

Legend of the Jumping Fish. —



At the recent Virginia Museum of Transportation open house event, RVIPMS members manned a display to promote our club and scale modeling in general. During this event our very own Mike Overstreet started a legend. Or more like a fish tale, i.e. rumor.

When patron would look through the magnifying glass of Greg Clower's somewhat famous sinking ship diorama — Mike would ask "can you see the jumping fish in front of the life boat?"

There is no jumping fish, but almost everyone saw it.

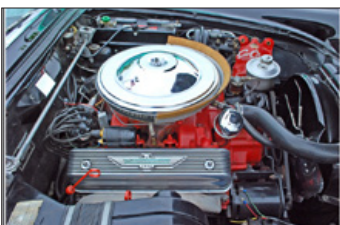


Can you see the fish?

From the Prez...

Phhhew! — seems like the cold spell we were having has been replaced by a blast of steel-furnace like temps. That can only mean one thing, the VA Shoot-Out is right around the corner. July 14th to be exact. Vendor table registrations are pouring in, sponsors are lining up and there is excitement in the air as we get ready to host our 18th Annual gathering of the best modelers on the East Coast. After some really nice outings to Richmond, NOVA, Galax, Statesville, etc., it's nice to be in our own backyard for a contest. The RVIPMS guys have been working hard to put together a show that we can all be proud of. And they've done it with less time this year as we moved up the date to July in order to not interfere with the Nationals in Orlando in August. Great job, guys. We still have a little work to do, we still have sponsorships that need selling, a few "Best Of" plaques to be constructed, vendor table lay-outs to be planned, raffle prizes to be collected and Wheaties to be eaten for energy?! I guess I may have to break down and slurp down one of those new 5-hour Energy drinks. The only problem is, I need a 2-liter bottle of the stuff! Greg, can you get me a bottle of this instead of Xango?

Tim Ward



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From the Crow's Nest

- Tim Ward

Even in the upper regions of the ship's mast, I'm getting no relief from the heat. Can't we figure out a way to air-condition the world? If we can make stars out of Lindsay Lohan and Kim Kardashian, can't we control this weather!?! It's like they all say, "everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it". And speaking of everybody, are you ready for some RVIPMS news and announcements. Sure you are.

A good group of RVIPMS modelers and friends joined up at the D&J Hobby Center model contest in Galax this past week for the yearly show sponsored by our good friend, Darrell Burris and Tamiya USA. I was unable to attend due to family commitments, but I heard that a good time was had by all, winning awards,

eating some good BBQ, "shooting the bull" (not to be confused with the BBQ, that was pork), winning a couple of items in the raffle and swapping modeling "fish stories" with friends Drew Porter and Penny Pierce. Thanks for representing, guys!!!

This past weekend we had the pleasure of once again congregating at the D-Day Memorial in Bedford for the Annual Father's Day "WWII in Miniature" show and contest. Congratulations go out to James Herndon for his winning the "People's Choice" and "Best of Show" with his very nice B-17 diorama "Almost Home". We also advertised the Shoot-Out and gave away some nice kits to the kids for "Make-N-Take". Thanks as always for April Cheek's hard work to make this a fun day and for supplying pizza to the whole gang. You rock, April!!! Thanks to everyone who attended and helped set up and fought the good fight with trying to keep our displays from flying away, right Terry Poppins?! And thanks to all of the Memorial staff who helps us put this on each year along with the new staff member, Executive Director Robin Reed, who helped with our judging.

• R&D Dept.

THIS CAR'S A STAR - Greg Clower

One of my favorite "American Iron" cars are the Thunderbirds made from 1955 to 1957. When reading about these "personal luxury" cars, Ford talked of a 2 seater as far back as 1951, but it wasn't until Chevrolet rolled out one of its own that the Ford people actually got serious about building a counterpart. Fords engineers got their first look at Chevy's new fiberglass-bodied Corvette at General Motors' Motorama in New York in January 1953. About a month later, the order was given to create a comparable machine, and Ford General Manager Lewis Crusoe's team wasted little time executing it.

A completed wooden mock up was ready by February 1954. As for a name, that came about after a corporation wide contest was held offering \$250 to any employee who came up with a "breed" name. Stylist Alden "Gib" Gilberson won the contest after he turned to Native American mythology for inspiration.

The outstanding feature of the new Thunderbird is the clever wedding of sports car functionalism with comfort. The T-bird right



out the blocks would feature roll up windows, a removable hard top and standard V-8 power.

Production began September 9 and public sales commenced October 22, 1954, with sights set on 10,000 units that first year. The final tally was 16,155. A slight dip in 1956 equaled 15,631 units and the final year 1957 was 21,380. Price range was \$2944-(1955), \$3151-(1956), \$1957-(3408). You can pick one up today for anywhere around \$16,500 to \$115,000 depending on condition of course, or just build a model for under 30 dollars. I have one on my shelf still in the box by the way.





• Inside Info

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

Club build: Star City Air Racers

The Rules:

1/72 scale single engine prop aircraft

Can be any WWII or Earlier. No post WWII aircraft.

Can be an actual race plane, i.e., a Gee Bee racer.

All military apparatus must be removed or just not added.

(it's an air race not a dog fight)

No military paint schemes or markings.

Must have a non-military star somewhere in the markings.

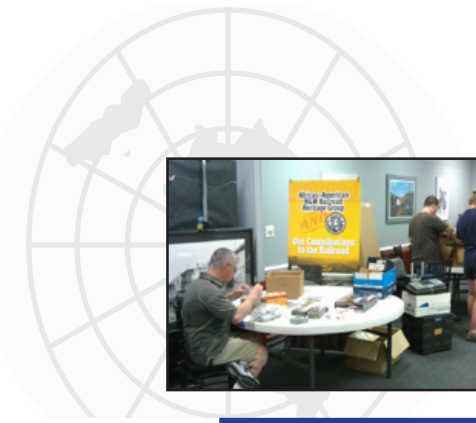
(because of the Star City nickname for Roanoke) Unless it's a real racer.

Can be as detailed or out of box as you choose.

If displayed in flight, must have a pilot figure in the cockpit.



D & J and D-Day Memorial shows...



June Build Meeting...



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 —

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



Club build: Star City Air Racers
December 2012
Christmas Dinner.
See rules on page 3.



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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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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