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## *August 2021 Newsletter*

*Editor: Tom Henderson*

The IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers monthly meeting took place on 7 July 2021 with 30 attendees on line. We are holding virtual meetings (including a monthly contest) using Zoom and Google Docs during the pandemic. Our normal Fairfax High School venue is closed to community activities at this time. With the presenter's permission, we are recording the program portion of our meetings to give members who were not able to attend, and our UK sister chapter IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands, the opportunity to watch later. Although the business meeting starts at 7:00 pm, the Zoom link opens at around 6:30 so members can chat for a while before Acting President Tim Barb kicks off the meeting.

Just as the last paragraph predicted, Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded us to let him know if anyone would like to share a topic during a Tips and Share meeting. Also, if you are interested in showing what you are working on you can send up to six pictures to Tim. He will put them into a PowerPoint slide show to share so you can discuss your ongoing or completed projects. The next monthly meeting will be on 4 August. The program will be us. Anyone who enters a model in the contest may be called on to discuss his (her) entry: How you got it, any build issues you would like to pass on, tools/techniques used, etc.

The August meeting may be our last ZOOM meeting. Fairfax High School invited us to submit meeting requests from September through June next year. We did so and received confirmation from the school. Dates are posted to the website. The sharp eyed among you will notice May is missing. That is because I skipped May when I submitted the date requests. The website will be updated when we receive confirmation of our requested May date. Additionally, we have a date for Model Classic 2022 which is 16 April. The monthly Tips and Share will continue on ZOOM. With a return to regular in person meetings, our UK sister Chapter IPMS Staffordshire Moorlands won't be able to enter the monthly contest. We are therefore talking between clubs about holding quarterly meetings and contests via ZOOM. More to come on this.

By the time you read this issue it will be early August, two months away from the start of the biannual elections process. Nominations will take place at the October meeting with elections in November. Elected positions are President, Vice President and Secretary/Historian. If anyone is interested in serving in any of the above positions, please let any of the E-board members know. They will be happy to speak with potential candidate to answer any questions about the position of interest. Club officer list of duties and responsibilities are on the NoVA website:

<https://www.novaiipms.org/contact>. Should you decide to run for an office be sure to have a fellow chapter member prepared to nominate you in October.

Treasurer Jon Etherton reported minimal activity at present. Jon also gave the membership our traditional announcement, especially for the benefit of our newer members, about our IPMS-USA Membership Subsidy program. If you would like to join IPMS-USA or wish to renew your membership, give your application and \$10 for each year (up to three years) to Jon. The club will

submit the membership application along with the balance of the membership fee. Make checks out to "Northern Virginia Modelers." When you get your membership card, please let Tim know so he can keep the membership roster up to date. The-forms are on the club website at

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Secretary/Historian Walter Schlueter announced there were 15 entries in the contest.

If you are interested in the National Capital Model Soldier Society (NCMSS), contact Adjutant David Hoffman. You can find an email link for David the club website at <https://www.ncmssclub.org/>. While you are there you can also find information on their annual show on 25 September. The show flyer is on page 17. Also see page 16 for the list of upcoming shows and club meetings.

The program this month was another hit out of the park. Vince Mankowski taught us how to use a wet palette technique to paint figures during a very engaging presentation. Vince went into very informative detail on how to do it. In another plug for the website, a growing treasure trove of modeling techniques and information in the form of previous programs can be found on our site at <https://www.novaipms.org/fyi>. I counted 18 presentations on various subjects.

The monthly gallery is next as usual, followed as usual by another episode of Dick Hague's modeling adventures and misadventures on page 8. Not so usual is part 1 of a 1/48 Monogram B-17 build article by Rafe Morrissey. See you on Zoom in a few days. Be careful out there, everybody. The bug is on the offensive again.

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## Some Mike Fleckenstein Modeling Philosophy

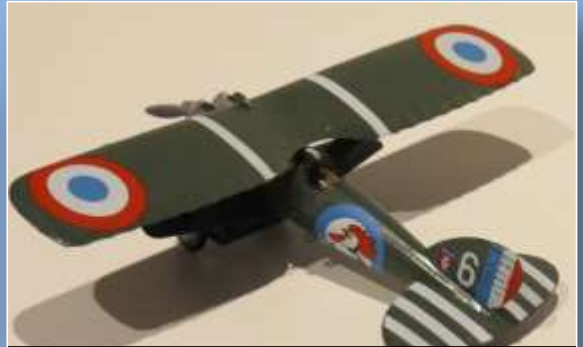
I was thinking today about how the world looks at scale modeling opposed to how we all, as modelers, look at it. My good friend Buzz Lockwood was fond of telling me that we were living in the Golden Age of the hobby, referring to the sophistication of the kits, the aftermarket, paints and a myriad of other goodies. He was absolutely right and whether our interest is building, collecting, reference work, an insight into history, or simply looking at new kits, Buzz's interest before he passed away, now is the best we've ever had it. And I'm pretty sure each of us can identify a moment or moments when that interest has gotten us through whatever good and bad made up the rest of our lives.

I'm also sure that each of us has experienced that glazed look we get from non-modelers when we try to pass on the enjoyment we get from the hobby. Talk golf, football, travel, kids or whatever they're all ears but many times they'll say about modeling "So do you build them for your kids to play with?" Frustrating, disappointing it may be, but it's the way it is. So don't pursue the hobby on the expectation that non-modelers will appreciate but rather to please yourself and others modelers who share the passion.

## Contest Winners July 2021



*Aircraft 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
TRU FC-1 by Charles Locke*



*Aircraft 1/72, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
NiD 622 by Greg Richard*



*AFV 1/72, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Jagdpanzer IV by Greg Richard*



*AFV 1/35, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
M60A1 by John DeSalva*



*Figures, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
T-Rex by Karen Cope*



*Master, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Roman Cavalryman by David Hoffman*

## Contest Winners July 2021 (continued)



*Master, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
CH-47 by Don Dickson*



*Special, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Mirage 2000N by Jim Rotramel*



*Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Meteor F3 by Scott Bricker*

## Rest of the Models



*Revell 1/24 Ford Taurus by Patrick Hoff*



*Airfix 1/72 Alpha-E by Greg Richard*

# Contest Winners July 2021 (continued)

## Rest of the Models (con't)



*Tamiya 1/72 F4D by Jon DeSalva*



*Hasagawa 1/72 B-17G by William Suringa*



*AFV 1/35 M59 Long Tom by Charles Locke*

## Contest Winners July 2021 (continued)

### Best out of the Box Roman Cavalryman by David Hoffman



**Best of Show**  
**Dragon 1/48 Ta-154 by David Cope**



# Hague's Corner

## Under the Boardwalk

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.*

Back in the sixties "Under the Boardwalk" was a pop song about happy romantic encounters at the beach. My octogenarian version of it turned out to be "Under the Deck" matchmaking of a different sort on a Saturday afternoon. Let me explain.

I needed to match some Tamiya spray paint cans to some British colors for a couple of P-40s underway. Time to multi-task! I already had a couple of the matches I needed except for Humbrol's HU-84 Middle Stone, a tan color used mostly in the Western Desert theater.

Tip alert! Tamiya TS-46 Light Sand is almost a perfect match. TS-68 Wood Deck Tan is a very close second. When trying to match sprays with tins don't trust a tin on which the manufacturer painted the lid with the color. I've seen some big differences between painted lids and the paint inside. Use some of the actual paint inside to put on the lid to match the color chips. This particular old tin wasn't painted with the interior color but I did a brush stroke or two on it the last time I had it open.

Here is one of the P-40's with the Middle Stone (TS-46) sprayed as the first of two colors on the top (Figure 1). The other will be RAF Dark Earth. I have both Humbrol tins of that as well as Tamiya sprays. I'm debating whether or not to try and mask off the Stone and spray the Dark Earth (brown) or just freehand paint the second top color. Brush painting would really be quicker than cutting masks. Any opinions out there?



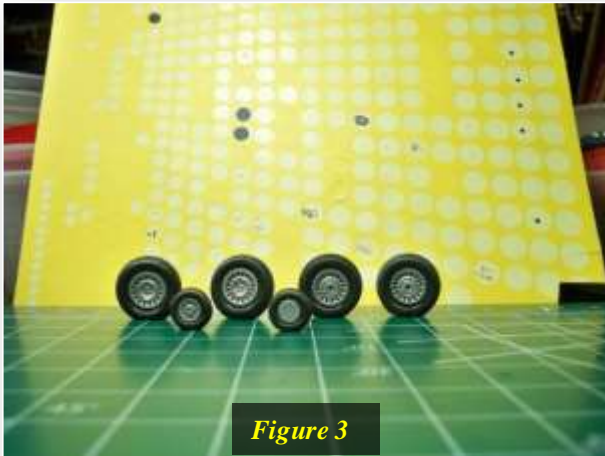
Figure 2 is the other P-40 sprayed with the RAF Dark Earth. The second color needed on the top is Olive Drab. This one is planned to be a South African Air Force fighter with orange centers to the roundels instead of the more familiar RAF red centers. This will be a new country added to the collection but a South African F-86F is planned for the Korean War collection. By the time of that war the SAAF had an entirely different aircraft national insignia, an antelope of some type.



(Springbok, ed.)







**Tip alert** (Figure 3)! Here I used a generic sheet of pre-cut circles to mask off some resin aftermarket B-25 wheels. Counting in from the edge of the sheet, each time you need to pick an identical size you will probably pick the wrong size 50% of the time. Notice the numbers in the used spots where I marked the count from the edge using a thin marker. Now you just have to remember you need another number 4 or whatever. Also some of the black dots in those holes are smaller circle masks that

weren't used on the intended kits they were bought for. Sometimes they come in handy in other places.

The next three pictures look like those shots of abandoned German aircraft plants at the end of the war (Figures 4-6)! Actually they are various Hasegawa Me-262 kits being consolidated. Although the newly tooled Airfix kits are available, and I have all of them, these older Hasegawa kits from the mid-eighties are still very good.



Finally, this Lockheed Vega, USAAF designation UC-101 is almost finished Figure 7. The yellow serial number of the tail almost vanished against the olive drab under it but tip alert....having a second identical kit allowed me to use a second yellow decal right over the first one which made it come to life!

Hmmmm.....I wonder if I have any more pre-cut camo masks for P-40's in the stash???

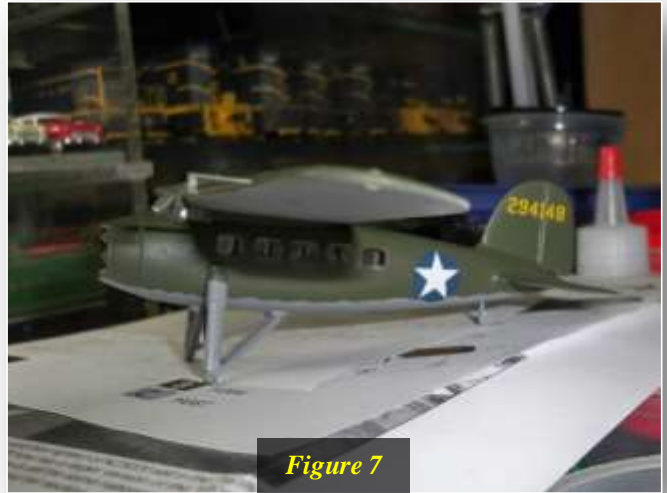


Figure 7

## Building Tujung!: Turning Monogram's Classic 1:48 B-17G into a Tribute to One of the Greatest Generation -Part One-

Text and Photos by Rafe Morrissey (unless otherwise credited)

The connection to history is one of the major drivers behind my interest in modeling. Every once in a while, a project comes along that really amplifies that connection. Such was the case when I was offered the opportunity to build Monogram's (now Revell) classic 1:48 B-17G as a tribute for the brother of an 8th Air Force veteran.

Winfred Kincaid was assigned to the 457th Bomb group and his crew was the most decorated in the 8th Air Force. Kincaid was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, European, African, and Middle Eastern Service Medal, and three Oak-Leaf Clusters. He flew as an engineer/top turret gunner and his crew was the first in the group to complete 25 missions, including raids on Berlin, in a B-17G named Tujung! He was an original crew member for this aircraft and flew it from the training base in Wendover, UT to England in January 1944.



The Tujung! Crew. Winfred Kincaid is in the front row center.

Source: Bryant Kincaid

Kincaid's nephew contacted IPMS NOVA seeking someone to build the kit as a gift for his father and when the opportunity was offered, I was eager to take it on. I have always liked the B-17 as a subject and have fond memories of building the Monogram Visible B-17 when I was a kid. I have long had an interest in doing one of the venerable Monogram kits with my adult skill set and this was the perfect opportunity to do one with a touchpoint to a specific person who served in one. I have also had the opportunity to read a diary of the missions Mr. Kincaid flew which really cemented the connection between plastic and history for me. It is also an interesting coincidence that the airplane on the classic Monogram/Revell box top (El Lobo II) is from the same bomb group.

## *B-17 (continued)*

Fortunately, Tujungang! Is well-documented although there are some interesting discrepancies in the historical record. On the 457th Bomb Group Association Website, there is a great photo archive with shots of many of the aircraft. As it turns out, there were two Tujungang. The first was the aircraft that the original crew flew to England and was the first to complete 25 missions. That aircraft was later shot down and a second B-17 was transferred from another group to take its place and named Tujungang III.

The discrepancy is that the picture above of Tujungang! shows it to have been a camouflaged aircraft. Photos identified as Tujungang III indicate an aircraft in natural metal finish, yet the Website lists the serial numbers as applying to the opposite aircraft based on their color schemes. This is one of the interesting aspects of historical research that requires some educated guesswork. Since Mr. Kincaid's uncle's diary specifically references 42-97468 and the photos all show that to be a camouflaged B-17, we believe the references inverted the serial numbers of the two aircraft.

This may be because the later aircraft actually had a lower serial number (42-97087) having come in from the 379th Bomb Group. The Website also indicates that 42-97468 was among the original B-17s assigned to the group at Wendover which tracks with the diary as well.

The good news is that some good pictures exist of the aircraft that will help in producing the replica. It is also helpful that the configuration of the aircraft reflects the sub-type Monogram kitted with the early style tail gun and un-staggered waist positions. Supplied with custom nose art and an extensive set of aftermarket items, I was eager to get started.





Source: 457<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association [Website](#) (enlarged from original image)

The Monogram kit includes a very respectable level of detail, especially given when it was originally produced but the client supplied a wide assortment of photo-etch and after-market enhancements. The challenge with the B-17 is that much of the interior detail will be invisible, so I added details that will hopefully stand out including some marvelous fees chutes from a company called Mini-World from Ukraine and many details from the Eduard color photo-etch sets with an emphasis on the instrument panel and throttle assembly. Eduard's throttle quadrant contains 25 parts alone while the Monogram kit only has 79!



*I have also used oil paint over a light tan undercoat to replicate the various wooden elements that were common in war-time B-17s. I used Tamiya XF-55 Deck Tan and XF-78 for undercoats with burnt sienna and raw umber to reflect the varied materials from different subcontractors that were used in the production process.*



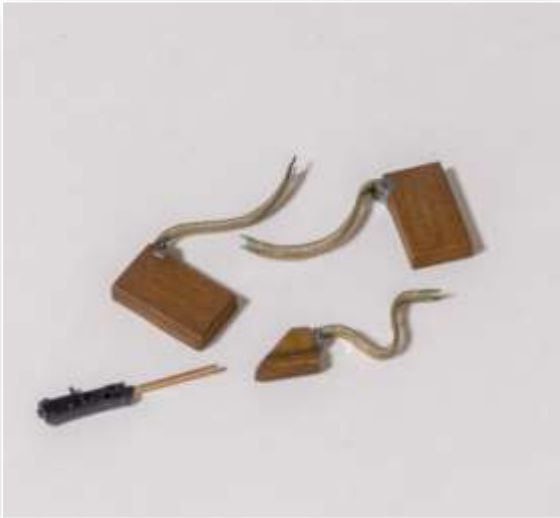
*The map is an image of an actual 8<sup>th</sup> AF combat map for Berlin. The magazine is the November 29, 1943 issue of Life Magazine with Ira Eaker on the cover. Note that different wood finishes can be simulated with oil paint streaked over an acrylic undercoat.*



*Flightpath makes a nice set for the Monogram kit including some great enhancements for the machine gun carriages with sights.*



*Another impressive upgrade is two-piece brass barrels from Master. These include turned barrels and jackets with hollow cooling openings that are a marvel of mini-engineering.*



*The combination of kit detail and after-market enhancement makes for an effective interior. I can't wait to get the rest of the interior done and to move on to painting that olive-drab over gray finish!*



*The painted fuselage interiors. B-17s were painted with a variety of colors in the forward crew areas. I used Tamiya XF-11 J.N. Green which is a good match for bronze-green. The rear fuselages were unpainted. I added a MIG Neutral Wash to bring out the molded detail.*

## August Meeting Program and Contest Theme

**Program:** Members will talk about their contest entry

**Contest: Abandoned** – Any vehicle left to rot, decay or seen in a decrepit state, Any country, Any time frame

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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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# Upcoming Events

4 August 2021

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly Meeting  
Start time 7:00 pm  
Virtual meeting - notification links sent via the IPMS  
Northern Virginia Modelers Google Group

10 August 2021

Washington Armor Club Virtual Meeting  
Start time 7:00 pm

17 August 2021

IPMS DC Virtual BOGSAT (Bunch Of Guys, or Gals,  
Sitting Around a Table) Meeting (*Via Zoom*)  
7:30-9:00pm

18 August 2021

IPMS Northern Virginia Virtual Tips and Share Meeting  
(*Via Zoom*)  
Start time 7:00pm

25 August 2021

NCMSS Monthly Meeting  
(via Zoom - see note next page)

TBD (*Postponed*)

NOREASTCON 49

8250 Park Rd  
Batavia, NY 14020

11 September 2021

PENNCON 2021 (Tentative)  
Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center  
2638 Emmitsburg Rd.  
Gettysburg, PA

18-21 August 2021

IPMS National Convention  
Las Vegas, NV

13-14 Nov 2021

IPMS UK Scale Model World  
Telford, UK

**Northern Virginia Modelers**  
**Model Classic 2022**  
**THE KOREAN CONFLICT**  
**70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Saturday, April 16, 2022 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Fairfax High School  
3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030

Walk-in Admission  
\$8.00 Single Adult (18 and older)  
\$18.00 Family

Contestants \$16.00  
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**PENNCON 2021**  
**MODEL SHOW AND CONTEST**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 9:00AM TO 5:00PM  
EISENHOWER COMPLEX  
2638 EMMITSBURG RD, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325  
SHOW THEME: **FIRE & ICE**

Contest fee (up to 3 entries):  
Adult \$15.00 (additional entries \$1.00 each)  
Junior (16 & under) \$5.00

Walk-in and Display only:  
Individuals \$7.00  
Families \$10.00

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## Upcoming Events (continued)



**National Capital Model Soldier Society**

**60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHOW**

**NEW DATE!**  
**SAME GREAT PLACE**  
SPRINGFIELD HILTON  
6550 Loisdale Rd, Springfield, VA

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**  
Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE**

- Early Set-up Friday Sept 24, 1:00pm
- Gundam Build Tables!
- Trophies and Sponsored Awards
- FREE Professional Photography
- Hobby Club Exhibits!
- Raffles

For details visit our website @ **NCMSSClub.org**

### National Capital Model Society monthly Meetings

The NCMSS is conducting their meetings via Zoom. They send email invites with the link prior to every meeting. If you are interested in attending the NCMSS monthly meetings are not already on their list, send an email to David Hoffman at [bpchasseur@comcast.net](mailto:bpchasseur@comcast.net) Go their website "Meeting and Info Schedule" page for more information.

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