

# Tactical Notes

October 2024

**So many kits... So little time...**



The 2024 Military Modelers Club of Louisville IPMS Invitational Contests

**Our Next Meeting**

Thursday October 17th 7 p.m.

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## Editor's Notes

MMCL Members,  
I want to say a big thank you to everyone for the great show we had last month. Everything went great even with a tropical storm dropping buckets on us. I had a great time myself. Picked up some new kits of course, and saw some extraordinary models on the contest tables. We had close to 400 entries! In this issue I have the contests results and pictures from the show. I also want to give special recognition to Ted Grant for the Judges Award of Merit for his Templar Bust.

Also our next "Smack Down" has been decided it is " Airfix - OOTB Build". So start building.

Fall show season is also going on and if you go to one of the nearby shows, please send me some pictures I would love to put them in the next TN issue.

Take care and happy modeling.  
Jason

Don't Forget to join us on our Saturday Morning Workshops. The Workshop is open most Saturdays from 6 AM to Noon.



**Membership Renewal:** Please renew as soon as you can. You can renew online (PayPal), in person at the Saturday Workshop or at a Monthly Meeting, or at Scale Reproductions (Please, NO debit or credit cards).

## President's Page

### **“So many kits... So little time...”**

Hello MMCL Members,

The 2024 MMCL Invitational was a success, even with a steady, drenching rain. The weather kept some individuals and vendors from attending, but the show went on! We had close to 400 quality entries, a huge raffle (again!), and plenty of deals from the vendors. Thanks to every one that came out and supported the MMCL. We cannot have shows like ours without the help of everyone. I cannot say enough for those of you that helped before and the day of the show. THANK YOU! The MMCL is known for its raffle and this year did not disappoint. A big thank you to everyone that donated kits for the raffle. I will have a show report Thursday night at the meeting. We have had several individuals (vendors, participants, attendees etc.) contact us mentioning that we had a great show. We even picked up a few new members.

Now that the show is over and our stress levels are low again, it's time to start building your Airfix kit for the December Smackdown. Remember, it must be built out of the box. It must be displayed with the instructions and box/packaging. You can use masks for painting and weathering materials to make your piece look used. Another thing to remember, you can use anything that comes in the box – example; stretching sprue for antennas.

Personally, I've been surprised at some of the new Airfix armor kits. I'm working on my first 1/72 aircraft, an Airfix Arado. I'm also trying to do something with the 1/32 WWI “Ole Bill” bus – an extremely rough kit that has figures that look like they went through a meat grinder.

As always, relieve your stress level and build a model!  
Rich

## 2024 MMCL IPMS Invitational Contest September 28th

From Randy Fuller our Member At Large who managed the contest:

"First let me say thanks to all of our members who volunteered to work the doors, coordinate the vendors, work the raffle, direct traffic, help folks load and unload, and of course stepped up to help judge this year's Invitational. We were successful from all of your efforts, so sincerely - THANK YOU!

Despite the weather, we had 397 models entered into the show. Which is really great considering we got 544 total last year for a two-day regional show. We had contestants from as far away as Virginia and Alabama, with our regular complement of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, West Virginia and Tennessee attendees. Naturally the greatest number of attendees came from within the Commonwealth, and we had 24 of MMCLs finest put their efforts on the tables this year."

The show winners and break down of entries is as follows:

### Special Award Winners

Best Aircraft - Greg Agee (PZL.23)  
Best Armor - Chris Toops (1918 Astin Armored Car)  
Best Figure - John Smith (US Army Ranger Bust)  
Best Ship - Chris Toops (USS Enterprise)  
Best Auto - Ken Riley (Lotus 98T)  
Best Space/Sci-Fi - Brandon Gentry (Mk.44 Ammoknights)  
Best Vignette - Paul Correa ("Para" Tank Destroyers)  
Best Dio - Mike Baete ("Remember the Raisen")  
Best Miscellaneous - Kip Pelton (Grizzly Battle Tank)  
Best Junior - Neil Mason (Horch 18 Truck)  
Schneider Award [Best Airliner] - Bruce Simard (B-737-800)  
McIntyre Award [Best Softskin] - Henri Fournier (Opel Blitz)  
Henry Degott Award [Best Luftwaffe] - Greg Agee (Bf-110C)  
Nofsinger Award [Best Sci-Fi] - Brandon Gentry (Mk.44 Ammoknights)  
2024 Theme Trophy - Greg Agee (F-14A Tomcat)  
2024 People Choice Trophy - Roger Dospil (French Old Guard - Waterloo)  
2024 Best of Show - Chris Toops (USS Enterprise)  
Judges Award of Merit - Ted Grant (Templar Bust)

# 2024 Show Report

**Total Entries: 397**  
**Total Contestants: 73**  
**Juniors: 4**

## Contestants By State

KY 43  
 OH 14  
 TN 6  
 IN 6  
 WV 4  
 MI 2  
 AL 2  
 VA 1  
 IL 1  
 MO 1

## Total Entries By Categories

Aircraft: **101** (25.4 % of show entries)  
 Armor: **83** (20.9% of show entires)  
 Figures: **55** (13.9%)  
 Ships **12** (3% of show entries)  
 Automotive: **59** (14.9 % of show entries)  
 Space & SciFi: **18** (4.5 % of show entries)  
 Vignettes: **21** (5.3 % of show entries)  
 Dioramas: **26** (6.5% of show entries)  
 Miscellaneous: **15** (3.8 % of show entries)  
 Juniors **7** (1.8 % of show entries)

## 2024 Show Report

Total Entries:	397	Median # entries/contestant.:	4.00	Entries without an award:	209	Total Gold:	69											
Total Contestants:	73	Max entries/contestant:	29	Entries With G/S/B:	188	Total Silver:	63											
Juniors:	4	Chance of winning one award:	46%	Split Category		Total Bronze:	56											
Categories																		
Aircraft:	Total	OOB	Civil	1/72SE-P	1/72ME-P	1/72SE-J	1/72ME-J	1/48SE-P	1/48ME-P	1/48SE-J	1/48ME-J	Rotary	1/32+	Biplane	UAV/Missile	V/C/SB	Airliner	MAX
	101	5	0	14	5	4	7	21	3	5	9	2	5	6	3	3	9	21
	25.4%																	
Armor:	Total	OOB	Allied <45	Axis <45	Tanks 46+	APCs	Open Top	Towed Arty	Softskin	1/48 scale	1/72 scale	C/SB						
	83	7	11	12	7	8	6	6	6	6	12	2						
	20.9%																	
Figures:	Total	Hist <54	Hist <119	Hist >120	Fant <54	Fant >54	Mov/TV	Busts										
	55	3	3	3	5	7	8	26										
	13.9%																	
Ships:	Total	OOB	PSV<400	PSV>401	Subs	Sailing	Sm Boat	C/SB										
	12	0	4	2	4	1	1	0										
	3.0%																	
Automotive:	Total	OOB	Fac Stock	St Rod <49	Street >50	504	Custom	Open Wheel	Closed W	Trucks	Drag	Cycle	Exotic	MISC				
	59	7	2	8	8	2	1	5	6	5	5	1	6	3				
	14.9%																	
Space & SciFi:	Total	Real Sp	SciFi	Gundam	Mecha	SB/C												
	18	1	9	0	8	0												
	4.5%																	
Vignettes:	Total	5 fig no veh	5 fig + veh															
	21	6	15															
	5.3%																	
Diorama:	Total	Sm Comp	Lg Comp	Aircraft	Auto	SciFi												
	26	9	5	6	3	3												
	6.5%																	
Miscellaneous:	Total	All	Dinos	Collect														
	15	10	3	2														
	3.8%																	
Juniors:	Total	Aircraft	Mil Vehc	Figs	Ships	Auto	Dio	Misc	SciFi									
	7	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	2									
	1.8%																	
Model #:	397																	

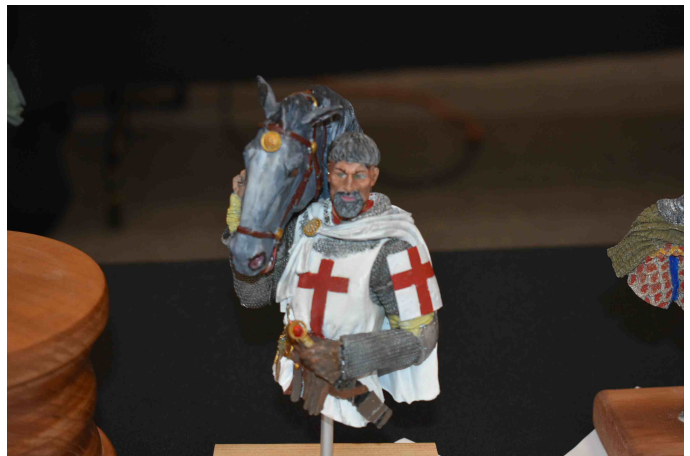
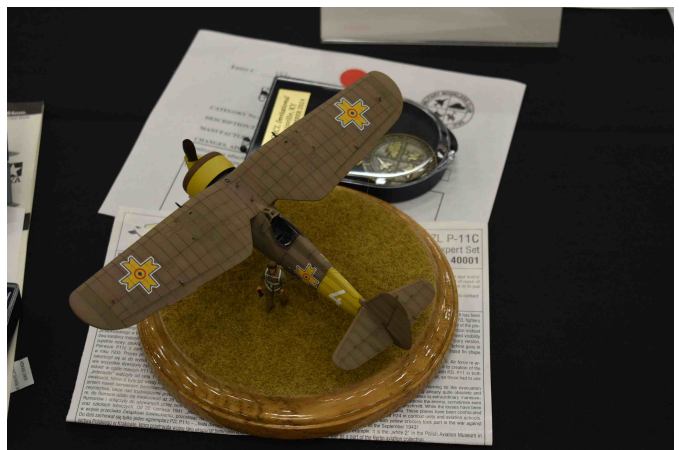
# 2024 Show Pictures



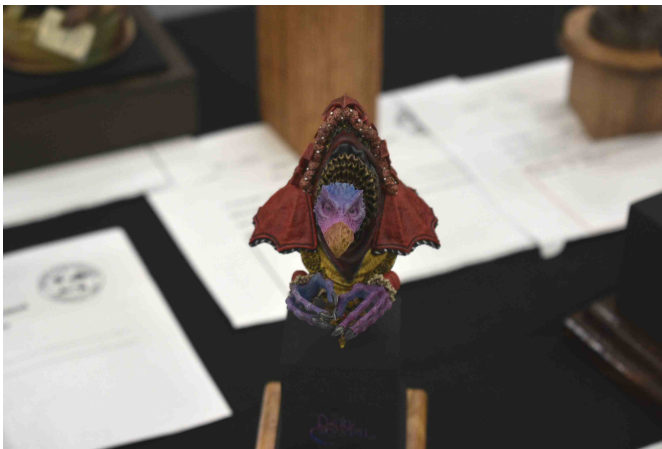
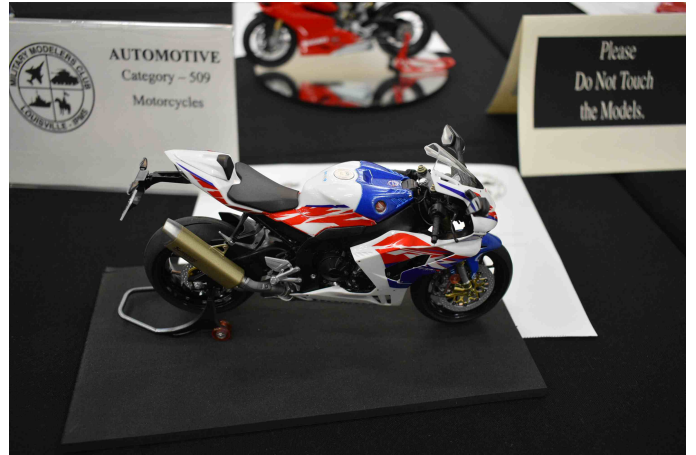
Best of Show Winner Chris Toops  
(USS Enterprise)



Best Aircraft Greg Agee (PZL.23)











**In Memory Of Dennis Sparks:** It is with great sadness that I inform all of you of the passing of Dennis Sparks. Dennis was a long time member and supporter of the MMCL. He was a prolific aircraft modeler and aviation historian. Dennis didn't just build one model, but would always bring a collection of aircraft for our Show-N-Tell sessions. Over the years, Dennis wrote numerous articles for the Tactical Notes, each with a wealth of information on the model he was building. When Dennis would come to a monthly meeting, he would always bring some kind of snack for the members. They were usually bananas or pack of cookies. Dennis would also support the MMCL with his generous donations. It was common for him to donate a Scale Reproductions gift card to the monthly raffle. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dennis's wife and family. You will be missed my friend!

**Military Modeling Club  
Of Louisville  
MMCL  
SEPTEMBER**

**2024**

PNC Bank

**Starting Cash Balance: \$7,706.94**

Cash Receipts		Date	Check Receipts		Date
Sponsorship Awards		\$610.00	Item		\$0.00
Workshop		\$643.00	Item		\$0.00
Workshop		\$296.00	Item		\$0.00
MMCL 2024 Show		\$6,713.00	Item		\$0.00
			Item		\$0.00
			Item		\$0.00
Item			Item		\$0.00
Item			Item		\$0.00
Item			Item		\$0.00
Item			Item		\$0.00
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>		<b>\$8,262.00</b>	<b>Total Reimbursements</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			<b>\$8,262.00</b>		

Cash Or Debit Expenses:		Date	Cash Or Debit Expenses:		Date
Kyana July		9/10/24	225.00	Item	
PNC Merchant Machine			324.95	Item	
Crown Trophy (Specialty Awards			834.22	Item	0.00
Reimbursement (Smackdown)			60.00	Item	0.00
MMCL Brochures			226.84	Item	0.00
Scale Reproduction (Raffle)			980.00	Item	0.00
Paraquet Springs			938.00	Item	0.00
Start Up Money for Show			500.00	Item	0.00
Table Rental (Paraquet Springs)			72.15	Item	0.00
				Item	0.00
<b>Total Cash Expenses:</b>			<b>(\$4,161.41)</b>	<b>(\$4,161.41)</b>	

Reimbursable Expenses:		Date	Reimbursable Expenses:		Date
Item			0.00	Item	0.00
<b>Total Reimbursements:</b>				0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>(\$4,161.41)</b>		

**NET Monthly Increase(Decrease):**

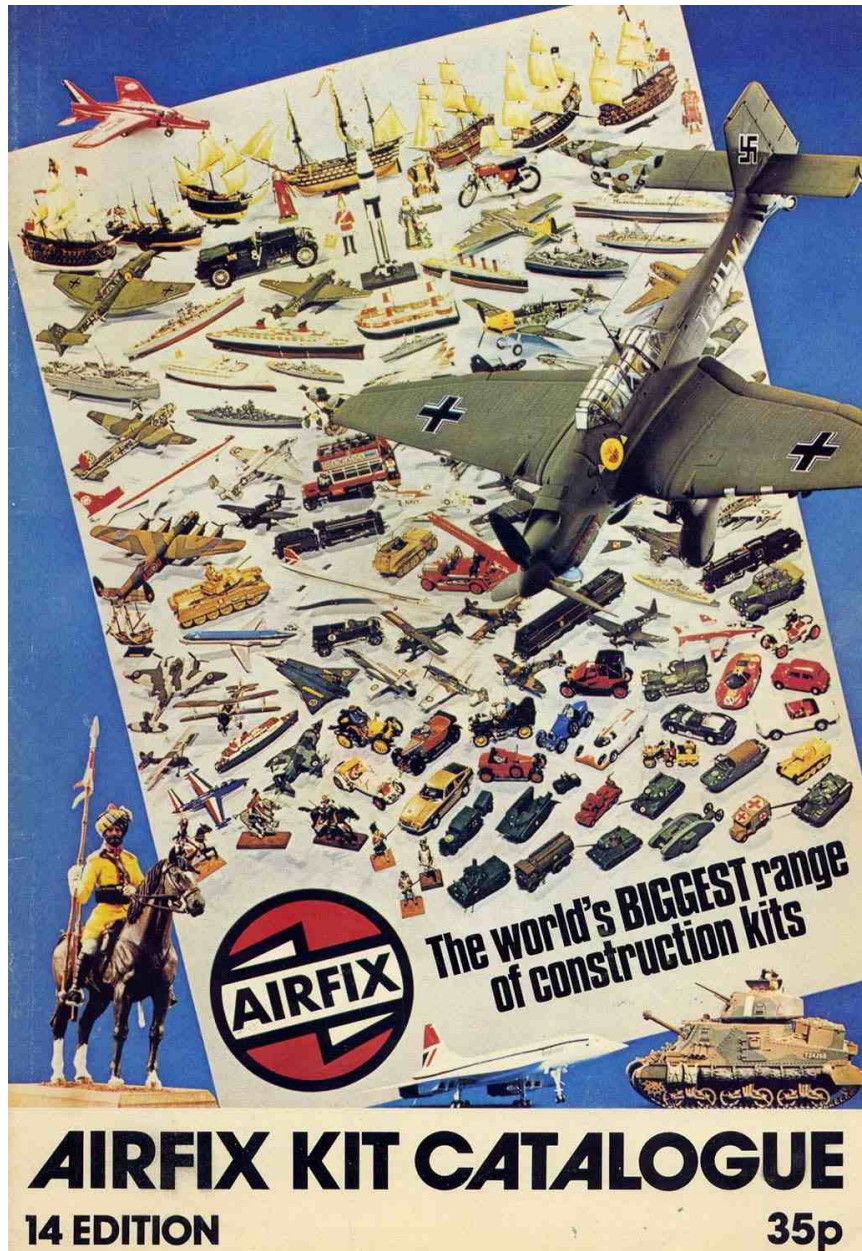
<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE:</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>\$11,807.53</b>
			<b>\$4,100.59</b>

**Notes:**

# Military Modelers Club of Louisville

## “AIRFIX – OOTB Build”

### SMACKDOWN



Guidelines;

1. Any Airfix Model
2. Any scale, any genre!
3. Must be displayed with **Box and Instructions** – No bases or aftermarket items.
4. Must be straight out of the box per instructions.

\*\* Must be a **NEW** build and finished by **December 19, 2024**

\*\* Members can have more than one entry.

\*\*\*Questions regarding an entry, check with Richard Guetig at [wolfandgang@twc.com](mailto:wolfandgang@twc.com) or call 502-931-0302.