

From The Prez.....

Can someone please send the cool breeze this way? As I put this message together it is far past the temperature I like outside. The last few days have been hot to say the least and that may or may not be a good thing. The bad thing is if you have any outside chores or plans you will pay the price of being soaked with sweat and feel like a drained puppy. But on the good side if you stay inside to stay out of the heat you will have a good excuse to work on all those models that we need to work on. You know....the ones that we keep saying we need to get either started on or finished. We are all guilty of it and now with the warm weather we can come in and take advantage of the cool air thanks to a think called air conditioning.

We are just a week away from the show and display at the D-Day Memorial as I write this article. Hopefully a lot of members can come out (or did come out) for the show. It is always nice to be able to help them out each year with our donation and show off to attendee's our hobby.

The IPMS Nationals are just a little over a month off so I hope some of our members will be attending that show as well to support the Columbus club and IPMS as well. Not to mention just the all-around great time it is attending the National's.

I also need to mention that our show in August is fast approaching and we are in need of getting those sponsorships in and volunteering for helping with the show. I'm sure there will be a volunteer sign up not far down the road so please be prepared to help out how you can. We will be having a "plaque assembly" party at 12 o'clock on June 28th at Bob Rohrback's house. An e-mail will be sent out with information and a reminder of this event.

Well till next time.....Keep slapping the glue on the plastic!

Rocky

Atom Bomb Armed Mirage IVA Strategic Bomber

By: Terry Eastman

The Dassault Brquet Mirage IVA first flew on 17 June 1959, and some 50 were operational with France's Force de Frappe.

The Mirage IVA has two 15,432 lb. SNECMA Atar 9K single-shaft augmented turbojets, which can give a sustained speed of 1,222 mph at 60,000 feet. Offensive load would be a 60 kiloton free fall bomb carried recessed in the underside of the fuselage.

This is a Heller 1/72nd scale kit. The paints used are:

Humbrol Acrylic 166 Light Aircraft Gray

Tamiya Acrylic XF-58 Olive Green



Building the USS Recruit in the heart of New York City

By: Amanda Uren & Chris Wild

In 1917 the U.S. Navy built a full-size battleship in Union Square, New York. It would stay there for the next three years. Intended as a recruitment and training center, the ship was commissioned as a normal seagoing ship, under the command of Acting Captain C. F. Pierce, and manned by trainee sailors from Newport Training Station. Internally the ship had a wireless station, full officer's quarters, doctor's quarters and examination rooms to assess the health of potential candidates. Constructed from wood, the USS Recruit carried two cage masts, a conning tower and a dummy funnel, or smokestack. It had six wooden replicas of 14-inch (360 mm) guns housed in three twin turrets, 10 wooden five-inch (130 mm) anti-torpedo boat guns and two replica one-pound saluting guns, matching the configuration of battleships of the time. The equipment is of the most up-to-the-minute dreadnought with accommodations on board for day and night life of officers and men.

According to the August 1917 edition of Popular Science, the Recruit followed the normal navy routine. Sailors rose at 6 a.m scrubbed the decks, did their laundry, and attended instructional classes. They then stood guard over the ship and were available to answer questions from visitors. By night, all the ship's lights were turned on, including a series of searchlights. The ship hosted a variety of social events and receptions, including a christening, patriotic speeches and visits by various dignitaries, a group of Native Americans and the woman's motor corps. As a recruiting tool the ship was very successful, helping to recruit 25,000 men into the U.S. Navy. The First World War ended in 1918, and by 1920 the Recruit was no longer needed in Union Square. It was properly decommissioned and dismantled, with the intention of relocating it to Coney Island's Luna Park. This did not happen and the fate of the Recruit is unknown.



Images from Library of Congress

*** CLUB REMINDER ***

- The D-Day Memorial Show will be on June 20th, 2015 at the Memorial site in Bedford, VA. All members are encouraged to come and participate in the show and display their WWII era completed or in-progress kits.
- Club members will meet at Mama's Restaurant in Montvale around 8am to eat breakfast.
- D & J Hobby's model show will be in Galax, VA on June 27th, 2015 at the Galax Public Library from 9am to 4pm.
- Just a reminder that there will be a get together to assemble the plaques for the Shoot out on Sunday, June 28th, at 12:00 pm at Bob and Sharon's house on 4420 Belford Street, SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24018. You will find the directions listed below. The club will be providing pizzas and drinks since we'll be meeting at lunch time.
- Club business meeting will be on June 25th, 2015 at 7pm. Bob Rohrback will be providing refreshments.

DIRECTIONS TO BOB AND SHARON ROHRBACK'S HOUSE

(from Salem)

1. **Turn South on Electric Road (Rte. 419)** from Apperson Drive (Lee Highway, U. S. 11)
2. Follow Rte. 419 South to the Allstate building at Keagy Road and 419.
3. Cross Keagy Road and remain on Virginia 419 to the **NEXT LEFT AFTER THE ALLSTATE BUILDING. THIS STREET WILL BE GATEWOOD.** There is a big Lutheran church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) on your right at this intersection.
4. Turn **LEFT ONTO GATEWOOD.**
5. Gatewood will twist around for one long block. **FOLLOW GATEWOOD FOR ONE BLOCK, AND THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO NORWOOD.**
6. **FOLLOW NORWOOD FOR TWO BLOCKS.**
7. **TAKE SECOND LEFT FROM NORWOOD WHICH IS LYTHAM.** Note: There are two Lythams since Lytham is a semi-circle. You may take either the first or second Lytham, but we recommend taking the second Lytham since that is a straight shot to our street.
8. **FOLLOW LYTHAM TO TOP OF HILL AND TURN RIGHT ONTO BELFORD STREET,** our street.
9. **FOLLOW BELFORD FOR ABOUT 1 ½ BLOCKS TO OUR HOUSE, 4420 BELFORD STREET.** 4420, our house, will be on the right side of the street. It is a beige ranch-style house with a white porch railing and white garage door.

DIRECTIONS TO BOB AND SHARON ROHRBACK'S HOUSE

(From Interstate 81)

1. Take **EXIT 141** from Interstate 81.
2. At Exit 141 get on **VIRGINIA 419 (Electric Road) South (towards Salem)**
3. Follow 419 South about **6 Miles** to the **13th TRAFFIC LIGHT at Keagy Road**. At this traffic light you will see a big Allstate Insurance Building on your right as you cross Keagy Road.
4. Cross Keagy Road and remain on Virginia 419 to the **NEXT LEFT AFTER THE ALLSTATE BUILDING. THIS STREET WILL BE GATEWOOD**. There is a big Lutheran church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) on your right at this intersection.
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FROM CAVE SPRING AREA

1. **GO NORTH ON VA. 419 (ELECTRIC ROAD) THROUGH INTERSECTION OF ELECTRIC ROAD AND GRANDIN ROAD**.
2. **TURN RIGHT ONTO GATEWOOD FROM ELECTRIC ROAD. (AT GATEWOOD THERE IS A BIG LUTHERAN CHURCH ON YOUR LEFT AND A REAL ESTATE OFFICE ON YOUR RIGHT.) GATEWOOD WILL BE THE SECOND STREET ON YOUR RIGHT AFTER YOU CROSS GRANDIN ROAD**.
3. **FOLLOW GATEWOOD AROUND THE CURVE AND TURN RIGHT ONTO NORWOOD**.
4. **TAKE SECOND LEFT FROM NORWOOD WHICH IS LYTHAM. (NOTE THERE ARE TWO, 2, LYTHAMS BECAUSE LYTHAM IS A U-SHAPED STREET. TAKE THE SECOND LYTHAM.)**
5. **FOLLOW LYTHAM FOR ONE BLOCK UP A HILL AND TURN RIGHT ONTO BELFORD, OUR STREET**.
6. **OUR HOUSE IS 4420 BELFORD AND IS A BEIGE HOUSE WITH A WHITE PORCH AND A WHITE GARAGE DOOR**.

Bob and Sharon Rohrback

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D&J HOBBY CENTER

Annual Hobby Show

Saturday, June 27th

At the Galax Public Library



All Modelers are welcome! Please come and help make our show a success again this year. For information please call D&J Hobby Center 276-288-6852. Support your modeler! D&J Hobby Center, 106 nuckolls curve road, Galax, Va. Stop by the shop for entry forms and show details. The show times are 9am to 4pm.

THE ROANOKE VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY PRESENTS THE **2015** VIRGINIA SHOOTOUT

WIDE OPEN WITH YOUR HAIR ON FIRE

A NO THEME WIDE OPEN SCALE MODEL CONTEST, SHOW AND SWAP MEET..

Saturday, August 15, Roanoke Civic Center **SAVE THE DATE!**

MEMBERS ONLY BY APPOINTMENT.

Build for Victory!

HISTORY THROUGH MODELING

International Plastic Modelers Society

2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION

COLUMBUS, OHIO

JULY 22-25, 2015
Hosted by IPMS Eddie Hickenbacker • www.ipmsusa2015.com

Remember to check the websites and/or chapter contact for up to the date info and details on the contests.

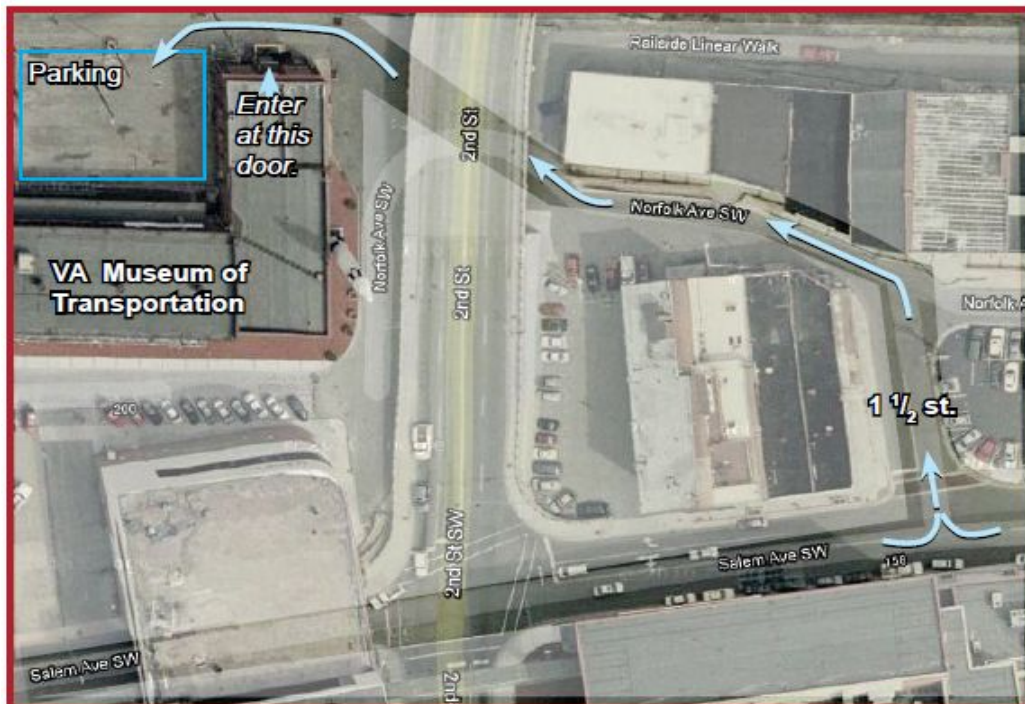


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Newsletter submissions are due in by the third Wednesday of each month.

Please send articles to Penny Pierce at ladybuilder@outlook.com

If you have any questions about the club, meetings, or need directions, contact us at; www.rvipms.com or mail written correspondence to: Roanoke Valley IPMS P.O. Box 20841 Roanoke, VA. 24018.



RVIPMS meetings are held at the Virginia Museum of Transportation.

How to get there;

From Salem Ave. turn onto 1 1/2 St. Drive the very short distance to Norfolk Ave. SW and turn left. Follow under the 2nd st. over-pass to the back of the museum. The fenced parking lot is behind the building as indicated in the picture. Enter through the rear door, (the main entrance will be locked) walk down the hallway and turn right. Meeting room is in right corner.

When to get there;

The club has two meetings per month, with a couple exceptions. Build meetings are the second Thursday each month. Business meetings are the fourth Thursday each month. All meetings start at 7 p.m. For further details visit our website. www.rvipms.com

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