

From The Cockpit

The holidays are done, and the New Year has begun. This is the first letter/column for me since being elected as President after a nice 4-year vacation. Work will have me out of town for the January meeting so Rick will be in charge. The new e-board has been talking and we hope this year will be a good one for the club despite starting out with sad news.



CPO John W. Currie, Royal Navy (retired)

9/17/1957 to 12/28/2021

John Currie passed away at his home Tuesday the 28th of December 2021. John was a 32-year veteran of the Royal Navy, having served on HMS Cambridge, HMS Plymouth during the

Falkland Island Campaign and HMS Exeter, among others. John was immensely proud of his service time, retiring in 2007. John came to South Carolina and IPMS/Mid-Carolina approximately in 2010. John was an excellent modeler who dabbled in a wide variety of subjects with a special love of 1/700 scale ships. He won many awards at the local, regional, and national level and absolutely loved a good model contest. John served as Mid-Carolina's newsletter editor winning both regional and national newsletter of the year awards. He also served as Registrar of the 2016 IPMS/USA Nationals put on by Mid-Carolina and Piedmont scale Modelers. John was a good man, a good friend, and a great modeler. John will be missed.

Jim Hamilton, Rick Broome, Tom Wingate, and I are working with John's sister Alison Mullee in the UK. Per her wishes, John will be cremated, and his ashes scattered in SC. There will be a remembrance service at the February meeting. The four of us are working on handling John's personal effects for the family. We will be returning his Royal Navy medals, service cap and other personal items to the family in England. The club is in possession of his unbuilt kits, paints, tools and built models. It is the family's wish that the kits be used for Mid-Carolina's future contest raffles. The paints and tools will be made available to members and his built ups will also be made available to members who would like one as a remembrance at a later date. Some of these built ups will also be given a permanent home displayed at the Flight Deck Restaurant!

The e-board will begin working on many things for the coming year. There will be a few amendments proposed to the constitution. We will begin to evaluate if we want to do a contest in 2023. For now, we will continue to use the distance seating at our in-person meetings, but we will be returning to the around the table format used before when conditions permit. The e-board is united in returning Mid-Carolina to a more IPMS centric format for the meetings and any eventual contests!

Lastly, if any of you have interest in assuming John's mantle as newsletter editor, the e-board wants to hear from you. I do have a jump drive with two feature articles that John had completed so that will get you started.

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