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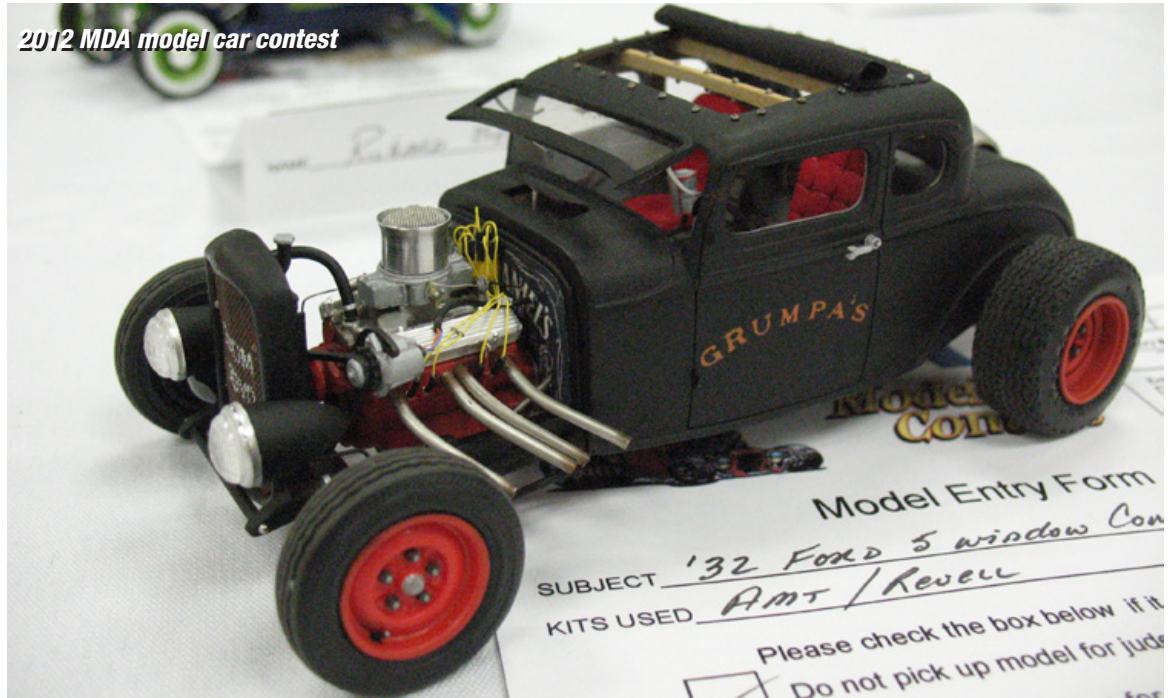
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2012 MDA model car contest



From the Prez...

Ahoy, mates! Usually I keep my salty language for the "Crow's Nest" article but this Titanic theme has got me excited about things "nautical." Have you got your RMS "Ship of the Line" ready for the ShootOut in July? Putting the finishing touches on a Leo and Kate diorama? Have you rusted out the hull for your underwater wreckage scene? Well, you have about 4 months to get ready.

The convention season is well under way and the 14th of July is right around the corner. Richmond kicked off the season with a bang and a well-attended show (700+ models) in February. MosquitoCon and NOVA are coming up soon. Not to mention the D&J show in Galax and our own D-Day Memorial show on Father's Day weekend. Lots to do and see in the next few months. And lots of work as well. It's that time again. OK, stop groaning, it's trophy sponsorship and raffle prize gathering time.

Please bring in those shelf bending items that you know will never get built to the next meeting. You have them as well as do I. Besides, you need to clear space for new stuff. Also, remember, we will be having a huge sale of Tommy Carr's collection at the next meeting. And Cliff will be giving a demo as well. Put down the TV remote and get to a meeting. You can always catch 'Big Bang Theory' in re-runs.

Tim Ward



Visit www.rvipms.com for the latest info on shows, pictures, contacts and more.



From the Crow's Nest

By Tim Ward

Wow, is it March already? Next thing you know, we will be mowing (or shoveling snow?) This is a weird time of year. You never know whether to put on a coat or flip-flops. Check out a teenager, they may have both on—good grief!

Anyway, we know it's the time of year when models need to be nearing some stage of completion because the RVIPMS bus is idling in the parking lot ready to venture to some convention or road trip. Looks like a new show in Statesville, NC was on the GPS screen for St Patty's Day weekend. Other IPMS shows are just around the corner. (time wise)

Congrats to the RVIPMS mateys who took home hardware from the ODO in Richmond. Well-deserved!

NOVA's contest and the VA ShootOut are followed by the big-daddy, the Nationals. Also remember, a big regional show in Dayton is in April, we may be putting together a trip. This is always a great place to visit, if you haven't seen the USAF Museum, it is worth the trip for that alone. Check with your local "travel agent" for details. Hopefully, gas won't be \$10.00 a gallon by then. May have to sail up the Ohio River—I don't think wind is too expensive.

**See ya' Thursday night. Remember
—BIG MODEL SALE!!!!**

• R&D Dept.



Hero Pilot Dies – Greg Clower

We all know the history of Europe falling under the Nazi jackboot. When Poland fell in 1939, a large contingent of Poles escaped to England via Romania. By 1940 many young pilots of other nationalities, French, Danish, Norwegian, Belgium and Dutch made their way to England.

Tadeusz Sawicz is believed to be the last surviving Polish fighter pilot who fought alongside the

English in the Battle of Britain. Sawicz died in Toronto in 2011 at age 97.

After the Nazis took over his homeland in 1939, Sawicz made his way to France, where he fought until Paris fell. He then took up the fight in Britain in July 1940, just as the Luftwaffe began its three month long failed assault on England. Some 17,000 Polish pilots, mechanics, and ground staff fought for Britain, leading Winston Churchill to say of the decisive victory,

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Sawicz earned Distinguished Flying Crosses from Poland four times, as well as the American, British, and Dutch equivalent for his service during the war. After Poland was taken over by Soviet-backed communists at the close of World War II, Sawicz moved to Britain. In 1957 he emigrated to Canada. Sawicz earned Poland's highest military honor and was granted the rank of brigadier general in 2006.



Dues Are Due!

Our Treasurer Greg Clower is now collecting dues and you have 3 months to pay them. We accept cash and checks.

Please see Greg's email from March 4 for details on the Distance/Associate membership. This is a new type of full membership for people who live a considerable distance away and are unable to make regular meetings.

Regular full Membership to RVIPMS is still only \$24 for one year. April 1 to March 31.

New Associate (Distance) membership is \$12 for one year. April 1 to March 31.



RANDOM PICS FROM THE 2012 OLD DOMINION OPEN



**CONGRATULATIONS to
Bob Rorback, Jay Dennis and
Tim Mullins for winning entries at
the 2012 ODO**

**Jay 1st for Enterprise Sailing Ship
Tim 2nd for X-wing
Bob 3rd for Roman Sailing Ship**

— Reason's to Build Stuff —

Smokey Mountain Mini-Con
 Mar. 24, 2012
 Knoxville, TN
 WrightCon 2012 - R4 Regional
 April 13 - 14, 2012
 Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

NOVA Model Classic
 May 12, 2012
 Fairfax, VA

Wonderfest
 May 26 - 27, 2012
 Louisville, KY

The Virginia Shootout
 July 14, 2012
 Roanoke Civic Center
 Roanoke, VA



IPMS/USA National Convention
 Aug. 8 - 11, 2012
 Walt Disney World Convention Center
 Lake Buena Vista, FL

IPMS Region 2 Convection
 Oct. 4 & 5, 2013
 Theme: Nose Art
 Roanoke Civic Center
 Roanoke, VA



Always check websites for up to date info on shows and contests

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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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