



AN ISSUE OF GREAT MODELS

This is something of a special issue of *beaveRTales*. After several years of hiding in our basements, modelling contests and conventions are back! we have loads of great models to show you. These come to us from all levels of IPMS member involvement... from local chapters to the US National Convention. Thanks to all the great builders and contributors. We hope they inspire you to try your hand at some Canadiana, but whatever you build, send us some pics and a write-up of what you've done. We want to show *YOUR* modelling projects in *beaveRTales*!



This issue was originally scheduled for emailing to you in August. But **RT** editor Steve Sauvé was going to the US Nats in Omaha and promised to provide us with some super photos and info on the great models and great people who were there.

So we decided to hold off on this issue until we got all the material together. I'm sure you'll agree that Steve did a bang-up job in his reporting and assembling the article. If you, the members, send us enough *beaveRTales* material we should be able to get back on schedule with the next issue.



Pete Readman, IPMS UK webmaster writes: *A minor thing, but while the kind mention of the IPMS(UK) Scale ModelWorld show in the latest beaveRTales is most welcome. Unfortunately the website address given is not us! The official website is ipmsuk.org*

A REAL 1/48 scale L-4 kit!

We've had several Piper L-4/J-3 items in *beaveRTales* recently, and they always bemoaned the fact that there was no real 1/48 scale kit. Last issue we teased you with some news about Special Hobby's new L-4 kit almost being ready. Well... here it is! And it's nice. The very sturdy box contains two plastic sprues, another sprue with the clearest clear



parts you've ever seen, decal sheets, a tiny 3D-printed carburetor intake, a small piece of clear film for the instrument faces, and a small piece of photo-etch for various cockpit parts. The instructions are a 16-page booklet. We got ours direct from the producer in the Czech Republic, but they should be arriving at your favourite hobby outlet soon.



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CANADIAN VAMPIRE

Daniele Bernardi in Italy writes:

I'm an IPMS of Italy member. I'm searching for info about DH vampire of 442 (City of Vancouver) Squadron. In particular I'm interested in the bat nose art colour of Vampire 17018 and in detail photos of the ADF equipment fitted under the clear panel in the nose. I'd like to build the 1/48 Airfix F.3 with the RCAF supplied decals for 018, but I have doubt about the yellow in the ear and mouth proposed by Airfix, and I need close up photos of the nose to try to scratchbuild the nose clear panel and the ADF inside. If someone could kindly provide any info on the matter, I really appreciate it. Many thanks in advance for your help.

Daniele Bernardi, daniele0865@outlook.it



Bob Wheeldon writes:

I am wondering if one of the members can help me. I am looking for someone in Canada that is or has worked on the *Mach 2/Transport Wings* 1/72 scale Argus. I have looked at a number of IPMS sites, but have not found any mention of this aircraft. I would be interested in corresponding with anyone who has worked on this model (I also would like to pick their brains!) Thanks!

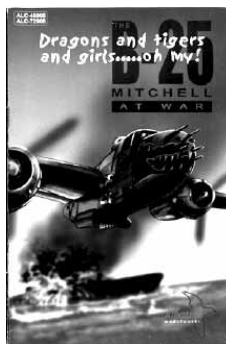
Contact Bob at: capt-bob@hotmail.com

DECALS WANTED

Stuart Tait writes:

I am looking for an Albatross decal sheet (in 1/48 scale) on B-25 Mitchells number ALC48008. Can anyone help? I will pay a reasonable price.

Thanks. You can contact me at: stu_tait_42@yahoo.com



IAN SIBBALD (Uncle Freddie)

June 6, 1937 ~ August 29, 2022

It is with great sorrow that we announce that Ian Sibbald passed away at his home in Courtenay, BC on August 29, 2022.

Ian was a man of firm opinions and an abiding sense of humour, who loved to entertain and tell stories. Ian was deeply committed to his family and his career in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Ian joined the air cadets while still in high school. In 1956 he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and began pilot training in Claresholm, Alberta. After Wings graduation, he began a 36-year career in the RCAF, logging 8,963 hours of flight

time with postings at Penhold AB, Ottawa, Colorado Springs, NDHQ, Edmonton, Trenton, Lahr Germany, Damascus Syria, Tiberius and Jerusalem in Israel, Ottawa again, and Comox, BC where he retired with the rank of Squadron Leader in 1991.

Ian was an ardent student of military history with a collection of over 3,000 books, a passion for war gaming and a consummate skill in constructing plastic models. Some of his models are on display at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. He was a founding father of IPMS Canada (membership #32), and for nearly 20 years, he wrote a regular column for **RT** that was both informative and amusing, under the pseudonym of "*Uncle Freddie*". Those of you with old back issues or the USB archive can read and enjoy them all.



NOREASTCON WINNER!

In the last issue of *beaverTales* we told you about NorthEast New York's Noreastcon offering a special "Best Canadian Subject" award at their 50th anniversary show. Here is the winner, as well as some of the other fine work that was on display. Photos by **Mark Norman**



Award winner **Roy Hu** holds the impressive *Best Canadian Subject* award. At right is his winning Canadian Sherman Firefly model.



Above – A Canadair Sabre in 421 Squadron camo and markings.



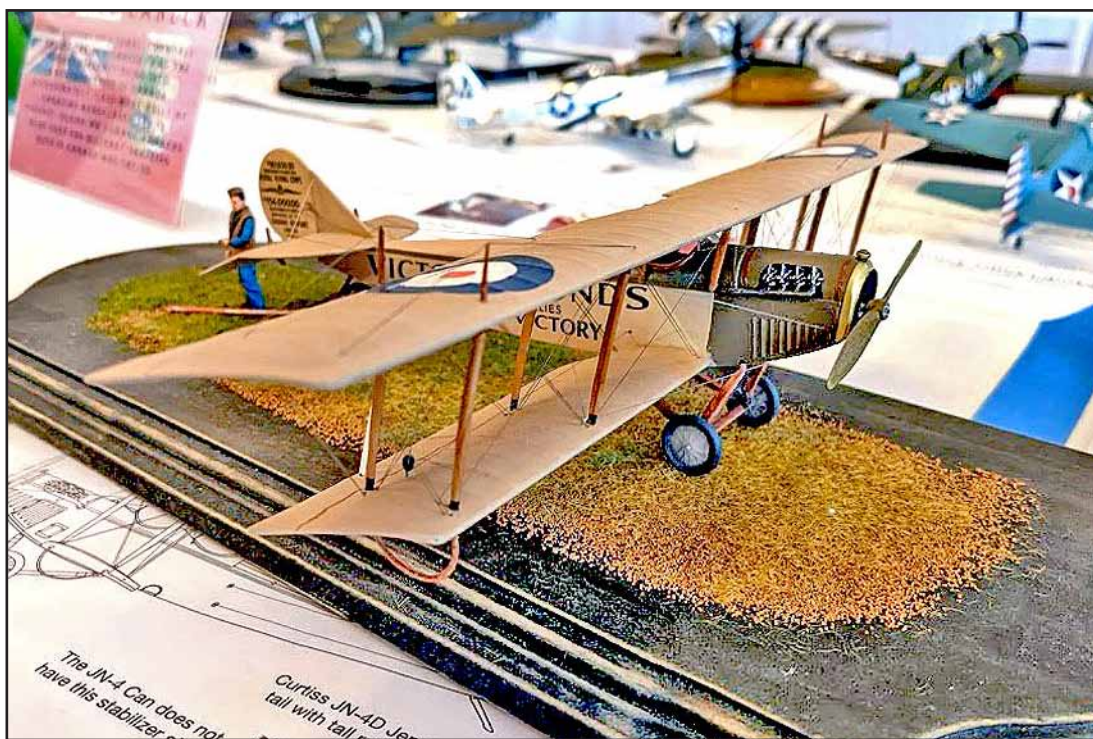
Right – CF-18 in the 150th anniversary demo scheme, in a vertical climb. Great models, and well displayed.



And here is more
Noreastcon
Canadian content.

Above – a diorama depicting the 1st Canadian Division at the Second Battle of Ypres. Some great-looking pieces of equipment there.

Right – Soo-Gane Won's 1/48 JN-4 (Can). We have more images of this model following, as it uses some of our IPMS Canada 50th Anniversary Free Decals!



Soo-Gane Won tells us about his Curtiss JN-4 Canuck:

I was solely influenced to build this vintage 1/48 scale Lindberg kit when I saw the Jenny to Canuck conversion article and decal sheet in an issue of **RT** from a few years back. (Ed note: This conversion info also appeared in the Feb. 2013 *beaverRTales*.)



The kit had a very rudimentary engine, so I used the sample at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum as a reference for some detailing. The flying surfaces featured my first attempt at pre-shading the rib structure to imitate light shining through the canvas. Rigging was from EZ Line. Pulleys were created with a punch and die set.



I used a resin interior from Lone Star models, which required a lot of surgery to fit. At the end of the day, not much of it can be seen in such a small cockpit.

The figure is the WWI British RFC Mechanic from Model Cellar.

IPMS Canada at the IPMS/USA 2022 Nats

Commentary by Jim Bates, Tacoma WA.
and Steve Sauvé, Ottawa ON.
Photos as credited



The IPMS/USA 2022 National Convention (the 'Nats') was held at the La Vista Conference Center in Omaha, Nebraska. The hosting group, Fort Crook IPMS/USA, has held the Nats here twice before so it is a well-known venue for attendees. They were hard-working and well organized, and delivered another well-run event for all to enjoy.

The Convention hosts like to say this is a "right sized" convention and they are quite correct. Two vendor rooms, a large model room attached to the two hotels. (Luckily, since it was really hot and bright outside.) Eduard was the star of the vendor room, selling almost 500 of their just-released 1/48



F4F-3 Wildcats, along with tons of other Eduard models and accessories.

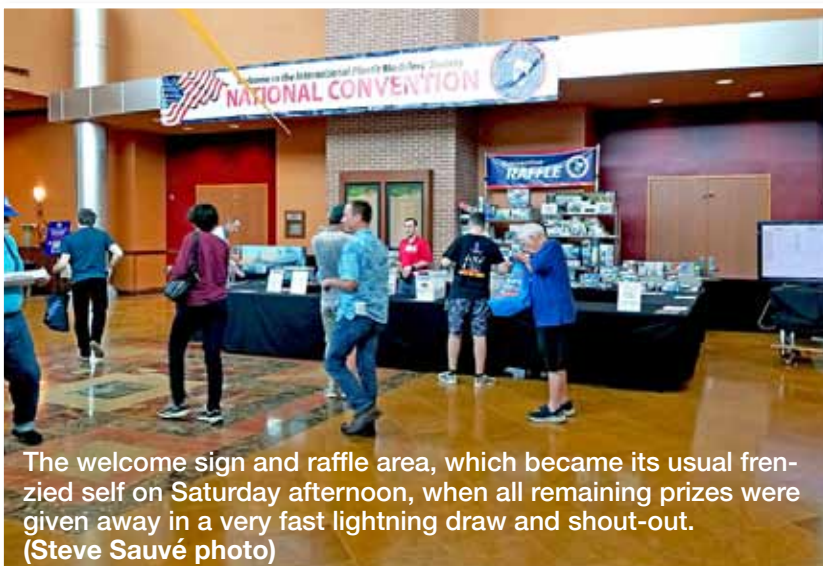
Estimates say there were over 3,000 models on the table (including display-only models) and the quality each year just keeps getting better and better. While aircraft is still the current king of the IPMS Nats competition, there was also so much armour on the tables it

was almost overwhelming. A few odd notes: not one, but two of the new Revell 1/48 SR-71s were on the table, and in 1/72 twin-engined jets, there was not a single F-4 Phantom, but three Blackburn Buccaneers.

With a bar on the way to the main hotel, there was also no shortage of socializing at the convention. The 2023 convention in Texas is less than a year away, so get building!

The IPMS Canada 'Best Canadian Subject' Award

Unfortunately we couldn't find enough volunteers to help out with the IPMS Canada 'Best Canadian Subject' award. The national executive therefore decided not to proceed with the award this year, although we are very grateful to those who stepped forward to help, and even those who had to cancel because real life got in the way. This all prompted some serious discussion as to how we should proceed in the future; you'll



The welcome sign and raffle area, which became its usual frenzied self on Saturday afternoon, when all remaining prizes were given away in a very fast lightning draw and shout-out. (Steve Sauvé photo)



see more about that in **RT** or **BT** at some point down the road.

The Nats by the Numbers...

For those folks who are interested, here are the big data numbers from this year's convention:

- **797** Convention registrants
- **681** Day-pass visitors
- **516** registrants guests and vendors
- **250** Vendor tables
- **2808** Entries in the contest
- **\$8537** was raised in the raffle

On the following pages you'll find some photos and comments from some of those IPMS Canada members who made the trip this year. We didn't get all the builders' names or model details, but it's been a group effort and everybody's help was appreciated. Thanks to photo contributors Gerry Brennan, Toronto; Mark Heyendal, Ottawa; David Knights, Louisville KY; Duncan MacIntosh, London; Al Magnus, Regina; Gordon Sorenson, Saint-Remi QC; Peter Steacy, Ottawa; Kerry Traynor, London; Wayne Holmes, Vancouver.

For those doing long-range planning:

- the 2023 Nats will be in San Marcos, TX (nats2023.com)
 - the Nats in 2024 will be in Madison, WI
- We hope to see you there!



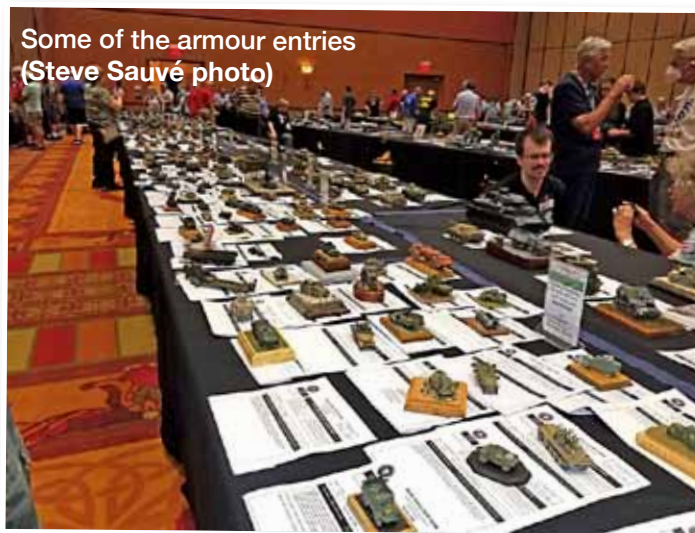
General view of the contest room
(Steve Sauvé photo)



One of the category splits for the hotly-contested Category 107 - 1/48 single-engine aircraft. This category gets a lot of entries, for which the judging team has to break down into logical or semi-logical sub-categories to allow more winners. (Steve Sauvé photo)



The Nats raffle table got a lot of support from the crowds, distributed a lot of great kits and books to new homes. (Steve Sauvé photo)



Some of the armour entries
(Steve Sauvé photo)



Models



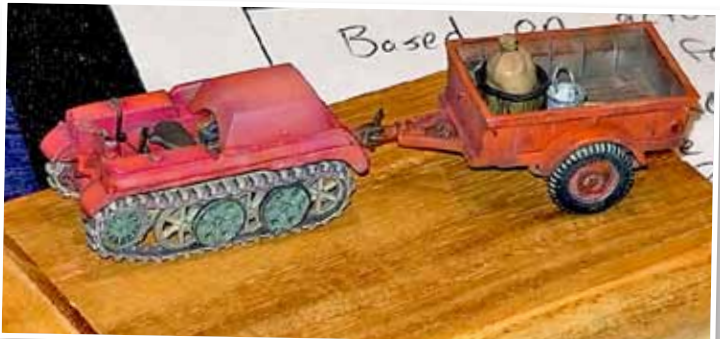
1/35 K-17, Russian - Ukrainian Army. Not surprisingly, current world events made their way onto the contest tables. Stan Spooner, Boerne, TX **(Steve Sauvé photo)**

Tanks....everywhere there were tanks... One cannot discuss the armour at the Nats without mentioning the Plastic Posse Podcast's M4 variant group build. The display included Shermans, Grants, and Lees... even a Skink...with 70 models entered from modellers all over the world. It was an impressive showing for the Posse and shows the reach of the model podcasts. **(Duncan MacIntosh photo)**

Another great contest in Omaha and had a splendid time meeting with my fellow modelling buddies. On a personal note I consider the contest an unqualified success since my 1/72 Civi-mule escaped judging without receiving a whack with a fly swatter!
Al Magnus, Regina SK



Something unusual - a 1/35 Russian BTM-3 Trench Digger **(Steve Sauvé photo)**



Al Magnus of Regina had two very fine and very small vehicle entries. This is his 1/72 Kettenkrad that's been impressed into postwar French farm service. The towing vehicle is about an inch long! **(Steve Sauvé photo)**

This year's Nats featured an increasing diversity of international modellers. This was reflected in the model submissions which featured a wide scope of subjects. The growth shown on the tables was perhaps spurred on by the influence of the podcasters who made their presence known at the show.
Soo-Gane Won, Toronto ON



Models



Part of the automotive tables. (Steve Sauvé photo)



A collection of 1/18 Chaparral racers from 1962 to 1980. (Peter Steacy photo)

This was my fourth trip to Omaha to attend an IPMS/USA national convention, and my first non-Zoom hobby experience since the pandemic emerged in 2020. It was so great to finally catch up with long-time friends and acquaintances live and in-person and drop some cash in the vendor's room too – the last time being in Chattanooga in 2019. I had forgotten how inspirational it was to experience thousands of exemplary models all in one room. This year I made a point of attending as many seminars as I could to catch up on the latest news on the hobby industry and to learn some new techniques. Kudos to Scott Hackney and his team for putting on another world-class event! Having endured a three-year pandemic enforced cocoon it felt good to get back and it certainly reinforced my passion for the hobby.

Peter Steacy, Ottawa ON



Ships (Steve Sauvé photo)

Best Convention ever. Good friends from all over the world. Great models. A good time, and hotel security only showed up to our room once. (true story!)

David Knights, Louisville KY
(co-host of the Plastic Model Mojo podcast)



One of the humour entries (Steve Sauvé photo)



A 1/48 Luftwaffe '46
'What if'

(Steve Sauvé photo)



Models



A 1/8 Fokker DR.1 by Bob Steinbrunn. Bob even did a seminar on this project at the convention. (Steve Sauvé photo)



An interesting 1/72 Bf 109 and sheep vignette by Steve Husted. The period reference photo was a nice touch. (David Knights photo)



Who doesn't love a gorgeous 1/48 F-4B Phantom? (Steve Sauvé photo)

It was fantastic to see most of my old friends! It was great to travel, the weather was awesome. Registration was smooth, the vendor room was busy. Lots of people selling stashes or estate sales. Many deals to be had; I added 18 kits to my collection. Lots of great models in the contest room. I took the SAC Museum tour on Thursday night; the entrance has an SR-71 hanging inside. There was also a F-117 stealth fighter stripped of paint in the restoration area and a Vulcan bomber.

Darren Scannell, Toronto ON



A remarkable work of detailing on a 1/48 F4U Corsair. Model by Marc Schachter. (Steve Sauvé photo)



An interesting 1/72 Ju 88 crash diorama. (Kerry Traynor photo)



Our Members!



Entrance to the always-tempting vendors area; the place where hobby budgets go to die... (Peter Steacy photo)



As this was my third trip to Omaha for the IPMS USA Nationals, and first time entering models into the competition, I was pumped to experience the show as a 'participant.'

The show itself had to be a record breaker. LOTS of models on the competition tables, and demonstrating a very high calibre of skill. Vendors were of course a highlight and there was a wide variety of options in spending the money.

For me, the rest of the week was hanging out with friends in person. Lots of laughs and good times!

Kerry Traynor, London ON

The vendors were well laid out and did brisk business throughout the show. (Peter Steacy photo)



Duncan MacIntosh and Kerry Traynor of London scouring the Saturday 'feeding frenzy' bargain bins in the one of the vendor rooms (Steve Sauvé photo)

Vladimir Sulc, head honcho of Eduard in Czechia, piling up the last of the 500 new F4F-3 kits that were brought to the Nats. At some points during the show it seemed like everybody had one of these tucked into their Nats shopping bag. (Steve Sauvé photo)



Our Members!



A new modelling sub-species cropped up at the seminars this year. All the model podcasters who showed up in Omaha were put on display for the curious to come in and observe. The keen-eyed may notice Jim Bates in his trademark red tie-dyed t-shirt off to the right. (Steve Sauvé photo)



A collection of international ne'er do wells - L to R: Bill Dedig, Pittsburgh; Jamie Leggo, Ottawa; Jim Tunney, Pittsburgh; Duncan MacIntosh, London; Gerry Brennan, Toronto. (Duncan MacIntosh photo)



While at the Night at the Museum SAC tour, Jim Bates of Tacoma WA contemplates why anyone would voluntarily fly a Goblin. (Tim Nelson photo.)

After two years of COVID-induced exile from the U.S. Nats, it was great to return to the Biggest Model Show this side of the Atlantic. It was great to see old friends, new kits and share the bond created by our hobby. As a Canadian it was great to be able to put the International back into IPMS!....Still working on teaching our Southern cousins the proper pronunciation of decals though.
Duncan MacIntosh, London ON



The lovely Mark Heyendal, Ottawa, and wife Pauline in a moment of repose at the Embassy Suites in Omaha. (Peter Steacy photo)

- The 2022 NATS sure did live up to all the hype. Three days of exceptional models, the vendor room, seminars, and talking shop with many new friends. I'm already looking forward to next year!
- I made a point to help judge armour on Friday evening. I learned a lot of what goes into a winning model, but more importantly how to improve my own modeling skills. Step 1: make sure the tracks are on straight and touching the road wheels.
Duncan A. Young, Guelph ON

Omaha always puts on a good show, and other than the oppressive heat and sun...heck, please remind me why did I leave the convention venue and go outdoors? It was worth the trip just for the hang; so great to see so many friends (new and old) from all over the world. And as usual, I should have brought along a second empty suitcase!
Jim Bates, Tacoma, WA



Our Members!



The 2022 Nats in Omaha was a great show. After a two-year lockdown and restricted travel for the Cdn crew it was fantastic to see old faces and reconnect again. The vendors did not disappoint, and this being the first time I arrived on the Wednesday of the show I was amazed at what I was able to purchase before everything was picked clean.

The drive down was uneventful, relaxing and done in two stages, Auburn... anyone who hasn't visited the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum should really make the effort as it truly is an amazing exhibit.

We visited some very fine dining establishments during our road trip and they didn't disappoint.

On the uneventful trip home we stopped at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo Museum and spent the morning touring their fine exhibits; another recommended visit!

The takeaway from this show was inspiration, a great time and reconnection with our southern neighbours and acquaintances.

Gerry Brennan, Toronto ON



The boys on a supply run at Costco. (Duncan MacIntosh photo)



Five happy Canadians at the Rib Shack Smoke House. Front row, L to R: Gerry Brennan, Toronto; Kerry Traynor, London. Back row, L to R: Jamie Leggo, Ottawa, Jackie Robbins, Rib Shack co-owner; Duncan MacIntosh, London; Steve Sauvé, Ottawa.



Out for an evening meal at Round The Bend Steakhouse. Retired National Director Jamie Leggo and Duncan MacIntosh, London, are apparently quite enthusiastic about a certain midwest delicacy on offer here. At the request of the attendees no further photos of this establishment will make it publication... (Steve Sauvé photo).



Gerry Brennan of Toronto has no words to describe the delicious pork ribs party going on in his mouth. (Steve Sauvé photo)



Our Members!



Wayne Holmes, Vancouver BC, (back row in the blue shirt), members of IPMS Vancouver's sister chapter, IPMS Seattle, and Alexandre Bigey from Tahiti (standing, far right) are making a toast to IPMS Vancouver past president, Warwick Wright, who succumbed to cancer in the spring of 2022. **(Wayne Holmes photo)**



It was great to reconnect with modeller friends from across the IPMS world! There was lots of inspirational and magnificent work on the contest tables and certainly no shortage of vendors offering irresistible must-have goodies! The Canada decals. **(Steve Sauvé photo)** to flying this year was the need to go with carry-on bags only - I barely fit in the few purchases I did make on the trip home! **Steve Sauvé, Ottawa ON**

IPMS Canada and Kentucky modellers eat meat at The Drover. L to R: Bruce Worrall; Mike Baskette; IPMS Canada Social Media Coordinator Jim Bates, Tacoma WA; IPMS Canada member David Knights, Louisville KY; Evan McCallum. **(Jim Bates photo)**



In a thinly-veiled ruse to lure in unsuspecting bumpkins to be friends with him at the hotel's daily reception, we see a lonely Kerry Traynor of London with his 'bait' laid out... **(Duncan MacIntosh photo)**



...and clearly it worked! Here we see the boys preparing to enjoy their final evening together at the Nats. L to R: Steve Sauvé, Ottawa, Duncan MacIntosh and Kerry Traynor, London, Gerry Brennan, Toronto and Jamie Leggo, Ottawa.



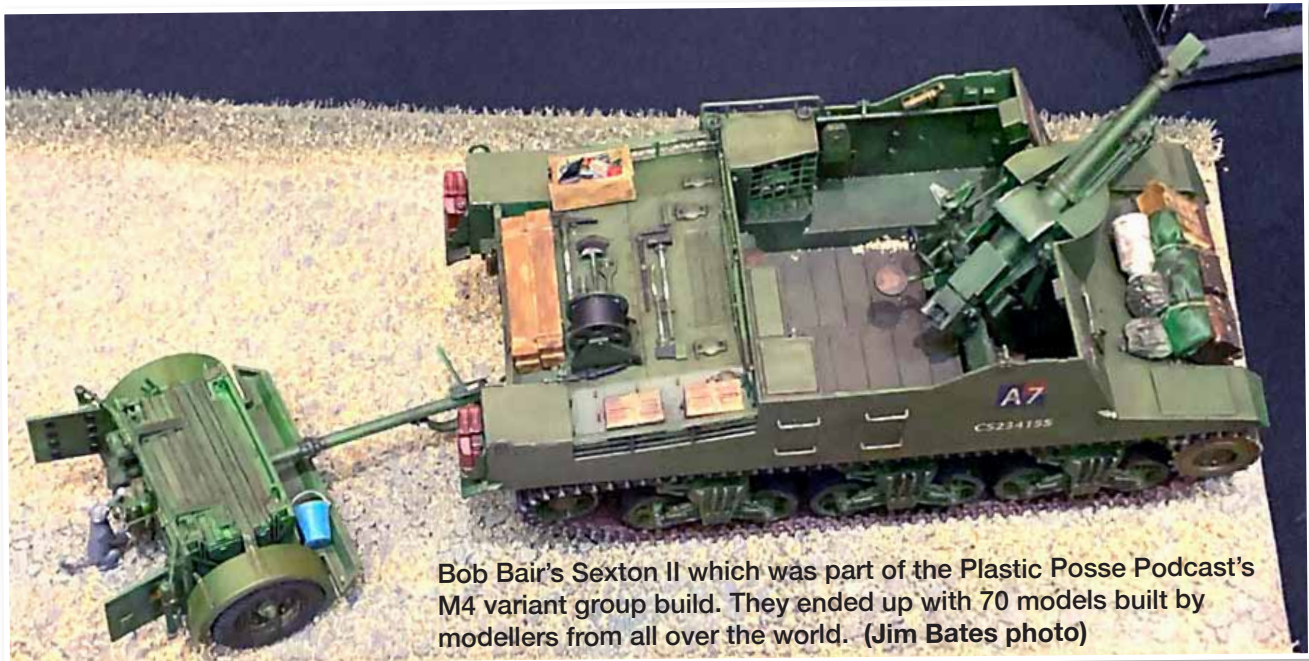
Canadian Vehicles



Ian Keizer, of Australian 'On the Bench' podcast fame built this 1/35 Canadian Armoured MG Car. **(Al Magnus photo)**



Canadian Sherman V built for the Plastic Posse podcast M4 group build. **(Jim Bates photo)**



Bob Bair's Sexton II which was part of the Plastic Posse Podcast's M4 variant group build. They ended up with 70 models built by modellers from all over the world. **(Jim Bates photo)**



Canadian Vehicles



Cdn Army Achilles built for the Plastic Posse podcast group entry by Evan McCallum of Ottawa.
(Jim Bates photo)



Skink conversion was also part of the Plastic Posse Group build; built by Rich Cooper.
(Jim Bates photo)



A 1/35 Archer done in Canadian markings.
(Jim Bates photo)



1/35 Leopard C2
(Kerry Traynor photo)



Canadian Aircraft



1/144 CP Airlines Boeing 737. Every airliner looks better in the "Big Orange" livery. (Steve Sauvé photo)



1/144 Conair DC-6 air tanker. No, there was not a scale Nicholas Cage out front. (Jim Bates photo)

1:144
1:72

The folks in Omaha really know how to put on a smooth running show. The contest tables were packed with over 2800 fabulous entries.

Too many great models to list.

Some standouts were:

the tiny scratch built WW I artillery truck that won the Best Armour award,

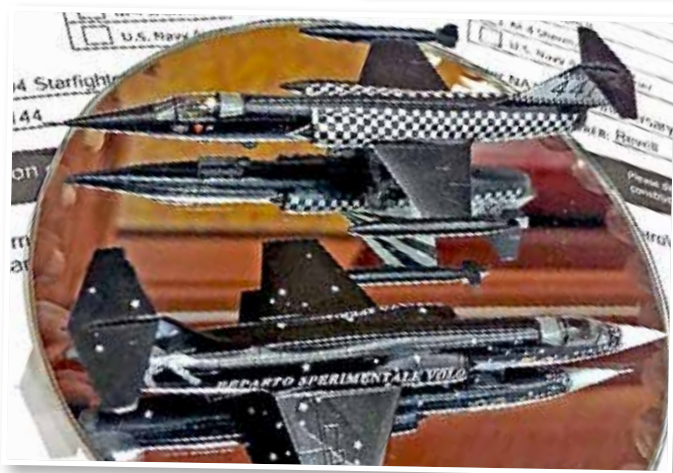
the beautiful large-scale Lola T-70 GT,

the 1/48 F4U Corsair that had many panels removed to display lots of scratchbuilt detail, and

the scratchbuilt WW I German floatplane that was judged Best Aircraft and won Best in Show.

The vendor's rooms did not disappoint. The Speedway Auto Museum tour was terrific. I am hoping they plan on doing a fifth Nationals in Omaha in the not too distant future.

Wayne Holmes, Victoria BC



Well-spotted was a 1/144 CF-104, paired up with an Italian F-104. Not sure how we would have judged this one for the IPMS Canada Award. (Gordon Sorenson photo)



Tim Nelson's 1/72 Waco YKC-S (Jim Bates photo)



Canadian Aircraft



1/72 P-51D
(Gordon Sorenson photo)



An Airfix 1/72
Chipmunk. Proof
that this old kit can
still scrub up nicely.
(Jim Bates photo)

1:72



Joe Youngerman's Hasegawa 1/72 CF-104 Starfighter
won 1st in its category. (Steve Sauvé photo)



1/72 Spitfire XVI by IPMS/USA Secretary
Rob Booth using IPMS Canada decals.
Note the RT article used as a reference!
(Steve Sauvé photo)



1/72 CF-100 by
Chris Bucholtz.
(Steve Sauvé photo)



Canadian Aircraft



1:48



1/48 Curtiss Canuck built by using IPMS Canada decals. (Jim Bates photo)



1/48 Spitfire IX, 401 Sqn, RCAF (Jim Bates photo)



1/48 Spitfire IX, 442 Sqn RCAF (Jim Bates photo)



1/48 CF-100 (Steve Sauvé photo)



1/32 Spitfire, 'Johnny Johnson'

(Peter Steacy photo)

1:32



(some of) The 'Best of'



Best Ship – 1/350 HMS Belfast -
Nathanael Jansen, Herndon VA
(Peter Steacy photo)



Best Automotive. 1/16 Juan Manuel Fangio's
1957 F1 Monaco GP winner; Maserati 250 F
Monaco GP, by Nestor Espinoza, Tampa, FL
(Peter Steacy photo)



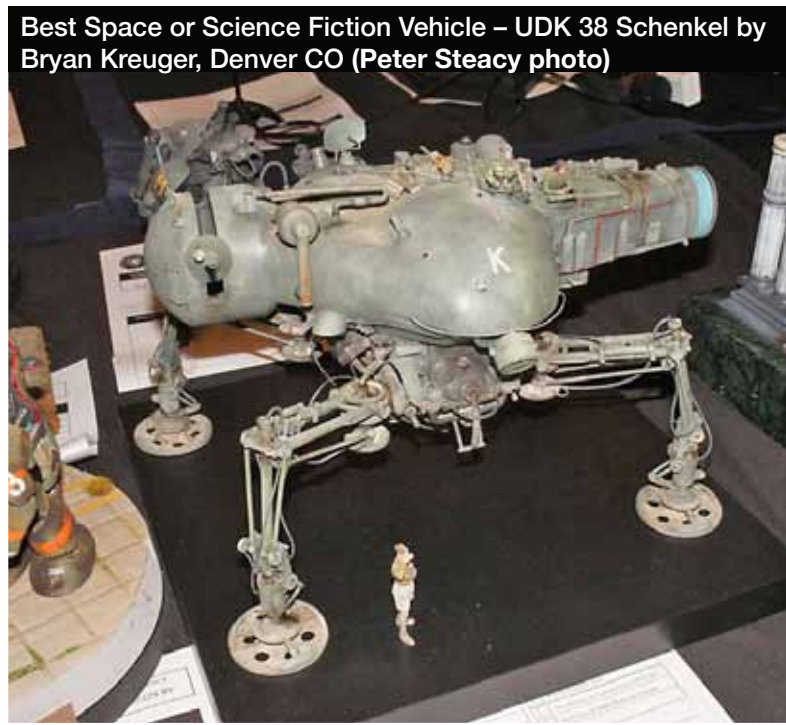
Best Military Vehicle - US WWI FWD Artillery Recovery
Truck, by Mike Tsoumpas, Sun City West, AZ.
(David Knights photo)



This WWI vehicle with figures was the best diorama - Bat-
tle of Amiens, by Greg Cihlar, Downers Grove IL
(Peter Steacy photo)



The Best Figure was this large-scale ORC Impaler by Greg Cihlar, Downers Grove, IL (Jim Bates photo)



Best Space or Science Fiction Vehicle – UDK 38 Schenkel by Bryan Kreuger, Denver CO (Peter Steacy photo)

'Best in Show'

1/72 scale Friedrichshafen FF.60, scratchbuilt by Steve Hustad. This stunning model won its own category, was judged to be the Best Aircraft, won Most Popular Model and won the Judges' Grand Award for Best in Show. (Peter Steacy photo)



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