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## From The President..

Busy, busy, busy, always something to do and somewhere to go. As I was telling you last month, the contest season is in full stride now with three shows having been written into the history books. On Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> I traveled to Salisbury, North Carolina for the Mid-Carolina Model Car Swap Meet. All of the tables were packed with models and the isles crowded with people. No evidence of a recession there as it looked like everyone was walking around with bags full of models. It's always a good time and a fun show where I have a chance to meet up with a lot of friends from North Carolina. Next up was the Old Dominion Open hosted by IPMS/Richmond where Tim Ward, Jay Dennis, Bob Rohrback, Mike Overstreet, Arthur Harris, Dave Draper, Bob Stull and I loaded up into the RVIPMS party van for the trip to the show. Long distance RVIPMS members also in attendance were Ken Bowyer and C.R. Casey. Lots of vendors, an excellent contest and a great location make this show a must travel to show each year. A nice touch at the end of the day was the Best in Show award in honor of long time IPMS/Richmond member J.D. Spearman who passed



M88 A1 VTR by member C.R. Casey

away last year. He was and is definitely missed. The first full weekend in March was the MDA Car Show with the MDA Model Car Contest on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>. New this year, the contest was held in the exhibition hall that gave the show a whole new feel. Plenty of room to spread out displays areas, contest tables and the vendors. There were 57 individuals who entered 326 models. Thanks to all of the RVIPMS members who attended, manned the club display, judged and helped with all aspects of the show. Plans are already in the works for a bigger and better show for next year. This is a final reminder that dues are due this month, rejoin of else! This month's contest is "Open" category, but don't forget that April's contest the annual RVIPMS Spring Nationals Gravity Drags. Be

There! Also this month elections will take place at the business meeting. Be sure to attend if you're planning a coup or hostile take over of the club, bring thugs if you want but they'll have to join the club if they want their votes counted. Blue / Grey Renegades this Saturday! That crazy bunch from Lynchburg has gone to the dogs with their "Box Stock Rock" DogCon 2009. I'll be there after the mandatory stop at the Bedford Restaurant for breakfast. Hey Tim! Watch out for that exploding ketchup bottle. Sorry, inside joke. Finally, I'd like to welcome new member Chris Webb to the club. Be sure to introduce yourselves at the meeting. That's a wrap for this month, Happy Modeling !

Dennis



# FROM THE CROWS NEST

BY TIM WARD

Arghhh!! Shiver me timbers. I can't get used to this landlubber's weather?!?!? 30 degrees and snow on the ground one day and 70 degrees and golf weather the next day. @\*#% global warming (cooling???) Who knows, I'm sure we can get it fixed, as soon as the Prez finishes his NCAA basketball bracket picks. Just kidding?!?!?!?, sort of. Anyway this kind of goofy weather means only one thing, it's contest time again. IPMS Richmond kicked off the season last month with another quality ODO, over 600 models and heat!!! I didn't come home with a lot of goodies, except a few raffle treasures, but I also didn't come home with pneumonia which was greatly appreciated. All kidding aside, Glen, Ashley, Mark, Richard, et. al put on a great show and kicked off the new year with a bang. Next up is Lynchburg and this contest has gone to the "dogs", literally. Just check out their flyer. I knew they were a rough looking bunch, but the picture of Kip on the cover is just a little too much. We'll be there in good numbers, hopefully Lynchburg has a "leash law". We'll bring kibble!!! While I have your attention, it's that time again, the time you hate and dread. That's right, it's sponsorship and raffle time. Time to get out and beat the bushes to get those

sponsorships for all of our categories and to donate those raffle items that make our raffle one of the best out there. So bug your relatives, work-mates, significant others, etc. for those sponsors. And don't forget to reach up on the top shelf of your "model closet" (or storage space, er...warehouse) to find that kit you swore was your "next project" back in 1978. Face it, it's not your next project. If you can't read the price on the Rose's price tag, it needs to go on the raffle table (or on E-Bay, but that's another article). Give until it hurts, then give some more. I already want to thank Ken, Bob R. and Terry for raffle donations. Great job, guys!! And finally, speaking of great jobs, I want to thank our Regional Coordinator, Glen Martin, for a super job the last 3 years. Glen has announced that he will be stepping down as R-2 leader after the Regional Convention in October. We wish him well and hope we will continue to see him at all of the shows...he is a super-modeler and an even better ambassador for the "model-madness" we call a hobby. Well, gotta go, captain is calling "Dive!!" and I don't want to be "all-wet".

Tim

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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.

If you have any questions about the club, meetings or need directions us.

Please mail all correspondence to:  
Roanoke Valley IPMS  
P.O. Box 20841  
Roanoke, VA. 24018

## Congratulations to the winners of the February Club Contest

### First Place

**Terry Eastman**

**V1 Bomb with Launch Rail**

### Second Place

**Bob Rohrback**

**Revell Tug Boat**

### Third Place

(Three way tie)

**Chris Webb**

**Revell F15-E**

**Chris Webb**

**German Mardar III**

**Bob Stull**

**German U-Boat**

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

Prize courtesy of

**SPASTIC PLASTIC**



# February Club Contest

Chris Webb



Terry Eastman



Tim Mullins



Cliff Young



Chris Webb



Greg Clower



Devin Bledsoe



Bob Rohrback



# Old Dominion Open 2009

February 28,  
Richmond International Raceway



**A Few More  
Pics From  
Richmond.....**



Hey Jay! How's that five dollar hot dog working for ya'?



After spending hundreds of dollars on kits, Bob Rohrback had one of the members tie his hands behind his back to keep him from spending any more money.



A shot of the vendor area !

**A NEW MODELING TOOL, THE SNUGGIE**

Ever try building a model but instead you ended up curling up under a nice warm blanket with a Twinkie and a DVD of 'Mexican Wrestling Women vs. the Aztec Mummy'? Well your lack of manual dexterity is no longer a problem! I recently found 'The Snuggie' - 'It's the Blanket with Sleeves'! Now you can stay warm and cozy while working on that 1/32 scale Trumpeter B-52H! It even has pockets for your X-Acto knife, liquid cement, sand paper, bottle of Jack Daniels and all your other vital modeling tools! Plus it's fuzzy surface is perfect for catching all those 'tweezer-launch' photo-etch parts! The Snuggie comes in three fashionable colours: Anti-Fouling Red F.S. 37167, U.S. Navy Dark Blue F.S. 34154, and Nakajima Green F.S. 38264 so you can even wear it out to a show! Although it won't fit in your tool box (unless you own a really large box!) it's the perfect modeling tool!

HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY!!!

Cliff

**MINI TURNS 50**

Greg Clower



Loyalists worldwide will converge on England's legendary Silverstone Circuit this May to celebrate 50 years of the Mini. The "1960s was definitely the decade of the Mini, far beyond official races and competitive events alone, for there was no other car in the market able to offer the same kind of sporting performance for so little money," says former British Motors Corporation competitions manager Stuart Turner. The same features that made the Mini an icon of the 60s were its transverse engine, front-wheel drive layout and wide stance, the basic ingredients of the Mini Cooper today as well as other vehicles. I always liked the Mini (its British of course) and the famous movie or should I say movies, The Italian Job. Our own Tim Ward drives one what a beauty.

Tim I am talking about the car not you. Come to think of it, hey Tim wait for it, I believe I went to school with Charlize Theron .

The Stats....

**Built by:**

BMC, British Leyland, MG Rover, Innocenti and Authi

**Designed by:**

Sir Alex Issigonis

**Built:**

(original version)

**Quantity Produced:**

5,387,862 (that's right 5 million)

**Original Price:**

\$1,295-\$1,691



Info from Hagerty's Motoring Magazine

**March** \_\_\_\_\_

**26 - RVIPMS Business Meeting.** 7:00pm,5th Floor, Center in the Square.

**28 - IPMS - Blue/ Grey Renegades, "Box Stock Rock" DogCon,** Lynchburg, Virginia. Robert Doss, 434-369-2047

**April** \_\_\_\_\_

**4 - MosquitoCon 2009,** IPMS/ New Jersey, Bill Schwarz, 732-567-3724

**9 - RVIPMS Build Meeting,** 7:00pm,5th Floor, Center in the Square.

**23 - RVIPMS Business Meeting. Spring Nationals Gravity Drags,** 7:00pm,5th Floor, Center in the Square.

**May** \_\_\_\_\_

**5 - Full Model Jacket 2009,** IPMS/Winston - Salem, Steven Murphy - 336-549-7017

**14 - RVIPMS Build Meeting,** 7:00pm,5th Floor, Center in the Square.

**28 - RVIPMS Business Meeting,** 7:00pm,5th Floor, Center in the Square.

**June** \_\_\_\_\_

**11 - RVIPMS Build Meeting,** 7:00pm,5th Floor, Center in the Square.



Lynchburg IPMS  
Blue/Gray Renegades  
**Box Stock Rock**

**2009 DOGCON**

Saturday, March 28, 2009  
9 a.m. To 5 p.m.  
Heritage United Methodist Church  
Lynchburg, Virginia

NEW JERSEY IPMS IS PROUD TO PRESENT...

**MosquitoCon'09**  
Model Contest • April 4, 2009

This years contest theme is:  
"Between the Wars 1919-1939"  
Wayne PAL Hall, PAL Drive Wayne, NJ, 973-696-2896  
For contest and vendor information please contact:  
Bill Schwarz • 732-567-3724 (Please, no calls after 9pm)  
or email him at: Tomcatter53@optimum.net

**MODELERS PALOOZA!**  
**2009**

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH, 2009  
9 AM - 4 PM

Fairfax High School  
3501 Rebel Run  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Modelers

**IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

IPMS No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(leave blank) FIRST M. LAST

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

VISA/MasterCard Account # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult: \$25       Junior (17 years old or younger): \$12 DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Canada & Mexico: \$30     Other Foreign: \$32     Foreign Air Mail: \$55

Family (Adult dues + \$5, one set magazines,# of membership cards required: \_\_\_\_\_)

If recommended by an IPMS member,  
list his/her name and member number \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (IPMS#)

**IPMS/USA** P.O. Box: 2475  
North Canton, OH 44720-0475

Check out our web page: [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org)

**The March Business Meeting is on Thursday the 26th, 7:00 pm on the Fifth Floor at Center in the Square**

**Build it Bring it !!**

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