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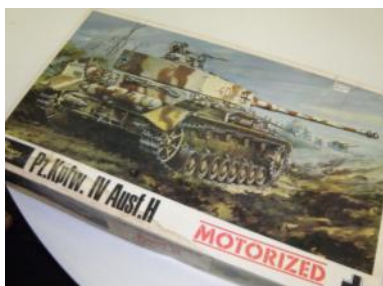
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## From The President..

I hope that everyone's summer is off to a good start. I know it's going to be busy with the Virginia Shootout taking place in less than two months. I haven't had the time this year as I've had in past years to devote to the promotion and planning of the show and admit that majority of the work has fallen a small handful of members. If a few key people were to drop out or were unable continue working on the show, the Shootout would be history. If you're able, step in and lend a hand. One of the things needed most is the sell sponsorships for the contest classes.

Shows and event coming up this weekend is the Star City Motor Madness with the big cruise Friday night on Williamson Road and the car show in downtown Roanoke the Saturday the 26. Special guest Dennis Gage from the TV show "My Classic Car" will be at the car show on Saturday. All of the proceeds will go to benefit the Virginia Museum of Transportation. Also on Saturday the 26th is the D&J Hobby Center annual contest and show at the Galax City Public Library in Galax, Virginia. If you travel to Galax be



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sure to check out Old Cranks Motorcar Museum and Ice Cream Shop. You can also check them out at oldcranks.com. On July 10th is the Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers 2010 Down East Con Contest and Show in Newbern, North Carolina. This has always been a fun show in the past and a great place to visit.

Don't forget that at this months business meeting we'll have a Swap Meet and the regular "open contest". Bring anything and everything you can haul.

Happy Modeling

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# FROM THE CROWS NEST

BY TIM WARD

Can someone please turn down the thermostat, please?!?!?! It's the middle of June and it feels like August in Mississippi!!! I'm afraid my stash of styrene may end up in a puddle this summer, kind of like the group of modelers I hung out with yesterday at the 8th Annual D-Day Memorial Father's Day contest and "sweat-lodge" get-together. I haven't seen so much perspiration since I took a "schvitz" in a New York steam bath back in the mid-'80's. Sorry, Yankee flashback!!! Thanks to the hardy souls from Lynchburg and Richmond and our own "clutch" who braved near 100 degree heat to help support the Memorial. Special kudos go out to Ed Kennedy for planning the contest and Cliff Young for serving as chief registrar. And as always a special thanks to April Cheek for her hospitality and "pizza" (again see Rule 12-1B about IPMS functions always having food available). We enjoyed a somewhat subdued turnout (see heat reference in earlier part of this article) but still managed to raise \$118.00 for the cause. And it seemed that in between a rush to the drink machines for hydration, most of the guys managed to put some models together. One plus on a hot day like this was the lack of need for glue. Most of the guys cut and scraped the parts and then held them

together and let the sun weld the parts. Even the kids had a ball, Ed supplied a nice collection of plane kits to the youngsters for "Make-N-Take" and I saw some nice creations out of some young people that would make some of us "veterans" look out for the up-coming "yutes". Thanks again, Ed for a well-planned event and your efforts. And thanks to the guys from the "East" who traveled a nice distance to help us out. You Region 2 guys rock!!! (Hey Tidewater—we'd like to see you, too !!) Speaking of Region 2 get-togethers, our 2010 Virginia Shoot-Out is just around the corner, less than two months away. Here I go again—Have you sold your sponsorships? Have you donated to the raffle?? Have you at least arranged to be off work that day so at least you can help out??? If you answered no to any of these questions, twenty lashes with a wet noodle. No seriously, these contests do not happen in a vacuum, we need all the help we can get to put on the show people have come to expect. Just like Richmond and NOVA and all the other Region 2 and 12 clubs supply us with fun places to visit on the weekends, they too put a lot of effort to make their shows the quality one comes to expect in this part of the country. Let's do our part to make ours

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IPMS/Roanoke Valley meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Virginia Museum of Transportation located in downtown Roanoke. Both meetings are held at the museums 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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as good. So please, bring in your sponsorship money and raffle donations this next meeting so we can see where we stand. Also remember, we have a couple of shows to support in the near future, one this weekend in Galax, the D&J Hobby center show. And don't forget our friends down in New Bern, NC have their "Down East Con, always a nice road-trip, if for nothing else but a good excuse to see our good friend Ken Bowyer, who has promised to make an appearance. See you in few weeks, Ken!!! While I'm on my soapbox, let me remind you to bring in stuff to sell at the meeting for our "swap meet". I know we all have some stuff that needs a new home on a new shelf. These kits like a change of scenery every now and then. Let's take them out for a breath of fresh air, want to???

Tim

## Roanoke Valley IPMS Swap Meet



**June 24, 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 !!!**



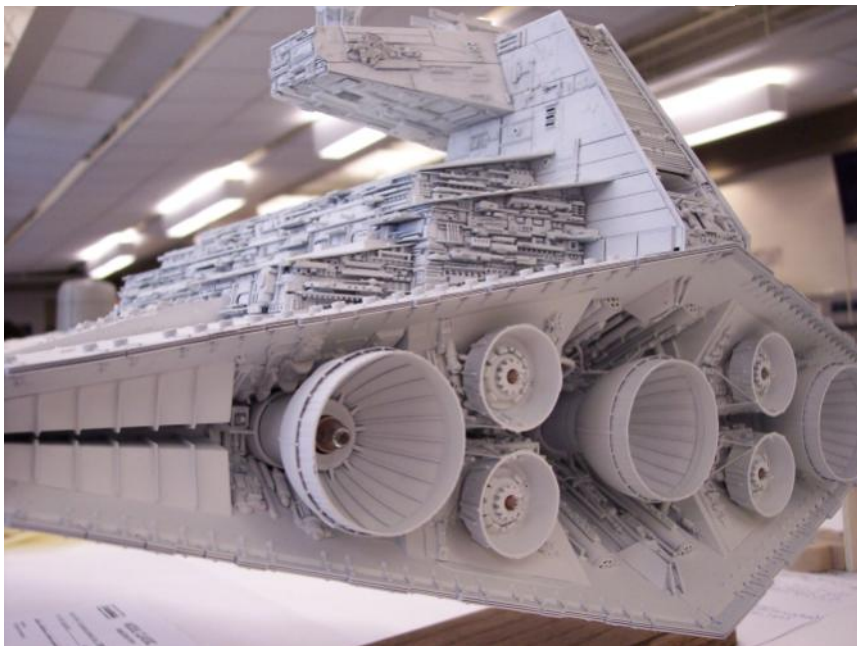
# Northern Virginia Scale Modelers

## Model Classic

May 22, 2010

Photos by Chris Webb

Several RVIPMS members traveled to the 2010 Model Classic hosted by the Northern Virginia Scale Modelers on Saturday May 22. at the Fairfax High School in Fairfax, Virginia. Congratulations to Bob Rohrback, Arthur Harris and Chris Webb for winning awards for their entries.



# MAY CLUB CONTEST AND MEETING



Cliff Young's Spitfire Mk. 1

**1st**



**2nd**

Terry Eastman's Japanese "George" Fighter



**3rd**

Bob Rohrback's Aero Jet Liner



Mitch Cundiff's German Anti-Aircraft Tank



Fokker DXXI built by Tom Jones

# KAWANISHI NIKI-J "SHIDENKAI"

**343 Naval Air Wing 301st Sentai  
Japan 1945**



***This is the 1/72 scale Hasegawa kit built basically right out of the box.***

***S.v.p. refer to the extensive review that came with the kit***

***Terry Eastman***

The Shidenkai, or George, was the improved model of the Kyofu, the fighter seaplane which was planned in 1940 and officially employed in 1943. The floats on the Kyofu were replaced by wheels and the small but powerful Homare engine by Nakajima was installed on the remodeled land plane later designated Shiden. This was a middle-winged monoplane and was further modified into a low-winged plane, the Shidenkai. The Shiden and the Shidenkai were excellent in maneuverability because of their automatic air war flap and the steering tract control gear and they were panned to be put into production in succession to the Raiden, the main force of the interceptors in those days.

The Shiden made it's first flight in December 1942, officially employed in October 1944 and produced 1007 planes. The inaugural flight of the Shidenkai was in December 1943, it's official adoption in January 1945, and 400 planes were produced. Further mass production plan of the Shidenkai was arranged at Mitsubishi, Sa-sebo Arsenal and other three places, however, it was too late and only 16 planes were built on this plan. In total, the number of the Shidenkais completed was 416 as against more than 2000 estimated.

The Shidenkai had several variants; the Shidenkai (Type 21) being the main force, the Shidenkai A (Type 21A), the bomber conversion, the Shidenkai I (Type 31) with an extra 13mm machine gun on the nose, the Shindenkai II, the remodeled warship fighter plane, the Shidenkai III powered by the Homare 23 fuel injected engine, the Shidenkai IV, the warship fighter conversion of the Shidenkai III, the Shidenkai V (Type 25), the Shidenkai A conversion carrying the larger 2100hp. Ha 43 engine. Their constructions, however, were all, except the Shidenkai and the Shidenkai A terminated at the stage of test plane completion. Other than these, there was the Shidenkai two-seater trainer converted from the Shidenkai. This was provided with another seat for the instructor behind the pilot seat and extended the canopy backwards though the total length of the fuselage was similar to that of the Shidenkai Type 21.

The Shidenkai had taken an active part in the air defense war of the West Japan from 1945. Especially in the air battle over Matsuyama on March 19, 1945, the Shidenkai and the Shiden went to 343rd Air Wing commanded by Colonel Minoru Genda and met some sixty fighter-bomber combined enemy planes including Grumman F6F Hellcat, Vought F4U Corsair, Curtis SB2C Helldiver, and after fierce encounter for about an hour, they achieved war results downing forty-five enemy planes with a loss of only twelve friendly planes. It was in this battle that their excellency was actually proved.

The Roanoke Valley IPMS Chapter Invites You to THE



## • 2010 Scale Model Show & Contest •

### **ROANOKE CIVIC CENTER EXHIBITION HALL**

Roanoke, Va  
Saturday, August 14, 2010

### **ENTRY FEES:**

First 5 models: \$10.00  
Each additional model: \$1.00  
Junior entries: (unlimited models) \$5.00  
General Admission: \$5.00

### **VENDOR TABLES:** \$25.00

Tables will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Vendor contact:

Greg Clower (540) 989-1552  
or Gclower@aol.com

### **NEW "REEL MODELS" CATEGORY**

see back for details and  
all categories and awards

### **VISIT: [www.rvipms.com](http://www.rvipms.com)**

for more details or  
Raffle donations

**CALL** Tim Ward at 540-977-6205  
or **E-MAIL** [TWardF86@aol.com](mailto:TWardF86@aol.com)

**VENDOR SET-UP:** 7:30 am

**REGISTRATION OPENS:** 9:00 am

**REGISTRATION CLOSES:** 12:00 pm

**JUDGES MEETING:** 12:30 pm

**JUDGING:** 1:00 to 3:30 pm

**AWARDS PRESENTATION:** 4:45 pm

**AIRCRAFT**

- 1 BIPLANES & RIGGED - ALL SCALES
- 2 SINGLE ENGINE PROP - 1/72
- 3 ALLIED SINGLE ENGINE PROP - 1/48
- 4 AXIS SINGLE ENGINE PROP - 1/48
- 5 MULTI-ENGINE PROP - 1/72
- 6 MULTI-ENGINE PROP - 1/48
- 7 SINGLE ENGINE JET - 1/72
- 8 SINGLE ENGINE JET - 1/4
- 9 MULTI-ENGINE JET - 1/72
- 10 MULTI-ENGINE JET - 1/48
- 11 ROTARY WING - ALL SCALES
- 12 MILITARY - 1/144 & SMALLER
- 13 JET ENGINE - 1/32 & LARGER
- 14 PROP ENGINE - 1/32 & LARGER
- 15 COMMERCIAL, CIVIL, SPORT & RACING - ALL SCALES
- 16 VACUFORMS, CONVERSIONS, SCRATCHBUILT - ALL SCALES
- 17 OUT OF BOX\* - ALL SCALES

**MILITARY VEHICLES**

- 18 CLOSED TOP AFV (WWII & EARLIER)  
- 1/48 & SMALLER
- 19 CLOSED TOP AFV (WWII & EARLIER) - 1/35
- 20 CLOSED TOP AFV (Post WWII) - 1/48 & SMALLER
- 21 CLOSED TOP AFV (Post WWII) - 1/35
- 22 OPENED TOP AFV - 1/48 & SMALLER
- 23 OPENED TOP AFV - 1/35
- 24 WHEELED, SOFT SKINNED - 1/48 & SMALLER
- 25 WHEELED, SOFT SKINNED - 1/35
- 26 TOWED GUNS, ARTILLERY, & MISSILES - ALL SCALES
- 27 CONVERSIONS & SCRATCHBUILT - ALL SCALES
- 28 OUT OF BOX\* - ALL SCALES

**SHIPS**

- 29 OAR & SAIL - ALL SCALES
- 30 POWERED (ALL ERAS) - 1/350 & LARGER
- 31 POWERED (ALL ERAS) - 1/351 & SMALLER
- 32 SUBMARINES - 1/350 & LARGER
- 33 SUBMARINES - 1/351 & SMALLER
- 34 OUT OF BOX\* - ALL SCALES

**AUTOMOTIVE**

- 35 SHOWROOM STOCK - 1/20 & SMALLER
- 36 STREET RODS/THRU 1948 - 1/20 & SMALLER
- 37 STREET MACHINES/POST 1949 - 1/20 & SMALLER
- 38 SLAMMERS & CURBSIDE - 1/20 & SMALLER
- 39 COMPETITION/STRAIGHTLINE - 1/20 & SMALLER
- 40 COMPETITION-OPEN/CLOSED WHEEL  
- (NON-NASCAR) 1/20 & SMALLER
- 41 NASCAR (ALL) - 1/20 & SMALLER
- 42 COMMERCIAL - ALL SCALES
- 43 AUTOMOTIVE (LARGE SCALE) - 1/19 & LARGER

- 44 MOTORCYCLES - ALL SCALES
- 45 SMALL SCALE AUTO (ALL) - 1/32 & SMALLER
- 46 CUSTOM - ALL SCALES
- 47 OUT OF BOX\* - ALL SCALES

**SPACE & SCIENCE FICTION**

- 48 FICTIONAL SPACECRAFT - ALL SCALES
- 49 FICTIONAL VEHICLES - ALL SCALES
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- 52 OUT OF BOX\* - ALL SCALES

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- 69 DIORAMAS - ALL SCALES
- 70 SPACE/SCI-FI - ALL SCALES

**"REEL MODELS" (MOVIE MODELS) NO TV**

- 71 1940s MUST BE A FEATURED OR MAJOR CHARACTER,  
VEHICLE OR PROP FROM A MOVIE RELEASED IN
- 72 1950s ONE OF THE LISTED DECADES. SOME FORM OF  
PROOF OF SUBJECT BEING IN THE MOVIE MUST
- 73 1960s BE PROVIDED.
- 74 1970s (AWARDS = 1ST, 2ND, 3RD &  
BEST OF EACH DECADE)

AWARDS - 1ST, 2ND, 3RD  
IN ALL NUMBERED CATEGORIES  
BEST OF FOR EACH MAIN CATEGORY:  
BEST OF SHOW  
(MARK KINCER MEMORIAL AWARD)

\* OUT OF BOX CATEGORIES MUST HAVE INSTRUCTIONS



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(Categories and/or Special Awards are subject to change)

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

July \_\_\_\_\_  
**8 - RVIPMS Build Meeting,** Virginia Transportation Museum, 7pm

**10 - Down East Con 2010**  
 Garber UMC Ministry Center  
 4201 Country Club Road  
 IPMS Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers  
 John Ratzenberger 252-480-0752

**22 - RVIPMS Business Meeting,** Virginia Transportation Museum, 7pm

August \_\_\_\_\_  
**12 - RVIPMS Build Meeting,** Virginia Transportation

Museum, 7pm  
**14 - RVIPMS Virginia Shootout, Roanoke Civic Center, Roanoke, Virginia. Contact Tim Ward, 540-977-6205**



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**Blast from the Past**



**Model Contest & Show**

**August 14, 2010**

**Roanoke Civic Center**

**Roanoke Virginia**

**IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

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 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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 June Business Meeting will be on the 24th at the Virginia Museum of Transportation**

**The June Business Meeting Contest is Open Category along with the Swap Meet**

**Build it  
 Bring it !!**

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