



ECPM - We Put It All Together.



(above) Jeff Maples' 1/144 United Airlines Caravelle is our lead story this month. Although we've all seen it at the meeting(s) the back story is worth repeating. It starts on page 2.

Meeting Debriefing

- Editors

The August meeting got underway promptly at 1:00 pm as planned. There was a great turnout of 20 in attendance including our newest member, (joining that day), Louis LaPlante. It's always good to welcome a new member to the group, Louis has an interest in modern aircraft so he'll have lots of help here.

Also attending were Jeff Maples, Alan Welch, Chuck Colucci, David Mohr, Dennis Korn, Dale A. Hansen, Andy Fulcher, Melissa Huyett, Rodney Huyett, Richard Adams, Jim Gower, Mark Gray, Marshall Smith, William Reece, Lee Rouse, Dennis Moray, Robert Brackin, Jim Harriett, Sean Donnelly.

Also, re-joining this month, was Lee Rouse, welcome back Lee, it's good to have you onboard again.

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THANKS

to a GREAT Chapter

It is with a great deal of pride we would like to announce that Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers has been recognized as the Region 12 Chapter of the Year.

I'm not completely sure what criteria Tim Kirkland, Region 12 Coordinator, used in giving us this award, I can think of a number of them. The fact that during a time when Covid was upsetting so many applegarts and actually terminating many events and organizations, we more than tripled our size has to be one of them.

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July	1:00-3:00	Fire Department
August	1:00-3:00	Community Center
September	1:00-3:00	Community Center
October	1:00-3:00	Fire Department
November	1:00-3:00	Community Center
December	1:00-3:00	Community Center

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PLANES MY FATHER FLEW by Jeff Maples

In the year 1956, my father (Billy G Maples) left the USAF to begin his career in commercial aviation. I'm going to jump to 1961 (which is translated into skipping the other planes he flew that I have not built yet), when dad was with United Airlines and would be until he retired.

His first assignment with United was as a co-pilot on the fairly new French built Se-210 or otherwise known as La Caravelle. The Caravelle was a popular late 1950's twin engine (mounted on the tail) luxury commercial aircraft where the passengers boarded the plane from a staircase at the tail. Ooh La La.

So, the model I chose to build to honor my father's aircraft legacy was the MisterCraft 1:144 Se-210 with United Airlines decals. Now, there are a number of other kits out there of the 210, however, I am trying to keep all of Billy's commercial jet planes at a 1:144 scale. This will be harder for the prop planes; but what can you do?

I should start off stating that I began this build in mid-2021 (2 years ago) and to remember my state of mind back then is hard as I don't remember what I did yesterday. I will say when I started, I didn't want to mask all 30 small (1:144 scaled) windows.

So, I tried a different technique I read about in Fine Scale Magazine (Aaron Skinner) where you spray the two halves of the fuselage with white primer (Tamiya), top white final coats (Testors rattle-can dull white), and metallic bottom (Alclad II Aircraft Aluminum). {Footnote: use dull white as it adheres better on



(Above) One of the actual Caravelles on the ramp and being loaded. It was a simpler time for air travel . . . especially during good weather.

(below) Comparing Jeff's build to the real thing. Not Bad Jeff, you only missed the aircraft number by one.



the sharp edges like a rudder. The final coats of Clear Gloss will get rid of the dull finish}. Then glue in rows of clear plastic windows into the inside of the fuselage halves. This way... No Masking. Now, glue the halves together and tape off the seams running on top and bottom of the now completed fuselage, apply your putty to fill seams, sand smooth, and finally spray your white stripe.

In a perfect world, this would have worked for me like it did for Mr.

Skinner, however, what I didn't do first was to make sure everything fit perfectly AND I should not have sprayed the metallic belly on both separate fuselage halves.

Now, I have a bi-colored sprayed fuselage with much work still to be done to make it look good. By the time I finished filling and sanding, I had marred the metal Alclad II finish. At this time I also realized I had painted the port nacelle and the star-

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board nacelle the same which means one engine was correct with white on top and metallic on bottom BUT the other one (when put in position) was metallic on top and white on bottom.

Still, I persevered and thought I should test the decals as they are original and around 20 years old. Other than the United decals, I was supplied with Scandinavian Airlines, too. So, I took a few of the SAS decals and popped them into some warm water and POOF!...they completely disintegrated. Ugh!

I am now at both the end of the year (December 2021) and my rope. DownEastCon 2022 is only 7 months away and I have projects to work on for that contest. So, the MisterCraft Se-210 is taxied to the Shelf-of-Shame where it will stay tied-down for 8 months.

Okay, DEC is over and I'm looking for a new project and as I pull a kit out of my stash; guess what goes

(below) The tail with the loading ramp extended. Brings back memories of pre-Jetway days when passengers & crew had to actually walk from the concourse to the aircraft, on the ramp, through weather, to get to the airplane.



(Above) The horizontal tailplane rather impacts on the United tail livery but all in all she is a very graceful design.

crashing to the ground but the Caravelle. Thank you Modeling Gods, as I was ready to re-examine this fiasco.

By chance and a few months earlier, a fellow builder in the Eagle Squadron was giving away packets of Bare Metal Foil in all different colors. It just so happened, I never filed the packets away and thought, "Instead of re-masking the metallic scuffed belly; what if I cover up the scratches with different colored patches of Bare

Metal Foil." I cut them like an aircraft's panels and put them in position where needed and, what do you know?...it looked great.

I then masked off the (now better looking) belly plus used Micro Mask (the gel) to cover the windows (YES! After all this avoidance of having to mask 30 windows, here I am doing just that) before putting on a light coat of final white which had been lightly sanded to get smooth again.

I now had a renewed enthusiasm for the build and quickly fixed the one engine nacelle to white on top/metallic on bottom, sprayed the wings a variety of Alclad II metal colors, and basically finished painting and all the fiddly bits. I filled in any seams that needed help and used a Molotow Silver Marker (bought at Hobby Lobby) to paint over the seams I filled. Again, this added to the interesting variety of metallic colors without being to Patch-Work Quilt looking.

Now, the moment of truth...the decals. I knew what came in the box would not work UNLESS I sprayed a few more coats of Testors Clear Gloss Lacquer (a bonding agent for
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the dye). With this done, again I used SAS decals and 'Lo and Behold' the decals did not dissolve. Phew! But (confession time) that was only on the small decals. The large blue United stripe that goes from bow to stern/port and starboard was too long to hold together. I decided if I was to finish this model I would have to paint the blue stripes. Well, the windows were still masked, so let's go for it.

I knew from other United kit builds that Testors Dark Blue was an almost perfect match for their corporate color and that was easy to attain. I masked off both sides and the nose with Tamiya tape and then decanted the Dark Blue into a small bottle so I could airbrush the paint on. I did not trust a wide spray from the rattle can for such a thin line. Jumping to the end, the blue stripes turned out great and I was very pleased.

(below) *The belly of the beast, er, fine example of French aviation design showing Jeff's new bare metal technique described in detail in the article.*



All the other small decals stayed in one piece and though the wing 'No Walk' stencil decals broke up a little bit, I could use them along with using a black Sharpie to fill in the breaks.

The next to last thing to do was apply the thin (very thin) gold strip that divides the body color white and the bare metal belly. Again, I went to my new Bare Metal Foil gold color and very carefully cut a thin strip in sections 2" to 3" long. I slowly applied each strip and, with my eye, pressed them down parallel to the blue stripe. The nose was done with much shorter strips due to the quick curve.

The gear had not been glued on yet knowing I would spray several coats of Gloss Lacquer to give the plane a nice shiny professional look. Once dried, all the gear and antennae were glued on, and I could finally call it done.

The end of the story is really this... I had decided that this particular

model would go to my great nephew Alex, and I would build another Caravelle for myself to display with my other 'Dad's Planes' but do it a little differently and more carefully. I already have a new MisterCraft kit ready for assembly.

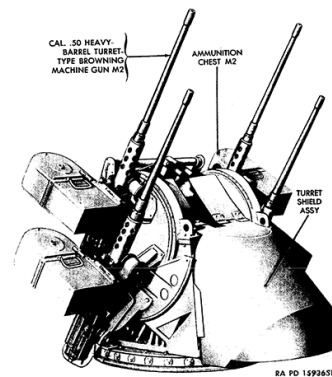
But until I give it to Alex, I made all the rounds to my models clubs showing off the finally finished Shelf-of-Shame model and going through all the above horror stories.

As I look at the model now, sitting on the table next to my computer, I realize for the first time (and after all of the showings)...I never took the Micro Mask off the 30 windows.

Oh, Jeez! Will this build never end!? ■
-Jeff Maples

(editor's note: We noticed that, Jeff.
Yes, we ALL noticed that, at every single meeting)

Interesting Modeling Tid-Bit (AKA Graphic Design Gap Filler)



For those armor builders with a desire to build an M16 or the trailer mounted M45 quad .50 cal gun mount, here is an item they should find of interest. It's a .pdf file that you can save to your computer with more information on the gun and mount than you could ever possibly want to know.

<https://www.vietnam.net.pl/M45quad.pdf> ■

-editor

ECPM Proudly Presents the DownEastCon 2024 Theme:

K*O*R*A

THE FORGOTTEN CONFLICT

**Anything used during the time
of America's participation
in the "Police Action"**

June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953

**20 July, 2024
Rules and
details
coming
soon!!**

SPECIAL ADDITIONAL ATTRACTION!

Join us in celebrating the
55th anniversary of the
Apollo11 landing on the Moon with our

"Technology in the Era of the Space Race"

Special contest.

Show us your very best "Real Space" build:
from the Space Race period,
from the first man in space, 12 April, 1961,
to the first man on the Moon 20 July, 1969,

Works in Progress . . .

Santa Fe Railroad Car Float

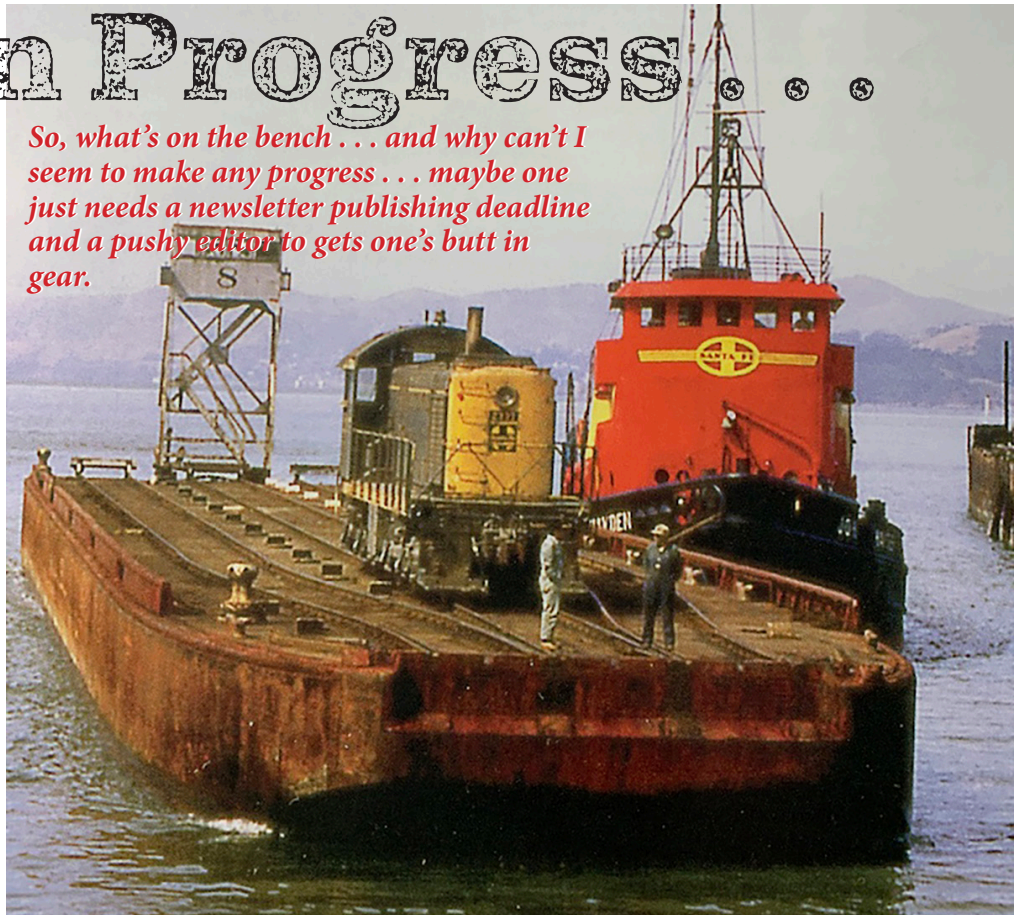
This effort mixes two areas of modeling into one model. Both model railroading and maritime modeling skills will go into this model, as well as some scratch-building to add an extra challenge. Railroad car floats operate where a body of water is easier to transit than going around via land and bridges. Anyone growing up in the New York harbor area would see many railroad cars being moved across the harbor from New York to New Jersey or the other way. Mine represents operations across San Francisco Bay that moved cars from the Santa Fe in San Francisco to the Northwestern Pacific terminal at Tiburon. The basis for this build is the Walthers Railroad Carfloat in HO scale or 1:87.

The Santa Fe arrived in the bay area in 1900 and established themselves on the peninsula that holds San Francisco, but all the traffic needed to get to north and east side of the bay . . . all controlled by the Southern Pacific, so water travel was their only option. Operations across the bay started in 1900 and went on for 84 years . . . the last railroad to carry on operations in the across the bay.

The model is based on a prototype eastern railroad car float, though I found few pictures of one with the ribs on the side as featured on the model. The Santa Fe car floats did not have ribs on their sides, so one of my first steps was to cut all those ribs off. NO FUN! This was followed by some sanding and filling, lots of filling and sanding . . . you get the idea.

Assembling of the main body is fairly simple . . . at least the instructions lead one to believe this is true . . . but, naturally, it did not what to go together perfectly per the instructions. First off, I didn't want to use the full
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So, what's on the bench . . . and why can't I seem to make any progress . . . maybe one just needs a newsletter publishing deadline and a pushy editor to gets one's butt in gear.



(above) The actual item looking all properly rusty and nautical like. Work units, like this, can certainly stretch your weathering skills

(above and right) Woodwork, actual, real pieces of wood, not plastic, just like in the olden days of scale model building. By gum, looking at these pictures brings back memories of models I never built. (Side rail being fabricated by hand. Jolly well done, Dennis)



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length (the model allows leaving out one of three sections to shorten the model), and to shorten it to the length I wanted meant cutting a section out of a number of pieces and then assembling the model . . . not understanding how the model was supposed to fit together (those damn basic instructions) I messed up a few places that required some fiddling around with an Xacto blade, adding glue and clamping it here and there.

The major change for the top part (the place where the rails will go) was the cutting off of the track end bumpers that don't match the Santa Fe prototype. If you look at the picture, you will see that I will have to scratch-build a tower for the end of the car float and make my own track stops. The picture also shows a tug boat, which I will also have to model . . . Walthers offers one (which I have), but it is also based on an eastern railroad prototype, so I will have to figure out how to modify it to match a bit closer to the Santa Fe prototype.

At this point I have finished the assembly of the car float and painted the sides and top surface. It was interesting how the paint on top came out. I used Krylon rattle can primer for both the sides and the top surface. What happened on the top was I was using an almost finished can out in the cold garage and even though I heated the can up in some hot water, it just didn't spray out correctly. I grabbed another can to give it another coat after the first coat had dried, but in the end, it looked rough and nasty. But the good news (and sometimes fortunate accidents help) is that the top surface of the prototype car floats has an asphalt surface, so with some weathering, I think it will turn out just fine.

I finally added the fenders to the sides of the car float, made from HO scale rubber tires, painted Rubber

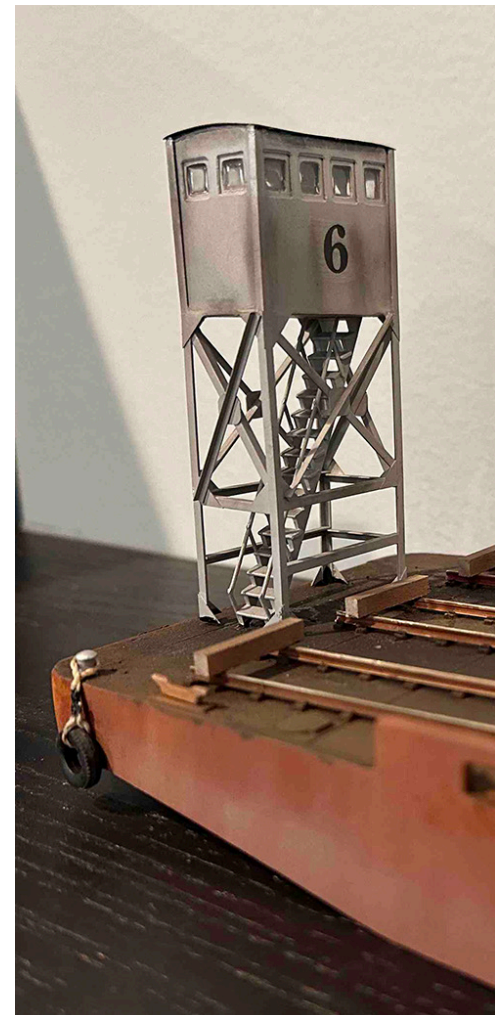


(above) Overall length of the model is impressive coming in at XX inches in 1/87 scale

(below, right) The control tower, (conning tower might have been more correct but too submariny sounding.

Black with some added rope to tie them on to the car float. Now it was time to start some scratch-building of the structure that rides on the rear of the Santa Fe car floats. (Insert long building pause in here, as I got busy working on other models and needed to get fired up again to start the scratch-building phase of this model) Having no drawings, I had to fake all the dimensions and draw up my own plans to use as a guide. Making the framing from Evergreen angle pieces was not difficult and I soon had the framework done. The housing that rides on top should have been simple enough. Four sides with some window cutouts, but I soon found that they did not appear to use any standard framing, thus eliminating the use of aftermarket windows, and instead just appeared to have an inset window frame. So it took me at least four attempts at various ways to make up the sides of this structure with window framing before I was reasonably happy . . . never fully satisfied.

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Finally figured it out, put it all together and during the Tuesday night Zoom build proceeded to fit a roof onto the structure. **Wait** I forgot to put in the large helm wheel that goes inside . . . it would appear an operator actually helped position the car float through some kind of rudder system (don't ask, I don't know). Lucky for me, I had only glued one edge of the roof on and was able to sneak the helm wheel inside. Glue the roof down. **Oh shit!** And the group heard my realization come in a flash that I had forgotten to put the window glazing inside the structure. So off comes the roof and in goes the window glazing and then some UV epoxy on top of that and it was time to put the roof back on. It never fits the same way the second time . . . disappointed, but living with it. **Done!** ■

-Dennis Korn



(above) The length of Debbis' build is certainly impressive, especially from this angle. I think he's nailed the weathering too,

Know Your Kit Kontest!

Rule 1. To win the contest prize you must be a current ECPM chapter member.

Rule 2. At the start of the contest we upload a new contest image section here and on our award winning website. The image is a one (1) inch square clipping of a popular plastic model kit box top art. We will keep adding a section until someone can I.D. the art or the contest ends.

Rule 3. The kit can be of anything, airplane, armor, ship, Sci-Fi, monster anything.

Rule 4. Identify the subject *and* the kit manufacturer and upload your answer onto our

Award Winning Website!
<https://www.ecpmod.com/chapter-business.html>

Rule 5. First correct answer on our ECPM website wins your choice of one KITMASX* pre-die cut masks that you pick out at the next ECPM meeting. (kitmasx.com) You must be present to receive your prize. If you cannot attend the next meeting, we will hold your choice until we see you again.

Rule 6. If no winning entry has been submitted by the publication of the 5th section the contest will be voided.



Section one, June



Section two, July

HOBBY CHEST

SINCE 1992

It's like an old fashioned hobby shop . . .
(only still open and doing fine.)

As most of model builders we all have fond memories of going downtown on Saturday to spend our allowance (or our hard-earned money from cutting grass, cleaning out gutters or collecting bottles that paid \$0.2 cents per bottle.

Our first stop was the window of our local hobby shop to foam at the mouth at all the items on display which mainly was model planes, and boats.

I remember the old Sterling Ringmaster U-control airplanes, and Ideal model boats ranging from WWII boats to the fantastic model of the United States Liner with die cast life boats, stacks and a solid balsa hull, that was a whopping \$6.95.

Later, Sterling came out with the American Scout, a C-2 type Cargo Freighter which was about 42 inches long, all balsa but was radio-control adaptable with a electric or gas motor! My memory of that was getting my parents to buy this kit for me as my Christmas. My contract was I would save as much money as I could and they would make up the difference when it came to buy Christmas.

I could not wait to open up Christmas and would always sneak in the closet when they were gone and unwrap the kit and just gaze at the parts, and let my imagination run wild when it was time to really dig into the kit at Christmas!

Well now, Sterling had a market for creating big models and the next one they came out was the Battleship Missouri which you might as well just put me in an insane lockup because how on earth was I going to be able to afford a \$ 14.95 kit plus the glue and paint which would have topped over \$16.00 after all was said and done.

N.C. State (Raleigh, N.C.) was getting ready to kick off their football games, and I remember talking to one of my eight grade class mates on how Was I going to buy that model. He suggested I could make a lot of money by working the football stands during the home games. I was the second in line each time they had a home game and in late November, marched down to my hobby shop and bought the kit with my money



all by myself. I vaguely remember my mom suggesting I should buy clothes with all that loot!

Now here is the main body of the story. Over the years now that computers, E-bay, and Amazon have captured the market for kits and supplies, most of our beloved hobby shops have simply gone out of business due to so many more options to choose from the comfort of your home. (I am no different. Several years ago, I went on line and bought both the American Scout and the Missouri but I can tell you it was sticker shock on the purchases but it made me feel younger and going back to my child hood as well. You can never can have enough models, am I right?)

Now that we have settled back here in eastern N.C. there is one last hobby shop left and going strong!

Meet the Hobby Chest in Jacksonville, N.C., mid way between New Bern and Wilmington and which is well worth a visit. Daniel Leung has been in business since 1992.

Born in Hong Kong in 1958 and growing up there, he made it to Hawaii and attended college, and from there went to the mainland and settled in Jacksonville N.C., area and is still going strong.

This man is very knowledgeable on just about anything or question you may have regarding planes, boats, cars and R/C controls, not to mention the wargaming business he has.

Daniel always has a smile on his face, and his desire is to help modelers in any way he can. It is always a pleasure to go down and visit.

He can order anything that the big online markets can provide from any model manufacturing company and without the added shipping charges, he is able to offer competitive prices on just about any item. You may not find exactly what you went to purchase, but he can always suggest an alternate if it is paint, glue or fittings you may be looking for.

Among other services, the Jacksonville Model Club meets there every third Wednesday night at seven o'clock.

I am very happy to support Daniel, and you will almost always see his advertisement at the end of this newsletter each and every month.

I would encourage each one of you to take a road trip with your list of needed supplies and visit Daniel.

This pictures give you that old feeling of visiting the hobby shops of our youth, the brick and mortar places filled with excitement and the promise of great fun as soon as we could get that new kit home and build it.

But it's more fun to actually get the full experience by walking in the front door and saying,

"Hello Mr. Dan." ■

-Jim Gower

Some recent news in the military modeling world.



Good news first, Milicast Models (www.milicast.com) of Scotland, including Aleron Decals, have put out a newsletter after an absence and seem to be in full swing. They are refreshing their ranges. For those unfamiliar, they do "Braille Scale" resin military & figures, in 1/72 or 1/76, and are quite good in that scale. The subjects are mostly Commonwealth/British. I have a small number of them and I quite enjoy them; they are much better

than the injection molded 1/72 kits, IMO, although they take more work.

But, on the bad news side, two long time aftermarket firms, both of which are small shops, have decided to call it quits after 20-30-some years as their owners retire. Look on their websites for any shop closing sales and better info on the future of their product lines.

First is Friumodel (www.friulmodel.hu), maker of 1/35 metal tracksets. I will be sorry to see them go – although I am not a frequent tracked vehicle builder, the first thing I do is get a set of Friul track. Will Lanier, past ECPM member, and I used to sit in meetings and compare notes on working with Friul tracks – while everyone else was using rubber-band tracks.

Last is Resicast (and GBS) (<https://resicast.com/eshop>), based in Belgium, maker of Commonwealth

WW1 and WW2 1/35 resin kits of exquisite accuracy and design – armor, softskins, artillery, figures, the whole range – stuff you'll rarely see from the mainstream folks or at least not as well done. I have dealt with them for years - they are my favorite manufacturer and just good folks to chat with. This is really a tough one, but fortunately I have a stash.

I have always been a WW1 fan and these guys got me into horse-drawn artillery of all sizes and all sorts of other things – I will miss them. ■

-John Ratzenberger



THANKS

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I'm also certain that the fact so many of our members contribute in ways other than merely building models and showing them.

For instance, the turn out and hard work all you guys did in producing DownEastCon 2022, a show described by one visitor as a "well oiled machine" certainly helped. The fact is *this chapter* won this award and I am intensely proud of this group.

Along with that honor comes several other awards.

For the second year in a row our website, www.ecpmod.com, has taken the regional award. There is good reason for this one, too. It takes excellent management and maintenance as well as the

design and Jeff Maples has shown exceptional skill in managing to steer us to a second Region 12 Website of the Year gold.

And, as if that isn't enough, Jeff also proofreads this newsletter.

Thank you Jeff.

Region 12 Newsletter of the Year was also honored. Here's a big thank you to everyone who contributed articles and photos. Everyone of you who contributed to the paper, contributed to the win. Well done, guys.

One of the things that sets us apart is the fact that our newsletter is not one member writing about what's happening with the group. To date, we have published articles by at least 10 active members and one guest writer, (from Australia, no less), which gives our publication a far broader perspective on the hobby.

We have nearly a magazine outlook on reporting and this is shown by the fact that we have readers on the other side of the globe in Okinawa as well as Oz.

We have more non-members who subscribe to getting the newsletter emailed to them than members.

In addition, we did take one final award which makes it a clean sweep for our chapter. Thanks to you guys, and Mark Sandvigen writing an application that made me look better than I actually am, I was tagged as IPMS/USA Region 12 member of the year

Thank you ECPM.

So now that we swept the regional awards it's into the ring for the national awards. Good luck to us, guys. I'll keep you posted! ■

-Editor

Meeting Debrief

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Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: Marshall Smith gave us the monthly treasurer's report, our financial situation is still positive.

Upcoming IPMS and Non-IPMS

shows: Jeff Maples brought us up to date on upcoming regional shows and the August Nationals and reminded us that all the local and interstate contests were now posted. If anyone is interested in what is available, they are on the chapter Website and also listed on page 16 of this issue of the newsletter.

Discussion of the DEC theme votes:

The theme & sub theme were proposed, seconded, & approved. Our 2024 DownEastCon main theme will be The Korean War with a sub theme of Mankind's First Moon Landing. (see page 5 for further details.)

KNOW YOUR KIT contest update:

Our winner, William Reece, was congratulated and received his prize of a 1/48 scale TBF painting mask from Kit Masx. The model kit was identified as a 1/72 Hasegawa Ki-84. Well done William.

Note: The new contest is live, folks, who'll win next?

Tuesday evening ZOOM build report:

Jeff mentioned that if it was not for the Zoom build, 2-hour window, he and others would not be getting any modeling done. He encouraged members, if they want to participate, to send him an email and he will send them the Zoom invite.

Alternate Art ECPM Work: Crawford Wilson III, president of our sister IPMS chapter in Raleigh, (Eagle Squadron), had submitted a design for a logo for us. Looks great and will be used to promote our chapter in various ways. Thank you Crawford.

Also, Melissa Huett showed around an ECPM branded coaster she can produce at home along with other

branded chapter merchandize. This is something I think who's time has come.

The ECPM Display Case:

Mark Gray had two figures he had finished somewhat earlier. They are a mix from several DML figure kits from the 80s.

One is an AFV crewman, the other a infantryman both in the Woodland camo pattern commonly used in those days

Robert Brackin showed a beautiful diorama of a group of Roman soldiers working a catapult. He also showed and discussed some of the techniques he used in creating the terrain for his figures.

Rodney Huyett brought in a pair of Gundams, OZ-06MS and a YSM-15 GYAN both in 1/144 scale. Even in 1/144 they are impressive constructs.

Dale Hansen displayed a Hasegawa 1/48 A4M Skyhawk which he is embarking on. Dale piloted a number of aircraft and is starting to build scale models of them all.

Chuck Colucci wrapped up his collection of German Panzers, light armor this time. Two Mk-1s, a Mk-2, a Czech 38t and his first small diorama. These builds will be the subject of an upcoming article in next month's newsletter.

Jim Harriett is finalizing his bulldozer. It's a Caterpillar D7 (angled blade) Tractor by MiniArt in 1/35 scale. Jim says the parts count is 726 parts! He did a D-Day paint scheme and markings so there is very little weathering.

William Reese brought in fuselage and then glue the bottom wing sections on.

Richard Adams showed his beautiful 1/72 RS kit of a Hawk II on floats. He fully rigged it and hand painted an amazing color scheme, what a delight. He even sculpted a pilot figure complete with billowing scarf!

Alan Welch brought in an earlier build he had reworked slightly. The 1/72 Hasegawa P-47 "Jug" is a beautiful kit but, as built, Alan had misaligned the landing gear. This time he got it righter, he says.

Alan also showed a new, and as of yet unused, airbrush bought during "prime time" from a nameless online marketer. It's a neoeco and looks to be quite good. (It has the William Reece seal of approval)

Jeff Maples brought in a PM Models 1/72 SNB - 4/5 Benibato. This is a Japanese version of the classic Beechcraft-18 and in this case a JMSDF training craft.

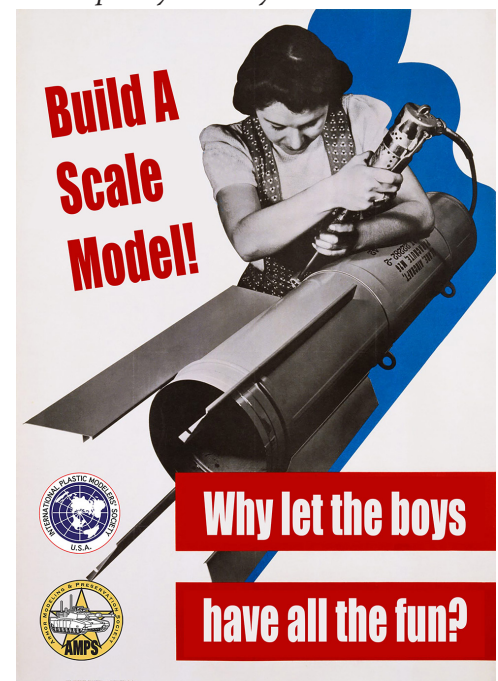
David Mohr showed us *mohr* of his amazing luck in resale shops with a pair of Roden 1/32 WW-I aero engines. And when I say luck, one of them can be adapted for a model he is currently building. He also generously donated a custom hand built ship base he no longer has use for.

Thanks David.

All in all a great meeting. ■

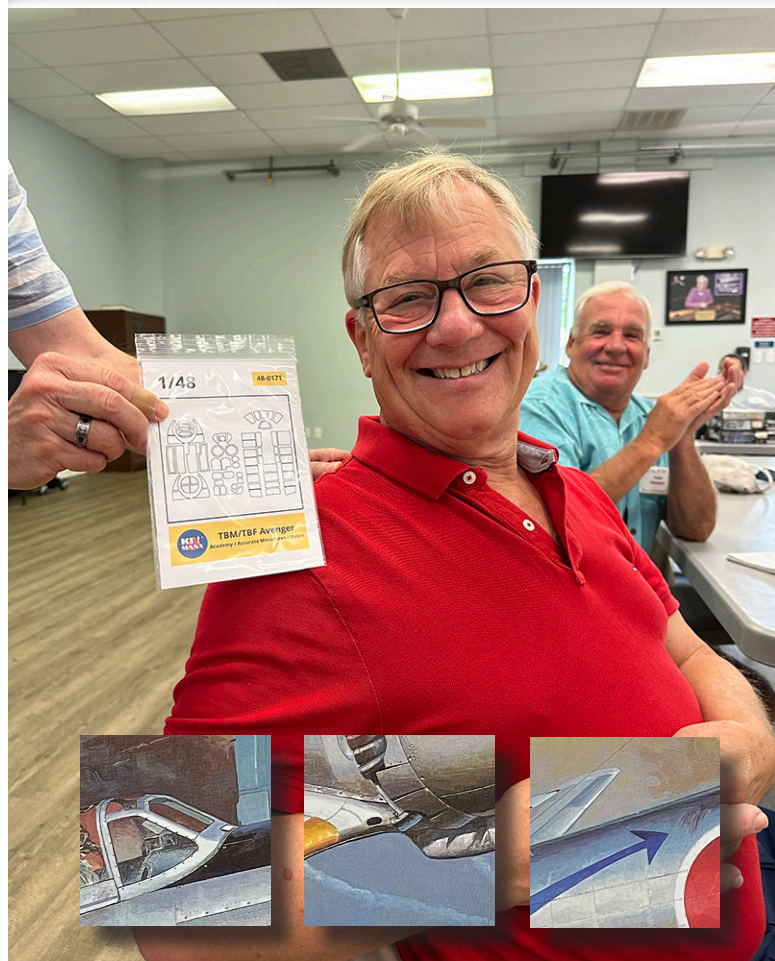
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Don't use a big word when a singularly unloquacious and diminutive linguistic expression will satisfactorily accomplish the contemporary necessity.



E.C.P.M. DISPLAY CASE

ART: CAROL PEARL



(above) William Reece beams after winning our first, Know Your Kit Kontest by correctly identifying a Hasegawa 1/72 Ki-84 Frank kit from the three 1 inch square pieces of cover art.



(above) The tank that started it all, built as a training vehicle, taken to war and modified for many other uses the Mk-1(B model here) certainly look less than impressive when viewed in context. But once they were feared.

(right) David Mohr's luck at resale shops. The two Roden aero engines look like really interesting kits and there is at least a half dozen available.

The lovely ship base was no longer needed in the Mohr household but I can assure readers that it certainly went to a loving home.





(top) A new project for Chuck Colucci and one that has no tracks is this Pibber. It will be interesting to see what the armor guy does with a boat.

(above) This 1/72 RS kit of a Hawk II was beautifully assembled by Richard Adams and hand painted. It builds up into a great model in skilled hands like Richard's.

(right) Robert Bracken continues to impress us with his figure production. Robert uses craft paints, mostly, and seems to have mastered this media. He also spoke on what he uses for his excellent terrain.



(above) Another of Chuck's panzers but this time one that was not of German origin. The Czech 38t was the best of the appropriated vehicles the Reich inherited when they annexed Czechoslovakia before the war started and these tanks were a welcome reinforcement to the armored forces and a useful chassis for many other developments.



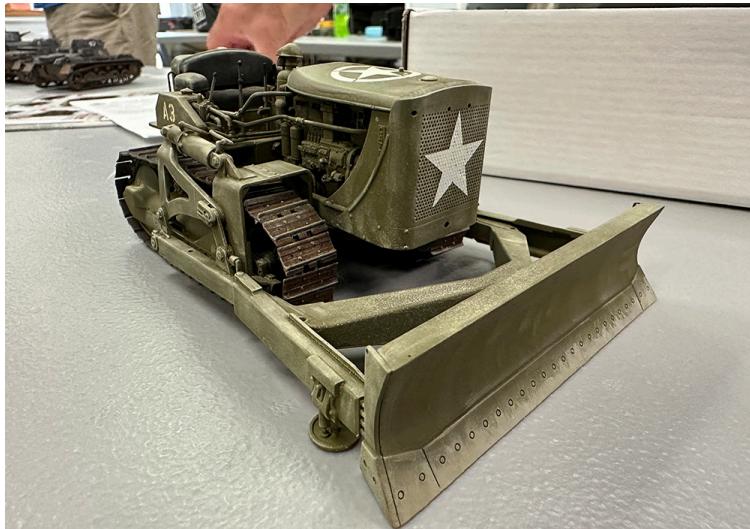
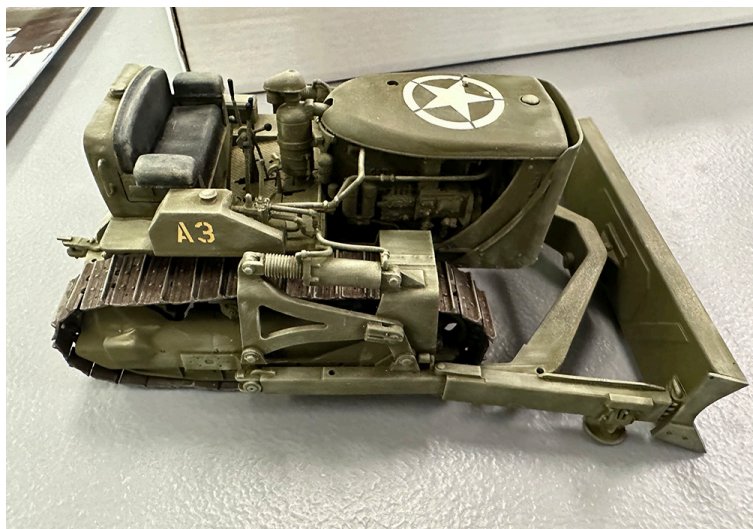


(above) Mark Gray and his two figures. Mark is best known for largebuilds that take up a lot of table space so these were somewhat of a surprise.



(above) Chuck Colucci's first diorama. He puts it as a small one but then how much space do you really need for a Mk-1 Panzer? The motorcycle is from another kit.

(below) Jim Harriett's Caterpillar D-7 on the beach at D-Day. GEEZ, they were drafting everybody those days. Frankly, I think it looks better in OD that the normal yellow but that's just me.



(below) Jim did a beautiful job of this build even though he claims the complicated nature of the kit put it above his pay grade I think he did a masterful job. (And so does the rest of the chapter)

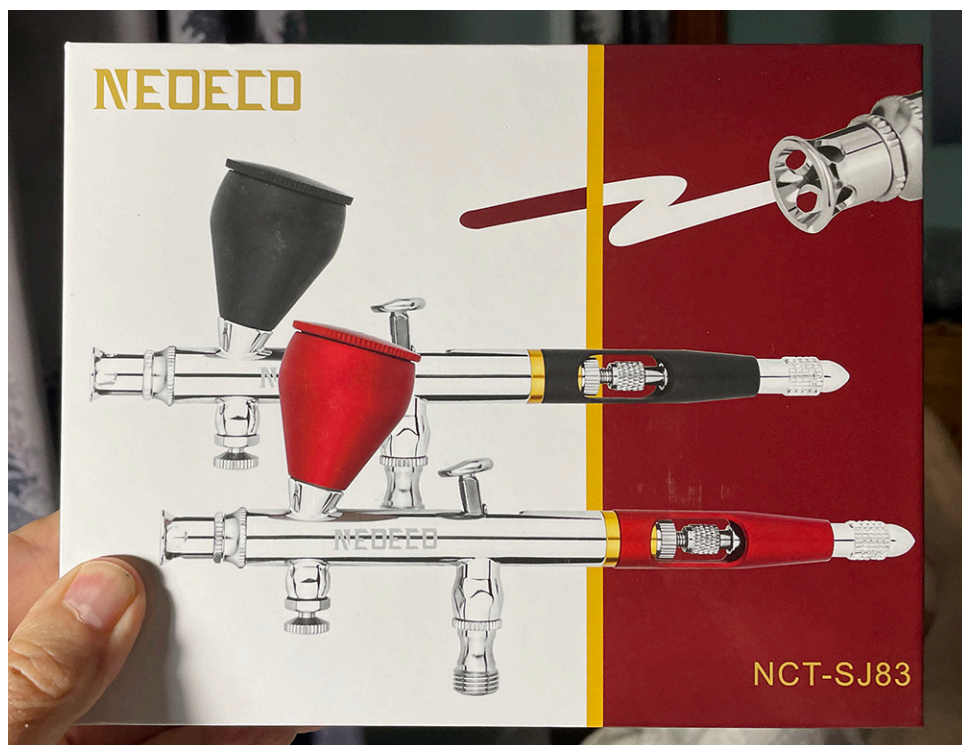


(above) Mark hand painted these which was tricky but turned out ok using all Tamiys FS paint numbers. These and a few others are bound for future modern armor dioramas.e.

(right) Boys and their toys. (Oh, but what GREAT toys!)



(top) And speaking of toys here is Al's newest, direct from somewhere in the far east, a new NEOECO airbrush. Despite the marketing box top there is only one airbrush in the box but it does come with three (3) tips and needles as well as three paint cup one of which could hold enough color to paint a family sedan. lol!!



(right) Discussion and explanation at the display table. Having all the models on the center table, (Jeff Maples' idea), gives everyone a chance to see the detail, rub elbows with fellow chapter members and stand for a while, always a good cardio event. (wink, wink)



(below) This Gundum is a YSM-15 GYAN. It is a Zeon prototype close-combat mobile suit. 1/144th scale. It would be 19.9 meters tall and total weight is 68.6 tons. Armaments include a beam Saber, missile shield, needle missile and hide bomb. Initial build took about 6 hours. Easy assembly. Great starter kit.



(below) These kits are 2 variations of an OZ-06MS LEO. They were a mass produced mobile suit. One is equipped with a 105mm rifle and shield. The second one is equipped with a beam saber and shield. The kits are easy to build and the pieces fit together great. About a 6 hour build.





(above) Jeff Maple's Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force SNB - 4/5 Benibato. Its a 1/72 build that fits better on his shelf. I have to say the red and white sure make it stand out.



(above) Another shot of Jim Harriett's magnificent bull dozer, this time with the hood removed to display the engine. Did I mention that kit had over 700 parts!

(right) Al's reworked P-47 Thunderbolt. It's a great kit to build even if it takes you to decal hell for a time. The decals work fine and lay down well, even on the cowling. But in order to do so they come in many pieces.



Region 12 Listing

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

Charlotte Scale Modelers

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

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Coastal Carolina Modelers Association

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

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coastal_carolina@ipmsusa.org

Eagle Squadron

General Meeting Times: 2nd Sunday at 1:00pm-3:00 pm at the American Legion Post 116 in Fuquay Varina & an Informal Build Night, Hangar 18 Hobbies in Cary the last Wednesday of each month from 6pm-8pm.

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https://www.facebook.com/IPMS_EagleSquadron

Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers

Meeting Times: 3rd Saturday of the month, 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Fairfield Harbor Fire Station, 585 Broadcreek Road, New Bern, NC 28560

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eastern_carolina@ipmsusa.org

Gamecocks

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

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Gaston County Model Builders

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

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Zoom meeting also available at same time, email to: dlw6290@hotmail.com

George Preddy

Meeting Times: 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Sarah's Kabob Shop- 5340 W. Market St. Greensboro, NC

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george_preddy@ipmsusa.org

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

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

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Lafayette Scale Modelers

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

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Mid Carolina Swamp Fox

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

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Mooreville/Race City Modelers

Meeting Times: 3rd Sunday of the

month, 2pm to 5pm, at Fast Trax Raceway & Hobby, 1-50 Ostwalt Amity Rd, Troutman, NC, 28166

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Piedmont Scale Modelers

Meeting Times: 2nd Saturday of the month at 10am-4pm at the Greenville Military History Center of the Carolinas at 14 Airport Road Ext. Greenville, SC

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Scale Modelers of Rowan County

Meeting Times: 1st Sunday of every month at 1pm-4pm and the third Friday of every month at 6pm to 9pm At Christiana Lutheran Church on HWY 52 in Salisbury, NC

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Spartanburg Scale Modelers

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

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Winston-Salem

Meeting Times: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7PM; Southfork Community Center 4403 Country Club Road Winston-Salem, NC

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A Message from Charlotte and Gaston County

Greetings fellow modelers,

We would like to invite you to the 2023 IPMS Region 12 Regional Contest hosted by Charlotte Scale Modelers and Gaston County Model Builders on Saturday, November 4, 2023.

The venue is at the Gaston County Citizens Resource Center, 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy, Dallas NC 28034. Some of you might have attended the successful Regional Contest held there in 2017.

We very much hope you'll mark us down on your calendars and come out to participate in what we hope will be a great show.

We will also be providing additional spaces for those who only want to display their work and not compete in the contest. A great way to share your craft and provide inspiration to other builders.

Attached is a copy of our contest flyer, contest categories, and a sample entry form. Please there will be a correction to the categories with the addition of 46A. Automobiles 1/9 & Larger.

As you see our main theme is "All Things RECCE", which can encompass anything reconnaissance or exploration, land, sea, air, or space, and even Sci-Fi. Additional themes are "All Things Great & Small", simply put we'll judge the best very large scale model and the very small scale model. Lastly, we have the "Last Decade of Real Cars - 1960-1969"

As with any contest we'd love to have contest category trophy sponsors. We haven't set a fee, we're only asking for a donation in whatever amount a club or individual can afford. Contact any of us listed below if interested.

We will be posting updated information about the contest, judging rules, sponsors, vendors, raffles, registration, and model entry forms. We will also be putting together a list of amenities to include area hotels for those wanting to spend the night. This information will be on our Facebook page:
<https://m.facebook.com/100067006667600/>

and our Internet site:

<http://ipmscharlotte.org>.
Our webpage is currently down undergoing major work and upgrades. Please be patient.

These links can also be found on the Events page of the IPMS-USA website.

Hope you all can make the trip to see us.

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San Marcos Texas

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UAW 3520 Hall Gym
2290 Salisbury Highway (Hwy 70)
Statesville, NC 28677

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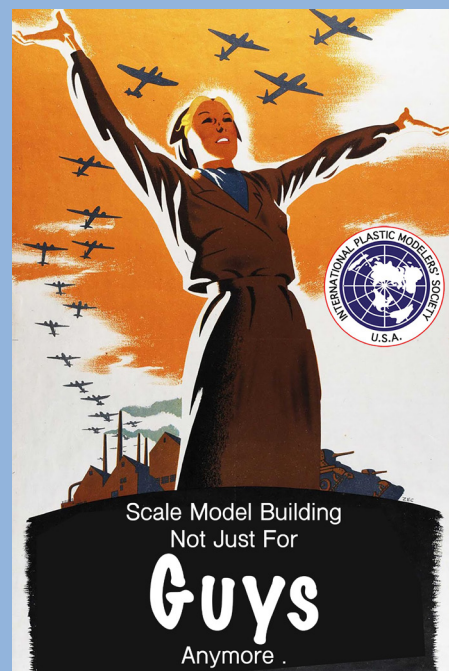
Region 12 Convention and Contest

IPMS Race City

November 4, 2023

1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy,
Dallas, NC, 28034

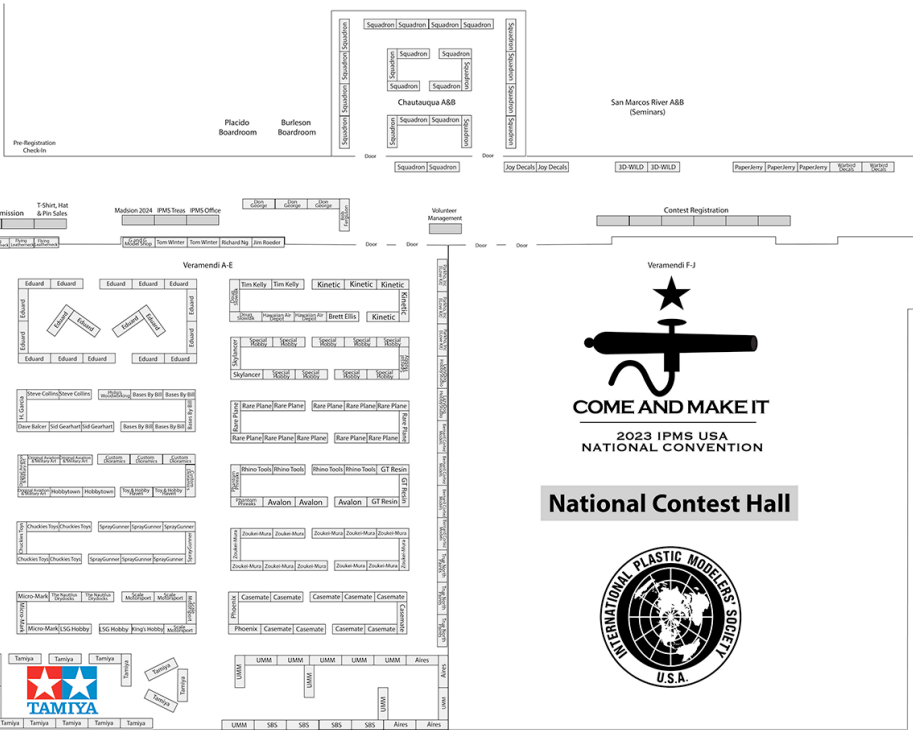
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Region 12 Chapters

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

Carolina Maritime Model Society

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

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

Jacksonville NC Plastic Modelers

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

New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild.

Meeting location: 12 noon the second Saturday of each month at 604 Guion St., New Bern, N. For up to date info on their meetings: <https://www.facebook.com/nbmmgnc>

Wilmington, NC Plastic Modelers

meeting times: 2pm-4:30pm the 1st Saturday of each month. Meetings are held at the New Hanover County Public Library, Osprey room, 3802 S. College Rd. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/117277425006833>

This is the best up to date info we have on the scale model clubs in our region. Should you find an error or omission please contact the editor of this publication.



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www.ecpmod.com/newsletters.html

Editor's Notes:

Greetings chapter members,

Another fine meeting even if we had a bit of confusion as to where it was to happen. First we were evicted for the day and moved to the fire house. (Maybe some of the automotive model builders could have researched fire engines up close and personal like), then due to the other group's cancellation we got our space back.

But the Elephant in the room is the fact that this year we swept the Region 12 awards! Our region RC, Tim Kirkland, mentioned this was a first and I am going to lay it right on the line, this is due to the chapter members, the guys that stepped up and did the things that needed to be done. Tim tells me he believes in this chapter and so do I.

Tim gives you guys a big ol' "ATTA BOY!" To which I will add my own "Well done, ECPM, well done."

We moved ahead on plans for Down East Con 2024 and I feel the group is looking forward to it. Now it's time to start working up graphic designs as we welcome David Stiteler to the committee replacing Jeff Maples who is stepping down as Vendor Wrangler. Jeff has done a magnificent job and left his department in excellent shape for David to step into so we are looking ahead with confidence to the 2024 show.

Thank you again, Jeff. ■

-Editor

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 19, 2023, 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm at the Fairfield Harbor Fire Department, 585 Broad. Creek Rd. It will be a GROUP BUILD! Bring your new builds and any work-in-progress projects. And check your email, facebook page and ECPM website in case changes are made in time and/or date.

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