

# Newsletter



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## “The Seventies”

1/48 Grumman F-14 Tomcat by Glenn Hoover



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# Presidents' Corner

by Rich Turner

**W**ith February out of the way, summer temperatures arriving early and good old English weather creating a damp grey start to March, I'm glad to say the modelling bench has been a little more even keeled with work progressing well on my 2018 monthly theme entries plus a few surprises in the shape of a 1:350 ship kit.

For me it's been a month of thought and question. As an out and out aircraft modeller it's very easy to only to see the modelling world through tiny cockpit glass and I have to admit to doing that myself. I purchase Air Modeller, go to air shows and aircraft museums, my books are of aircraft and aircraft history, I have about 20 years' worth of aircraft kits that I just have to build.....and I am sure it's the same if you are into cars, ships, armour etc. However, each month we meet, share and compete against all things wings, wheels, fins and masts and for that evening we are perhaps less blinkered, we gather new ideas, new methods, we moan about the price of gas and kits and we each take something from each meeting.

**The February meeting turnout** was a great example of this, with nearly 75% of the membership in attendance

or the second time and 1 new member for the first time) and models of all shapes and sizes available for inspection. This is certainly the biggest gathering of DVSM that I have seen and the '1970's monthly theme saw a high of 15 models across most genres.

**You will remember** that I asked for your interests, with Armour 10, Cars 10, Ships 6, Aircraft 20, Figures 8, Dioramas 10 and Sci-Fi (?) being the quick counts with many of you indicating that you model more than one genre. I guess this highlights that not only do we have a wide range of interest but also that lots of models are being built across a wide range of subjects. This may sound obvious, and it is, however, we mostly see aircraft and cars each meeting with less representation from other areas.

**It's safe to say** that we all get different things out of our modelling interest. If we were to ask each of us why we model, why we join a club, how often we

attend, whether we like competition or not, we would each give a different answer. So there lies the challenge in maintaining a club where percentage turnout and participation remain high.

**I mentioned I would like to set a club goal** of raising the average number of monthly theme entries to 11 for 2018 (previous averages of 7.9, 10.1 and 9.3 for 2015, 2016, 2017 respectively). Perhaps, this was a little conservative with the turnout so far this year based on entries 11 and 15 for January, February. Let's hope the trend continues for March with the 'Vietnam' theme.

**So, what would it take** to get 20 models for each monthly theme? What can we do to encourage or help get more models built, displayed or entered into monthly themes?

**We mentioned running some workshops**, revisiting some of the online material but really I would like to hear your views on what you want in the club program with the goal of increasing regular attendance, display and entry.

**I know that I would like to build** some models other than aircraft over the next few years and will be on the lookout for tips and tricks from other club members as I'm sure you will be. Let me know your ideas. In the meantime, set thy sprue free. ■

## NEXT MEETING March 2

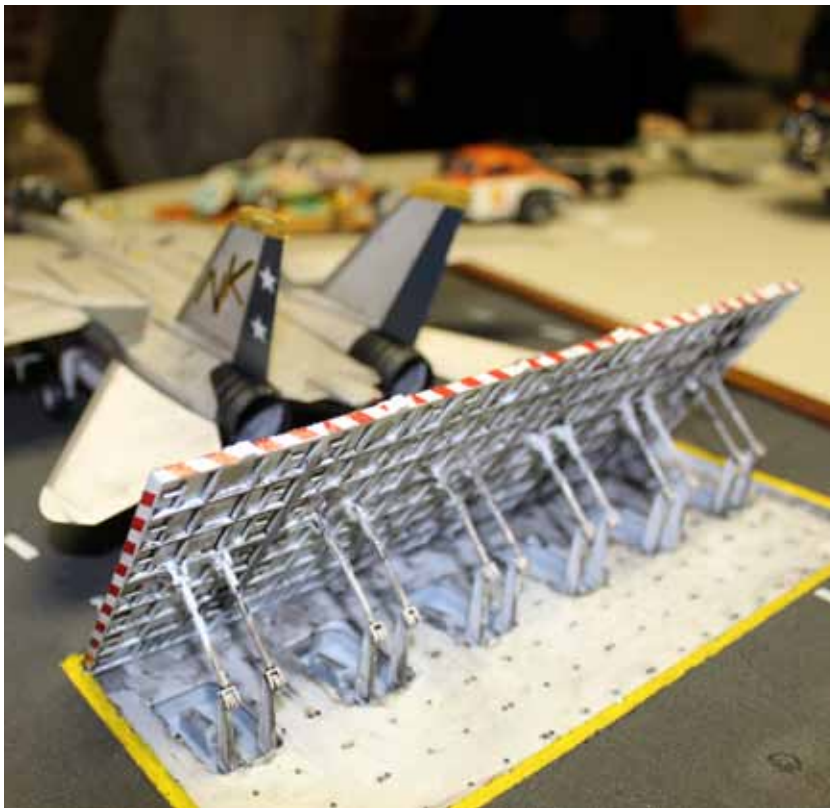
- Theme Contest  
The VietNam War Era '64-'75

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Photos by Paul Tomczak



## THEME CONTESTS 2018

### January “In the Thousands”

Winner: 1/48 F4F-3 Wildcat by Rich Turner

### February “The Seventies”

Winner: 1/48 F-14 Tomcat by Glenn Hoover

### March “The Vietnam War Era”

Model of a subject from the war or the period of the overt U.S. action during the war, i.e., 1964–1975.

### April “What If?”

Model must be an original kit-bashed idea, or e.g., WWII 1946, Steampunk, or something designed but never built.

### May “Watch and Listen”

Model of anything related to a TV show, movie or song.

### June No theme (Gold/Silver/Bronze Contest)

### July “Black as Night”

Model of a subject all black, e.g., black car with black interior, P-61 in night fighter mode.

### August “Weather Related”

Model of a subject with a weather-related name, e.g., Hawker Hurricane, Typhoon, GM Cyclone, any Republic “Thunder” aircraft. Olds Toronado is acceptable.

### September “Failures & Disasters”

Model of a subject that was a poor performer or a failure at its purpose, e.g., Brewster Buffalo, DeLorean, Edsel.

### October “Best & Fastest”

Model of a speed-record setting plane, car, ship, rocket, tank, motorcycle, etc.

### November “Rivals”

Two models of subjects that fought or competed, e.g., F-86A and MiG-15; Ford Mustang and Chevy Camaro, etc. (Two models, double points)

**QUESTIONS** about DVSM's Contests should be directed to **Mike Turco** at [MATurco@aol.com](mailto:MATurco@aol.com)

# February Display Highlights

Photos by Paul Tomczak



*F-14 Tomcat, 1/48, by Rich Turner*



*F-15 Eagle, 1/72, by Howard Rifkin*



*F-4 Phantom, 1/72, by Gary Schurr*



*Grumman US-2, 1/72, by Joe Vattilana*



*BAE Hawk, 1/32, by Paul Kopczyński*

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'72 AMC Javelin AMX, 1/25, by Don Senner



'58 Ford Fairlane 500, 1/25 (in progress), by John Goschke



'58 Edsel Pacer custom, 1/25, by John Goschke



'64 Pontiac GTO pickup conversion, 1/24, by Bruce Sheidemantle



'76 Pontiac Trans Am, 1/25, by Paul Tomczak



'70 Plymouth Road Runner, 1/24, by Dave Anderson

# February Display Highlights

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'79 Harley Davidson FLCH, 1/6, by Mike Turco



'77 Chevette, 1/25, by Rod Rakos



T-72, 1/48, by Paul Tomczak



M1A2 Abrams, 1/35, by Lou Ursino



M4A3E8 Sherman, 1/35, by Lou Ursino



Space Battleship Yamato, by Ed Bailey

# 2018 Theme Contest *Point Standings to Date*

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Totals
Turner, R.	5	4									9
Turco, M.	4	4									8
Hoover, G.	3	5									8
Tomczak, P.	4	1									5
Kopczynski, P.	2	2									4
Vattilana, J.	2	2									4
Anderson, D.		3									3
Bailey, E.	2	1									3
Cicconi, B.	1	2									3
Leonetti, J.		3									3
Lam, S.	1	1									2
Rakos, R.	1	1									2
Rifkin, H.	1	1									2
Schurr, G.		1									1
Senner, D.		1									1

Monthly points are awarded as follows: Each person who enters a model into the theme receives 1 pt. 1st place = 4+1, 2nd = 3+1, 3rd = 2+1

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