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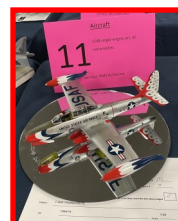
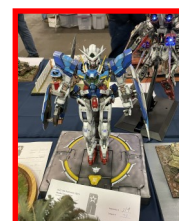
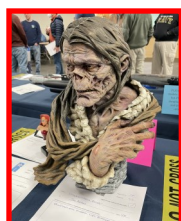
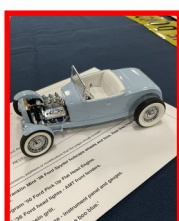
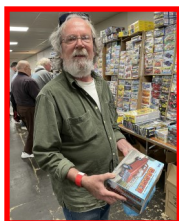


March 2022

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

## ODO Kicks Off Show Season:

Finally, after a two year wait, several members of the club were able to attend the ODO in Richmond to kick off the show season. The ODO in Richmond each February is the anticipated show to start the show season off for everyone and be able to show off their newly finished kits from the winter months. Of course being two years since the last ODO it was especially being looked forward to by everyone to see just how many new models would show up as well as what the vendors may have for sell. Due to the expected large turn out of models Richmond IPMS put a limit of eight models and one per category for each contestant. From the looks of the tables there was not disappointment this year as all the categories were filled up with some of the best models to ever be shown at the ODO. Everything from autos, planes and tanks to Sci Fi and Gundam were well represented. And if you were interested in buying models or the supplies needed to complete a model the vendor area was once again well covered. There were vendors of all types selling models, books, decals, glues, paints and numerous other types of supplies and reference's needed to work on your models. Congrats to James and Rocky for receiving awards and a huge congrats to James especially for not only winning his class but also Best Maritime and Best Of Show with his US Constellation. Congrats James!!



## Carrier Aviation Anniversary:

By: Tim Ward

2022 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of US carrier aviation, with the USS Langley being the first aircraft carrier built by the US Navy, using a converted collier, the Jupiter, to land aircraft and take-off same in 1922. After the somewhat limited success of the Langley, the Navy decided to forgo building two large battlecruisers and convert them to carriers, named the Lexington Class.

The **Lexington-class aircraft carriers** were a pair of aircraft carriers built for the United States Navy (USN) during the 1920s, the USS *Lexington* (CV-2) and USS *Saratoga* (CV-3). The ships were built on hulls originally laid down as battlecruisers after World War I, but under the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922, all U.S. battleship and battlecruiser construction was cancelled. The Treaty, however, allowed two of the unfinished ships to be converted to carriers. They were the first operational aircraft carriers in the USN and were used to develop carrier aviation tactics and procedures before World War II in a series of annual exercises.

They proved extremely successful as carriers and experience with the *Lexington* class convinced the Navy of the value of large carriers. They were the largest aircraft carriers in the USN until the *Midway*-class aircraft carriers were completed beginning in 1945. The ships served in World War II, seeing action in many battles. Although *Lexington* was sunk in the first carrier battle in history (the Battle of the Coral Sea) in 1942, *Saratoga* served throughout the war, despite being torpedoed twice, notably participating in the Battle of the Eastern Solomons in mid-1942 where her aircraft sank the Japanese light carrier *Ryūjō*. She supported Allied operations in the Indian Ocean and South West Pacific Areas until she became a training ship at the end of 1944. *Saratoga* returned to combat to protect American forces during the Battle of Iwo Jima in early 1945, but was badly damaged by kamikazes. The continued growth in the size and weight of carrier aircraft made her obsolete by the end of the war. In mid-1946, the ship was purposefully sunk during nuclear weapon tests in Operation Crossroads.

## Member Profile

Tom Shema:

IPMSRV: Uniqueness to the club i.e., Past or current club Officer, Assoc. Member?

Tom: I became aware of the club after attending a show at the Salem Civic Center with my grandkids. I'd not given much thought to a club, however after going to the show I thought it would be good to meet some fellow modelers to exchange ideas and to see how and what others were building. I joined the club early in 2018.

IPMSRV: What do you like to build? Do You try other types of kits?

Tom: My main interest is airplanes in 1/72nd and 1/48th scale. I don't like larger scales, they demand too much detail. Autos are my next favorite to build. Autos are the most challenging of all model types. Autos are complex, they require imagination, attention to color planning, assembly sequence and part alignment. I will build an occasional tank or ship as change of pace.

IPMSRV: Do you remember your first model? What was it?

I was given a Revell USS Franklin D Roosevelt kit when I was 10 years old. I was also given a four color Pactra paint set for ships.

IPMSRV: Who/What was your biggest influence when you began the hobby?

Tom: I was self motivated.

IPMSRV: Do you still build? Are you now a collector?

Tom: I am a builder. I have three or four projects going at any one time. I'm a collector by default. Too many kits and not enough time. My stash is out of control. I'm 73 years old and have nearly 300 kits waiting to be built.

IPMSRV: Do you compete? Have you competed in the Nationals? Did you place?

Tom: No

IPMSRV: Do you build for your peers? Do you build for yourself?

Tom: I just build for myself.

IPMSRV: What is/was your career? Did it influence your modeling?

Tom: I've always been an airplane nut. When I was a kid I read everything I could about airplanes. I built flying and non-flying airplane models. I joined the Army in 1966 and was trained as a helicopter mechanic. Later, I joined the Navy to work in aviation and became an aircraft maintenance officer.

IPMSRV: Who is your favorite kit manufacturer?

Tom: I am a sucker for old Monogram, Revell and Airfix kits. I don't build state of the art kits and don't care for aftermarket parts because I'm too cheap. However, I have been known to indulge in after marked decals.

IPMSRV: Would you build a "dated" kit to test your self in filling and sanding and parts fitment?

Tom: Every model is a test. Sanding and filling and painting is the essence of this Hobby. Building the model is what I want to do most. I like to scrape the model marks away. I like to fill in all the ejector pin marks and make them disappear. I like to prime the model and find and fix all the places I missed and last of all I really do like to use the airbrush.

### -REMINDERS-

**March  
Business Meeting  
March 24 @ 7pm**

**April  
Build Meeting  
April 14 @ 7pm**

**April  
Business Meeting  
April 28 @ 7pm**

**Carolyn with a soldering demo at the  
February business meeting:**



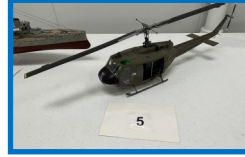
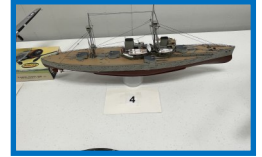
**Deadline for newsletter submissions is the second  
Wednesday of each month.**

**All submissions should be emailed to Rocky Sink:**

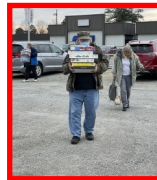
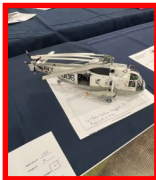
**[snkchevcol@aol.com](mailto:snkchevcol@aol.com)**

**along with any photos, write up and/or kit reviews pertaining  
to the article you wish to submit.**

## February Club Contest



## More From ODO



## \*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

Yearly club dues are due starting April 1st. Greg will take dues at the March business meeting by check only and cash and check starting with the April Meeting's.

## Club Officers:

President: Dennis Smith  
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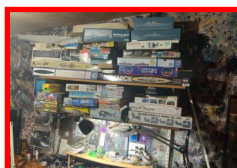
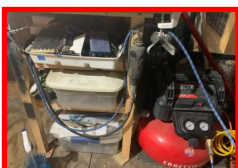
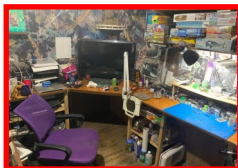
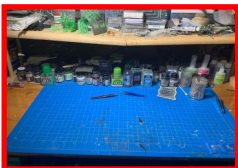
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## MEMBERS WORK ZONE: JAMES HERNDON

**CAUTION  
CONSTRUCTION  
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Save the Date  
THE 2022 VIRGINIA SHOOTOUT  
HELPING TO KEEP HISTORY ALIVE, ONE MODEL AT A TIME.  
Scale Model Show, Contest and Swap meet!  
AT THE SALEM CIVIC CENTER, SALEM VA.  
AUG. 13, 2022  
Show Chairman: Tim Ward  
Vendor Coordinator: Greg Clower  
www.nvaimps.com for more details, our soon!

Northern Virginia Modelers  
Model Classic 2022  
THE KOREAN CONFLICT  
70th ANNIVERSARY  
Saturday, April 16, 2022 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Fairfax High School  
3501 Robert Ball, Fairfax, VA 22030  
2022 Awards: 237 Awards, 1 Club Award, 1 Special Award  
Participants: 174 Members, 100+ Swap Meet Military Modelers  
Super Raffle  
Vendor Tables: \$100/week  
Make & Take: FREE for the kids (17+ adults)  
On Site Food Concessions!  
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### ***UPCOMING SHOW DATES:***

April 2, 2022	Mosquitocon 30 Wayne, NJ	Big Bill Schwarz whsch@optimum.net
April 2, 2022	Fast Trax Hobbies Spring Show Statesville, NC	Jamie Shumaker 704-508-1589
April 16, 2022	Northern Virginia IPMS Model Classic Fairfax, VA	Tom Henderson tomhenderson51@verizon.net
July 20-23, 2022	IPMS National Convention Omaha, Nebraska	Ipmsusa2022.com