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January 2022 Newsletter

Editor: Tom Henderson



The IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Monthly meeting took place on 8 December with 68 people in attendance. I suspect most of the newsletters Mark Young the IPMS Newsletter guy will receive this month, to include this one, will consist of the same main event; a Christmas Party! This was an especially happy gathering since it has been two years since our significant others got to greet each other in person. Chapter members have been enjoying regular in-person meetings since March.

The chapter provided sandwich platters, soda, water, plates and utensils. Chapter members who brought a pot luck food item rounded out the high calorie count for the evening. Any food left over went to the school custodians, another annual tradition. In addition to the food, drink (non-alcoholic of course) and happy conversation our traditional Christmas Party includes a group photo followed by three additional events which I will describe in the order of their occurrence:

- Member of the Year award
- Build the Same Subject (BTSS) Contest
- Gift exchange

Member of the Year Announcement: IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Member of the year for 2021 is Jon Etherton. When making the announcement, President Tim Barb described Jon's many contributions to the chapter during the year. They include his acceptance to take on the important position of Treasurer when Tim took over as acting president early in the year, and taking over management of our Zoom monthly meetings (2/month). His contributions regarding our early planning for Model Classic 2022 is yet another reason. Congratulations, Jon!

Build the Same Subject (BTSS): Not the same as build the same kit. Our goal for BTSS is to have as many models on the table as possible for the membership to enjoy. Rather than a single genre we pick an aircraft, an armored fighting vehicle, a space/sci-fi subject and sometimes a car to give everyone the opportunity to participate. It works. You may say “But the idea is to pick one kit, no matter what, that everybody is to build to get some out of their comfort zone by doing something different.” The thing is, so many don’t and are therefore do not participate. We voted on 12 models consisting of a mix of Bf-109s, Merkavas, and space ships. One of the BTSS rules is they are the only models eligible to participate in the December contest. Unfortunately a few modelers brought non-BTSS kits to enter that were left out of the contest. They included a nice Spindrift space ship, a 1/72 B-25, and beautiful bike we which we don’t see very often. I hope they come back in the near future.



Left: President Tim Barb (right) awards the temporary Member of the Year plaque to Jon Etherton. When the E-board made their selection there was not enough time for the plaque guy (me) to have the formal award made for the meeting. Tim’s artistic ability was put to work in order to have something to present to Jon at the meeting. Right: The Christmas gift exchange ceremony is about to begin.

Gift Exchange: Everyone who wishes to participate must bring a wrapped kit. It must be at a quality level that participants would like to receive. Curtis or Shirley Clinton gave each participant a raffle ticket. When a ticket is called, the person goes to the table and selects a wrapped kit but it is not to be opened yet. When all participants have had their numbers called and have a present in hand, the first exchange round with the still wrapped presents takes place. You have second thoughts about your selection and see someone who (maybe) has what looks better (“I think I have an airplane and Jack’s box looks like an armor kit maybe he will switch”). When round one is complete, the command to open the presents is given, followed by a final round of trading. We have a lot of fun with it.

Contest czar Walter Schlueter announced the winners to close another great holiday meeting. Nine models competed in the BTSS contest, which were the Bf-109, Merkava Tank, Battlestar Galactica Viper, and American Muscle Cars. The monthly average for December is 10. We entered a grand total of 271 models into competition during 2021.

Two announcements were made during the meeting. With us having returned to regular in person evening meetings, it is too late at night for our UK sister Chapter- Staffordshire Moorlands to participate. We are keeping in touch with quarterly Saturday afternoon Tips and

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers December 2021 Monthly Meeting (continued)

Share meetings with a contest using Zoom. The next meeting will take place on 8 January. The quarterly meeting with IPMS Staffordshire-Moorlands replaces the normal Tips and Share meeting for that month.

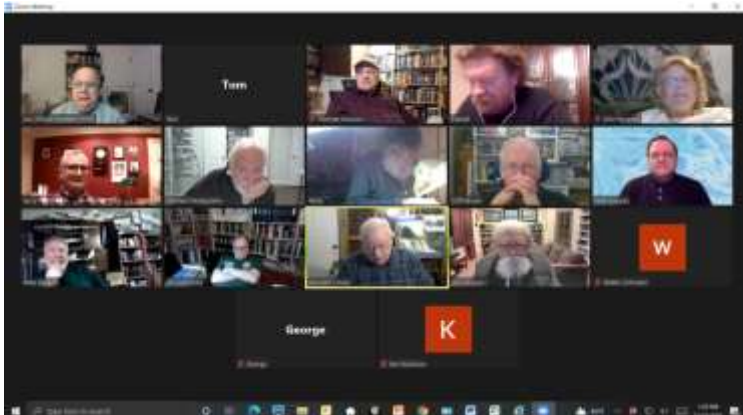
I know we make this announcement every month but I am doing it again anyway because it is such a good deal. If you join IPMS-USA or wish to renew, give your application and \$10 for each year (up to three years) to Treasurer Jon Etherton. He will submit the membership application along with the balance of the membership fee. Checks are to be made out to "Northern Virginia Modelers." When your membership card arrives in the mail, please let VP Scott Bricker know so we can keep the membership roster up to date. The registration form is on the club website. <https://www.novaipms.org/about>

Unfortunately I do not have a report on the December Tips and Share meeting. Due to that evil word (work) I was unable to join the meeting before it was well underway. There is little doubt I missed learning something that would have altered how I build in a good way. I learn a lot through these meetings. I tossed in a Zoom screen shot just to show you I was there (I also needed to fill in some white space).

So ends 2021. It was extra great to see friends in person instead of a Zoom camera after two years. Here is hoping we will be able to celebrate the season together again next year. Looking forward to 2022 Model Classic is just around the corner.



Left: Round 2. Round 1 (exchange of unwrapped kits) is complete. Packages are now being opened. Right: Round 3 (exchange of unwrapped kits) is underway.



Tips and Share, December 2021.

Contest Winners December 2021



*Aircraft 1/72, 1st Place
Captured Bf-109 by Greg Richard*



*Aircraft 1/48, 1st Place
Swiss Bf-109 by George Coley*



*Aircraft 1/48, 2nd Place
Bf-10G-6 AS by Jim Rotramel*



*AFV 1/35, 1st Place
Merkava IV L/C by Charles Locke*



*AFV 1/35 2nd Place
Merkava II by George Coley*



*Sci-Fi, 1st Place
Viper Mk VII by Jeff Alger*

**Best out of the Box
Slovakian Bf-109G-2 by Vince Mankowski**



Best of Show Merkava IV L/C by Peter Espada



Painting Parts and Partial Painting

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.

When the majority of your model painting is done with spray cans and only outside with just a small amount of hand brushing at the model desk, you need some work arounds to get anything done. Even when the temperature outside is above fifty the wind rarely cooperates. Forget about dust and other trash ending up blowing on the paint. Even on a calm day the static generated by the spray will attract strange little things onto your wet paint! High humidity helps eliminate that.

Masking gets even more critical as it must be complete enough to handle slight changes in wind direction. You had better think about how much of the exposed model is to be a different color than what you are spraying! Desk and display space for working on and displaying completed models also complicates painting. Here is how I make the most of this situation.

When you have favorable conditions paint a bunch of stuff at the same time! Those red brown props are just for one model (Figure 1). Forty-eight tiny yellow decal stripes need to be applied at the tips! When it's too wet outside wet some decals! You can sand, glue, brush paint and apply decals in a blizzard or downpour. Just not 'out there.'



Figure 1

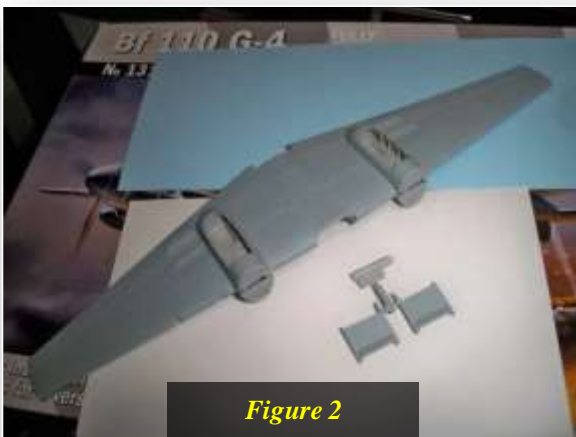


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows the underside of a German Bf-110 after being sprayed light blue. There are two radiator covers that have been sprayed and will be glued on the wing just outside of the engine nacelles. Before that is done that long strip sticking out in that area is a radiator which will get brush painted black. When the wing is on the fuselage and the rest of the bottom is sprayed light blue, a tiny bit of masking will protect the radiator from over spray caused by wind. The unmasked wheel well will be brush painted a darker color so the blue doesn't matter here. Figure 3 (next page) shows the wing turned over and the two engine cowls temporarily stuck on. I painted them light blue on the bottom the same time as the wing. When dry, I masked off the blue and sprayed one cowl dark green and the other light green. When the wing is on the fuselage these can be removed and finished rather easily while the camo pattern is masked off to do the two greens on top. The painted props to include a little silver on the hubs is at Figure 4.



Figure 3



Figure 4

done with a brush they can be installed on the front of the cowls. Not shown are the rather complicated exhausts that come out of the sides of the cowl. They can be painted and installed after all this other work is complete and not need any masking done to them!

Figure 5 shows something a bit different on another Bf-110 lower wing. This plane will be light blue on top with dark grey dots or dashes and completely black on the lower surfaces. Here only the engine area has been sprayed and the wheel wells have been roughly masked off to allow a lighter color (RLM 02) to be brush painted later in there. There is more underwing 'stuff' to be glued on the outer wings plus the tops have yet to be glued onto this bottom.



Figure 5

Figure 6 shows how the completed model should look. Figure 7 shows that I have masked off the tops of the cowls and then sprayed black on the bottoms. This way it won't be a problem painting light blue on the tops later. The instruction sheet shows just how complicated masking off those exhausts could be if left on for painting! Like the other one, these can be completed off the model while everything else is being done.

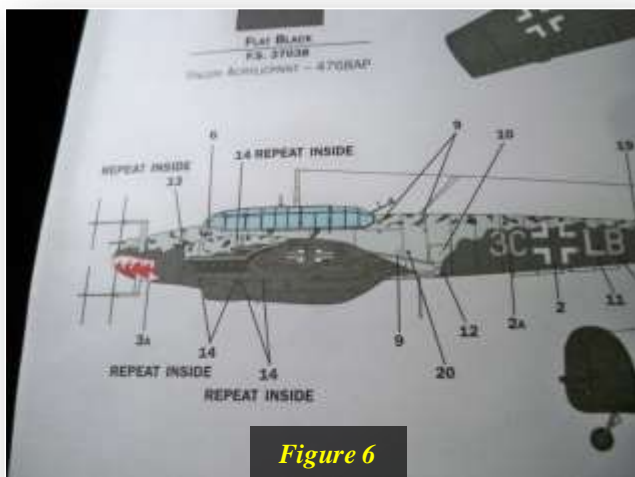


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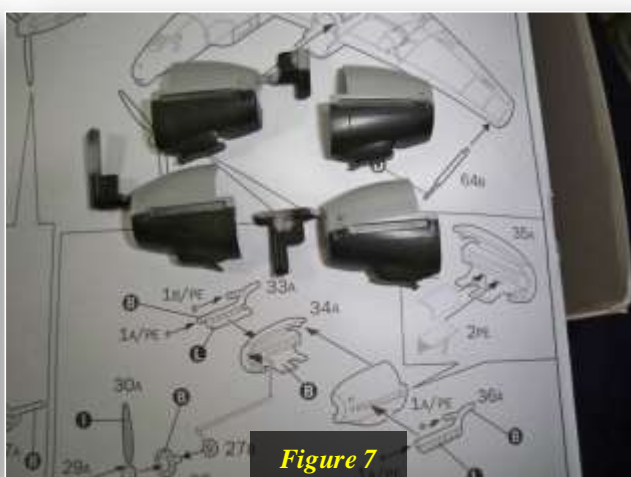


Figure 7

Tip alert! Don't you hate it when you have to possibly damage a part to free it from its molding sprue? Figure 8 shows a somewhat time consuming but fairly safe way to free a trapped part without breaking it. Here a razor saw is being used to cut apart the outer molding ring so that when the cylinder head's top sprue attachment point is cut with shears the force only pushed away the unwanted sprue. You don't have to cut this way between every attachment point, just those where you think something bad might happen with too much pressure on the wanted part.

In case you were wondering where all those props in the earlier picture will be going it is the wing in Figure 9. This rather large part has had some silver paint sprayed randomly onto some of the tip areas. Later, some of these areas will be masked off and the remaining area, weather permitting, will be run outside and a different shade of aluminum sprayed on the remainder.



Figure 8

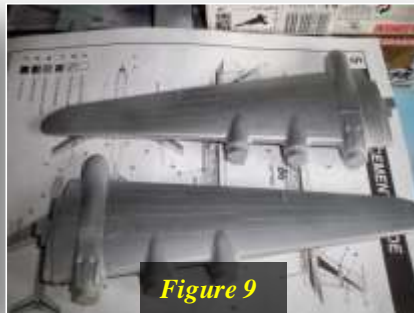


Figure 9



Figure 10

Figures 10 and 11 show a captured Italian four engine bomber pretty much painted and completed in parts while 'ramp parking space' is negotiated for placement after final assembly. Figures 12 and 13 shows three large Horsa gliders awaiting final assembly until a safe parking spot found. Delicate underwing aileron mass balances will easily hit ground and be broken off if ever so slightly tipped sideways in crowded conditions.



Figure 11

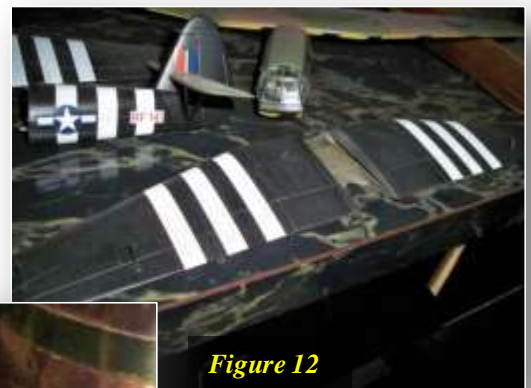


Figure 12



Figure 13

January Meeting Program and Contest Theme

Program: TBD -

Contest: Best of 2021 – Bring the model you built in 2021 that you consider to be your best of the year. Load up the tables!

Visit the club website at 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.

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Start time 7:00 pm
- 8 January 2022
IPMS Northern Virginia/IPMS Staffordshire-Moorlands
Meeting and Contest (Via Zoom)
Start time 2:00pm
- 18 January 2022
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King's Park Community Library
9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke VA
10:00am - 1:00pm
- 18 January 2022
IPMS DC Meeting
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13850 Travilah Rd. Rockville, MD 20850
7:30-9:00pm
- 26 January 2022
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Thomas Edison High School
5801 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA 22310
- 28-29 January 2022
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Marriott at City Center, Newport News, VA
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IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers Model Classic
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