



ECPM - We Put It All Together.



Meeting Debriefing

- Dennis Korn

The June meeting became an impromptu building day, similar to the one we had last month, since both the President and Vice-President were both out of town on undisclosed business.

However, the loyal chapter member who DID attend were David Stiteler, David Mohr, William Reece, Rodney Huyett, Melissa, Richard Adams, Marshall Smith, Jim Harriett, Tim Ryan, Andy Fulcher, Greg Marchlinski, and Dennis Korn.

The first order of business was a motion to tar and feather the president for missing two meetings in a row, but since there was not a quorum present, the group decided

to wish him safe travels instead. So, let's get to what we're building:

David Stiteler brought an old kit, a Monogram F-100 Super Sabre, that had been started by a friend, oh so many years ago, but has been languishing in a box for decades. I will let David share the full story of this kit in his "Confessions of a Closet Modeler" column in this issue of the newsletter.

David Mohr, our resident raffle Meister, shared his I(heart)Kit of the SPAD S.XIII in 1/24 scale. The kit comes with a fret of photo-etch, but Dave says it is the first "curbside" plane he has ever built, since there

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June	1:00-3:00	Community Center
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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Arma P-51 Mustang, Cadillac of the air!

The P-51 D is an icon of the war. It roamed the skies of Europe and, eventually, dominated the air war wherever it served. It's silhouette was known from the Channel to the Eastern front and from North Africa to Norway. And it's presence was either the most dreaded or most welcome sight of the air war.

But, before there was the "D", there was the "B" and the "C".

I had been eying the spiffy Arma Hobbies P-51B/C for some time. I already had several of Airfix's lovely "D", model, but the B - ah, the B was different. So with a hint from Jeff, Santa, helped by my wife, delivered one for Christmas, and an "expert" series at that. (Thanks again, Honey)

My first reaction on sliding the plastic bags out of the box was "My, that sure is pretty." And true enough, she sure is pretty. The box holds 2 gray plastic sprues and one of clear plastic, an extensive sheet of decals, a little fret of photo etch and a small laser cut painting mask. Sweet.

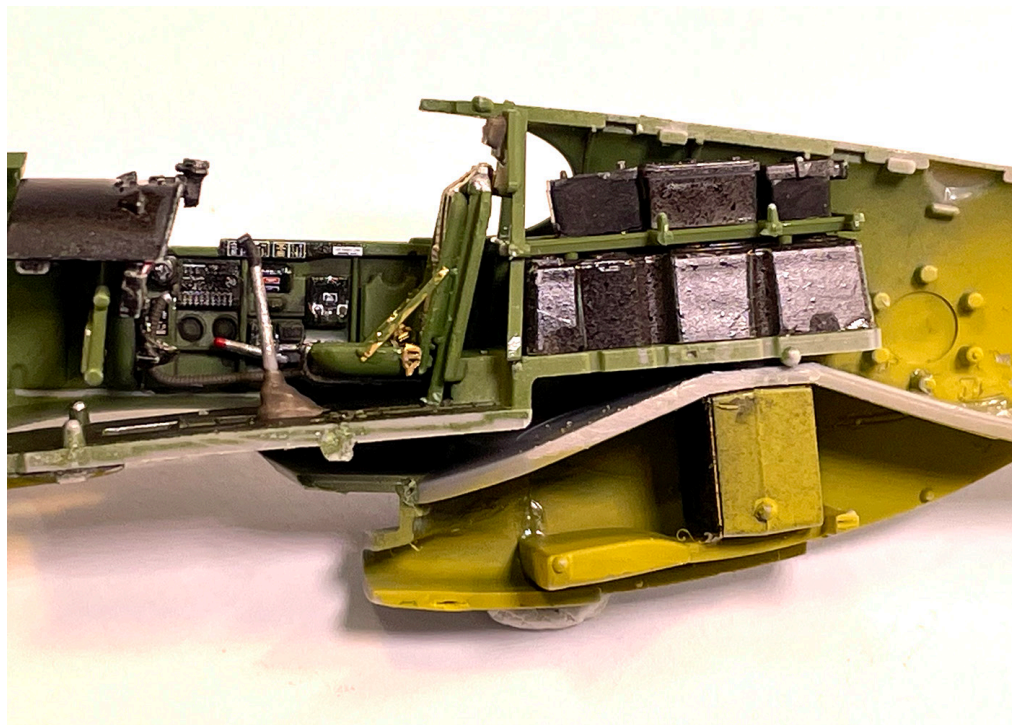
The panel lines are beautifully delicate and the kit goes together, generally, on panel lines to minimize filling and sanding. Each fuselage half has tabs that fit into corresponding indentation on the opposite half to help alignment, nice touch. There was only one, tiny bit of flash and that on the external Malcom hood slide rails which I did not use anyway.

The kit allows you to build either a B or a C and gives you two sets of horizontal *and* vertical stabilizers and three sets of engine grates. (those little ventilator pieces below the exhaust stacks on each side of the lower engine cowlings.)



(Above) The kit box is the end-opening one piece but the art is still beautiful and the kit lives up to the buzz.

(below) Interior finished, cockpit detailed, 20+ teeny, tiny decals, radiator and tunnel installed, cockpit PE, what the heck have I forgotten OH YEAH, the left fuselage half!



In addition, there are options for both the original *and* Malcom hoods in open or closed configurations.

The decal sheet is somewhat intimidating and you need to follow the instructions carefully because there are

many variations of parts to use and some go with one of the seven (7!) color schemes, (one of which being a Mustang both before and after being captured and flown by the Japanese!), and some go with another. Instructions give guidance which goes with

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P-51 Mustang

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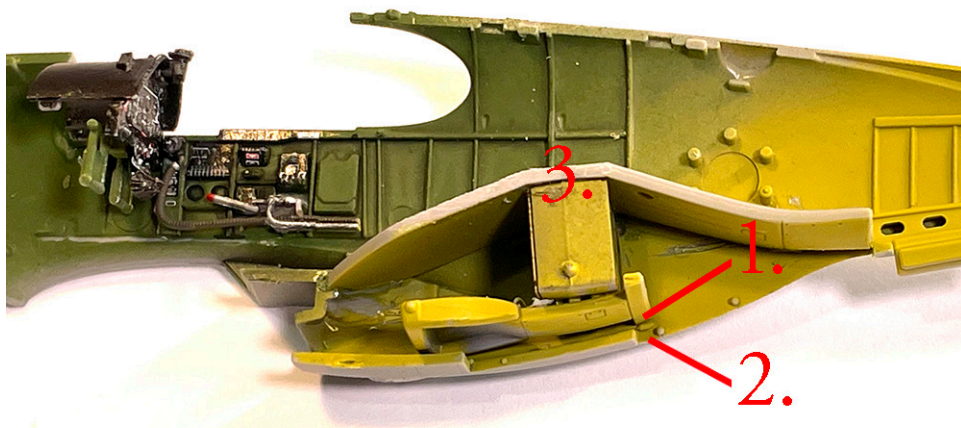
which throughout the beautifully designed and produced glossy and slick instruction book.

Construction starts with the cockpit and that is a kit unto itself. There are 27 parts including photo etched seat braces and seat belts and a like number teeny, tiny little decals. And that doesn't count the five pieces comprising the radiator tunnel. It builds up into a lovely construct and the decals lay down perfectly with a bit of Solvaset. I almost hated to button it up inside the fuselage and here starts one of my few criticisms of the kit.

It's beautiful. It's beautifully engineered but a bit over the top. There is detail, beautiful detail, way back behind the pilot seat which absolutely, positively cannot and will not ever be seen by anyone save the builder and that is a real shame.

And, of course I, like I'm sure every other builder, spent time and effort to detail it because of course we did.

(below) View from the bottom shows the excellent attention to detail from Arma Hobbies. Notice the opening into the interior at the front of the wheel wells? Not just molded in but actually extra parts on the inside. Sweet!



(Above) 1 points out the end of the lower air duct which must go UNDER the mounting tab and onto space 2. Otherwise the top of the duct, 3, sits too high and impacts the base of the fuselage fuel tank, (not installed yet in this photo) necessitating a lot of cutting and filing and sanding and fiddling and cursing...

Another case of, to my mind anyway, over engineering is the complete belly air tunnel for the radiator and here is where I made my biggest mistake in the build.

There are three major components of this section, the top of the channel, (A28), the bottom, (A30) and these sandwich the radiator (A29) and all this glues to the inside of one fuselage half. There are handy attachment tabs for the rear of the top and bot-

tom pieces and you need to position these ends *under* the positioning tabs on the fuselage, not *over* the tabs like I did. The ends of A28 and A30 form a connector for the outside of the fuselage left and right halves where doors A31 and A32 go later in construction. (This will make a lot more sense when you see the instructions)

This mistake cost me much cutting, sanding, filing and sailor talk to rectify and it was my own, foolish fault.

Other than that the assembly went very well. I did not use the kit supplied painting mask as I had obtained a mask from Kitmasx.com and was anxious to try that one. It had masks for the inside as well as the outside and since the original canopy had a side flap that hung down when opened I figured this would showcase the interior detail of the cockpit as well as the canopy frame interior.

The build was, overall, a joy and only the fit of the front of the wing where they meet the underside of the fuselage needed any work but, in fairness, this could be caused by the mistake I, myself, made with the radiator installation.

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P-51 Mustang

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I wanted to finish her, not in one of the liveries supplied, of course, I prefer to make models of the “also rans”, the hundreds or thousands of other planes flying and fighting rather than mounts of famous aces. These have already be modeled to death. I wanted to share some glory with some under appreciated who also did their part, so I obtained some generic squadron codes from William Reece and some older Microscale markings decals and my Mustang now represents another aircraft flown by Fred Glover, (10.33 victories), 336th Fighter Squadron, 4th Fighter Group.

Thank you, Fred, and millions of others, for your service.

So after some slight pre-shading and a generic OD over gray paint and beaucoup decals I have my petite firebrand sitting on her beautifully detailed landing gear. She has the canopy open to receive her pilot who is climbing aboard. (He's an after market resin figure, one of a pair bought after the fact.)

I highly recommend this kit as the detailing, engineering, and fit are excellent and it fills an important slot in the hierarchy of U.S. fighters. The



design of the parts seems to follow natural assembly lines which eases the building and seam elimination.

One last positive point about ARMA. I wanted to learn if they had plans to produce a PZL P-24, since they had the 7 and the 11 already in production. I emailed them one evening and woke next morning (!), to their response. Thank you, Arma, I love good customer service & a company that actually values their customers.

And, no. The answer is they do not have plans to produce that final PZL variant . . . (sigh), because IBG already has one.

And now I have one of those as well, article on that to follow. ■

-Alan Welch

(Above) And here she is, waiting for the pilot to be installed.

(below) The Kit Masx painting mask used. I think the masking tape might work even better the vinyl I used. I'll let you know when I try it.

(below left) Fred Glover climbing into the cockpit one early morning. Hey, it was at the April meeting in the Fire Station but the effect works for me.



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)

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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.



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

TIPS

From The Workbench

I mentioned to the Tuesday Night Zoom Building Group how I solved some modeling issues I had while working at the bench and Alan thought I should write something up. I find when working at the bench that I do most of my modeling on the front three inches of my workbench, even though I have two feet to work with, those first three inches are the spot where the modeling magic happens. Except when parts get dropped on the floor or a sharp blade drops onto my leg or foot.

So, I say someone else do this trick (yes, I stole the idea from someone else, isn't that the way we do things here in America?) I stopped by the local Dollar General store and picked up some foam noodles for the pool (now is the perfect time of year to get them) and cut a slot piece out of them the full length to slide onto the benchtop. Now I am forced to work inside farther on the bench surface, my arms have a handy place to rest themselves, and the parts when dropped are stopped by the noodle and don't hit the floor . . . can I lose them on the workbench . . . sure, but I don't have to crawl around the floor to find them . . . I just have rip through the stuff on the workbench to find it. ■

-Dennis Korn



Confessions of a Closet Modeler

By David Stiteler

Finishing the Wildcat was an accomplishment that I needed very badly. But it also stirred up in myself the desire to keep building, and to continue to practice for the improvement of my skills, since they have been dormant for so long. Practice makes perfect, right?

I also needed to silence that little devil whispering in my ear, "How's that B-17 coming along?". I want to get back into the groove of things before taking on the Fortress that belongs to someone else. I must at least try to put forth my best effort for that project.

Now, most modelers have what is known as "The Shelf of Shame", or "The Closet of Shame". It's those projects that for some reason wind up on the shelf or in the closet, mostly because they don't measure up due to poor fitting, bad paint jobs, lack of interest or sheer frustration in the construction process that almost comes to total destruction. The intent one day is that one might come back to finish it later.

Been there, done that, got the t-shirt a long time ago.

I don't have a shelf, and much to my wife's displeasure, I do have a couple of closets that contain the remains of the huge collection I once had, which was mine and my father's after he passed away. After moving to North Carolina and moving the entire wealth of plastic for the 3rd and last time, I reluctantly sold off almost everything because of the questions on what I was going to do with it all, and hearing that I could never build all of them and still have a place to eat, sleep and sit without crushing or breaking them. Hearing the threat of divorce got increasingly tiring. Out

of close to five hundred kits, I kept about forty. Many years of collecting simply disappeared. There were those kits though that I couldn't sell because some of them had been started, or pieces were missing or whatever. These wound up in what I affectionately called my "Box of Orphans". For the purpose of practice, it was this box I sought out.

Unfortunately, just when I was on a roll, I was hit with something out of left field. Shingles! Man, I wouldn't wish that nightmare on my worst enemy! The left side of my face and head swelled up like a rash on steroids, my left eye swelled shut, and the pain! Trying to focus on anything was next to impossible, not to mention I couldn't see straight. And since we were going to have a build day meeting in May, I was really looking forward to that. Shingles has the nasty habit of staying around awhile, and it did, for almost a month, so I missed the meeting. By the beginning of June and things started to improve, the swelling went down on my eye, I picked the selected kit from the Box of Orphans.

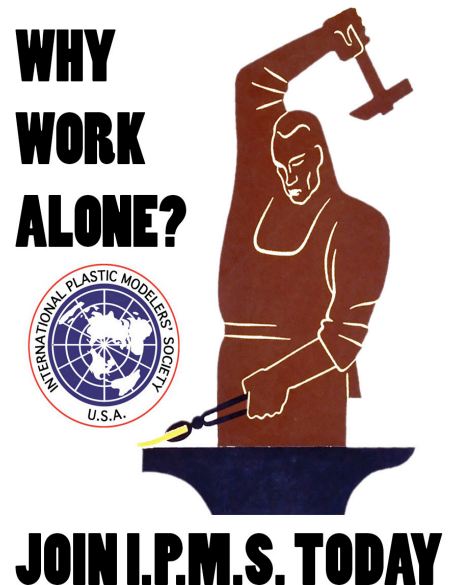
The winner was the 1/48th scale Monogram kit of the F-100 Super Sabre, vintage 1980 according to the copyright date on the instructions. This kit had been given to me at the start of my Air Force career after I was assigned to my first duty station. One of my supervisors saw that I built models, and he had this kit because he found out that some of the decal markings for this plane was the plane he worked on back in Vietnam and later with the Air National Guard in Michigan. He had started it at some point but realized he most likely would never finish it and gave it to me. There is a story

attached to this model, which I will go into later because it's a stand-alone story. Somehow, I always find myself in this situation. I'm lucky that way, I guess. Or cursed.

With June turning out to be a build meeting as well, I had fun doing a thorough investigation on this kit and finding out what I'm up against. Oh boy...I'll save it for next time. I'll also keep you up to date on this project. With that said, I must mention that I will be taking a short hiatus for the month of July. Our 27th anniversary is at the beginning of the month, and somewhere in the middle of the month we are taking a trip back up to Michigan for my wife's 45th high school reunion and to visit with my daughter and grandson, and at the end of the month is my wife's birthday. With all of this going on, mostly centered around my wife, and to keep peace in the family, I don't see a lot of time to build and to write, but I will steal whatever time I can get without causing a lot of stress. So, look for the update and progress in August.

Until then, have a great summer, and keep on modeling! I'll see you all in August. ■

-David Stiteler



Meeting Debrief

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is no engine included. Dave also brought s kit of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse with “flashing light signal sequence” included. Dave says the kit includes modelers favorite medium for models . . . a large round dowel for the lighthouse building . . . at least it’s already tapered. But Dave came with a stack of models and decided in the end to work on an Airfix Boeing 314 C;ipper in 1/144 scale. A beautiful kit with nice detail for such a small model.

William Reece, our resident expert on paint colors for cockpits and anything to do with the P-39, was working on a Hasegawa B-24D Liberator. According to William, this kit is the best B-24 out there. William also showed one of the P-39 Aira-Cobra that he recently finished.

Down the table sat Rodney Huyett in all his Gundam glory, bringing a number of completed models that he wanted to try out some new Gundam pens for highlighting and detailing the models.

Rodney’s better half, Melissa, showed purchases that visited from the world of UFOs or whatever we call our alien visitors these days.

Richard Adams snuck in with 1/72 scale model of the Curtiss Hawk II by R.S. Models, but he did not provide information about the build or a story to go with it. The reason for that was plain, (plane?), to see as he preceded to enthrall the crowd with stories of his exploits flying helicopters during the Korean War and Vietnam. Is there anything this man has not done, and done well?

I was so wrapped up in his stories

and my own build that I failed to get a picture of Richard waxing poetic about his adventures.

Our intrepid Treasurer Marshall Smith spent his time studying a book, “The Ploesti Raid” as he was looking for the name of a friend who he stated had taken part in the famous raid. I am not sure if he ever found the name his was looking for. And why didn’t we find out the end of the search story . . . well you will have to wait for the end of this story to find out.

Jim Harriett was deep in thought on which of the two kits he brought he should begin diving into first. One was an AFV Club 1/350 scale LST-491 Class Landing Ship Tank and the other was another landing ship, this one a 1/144 scale US Navy Landing Ship Medium from Revel. He was studying the directions for each and counting parts up . . . after the 700 parts count Dozer model he recently finished, he wanted something a little less complicated.

Tim Ryan showed up with, wait for it . . . not a car! Holy crap Batman or better yet, May the Force be with you, as he brought in a AMT model of the X-Wing Fighter from Star Wars in 1/48 scale, but then how can to tell what scale it is . . . have you ever seen a real one?

To finish off the group, we had Andy Fulcher waxing on about this and that, keeping everyone honest.

Greg Marchlinski brought his Tamiya Japan Ground Self Defense Force Light Armored Vehicle that he has been working on with the

Zoom Building Group on Tuesday nights. It comes with a cast metal lower frame that really add the weight to the model.

Dennis Korn who tried his best to take pictures of what was going on, having volunteered for the duty, but failing miserably, kept himself busy continuing work on the Tamiya Easy Eight tank model that he started at last month’s build session. Thanks to Chuck Colucci’s insights on building armor, the work is progressing nicely.

Bringing the meeting to an end was quick and abrupt, as the lights suddenly went out on us. Marshall, resident Treasurer and volunteer fire fighter, stated that someone probably hit a pole somewhere and don’t be surprised if he was called away, which he was moments later, leaving us to clean up after ourselves in the dark and hoping that everything turned out okay. ■

-Dennis Korn

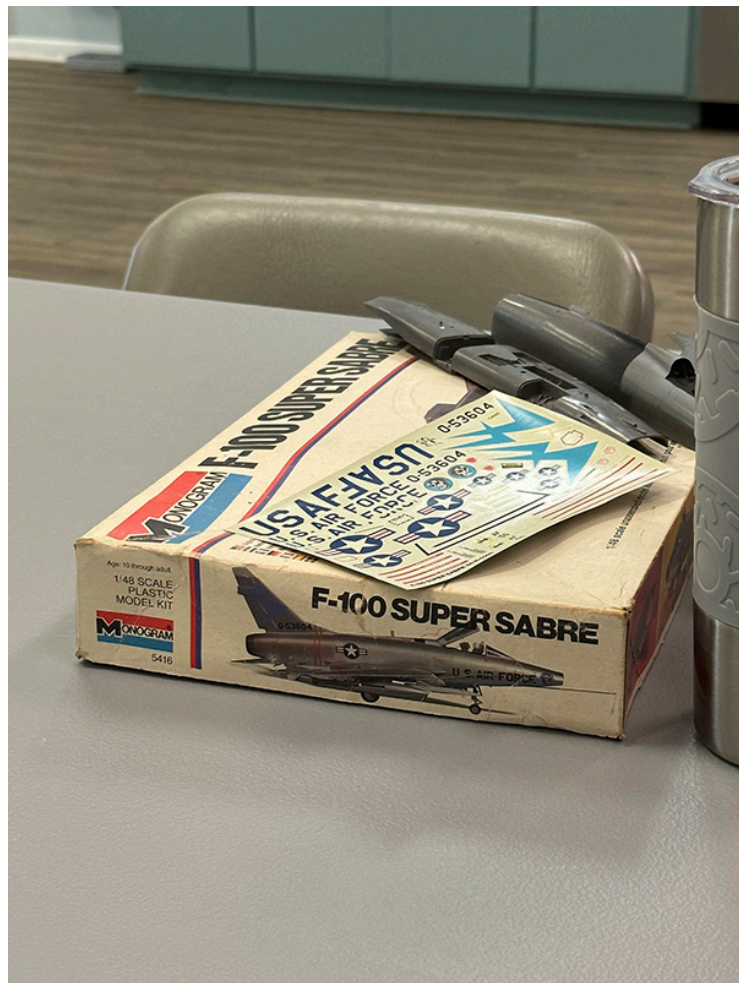


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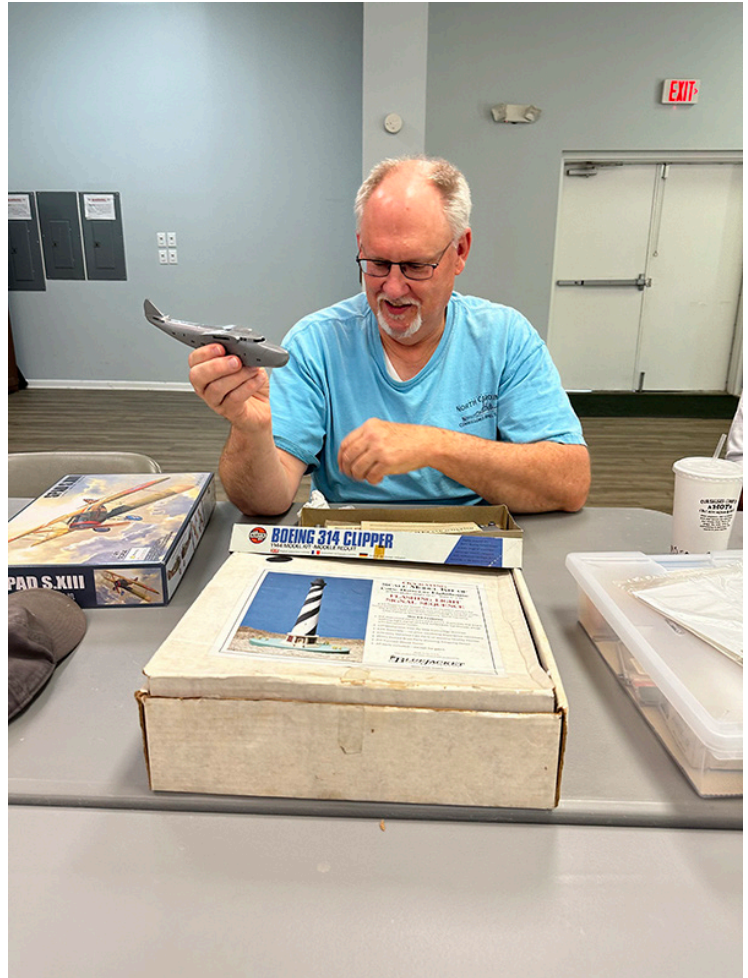
(above) The man, the Myth, the Legend, no less than “The Closet Modeler” himself, looking over the next project to begin. David Stiteler looking over the . . .



(above right) Monogram North American F-100 in 1/48 scale. You can read the details on this project in David’s column on page 6.

(right) William Reece’s P-39, also a Monogram and also z 1/48 scale build. William said this had been rescued from the shelf of doom and re-decaled. It seems to have worked out just fine.



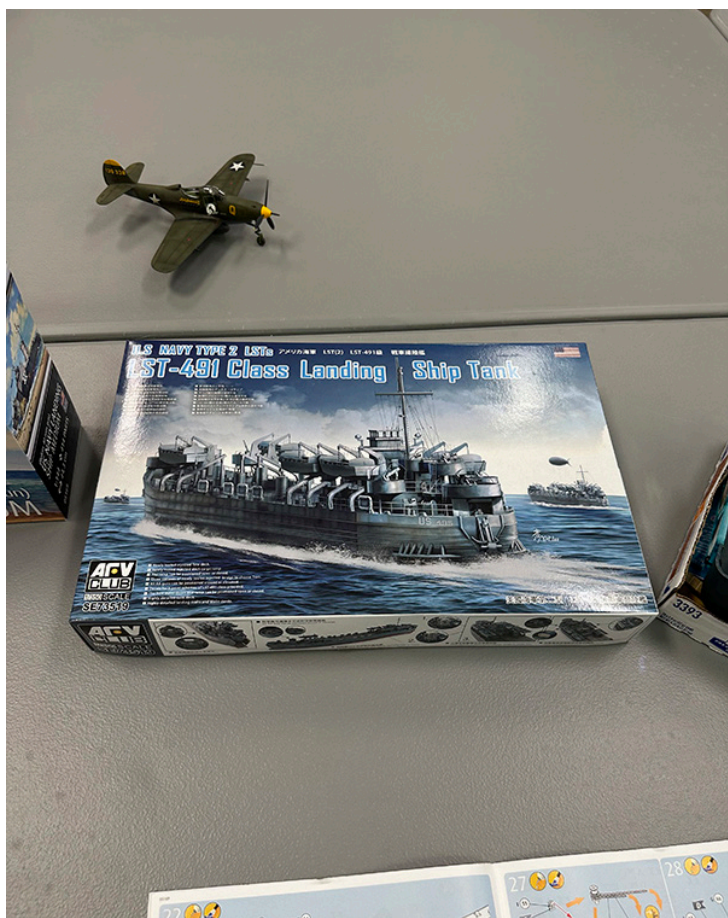
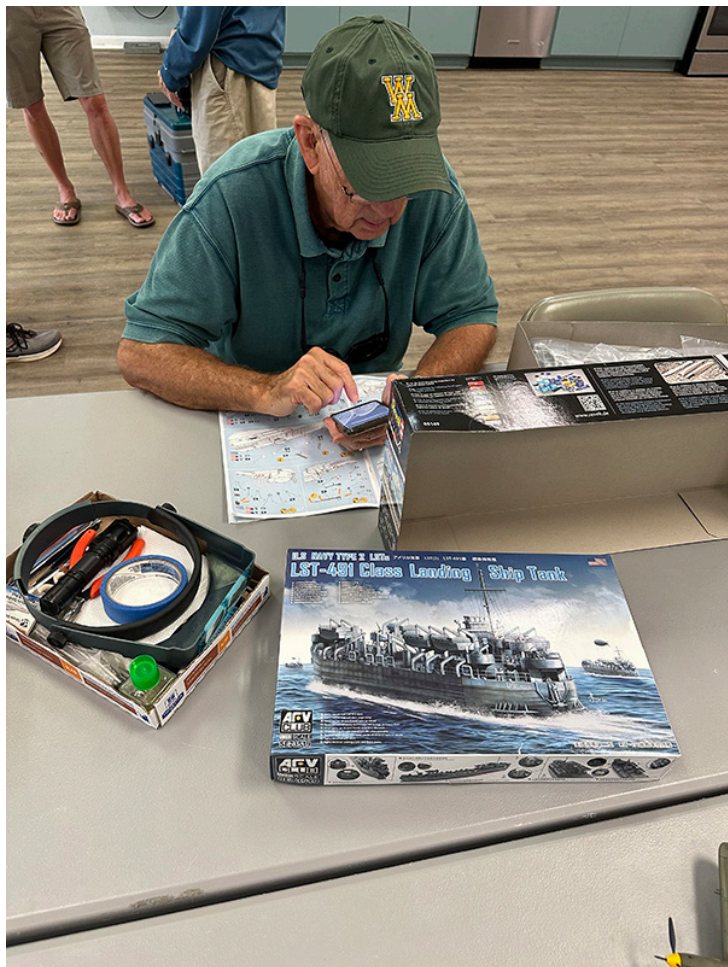


(above and above right) Raffle Meister David Mohr brought in the widest range of kits for the day. From a WW-I SPAD XIII to a Boeing 314 to a lighthouse (!) is quite a stretch but diversity is one of the reasons this group rocks so much.

(bottom) And furthering the theme of diversity Tim Ryan brought is a kit without four wheels, in fact, without any wheels at all. Tim started on AMT's X-Wing Fighter of STAR WARS fame.

(Note, there are absolutely no NASCAR decals included with this build)



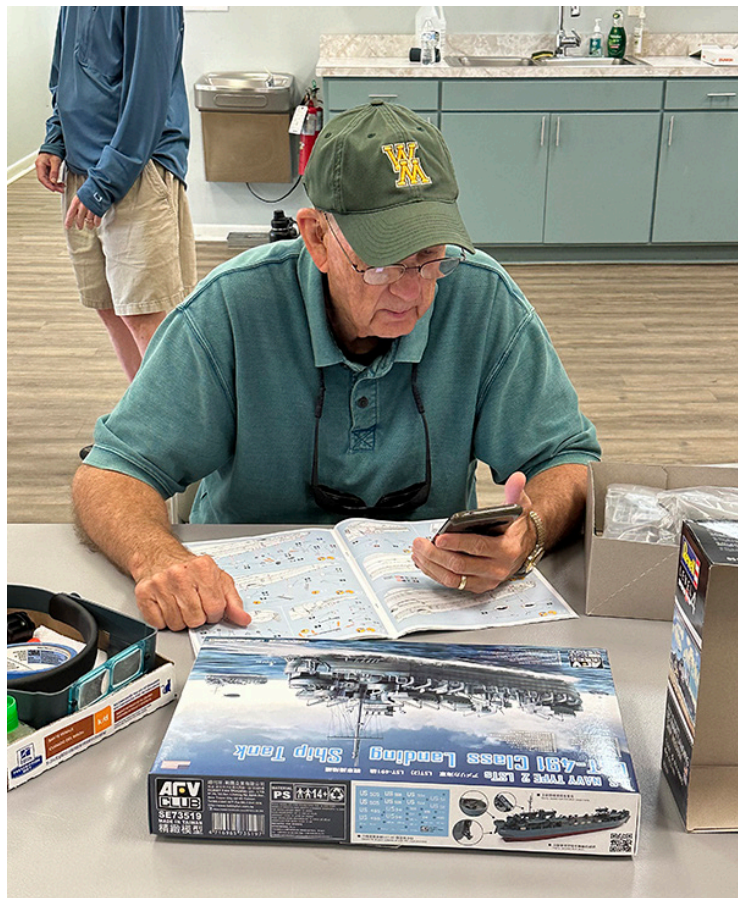


(above, left) Research always plays a major role in model building as we all know. Here Jim Harriett ponders question of which kit has fewer parts than the "Killozer" kit he last embarked upon.

(above right) Jim brought this Revell LSM kit in and I must say it's refreshing to see some lesser known equipment and vehicles now in kit form.

(left) Another significant, but under appreciated, war wining mechanism in this LST nicely modeled by AFV. Jim seems to be the modeler who flies in the face of convention and builds very, VERY unusual works.

I, personally, love it.



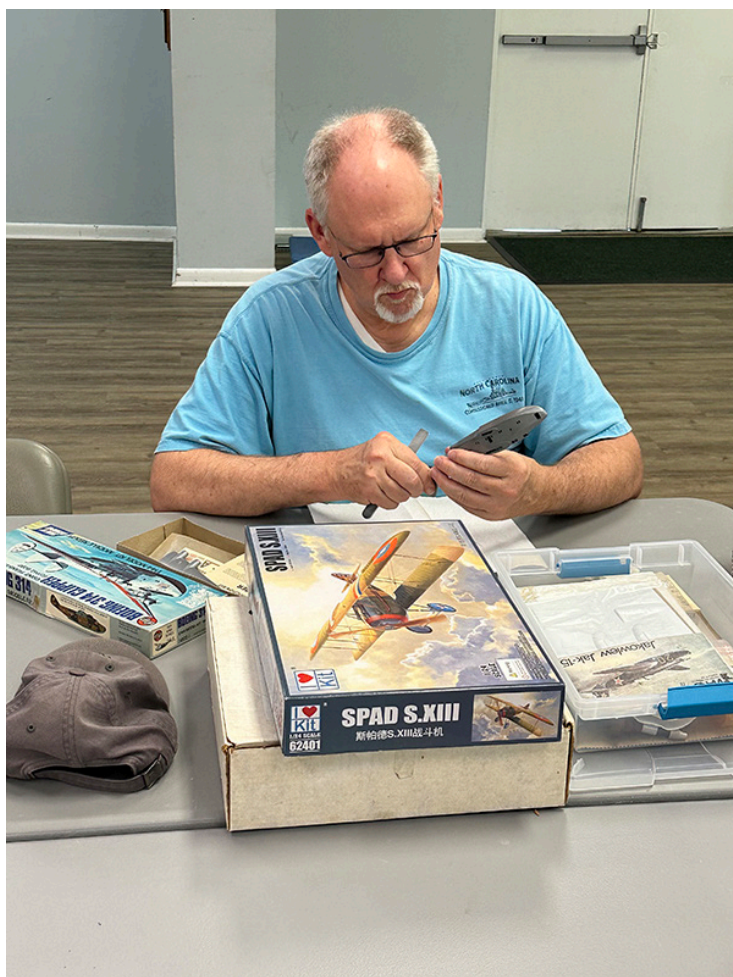
(above left) Difficulty in the assembly process is also a consideration as to which kit to build next. Perhaps Jim will have a decision for us by next meeting.



(above, right) Not to be outdone in the research department Marshall Smith also hit the books, in this case a book on the Ploesti bombing raid looking to I.D. one, specific, aircraft out of the hundreds participating.

(A task familiar to us all)

(right) Foreground kit box notwithstanding, David Mohr is NOT working on a SPAD XIII, but a Boeing 314 flying boat. (Either that or he's doing one heck of a job of kit bashing, tune in next month for the exciting conclusion of our show!)

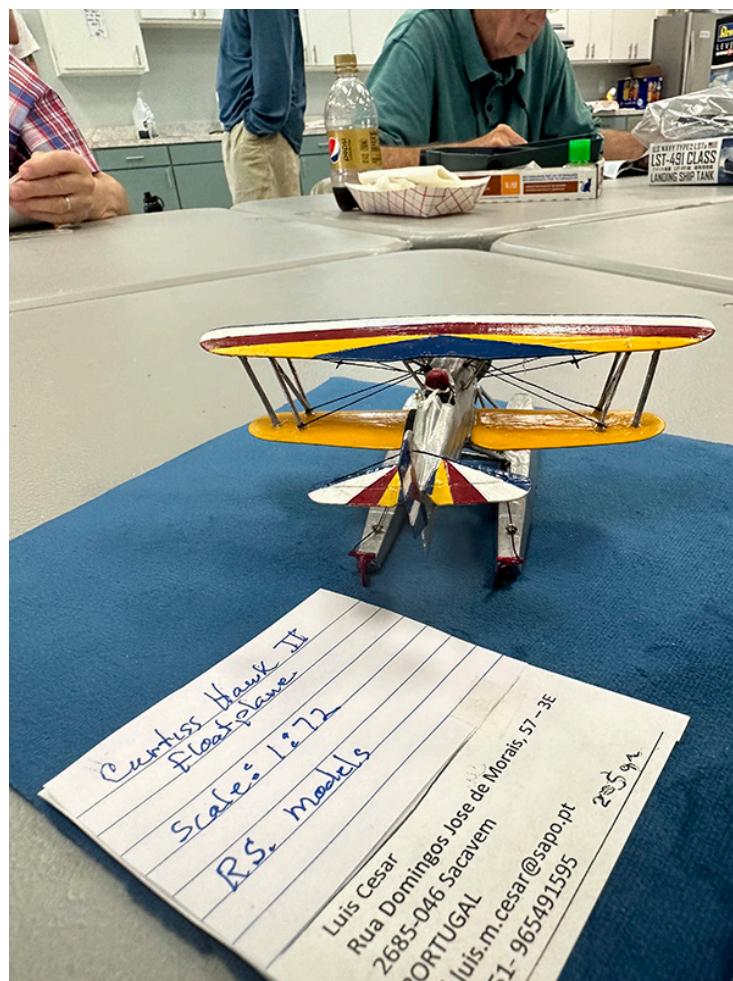


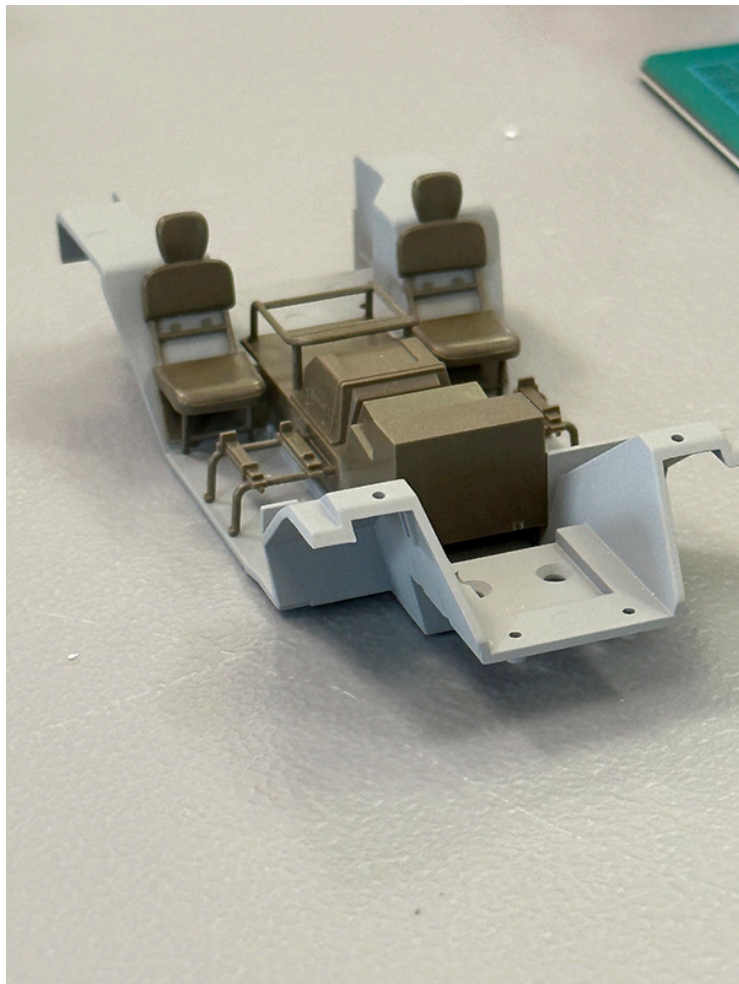


(left) The Airfix Boeing 314 is a classic kit, this looks to be the 1976 reissue making it a true classic. Here David carefully fits the doohickey to the thingamabob. By careful flexing of the portside framus the doohickey is easily inserted into the mounting slot without damaging the already glued in place killontron ring.

Or so David maintains.

(below left and right) Two images of Richard Adams spiffy little Curtiss F-11 floatplane version. Although not adopted by U.S. military several were sold to foreign air forces who appreciated the fact the aircraft could operate from rivers and/or lakes when airstrips were not developed.





(left) Greg Marchlinski Brought in his Japanese Self Defense Force light armored vehicle. The interior is shaping up nicely.

(left below) As is the exterior. Looks like a lot of the features, such as doors and turret, will be if not operational at least posable. Can't wait to see the finished product.

(below) Greg is a welcome returnee to the chapter and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table.



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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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/IPMSEagleSquadron>

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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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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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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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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Con Roundup

"The Forbidden Contest"

July 15, 2023

American Legion Post 28
94 West Park Dr.
Spartanburg SC

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/428551304620352>

"IPMS Nationals"

August 2nd - 5th, 2023

Embassy Suites and San Marcos
Convention Center
San Marcos Texas

<https://www.nats2023.com/>

"Fast Trax"

IPMS Race City Fall Con '22

September 30, 2023

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

<http://ipmsracecity.epizy.com/show.html>

"All Things Recce"

Region 12 Convention and Contest

IPMS Race City

November 4, 2023

1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy,
Dallas, NC, 28034

<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/chapter/ipmsgaston-county-model-builders>





News from IPMS/USA

Region 12 Spotlight
Regional Contest, 2023

This is the "good news" email we received from Tim Kirkland, R12 Coordinator.

Good morning R12 contacts.
Hope all of y'all are well today. I Met several of y'all Saturday at the SCMA Show here in Spartanburg. However, I did miss some that did attend.

Late Friday I Received news about the progress of the rechartering. After confirming that all 14 of ours are rechartered, I saw only one other Region completely rechartered. I was informed later Friday night that our Region was the first to have all chapters done by 12 hours!!!

I want to thank all you officers that took time to do the system of club

profiles. Also, for attempting to keep good records on your part. I'm proud of all of you!

"ATTA BOY"

Let's move forward in submitting Bids for Chapter of the year, Member of the Year, Newsletter of the Year, and Website of the Year by March 1st. I'm sure we have Chapters that can receive the IPMS USA National award from these I've listed.

I look forward to our shows so far this Spring and Fall and maybe a few more scheduling more before long. Again, I'm proud of all of y'all for promoting and working for your Chapters and IPMS USA! ■

-Tim Kirkland RC R12



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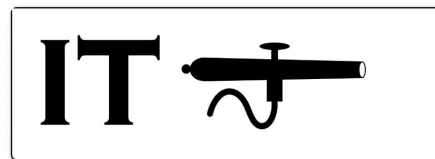
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Convention Center

San Marcos, Texas

August 2nd - 5th, 2023



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Payment Method: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order

Chapter Affiliation, (if any): _____

If Recommended by an IPMS Member, Please List His / Her Name and Member Number:

Name: _____ IPMS No.: _____

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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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If you get this newsletter via email it's the **low** resolution version. The **HIGH RESOLUTION** version, (better suited for printing), can be downloaded from the chapter website:

www.ecpmod.com/newsletters.html

Editor's Notes:

Greetings chapter members,

Sorry I missed yet another meeting but I'll be back for the July meeting honest.

Trust me, this is Alan.

(Well, trust me anyway.)

As you can see, our chapter filled in the time with another group build so the meeting time was well spent. I have to catch up with you guys in the group build department.

We asked you guys whether or not to continue the Know Your Kit Kontest and the results are in, 5 to 1 ratio of "yases" to "nos" so the new Kontest is now on page 5.

Speaking of time well spent, at this point at least three, yes three, of our chapter members will be heading the the beautiful town of San Marcos, Texas for the IPMS Nationals in August.

And don't forget, we have a regional in the Charlotte area this coming November. Perhaps we should be planning a carpool for attending? Let's discuss the matter at the next meeting.

And that just about wraps things up, guys. It will be great to see you all again in July, so until then just let me say. . .

Keep on building. ■

-Editor

The next meeting will be Saturday, July 15, 2023, 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm at the Fairfield Harbor Fire Department, 585 Broad. Creek Rd. 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