



Hello my fellow club members,

The holiday season is officially upon us and soon we'll find ourselves passed out on the couch from too much turkey and stuffing. As the food coma starts to subside, I want to wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

If anybody could write up a kit review, book review, or anything of interest, please send it to me for the newsletter. Remember, I am always in need of articles.

Penny

Holiday greetings my fellow modelers! Next time we meet will be for our annual Christmas dinner, this year at Reminis restaurant near Cavespring corner. The date: December 13th@630-700p.

Things are moving along for the 2020 Regional and I'd like to thank the contest committee for their hard work forward what I'm sure will be another hugely successful event. As always we are looking for donations for both the raffle and silent auction.

A special thanks to Michele Borgarelli for connecting us with IPMS Italy to sponsor the contest category of Best Italian Subject. We are now truly International!

I will see all of you next month

Devin

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ✧ **December build meeting will be on December 12th at 7pm.**
- ✧ **December business meeting will be before the party.**
- ✧ ***If you wish to keep receiving the newsletter and haven't already paid this year's club dues, please get those in to Greg as soon as you can.***
- ✧ **Christmas party is being planned to be held on December 13th at 6:30 pm. The location of the party will be Ramini's on Brambleton Avenue. The meal will start around 7pm. Make sure to bring a present for Dirty Santa and a build model to display.**
- ✧ **The club is in need of raffle items for the show in October. If you have anything that you are willing to part with, please consider donating it.**

Veterans Appreciation Day Demo: Submitted by: Rocky Sink

On Saturday, November 9, some members of the club did a demo at the Virginia Museum of Transportation in conjunction with the Museum's Veterans Appreciation Day celebration. Members brought examples of their work which included armor, cars and Sci Fi for display and to exhibit for the attendees. The Museum had several people and groups to come in and display items from the military and subjects associated with the military.



Here is a few tips and tricks that I had picked up from a very dear friend of mine over the years, and thought that I would share them. Hope that you guys find these helpful.

- **Preventing white paint from yellowing:** Add dark or very bright blue paint to a bottle of white paint one drop at a time until the white paint becomes noticeable but very light blue.
- **Speaking of yellowing:** Avoid Lacquer and enamel clear overcoats. They turn yellow in just days! Use the new water based gloss and flat clear.
- **Applying infinitesimally small parts:** Ever glue your fingers or your tweezers to the model while that small detail part fell to the carpet never to be seen again? Fold a piece of masking tape length-wise, sticky side out, and wrap it around a toothpick to pick up the small parts. Dip the part's glue surface in a drop of super glue and stick it where you want it. As the glue dries, it will become stronger than the tape. Then pull the toothpick away.
- **Paint be-gone:** Use plain household bleach to remove paint from plastic parts. Just soak the parts you want to strip in a covered container of undiluted bleach for 2-3 days. Bleach won't attack or craze the plastic and the paint will come off with a light scrubbing of a toothbrush in warm dishwasher. **WARNING:** I've never tried this with resin or metal. Do that at your own risk.
- **Make the decal get down:** Everyone knows about diluted white glue to make stubborn decals stick...right?? What a gloppy, thick mess. Next time the decal refuses to sit down, try this. Dip the decal and its backing paper in Future floor polish. Blot off the excess and place it on the model. The Future will pull the decal down and will dry rock hard in a thin layer with no silvering.
- **Razor sharp lines:** Trouble getting a sharp line where the tire meets the rim on that landing gear wheel? Instead of using that 000000000 brush with two hairs, try a razor point black pen. The pen gives you the perfect control for sharp lines and precise placement of color on knobs, stripes, demarcation lines, etc. For cockpit detailing, red and green razor point pens are useful, too.
- **Mounting pins:** Many times when kit bashing or fixing small broken parts, the gluing surface will not provide enough surface to make a strong joint. Make locating pins. Put a small drop of black paint on the part where you want the pin location, then firmly hold the part where you want to attach it. The paint will leave a spot on the parts at the place you want to attach them. Drill holes at the paint dots on the parts; the holes will now line up for the pin placement when you glue the parts together. Straight pins make great mounting pins. They're strong and are easily cut with wire cutters. Drill bit size #71 in X-Acto pin vise drill stand is the same diameter as most straight pins.
- **Molted camouflage:** A sponge make-up applicator is a great tool for painting molted camouflage.
- **Trouble precisely applying small amounts of super glue accelerator?** Take a long, straight piece of sprue and file a chisel point on the end. Notch an acute angle "V" in the chisel point. Dip the sprue into the accelerator and place the point where you want it. The accelerator will flow out just like a pen.
- **Nose Cones:** To paint the nose cone of a plane, mask the nose; then cut the corner out of a plastic sandwich bag. Hold the model in the bag and push the nose through the hole until the plastic stretches over the masking tape. Now, the whole model is covered. When you're finished painting, just cut the bag away.

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IN-CLUB CONTEST RESULTS:

1st Devin Bledso Half track

2nd Bob Stull 58 Plymouth Fury



Upcoming Shows and Events



Feb 29, 2020	Old Dominion Open 2020 - Richmond, VA	Chazz Klanian ckslanian@verizon.net
March 7, 2020	MDA Model Car Contest - Roanoke, VA	Dennis Smith mdamodelcar.com
April 4, 2020	MosquitoCon 2020 - Wayne, NJ	Bill Schwarz whsch@optimum.net
April 18, 2020	NoVA Model Classic 2020 - Fairfax, VA	Tom Henderson tomhenderson51@verizon.net
March 21, 2020	AtlantaCon - Marietta, GA	Kim Elmore kdmcelmore@gmail.com
Oct 16 & 17, 2020	IPMS R2 Convention - Salem, VA	Tim Ward twardf86@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 16 -17 2020

IPMS REGION 2 CONVENTION SALEM CIVIC CENTER


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