

Delaware Valley Scale Modelers (DVSM) FAQ

Membership

1. What types of model builders can join DVSM?

All scale model builders are welcome to join us! Our members build models in all genres including military and civilian aircraft, tanks, cars, trucks, ships, figures, spacecraft, and dioramas. Although we do not operate model railroads at our club, you are welcome to display your model railroad's engines, cars, and structures.

2. Does it cost anything to join DVSM?

DVSM membership costs \$25/year due every January. First-year memberships will be prorated based on the date you join.

3. What are the benefits of joining DVSM?

In addition to enjoying the camaraderie of fellow modelers, you'll receive our [monthly newsletter](#), gain entry into our contests, attend our clinics, and get discounts at local hobby shops.

4. Is DVSM associated with the International Plastic Modelers' Society (IPMS)?

DVSM is a [Region 2 Chapter of IPMS](#). Region 2 covers eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington D.C.

5. Do I have to be an IPMS member to join DVSM?

[Membership in IPMS](#) is optional but recommended. Our club benefits from their support, so we ask our members to consider supporting them in return. Your IPMS membership dues are separate from your DVMS memberships dues and are payable directly to IPMS.

6. Can children join DVSM?

We are primarily a group of adult modelers, but children are welcome to join as long as they are accompanied by a legal parent or guardian. Scale model building is a great antidote to screen time, and we encourage youngsters to get involved!

Monthly Meetings

1. When are your monthly meetings?

We meet the [first Friday of every month](#) from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm. On months where the first Friday falls on a holiday or we have heavy snowfall, we may reschedule the meeting. [Visit our website](#) for announcements of any rescheduled meetings.

2. Where are your monthly meetings?

We meet in the Artisans Suite on the second floor of The Professional Building at [8100 Roosevelt Boulevard](#) in Northeast Philadelphia.

3. Does it cost anything to attend each meeting?

No. Your DVSM membership dues cover admission to our meetings.

4. What can I expect at each meeting?

You'll have an hour at the start of each meeting to display your models and chat with fellow hobbyists. Our business meeting starts at 8:30 pm and lasts about an hour. Afterwards, we raffle off donated kits and announce our monthly contest winners. Some months we offer clinics, slideshows, or video presentations. You are encouraged to bring your in-progress models to work on as well.

Contests and Events

1. Do you hold any club contests?

We hold a contest at each monthly meeting. In June, we hold a non-competitive judged contest called Gold, Silver, Bronze. Each model is graded against our point scale and receives a Certificate of Merit, Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal based on its score. In December, we hold our Favorite Five Contest. Each participant gets to vote for five other models, and the five that get the most votes win. During the remaining months, we hold a monthly theme contest. Points are tallied up according to popular vote, and a champion is declared at the end of every year. Check our [newsletter](#) or [website home page](#) for the list of monthly themes.

2. Do you organize any model shows that are open to the public?

Every September, we hold the DVSM Open Day/Show at [AAA Hobbies and Crafts](#) in Magnolia, NJ. Our members display their work and talk to fellow hobbyists and prospective DVSM members. We also open our December meeting and Christmas party to the public. Anyone can stop by to meet our members and enter a model into our Favorite Five Contest.

3. Do you teach your modeling skills to others?

Several times a year, we hold modeling clinics at our monthly meetings. Our website also has an archive of [notes and handouts from prior clinics](#) so you can catch up on what you missed.