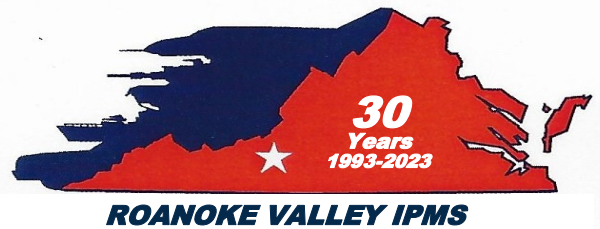


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July 2023

Keeping History Alive....One Model At A Time

Phills Trip To Greece

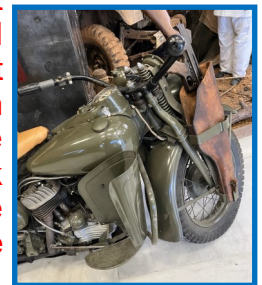
By: Phill Black

On, Sunday, April 16, I returned from my trip to Greece, Crete and Santorini. In Athens I visited the war museum and took a few pictures. To me the lighting was not the best so most of my pictures were from the outside. Cannons, planes, and war ordinance. So I could not find a hobby shop in Athens or not the one I saw on Facebook. Most of the time in Athens was spent looking at the old ruins of the Acropolis, Temple of Zeus and Socrates Library. It was a tremendous amount of walking up hill where we stayed in Athens for 3 days. Then we went to Crete by Allegiant airlines, a 50-minute flight. It was a blessing. A flight from Newark NJ was 13 hours and we saw 13 movies. That flight was packed, and I think they



filled every seat as well as all the other flights and boat trips. I like to eat sardines but not be one of them. The boat trip was a quick one from Crete to Santorini. As soon as it let everyone off it went back to Crete, and we got picked up and taken to some caves on a hill that we had to hump up some steep steps and I'm not 15 anymore. On Santorini we spent good Friday and at night they lit pots that looked like smudge pots This was only done this one time of the year for holly day and the procession had a cross, coffin, a bible, a Orthodox Priest, a drummer and someone with a cowbell. The next morning 8 of us carried out our luggage back down the step hill

to get ready to fly back to Athens to catch the flight back to Newark. The flight back was only 10 hours due to a tail wind. All in all, I found one hobby shop in Crete. I took a pic and the name of the shop was Climax. My advise to anyone going to Greece is learn the language before going. The street signs are in Greek and there's lots of English due to a tourist spot, but knowledge of Greek would be helpful. They used euros for cash which is equal to \$1.18 US money. I got one Airfix model.



Condolences go out to the family and friends of Leo Limuaco who recently passed away unexpected.



Leo recently joined our club even though he lived in Las Vegas. Leo got to know the members when he was in Roanoke for his job a couple years ago and came to the meetings while here in Roanoke for about four months. Leo was a fun, energized guy who enjoyed life to it's fullest. Leo just married his sweetheart Cathy about a year or so ago. RIP Leo!!



PAXCON 2023
Scale Model Show & Contest
Hosted by: The Southern Maryland Scale Modelers

SOMD SCALE MODELERS

Where: Hollywood Vol Fire Dept
24801 Three Notch Road
Hollywood, MD 20636

When: Saturday, 7 October 2023
Doors Open at 9:00 AM
Show Closes at 4:00 PM

To Register: PaxCon2023.org
Registration Fee: \$15
Junior Entry Fee: \$10
Walk-In Fee: \$10 (Family: \$15)

Sponsorship Opportunities: <https://somid-scalemodelers.club/shop/>
Award Packages
Vendor Tables
General Show Sponsorships

Vendors! Raffle drawings every hour! Gold, Silver, Bronze award structure! Food on site from the Ladies Auxiliary.

For more information, contact PAXCON Chairman
Vince Mankowski at 240-577-8525 /
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Tim Holland at somd.scalemodelers@gmail.com

Annual Demo At D-Day Memorial Draws Crowd!

By Rocky Sink

On Saturday, June 17th, several members of the club did the annual demo at the D-Day Memorial. This has become a much anticipated event that the members love to do each year. Early on Saturday morning a lot of the members met at the Huddle House in Bedford to have a big breakfast to start the day off on a full stomach. After a great breakfast it was time to head over to the D-Day and set up the displays and models. The area we use is in a nice huge Quonset Hut that allows for us to set up several tables and have plenty of for visitors to move around and view our displays and models. As well as our models there were two other modelers there that had their models on display as well. One had two huge dioramas that were about four foot square and the other had smaller scale dioramas. Eric Kalamaja, with the smaller dioramas, ended up joining the club! Greg knows how to work his magic!

As always the demo drew a large crowd of visitors that were there to visit the Memorial. Thanks to April, Adam, Mitchell and all the rest of the staff for what they did to help us and allowing us to come down again.



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*****NOTE*****

August dates may change due to club picnic. Any changes will be sent out by email and Facebook with reminders as well.

-REMINDERS-

**July
Business Meeting
July 27 @ 7pm**

**August
Build Meeting
August 10 @ 7pm**

**August
Business Meeting
August 24 @ 7pm**

June Club Contest



Auction Time Again!

Once again it is time for the club to hold a big auction. We usually have a



at each business meeting to help cover costs of the storage building but we have on a couple occasions had a big auction where members are asked to bring in two or three models or related items to auction off. These auctions have raised at times enough to cover the storage building cost for multiple months. So at the upcoming business meeting in July we are asking you to bring in two or three models or related items to auction off to help with the cost. Also please remember to bring some cash, preferably small bills to purchase items and have change. Please make sure all kits are un-started and complete.

SAVE THE DATE.....

The Advance Auto Parts in Blacksburg is holding a model contest on September 2, 2023. I will have further information about this to follow. They are asking we have some members bring some models up to help out with their first contest.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the second Wednesday of each month.

All submissions should be emailed to Rocky Sink:

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along with any photos, write up and/or kit reviews pertaining to the article you wish to submit.



WE NEED YOU!!

This year we are going to be working hard to recruit new members. Start thinking of ways we can reach out and bring new members to the club. We are going to see if we can do more demo's and other events to get our name out there more. We need new members!!



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UPCOMING DATES:

August 2-5, 2023	IPMS Nationals San Marcos, TX	Len Pilhofer Chair.nats2023@gmail.com
August 12, 2023	CKM NNL Summer Classic Clemmons, NC	Kenny Shore 336-784-6384
September 2, 2023	1st Annual Advance Auto Parts Model Contest Blacksburg, VA	Information to follow
September 16, 2023	PennCon Carlisle, PA	Dana Sadaravanda child1402@gmail.com