

# SPRUE



August/September 2021

Keeping History Alive....One Model At A Time

## Vegas Bound For IPMS Nats

Las Vegas.... what more can you say than that for a IPMS National Convention? Four members of the IPMS Roanoke Valley embarked on an adventure of a lifetime to take in the 2021 Nationals being held at the Rio Casino and Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 18-21. Two members (Phill Black and Mark Tutton) left out on the 18<sup>th</sup> by plane and two (James Herndon and Rocky Sink) left out on the 16<sup>th</sup> by car for the big event. Of course, the members going by plane arrived the same day, with a few incidents as usual for airlines. The other two members driving out had three long days out and back which allowed for a lot of bad jokes, funny stories, unbelievable sights, and some sore rear ends.



The event started on the 18<sup>th</sup> but most of the members arrived late in the day, so it was the next day before they were able to start the fun of looking over the great models in the contest, the huge vendor room with great buys and all the great seminars taking place over the four-day event. Of course, by arriving late in the day it allowed for the members to take in all the sights and sounds of the huge casino and convention center where the show was being held. It seemed like every which way you went there were more stores, restaurants, and ways to

gamble your money away than you could imagine.

Thursday morning brought excitement for the members who after a big breakfast hit the vendor room first thing except for James who took his models on to the model room first. Rocky had to finish up a couple models in the hotel room before putting his out on Friday morning. Mark of course had his vendor spot and was selling his decals for planes, ships, and cars. The vendor room had a

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## Dates To Make Note Of:

September 25:  
Rail Yard Hobby Shop Demo  
Set Up At 9:30 And Go Till ?

October 19:  
Picking Up The Rest Of Bob Rohrbacks Collection  
Time To Be Announced Later

## -REMINDERS-

September  
Business Meeting  
September 23 @ 7pm

October  
Build Meeting  
October 14 @ 7pm

October  
Business Meeting  
October 28 @ 7pm

## A Tale of 2 Kits

By Devin Bledsoe

Eduards p-39Q in 1/48 and Hobby Boss's yak-38 Forger in 1/48

The yak was the first on my bench. I was attracted to the Russians' attempt to create their answer to the Harrier. And having no Soviet aircraft in my display case, well . . . there it is. I believe I bought the kit off of Chris Webb.

I got the fuselage halves together with only minor fit problems. The cockpit was reasonably well appointed. I used zap a gap medium CA as a seam filler.

At this point I got the insane notion to start another kit , building them concurrently.

Being at what I thought was a good stopping point with the YAK I started to graze through my collection, so I settled on Eduard's AirCobra. The design was innovative , being the first aircraft of that period to use a nose gear. and the Russians put it to good use as a ground attack fighter in which its' design was well suited.

I'm just finishing the P-39s cockpit floor and nose wheel well. A nose weight is provided which is nice. the fuselage halves come together with no gaps when test fitted. As I plan to have both cockpit doors open I'm paying close attention to cockpit detail. The kit has crisp recessed panel lines, making it easy to weather.

Once I close the fuselage halves up I'll bounce back over to the YAK for the next phase of construction. And so on.

Wish me luck !

Devin



**IPMS RICHMOND**  
**OLD DOMINION OPEN**  
SCALE MODEL SHOW & CONTEST  
FEBRUARY 26, 2022  
RICHMOND RACEWAY COMPLEX  
Henrico Hall  
600 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222  
Doors Open at 8:30 am  
Registration Closes at  
12:00 pm Noon  
Over 70 Model Categories  
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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  
Gate Admission  
\$8.00 Single Adult  
(18 and older)  
\$10.00 Family  
Contestants  
\$10.00  
Unlimited number  
of models  
Juniors  
(17 & under)  
and  
Active Duty Military  
(with ID)  
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And Get Busy Doing An Article  
For The Newsletter. Subjects  
Could Include Kit Review, How  
To, Follow Up From A Show,  
History Of A Particular Subject  
Or Types Of Glue Or Paint You  
Like. Let Your Imagination Run  
Wild!

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the second Wednesday of each month.

All submissions should be emailed to:

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## July Business Meeting Contest Entries:



## Club Officers:

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### FROM THE CROW'S NEST (By Tim Ward)

WHEW!!!---took me a little longer to climb up into the Crow's Nest this time---too much mileage and too much pound-age. Used to be a lot easier to view the horizon.

About 15 years ago, back when I could find my glue and could see the parts, I wanted to do a whole line of aircraft carriers in 350<sup>th</sup> scale, beginning with CV-1, the USS Langley. No model existed at the time but Iron Shipwright said they had one in the works. A few months and \$350 bucks later, I had my hands on a brand new 10 pound block of resin and sheets of photo-etch metal, interspersed with tiny fiddly bits for the aircraft and plumbing. After about six months of fitting, sanding, folding, unfolding, swearing and using words I didn't even know existed, I had a reasonable example of America's first flat-top. Certainly NOT IPMS quality, but I could say I got one built. Unfortunately, it soured me on limited run kits with their cryptic instruction sheets and parts that did not fit worth a damn. I put it up on the shelf and only brought it out for the D-Day Memorial show in Bedford to represent the US Navy.

Now Trumpeter has introduced their CV-1 and even newer, the AV-3 seaplane tender. These are much better representations of the ship and have a plethora of after-market detail parts to make the ship and the air wing a much more presentable. I recently saw a built kit at a show and the results are really impressive. I purchased the CV-1 and detail parts kit and hope to try again on the new kit and see if I can make a better result this time. At least I won't be cussing due to resin sanding fumes and maybe this time I won't blow up my airbrush with anti-fouling red paint this time, making me look from the waist down like a victim from Law and Order, SVU. I hope to continue my quest for completing my American carriers of WWII. The Lex and Saratoga are on the shelves, as we speak. Might have to go over to Jim's and get more some glue.

Tim



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variety of kits, old and new, as well as paints, tools, decals, books, and numerous other items you would need in the hobby.

Of course, everyone had to buy tickets and take a chance in the raffle, which was huge. I don't think I have ever seen as many items available for a raffle in a long time. It didn't matter what you won it was going to be a great item from one of many companies and individuals that would have donated to the raffle.

The seminars were some of the best that I have attended in years as well. Subjects included Modeling in movies, history of models, weathering, applying carbon fiber decals, history of various planes and list went on and on. Our very own Leo Limuaco who visited with our club for a few months was one of the seminar directors who made sure everything ran smooth and everyone got to the right room for the seminar they were wanting to attend.

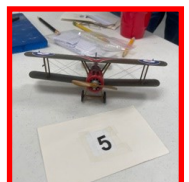
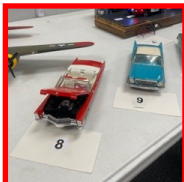
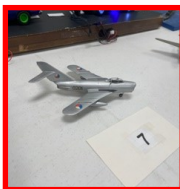


The contest as I mentioned was just unbelievable as usual. The talent of the builders anymore has gotten to be mind blowing. It didn't matter if you were an aviation, armor, ship, sci-fi, automotive or figure lover it was plenty of it there. With phot-etch and 3-d printing coming into play now it is amazing at what modelers can achieve with detail. In fact, the best in show winner (CH-54 Skycrane) was a totally scratch built model by the builder.

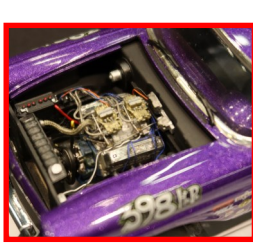
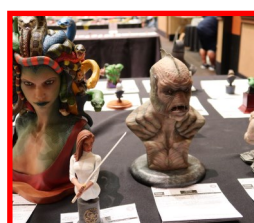
The Saturday night banquet was set up so if you purchased a early entry ticket it would allow you to come in and find a seat up close to the front of the room before anyone else came in. The ticket also included one drink from the cash bar. After an hour for the early entry ticket holders everyone else was able to come in and find a seat for the evening's awards. With no actual meal for this year's banquet, it didn't take long for the awards to start being called out after a few short thank you's and some updates on club items. One by one the numerous categories and classes were called out to the patiently, but nervous, builders.

Sunday morning brought the long trip of heading back home to the club members, whether by plane or car. It had been three long but satisfying days of all the plastic you could take in at one time. Of course, the talk was who would make the trip to Omaha, Nebraska next year for the 2022 IPMS National Convention.... hmmm, I wonder who will?

## August Business/Club Picnic Meeting



# 2021 IPMS NATIONALS - LAS VEGAS, NEVADA





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### ***UPCOMING SHOW DATES:***

October 16, 2021	Fast Trax Hobbies Annual Model & Slot Car Show/Swap Statesville, NC	Jamie Shumaker fasttraxracewayandhobby@yahoo.com
October 23, 2021	AtlantaCon 2021 Marietta, GA	Kim Elmore kdmcelmore@gmail.com
February 26, 2022	IPMS Richmond ODO Richmond, VA	ipmsrichmond.blogspot.com
April, 16, 2022	Northern Virginia IPMS Modle Classic Fairfax, VA	Tom Henderson tomhenderson51@verizon.net

