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Next meeting date:  
**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
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## IN THE PILOT SEAT

The preliminary numbers seem to be 107 modelers, 375 models to compete and 466 visitors. I was congratulated by many IPMS members, visitors and vendors. Doc, our RC said we put on another great show! We did good for we have four more modelers who

joined our club. I hope to see them at our next meeting which will be May 21st. Our club won the "Region 1 Chapter Cup" because we won the most points in winning awards. The cup will be at our meeting for viewing and pawing over. Why not bring down the models you entered and won an award for your efforts? If you bought a new kit from the vendors, we'd like to see it. Like the 1/32 scale B-25J that Howard Garcia pushed me to buy from Mega Hobbies. He was the only vendor in the room with it and at a good price. BTW, Howard is a bad influence on my wallet.

I want to thank all of you LISMS members who gave their time both days to be there at Admissions, Registration, Raffle, Head Judges, Food, and Steve Muth for his dealing with the children at two Make-n-Takes. Special Thanks to those who were there to help setup and tear down those huge tables. The effort in that alone was greatly appreciated. Well we will not have to do this again next year. We will be going back to the one day Replicon at Freeport Rec Center on Saturday April 13th.

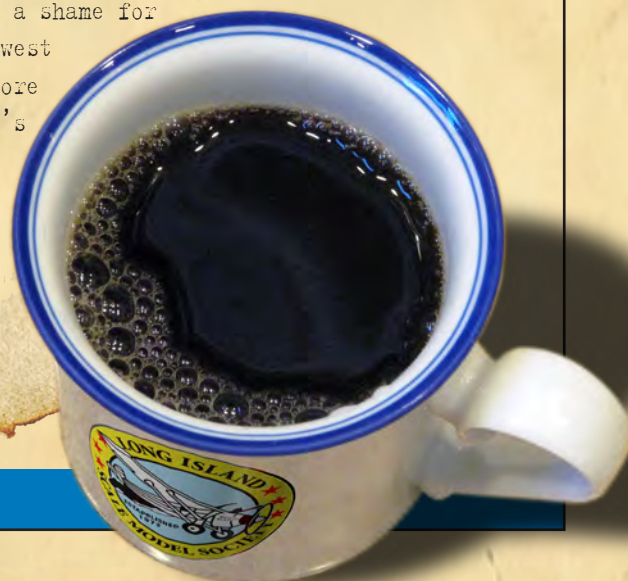
John Musolino will be around for a few more weeks guys. What kind of a send-off can we arrange for him?

So the Intrepid Aircraft Carrier at The American Airpower Museum was completed two weeks before we hosted Moreastcon 41. I hope all modelers who attended got to see it. I know every time I passed the display, people were looking at it.

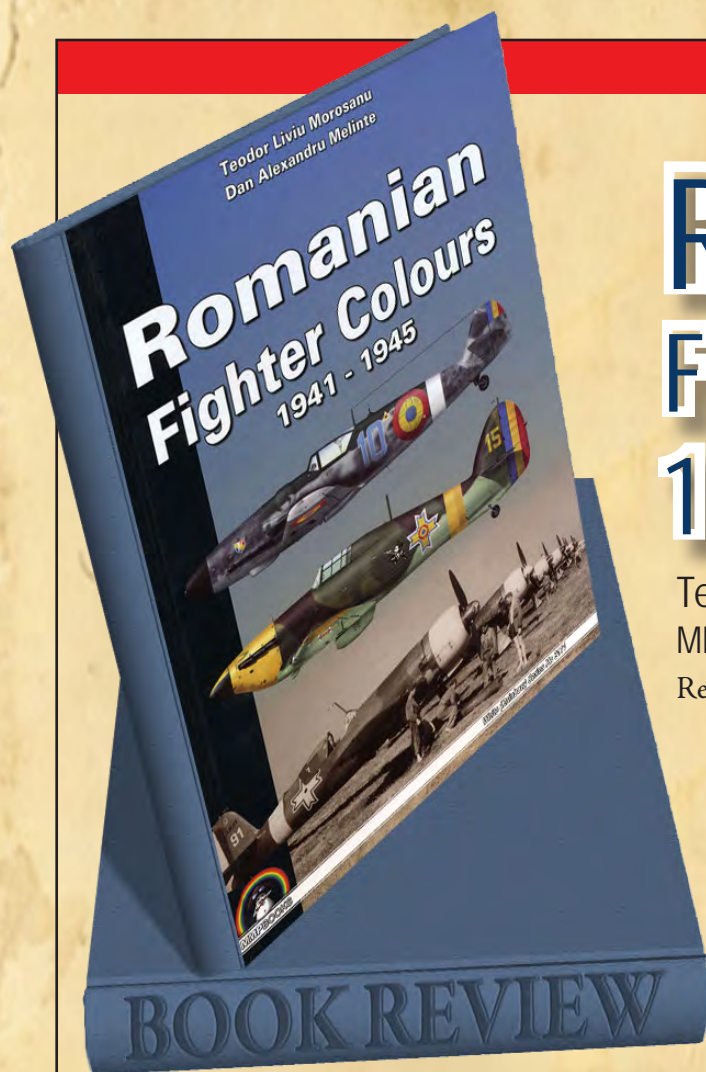
I understand that there may only be three of us members attending the Nationals in Disney World come August. I guess the economy is hitting us hard up here. What a shame for the Mats in 2013 will be out west again. Well there are three more months to build for this year's event. Maybe they should have a Figure Category for Disney Characters!

Build a model!

*Bob*







# Romanian Fighter Colors 1941-1945

Teodor Morosanu & Dan Melinte  
MMP Books, 2010, HB, 192 pages, \$29.31

Review by Steve Muth



Another great book by MMP, this time on the Romanian Air Force fighters in WWII. This book is mostly well captioned photographs and color profiles/three views. It is in English. Aircraft covered are: P.11, P.24, Hurricane I, He 112E, IAR 80/81, Bf 109E, Bf 109G, Bf 110 plus some abbreviated coverage of captured aircraft: I-16 Type 29, Fw 190F-8, Fw 190A-8 and early type MiG-3. Each type has an introduction with operational use and many pages of Camouflage and Markings information with color profiles backed up with B&W photographs

and in some cases color photographs. There are a total of 94 color profiles, 24 color three views, 14 color photos and 37 sketches. As usual, it is all printed on good quality opaque paper. The amount of research that must have gone into this book is astounding. The profiles are not a random addition to the book but are the results of careful analysis of wartime photographs by someone apparently very skilled. Most pages have 2 or more photographs, for a total of 228, and usually one or two color profiles. Text is at a minimum but the captions are extensive.

We owe much to the Romanian's penchant for documenting crashed aircraft in great detail. Those photographs have preserved their aviation heritage for us to enjoy today.

Romanian fighter aircraft were very colorful so if you are looking for some different markings for your next model this book will help you.

Recommended for anyone interested in WWII camouflage and markings.



## -KIT REVIEW-



1/25

# 1964 **Dodge** **A330 Racer** by Lindberg

Review by Eric Goldschrafe

It's a Lindberg 1/25th scale 1964 Dodge A330 factory-built lightweight Super/Stock Drag Race Car. The real cars had aluminum doors, hood, front fenders and front bumpers. All Dodge A330's were delivered "body in white" with red interiors. 1964 cars delivered to teams in the late fall were equipped with the 426 cu. in. "max wedge" engines, and in the spring of 1964 were delivered with the new 426 cu. in. HEMI engines, with high compression, hot cams, and "ram quad" twin four-barrel carbs. These cars were dominant in the top stock classes in several drag racing organizations. The Lindberg model was available with parts and markings for "Maverick", "Color Me Gone" and the "Ramchargers". The kits are molded in white styrene and go together well. Individual kits vary in content, as "max wedge" cars came with a specific hood scoop, and bench seats. The HEMI cars had a different scoop and light-weight bucket seats with no back seat. Any of these Dodge kits build up clean and easily, with many chromed parts and clear windows. Detail-oriented builders might add extra details such as photo-etch sets and home-made parts. I built five kits, three with the kit decals and two with aftermarket decals. While a variety of team decals are available, it should be mentioned that long-time manufacturer Slix has stopped making decals and supplies are getting low or sold out. I modified the front and rear suspensions on all cars to obtain the slightly raised-up look designed for hard launches and quick acceleration. The front sway bars were left off and the kit's rather beefy torsion bars were

replaced with much thinner aluminum tubing to replicate six-cylinder rated bars used, both to assist in getting the front end to rise on takeoff. The driveshaft was replaced with an aluminum tube, and used the universal joints from the kit driveshaft. The kits include a driveshaft safety loop, and I added a pinion snubber on each rear end. Each chassis received individual coloration and weathering (Dick Landy always painted his undersides black to make his somewhat illegal attempts to further lighten the weight more difficult to detect). I used red embossing powder for the carpeting and artist's oil paint to do highlight and shadow blending in the interior parts. The dashboards were refinished and all gauges got a droplet of clear epoxy for the glass. Don't look for any floor shifters- those old enough will remember the "pushbutton shifters" in the dash for the beefed-up Torqueflight automatic transmissions. Bare metal foil was used on the trim. As the decals were not as shiny as the paint (polished out with a multi-stage kit), and I didn't want to clear-coat the cars (most clear coat paint yellows after several years), I waxed them with McGuire's Liquid Wax, which is gentle in the paint and markings. The chromed parts had the plating removed with bleach, and were refinished in the proper metal colors (using Alclad products), and thus added a lot more realism, especially the Alclad chromed parts. These are the first model cars I've built in over ten years, and I would recommend them to any auto enthusiast. They may be out of production, but are fairly easy to find in stores or on line.

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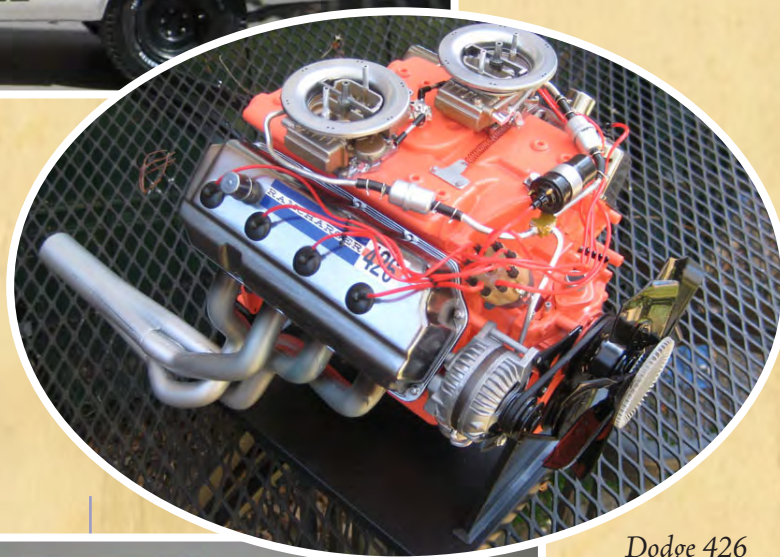


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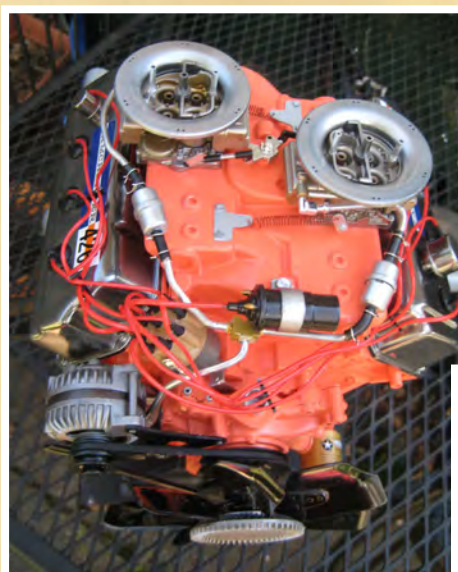
1963 Dodge  
Ramcharger from  
the right quarter



1963 Dodge Ramcharger



Dodge 426  
Hemi engine



Dodge 426 Hemi  
engine from the top



Interior parts ready  
for installation



# Photo Essay

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## THE HARRIER FA.2 THE COCKPIT

By Steve Muth

These photos were taken of the same Harrier FA.2 that was featured in Part 1. They are of an operational Harrier on the HMS Illustrious in NYC during Fleet Week on 5-14-96. It was with 801 Squadron. Fleet week is a good time to go and photograph operational aircraft. You also have the opportunity to visit the Intrepid Museum which will shortly have a Shuttle on the main deck. I can't help but wonder what will happen to the aircraft being displaced. Will they go on the adjacent dock or move to a different location/museum? Enjoy.



Air brake well

Main landing gear strut & wall forward



Main landing gear well aft

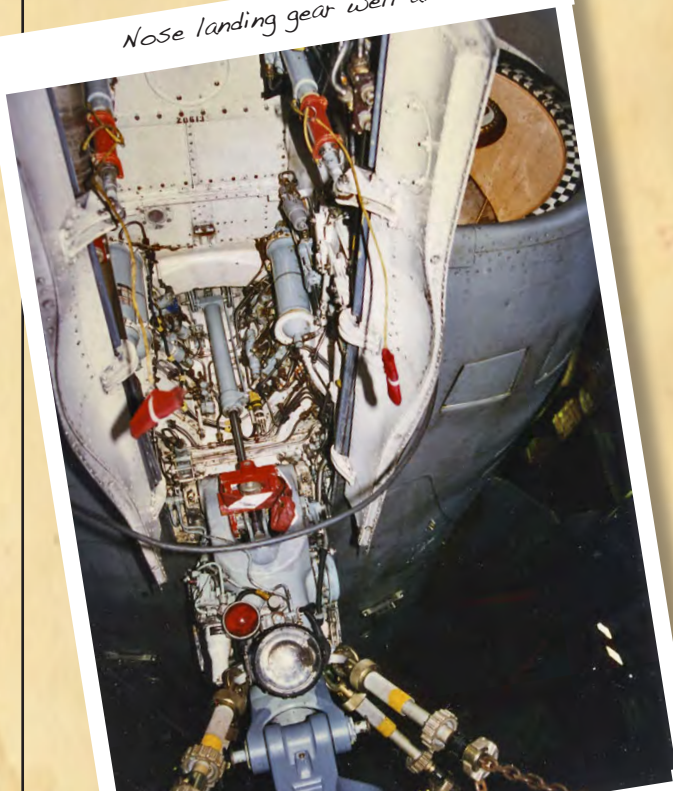


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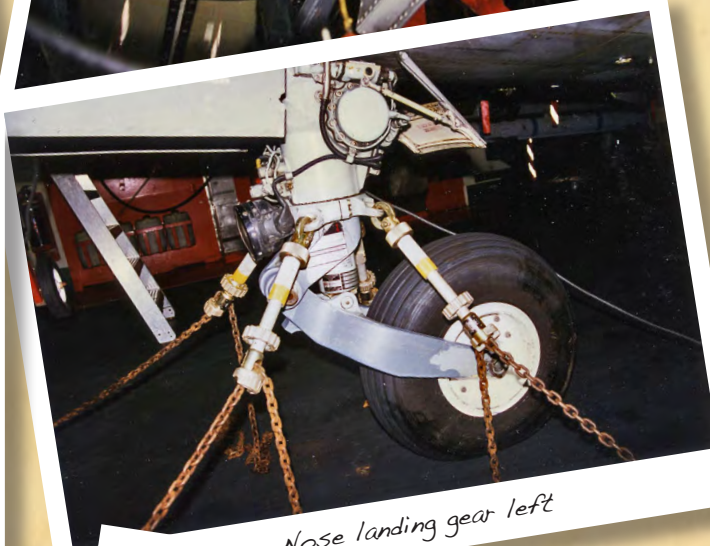
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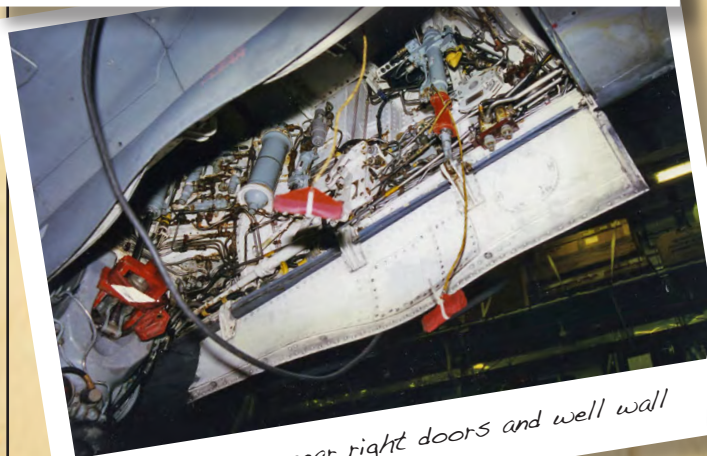
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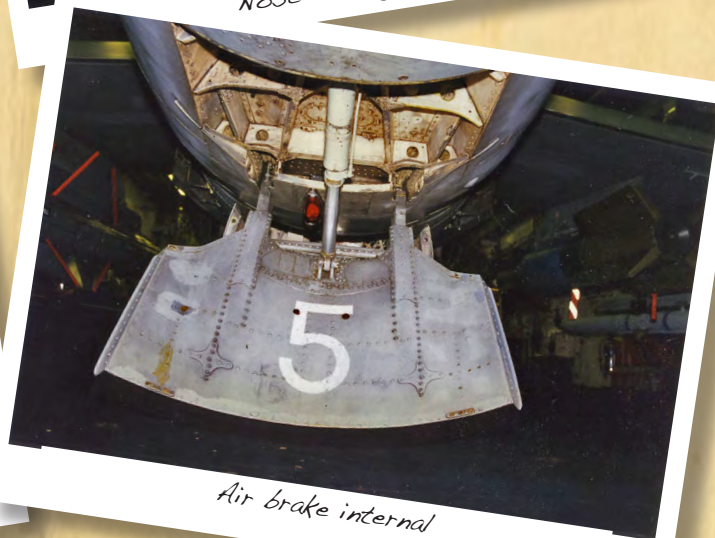
*Left nose landing gear, doors and well wall*



*Nose landing gear left*



*Nose landing gear right doors and well wall*



*Air brake internal*



# Seen on the Table

By Steve Muth

Only 13 models were on the table this month of April but there were some nice ones. But first, I must apologize to John Lam who brought in a quad gun A-A tank and a spare turret (Don't we all have a spare turret?) which

I completely missed photographing. Sorry John. Maybe next month, after RepLICon we, collectively, will bring in more models to show (and tell) and I'll get them all in the camera.

1/12 Shelby Cobra in process by Steve Martan



1/35 Brown Water PBR by Steve Martan



1/32 Skyraider by Roger Carrano



1/35 FLAK 30 by Steve Adriano



1/72 F-82E by Chris McCaffery



1/72 F11F-1 by Duane Yorke



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1/24 A-330 Sedan racers  
by Eric Goldschrafe



1/35 half track by  
John Lam



1/35 JSU-152  
by Marshall Voizard

1/48 Ki-45 by Kyle  
Koppas



1/48 FM-2 in process  
by Fred Seitz



1/72 F-16 by Sal  
Picataggio



So Many Kits - So Little Time  
- still we buy!





1/72

# Rutan Voyager

by A- Model

Kit # 7229

Review by Steve Muth

Who would guess that a kit would be produced of Burt Rutan's Voyager of unrefueled around the world fame. I would rather have a 1/48 scale kit but I can't complain.

A-Model is a Czech company that specializes in kiting models not likely to be produced by mainstream companies. It is typical of recent injection molded short run kits in that the surface detail is good but there is some flash. The sprue gates are modest but will require some care in separating the parts from the sprues. There are three sprues of white plastic and one clear for the windows and a stand. All the sprues are in an unsealed plastic bag. Landing gear is included for those not wanting a stand display. There are 38 parts. There is a nice decal sheet with various stripes and stencils and the instructions are on an A size sheet, are of the exploded view type, and include a parts tree diagram. There is short blurb in, what looks like Russian. No matter, the instructions are adequate.

One nice feature is that the wing parts between the fuselage and the booms have nice sharp trailing edges due to their construction. The bottom piece inserts about 3/16ths from the trailing edge, ensuring a nice sharp edge. The wings and fore plane are one piece affairs (one piece on each side that is) and the rudders are molded onto one side of the boom halves. There are some minor sink marks on the rudders and only two ejection pin marks in hidden places. The front landing gear has a well and location is not a problem. The rear landing gears are in the nacelles and also accommodated. You may want to replace

the clunky landing gear covers with some sheet stock. The surface finish on the parts is good with a minimal amount of (recessed) panel lines as the plane was made of fiber glass or Kevlar with only maintenance panels being evident. There are several inside out pin holes, ie tiny sharp bumps like there were pin holes in the molds. They are small enough that a swipe with 320 sandpaper would take them right off.

I had the chance to examine the real thing at the Smithsonian a few years back and was surprised at what I saw. The plane looks like it was painted with about a pint of paint, most of which was on the flying surfaces leading edges. The rest barely covered the underlying material. It had only one very thin coat of paint. The underlying material was a very light tan or beige that could be seen through the paint.

When all is said and done, it should make up into a nice looking and certainly different model. Recommended for those with a penchant for the unusual.

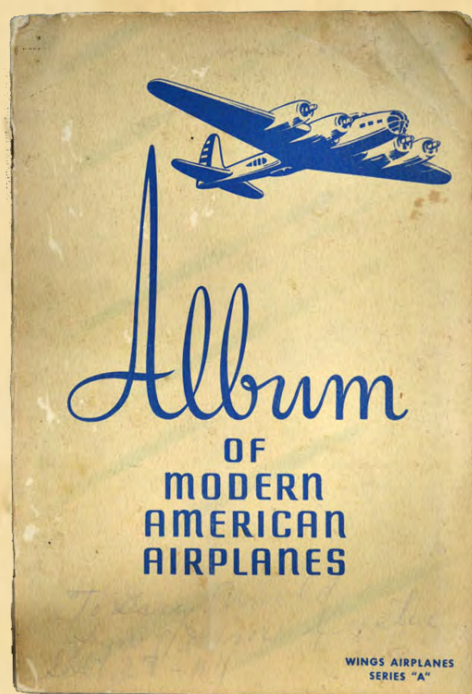
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Ps. I seem to remember a book came out several years ago recounting the epic journey. If I remember right the pilots were Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager. It seems that under certain conditions the plane was very touchy and difficult to fly. After nine days in such cramped quarters the stress was very high and they were not exactly on good terms after the flight. I will have to try and find the book. 🛩️



# Wings Cigarette Cards – Smokin' Good Art

Review by Gary Weickart



While I am first and foremost a model kit collector and builder, occasionally I am enticed by other related items. Often I have to add them to my collection.

What attracted my eyes to the stacks of model airplane kits on the store shelves so long ago was that exciting colorful artwork on the box tops. It stirred up visions of aerial dogfights, speed and courage and so much more. I still love looking at those older boxes in my accumulation of kits, sometimes more than the built up kit itself. So it should really come as no surprise that when I came upon some old trading cards of vintage aircraft with great colorful artwork, I just had to have them.

The cards in question were the series of "Modern American Airplanes" produced by the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co. as premiums in their cigarette packs. They are more commonly known as "Wings" cards, which was the brand of cigarettes they came in.

Produced in 1939, the first set of 50 different cards showed new American military and civilian planes. Obviously the cards were a hit as two other series of 50 cards each were subsequently issued in 1940 and 1941. These later sets had both US and Foreign aircraft as the subject matter as world war two was on everyone's mind.

The cards have lovely paintings in full color on the front and a brief one or two paragraph description on the reverse. There were also three different albums issued in conjunction with each series of cards which are much more difficult to find than the cards themselves.

A few months ago I finally completed the full set of "Wings" cards along with the albums which have different artwork on each cover.

I hope you enjoy looking at these cool cards as much as I have enjoyed collecting them.



## Show Calendar Listing for 2012

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
May 18 & 19	MFCAs 71st Annual Show Valley Forge Convention Center King of Prussia, PA	<a href="http://www.MFCAShow.com">www.MFCAShow.com</a>	Fri-Sat
Aug. 8 thru 11	IPMS National Convention Orlando, FL	<a href="http://www.ipmsusa.org">http://www.ipmsusa.org</a>	Wed-Sat
Sept. 28 & 29	AMPSEAST 2012 Crown Plaza Danbury, CT	<a href="http://www.militarymodelers.org">www.militarymodelers.org</a>	Sat-Sun
Oct. 7	Model Fest '11 Knights of Columbus Hall 625 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, CT	<a href="http://www.ipmsstratford.org/">www.ipmsstratford.org/</a>	Sun
Oct. 20	2012 HVHMG 26 Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY	<a href="http://www.hvhmg.com">www.hvhmg.com</a>	Sat
Nov 10	LIARS Freeport, NY	<a href="http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars">www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars</a>	Sat
Nov. 17	Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY	<a href="http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com">http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com</a>	Sat



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