

SPRUE



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

THE WALRUS

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This story has 2 parts. The first, how fate brought me to my new friend. And second, a brief ' first look' kit review of this model. When I was in Richmond the most entertaining moments for me were having conversations at the tables near the concession stand. One of those talks was when I met Robert Beach of Tidewater IPMS. About 10 minutes into our conversation I mentioned that I was looking for the Airfix Walrus in 1/48. To my surprise he said he thought he had one that he won at a raffle! Apparently not particularly enamored with the kit he offered to sell it to me.



Now, about this model. The box is large and sturdy, all the contents is bagged. There 5 large frets and one smaller with the clear parts in its' own bag. Decals are thin on the sheet and appear to be good quality. Markings are provided for 3 countries that used the Walrus, the UK, Ireland, and France. Also a detail sheet is provided for those who want to try their hand at the rigging. Highly detailed interior is provided as well as an option to fold the wings.

This was well worth the wait and many thanks to Robert for this kit.

2022 SHOOTOUT NOTES:

Just a few updates on this years ShootOut. All members are ask to sale at least three sponsorships for the show. At this time several award packages have been spoken for but there is still several left. The packages are \$20 each for regular categories, \$40 for Best Of categories and \$60 for Special Awards. Please contact Tim Ward (540-977-6205) if you need to get some sponsorship forms. If you know of anyone wanting a vendor table those are selling for \$35 and again several have been spoken for as well but there are still several remaining.

One big item is that we will need EVERYONE to step up and help with the show. We will try to set up Friday night but we may not get the venue till Saturday morning which will make things have to happen EARLY on show day. So please make sure to mark your calendar for possibly Friday night and definitely Saturday to help in all the areas. You may get moved around as needed.



-REMINDERS-

**May
Business Meeting
May 26 @ 7pm**

**June
Build Meeting
June 9 @ 7pm**

**June
Business Meeting
June 23 @ 7pm**

Member Profile

Greg Clower:

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

Greg: Current "Bean Counter" aka Treasurer. How Long? I haven't a clue.

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

Greg: I am a "student" of WWII. However I like Sci-Fi and the occasional car.

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

Greg: Could have been the Halls Bulldog (Williams Brothers) or a U-Boat (Auroua)

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

Greg: My Father.

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

Greg: I stull build. Trying to more than occasionally.

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

Greg: I no longer compete except our show. I did place in the Nats and received one 2nd and two 3rd's

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

Greg: I build for my peers as well as for myself.

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

Greg: Some 22 years as Merchant Seaman. Retired Chief Engineer Steam or Motor Vessel any horse-power.

IPMSRV: Who is your favorite kit manufacturer?

Greg: At the moment really no one. It is the subject.

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

Greg: Oh yes.

***** ★ **Upcoming Date To Remember:** ★ *****

The club will be doing a Demo at the D-Day Memorial on Saturday, June 18th, which is Fathers Day Weekend. More details will follow as we get closer to the date. We will be arriving between 9 and 9:30 that morning. Please plan on bringing a few of your WWII related models to display.



*******NOTE*******

Yearly club dues were due starting April 1st. You can bring your dues to the club meetings or mail them to this address:

IPMSRV
PO Box 20841
Roanoke, VA 24018

\$25 Yearly Regular Members
\$12 Yearly Associate Members



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

All submissions should be emailed to Rocky Sink:

snkchevcol@aol.com

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



NOVA Show Attended Well By Members:

On Saturday, April 16th, several members of the club headed to Fairfax for the Annual Model Classic hosted by IPMS Northern Virginia. As usual the members got a early start to the morning meeting at the usual parking lot and then made their way to Cracker Barrel for breakfast. After a hearty morning meal the members started their trip up I-81 to Fairfax. After a couple year layoff due to Covid it was figured the attendance for the show would be great and there were no disappointments. Both attendees and model counts were high. The tables were overflowing with great models in all categories witch made tough going for the judges. If you were able to take in looking at all the models there was still the task of looking at all the vendors and the great stuff they had for sale. Everything from the newest kits (as well as older kits) to paints, tools, aftermarket items, decals and miscellaneous supplies. If there was anything anyone needed it was there, you just had to find it in all the tables the vendors took up. At the end of the day members winning awards were Jay, James and Rocky.



Book Sale:

Thanks to everyone who came and bought books at the book sale. The club had all of Bob Rohrbacks book collection to sale and a huge number of books were sold. There are still books available if interested at looking at them. The majority of the books are aircraft related. We will be deciding in the near future what to do with the unsold books.



Save the Date
More Details to Follow

THE 2022 VIRGINIA SHOOTOUT

237 Awards
8 Best Of's
1 Club Award
4 Special Awards

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

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UPCOMING SHOW DATES:

May 21, 2022	39th Annual Smokey Mtn Model Con Knoxville, TN	Johnny Galza 262galza@gmail.com
July 9, 2022	DownEastCon 2022 New Bern, NC	Mark Sandvigen 703-434-0834
July 20-23 2022	IPMS National Convention Omaha, Nebraska	Ipmsusa2022.com
August 13, 2022	Virginia Shootout Salem, Virginia	twardf86@aol.com