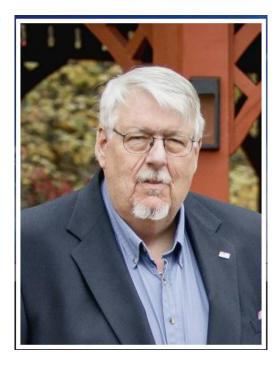
## **CAMS 2023 Show Wrap Up**

After a three year hiatus, the CAMS Spring Classic Model Show was back on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. By all measures, it was a tremendous show with the joy of seeing so many familiar faces and the pleasure of meeting new friends in the hobby.

As exciting as it was to be back, this was also a show presented with very heavy hearts. On Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, our Club President, Bob Kerasiotis passed away. It was only with the blessing and strong encouragement of Bob's family that we carried on with the show. Bob was the Spring Classic Model Show's greatest advocate and organizer. He was also a skilled builder, patient mentor and very dear friend to so many in the hobby. More significantly, Bob was a devoted husband and father. He will be deeply missed by all.

The CAMS Club would like to thank all the entrants, who came from all over the Maritimes. Although the number of entrants was down just a bit, those who came had obviously been building during the show's downtime. There were 280 judged kits this year, beating our previous record of 279 in 2015. It wasn't just the quantity of kits that was awe-inspiring, but it was also the quality of the builds, which was truly outstanding. Our faithful Judges certainly had their work cut out for them this year.



Speaking of our judges, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers who lent their talents and gave their time to make this a successful show. Thank you to:

- Dave, Mike B., George, Bill, Chris, Mike L., Steve and several other club friends for judging;
- LaVonna and Mary for running the registration table;
- Allison for selling a pile of raffle tickets;
- George for running Door Prize draws;
- Scott for taking photos;
- Steve for announcing medal and trophy winners;
- Darren for emceeing and putting on over 14,000 steps;
- Mike L. for managing the floor and organizing the setup and teardown;
- And especially to Kyle and Vennessa Kerasiotis for tabulations.

We would also like to thank all of the vendors who setup shop for the day. Many an allowance was spent! Finally, we need to thank all our show sponsors, as the show would not be possible without their contributions. Thank you in particular to major sponsors NAPA Fredericton, Elm City Hobbies, Great Hobbies, and Carstar Fredericton.

As we wrap up the 2023 show, we are already looking forward to the 2024 Spring Classic, tentatively scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to check back at our website as the 2024 Special Themes are announced. Until then, be sure to "Share Your Hobby".

## The Scribe

(for and in memory of Bob Kerasiotis)