CSM Debrief

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A Message From The Prez



A tremendous honor it is to be counted among the amazing people that make up Cincinnati Scale Modelers. The IPMS National Convention of 2026 was amazing and certainly ranks as one of the very best I have attended. Such success would not be possible without the dedication and tireless hours put in by the many volunteers from Fort Wayne and surrounding clubs.

The dedication of their members to pull off this achievement is highly commendable. Even several of our members donated their time to make the Nats great. Rob Schorry, John Brugger, Chris Vandegrift, Will & Melissa (apologies if I overlooked someone) donated their time in various capacities from judging, head judging, teaching seminars to fielding questions and assisting modelers find their way to the tables.

With that being said, it is now time to turn attention to OUR show and for all of us to think how we can chip in to help to make the 2026 Cincinnati Scale Modelers show, *Model-Nati 26,* THE BEST so far!

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Region IV Events

Date	Event	City
Sept. 19	SVASMCOMS 41	Sharon, PA Shenango Valley VFW 439 East State St. Sharon PA, 16146
Sept. 26	Military Modelers Club Louisville	Paroquet Convention Center 395 Paroquet Springs Dr. Shephardsville, KY 40156
Oct. 17	Model-Nati 26	Cincinnati, OH Tri-State WarBirds Museum 4021 Borman Dr Batavia, OH, 45103
TBD	IPMS Columbus	TBD

IPMS National Convention News

The IMPS 2026 National Convention was a tremendous success. 1,063 members attended. In the contest entry there were 3,110 models. 1,010 models were displayed in the non-competition Tiger Meet. If my math is correct, that is 4,120 models! WOW!

The IPMS National Convention for 2027, hosted by the Huntsville Plastic Modelers Society, will be held in Huntsville, AL from July 14 – July 17.

The IPMS National Convention for 2028 was awarded to Shreveport, LA and will run from the dates of July 17 – July 22.

And now for Cincinnati Scale Modelers Winners!

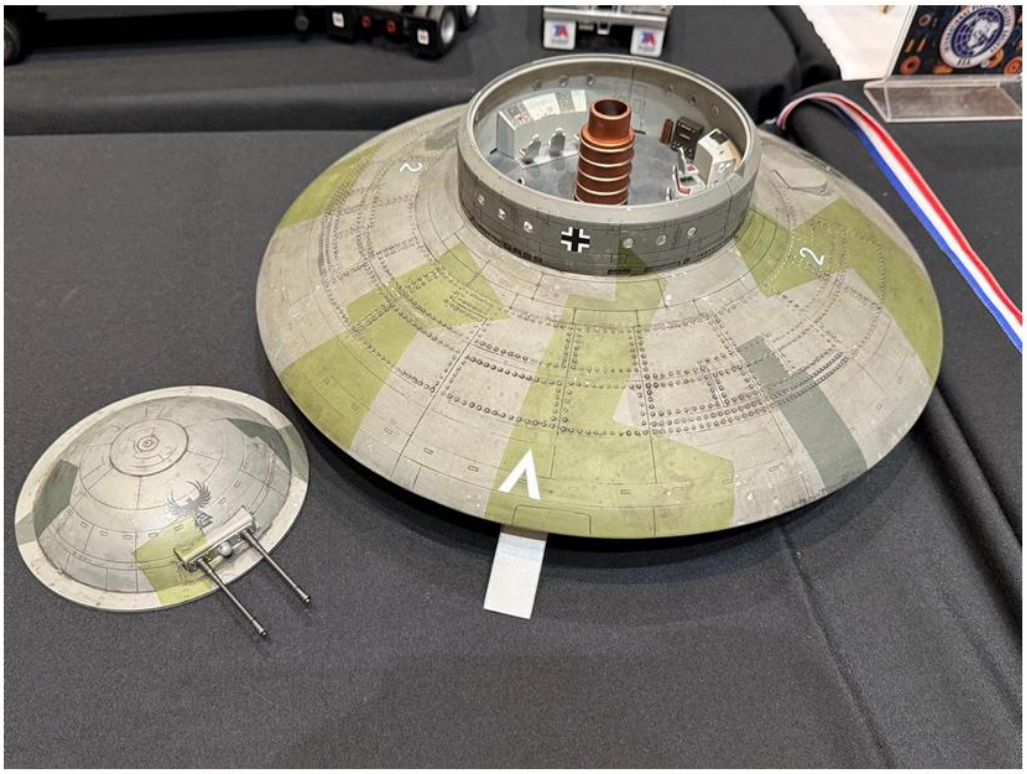
1st Place- Chris Allman- Cincinnati, Ohio
Great Imperial Garmillas Astro Fleet Gelvades Class



3rd Place- Chris Allman- Cincinnati, Ohio
XY Fighter



2nd Place- Will Kuhrt- Cincinnati, Ohio
Haunebu II



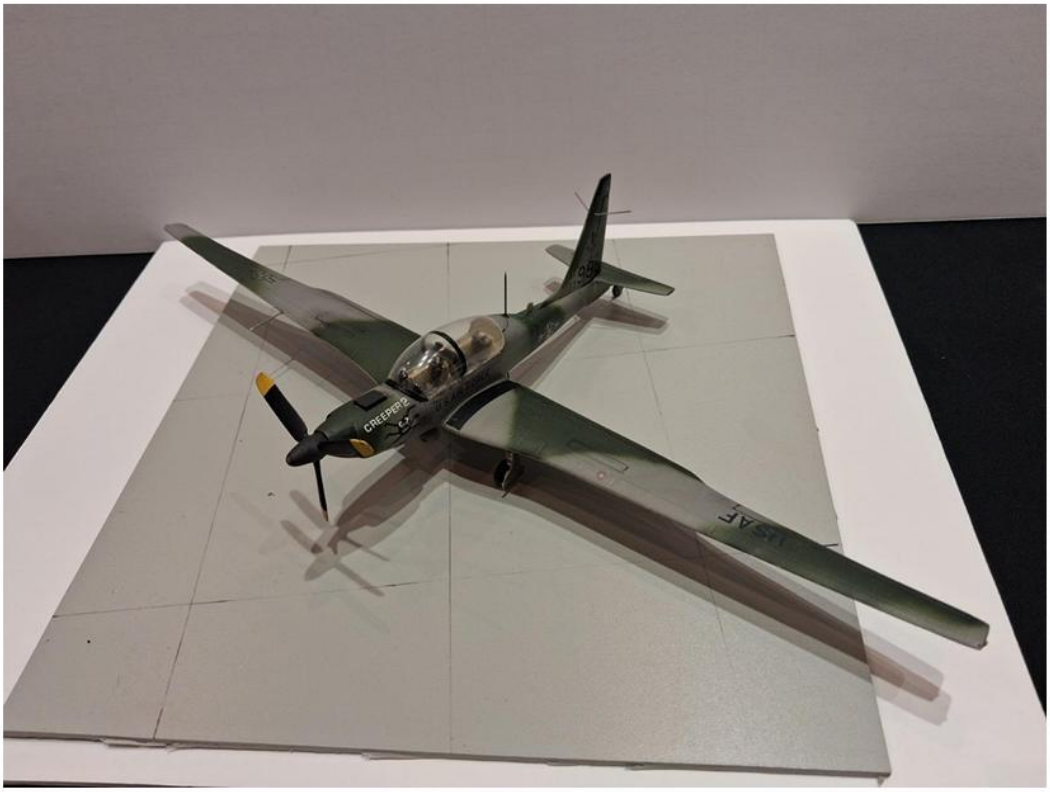
3rd Place- Randy Dosier- Walton, Kentucky
Fokker Triplane



3rd Place- Chris Vandegrift- Milford, Ohio
P-38G



2nd Place- Mark Statt- St. Bernard, Ohio
Lockheed YO-3B Quietstar



1st Place- Will Kuhrt- Cincinnati, Ohio
Triceratops Versus Tyrannosaurus



3rd Place- Jeffery Cramer- Amelia, Ohio
P-40B



Trucktown USA International Harvestor

Sponsor- IPMS Fort Wayne

Will Kuhrt- Cincinnati, Ohio
Payhauler 350 International Harvester



Notes From the Secretary

We'd like to broaden the scope of this newsletter by including information and experiences that you think will help, or at least amuse, your fellow modelers. To get the ball rolling, we'd like to ask you to share your Gorilla Glue stories. If you have a tale to tell about your experiences using Gorilla Glue, we'd like you to share it with the rest of the club. Using it on an assembly where regular glue just wasn't working? Tell us about it. Saved you at a show when an emergency repair was needed? Tell us how it saved the day. It's becoming more and more a regular, not special, part of assembling a kit. Put your writing skills to good use and share your experiences with this new tool in your kit.

We received a note from Steve Smith about his experience with using Gorilla Glue. Steve used Gorilla Glue to attach the handrails to his "Prince of Wales" build. He commented that it had just the right amount of "wiggle room" before setting. He's looking forward to experimenting with other uses as he continues his excellent ship builds.

Send your submission to me at mrchipholt@gmail.com

Meeting Highlights

The August 2 meeting was a lot of fun! Thank you to John Bishop for his excellent suggestion to hold a “Mini Nats”. Many of our members brought books and kits to sell and from the looks of it, they had a pretty good day! We also welcomed two new guests – Tate Shepherd and his father – who will hopefully become regulars! Tate has gotten started with War Hammer figures and I sent him home with a nice armor kit to work on!

Additionally, the guys who built International Harvester kits brought them for display prior to the big event!



Upcoming Door & Raffle Prizes

The next meeting will take **place August 30, 2026** 2:00 – 4:00 PM

The Hawk Building
4184 Taylor Road, Batavia, OH 45013

Note: This meeting is the September 6 meeting. We have shifted it one week earlier due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday 7.

Door Prize	Raffle
Verlinden 120mm U-boat figure	UMM-USA 1/72 Prop Master Jig
Hasegawa 1/72 A300 Airbus	Aoshima 1/700 USSR Kiev Carrier
Eduard 1/17 Albatros D.V.	Italeri 1/48 Kfir C1/C2

Model Kit News

It's raining cats and dogs! MiniArt has just released a new 1/35 set of pets. They are perfect! I think I know a guy in our club who will surely go for the cats! Meow!



Another cool kit coming out in August is the Trumpeter 1/16 "Bumblebee" Hummel.



CSM Juniors



Two members of the Cincinnati Scale Junior Modelers club were able to attend the convention and they both won awards! Congratulations to Will and to Levi for their success! In addition to their awards, each also assembled a nice collection of poker chips!

Below are their entries.





Automotive

051: Teen

Sponsor - IPMS Silverwings, In Memory of Mike Fosgett

2nd Place- Will Evans- Batavia, Ohio
1967 Chevy Impala



Gunpla

070: Pre-teen

Sponsor- In Honor of Connor and Luke Riley - Young Model Builders

1st Place- Levi Bauer- Middletown, Ohio
Rg 00 Raiser - Celestial Being Mobile Suit



Congratulations Gentlemen!

Melissa and Will also conducted a seminar on Friday morning about starting junior clubs. It was very well attended. Levi and Will were also present. The audience was engaged and we were happy to have a lot of interaction. We shared our story from the beginning of how it started at the Nats last year, lessons we've learned, successes, changes we would make and visions of the future. Afterwards our seminar and even the day following, I received many encouraging and positive comments about our Junior Club and our seminar. In the future we have an opportunity be on a featured podcast!



Model-Nati 2026 News

One thing that the IPMS National Convention shows us is that model shows are only possible when club membership are engaged and involved. This year, we aim to make the Cincinnati Scale Model Show the benchmark show in Region IV. This means WE NEED YOU!

Our show is an experience! We hear this over and over from our guests. When I go to shows around the area, I often hear people comment “I LOVE your show!” Each year we have elevated our standards and that trend continues this year.

While at the Nats, I was able secure a new sponsor – Zenith Studios. They produce awesome 3D resin figures of all sorts. They generously supplied us with nice assortment of figures. A great group of guys!

Also, Value Gear Details again was very generous with donations. Thank you, Steve! If you are not familiar with VGD, they produce stowage and other accessories for armor in all necessary scales. Great stuff!

Tamiya has returned as a sponsor, and others are in the pipeline. They LOVED our Thank You card!

There is one important change for our show in 2026. **We will no longer provide a “Club Sale Table’.** This was a difficult decision, but it is best for the club in the long run.

Now it is time for ALL of us to step up and contribute to making this the BEST show we’ve ever had. If you are a member who will also be vending, we certainly appreciate your patronage, but, this is YOUR club also and there are always other ways to help out. Below are some of the current needs and the number of people required:

- **Registration (3 – 4)**
- **Photographer (1)**
- **Setup & Tear Down (10-12)**
- **Greeter / Wristband Checker (1-2)**
- **Medal Placement (6 – 7)**
- **Parking Attendants (2-3)**

At our next meeting, a Sign-Up sheet will be available. We will need all slots filled. Remember, this year, all show helpers will receive a free club T-shirt!

Happy Modeling!
Will

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