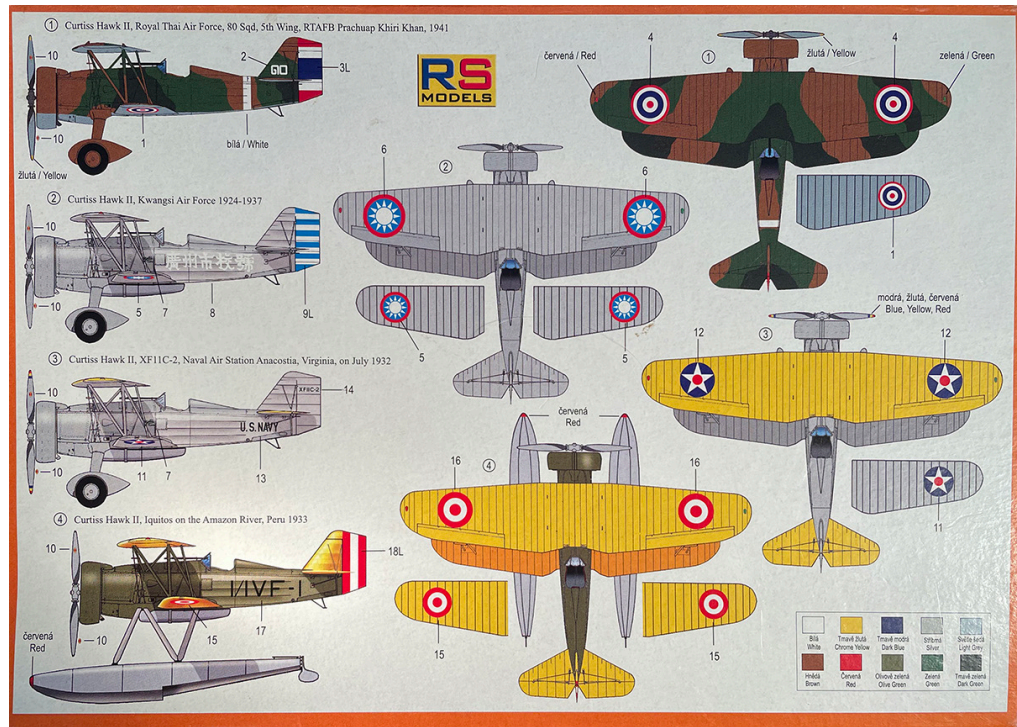
Redesignation of F11C-2.

## BF2C-1 Goshawk (Model 67A)

Production version of the XF11C-3; 27 built.

## Hawk II (Model 65)

Export version of XF11C-2, 126 built including 32 as floatplanes (for Bolivia, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Germany, Norway, Thailand and



(Above) All the pretty color schemes that come with the kit. This will be my first Peruvian, (see article on this bit), Air Force build . . . although I am more drawn to several other color schemes, the floats . . . ah yes, the floats.

## Hawk III

Export version of BF2C-1 with an 770 hp (570 kW) R-1820-F53 for Argentina, China, Thailand and Turkey; 137 built.

## Hawk IV (Model 79)

Export version with an 790 hp (590 kW) R-1820-F56 engine; one demonstrator built.

The F11C-2 Goshawk was produced in two export versions as the Hawk I and Hawk II fighters.

Essentially a modified XF11C-2, the Hawk II was fitted with a Wright R-1820F-3 Cyclone rated at 710 hp (530 kW) at 1,676 m (5,499 ft) and 356 l of fuel while the Hawk I had 189 l of internal fuel. Both versions carried the same armament as the production F11C-2.

Only the Hawk II was exported in quantity with Turkey, the first customer, taking delivery of 19 on August 30, 1932. Colombia placed an order at the end of October 1932,

receiving an initial batch of four twin float-equipped Hawk IIs, the first of a total of 26 float fighters delivered by the end of July 1934. The Colombian Air Force used Hawk II and F11C-2 based in floats in the Colombia-Peru War in 1932-1933. Nine Hawk IIs were supplied to Bolivia, of which three had interchangeable wheel/float undercarriages; four were delivered to Chile, 52 to China,[4] four to Cuba, two to Germany, one to Norway & 12 to Thailand as Hawk IIIs.

One final irony, just in case you did not know, is the story of the pair of Hawks bought by Ernst Udet and shipped back to NAZI Germany. Those two, supposedly, provided the germ of the idea for dive-bombing finalizing in the development and service use of that most perverse and perverse of all dive bombers, the Junkers Ju-87 Stuka.

Final photos are posted on the “meeting photos section.” ■

-Alan Welch



# Preview: USS Ward DD-139



*(above) Heads up on Black Cat Models upcoming, (March hopefully), release of a truly historic vessel. The Wickes class USS Ward fired the official first shot for America in World War Two.*

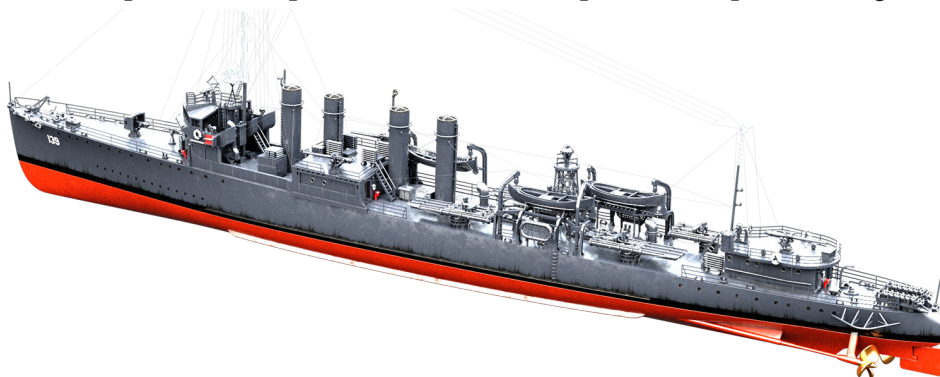
One might argue that DD-145 Greer, operating in the Atlantic, fired the first U.S. shots in September of that year. But that was when the U.S. was actively pursuing a policy of “armed neutrality”. All that changed with the Japanese attack on December 7th and America was plunged headlong into the conflict. That makes Ward a very significant piece of history.

Historical nitpicking aside, this is a long, long overdue kit. The classic 4-piper kit is produced in mixed media consisting of resin, 3-D printed detail parts, photo-etch and brass masts and spars and the parts shown

on the instruction sheet appear to be beautiful.

The instructions look to be comprehensive and the steps of construction seem logical and area specialized, In other words, step one and two focus on the stem and what parts go in this location. The next step covers the forward 4-inch main gun and deck fiddly bits just forward of the bridge and so on.

There is an option for making mount #1 with or without a gun shield and the notation on the instructions that some parts are duplicated might indi-



cate that you would not be limited to building only Ward. The sheet of decals consisting of multiple numbers which would tend to bear this out

I have long wanted to build a 1/350 scale Wickes class DD and Revell's, while a fun build, is in the wrong scale and, frankly, dated. And if my experience with BCM is any guide the accuracy and detail of the build should be superb. Benjamin has an interesting line of escorts, auxiliaries and landing craft available and all look wonderful. Check out the site here:

<https://blackcatmodels.eu/en/>

It's definitely worth visiting.

I admit to being a big fan of Black Cat from using their accessories on other people's kits, and I am really looking forward to this one. ■

*-Editor*

*“We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.”*

*- George Bernard Shaw*

# JOIN



I.P.M.S. is the international organization by model builders for model builders. There are many benefits to membership, check on the U.S. website for complete information.

If you do not already belong, perhaps it's time to look into a membership. It has advantages.

# Raupenschlepper.Ost

by Chuck Colucci



*(above) Chuck's Raupenschlepper.Ost is finished and ready to report to the Eastern Front. This vehicle was designed for duty in Russia and, to tell the truth, I've never seen a reference to it operating anywhere else. Some armor-head might correct me on that. Another photo in the meeting photos section*

My contribution this month is my Raupenschlepper.Ost, also known as the RSO/01 Steyr tractor for short. In German, the translation would be "Caterpillar Tractor, East". The RSO/01 was designed and introduced in two variants in 1942 by Steyr Werke of Austria.

It was conceived in response to the poor performance of wheeled and half-track vehicles in the snow and mud during the Wehrmachts disastrous first Autumn and Winter on the Soviet front.

Other models were to follow but the RSO/01 itself was introduced in two variants; the cargo carrier and the Self Propelled Anti-tank vehicle Armed with the PAK 40. The vehicle had a max. speed of 19mph and a range of 190 miles.

As far as the model in concerned, this is the Italeri kit. It was a pretty basic build with no major problems. The windows were cut down to appear rolled down and the doors left partially opened. There was not much for interior detail but I did leave extra equipment on the front seat. I wanted to make sure it would be noticed.

The model was painted with Tamiya paints and some oils to accent panel lines as necessary. It was weathered in my usual manner and then the bed filled with various cargo. The oil drums are AFV Club and the rest are from the extra parts bin. All the accessories were painted and weathered separately. A little bit of mud and I thought it came out pretty well. It's an older kit but not a bad one. ■

**-Chuck Colucci**

## Cons

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**2022 South Carolina  
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18 June, 2022

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# Financial Developments

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than a little trepidation I sent all the required information to big brother PayPal.

They also have a link where you can send them your SSN and passport information, but that is not required, so I didn't, nor do I have any intent to do so. They're getting just a little too nosy with all that information and I don't see a good reason to give them all that.

One reason is since January 1, 2022, the IRS is very interested in any income over \$600/year individuals make from on-line sources such as Zelle, Venmo, CashApp; and I believe PayPal is also on their list.

At the \$600 mark, that triggers a 1099 from the IRS asking for income taxes from the financial gains you supposedly made. None of this should affect the ECPM club, as we are non-profit, I just don't want them sending me requests for taxes from ECPM business.

The end to this ramble is that we now can collect funds through PayPal and PayPal is releasing our money, less their percentage, to our bank after the two-week holding period. All is well in the kingdom.

Now for the second small news item from my side of the river: we will be listed in the Fairfield Harbour directory in the section where all the clubs and special interest groups are listed. Totally unexpected, the Assistant Community Manager of the Harbour called me the other day and asked if we would be interested in being mentioned in the new directories

years Fairfield Harbour publishes an updated directory, and this is the year for a new one. I checked with Alan, and he said it would be a good thing to be mentioned and would most likely result in more people finding out about the club and perhaps joining. Here is the text that will appear in the directory:

Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers (ECPM) is a chapter of the IPMS (International Plastic Modelers Society) and meets on the third Saturday of the month at the Fairfield Harbor Community Center at 585 Broad Creek Road from Noon to 2PM. The Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers is a group of plastic scale model builders with an interest in preserving history by constructing scale models of everything from ocean going vessels to classic automobiles.

Membership is \$12/year and is open to open to anyone who builds or used to build scale plastic models or would like to learn. The group has a wealth of experience to help people learn new skills or re-learn

old ones and is a relaxed, informal and friendly group. Our website is: [www.ecpmod.com](http://www.ecpmod.com) and you can find us on Facebook. A contact person is Marshall Smith at 252-626-1861 or [smithms47@suddenlink.net](mailto:smithms47@suddenlink.net).

Come out and hold history in your hand. ■

-Marshall Smith



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## New AMPS Judging Guides

by John Rastenberger

AMPS has posted a revised & updated & cleaned up set of Judges Training slides:

<https://www.amps-armor.org/SiteMain/AMPSTrainingIntro.aspx#top>

They are PDF's but not downloadable, but still quite easy to view on line.

Good refresher training before the Newport News show in 54 days. They will have classes - check the website for details, schedules, etc. ■

-John Rastenberger

### Like Tanks?!



### Join AMPS

# New Bern Model Rail Show, 2/19-20

February 19th and 20th was a special weekend. Special for New Bern, for the Carolina Coastal Railroaders, for our sister organization, the New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild and us. It was the two-day model rail event and those train guys were kind enough to invite us to participate.

And MAN, did they treat us well! We non-rail-heads were given tables right inside the entrance to the downtown convention Center and were able to man it for pretty much the entire run of the show.

Was it a fun time? Let's hear what some of the table volunteers say . . .

## -David Mohr

*My wife and I got to the ECPM table about 9:15 AM on Saturday morning and had a steady stream of visitors during the three hours we were there. Our location meant everyone entering and leaving the show had to pass directly in front of us, and while not everyone stopped to talk they did get a good look at the display. I brought a partially completed 1/9th scale GPZ-400 motorcycle kit, tools, paint and a cutting mat to sit everything on, and that seemed to catch people's interest. My three main observations in the time I was there:*

### 1. Normal was back.

*The show was busy the entire time we were there, with the crowd ranging from older die-hard train hobbyists (identified mainly by a piece of clothing with a train on it) to families with children in tow or in strollers. They were there to look at the displays, purchase items to support their hobby (see #2) and to enjoy themselves. It was the first event I have been to in two years that reminded me of the way things were before the pandemic.*

### 2. People were there to buy.

*I walked through the vendor area twice, and while not finding anything to purchase it was clear many attend-*

*ees were not having that same problem. The fact that the number of such events in this area is small (this one may be the only one) certainly helps, but there was no doubt those interested in trains were making the most of it. Someone asked if my unfinished motorcycle was for sale, saying her father was interested in them.*

*3. There may be hope for our hobby. Several older males came up to us, said they used to build models when they were young, and were thinking about getting back into it. That is probably the same trajectory anyone in this hobby has experienced (myself included), but that is not what gave me hope. A father & son approached near the end of my shift and pointed out the incomplete motorcycle kit, then explained to his young son why some parts were painted, others were in primer, what some of the tools were for and why a couple of pieces were on long sticks (to hold for painting).*



## -Jeff Maples

*Alan and I had a blast on Sunday at the train show. We conversed with many fellow hobbyists of all ages.*

*One of which, was a young lad of about five years old. He came running up with mom and dad to the ECPM table asking, "What are these?"*

*I was so excited to see a young man interested in models. Here is my chance to mold a young mind and plant the seed for future generations of plastic model builders.*

*First, I showed him the box art of the model I was building at the table. It was a Special Hobby, 1/48 Spitfire Mk Vc, and with excitement, he said, "I love airplanes."*

*And with this, my excitement soared and his eyes widened as I was showing him the contents of plastic sprues*

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and decals of that very kit and explaining that he with the help from mom and/or dad would cut these pieces away and, together, you can to build a model airplane that looks like the box art.

Now, to seal the deal. I had the perfect idea on how to relate the fun of model building to a boy living in his 5-year-old world. So, I said, "It's just like building a puzzle."

His reply was swift and straight, as if from the Spitfire's own Browning .303 right into my heart, when he said, "Oh, I hate puzzles!"

Without any forethought, he quickly turned to his right and did not walk, but literally ran away from the ECPM table and bee-lined it to the neighboring display table of Lego Town.

In my heart, my imaginary, fully built, 1/48 Special Hobby Spitfire Mk Vc, augured into the carpeted convention floor where a lit firecracker was waiting and blew it up into 1 million pieces.

I wanted to stand up and yell in between my sobs, "Oh, yeah! Just wait until you step on one of those Legos. Then we'll see who's crying."

Fortunately, Alan stopped me from doing so as he ruled the day with his calm demeanor.

Looking back in retrospect - you know, the kid was right. Lego Town was way cooler.

## -Alan Welch

Many people were interested in our table and all of them were friendly and nice. But there was one family of four that charmed me absolutely the most.

The boy, Jonathan, about 12, was building a model so I mentioned he could enter the junior division of our

contest and have a chance to win a medal. Watching the smile spread across his face was warming and I hoped I had sparked a real interest.

Then his 8-ish or so sister, Jacie, piped up shyly and asked, "Could I enter too?"

I answer all she had to do is build a model and she could certainly enter as well. I added that the club would love to welcome her as a junior competitor.

Suddenly she burst into smiles and seemed to grow an inch or two. It was as if a spark had suddenly found tender and flamed up and I could see the excitement sparkling in her eyes.

Yeah, charmed, indeed. I hope we see them both July 9th.

## -Mark Sandvigen

Children, lots and lots of children.

They loved the large scale garden railway as it was on the floor and was big - Tonka Big.

The number one hit - Lego diorama. What they loved best was Star Wars Lego builds and the big O scale Lego trains.

What they loved best about our booth - the Carpet Monster by David Mohr. The children had a million questions about all the parts, pieces, and shape of the mini-diorama.

For those not train enthusiasts, I think they were looking for more trains. We had more than one question as to whether there were more trains on the second floor. I believe the adults thought that there might be more for the \$8.00/adult admission fee.

People came from considerable distances for the train show - it is obvious from our conversations with them that they were modelers as well. I took their names and hooked the up with IPMS clubs in NC nearer to their homes than New Bern. The

clubs have all responded and were incredibly thankful for the extra effort shown by our club to send new members their way.

While we may not have gained any new members, the interest is there as the pamphlets flew off the table, many promising that they would attend the model show.

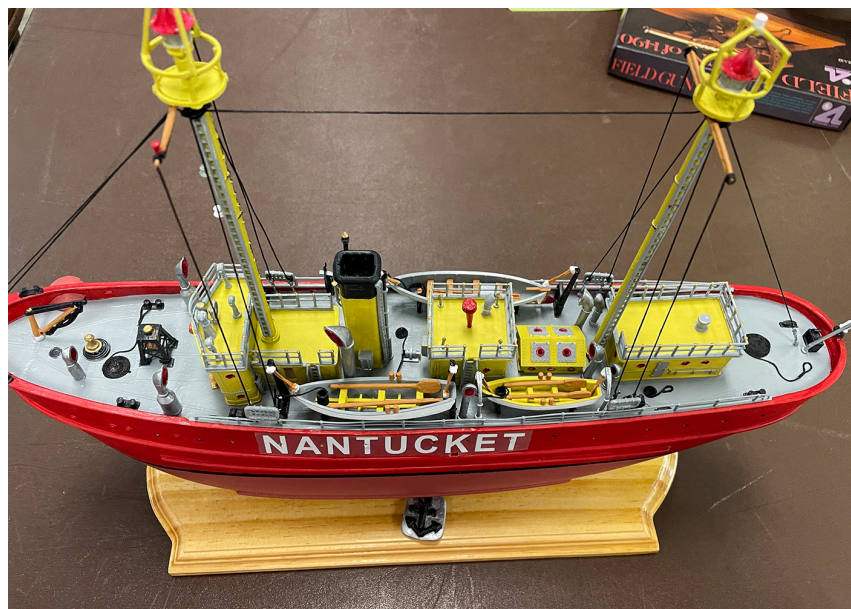
As an aside, my boothmates were great company.

## -David Stiteler

As for the rail show, I had a great time there...suppressed the desire to get back into the train hobby due to no space for it, but it was fun to check out how the hobby was doing. I also had a great time with David and Mark at the booth. It was funny how Mark kept pointing out to guests that stopped by that I was Air Force while he was Navy, and here I was with a partially built ship model for display, not an airplane. Telling my story on how I grew up in the Navy (because of my father), that was the reason I joined the Air Force usually got a chuckle or laugh. The veterans understood the logic...go figure. Lots of fun ribbing amongst the branches. All in all, a great success. It was amazing on just how many vets are out there in this area, and how many admitted that at one time or another they enjoyed the hobby of model building but haven't done it for X number of years and not sure of their skills. I let them know of my story of being away from the hobby for so long due to life getting in the way and how I'm trying to get more active in the hobby; of how I became more of a collector over the years than a builder and that seemed to resonate with a few. I also mentioned that it was never too late to get back into the hobby - you're never too old to learn new tricks. Hopefully, some will give it a try. ■

-Volunteer Group





*(above) Last time we saw Richard Adams' 1/95 scale Nantucket light ship, an elderly kit from Lindberg, it was mostly done. Here it is proving that even old, outdated kits can be made into beautiful projects in the hands of a gifted modeler. Well done Richard.*

*(right) Rod Huyett brought the artillery this month. These are old Artesania Latina kits from Spain. Rod says they are simplistic but build up very well. We have this finished piece, a Bombarda sXV, and several unbuilt kits, (see next page) for review.*





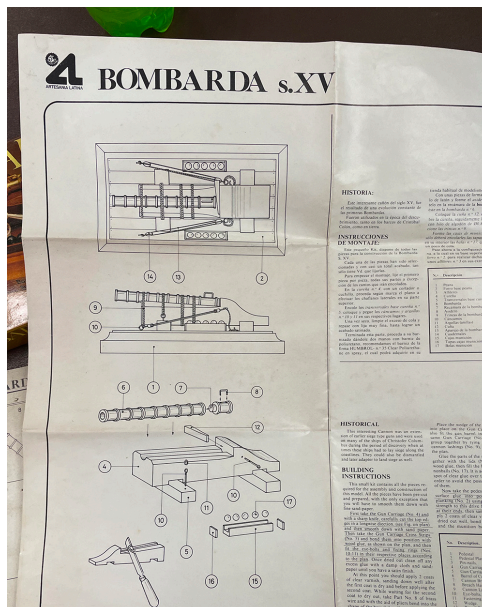


(left) An open box shot of an Artesania Latina Falconet kit. As Rod said, the kits are simplistic but produce a fine and convincing end product.

(left below) Well, simplistic as long as you can read España, there is no English translation on the basic instructions.

(center) Another view of Rod's Bombarda sXV. Fascinating that these were once cutting edge military technology.

(bottom left) For those who missed our meeting, (and we know who you are), I just wanted to rub it in what you were missing . . . for instance Chuck's Baked Ziti and Marshall's Corn Bread Casserole.



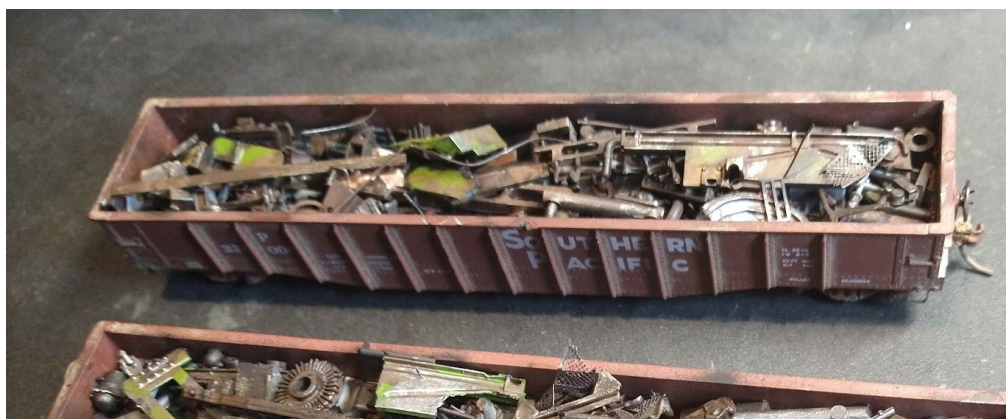
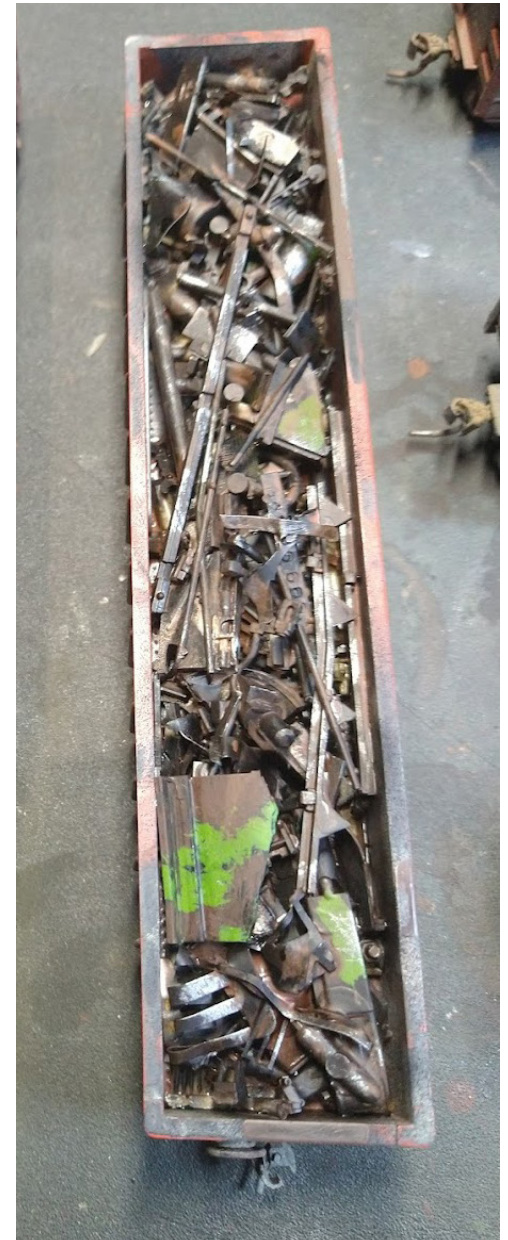
(below) Al's Cajun Bean Soup heating on the stove and there were many more delicious dishes to enjoy like David's Chicken and pasta, the deviled eggs and . . . damn, now I'm hungry again. I gotta go . . .







(Chuck's page) As usual our resident over-achiever, Chuck Colucci brought in quite a selection. In addition to the Raupenschlepper.Ost, (featured in this issue) and the M-42 Duster, (article in next month's issue), he also nearly filled a table with junk . . . and I mean that in the nicest possible way. Chuck is building a scrap metal rail shipment on it's way to be recast in a foundry. To continue this exercise in recycling Chuck has asked all ECPM chapter members to donate any left over kit parts, regardless of type or scale, so he can fill more rail cars with scrap. (I'm not making this stuff up, guys.)







*It looks as though Robert Brackin has taken a page straight from Chuck Colucci's playbook as this month he brought in quite an abundance of work. It seems Robert's interests have shifted to figure painting as evidenced by the collection he showed us on Saturday.*

*(top left) Roman Legionnaire*

*(top center) Saudi Prince, Era of the Crusades*

*(top right) Gary Cooper from the movie High Noon*

*(center left) King David*

*(center center) Napoleonic Guard*

*(center right) Wyatt Earp*

*(lower left) Captain Kid*

*All figures are 54mm scale and are manufactured by Andrea. At the rate Robert is painting I think I should buy stock in that company.*

*It's good to have a figure painter in the group.*





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,  
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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



**ME? I'm headed for  
DownEastCon2022,**

**I hear that CATCH '22 is  
gonna be really great!**

**July 9th, 2022 • Havelock North Carolina**

We have added another reason to attend the show in July. (#22, please don't hate me, it's all in good fun, really) It can be found at:

**[www.ecpmod.com/contest-entry.html](http://www.ecpmod.com/contest-entry.html)**

We have worked very hard to streamline the process and hopefully ensure that everyone who wishes can register and pay online and printout the forms they need at home and fill them out at their own pace, calmly and without the pressure and anxiety of trying to fight through the crowds and confusio at the event entry.

We narrowed it down to four (4) steps and set up cross checks on our end to make sure everything goes smoothly and rationally.

I, personally, urge builders who are interested in coming to register online using our site and the PayPal link which is safe, smooth and elegant to use, then come and enjoy our con with as little stress and inconvenience as possible. It will be a great July!

The Havelock Tourist and Event Center is a great place for this event with great air conditioning, fine amenities, and many eateries and restaurants in close proxim-

ity with at least one within walking distance.

Our plan is to continue to post new updates and information regularly on our website:

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

So visit the site often, we'll be happy to answer any questions and concerns you have & help you stay tuned

Cheers. ■

-Editor

## *Editor's Note:*

*Hopefully, by the time you got here you have read Marshall's article on opening a PayPal account for the chapter. This is an important advance for us as I detest sitting in the middle of con chaos trying to write coherently about the model(s) I want to enter in the contest. How wonderful it is to take my time, at home, at a time convenient to fill out paperwork and write an explanation of the work I have put into my entry.*

*I hope everyone who wants to come to CATCH'22 will go ahead and register and pay early so that all we have to do is check in, flash the form, collect the free raffle ticket and just walk on in and place your builds.*

*Of course, if you still want to do it the old way you can, but why waste all that valuable con time . . . ?*

*On another note it was sad we had to cancel our first meeting of the year but at least February gave us a chance to get together.*

*I'd also like to thank a number of chapter members who not only manned the table at the New Bern model train show, but also promoted our ECPM chapter, as well as IPMS, and talk up our upcoming DownEastCon '22 to vendors and the general public. Again, my thanks to the volunteers for all their time.*

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-Editor

**Don't forget, next month's meeting will be Saturday, March 19, 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.**

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