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## From The President..

As most of you already know by now we've lost one of the founding members and a cornerstone of the Roanoke Valley club, Tommy Carr. Tommy passed away unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack on January 7 while at work. His enthusiasm, participation, knowledge of all things automotive and aircraft, organizational skills and friendship will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was like most of us in that he was still a kid inside and would get excited about some of the latest kit reissues that hadn't been produced sense he was a kid. He would tell me stories as a youth in the sixties, the hay day of AMT 3 n1 kits, 1/24 scale slot car racing, and the long ago closed Roanoke Drag Strip. I'm thankful to have know him and thanks to his wife Pat for sharing him with us for all these years. The club will be considering different ways in witch to memorialize Tommy's life in the next few months, bring your thoughts and ideas to the meetings.

The club Christmas party at the Roanoker Restaurant went great and everyone seemed to have a good time. Thanks to Tim Mullins for putting together and bringing the past years monthly award plaques that were handed out to the winners. Congratulations to Terry Eastman for winning the year long club points championship and to Cliff Young who came in a very close second place. I was presented by the other three club officers, Terry, Bob R. and Greg with a very nice award in appreciation for my service as president for the past three years. Thank you to everyone for the honor and thanks for everyone's help these past three years. Now for 2010, we'll all have to step it up for what I think will be a challenging but fun new year.

The contest and show season starts in February with the Mid-Carolina Model Car Swap Meet at the Salisbury Civic Center in Salisbury, North Carolina on Saturday the 20th. The Mid-Carolina



**Tommy Carr  
1948 -2010**

show is a model car only event with no contest. The next weekend, February 27th is the Old Dominion Open at the Richmond International Raceway hosted by IPMS/ Richmond. We'll likely rent a van for the trip as in the past so anyone planning to ride needs to contact Tim Ward, the clubs official chauffer to Richmond. The next weekend, March 6th is of course the MDA Model Car Contest at the Roanoke Civic center where the club will have two tables. One of the tables will be used for the clubs display and promotional flyers and the other table will be for anyone who wishes to bring projects to work on throughout the day. Help will be needed at the contest and anyone willing to pitch in will get a pass into the show.

We held our first build meeting at the Virginia Museum of Transportation and while a few members had a little trouble finding the new meeting room, most had no trouble at all. All of the members in attendance expressed their approval of the new location and amenities in what we hope will be home many years to come.

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# FROM THE CROWS NEST

BY TIM WARD



**"Three Amigos--Ed, Tim and Tommy--The Early Days of RVIPMS"**

"2010"--sounds like a good name for a sc-fi thriller, don't it?? Hard to believe we have wasted a decade of years since the turn of the new millennium. The computers haven't blown up yet and now nobody can walk down the street without talking on their cell phone or looking at their PDA. Time is fleeting, it seems like only yesterday that Ed Kennedy, Tommy Carr and I were sharing part-time duties at Hobby USA and talking about forming an IPMS model club and 16 years later we are mourning the passing of one of our founding members. Tommy left us suddenly Thursday, January 7, 2010 and he leaves a void that cannot be filled. Tommy was more than a fellow modeler, he was a great organizer, event planner, automobile and aviation historian, collector, artist and draftsman, but more than these, he an even better friend. I remember our first road-trip as a chapter, traveling northeast to the DC area to take in a model contest that we had all looked forward to, only to arrive a week late for the show!! We weren't deterred however as we spent the day in Buzz Polistocks, "Air, Land and Sea"

model shop in Alexandria, looking over the styrene treasures we hadn't seen since our youth. We all "oohed" and "aahed" over Airfix, Pyro, Tamiya, Renwal and other brands of plastic "art", thinking we had hit the "Holy Grail". Tommy was a font of information, giving the background and history of most everything we fondled. As Ed and I battled over a 1/72 Tamiya Shinden, I could see Tommy giving us that sly grin of knowing that this was not the only one of its kind, but we were lost in that world of model collecting, a world that most everyone reading this can relate to. We shared many more road-trips with Tommy, usually him at the wheel of his beloved Saab 900 that saw many road miles with me riding "shot-gun". One of our many trips was to Richmond for the Old Dominion Open, a trip we took many times and led to the creation of our own "Virginia Shoot-Out", a contest that Tommy thought up during his term as President of the Club. Tommy worked with Mark Elder of Richmond and came up with an idea for a challenge contest that Roanoke, Richmond and Tidewater could all participate in, building the

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IPMS/Roanoke Valley meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Science Museum located in downtown Roanoke at the "Center in the Square". The second Thursday building meetings are held in the classroom on the fifth floor and the fourth Thursday meetings are held on the same floor in the Conference room. All meetings start at 7:00pm.

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same models and then meeting in a small strip shopping center in Lynchburg to show our creations and swap some plastic. Great fun was had by all and Roanoke bested the other two clubs and the rest is history. Tommy accepted the award from Mark and the Virginia Shoot-Out has since grown into one of the East Coast's largest one-day model contests. This has been largely due to Tommy's work with registration and he will be sorely missed as our first point-of-contact the day of our show. He has extremely big shoes to fill, for a relatively small guy. Tommy was our first newsletter editor and coined the name "Sprue" which we still use to this day. Tommy was a driving force in our D-Day model creation for the History museum and helped create and run the annual D-Day Memorial fund-raiser in Bedford. He also help create some of our most fun activities, the "Springnational" drag-races and the November "Carrier Landings" which his Jap Zero kept getting beat out with my PT Cruiser. A lot of good memories, too many to list here, but I've recollected some of my favorites. Please join me in celebrating Tommy's life and keep Tommy's wife, Pat in your thoughts and prayers. Please try to make the next meeting so we can all share our thoughts and remembrances. See you Thursday.

Tim

# *Models and Fun Times with Tommy*



Tommy performing the official weigh-in prior to the 2006 Springnationals. The annual Springnational and Carrier Landing competition were some of Tommy's favorite events where he proved to be tough to beat.



"Tom & Jerry" - no, not the cartoon . Tommy Carr and Jerry Smallwood line 'em up for a run down the track.



# 2009 Christmas Party



The usual suspects line up for a mug shot at the Club Christmas Party on December 12th.



## 2009 CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

Models for the first Challenge were provided by the late Tommy Carr, (RIP). The idea for a competitive display was made by Greg Clower.

The 2009 Challenge was to model the 1/72 scale kit of the HobbyBoss Dewoitine D.520 fighter. The Participants in the challenge were:

Devin Bledsoe  
Tommy Carr  
Greg Clower  
Terry Eastman  
Bob Rohrback  
Bob Stull  
Cliff Young



The quality of the models on display was outstanding. By Club vote, 1st place went to Tommy, and 2nd place to Cliff.

# FYI (FOR YOU INFORMATION)

By Greg Clower



Minster Pebble (Goebbels).

Moronica gets a new flag – snakes entwined into the shape of a swastika, and a slogan, "Moronica for Morons!", a play on the Nazi slogan "Deutschland für Deutschen". There is talk of a beer hall putsch, Moe orders a book burning, and sends an innocent man to a "concentrated camp."

Moe Howard is the first American actor to impersonate Hitler, predating Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" by nine months.

In the short film, three cabinet members are discussing solutions to the economic woes of their Kingdom, Moronica. Since the King of Moronica wants peace, which is not economically profitable, the cabinet members plot to overthrow him, institute a dictator and start a war. They find Moe Hailstone, who with his cronies, Larry and Curly, is busy wallpapering the dining room.

They offer him the greatest opportunity of his life – to be a dictator.

Pondering it, Moe runs his hand through his hair. Scratching under his nose, he accidentally attaches a piece of dark wallpaper that was stuck to his finger. This makes him look like Hitler. Curly's character becomes Field Marshal Gallstone (Goring) and Larry's Propaganda

The Stooges worked several phrases of Yiddish into their dialogue with double-entendres, cultural references, and sexual references that got by Hollywood censors enforcing the Hays Code. Moe: "We'll start a 'Blintzkrieg'" (blitzkrieg). Curly: "I just love blintzes, especially with sour cream." In Moe's imitation of a Hitler speech, he says "in pupik gehabt haben" (the semi-obscene "I've had it in the bellybutton" in Yiddish). References are also made to Goring's morphine addiction.

Following it's release, isolationists and pro-German groups protested the film, and threats of arson were received. Moe Howard was placed on Hitler's death list.

Although the Stooges are killed in "You Nazty Spy", they will be back running Moronica in the sequel, "I'll Never Heil Again", released in July 1941, five months before Pearl Harbor.

## Final 2009 RVIPMS Club Points Championship

1. Terry Eastman	120
2. Cliff Young	118
3. Dennis Smith	108
4. Tim Ward	100
5. Bob Rohrback	99
6. Ed Kennedy	80
7. Devin Bledsoe	71
8. Tommy Carr	68
9. Mike Powell	61
10. Greg Clower	57
11. Jay Dennis	50
12. Don Jones	48
13. Arthur Harris	42
14. Tim Mullins	40
15. David Draper	37
16. Chris Webb	36
17. Bob Stull	33
18. Mike Overstreet	31
19. Melvin Matthews	28
20. Jeff Hinchee	19
21. Ken Bowyer	17
22. Mark Crouch	16
23. Jerry Smallwood	11
24. Drew Porter	10
25. C.R. Casey	5
26. Ronnie Drain	2

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### ***From The President..***

The January club contest will be an open category. We'll discuss possible contest categories for the rest of the year along with a swap meet and some how-to seminars at this weeks business meeting so bring your suggestions and ideas.

Happy Year and Happy Modeling,

Dennis

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It's time again for that famous "whatisit?" contest. Take a gander at the picture to the right, fill out the ballot at the meeting and you may win a prize!!!

Prize courtesy of

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January \_\_\_\_\_

28 - RVIPMS Business Meeting, 7:00pm, Virginia Transportation Museum

February \_\_\_\_\_

11 - RVIPMS Build Meeting, 7:00pm, Virginia Museum of Transportation

20 - Mid-Carolina Model Car Swap Meet, Allen Hilton, 704-856-1718

25 - RVIPMS Business Meeting, VMT 7:00pm

27 - IPMS/ Richmond Old Dominion Open Model Contest & Show, Richmond International Raceway Complex, Aaron Winer 804-270-7898

March \_\_\_\_\_

6 - MDA Model Car Contest & Swap Meet, Roanoke Civic Center 540-818-8162

11 - RVIPMS Build Meeting, 7:00pm, Virginia Museum of Transportation

25 - RVIPMS Business Meeting, Virginia Transportation Museum

April \_\_\_\_\_

4 - MosquitoCon, IPMS/ New Jersey, Bill Schwartz, 732-567-3724

8 - RVIPMS Build Meeting, 7:00pm, Virginia Museum of Transportation

22 - RVIPMS Business Meeting, Virginia Transportation Museum



**2010 Old Dominion Open**  
Scale Model Show and Contest



February 27, 2010  
Richmond International Raceway Complex



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**MDA**

**Model Car Contest**

MARCH 6, 2010  
ROANOKE CIVIC CENTER

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**Plastic Model Swap Meet**



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**ATTENTION !!!**

**The January Business Meeting will be on the 28th at the Virginia Museum of Transportation**

**January Club Contest Is "Open" Category**

**Build it, Bring it !!**

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