



# SPRUE



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It still amazes me and I know it will never change is how fast time goes by, June is half over and so is the year. It still feels like a new year yet the fall season is less than three months away. Sorry to kick you in the head with that reality. What's worse than that is the 2008 IPMS National Convention is less than a month and a half away and there are models to still be finished. I'm still hoping to have some new models completed in time. If you haven't already, check out the Convention web site at [www.ipmsusa2008.org](http://www.ipmsusa2008.org). All of the information that you'll need including contest categories, vendors, seminars, registration and much more is there. If you're not on-line, send by mail for information to: IPMS-USA 2008 National Convention, P.O. Box 1651, Newport News, VA 23601-1651. I'll also have registration and contest entry forms at the rest of the club meetings up to convention time. One other item pertaining to the 2008 National Convention is that IPMS/Tidewater is in need of category sponsors. At \$75.00 each, sponsorships are not cheap for individuals considering the times. If you can sponsor a class, sell sponsorship or even combine your money with other members, I know that the Tidewater guys would appreciate it. We're fortunate to have the Nationals in Region 2 this year so show your support in any way you can.

By now most of you know that the club newsletter, "Sprue" is now available in PDF form on the website. Each month members with email addresses are sent a link to download the newsletter on their computer and view it or print a copy if they so chose. For the benefit and courtesy of the members, newsletters will have a one month delay before being posted on the website so that everyone has chance to read it over before non-members have access to it. The advantages to receiving Sprue on-line are that the entire newsletter is in color and no printing or postage expenses are involved. If you have an email address and would like to receive the



Club members Ed Kennedy, CR Casey, Cliff Young, Mike Overstreet and Devin Bledsoe attended the "Tank Extravaganza" at the AAF Tank Museum in Danville on April 25th.

newsletter in electronic form, please email me at the address below. Those members who are not on the internet will still receive their newsletter though the post office.

At the July 24th business meeting we will have a special guest Dr. Lee S. Anthony who is an accomplished speaker and has just returned from Normandy and travels annually to Europe researching WWII battle zones. His commentary should be very interesting and informative so don't miss it. Thanks to Terry Eastman who has arranged for Dr. Anthony's visit and who will be serving the members in attendance a special treat other than the usual cookies and chips.

The May 22nd meetings contest was our annual Spring Nationals Drag Race were Greg Clower con-

quered the scale quarter mile in the Pro Stock class with his Mako Shark Corvette and I scored the win in the Pro Modified class. Be sure to check out the video of the in-car pass on the club web site under the May Meeting photos.

Don't forget to bring models in for this months open subject contest and don't forget that it's Swap Meet night. Bring your models, decals, paint and junk to trade or sale!

One final note, congratulations to Ken Bowyer for placing second with his USS Ticonderoga at RDU-CON. We miss you at the meetings Ken.

Happy Modeling,

Dennis

## Inside this issue:



Pictures from NOVA and RDUCON



Joint Service Open House, Andrews AFB



Pictures from Tim's Liberty Ship Cruise



# FROM THE CROW'S NEST

BY TIM WARD

The view from the "Nest" will be somewhat short-sighted this month as the Captain has been suffering from the land-lubber's curse of grass mowing and pollen attacks. I don't know what's in the air this year but I need to get out to sea to get away from the allergens that have me choking to death. Maybe another Liberty ship cruise is warranted or maybe I need to spend more time painting with an aerator so I can filter out the "junk" in the air. Whatever the solution, model building needs to be part of it. For some reason after the Regional convention, I've wanted to get back to some heavy-duty model building, but I've been unable to get in the mood. I don't know about you but I cannot force myself to build. I have to be in the mood and really want to get something built. And I don't mean necessarily for a contest coming up, but just to want to build for pleasure. I've got a couple of projects that I want to complete in time for the Nationals, and I hope to have them ready, but if things don't go as I planned, I will still enjoy going to the show. I recently

attended a somewhat smaller show in Galax, VA, the D&J Hobby Center show, which only had about 60 models total, but I had a good time talking to a young man, about 13 years old, who was in love with building tractor-trailer models. He told me everything I ever needed to know about Macks, Peterbuilts, Freightliners, etc. He really enjoyed his hobby and his Dad was a proud as a "Papa" can be, when he went up for his award. He may not ever win a 1<sup>st</sup> place award at an IPMS Nats, but he enjoys putting glue to styrene and that is what matters. Let's promote the hobby as well as we can, either by attending shows or sending models to our troops overseas, or by just getting back into the shop and building, not always to win a plaque, but to bring our works of "art" out into the light of day so the casual observer can see what can be done with those ubiquitous boxes of styrene. Maybe a young boy may have his interest "sparked" by a U-Boat or P-51, and we may get a new generation of modelers started. Keep building.....see you in VA Beach!!!

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:  
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Roanoke, VA. 24018

### 2008 RVIPMS CLUB POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP AS OF 6-20-08

<b>Tim Ward</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Terry Eastman</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Dennis Smith</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Cliff Young</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Greg Clower</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Ed Kennedy</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Drew Porter</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Mike Overstreet</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Devin Bledsoe</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>David Draper</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Bob Rohrback</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Jeff Hinchee</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Tim Mullins</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>John Arfaras</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Don Jones</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Arthur Harris</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Jay Dennis</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Tommy Carr</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Ken Bowyer</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Don Smith</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Bob Stull</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Melvin Matthews</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>CR Casey</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Ralph Leslie</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mark Crouch</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Jerry Smallwood</b>	<b>1</b>

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**



**Northern Virginia Modelers**  
*Model Classic 2008* **modelers**



**HOLLYWOOD**

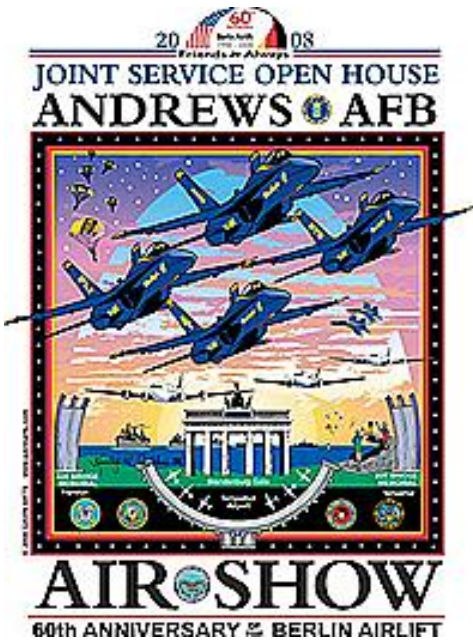
**April 26, 2008 Fairfax, Virginia**



**RDUCON**  
**2008**

**IPMS Eagle Squadron**  
 May 17, 2008  
 Raleigh, North Carolina





On Saturday May 17 I attended the "Joint Service Open House" at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland where demonstrations were conducted by the Army Golden Knights, the Blue Angels and fighter aircraft including the F-22 Raptor, Harrier Jump Jet, P51 Mustang plus many others. Exhibits showcasing the joint efforts of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard gave a chance for personnel to show a glimpse of what the military is about and was truly an amazing experience. One of the highlights of the show for me was talking to the pilots and crews of the various aircraft. This is definitely a must see event so check it out next year! Go to [RVIPMS.com](http://RVIPMS.com) for all the pictures. Dennis



EA-6B Prowler



P-40 Warhawk



MRAP



Hawker Hurricane



A-10 Thunderbolt



EFV - Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle



TR-1A Spy Plane (U-2)



Patriot Missile Launcher



P-47 Thunderbolt



HH-60H Seahawk



PB5Y-5 Catalina

# F4U-1A CORSAIR

Serial No. 17932

Flown by Lt. Doris "Chico" Freeman

November 1943

SW Pacific on Ondonga, Solomon Islands.\*

Lt. Freeman claimed two aircraft destroyed with VF-17, before going on to claim seven more victories with VF-84 in 1945. On 11 May 1945, he was killed in a Kamikaze attack on the USS Bunker Hill.

This is the Heller kit. To scale aerial mast and pitot tube were added. On this aircraft, the forward mast was removed. Testors Model Master paints were used with Modelcal decals.

\*In the native tongue, "Ondonga" means evil place. Ondonga was a small island separated from New Georgia.

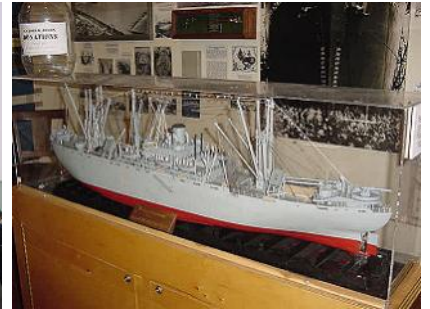
Terry Eastman



# S.S. JOHN W. BROWN

One of two surviving fully operational Liberty ships preserved in the United States, the S.S. JOHN W. BROWN is the product of an emergency shipbuilding program of World War II that resulted in the construction of more than 2,700 Liberty ships.

*Pictures from Tim Wards May 3, 2008 Cruise*



## Contest & Events Calendar

### June

26 - RVIPMS Business Meeting and SWAP MEET. Bring anything you want to sell. Models, Books, Etc.

### July

14 - RVIPMS Build Meeting  
24 -RVIPMS Business Meeting. **Special Guest: Dr. Lee Anthony**

### August

2 - Road Knights Summer Cruise, Charlotte, NC. [www.roadknights.net](http://www.roadknights.net)

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

14 - RVIPMS Build Meeting

16 - NNL Summer Classic, Clemmons, North Carolina. [carolinakustommodelers.com](http://carolinakustommodelers.com)



### September

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

20- PennCon, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Frank Froment, 717-791-1134

### October

4 - Foothills Plastic Pro's Fall Classic. American Legion Ave Conover N.C. 704-975-6243

10 - MarauderCon Towson, MD. 410-849-2992 [www.ipmsdc.org/maraudercon](http://www.ipmsdc.org/maraudercon)



The 2008 IPMS National Convention

# GATEWAY TO THE ATLANTIC

August 6,7,8,9, 2008 hosted by IPMS Tidewater at the Virginia Beach Convention Center



Advance Auto Parts and Williamson Road Area Business Association Proudly Sponsor

## Star City Motor Madness 2008

Friday, June 27 and Saturday June 28

All proceeds to benefit the Virginia Museum of Transportation



Star City Motor Madness  
Special Guest

### George Barris

"King of the Kustomizers"

Saturday, June 28th  
Downtown Roanoke

Star City Motor Madness is a celebration of America's passion for the automobile and the love of cruising. The event enters its seventh year in 2008 and is held annually on the last Friday and Saturday in June.

The June Business Meeting is Thursday the 26th 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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