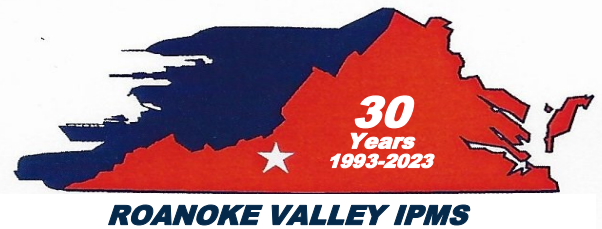


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August 2023

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

August Business Meeting To Be A Busy One!!

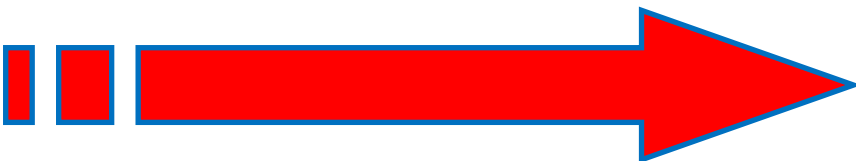
Our August Business Meeting will be a busy, but fun meeting for sure. Not only do we have our normal business to attend to, and double that due to not being able to have a meeting last month, but we will also be having our huge auction as well as a potluck dinner and the club red/white/blue build are also due.

Most of these things were to be last month but since we were unable to get in the building we had to postpone till this month. So please remember to bring at least three kits to auction off for the storage building fund. Please make sure it is a un-started kit or related hobby item for the auction. Make sure to bring some cash for the auction. The last couple have had some amazing items for sale. As well we were going to have our red/white and blue club contest so make sure to bring what you have for that to show off.



Also we will not be doing the usual picnic but rather we will be having a potluck dinner as we did a couple years ago. The club will furnish the essentials (cups, plates, napkins, drinks, ice, etc) but we ask each member to bring a dish or two for everyone to enjoy. Please make sure to bring your wives, girlfriends, a friend, potential new member, etc. to enjoy the evening as well.

So as you can see it will be a busy night so make sure you get there on time. We will probably have the dinner first while things are warm and than move on to the other stuff.



We would like to welcome to the club a new member who joined at the build meeting this past week. Please welcome David Sproles to the club. He came to the meeting with a automotive kit so maybe we are gaining another auto builder! Please make David welcome when you see him at the upcoming meetings!



-REMINDERS-

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

**September
Build Meeting
September 14 @ 7pm**

**September
Business Meeting
September 28 @ 7pm**

As I Ponder Weak And Weary....

By: Penny Pierce

No, this isn't one of Poe's poems, but the title seemed appropriate since it came to my mind at 2:30 am as well as the subject. Not many of us remember these funeral home beauties, except from old black and white gangster movies, or mob documentaries. Maybe one of the car guys out there can take a shot at scratch building one of these babies! OK, here it goes!



In 1936, the flower car was designed for the purpose of displaying the beautiful basket of flowers as they were being transported to the cemetery for the graveside services. Some of the first flower cars were your everyday convertibles, but the first cars to be considered flower cars were sometimes called "Chicago" or "Western".

Funeral services in Chicago usually called for the renting of the hearses and/or limousines to be used by the funeral homes. The flower cars soon were found along the east coast of the US, in larger cities like Boston and New York, but never was as popular out on the west coast.

The most recognized funerals known to have flower cars in them were the gangsters from the 1920's thru the 1940's, such as Dion O'Bannon and Frankie Yale. The picture to the right is the funeral procession of the opera singer Dame Nellie Melba.

The flower cars usually were directly in front of the hearse during the procession, until the creation of the "dual-purpose" car, which had an adjustable deck used to carry both flowers and the casket.

By World War II, the flower cars were an important part of the funeral business, and found their peak years during the 1950's. However, by the late 1970's these beautiful Cadillacs were replaced with the basic El Caminos and/or Rancheros.

The last flower car offered as a standard production model was in 1988 when the new Eureka Coach Company in Toronto, Canada delivered about 12 front-wheel-drive Cadillacs.



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

SOMD SCALE MODELERS

Where: Hollywood Wolf Line Depot
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: <https://somd-scalemodelers.clubhq.org/PaxCon2023.org>

Sponsorship Opportunities:
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Junior Entry Fee: \$10
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Tim Holland at somd.scalemodelers@gmail.com

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MODEL CAR CONTEST SHOW & SWAP MEET
March 2, 2024

The Cars of **CARROLL SHELBY**

SHELBY
The Berglund Center Barn to 4pm
Roanoke, Virginia
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Deadline for newsletter submissions is the second Wednesday of each month.

**All submissions should be emailed to Rocky Sink:
snkchevcol@aol.com**

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

SAVE THE DATE.....



Advance Auto Parts Model Show:

The Advance Auto Parts in Blacksburg is holding a model contest on September 2, 2023. The contest will run from around 10am till 2pm. Cutoff for entering models will be at 1pm and judging will follow after that. Light refreshments will be served for those entering the contest. The address for the store is:

7361 Peppers Ferry Blvd
Fairlawn, Va 24141
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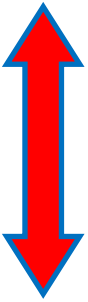
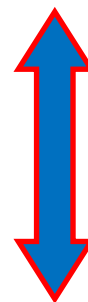
2025 IPMS National Convention

The 2025 IPMS National Convention will be held in Hampton, Virginia on August 6-9, 2025. The show will be hosted by IPMS Tidewater and will be held at the same convention center as the last time. There are several hotels around the convention center. For those that haven't attended a National Convention this is your chance to experience one of the greatest model events there is, especially this close to us. IPMS Tidewater has hosted four previous Nationals so they have the experience to do another great show. You have time to work on a couple projects, make plans and get ready for this event. We need as many club members to go as we can to help support a fellow Region 2 club. There will be numerous updates as the time rolls around to start planning as far as themes, hotel info, etc.



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!!



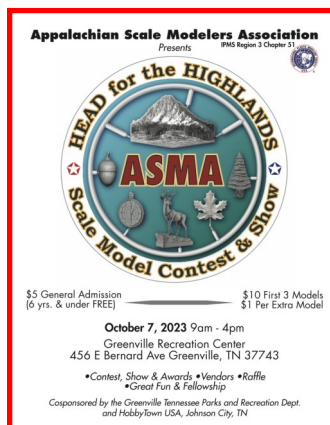
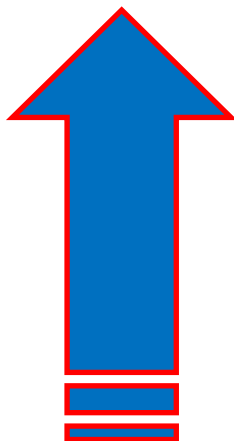
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UPCOMING DATES:

September 2, 2023	1st Annual Advance Auto Parts Model Contest Blacksburg, VA	Information inside this issue
September 16, 2023	PennCon Carlisle, PA	Dana Sadaravanda child1402@gmail.com
September 30, 2023	Fast Trax FallCon '23 Statesville, NC	Jamie Shumaker fasttraxhobbies@yahoo.com
October 7, 2023	Appalachian Scale Modelers Association Greenville, TN	John Maine mainehokies@charter.net