

A few pics from the AAF Tank Museum's Military Extravaganza.



Nose art on an AA gun? Who's gonna argue with it?



From the Prez...

Can someone please turn off the spigot? Seems like it's raining everyday. Oh, well after I gripe about this, I'll be griping about it being too hot and too dry. It's hard to paint in such wet weather. Yeah, that's the ticket. I'll use that excuse for not getting anything built. Seems like I've become a pro at finding an excuse for not building.

Some of us are getting stuff completed. Chris Webb and Bob Rohrback brought home trophies at the NOVA show this past weekend and Chris cleaned house at the BuffCon show in NY in early May. Congratulations! And I'm seeing a lot of great stuff on the tables at our monthly business meetings. We should have a good representation at the Shootout in July.

But first, we have current business to attend to. On June 16th, mark your calendars for the D-Day Memorial show in Bedford, VA. Please bring WWII and modern-era military related models to display, compete with, and kits to work on at the show. Also remember, bring items for the big "swap meet". We can buy, swap, trade... you know the drill. Please help out the D-Day Memorial with a donation to the cause with a percentage of your sales proceeds. Thanks in advance.

Also remember, we still are taking raffle donations for the Shootout, accepting sponsorship monies, and we will be having Tommy's Book Sale, "part deux" at the next meeting. Bring cash... tax refunds will suffice.



Tim Ward



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• Inside Info

In-club events and stuff to think about for the club...

- At this month's business meeting, Mike Powell will make his presentation on finishing/detailing AFVs.
- Are we ready for another club swap meet? Dennis will detail it for us at the May business meeting.
- * Missed the first sale? Tommy Carr's books and MORE will be on sale at the May business meeting.

And speaking of building models... Remember that almost famous model contest, coming up in July?



Here are a few ideas

Several club members have expressed an interest in a group build or club challenge. The Shootout is the perfect goal/deadline for it. Or maybe the club cookout, but we can discuss it at the meeting.

- First proposed club build: Star City Air Racers –
The Rules:
1/72 scale single engine prop driven fixed wing aircraft.
Can be any WWII aircraft that fits the rule above.
Can be an actual race plane, i.e., a Gee Bee racer.
All military apparatus must be removed or just not added.
(it's and air race not a dog fight)
No military paint schemes or markings.
Must have a non-military star somewhere in the markings.
(because of the Star City nickname for Roanoke)
Can be as detailed or out of box as you choose.
If displayed in flight, must have a pilot figure in the cockpit.

- Second Idea: a natural metal finish club challenge. Simply pick a subject and give it a natural metal finish.

- Third idea: Out of your Comfort Zone club challenge. Build something you've never built before. Or something you would not normally build I.E. a wing-nut builds a car.



• R&D Dept.

Heinkel HE-111 B-1 4.K/88, Spain, 1937 – Terry Eastman



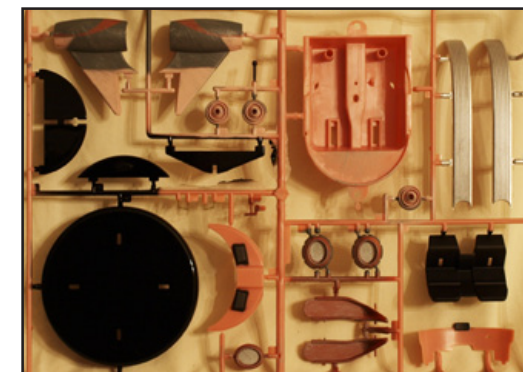
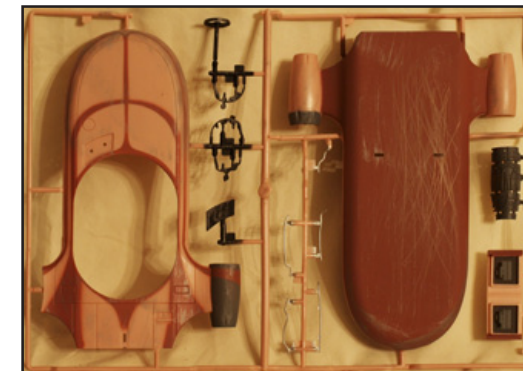
In February 1937, twenty aircraft were flown to Spain. Their first mission took place on 03/09/1937, when a Republican Airfield near Alcals de Henares was attacked. Twenty-four aircraft were destroyed on the ground.

An interesting note is that both the Germans with the HE-111 and the Italians with the S.M. 79 had bombers that were as fast or faster than the opposing Republican fighters. From this a conclusion was drawn regarding defensive armament. When these aircraft were used in WWII, opposed by high speed, heavily armed fighters, it proved to be a costly error.

These aircraft have been documented in color photos.

This is the 1/72 scale kit by Roden. Almost all of the parts required the removal of flash. Assembly required extensive use of body putty. The decals tended to separate when applied to the model.

Many of the early on HE-111's sent to Spain were painted overall RLM 63. The interior areas were RLM 02. Model Master RLM 63 seemed too light, thus 1 part of Light Ghost Gray was added to 4 parts of RLM 63.



Revell's new STAR WARS Landspeeder is in a box scale very close to 1/25 scale. The kit contains 41 parts total. This included the pose-able base clear windshield and 2 pre-painted vinyl figures. Good detail on the speeder and engines. The separate inner frames and engine wiring are nice touches for a snap together kit. Purists will want to add more detail and make the paint and damage more accurate. However, a pretty good replica of the movie prop can be built straight from the box. If you dig STAR WARS and/or the Landspeeder, get yourself to Tashi Station and pick one up. And may the... well, you know.



NRV Airshow is back!

NRV SkyFest AIRSHOW
Celebrating 50 Years

New River Valley Airport
Dublin, VA

Spetember
7 – 9, 2012



— Reason's to Build Stuff —

Wonderfest
May 26 - 27, 2012
Louisville, KY

D&J Hobby Center Hobby Show
June 2, 2012
Galax, VA

D-Day Memorial Show, Contest, and
Swap Meet
June 16, 2012
D-Day Memorial
Bedford, VA



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 Convetion
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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