

A View From The Sprue

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They're over, the IPMS/USA Nationals were outstanding!
Look for coverage next month! In the mean time, enjoy
the Organ Grinder as your monthly primer...



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EVENTS

SCALE WRAP UP

Welcome to the September '11 edition of View From the Sprue, August was another busy and exciting month for the Northern Virginia Modelers with a good number of members travelling to Omaha (my original home of record!) immediately following (and some before!) the August meeting for the National Convention and Contest. I can hardly wait to see the photos and hear the feedback from this year's convention; they seem to keep getting better and better each year, especially since the National Board implemented a "lessons learned" to be passed to each host chapter. This is a very exciting time indeed to be a scale modeling enthusiast!

NOVA held our regular monthly meeting on August 3rd (coverage on page 10) basically the same evening folks were leaving to attend the IPMS National Convention and Contest. The contest special for the August meeting was "Heat Wave," which was any subject containing flames as part of the finish or presentation. The contest special wasn't heavily attended with models this month as there were only two entries on the tables: an Okha Bomb with flames coming out the rear of the aircraft posed in flight; and a Modified Sea Fury as a Reno Racer with a flaming paint job down the fuselage sides. The in house contest was rather lightly attended, partially due to the absence of a large number of our members who were conspicuously absent and enjoying the hospitality of the Midwest for the national convention. Partially too, I might add (rather reluctantly), due to a bit of a slow-down in modeling related events over the summer. This is a little unusual for our chapter, but the national convention, contrasting the number of folks "planning" vacations this year with perception of less disposable cash to do so, has actually become a case of folks taking time with family. Bully for you! I say... We look forward to seeing everyone back home and at the next meeting!

Our program for August was Brian Wilburn giving a presentation on helicopter operations in Iraq. Brian presented a very interesting look at the operational areas, typical operations, flight planning, risk reduction planning, and other factors covering rotary wing operations in southern Iraq with heavy emphasis on the 'human element' to the operations. We wish to extend to Brian our sincere appreciation for his thoughtful and engaging presentation.

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Payment Method: Check Money Order Credit Card (MC/ VISA only)

Credit Card No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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

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EVENTS

IN THE PAINT BOOTH

Summer still has several scale modeling events on the horizon that we can all look forward to. September continues with our monthly meeting on Wednesday the 7th. The contest theme is "Record Breakers" which includes any model of a record making or record breaking effort. The Program is a Swap Meet where members are encouraged to bring in models that they may no longer be interested in to swap with other members for something that may spark an interest. (I wonder how many may simply swap dead presidents for models of interest?).

Local events of interest include the IPMS/DC meeting on the 20th of September, and the AAHS meeting on the 12th. Another contest and show will be held in Roanoke, VA on the 13th; it is the "2011 VA Shootout" another in a long line of R2 annual contests/shows. Navigate your way to www.rvipms.com for more information on this event. However, the most exciting modeling event of August will take place in the Heartland of the USA.



As August comes to a close, some of us will be returning from the National Convention and polishing our trophies or licking our plastic wounds. To those who traveled, welcome home and we look forward to hearing about the National Convention experience. We look forward to feedback and stories on the events in Omaha. This year's theme was "Omaha by the Sea" as part of the Naval Aviation 100th Anniversary. Information on this year's convention can be found at www.ipmsusa2011.org/. The National Convention is always well attended by NOVA members!



September has a couple of events that are sure to turn heads. Strictly modeling includes the PennCon 2011 contest and show in Mechanicsburg, PA on 17 September. For more information on this event point your browser to www.cenpennipms.com and follow the links to the show. A new event to me is the 7th meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the League of World War I Aviation Historians. This meeting will be held at the Udvar-Hazy Annex of the Smithsonian. The League and Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center are requesting that those who wish to attend RSVP so that they ensure they have enough seating for all. Several events are planned for the day, please see page XX for more information. If you plan on attending, I'LL SEE YOU THERE!!!

October brings another big event the weekend of the 21st/22nd in Mount Laurel, NJ. The IPMS Region II, Jerseycon 2 theme is "1941 – America Enters the War" and as is usual for the 'boys from South Jersey' they have a bunch of special awards and "Best of's" for the show. For more information on Jerseycon 2 navigate your browser to <http://nqipms.org> and select the link with the logo (above) at the bottom of the page for an Adobe file with details.

EVENTS

LOOKING UNDER THE LID

The fall/winter building season allows us to prepare for myriad events in RII and the Eastern U. S. including shows in Fayetteville, NC, South Attleboro, MA, and the Liars Model Car Challenge in Freeport, NY in November. NOVA has a full slate for the monthly meetings with presenters, demonstrations, F-106 build the same kit, a model swap night, and our annual Christmas Party and gift exchange. Head over to www.novaiams.org/html/contest_programs.html for all the monthly events.

The spring brings with it the beginning of the show season and we have the annual IPMS Richmond show in February, a new show in Statesville, NC called the "1st Annual Catawba Valley Scale Modelers Contest and Swap Meet", and the Valleycon 22 in Chicopee, MA both in March. A couple of shows in New York (Plattsburgh) and South Carolina (Columbia) in April get everyone primed for the annual Model Classic in May, so GET BUILDING!

NEWS

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

The August meeting of the NOVA Modeler's kicked off at 8 PM in the Fairfax High School cafeteria. First up we only had 35 members present most likely due to a number at the National convention in Omaha. We had 2 returning members and one new member. The member's returning to the fold are: Frank Tauss who builds armor and aircraft; and Glen Gilbert who builds armor as well. The new guy is Phill Jussel (who should get along well with Chinxi) who loves to build Sci-Fi subjects, so a hearty welcome aboard goes out to all of them. The presentation was a really interesting power point by CW-4 Bryan Wilburn, USA (Retired) on his deployment to Iraq. He gave a fairly detailed account of life at Udori Air Base and the living conditions that they had to endure. He talked about flight ops below 200 ft and around 120 kts. Great pictures of how nasty a Chinook can get while in a desert environment and we might be in for a future presentation on the Chinook just from a modelers point of view. Unfortunately we didn't get any pictures of Bryan giving his talk.

NEWS

REGION 2 NEWS

Region II is gearing up for the Regional Convention and Contest in October. The submission for Chapter of the Year, Website of the Year, Newsletter of the Year and Mike Lyons Member of the Year are all in and now is the time for the selection process to take place. I look forward to hearing/seeing who wins these awards. The Richmond Convention was a good one, and the site in Fredericksburg was a good choice. I can't wait to see what the Boys from South Jersey have in store for us. Stay tuned, as we get information in we'll be sharing it. In the mean time, consider sponsoring a trophy package or supporting the raffle as –after the venue its self– these are two of the largest expenses for a show of this size. The Boys from South Jersey sure would appreciate it, and they won't send Guido to pick up your donation!

NEWS

NATIONAL NEWS

Its ELECTIONS time again, and there is a very important amendment to the constitution and bylaws for IPMS/USA members to vote on. The E-Board will have a copy of the ballot and the Constitutional Amendment on hand for IPMS/USA members to complete and NOVA will return all ballots together before the deadline (now THAT'S chapter support for the national body!). The ballots and amendment votes needed to be returned by 31 August, so this was your final month to exercise the privilege to vote, I strongly encouraged you to do so. For those who are IPMS/USA members, migrate your browser right on over to www.ipmsusa.org and follow the links to the election ballot and amendment voting page to see the results and see who our new elected board is for next year.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Scale ModelWorld will take place on November 12th and 13th in the International Centre in Telford, UK. This is the 49th anniversary of the IPMS which started in the UK. Next year's show is the 50th Anniversary of IPMS and you can bet they're planning some special events. I recommend that anyone wishing to attend the show (this year or next, but especially next year) start

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planning and saving now, it will be a humdinger! The focus on UK shows is not so much the competition as it is here in the U.S., it is on Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Chapter/Club displays. They do however share one thing with U. S. shows, THE VENDORS! There are 135 traders and manufacturers scheduled to be at this year's show, and I would bet my shorts that there will be even more next year, so start saving, you'll need the baggage fee for the extra suitcase of modeling goodies you'll want to carry home!

1/48 & Larger Aircraft:



1st place – Tim Hosek / Spirit of St. Louis

1/72 & Smaller Aircraft:

No entries this month.

1/48 Armor

No entries this month

Sci-Fi:



1st place – Frank Taus / Martian War Machines

Ships:

No entries this month

Vehicles:

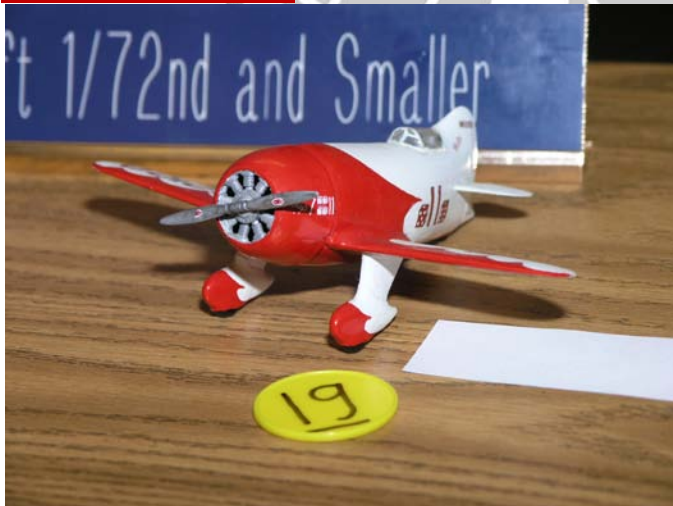
No entries this month

Figures:

No entries this month

NEWS
AUGUST CONTEST
RESULTS

1/72 & Smaller Aircraft:



2nd place – Tim Hosek / Gee Bee R1 Racer



1st place – Dave Milne / Fokker D.8

Master Modeler:

No entries this month

"Heat Wave" Special Theme:



2nd place – Michael Howe / Baka Bomb



1st place – Tim Hosek / September Fury

August 2011 Best Out of Box:

No winner picked!

August 2011 Best of Show:



Dave Milne / T-55 Main Battle Tank

