



## ECPM - We Put It All Together.



(above) And what's a "Group Build" without "supplies" to build upon, right? Now the only question remaining is who's hand is that? (Answer on Page 9)

## Meeting Debriefing

- Mark Sandvigen

The May meeting brought back the Quarterly ECMP Group Build. Back in the day, John Ratzenberger (and crew) would have a group-build (4) times in a calendar year.

We lost track of this tradition between when John was no longer attending meetings (but still very much in contact with the club) and COVID.

A past member, Greg Marchlinski, joined up again in 2022 and

mentioned how much he liked doing those builds years ago. He also mentioned that we still state on our (award winning) website that we still do the group builds on our 'About Us' page. Oops...we never caught that error.

So, to keep in compliance with our mission statement, we started up the group-build this past meeting on May 20th.

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## Meeting Schedule 2023

<del>May</del>	<del>1:00-3:00</del>	<del>Community Center</del>
June 17 <sup>3</sup>	1:00-3:00	Community Center
July 15	1:00-3:00	Fire Department
August 19 <sup>1</sup>	1:00-3:00	Community Center
Sept. 16 <sup>3</sup>	1:00-3:00	Community Center
October 21	1:00-3:00	Fire Department
Nov. 18 <sup>1</sup>	1:00-3:00	Community Center
Dec. 16 <sup>2,3</sup>	1:00-3:00	Community Center

<sup>1</sup> Indicates a Group Build, bring kit(s), tools, and supplies

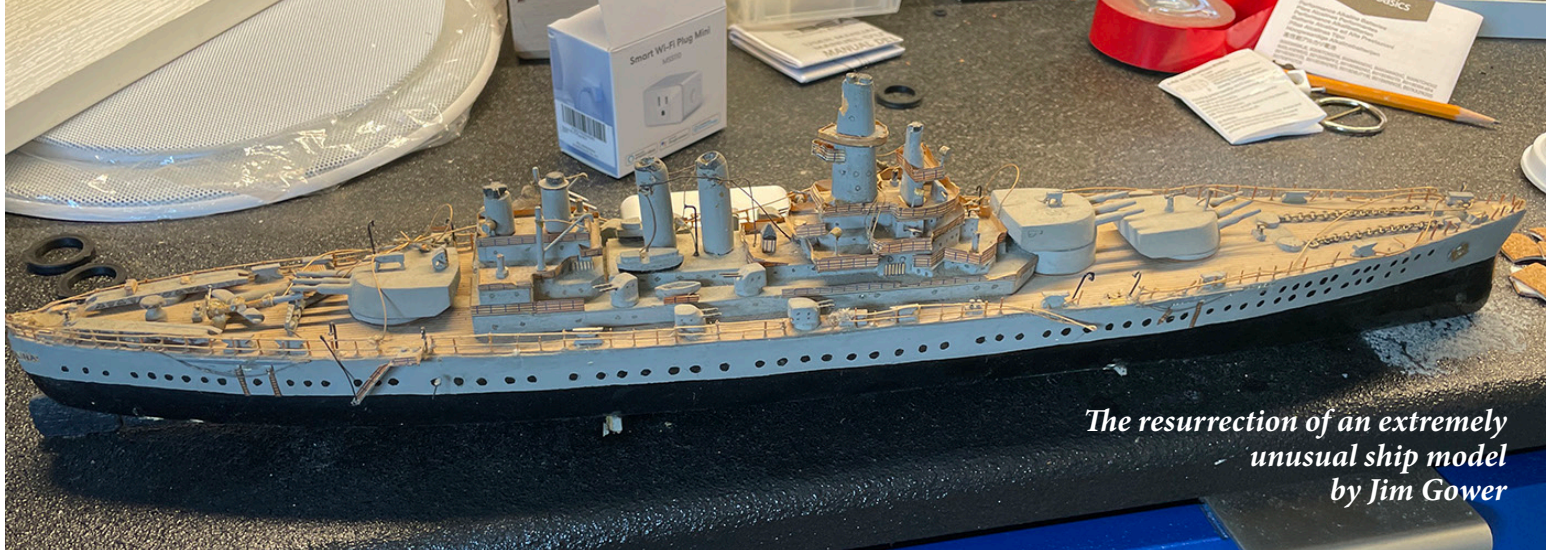
<sup>2</sup> Annual lunch, sign up on our website

<sup>3</sup> Hobby Chest Raffle

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# THE SHOWBOAT



*The resurrection of an extremely unusual ship model  
by Jim Gower*

***Jim Gower is a member in good standing of ECPM and also the President of our sister organization, the New Bern Maritime Modeling Guild.***

As most model boat builders that are actively involved in numerous types of boat building projects, my good friend and member of the Carolina Maritime Model Society located in Beaufort N.C., William Prentice sent me a photo of a model the owner was interested in restoring.

Well, being a N.C. native and that of the Battleship named after our State, who could possibly not have a spike of interest. I contacted the owner who has a residence in Emerald Isle, N.C., and made arrangements to go and discuss his desire and get my first look at this model.

What a surprise when I saw the model! At first, my thought process funneled it to a “folk art” model because the North Carolina did not have portholes and the turrets were rounded like the British and French warships pre-WWII.

Have you ever heard the word “research”? Well, I learned a valuable

lesson from that day regarding this old 1940\* model, built by the owner’s best friends dad. So now that the base line regarding the model is established, lets proceed.

I kept thinking to myself what was I going to do with a 80 year old model as the owner had given me a brief history that his best friends dad had built this model from a kit in 1940, and he has had it ever since.

Now “research” begins to make me appreciative of history and my folk-art theory was shot down in flames.

After a few days, I posted a few photos of the model online and the curator of the real U.S.S. North Carolina Memorial in Wilmington, N.C. picked up on the photos and proceeded to inform me of this model.

It seems this kit which is balsa and bamboo paper/card stock was distributed in 1940 by the Whitman-Ace Publishing Company. Mary Ames Booker, the curator informed me that they had 2 complete kits of this same model and a partial one there at the museum. She offered to send me a copy of the original plans, along with

some parts out of the partial kit they had. (In the meantime, our sister club, the New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild, decide to make this a club project. We decided at the time to keep as much of the original pieces, clean them repaint and restore the model.)

After that, Mary sent me a copy of an article that appeared in the New York Times, dated April 9th, 1941, regarding the portholes on the North Carolina. At the time of launching or shortly before she had portholes, and it was decided that they would be covered over since the British and German navies determined that they tended to create unsafe features on their ships as they would create more damage and allow flooding from bombs or shells in the event of battles. (we have a copy of the article and also note this ship was the first battleship the U.S. Navy had built since 1923. It was considered a fast battleship and the most powerful in the world due to her massive 16-inch guns.)

So now this model has us all foaming at the mouth, because we are finding out more and more about this model almost weekly.

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# The Showboat

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But wait, what about the model displaying painted portholes, and round gun turrets? Let's backtrack and pick up about the Whitman Publishing Company.

This kit came out before the N. C. was launched, and the navy did not want to divulge the final design of the ship as war clouds were approaching the U.S. Whitman designed their kit and took designs from post-WWI ships and distributed their kit based on that information.

(below left)

*The incorrect round faced main turrets are obvious in this shot.*

(below right)

*More inaccuracies, the non-existent portholes.*

(bottom)

*The build arrived looking as if she had been through a night action off Guadalcanal.*

Conversations with the curator and the owner have shifted to the owner showing interest in donating the finish model to the Memorial Museum in Wilmington.

We are in the process of using actual parts that have been supplied by the curator to restore this model. It is mostly all the bamboo card stock that make up the decks, and we will use the plans to construct any smaller parts needed. It is worthy to note, that if you look closely, the model had paper rails which were printed on the side of the plans, along with a selection of signal flags.

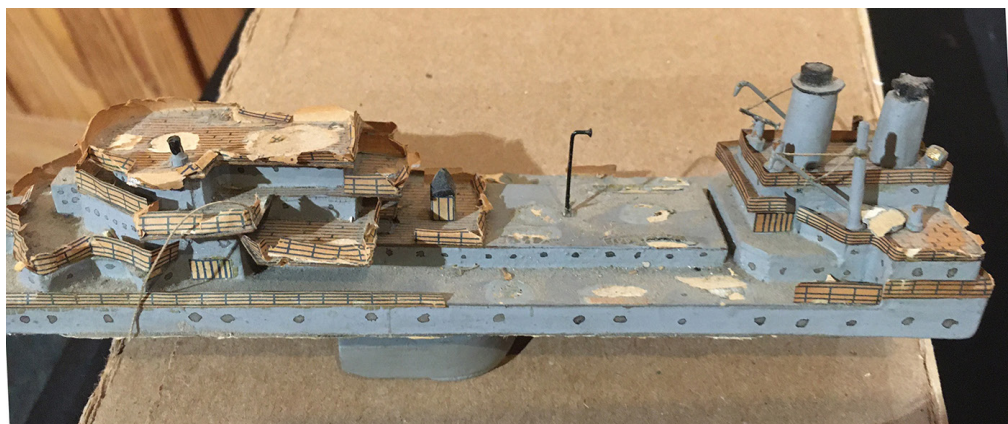
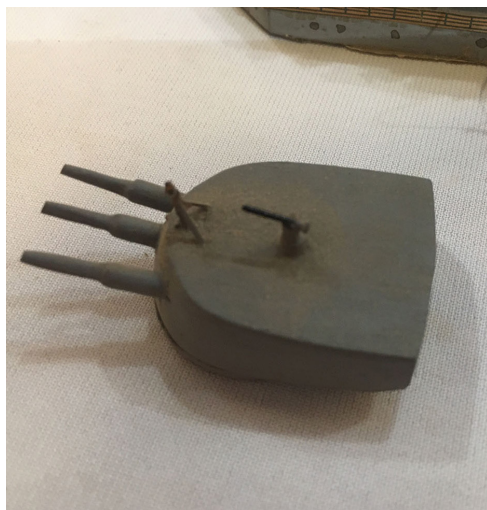
We will make the final decision on railing when we meet with the owner and curator at a later date.

I will be adding more photos as progress continues and we get a clear picture of what the Memorial and owner agree to. The main item to remember is that this 80 year old restored model will have 98 percent of the original parts when it was built. ■

*-Jim Gower*

(below)

*The New York Times ran a short piece on the question of portholes and their ever so wise removal.*



## NO PORTHOLES BUILT ON NEW BATTLESHIP

*NY Times 4/9/41*  
**Openings Ruled Out as Result  
of Lessons Taught by War**

The 35,000-ton battleship North Carolina, first battleship to be added to the Navy list since 1923, which is to be commissioned this morning at the Navy Yard in Brooklyn, will be the first man-of-war without portholes ever to be built in this country.

The North Carolina and her sisters were designed with portholes, but war lessons have shown that the concussive force of large bombs that hit close alongside smash even the steel battle ports and cause interior damage. The portholes, therefore, were blanked off.

The commissioning ceremonies for the giant 16-inch-gun battleship, most powerful in the world, will start at 11:30 A. M. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and other distinguished guests from Washington and elsewhere are expected to attend.

Governor J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina arrived yesterday with his staff to attend the ceremonies. He declared there were no labor problems in his State affecting the defense program.

Governor Broughton paid a courtesy call to Mayor La Guardia at City Hall in the afternoon. With the Governor were J. Van B. Metts, adjutant general of the State; Colonel Gordon Smith of his staff and Lieutenant Alfred Ward of the North Carolina.

*NY TIMES*

*APRIL 9, 1941*

# Czech 35(t)

by Chuck Colucci



*(For those who have not realized it, Chuck is planning to build a model of every German tank in service during WW-II)*

Next up on my list of German Panzers is the Pz.Kpfw 35(t). A Czechoslovak designed light tank, designated Lehky Tank vzor 35 (LT-35), was designed from 1934-1936 and produced from 1936-1940 with 434 built. Of that total, 244 vehicles were seized by Nazi Germany in 1939 following the German occupation of Czechoslovakia.

They were used as a substitute for the Panzer III medium tank and were assigned to Panzer Battalion 65 of the 1st Light Division and the independent Panzer Regiment 11 where they participated in the Invasion of Poland. The 1st Light Division absorbed the 11th Panzer Regiment and was redesignated as the 6th Panzer Division on 18 October 1939.

The tanks were used by Chechoslovakia, Nazi Germany, the

Kingdom of Romania, the Slovak Republic, the Kingdom of Bulgaria and the Kingdom of Hungary.

Nazi Germany used them in early combat during WWII, most notably during the Invasion of Poland, the Battle of France and the Invasion of the Soviet Union. They were retired or sold by Nazi Germany in 1942 but still used by other countries for the remainder of the war and by Bulgaria for training purposes all the way into the 1950's.

Originally designed for a 3 man crew, they operated with a 4 man crew and had a range of about 120 miles on the road or 70 miles cross country. The main armament was a 3.7 cm gun with (2) 7.92 mm machine guns as secondary fire power.

The kit is a 1/35 scale model by Academy. The biggest thing about the kit is that the individual track links have to be installed before the upper hull can be assembled, not as per the instructions. I found out the

hard way and had to do some "un-assembling" before I could continue. So basically you have to complete the lower hull, paint that, then paint the individual track links, install them, and then assembly the rest of the hull.

Then I had to mask off the already finished and painted bottom half of the hull in order to finish painting the rest of the model. Otherwise there's no way to attach the track links if you assemble everything first. And if you follow the instructions, it would be more difficult, for me anyway, to paint the tracks after construction.

After that said, it wasn't that bad once I took it apart and realized what I had to do. I'm sure I made it more complicated than need be but it is what it is.

Other than that, the kit went together without too many headaches and not much loss of sleep and it ended up ok. I painted it in my usual fashion

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## Czech 35(t)

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with Tamiya paints and oils. A little mud, dirt and dust and I think it looks presentable.

So now a couple of Panzer I's to go and my Panzer collection is complete. At least for now anyway. I'm sure there are some more for me to do on the horizon. There are many German paint schemes to explore and I'm sure I'll want to embark on the challenge as I get better with my airbrush. I'm still not sure about the E-100 but I imagine I'll end up doing that one as well eventually. ■

-Chuck Colucci



## Know Your Kit Kontest!

## Know Your Kit

# WE HAVE A WINNER!!

### WILLIAM REECE

correctly identified our mystery box top as the  
Hasegawa Ki-84 Frank!

William can take his choice of any of KitMasx  
canpoy painting masks and will receive it at  
the following month's chapter meeting.

WELL DONE WILLIAM!!



中島 キ84  
四式戦闘機  
疾風

(日本陸軍 戦闘機)

Nakajima Ki84  
HAYATE (FRANK)  
(JAPANESE ARMY FIGHTER)

1:72 SCALE KIT



HASEGAWA CORPORATION



- Rule 1.** To win the contest prize you must be a current ECPM chapter member.
- Rule 2.** Each month we'll upload a new contest image section here in the newsletter and 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!**

# Confessions of a Closet Modeler

By David Stiteler

Back in the days of my youth, say in high school, when I was very active as both a jock and a geek, and building models when I wasn't out getting into trouble, I always listened to the radio. What we call "Classic Rock" now was the new and greatest music ever then. No offence to those that love the 60's and 50's rock and roll. This was the stuff before CD's. If I wasn't listening to the radio, my boom box with the mix "tapes" was playing. But mostly, the radio was the thing.

Those of you that remember those carefree days might also remember Paul Harvey, the radio personality that was famous for his commentaries. Usually on Saturdays, mostly in the afternoon, he would come on. His thing was, "The Rest of The Story". I always enjoyed listening to those stories and learning something from time to time. So, this is my take on "The Rest of The Story".

That Friday night I confined myself to my room with the intent of accomplishing SOMETHING that I had total control over is where I pick up the story. After washing the parts and letting them dry, kicking on the mixed CD of 80's music, I dove in.

Remember, this kit had no relevance to anything, no research was going to be done, and I didn't care if it came out pink or purple, I just wanted to complete, finish something. I wanted to get my head back on straight, and focus. I began the build of this F4F Wildcat with step 1. I was going to follow the directions, step by step if it killed me.

A sidenote here; how many of us look at the directions, and decide to start somewhere other than the beginning because this sub-assembly or that sub-assembly looks more interesting to start with? I've done that in the past, but for this, no way. Step 1, step 2, etc., etc. Stay focused.

Somewhere around 10pm my wife reluctantly stuck her head in the door

to let me know she was headed to bed. I thanked her for the heads up, put the cockpit assembly down, shut off the Bluetooth speaker and put on the Bluetooth headset, and kept the tunes going and the building progressing. I had to be careful to remember to close the bedroom door and my den's door whenever I fired up the airbrush. My compressor is compact, but not exactly quiet. Since earlier in the evening the mood wasn't exactly the greatest on either side, and I didn't want to make matters any worse by keeping her up.

I must have been really focused in my work on this build because suddenly, I nearly jumped out of my skin when she touched me on my shoulder to let me know she was leaving for work, at 0530 in the morning! I hadn't worked on a model like that since my high school days! How long ago was that? Anyway, I looked down and for the first time I noticed that I had the resemblance of an airplane sitting before me. Wow, this was cool! I hadn't gotten this far in a build for way too long of a time, and it felt great.

After my wife left for work, I decided that it was a good time for a break and grab some breakfast. I noticed that my mood had softened, my thinking was a bit clearer, and I was beginning to relax. I ate my breakfast, then went back upstairs and continued to work on the Wildcat.

At some point, while waiting for something to set or dry, I brought out the P-40 that I thought I had a good start on but realized not so much. For the next couple of hours, I kind of tagged-teamed these two kits, but stayed focused on the Wildcat. Around noon my wife called to check on me and to remind me that we had dinner plans with some friends later. I figured I better stop for a while and take a nap so I wouldn't fall asleep during dinner. But when we got home, I was right back at it.

Sunday, I took a break from modeling, per my wife's request. She wanted to talk

after church. I also wanted to analyze where my heart and mind were at this point. Besides, I realized that I didn't have some of the correct paint and other stuff I needed to finish this Navy Wildcat, and Hobby Lobby was closed for the day. Darn!

To sum things up, by the next weekend I had a nearly completed 1/72nd scale Wildcat. Minor detailing and finishing were needed, and I was done.

I know, some would say who can't finish a 72nd scale airplane in a weekend? Up until now, I couldn't. keep in mind that I hadn't completed, from start to finish, ANY model in over 30+ years. This was a "One step for man, one giant leap for mankind" sort of thing for me.

And I accomplished two other important things in this process. First, I found out for certain that I still LOVE the hobby of model building, not that I'm IN LOVE with the IDEA of model building. There is a difference.

And secondly, I very much needed to get my head on straight and FOCUS on what I want to accomplish and what I needed to do. This build showed that my skills have diminished quite a bit, being out of practice for as long as I have been. Getting my head on straight, and making the adjustments needed to improve was a hard learned lesson.

It's hard enough to admit to oneself of being a flawed person. Publicizing that to others is an entirely different thing, with the hope that if others in this hobby feel the same way, they are not alone.

This Wildcat doesn't match the likes of what William, Jeff, Alan, and all the others in this club can put out. Frankly, it's a bit of a hot mess. I may in time paint nose art on it calling it "Hot Mess". What was important to me was, "Don't think, just do". And I did. Who knows, maybe someday I'll show it off.

And that, folks, is "The Rest of The Story". Good day! And happy modeling! ■

-David Stiteler

# Musings of the Rafflemeister

by David Mohr

With invaluable support from my wife (known as the Raffle Diva), I have managed the model kit raffle at the last two contests hosted by my IPMS Local Chapter, the Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers. While the primary qualification to run the first raffle was simply being the only one who volunteered to do it, I had entered kit raffles at several other contests and had a general idea of how it was supposed to work.

The Chapter had offered raffles at prior contests several years before, so I was given some general guidelines and a nifty handmade raffle drum. Both my first (2018) and second (2022, thanks to COVID) raffles were considered successes, in that many tickets were sold, all models were given away and any “drama” was held to a minimum. Based on this experience, the following are some general observations on things that worked (or didn’t) for our raffle that may help in the event you find yourself in similar situation in your own Chapter contest.

First, make your raffle an event and not something that runs in the background while everyone is busy doing something else. We perform two raffles during the contest day, one at around 11:00 AM for the early birds and a second at 1:00 PM after the judging has started. Raffle times are listed on the show schedule and mentioned in all advertising. An area is set up with all kits on display before the first person walks in the door, and we have a microphone on hand to provide occasional reminders to the crowd of when the next raffle will start.

Second, it may be somewhat obvious but have a good variety of kits that appeal to various interests and skill levels, and minimize the number of books/decal sets/tools if possible. Not everything has to be the latest release still sealed in the box, but kits that are missing parts, in damaged boxes, are started or are simply “unbuildable” should not be on the raffle table. One of my duties as Rafflemeister is to inspect all unsealed kits for completeness prior to contest day; this

is especially important if you are getting most of your kits through donations. There is a suggestion on what to do with the kits that cannot be used for the raffle at the end of this article.

Third, and probably the most important, let the winners chose their prize. I’ve been to several events where tickets are drawn and then “assigned” (i.e., taped) to a random kit that then becomes that person’s prize regardless of what they are actually interested in. Even with separate drawings for aircraft, armor, etc. it is still “luck of the draw”. Our two raffles are both “winner gets choice”; ticket numbers are called individually at the time they are drawn, and the winner has the opportunity to select a single kit from the group designated for that raffle session. The later a ticket is drawn the less choice a person gets, but being able to make a selection and get something in a subject of which you are interested adds to the satisfaction of winning. This also increases the entertainment value of the raffle, as the ticket holder’s friends will provide “friendly” advice and younger modelers really get excited when they can pick from any model on the table.

One of the things that did not work well for us was running a Silent Auction area during the show. This involved a half-dozen premium (i.e., expensive) kits that

were displayed at a separate table with bidding sheets that had a starting bid and minimum raises specified. There was little interest until the last hour before bidding closed. I attribute this partly to the non-competitive nature of the average modeler (even though they are at a contest) and the fact that they had to hold enough money to cover their bid until the Silent Auction was done against the lure of the well-stocked vendor area. On the other hand, those that did bid came away with some very nice kits at very nice prices! At a recent show I attended, that Chapter put several premium kits in a special raffle which had a higher ticket price and individual drawings for each kit. I may give that a try at our next show in July 2024.

Finally, I promised a suggestion on what to do with those “less than perfect” kits donated to the raffle. At our last show all of these kits, along with anything else Chapter members wanted to part with, were put on what was called the “Cast-Aways” table (from our location on the Atlantic Coast) and priced at no more than \$5 each. Signs made it quite clear that theses kits were started, incomplete, damaged, or otherwise imperfect. What started out as a considerable pile representing virtually every modeling category turned into an empty table and a modest profit by the end of the show. Modelers may not like a Silent Auction, but they do love a deal! ■

-David Mohr



*Andy Fulcher, (left), sits ready to assist our Raffle Diva, Karen Mohr, as the 2022 DownEastCon opens.*

# Meeting Debrief

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We had 13 members in attendance: Mark Gray, Jeff Maples, Marshall Smith, Chuck Colucci, Tim Ryan, Mike Ryan, Andy Fulcher, Greg Marchlinski, Richard Adams, Rodney Huyett, Dennis Morey, Jim Harriett, and Dennis Korn.

We stayed and worked so hard those 2 hours that the time just flew by. Also, the fun of digging into the donuts, cookies, and coffee that member Jeff Maples brought helped the time go by, too. The attending members immediately voted that it was 'Cheat Day' for all of us. ■

*-Jeff Maples*



*Though not in his seat, Jeff Maples brought in his blue travel coffee container (which he is never without) and his Hasegawa Ki-27 Nate 1:48 (09008). You can see the model on the table. He is trying some AK Interactive colored pencils along with some enamel washes to help weather the early Japanese mono-plane fighter.*

# E.C.P.M. DISPLAY CASE

ART: CAROL PEARL



(above)

*I tried to get a picture of all that was brought in as snacks for the hard working model builders, but by the time I got my phone out and found the camera app, 5 donuts were already taken! Man, you have to be very fast around here when it comes to getting your favorite donut and taking pictures.*



(right) Marshall Smith finally makes a decision on which donut will be his first. The winner...Maple Walnut.

(right)

*Mr. Mark Gray is working on a stash kit he pulled off his shelf ...a Tamiya Leopard 2 A5 (35242) 1:35 Main Battle Tank. As a side note, Mark loves the 3 Stooges. As I look at this picture, I hope he doesn't 'pull a Curly' and drink the Tamiya glue thinking it is his Mountain Dew.*





*(left)*

*It seems that Marshall Smith is engrossed in the instructions for his Tiger Model Bf109 E which most builders know as an Egg model. This Chinese model company has on their box...No. 3 Cute Plane Kit Series (in a series of 7). For those not familiar with the other Cute Planes, they are: #1 F4U Corsair; #2 Ki-84; #4 US Navy Corsair; #5 Spitfire; #6 P-40 Warhawk; and #7 LA-7 Russian fighter.*

*(right)*  
*Chuck Colucci could only stay for a short time but wanted to get a chance to see everyone and what they were working on. It was nice for him to swing by. He may have come empty handed, but he did not leave empty handed. Our fellow member Rodney Huyett brought some BeachCon raffle winnings that he said would never get built by him. Chuck got in there and grabbed 2 kits...an Academy USAF F-16A and a Takom tank (but I can't tell what type) which he will bring home with him and hopefully bring back for the next group build.*





*(above)*  
**Andy Fulcher (like Marshall) is engrossed on the instruction sheet for his AMT 1971 Dodge Charger R/T (1:25 scale). It is either that or Andy is asleep. He inhaled those donuts fairly hard and fast.**



*(above)*  
**It looks like Andy woke up just in time to laugh at Greg Marchlinski. Why? I do not know. Personally, I'd not laugh at Greg knowing he is a Marine. Well, a Marine who likes to build Army vehicles. Greg is working on the Tamiya Japanese Ground Self Defense Force Light Armored Vehicle (Iraq Humanitarian Assistance Unit). The title is longer than the model itself! Greg has also been working on this model during our ECPM Zoom Group Build.**

*(right)*  
**Brothers Tim (left) and Mike (right) Ryan have been building models since they were kids. Apparently, Mike (the older brother) got Tim started building model cars and they have never stopped. With that being said, Tim brought in an AMT Star Wars X-wing fighter Plus Pack 8422 (glue and paint included) model to work on at the build... "X-wing fighter a car it is not".**





(above)  
 Rodney Huyett and Richard Adams look over Rodney's new Bandai Spirit's PMX 003 'The-O' Jupiteris prototype mobile suit at the scale of 1:144 (5059568). The kit comes with quite a number of sprues (like 8 to 10) plus in a number of different colors (gray, black, red, green, and sand). This seems to be Rodney's new interest. However, he did not disappoint as he did bring in the oddball kit (which he is known for) the Panda Hobby's 1:35 Soviet Object 279 (PH-35005).



(above)  
 Richard Adams actually brought in a plastic model kit, and he did not carve the molds himself! I had to sit down. This is a RS Models 1:72 Curtiss Hawk II (92191) that Richard built sometime between 2016 (when the kit was released) and now. As usual, Richard did a great job hand painting the model (as he does not have an airbrush). He chose the Cuban Air Force markings for the model and I can not blame him as they are very colorful.



(left)  
 It is hard to tell what Dennis Morey is working on. With closer examination of the contents of the box...Tamiya masking tape, 3 sets of (possibly) vinyl tape, cutting utensils, files, and a clear sprue, I am guessing Dennis is masking canopies. Indeed I was correct as he is masking the canopies for his 1:32 Junker Ju-87 (kit unknown). Though I did not get a picture of it, he got very far in completing the necessary masking. Good job, Dennis.



*(above)*  
**Jim Harriet brought in two kits...one to work on for the build and one to show off. The build is the Verlinden Productions resin '8 inch Armstrong rifle' (#1852) used by the Confederate Army at Fort Fisher (Kure Beach, NC) and is now at West Point. Very cool.**



*(above)*  
**Jim, also, brought in a finished model...the MiniArt 1:35 US Army Bulldozer (35195). Jim said it took him quite a while to build. For a small model it has up to 725 pieces! As usual, many of these pieces are covered up when you put the hood over the engine. The model came out beautifully and perfectly weathered. Jim weathered it to show its use by the US Army at the beaches of Normandy (a lot of sand).**

*(right)*  
**Here is our own Dennis Korn, normally an automobile builder, working on a tank. To be specific, the Tamiya 1:35 US Medium Tank M4A3E8 Sherman "Easy Eight" European Theater (35346). Dennis was very impressed as to how 'easy' the tank was going together (see what he did there). Dennis continued to say that if all tanks were this easy he would build more. Hence, the Tamiya German Panther Type G kit in 1:48 that Rodney Huyett was giving away. Nice!**



# 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.

**Contact Name: Lee Griffin**

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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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## **Gaston County Model Builders**

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## **Grand Strand Scale Modelers**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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

**June 17, 2023**

*Mega Show (Non-IPMS)*  
SC Scale Modelers  
Columbia, SC 29210  
<https://scmegashow.com/>

**July 15, 2023**

*"The Forbidden Contest"*  
Spartanburg SC  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/428551304620352>

**August 2nd - 5th, 2023**

*IPMS Nationals*  
Embassy Suites and San Marcos  
Convention Center  
San Marcos Texas  
<https://www.nats2023.com/>

**September 30, 2023**

*"Fast Trax IPMS Race City  
Fall Con '22"*  
UAW 3520 Hall Gym  
2290 Salisbury Highway (Hwy 70)  
Statesville, NC 28677  
**IPMS Race City**

**November 4, 2023**

*Region 12 Convention and Contest  
"All Things Recce"*  
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*



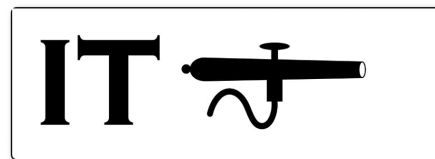
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## The International Plastic Modelers' Society - USA

National Convention 2023

Embassy Suites and San Marcos  
Convention Center  
San Marcos, Texas  
August 2nd - 5th, 2023



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Type of Membership ☐ Adult, 1 Year: \$30 ☐ Adult, 2 Years: \$58 ☐ Adult, 3 Years: \$86

☐ Junior (Under 18 Years) \$17 ☐ Family, 1 Year: \$35 (Adult + \$5, One Set Journals) How Many Cards? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Canada & Mexico: \$35 ☐ Other / Foreign: \$38 (Surface) Checks must be drawn on a US bank or international money order

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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.*



# SitRep

**AMPS 2023**

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May 4 - 6, 2023

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-Mark Gray

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[www.ecpmod.com/newsletters.html](http://www.ecpmod.com/newsletters.html)

**Editor's Notes:**

*Greetings chapter members, I am really sorry I missed Jeff's organized group build. It seems a rousing success, well done all.*

*Now that we have a schedule set for the group builds, as well as the Hobby Chest Raffles, (see schedule on page 1), what other types of meeting would you guys like? (NO dancing girls! Got it?)*

*Perhaps quarterly classes on some aspect of model building? Or maybe guest speakers of some sort? Book/movie reviews? Hey, we're open to suggestions.*

*The "Know Your Kit Kontest" has ended, (Congratulations Mr. William Reece!), so what did you guys think? Should we continue? I'll leave it up to the chapter, just give me some feedback yea or nay.*

*Remember, the last half of the year has BIG events upcoming. This August, the IPMS Nationals in San Marcos, Texas. And November 4th will be the Region 12 Regionals in Charlotte. See Con Roundup on page 15 for more info. Several of us are planning on going to one or both shows. Maybe we should plan a rendezvous for dinner somewhere?*

*My personal news is that unfortunately, due to travel plans, I will not be at the June meeting either but it seems you all play well together with Jeff keeping his eye on you so I'll not worry.*

*Have a great June meeting.. ■*

-Editor

**The next meeting will be Saturday, June 17, 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](http://www.ipmsusa3.org/uploads/ipms_application_form_2019.pdf)**