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## November 2022 Newsletter

*Editor: Tom Henderson*

President Tim Barb opened the meeting by leading the club in welcoming two new members: David Young is a sci-fi builder who had a very nice Star Age Gundam on the contest table. Mike Rotel is returning to the hobby after a long absence. He is one of the most eclectic modelers we have had the pleasure to meet. Mike builds plastic models, balsa aircraft, RC models, and he mentioned building a trolley car layout! He did admit one weakness. Mike asked the membership for some tutoring on airbrush techniques. Whoever gives him a hand, please include me in the class.

Tim reminded attendees about the IPMS Washington DC and IPMS Baltimore hosted MarauderCon 2022 at the Level Fire department in Havre de Grace, MD. I was not able to attend this last show of the year in our region. Winners, please bring your models and awards to the November meeting. It would be great if someone would send me a show report.

Tim drew the members attention to a very nice certificate of appreciation from the National Capitol Model Soldier Society for the support NoVA gave to their annual show held last month. The certificate was on the front table for members to view.

The floor was opened for nominations for chapter officers. Tim explained the rationale for having elections early as it has only been one year since the last election. We held a special election last year because two of the three sitting officers unexpectedly moved away.

Elections are being held this year to bring the chapter back in sync with the National level election cycle. Tim is stepping down from being President, as is Secretary/Historian Cliff Brown. The chapter nominated the following members for three open positions:

- President: Current Vice President Scott Bricker was nominated, seconded, and approved by the membership to run for president.
- Vice President: Don Dickson was nominated, seconded, and approved to run for vice president.
- Secretary/Historian: Curtis Clinton was nominated, seconded, and approved to run for secretary/historian.

With no further nominations, Tim closed the floor while reminding the membership elections are next month. The floor will be re-opened for any final nominations before voting.



Treasurer Jon Etherton reminded the membership about the IPMS membership subsidy. In short, the chapter will cover 2/3 of the cost of an annual \$30 membership fee. When you wish to renew your membership or join IPMS USA for the first time, please see Jon. Jon also announced he will deliver the IPMS USA required annual financial status briefing next month. If anyone is planning to vend at Model Classic 2023, Jon is accepting table reservations now. Table locations are first come, first serve so if you have a strong table preference consider registering early.

Vice President Scott Bricker informed the membership he is hosting a group build on Facebook. The theme is small air forces of Western Europe. All are welcome to join the party. If you are interested contact Scott for the link.

The program was a presentation by Dave Zweigel on Gundams/Gunpla. For those who missed the presentation, it is available on the club website at <https://www.novaiipms.org/tutorials>. The awards ceremony and raffle drawing took place after Dave's presentation to close the meeting. Our next monthly meeting will be Wednesday 9 November, the second Wednesday of the month. Tips and Share is set for Wednesday 16 November. The December meeting and Christmas celebration is scheduled for Wednesday 14 December, once again the second Wednesday of the month. A report on the October Tips and Share meeting with UK sister chapter IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands begins below, followed by Hague's Corner (page 4). The contest photo gallery begins on page 5. A show report on the National Capitol Model Soldier Society (NCMSS) show begins on page 12 That is the news for this month. Take care all, see everyone at the Christmas party meeting.

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## Tips and Share Meeting IPMS Staffordshire-Moorlands 8 October 2022



Those of us who attended the 8 October Tips and Share meeting with IPMS Staffordshire-Moorlands had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon talking about models, Scale Model World planning, insights on how we are all getting along in this new world we live in, and a host of world problems. The meeting included a contest which made the skill level of our UK modeling brothers and sisters clearly evident. They are GOOD. You can see the contest winner's pics when you turn the page, and on the home page of the website. It was a great afternoon

Tips and Share Meeting (continued)



Karen Cope – first place Sci Fi



Cheryl Backham – second place Sci Fi



Tim Barb – first place Figures



Karen Cope – second place Figures



Tim Barb – second place 1/48 AC



David Cope 1/48 Bv-141



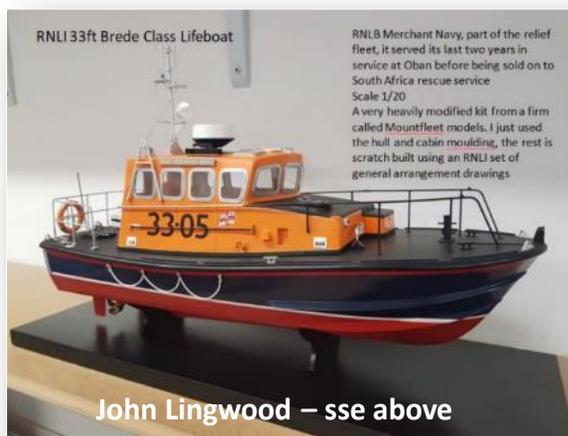
David Cope – first place 1/48 AC



Mike Fleckenstein first place 1/48 AC



Mike Fleckenstein first place Dioramas



## Hague's Corner Coming Back Slowly by Dick Hague

*Editor's note: Dick shares a unique running text and visual diary of his modeling adventures which includes triumphs, defeats, lessons learned and tips. It is too tall of an order to pull together one complete build from the various messages, so what you are seeing in these articles is a moving "window" of Dick's modeling adventures over time. Nevertheless, we are getting a host of tips and lessons learned suitable for beginners and experienced modelers alike.*

One night recently I ventured into the model room to try and 'get my groove back.' It is amazing how quickly you forget what tool you used in the past to do something! I needed to paint some aotake inside the wheel wells of some Japanese aircraft (Figure 1). I had a bottle of blue aotake from Testors that had not been opened in a long time. The lid was very tight on that old bottle - then I remembered!



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# Contest Winners October 2022



*Aircraft 1/72 & Smaller, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
1/144 Me-262 by Chad Kennedy*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
F-4B by Daniel Bowers*



*Aircraft 1/48, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
U-2R by Dale Hutchinson*



*AFV 1/35, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
KV-1 by Vivian Watts*



*Sci-Fi, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
X-Wing by Vivian Watts*



*Sci-Fi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Star Age Gundam by David Young*

# Contest Winners October 2022



***Ships, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Unnamed ship by Chad Kennedy***



***Figures, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Csarnosaur Rider by Jon DeSalva***



***Master, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
TA-7C by Jim Fitzgibbon***



***Master, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
OV-10 by Leighton Greenstreet***



***Special, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
DFS-230 & Me-109 by Leighton Greenstreet***



***Special, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Virgin Galactic Spaceship 1 by Dick Hague***

# Contest Winners October 2022

## Best out of the Box P-40 Collection by Dick Hague



# Contest Winners October 2022

## Best out of the Box – Continued (this is a first) P-40 Collection by Dick Hague



# Best of Show

## Roman Officer by David Hoffman



**Tip alert! Absolutely nothing works better on a paint bottle than a metal nutcracker. Get one and keep it in your essential tools pile (Figure 2).**

If you are not familiar with 'aotake' it is a corrosion preventive mix developed in Japan during the 1930's. Google it, very interesting. It is used on interior surfaces of aircraft and is usually blue but can be green. It is somewhat clear and the metal showing through gives it a metallic look. Our zinc chromate primers are a greenish yellow and don't have a metallic finish but are rather flat.

**Tip alert! Don't assume your skills haven't gone downhill enough to where you will screw a model up at the point where mistakes will show the most. Work on something very basic!**



Figure 2



Figure 3

**Tip alert! After that easy opening of the aotake bottle, keep it easy to open in the future by taking that tissue and wiping off the rim and the inside of the cap before you touch a paint brush (Figure 3).** When the top goes back on shake the bottle enough to get paint back up, which will dry a little bit to seal the bottle again. You did notice the round toothpick used to stir the paint during use didn't you? Wipe it off or throw it away.

Still on the subject of paint and stuff, I use a dirty bottle of thinner as well as a clean one (Figure 4). A couple of rolls of the dirty brush inside the dirty bottle gets enough solvent on the brush to warrant wiping it off. You should have plenty of toilet paper left over from pandemic panic buying. When satisfied the brush is clean, dip, don't roll, the brush in the clean thinner and repeat a few times as you wipe it off on the tissue. When you are no longer seeing the paint color on it you have a pretty clean brush. Sometimes I will use lacquer thinner dirty and clean bottles the same way on enamels as some enamels are harder to get out of brushes.



Figure 4



The silver wings shown in Figure 1 are from this old LS kit I had in the stash. I thought I would use that for practice as it is a good subject to restart with. I completed the bomber that this transport was converted from over thirty years ago. I checked to see if any aftermarket products existed for this kit. The only things that showed up were Black Magic paint masks from around 2008. They were a product of the late, great, much lamented, and local Meteor Productions. They were real pioneers in aftermarket masks, decals, and many other products.

Figure 5 shows the aotake treated wings sitting on a Yak 17 box. I bought the Lego matt to rig up a jig. It still needs assembly, but I wanted to get these big parts off the work desk. I was also working on a Beechcraft UC-43 and deciding the best way to install the clear cabin windows into the fuselage without marring them. They fit pretty tight. I don't want to use solvent glue of course so I am thinking about using my remaining stock of Dr Mike's glue. If I bevel the fuselage openings on the inside capillary action should draw Dr Mike's around the inside and be invisible from the outside. I saw a lot about it on YouTube and it might still be able to be found there. I've been told that Pacer Form 560 is a great product for attaching clear plastic but I don't think it has the thinness to do the capillary action needed on something like this.

Figures 7 and 8 show four nacelles from one of the 'Rita' Japanese bombers. I am waiting to glue them onto the wings and use my Flexi-file to sand down the glue joint. It would not be at a good angle to do that while on the wing. The ones with the gear legs sticking up also got an aotake treatment inside. It will be easier at this stage than when glued on the wing. I will paint the metallic



## Hague's Corner (continued)

colors on the gear struts first. They are tight but movable at the moment. A touch of any glue at the pivot points will lock it into what is later determined to be the right angle.

**And a final tip! Checking on pre-painted etch parts can give you a clue as to what cockpit colors might be needed on a model (Figure 9).** Somebody else invested time in the research to get something to sell and you can benefit from that knowledge. I couldn't find anything online about the cockpit colors of the stock military UC-43 but there is a lot of info in this Eduard set. I have some etch that matches this and the rest seems to be a fairly simple paint session.

I think I've worked up enough modeling nerve to attempt putting the landing gear on the Swedish PR Spitfire.....maybe (Figure 10)!

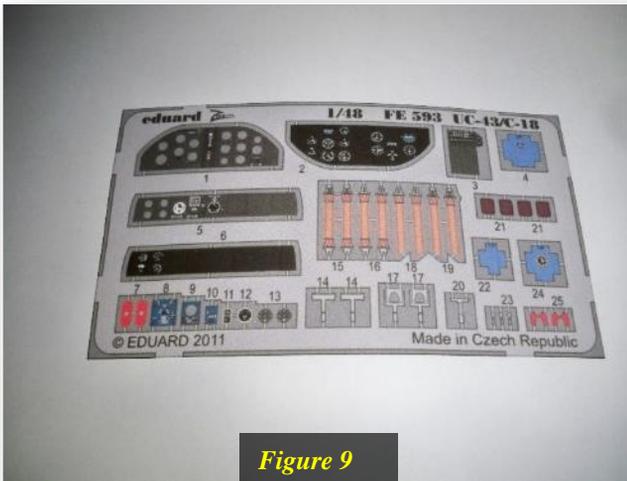


Figure 9

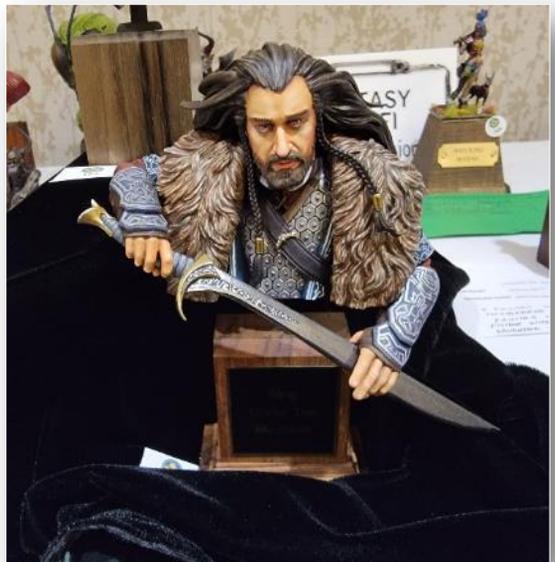


Figure 10

## National Capitol Model Soldier Society (NCMSS) Annual Show 1 October 2022

I have said it more than once in the past and will repeat it again here; my hat is off to these guys and gals. I cannot fathom the skills these figure modelers possess to make the awesome looking figures I saw at this year's show.

The NCMSS show takes place in September – October each year. If you have never been – go. You will find a contest room that is small compared to the size of a typical Model Classic show since the genre of focus is figures. However, the NCMSS crew makes accommodations for us airplane and armor builders. IPMS Northern Virginia was given some

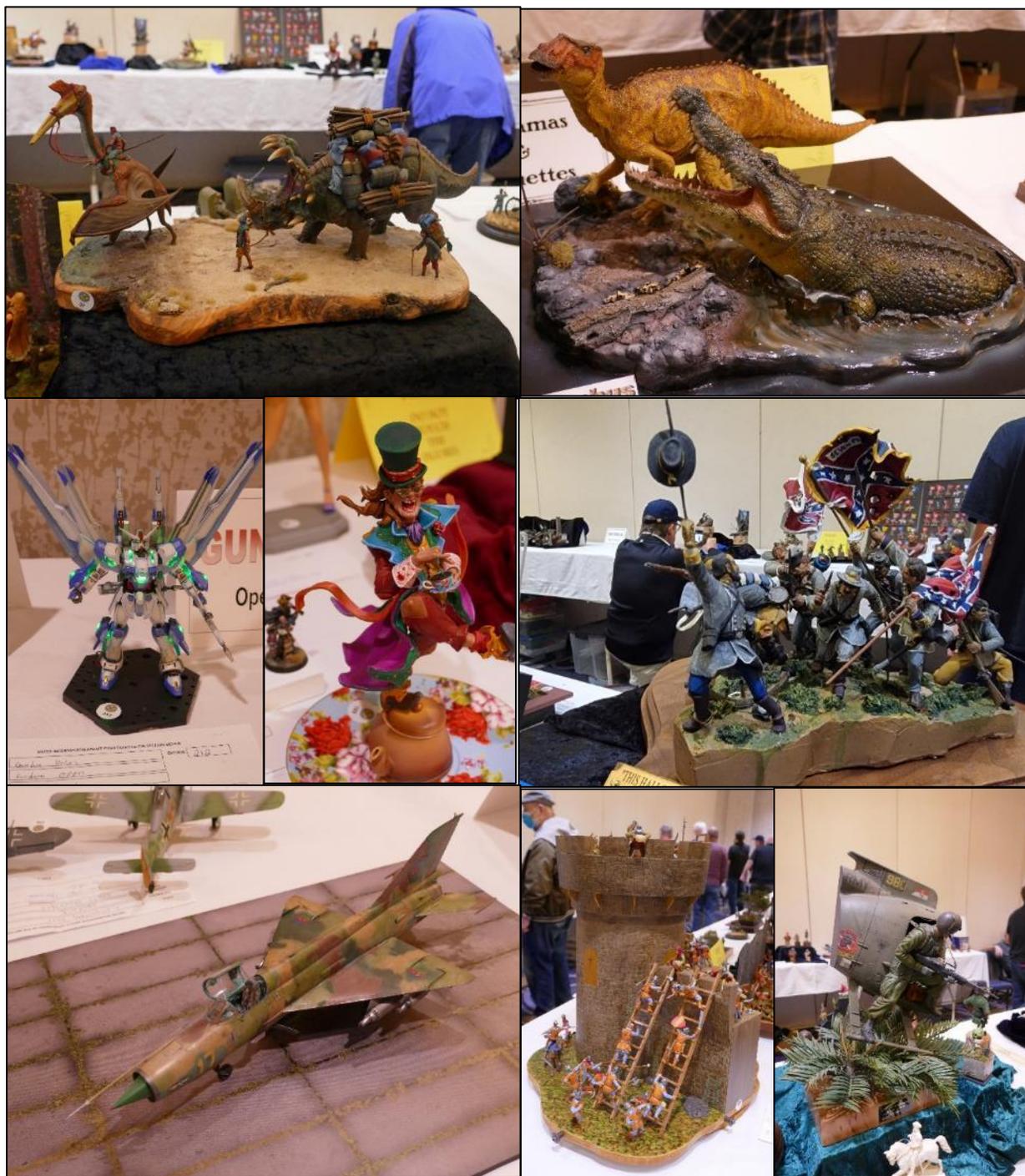


tables for a chapter display. IPMS NoVA President put the display table in the hall outside the contest and vendor areas. Don Dickson, Curtis and Shirley Clinton, and Charles Locke pitched in to populate and man the display. For contest results, go to the NCMSS website show page (<https://www.ncmssclub.org/annual-show>). This is a good example of the one picture is worth 1,000 words, so I will let the photos do the writing for me. Incredible work.









## MarauderCon 2022

Unfortunately for me a commitment with no escape clause had me out of state on MarauderCon day so I missed this not-to-be-missed show. If I can find someone who will volunteer to contribute a show report, it will appear in the next issue. Contest winners, congratulations and please bring your models and awards for the membership to enjoy.

## November Meeting Program and Contest Theme

**Program: TBA – by Chris Mikesh**

**Contest: Family portrait.** Bring a collection of the same family of subjects perhaps in different markings or variants.

Visit the club website at [www.novaiipms.org](http://www.novaiipms.org) and join the club Google group at <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/northernvirginiamodelers>

Both locations will allow you to access the monthly Contest/Program Schedule as well as information about IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers.

We're also on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northern-Virginia-IPMS>

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- 9 November 2022 (**Second Wednesday**)  
 IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting  
 Fairfax High School  
 3501 Lion Run, Fairfax VA
- 12 November 2022  
 Washington Armor Club Meeting  
 George Mason Regional Library  
 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA
- 16 November 2022  
 IPMS Northern Virginia Tips and Share Zoom Meeting
- 15 November 2022  
 IPMS DC Meeting  
 Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Rec Ctr  
 13850 Travilah Rd. Rockville, MD 20850  
 7:30-9:00pm
- 23 November 2022  
 NCMSS Monthly Meeting  
 Thomas Edison High School  
 5801 Franconia Road  
 Alexandria, VA 22310
- 25 February 2023  
 IPMS Richmond VA Old Dominion Open  
 Richmond International Raceway, Henrico Building  
 600 East Laburnum, Richmond VA
- 25 March 2023  
 BeachCon 2023 (Scheduled 1 Oct show cancelled due to hurricane Ian)  
 General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center  
 800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC
- 15 April 2023  
 IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classic 2023  
 Fairfax High School  
 3501 Lion Run, Fairfax VA
- 2-6 August 2023  
 IPMS USA National Convention  
 San Marcos, TX



**2023 Old Dominion Open Scale Model Show & Contest**

**Saturday, February 25**

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Schedule		Location
Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Vendors open all day Registration Closes at 12:00 noon Judging Starts at 12:30 p.m.		Richmond Raceway Complex Henrico Hall 600 E. Laburnum Ave. Richmond, VA 23222

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## BeachCon 2023

**Saturday, March 25, 2023 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
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*Flyer Design by Mike Blackmon*

# Upcoming Events

**Northern Virginia Modelers  
Model Classic 2023**  
**Between the Wars**  
*1920 to 1940*  
Saturday, April 15, 2023  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Fairfax High School  
3501 Lion Run, Fairfax, VA 22030



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