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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Wow, the second quarter of the year is here and rolling along at full throttle! Roanoke Valley members have been busy so far this year with travels to Richmond, the MDA Contest here in our back yard and the big go north to the>NNL East in Wayne, New Jersey this past weekend. The next few weeks are just as busy with shows in Lynchburg and Northern Virginia, I hope to see everyone there.

If you haven't done so already, membership dues need to be paid. You can mail your payment to the club address listed on page two or use Pay Pal on the clubs web site.

On Saturday March 18th, Bob Rohrback, Tim Ward, Devin, Drew, David, Dennis, Greg, Cliff and Mike gathered at the Rail Yard Hobby Shop for a club demo where we handed out club information and worked on some of our modeling projects. At breakfast earlier that morning Ken Bowyer surprised us with a final visit before his move to North Carolina, we wish him good luck and



RVIPMS Members meet at K&W Cafeteria for breakfast before heading out to the demo at the Rail Yard. Ken surprised us with one last visit before he moved to North Carolina.

happiness at his new home.

I'd like to welcome new member Mike Powell to the club. He attended the March Build and Business meetings and builds mostly armor subjects. Glad to have him on board.

S.C.A.M.P.S. , the Star City Armor Modeling Preservation Society has started a new format for becoming a member. Simply bring any newly built armor modeling subject to the regular monthly club contests and if it meets the guidelines, your in. At the end of the

year a special award will be given to the best armor model or diorama. The first two members from the March meeting is Mike Powell and Ed Kennedy. Look for additional information in the next few months. That's a wrap for this month. Remember to send pictures, news or articles in for publication in the newsletter.

Happy Modeling,

Dennis

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March Club Contest



MDA Model Contest



April Build Meeting

Coming Next Month...>NNL East, Blue / Gray Renegades and April Contest.



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# FROM THE CROW'S NEST

BY TIM WARD

When I was growing up in the 60's and 70's, in school, I and thousands of others were known as "geeks". I may not have had the pocket protector or "taped" glasses, but I was interested in Science, History, model-building, and was not on the football, basketball or baseball teams. In short, I was not one of the "pretty people" or jocks. But I liked the people I hung out with, some were in the band, or different clubs that required the use of the mind instead of sweat. I guess I'm still a "geek" because I still watch the History Channel, like sci-fi movies, build models (quit laughing—I occasionally get one done!!) and I enjoy being around people who share like interests. I guess this is why I have enjoyed being in RVIPMS for close to 15 years now. It certainly can't be because of the availability of women?!?!? There's no doubt about it, Victoria's Secret models have not discovered our kind of modeling. They really don't know what they're missing. Anyway, by the time you read this we will have already traveled

due east to Lynchburg for the Blue/Grey Renegade's "Geek-Stock-'08-Box-Stock Rock and will have had the opportunity to rub elbows with other "geeks". Don't worry, the only real danger is that you might get some Brylcreem on your shirt. Then again, you may learn something, and keep an eye open for that supermodel (the girl, not the styrene?!?!?)

While I have your attention and are talking about the past, I would like all RVIPMS members to look through their files and photo albums for any pics or newsletters from days past. I am trying to update our history albums and could use any printed material you may have. So if you have been hoarding past newsletters or you have pictures of club members that you use for dart practice, bring them into the next meeting.

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

### 2008 RVIPMS CLUB POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP AS OF 4-16-08

Terry Eastman	26
Tim Ward	26
Cliff Young	22
Greg Clower	20
Ed Kennedy	17
Drew Porter	17
Dennis Smith	17
Mike Overstreet	14
Jeff Hinchee	13
Tim Mullins	12
Bob Rohrback	12
Devin Bledsoe	11
John Arfaras	11
Don Jones	10
Arthur Harris	10
Ken Bowyer	9
David Draper	9
Don Smith	8
Bob Stull	5
Jay Dennis	4
Melvin Matthews	4
Ralph Leslie	4
Tommy Carr	3
Mark Crouch	2
Mike Powell	2
Jerry Smallwood	1

RVIPMS Club Championship points can be gathered in many different ways. Model building and other club activities will garner points. This gives everyone a chance to be a \*model citizen\*.

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  
**SPASTIC PLASTIC**



# Ilyushin Il-2m3

L3+V12  
1944



Designer  
Sergei Ilyushin

This is the circa 1960's Airfix kit purchased for 50 cents.  
The rivet detail was sanded away and a ladies stocking mesh was used for the filter.  
Pencil leads represent the 23-mm. wing cannons. E.S.C.I. decals were used with Pactra paints.  
The Shturmovik was a large, rugged ground attack aircraft with tremendous destructive capacity. The Il-2M3 was simple and cheap to produce, even by Western standards.  
The Germans called the Shturmovik "Black Death", (Schwartz Tod)

Terry Eastman



## March Meeting & Contest

The March 27th meeting was attended by 18 members with 8 contest models on the table. Congratulations to first place winner Mike Overstreet with his scratch built HX1 Helicopter. Don Jones was second with his "Yard Tower" and Cliff Young placed third with his RF4EJ Phantom. Ed Kennedy held a discussion on reference material for painting.



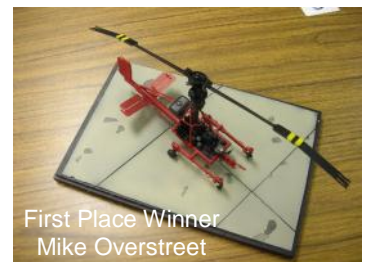
Devin Bledsoe



Checkin' out the stash.



Ed talks about reference material



First Place Winner  
Mike Overstreet



Don Jones



Bob Rohrback



Mike Powell



Don Jones

# MDA Model Contest



April 8, 2008  
Roanoke Civic Center  
Roanoke, Virginia



*"Best of Show" by  
Rodney Jefferson*



*Kenny Shores*



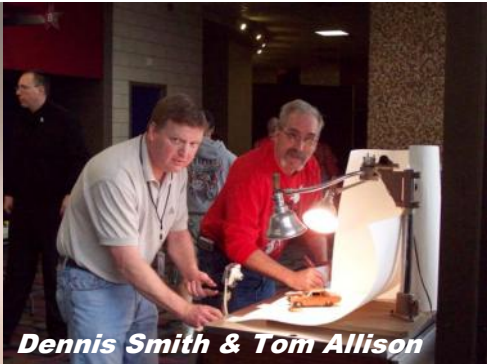
*Kenny Shores*



*Garland Farris*



*Rodney Jefferson*



*Dennis Smith & Tom Allison*



*Brian Staples*



**RVIPMS demo  
at the Rail Yard  
Hobby Shop  
3-18-2008**

Members held a demo at the Rail Yard Hobby Shop on Saturday March 18th to promote the club and recruit new members. Those members in attendance included Bob Rohrback, Tim Ward, Cliff, Drew, Mike, Devin, Dave, Greg, and Dennis. We all had a great time, look for more demo announcements in the coming months.

# April Build Meeting



Back from his trip to France, Terry shares pictures, items and experiences while visiting with friends and attend a French model show.



Don Jones brought in several Battlestar Galactica resin kits from Black Sun Models where the detail and castings were excellent. Pictured is the 1/72 scale "Human Starfighter"



Bob Rohrback works on a 1/72 scale Mirage.



The French National Police Medallion



Devin hard at work while Drew watches.



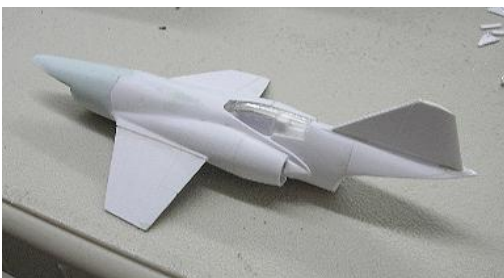
Cliff's in progress tank project.



Drew and Devin intently watch Greg and Bob's building progress.



The Cannon for Ed Kennedy's towed artillery project.



Starfighter conversion by Dennis.



Mervin eyeballing his Monsters in Motion



One of the horses for Ed Kennedy's towed artillery project.

# Contest & Events Calendar

## April \_\_\_\_\_

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

26 - IPMS/ Northern Virginia Model Classic 2008, Fairfax High School, Fairfax, Va. Tom Henderson, 703-680- 9354, [www.novaiipms.org](http://www.novaiipms.org)

## May \_\_\_\_\_

2-3 Region 12 Contest & Show Spartanburg Scale Modelers Greenville, SC. [tkirk76@yahoo.com](mailto:tkirk76@yahoo.com)

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

17 - RDUCON 2008, IPMS/Eagle Squadron, Raleigh NC . [home.nc.rr.com/rducon2008](http://home.nc.rr.com/rducon2008)

22 - RVIPMS Business Meeting, 7:00pm, 5th Floor, Center in the Square. Contest for May: The Spring Nationals Gravity Drags on our redesigned drag strip!!

## June \_\_\_\_\_

6-8 Historic Races / Wings and Wheels Air & Car Show. Virginia International Raceway, Danville, Virginia. [www.virclub.com](http://www.virclub.com)

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

14 - D-Day Memorial Contest & Show, D-Day Memorial, Bedford, Va., Ed Kennedy, 540-989-2482, [kennedy2cats@aol.com](mailto:kennedy2cats@aol.com)

26- RVIPMS Business Meeting and SWAP MEET. Bring anything you want to sell. Models, Books, Decals, Junk Parts, etc.

## August \_\_\_\_\_

6-9 IPMS National Convention, IPMS / Tidewater, Virginia Beach, Va. [www.ipmsusa2008.org](http://www.ipmsusa2008.org)



**Model Classic 2008** 

**HOLLYWOOD**

Saturday, April 26, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Fairfax High School  
3500 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA

6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL  
**"WORLD WAR II IN MINIATURE"**  
MODEL CONTEST, SWAP MEET & SHOW

S.C.A.M.P.S.  


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The National D-Day Memorial  
Bedford, Virginia

# RVIPMS Spring Nationals

May 22, 2008

7pm at the Center in the Square 5th Floor Conference Room

## Car Classes and Rules

### B/S Box Stock

1. Cars are to be 1/24 or 1/25 scale plastic models of passenger vehicles.
2. Cars must use wheels, tires and axles supplied in the kit.
3. You may use any kit parts supplied in the box.
4. Models must have full interiors.

### Pro Mod Pro Modified

1. Cars are to be 1/24 or 1/25 scale models.
2. Maximum weight of model cannot be more than 8 ounces.
3. Any type of wheel, tire and axle may be used.
4. Models must have 4 wheels that touch the track and be able to roll.

*The April Business Meeting is Thursday the 24th at 7:00 pm, 5th Floor at the Center in the Square.*

*All Club Contest in 2008 will be "Open", meaning any kit subject as long as it has not been entered before.*

*Build it, Bring it !!*

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