

# Tactical Notes

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## “Vietnam Era Aircraft – Fixed Wing” SMACKDOWN and 2023 Year-End Meeting & Holiday Dinner



**Next Meeting 7 PM Thursday January 18th, 2024**

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Two U.S. Navy Vought F-8E Crusader fighters from fighter squadron VF-33 Tarsiers prepare for a launch in afterburner from the waist catapults of the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVAN-65) in 1964. VF-33 was assigned to Attack Carrier Air Wing 6 (CVW-6) for the "Operation Sea Orbit" around the world cruise from 8 February to 3 October 1964.

## Editor's Notes

MMCL Members,  
Hello everyone, I want to first introduce myself, I am Jason Sizemore and I am excited to put together my first Tactical Notes as your new MMCL Secretary. Here is a little bit about me. I have been a member of MMCL now going on two years. I started modeling again back in 2021, and like a lot of us I had a modeling hiatus due to school, job, and family obligations. My kids are getting older now and I thought it was time to start back modeling and learn how to use an airbrush. I now build mostly military aircraft and dabble in some AFVs. I am a fan of 1/72 scale (The gentlemen's scale), but I will build any scale.

I want to thank "Kentucky" Dave Knights for all the years of hard work he has put into putting together Tactile Notes issues. I hope to continue to make Tactile Notes a great newsletter. That being said, I am starting two new sections called "From Your Bench" and "Member Spotlight". The "From Your Bench" section will be where I will put all manner of modeling related content. The only problem I have is I need your content. Some of the content I am looking for, for "From Your Bench":

- Pictures of your projects in progress or completed. (Please include some information)
- Kit Reviews (Especially looking for some AFV content here)
- Tips and new modeling tools you would recommend.
- Show reports (with pictures if possible).

For the "Member Spotlight" section I will be reaching out to our members with some questions to answer and I will put that information here so we can get to know our fellow club members better.

So hold on, it may be a bumpy ride while I get all the details ironed out, but I am looking forward to it. I will try to be at every meeting and at least a couple of Saturday build days if you have questions or want to chat.

My email address again to submit content is:  
[sizemj@gmail.com](mailto:sizemj@gmail.com).

Thanks  
Jason

# President's Page

Hello MMCL Members,

As someone whose life has been influenced by our awesome hobby and club, it is with great pleasure that I write this message as your new MMCL president. I have been a member since 2001 and club Treasurer for the past 7 years. I have watched this club grow (114 members) into one of the best in the nation, been involved with our own invitational regionals, worked with like-minded people on various aspects of the club, traveled to numerous modeling shows representing the club, and learned valuable techniques from fellow members. The friendships that I have forged while being a member of the MMCL have been priceless.

A special thanks goes out to Stu Cox, Terry Hill, David Knights and other past officers for their commitment and leadership to the MMCL. Under their tutelage and YOUR involvement as members, our club has reached new heights in membership (especially the younger modelers), financial stability, meeting attendance, show excellence and diversity of modelers (ability and modeling genre). I have even ventured out of my comfort zone and built, of all things, a car. Not bad for a 48 year old club!

I will be working closely with Alex Restrepo (VP), Bill Wise (Treasurer), Jason Sizemore (Secretary), Joe Betz (Show Chair), Julia Eversizer (Member at Large) and Randy Fuller (Member at Large) to continue the excellent leadership that has been established. I believe that all of the club officers are caring individuals that will work hard to keep the MMCL on the right path. If you need anything related to this club, don't hesitate to reach out to one of us. We are here for you. We will be soliciting your input and ideas as we move forward with the MMCL. Needless to say, we have a wealth of knowledge in this club and we want you all to share it. This is your club. We want everyone to be active participants in moving this club to higher levels and new opportunities. Most importantly, we want all of you to have FUN!

If you haven't made it to a Saturday morning work session, you should give it a try. I can't tell you how many techniques have been shared with me over the years - all have made me a better modeler. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the jocularity that goes on, it is Priceless!

Speaking of sharing your modeling knowledge, please consider writing an article, a book review, kit review or an historical account of a battle for the Tactical Notes (TN). I will be discussing the various categories of the newsletter and types of information to be included at the January meeting. If it has to do with modeling, it will be considered. Jason is leading the charge of re-vamping and expanding the TN. He is dedicated to publishing an informative newsletter that is enjoyable for all to read.

I want all of you to remember - this hobby and club should be about having fun and being a 12 year old again! It doesn't matter what genre you model or your ability level. Have fun!!!!!!!

Your modeling friend  
Rich

## Vietnam Era "Fixed-Wing" Aircraft Smackdown Winners



**1st Place:**  
Andre de Lamerans  
F-4 Phantom II and A-6 Intruder



**2nd Place**  
Dave Philley  
MiG-21 PFM



**3rd Place:**  
Evan Ellsworth  
F-111 Ardvark



**4th Place:**  
Raymond Sues  
MiG-17

## 2023 Year-End Meeting & Holiday Dinner



The largest group ever for our Holiday Dinner. Thanks everyone for making it happen this year.



Terry Hill winner of the 2023 Appreciation Award. Thanks Terry for all your years of service to MMCL.



Nick Degott winner of the 2023 Achievement Award.



Stuart Cox winner of the 2023 Presidential Award



Jason Sizemore winner of the  
2023 Emerging Modeler Award.

Other Award Winners Not Pictured:

Myles Markovich received the MMCL Modeling  
Excellence Award

Dennis Sparks received the Presidents Award for  
Excellence in Modeling and Service to the Club.

Club members showing off some of their 2023 work.



## From Your Bench

New club member James Napier shares some of his work and thoughts on painting and building figures and vehicles for the ["Bolt Action"](#) WW2 tabletop war game.



This is my 1/56 scale SU85 model that I use in tabletop games of "Bolt Action" WW2 system. This game is pretty easy to learn and all of the competitions have a "Best Painted" contest that you can win prizes for.



I came in Third at a tournament in Fort Wayne Indiana and also won the “best STuG” award for my SU85



One of the things I love about “Bolt Action” and miniature wargaming in general is that once I finish painting my models I can use them in games instead of just letting them sit on my shelf. They have triumphs and failures in the game beyond the simple appearance of the paint and model on display.

## Member Spotlight

**Julia Evelszier** (Our new Members at Large)

**How long have you been modeling or when did you come back to it?**

-- I have been modeling since I was eight years old. I wanted to know how a F14 Tomcat wings worked. So dad bought me a model.

**What subjects and scales are your primary interests**

-- My main areas of interests are Cold War Armor. My favorite tank is the US M60 MBT. I am also known for liking WWII British tanks.

**What modeling techniques or subjects would you like to do more of in the future?**

-- In the Future I would like to learn how to do good looking combustion engines and improve my weathering and chipping skills.

**Alex Restrepo** (Our new Vice President)

Greetings fellow modelers! Please allow me to introduce myself to you. My name is Alex Restrepo and I have the distinct honor to be your Vice President. I've been welding styrene for about 50 years. I stuck with our hobby through all the phases of my life (school, military, professional life all the way through retirement and the present). While my primary interest has been in aviation, I've done everything but figures. Recently, I've developed an interest in Gundam modeling (thanks Levi). As for our club, I've been a member since 1990 and have served as secretary and treasurer. I'm looking forward to building on the rock-solid foundation gifted to us by our previous leadership. Here's to a Happy, healthy and productive 2024.

## Upcoming Model Shows

- [4M Mayhem \(Mid-Michigan Model Makers\) Saturday February 3rd 2024 University Center, MI.](#)
- [BlizzCon 2024 Saturday, February 24, 2024 Hillard, OH \(Columbus\)](#)
- [WrightCon 2024 March 23rd and 24th Dayton, OH](#)

# Treasurer's Report

| Military Modeling Club<br>Of Louisville<br>MMCL |                 |                             |                         |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| December  | 2023            | PNC Bank                    |                         |
| Starting Cash Balance:                          |                 |                             | <b>\$11,550.23</b>      |
| Cash Receipts                                   |                 | Date                        | Check Receipts          |
| Workshop  | \$385.00        |                             | Date                    |
| PayPal (WS Fees and Membership)                 | \$18.86         | Item                        | \$0.00                  |
| Raffle  | \$469.00        | Item                        | \$0.00                  |
|   |                 | Item                        | \$0.00                  |
| Item  |                 | Item                        | \$0.00                  |
| <b>Total Cash Receipts</b>                      | <b>\$872.86</b> | <b>Total Reimbursements</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>           |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                           |                 | <b>\$872.86</b>             |                         |
| Cash Or Debit Expenses:                         |                 | Date                        | Cash Or Debit Expenses: |
|   |                 |                             | Date                    |
| Kyana December                                  | 225.00          | 12/10/23                    |                         |
| Scale Repro. - Smackdoewn Gift Cert.            | 50.00           | Item                        |                         |
| Kyana Banquet Rental                            | 55.00           | Item                        | 0.00                    |
| Crown Trophy Awards (Banquet/Show)              | 1,245.45        | Item                        | 0.00                    |
| Kroger  | 33.95           | Item                        | 0.00                    |
| IPMS Club Renewal                               | 30.00           | Item                        | 0.00                    |
| Paraquat Springs Down Payment                   | 500.00          | Item                        | 0.00                    |
| Mission BBQ                                     | 1,261.58        | Item                        | 0.00                    |
|   |                 | Item                        | 0.00                    |
|   |                 | Item                        | 0.00                    |
| <b>Total Cash Expenses:</b>                     |                 |                             | <b>(\$3,400.98)</b>     |
| Reimbursable Expenses:                          |                 | Date                        | Reimbursable Expenses:  |
|   |                 |                             | Date                    |
| Item  | 0.00            | Item                        | 0.00                    |
| <b>Total Reimbursements:</b>                    |                 |                             | <b>0.00</b>             |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                           |                 | <b>\$3,400.98</b>           |                         |
| <b>NET Monthly Increase(Decrease):</b>          |                 |                             |                         |
| <b>ENDING CASH BALANCE:</b>                     |                 |                             | <b>\$9,022.11</b>       |
|   |                 |                             | <b>(\$2,528.12)</b>     |