

## August 2023 Edition



## FROM THE IRON WORKS

**BIG BILL SCHWARZ, PRES**

Hi all. not much to say on my end. Marty will give a Nats report as well as doing the NL in Bills absence. I hope you guys have a great summer and all is well with all of you! The only thing left for me besides seeing yall Friday is don't forget the CLUB OUTING AT BIG EDS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10th. Each member may bring one guest. (Wife etc.!) All food and drink and gratuities are paid !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! WE WILL PUT OUT AN ALL DETAILED EXTRA EDITION FOR THE PARTY B4 THE NEXT NL ! That way everybody knows exactly what's going on with seating, served food etc.! That's it for me this month ! Be well, stay out of the heat and enjoy life!

Regards BB Pres





## THE CONTACTS VIEW

Mike Pavlo

As I write this, the IPMS Nationals is only a few days away. Everyone who has ever been to one knows what a phenomenal experience it is. The last one that I was able to attend was in 2019 in Chattanooga, and it was a blast. Several of our members are going to be in San Marcos this year, and I envy them! My hope is that when the announcement is made disclosing the venue for 2025 (next year will be in Madison WI), that it will be back on the east coast and within reasonable driving distance for us.

I'm already looking forward to the event photos being posted so that I can live vicariously through the guys who are there.

Best Wishes,

Mike P.

# THE JUDGE'S TABLE

Jon DaSilva

Hello all,

I must apologize for not being able to make it to last month's meeting. I was helping a friend move to the Philadelphia area and didn't get back home until after the meeting. Based on the photos I've seen online, I'm greatly disappointed I missed Italian Night! As per the norm, the models on display looked fantastic. In fact, it appears that I haven't written a newsletter article in a while. I've missed some of the cutoffs and have had to send out blast emails instead.

Fortunately, John Bucholz was able to hold the monthly contest in my stead and here is a list of the entries:

- Model A- IL-2m3 (Russian attack aircraft) 1/48 Academy kit by Jerry Hughson (aircraft)
- Model B- Officer 10th Arditi (Italian WW2 commando) 1/35 Royal Model by John Bucholz (Figure)
- Model C- F-105 B (Cuban Missile Crisis) 1/72 Revell-Hasegawa kit by Bill Connolly (aircraft)
- Model D- Macchi MC 2000 (fighter WW2) 1/48 Italeri by Mark Celli (aircraft)
- Model E- Nashorn (WW2 German Tank destroyer) 1/35 Tamiya by Vince D'Alessio (land)
- Model F- USS Bass (WW2 U.S.Navy) 1/350 Yankee model by Martin Quinn (sea)
- Model G- Roman Centurion Bust (first century A.D.) 1/10 Young Miniatures by Erich Schroter (Figure) (Winner of Italian Night contest)
- Model H- Reggiane RE2005 (Italian fighter) 1/72 Pegasus by Simon Vichnevetsky (Aircraft)

Winners will be announced as per usual at the meeting.

Naturally there are more theme nights this year. Simon will be hosting a Russian Night in October. I am still unsure if Mike & Dan would like to have a Nostalgia night in either September or November. Let's not forget that this month (August) we will finally be showing off our 1/72 group build projects from 2021. If you partook in the build, please bring in the model so we can have a display / contest. I hope to see everyone at the meeting and at our yearly summer outing next month!

Best,

Jon

**NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY AUGUST 11, 2023**



# IPMS USA 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION SHOW REPORT

Martin Quinn

The 2023 IPMS USA National Convention was held in San Marcos, TX, August 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. This location was originally scheduled to host the “Nats” in 2020, but we all know what happened that year.

Joe Smith and I flew into San Antonio on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, where we met up with fellow ship modeler (and dues paying club member) Dan Kaplan. We ventured down to the Riverwalk on Tuesday night, then checked out the Alamo on our way back to our hotel, which was just a 5-minute walk from the famous mission.



On Wednesday morning we returned to the Alamo for a guided tour. Much of the original – especially the walls the defenders occupied - is gone, but the mission church and some of the walls remain. There is also a very nice museum located behind the church with lot of artifacts. Did you know that musician Phil Collins of Genesis is a huge Alamo aficionado? He has spent his life collecting artifacts, all of which he donated to the Alamo!

After lunch, we made the short drive up Route 37 to San Marcos.

Similar to the Omaha venue, the convention was held at an Embassy Suites with an attached convention center. There were three vendor rooms and one large contest room. Many of the big names were there – Tamiya, Eduard, and Squadron. In fact, Squadron had a small room unto themselves!

The contest room was already pretty full of models by the time we rolled into San Marcos that Wednesday afternoon, and was positively overflowing by Friday. My only complaint about the

contest room was the spacing between the rows of contest tables. They were too close together, making navigating the aisles amongst the large crowds difficult.

As one could expect, there were lots and lots of great models on display. In fact, there were so many models, that I wasn't able to make the rounds and see everything.

One of the reasons time in the model room was limited was an all-day, offsite trip, on Thursday to the Museum of the Pacific War in Fredricksburg TX, birthplace of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz. In fact, the museum is located on the grounds of the Nimitz family's former hotel. If you've never been, I highly recommend visiting if you are nearby. Great displays, great artifacts, including a Japanese midget sub (which is bigger than you'd expect), a B-25, and FM-2 (dressed up as an F4F-4) and a Japanese "Rex" floatplane. There is also a large relic from the USS Arizona – a hatch that has a circle cut out of it. The circle was used by rescue crews to look behind the hatch for possible survivors.



You can find more pictures of the museum – and of the models - on our club Facebook page.

The rest of the stay was spent at the venue, spending too much money in the vendor rooms and participating in the judging on Friday night (always one of my favorite parts of the convention). I entered three models to the contest, and was very please to place 1<sup>st</sup> in the small-scale submarine category



Overall, it was a very enjoyable and impressive convention. Here are some stats from the show:

- 3,110 entries
- 963 registrants
- 625 walk ins

(Almost as big as MosquitoCon! 😊 )

Next year's show will be July 17-20, 2024, Madison Wisconsin.

The 2025 Nats will be August 6-9, 2025, in Hampton Roads VA

If you've never been to a National Convention, you should make the effort to attend, at least once.



## IPMS USA 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION BEST IN CLASS WINNERS







**Individual Model Entry Form**  
2023 IPMS/USA National Convention  
San Marcos, Texas

Theme Awards - Check box if your entry is eligible

<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Six Flags Over Texas: Spain
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. Six Flags Over Texas: France
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Six Flags Over Texas: Mexico
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. Six Flags Over Texas: Republic of Texas
<input type="checkbox"/>	E. Six Flags Over Texas: Confederate States of A
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. Six Flags Over Texas: United State of Americ
<input type="checkbox"/>	G. Best Use Of Convention D

SUBJECT















The "Best Military Vehicle" was also "Judges Best in Show"







## UPCOMING SHOWS

PENNCON 2023, Carlise PA

September 16, 2023

PATCON 2023, Hudson MA

October 1, 2023

PAXCON 2023, Hollywood MD

October 7, 2023

ARMORCON, Southbury CT

October 13, 2023

GRANITECON 30, Weare, NH

October 15, 2023

HVHMG 2023, Poughkeepsie NY

October 28, 2023