



SPRUE



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From The President..

First off I'd like to convey condolences to Jay Dennis and his family for the loss of his mother, Dawn Allen Dennis on April 23. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Several events coming up on the calendar include the June 16th World War II in Miniature at the Nation D Day Memorial in Bedford. See this issue of Sprue on pages 6 and 7 for all contest and show information. The D&J Hobby Center Annual Hobby Show at the Galax City Library is on Saturday June 26th. The Star City Motor Madness Cruise – In and Car Show on June 25th and 26th featuring TV host Dennis Gage.

You can now visit the Roanoke Valley IPMS on Facebook. By having a internet presence on Facebook and we should be able to be in touch with more people that might be interested in the hobby and post upcoming shows and meeting information. Jay Dennis set up the page that several members including myself have added it to our collection of friends. Check it out.



Mitch Cundiff's A-26 Invader

On page 5 is a reprint of the article that ran in the May 6th edition of the Roanoke Star - Sentinel about the club as written by member Melvin Matthews, Thanks Melvin.

I know it sounds like a broken record but the Virginia Shootout is about three months away and we need members that haven't stepped up to the plate to do so, it's your turn at bat! We still need to sell sponsorships and need your thoughts and ideas on how we can make the show better. Next month we'll have coverage from the Northern Virginia Modeler's Model Classic and the D Day Contest.

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FROM THE CROWS NEST

BY TIM WARD

What do you get if you cross-pollinate an IPMS modeler with a Trekkie??? I don't know either but there were thousands in attendance at the WonderFest 2010 convention in Louisville, Ky this past weekend. Jay Dennis and I hopped in our rented 2010 Prius and put the dilithium crystal-powered hybrid in warp-drive and headed out across the most boring interstate (I-64) in the world. After a quick stop in Charleston, WV to deliver Shoot-Out flyers at WV Hobbies and Crafts and a little sight-seeing side trip to my hometown and a great "pascetti" lunch at Jim's Spaghetti in Huntington, WV, we made our way to Louisville by mid-afternoon. After a little getting lost around KY, we made it to the motel for a nice restful?? sleep and a big day the next day. We enjoyed a free breakfast (thanks, Hampton Inn!!) then made a quick hop over to the Westin Crowne Plaza to enjoy early shopping at the convention. \$50 is the fee for an early admission to the dealer rooms, but we found a chink in the security and entered the vendor area without shelling out the extra wampum. The minute we entered the main vendor room we knew we had traveled "where no man has gone before"?!?!? Every conceivable space and sci-fi, horror and fantasy kit

known to mankind was present along with posters, books, DVDs, memorabilia, etc. from all of the nerdy and geeky shows and gross-out movies we all grew up loving but were too cool to admit it. Frankenstein, Dracula, Star Trek, Star Wars, Japanese anime, SF-3D, pin-up art, blood and spatter hard-core flicks, you name it, it was represented here. I saw some stuff I didn't even know existed and I'm not sure I'm glad it does?!?!? Face it folks, there is some weird stuff out there. And some weird people, too. I was telling the cute blonde in the dealer room that I had never seen so many geeks and nerds in my life and I was glad I was not one of them. She laughed, but I don't think I convinced her of my dissolution with my brethren. Maybe it had something to do with the bag of resin figures I was carrying or my eyeing the Federation Starship Models she was hawking. Hey and guess what, I bought 1 raffle ticket and hit!!! I know, how does he do it?? I don't know, but I'm not going to stop the streak.. Look out NOVA, I'm coming your way. We spent the whole day looking and drooling, then made our way to a Ruby Tuesday's for dinner (I did mention this was an IPMS trip right?!?!?—eating is mandatory) then back to the hotel for more

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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.

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restful sleep (not!) Sunday dawned with one more trip to the dealer and contest rooms (did I mention they had about 400 models in competition. Some really nice stuff, too. Check out the web-site for Jay's pictures coming soon. We hit the road due east at noon and beat a trail back to VA, stopping at Tamarack in Beckley, WV for that "last supper" on the road (again see prior rules about IPMS trips—food again). All in all a great trip, thanks to Jeff at Enterprise for the very fuel-efficient vehicle (462 miles one-way on 9.5 gallons of gas—you do the math!!!) And thanks to Jay for putting up with my diatribes on the current state of our society, government, state of the world in general—like I said, it was a long trip. See ya' Thursday—don't forget, Springnationals is on the calendar—bring your cars!!!

Tim

Roanoke Valley IPMS Swap Meet

**June 27, 2010 Business Meeting,
Virginia Museum of Transportation**

Bring all of those unwanted kits, magazines, books and modeling items to the June 27th business meeting. If you don't have anything to sell, bring money and adopt an unwanted model. Tables are FREE !!!



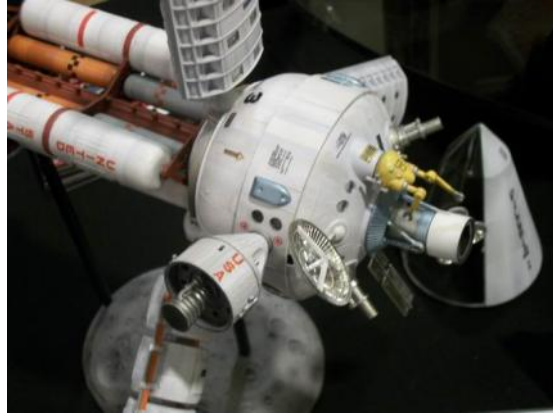
WONDERFEST™

Louisville, Kentucky

May 15-16, 2010

Photos by Jay Dennis

**Check out all of the show pictures at
RVIPMS.COM**



Contest winners have not been included in the past several issues of Sprue, so here they are. Congratulations to all of the winners.

CLUB CONTESTS RESULTS FROM FEBRUARY



Moonraker force perspective diorama built by Jay Dennis



Cliff Young's Potez 631



Mike Powell's Panzer IV

CLUB CONTESTS RESULTS FROM MARCH



Tom Jones built A-26 Invader



Mitch Cundiff's F-104 Starfighter



Terry Eastman's Kawasaki Hein

CLUB CONTESTS RESULTS FROM APRIL



Tim Ward's Airbus Piedmont/US Airways A-319



Mitch Cundiff's Swedish S Tank



Chris Webb's Star Wars ATAT Walker

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Roanoke Valley IPMS Chapter Promotes Model-Building in the Roanoke Area

Dennis Smith dates his interest in model-building to childhood days when his father built model cars. "He used to buy them, and I would start placing them together," he explains. Later



Smith started gluing and painting them as well.

Over time, Smith put aside his interest in the hobby, but later got back into it. One day in 1994, he entered the now-defunct Hobby U.S.A. at Town Square Plaza in Roanoke, where he met fellow model enthusiasts Tim Ward and Ed Kennedy. They were organizing a local model-builders chapter. "I think I missed the first meeting," says Smith, "but I ended up going to the second meeting and then, from there, I joined for about a year."

Though he again left the hobby for a time, Smith came back and now is the current president of the Roanoke Valley chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS). The aim of the RVIPMS is to promote the model-building hobby, one Smith believes can provide "a good avenue" for young people to learn historical subjects. He adds, "It's [also] good for hand-eye coordination and working with your hands."

In order for a chapter to be affiliated with the IPMS, the group must have at least five members in good standing with the national club. Chapters enjoy discounts and other benefits.

The RVIPMS holds two monthly meetings—both convening at 7 p.m. The first, a builders' meeting held every second

Thursday, is devoted to the chapter members in the same way a "jam session" is to musicians. The members come together, in Smith's words, to "talk, share ideas, basically bring stuff to work on ... just to show what you're doing or just hang out." The second meeting, held the fourth Thursday of the month, is the chapter business meeting. The business meeting also features a monthly club contest, open to all subjects—cars, planes, ships, etc.—that are displayed and voted on by the chapter members, with the winner receiving a plaque.

RVIPMS members include both men and women, and represent a broad range of model-building interests. "Some," Smith observes, "specifically stick with armor—World War II type things. Myself, I like cars, sci-fi, and aircraft. There are a lot of varied interests."

Currently the RVIPMS is gearing up for the Virginia Shoot-Out, a yearly contest scheduled for August 14 at the Roanoke Civic Center Exhibit Hall. Approximately 78 categories of models (armor, aircraft, autos, dioramas, etc.) will be featured as part of the competition.

After experiencing "some tough times," Smith says the model-building hobby "is probably stronger than it's ever been as far as subject matter that is out there." While stores like Kmart and WalMart don't sell model kits now, there are some stores in the Roanoke area—Crossroads in Salem, Rick's Hobby Shop, and The Rail Yard—that do. Smith also credits the Internet with playing a significant role in expanding interest in the hobby. "Back when the hobby was slow, Scale Auto Magazine sort of revived the automotive modeling hobby—and the Internet has done wonders connecting people."

By Melvin E. Matthews, Jr.

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RVIPMS Springnationals Model Car Gravity Drags

May 27, 2010

The Virginia Museum of Transportation Conference Room - 7:00pm

Car Classes and Rules

Pro Modified

1. Cars are to be 1/24 or 1/25 scale plastic 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.

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.

8TH ANNUAL NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL "WORLD WAR II IN MINIATURE" MODEL CONTEST, SWAP MEET & SHOW



**SPONSORED BY THE ROANOKE VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE IPMS
& THE STAR CITY AMPS GROUP**

**THE NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL
BEDFORD, VIRGINIA
SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010**

TO PROMOTE THE HOBBY THROUGH HISTORICAL DEPICTIONS TO THE PUBLIC

All entries must depict the World War II period from 1939 to 1945 and a new category this year of any era military history. It can be any subject (Vehicles including civilian cars, figures, airplanes, ships, etc.) They may also be of any nationality as long as the visiting public and the Memorial is respected. Any entry considered in poor taste by the contest officials will be rejected.

All entrants may display built, unbuilt kits and modeling accessories for swap or sale. The Contest Committee request 10% donation of sales to be contributed to the Memorial. Honor system for swap meet items to apply.

THIS IS A FUND RAISER, ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL

The entry fee for one model is the price for admission to the D-Day Memorial grounds. All additional entries are a \$1.00 donation each. Registration from 9:00am to 11:00am. All models must be in place by then.

Contact: Ed Kennedy 540-989-2142 kennedy2cats@cox.net

Also watch the RVIPMS web site at RVIPMS.com and the D-Day Memorial website at www.dday.org.

Rules and registration info will also be at the site on show day.



S.C.A.M.P.S.
Star City Armor Modeling & Preservation Society

CATEGORIES

Categories are a guideline and questions regarding model placement within a category will be decided by contest officials.

Vehicles with tracks (including halftracks)



Vehicles with wheels

Artillery / Guns

Aircraft

Ships / Boats

Figures

Dioramas

Juniors

Military History



RULES

1. Models are entered solely at the entrant's risk. Roanoke Valley/IPMS and The National D-Day Memorial do not assume any liability for loss or damage to any model.
2. All model entries must be constructed from modeling materials or commercial kits, with or without aftermarket products. No pre-finished "toys" or "die-cast" may be entered.
3. Everything presented will be judged. Any model on a base may have a few accessories and crew figures and not be a diorama.
4. Dioramas include involvement of vehicles and or figures interacting with other elements in or outside the scene: IE, other vehicles or figures, scenery, buildings or indication of unseen areas or actions.
5. This show and contest is open to the visiting public. Please do not remove models before the awards ceremony.

JUDGING

Judging will be conducted by the D-Day Memorial staff and volunteers and will be based on the following criteria in order of importance.

1. How the model is depicted from an historical viewpoint. (Where and When)
2. Overall quality of the build.
3. Presentation.

AWARDS

1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be given for each category.

Each registrant will be eligible for only one award per category.

No sweeps. Categories may be expanded (splits) at the discretion of the contest officials. Special awards will include:

Peoples Choice

Best of Show

Same entry cannot win both awards.



May _____

13- RVIPMS Build Meeting, Virginia Transportation Museum

22- Northern Virginia Model Classic, IPMS/ Northern Virginia Modelers, Tom Henderson, 703-680-9354

27 - RVIPMS Business Meeting, Virginia Transportation Museum

June _____

10 - RVIPMS Build Meeting, Virginia Transportation Museum

19 - World War II in Miniature, National D Day Memorial, Bedford, Va. Ed Kennedy,

26 - D&J Hobby Center Annual Hobby Show, Galax City Library 610 West Stuart Drive Galax, VA 24333, (276) 236-6863

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Blast from the Past



Model Contest & Show
August 14, 2010

Roanoke Civic Center
Roanoke Virginia

IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

IPMS No: _____ Name: _____
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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#)

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ATTENTION !!!

The May Business Meeting will be on the 27th at the Virginia Museum of Transportation

The May Business Meeting Contest is Open Category along with the Gravity Drags

**Build it
Bring it !!**