



Enjoy the Adventure of Scale Modeling

Join the Delaware Valley Scale Modelers (DVSM).

A group of builders of scale models of all types, including aircraft, armor and military vehicles, cars, trucks, sci-fi, ships, and spacecraft—in addition to sculptors and painters of miniature figures. Most of our members use commercially available kits to construct their models. In many cases though, the kit is only a starting point which the builder will extensively modify to produce a truly accurate, highly detailed model of a particular subject, sometimes far removed from the subject of the kit. Some of our members scratchbuild models from a variety of materials, including paper, wood, plastic, and metal, others sculpt miniature figures. A few combine all these techniques to produce extraordinary miniature dioramas.

We welcome builders of all skill levels, and strive to provide a supportive environment where everyone can improve their skills, whether their goal is to build for pleasure and relaxation, or for regional and national competition. Junior and beginning modelers are welcome as well!

Established for over 30 years, DVSM meets once a month in Northeast Philadelphia to allow builders to display and discuss new works, either finished or “in progress.” Prospective members are required to display a different model at two meetings in order to qualify for membership, after which they are encouraged, but not required, to show their work. Seminars on construction and finishing techniques are a frequent feature of our meetings, in addition to video programs and slide shows about modeling subjects. In the spring of each year we devote one meeting night to non-competitive judging, where each model is graded individually against a point scale, and awarded (or not) either a Certificate of Merit, or Bronze, Silver, or Gold medals. In the fall we have the “Five Favorite” contest where participants pick the five favorite models by popular vote.

DVSM is a chapter of the International Plastic Modeler’s Society (IPMS). We publish a monthly newsletter which features meeting reports and a calendar of events of interest to modelers. For further information about DVSM, visit our websites at www.dvsm.org, www.pacms.org, or come to one of our meetings, which are on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Artisan’s Hall, 8100 Roosevelt Boulevard (Route 1) in Philadelphia, PA.

- Monthly Meetings on First Friday!
- Newsletter!
- Seminars on Modeling Techniques!
- Contests Twice a Year!
- Monthly Kit Raffle!
- Meet New Friends!
- Talk Models!
- Discounts at Selected Area Hobby Shops!
- Visit us on the Web:
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