

SPRUE



March 2023

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

Richmond ODO Kicks Off Show Season For Members

By Rocky Sink

On February 25th several members of the club (Tim, Arthur, Bob, Carolyn, Dennis and Rocky) headed to Richmond for the annual Old Dominion Open held by the IPMS Richmond club. This show always starts off the year for most of the members as far as shows and it never disappoints. Most of the members met early on Saturday morning at the usual meeting spot of the old Hobby USA and headed up Interstate 81 with the first stop being Cracker Barrel for breakfast. Phil and his wife Linda, which live near Cracker Barrel, met us there for breakfast before Phil joined in the trip. After a good hearty meal the members headed on to Richmond for the show.

As usual the show in Richmond had a jammed packed house with the vendor section being sold out, which included our own Mark Tutton selling his huge selection of decals and models. Walking through the vendors you could find everything you needed from models, paints, decals, aftermarket items, 3-d printed items, reference books, tools and so on and so on.

The contest area was just as amazing as in past years. Again this year the tables were loaded with full tables in Armor, Aircraft, Figures, Automotive and Sci Fi. Gundam has also come on strong in the last couple years at the shows and they were on the tables by the dozens as well. It seemed like Automotive may have had a edge overall with entries as those categories on the tables were full.

After a full long day the members started heading home after the awards presentation in preparation for the MDA show the following weekend to get ready for. Once again thanks to the IPMS Richmond for another great show and contest. We are already making plans for next years show!!

NOTICE!!!!

Nominations for the upcoming year are as follows:

President: Dennis Smith
Vice President: Jay Dennis
Secretary: Rocky Sink
Treasurer: Greg Clower

We will be voting on these at the March Business Meeting. If anyone would like to make another nomination they may do so at the meeting.

-REMINDERS-

March
Business Meeting
March 23 @ 7pm

April
Build Meeting
April 13 @ 7pm

April
Business Meeting
April 27 @ 7pm

Next Club Build Off Set:

With the success of the truck build off that the club had we have decided to do another one. When asking for suggestions from the members at the last Business Meeting, Cliff spoke up and said why not a Egg subject and have it due in April! Perfect suggestion. A egg in April fits along with Easter. So anybody wanting to join in the fun please bring in a egg subject (plane, ship, etc) for show at our April Business Meeting. Lets see what kind of ideas we have out there!



February Club Contest:



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WE NEED YOU!!

Starting this month 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!!

ATTENTION!!

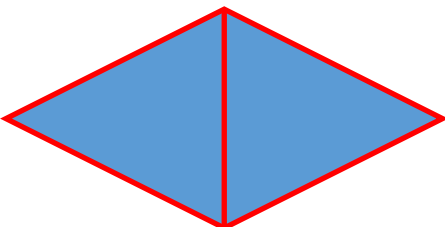
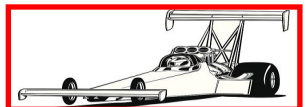
Club dues are do starting on April 1st. You can bring your dues to a club meeting or mail them in. Dues are \$25 a year and \$12 a year for associate members.

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Southern Nationals!!

We will be holding the Southern Nationals this month. This event has been absent for a few years but we are bringing it back! Two classes for you to choose, or both. Stock and Modified. Modified class can add up to 8oz of added weight. Entries must have metal axles. Hoping everyone brings something for this great event!!



Member Profile

Ronnie Drain:

IPMSRV: Uniqueness to the club i.e., Past or current club Officer, Assoc. Member?

R: I have been a member since 1996. I have held the offices of Treasurer, Vice President and President. I enjoy the diverse group of modelers we have in our club because we can learn techniques from each other.

IPMSRV: What do you like to build? Do You try other types of kits?

R: I am primarily a car modeler. I have been around cars for all my life. I also have some aircraft, military and ship kits.

IPMSRV: Do you remember your first model? What was it?

R: My brother was the first person to introduce me to models. I believe my first model was an AMT 1964 Ford Galaxie that my brother helped me turn into a dirt track car.

IPMSRV: Who/What was you biggest influence when you began the hobby?

R: My brother was my biggest influence when I began the hobby. He built model cars and also slot cars. He raced his slot cars at ta track on Williamson Road. I learned a lot of painting and assembly techniques from him.

IPMSRV: Do you still build? Are you now a collector?

R: It has been a while since I completed a kit, although I do have several kits already started. Recently, I've been getting the urge to build again. I want to finish some of the projects I've already started as well as start new ones. I do have quite a large collection of kits, as well. Eventually, I want to catalog my collection in order to see how many I have on hand.

IPMSRV: Do you compete? Have you competed in the Nationals? Did you place?

R: I have competed in the Shootouts and a few other contests. I have never competed in a National event. I have won a few plaques.

IPMSRV: Do you build for your peers? Do you build for yourself?

R: I build mostly for myself. I have built a few models for family and friends.

IPMSRV: What is/was your career? Did it influence your modeling?

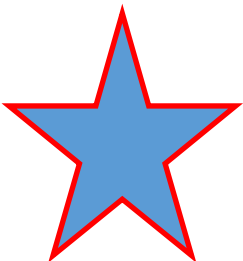
R: I am a machine operator at Integer in Salem, VA. I like to work with my hands, with a focus on quality and customer service. I guess you could say that focus on quality influences how I approach my models.

IPMSRV: Who is your favorite kit manufacturer?

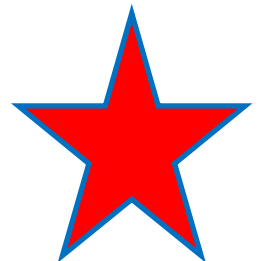
R: I like several different manufacturers, but I would have to say that Tamiya is my favorite because of the quality of their kits, as well as their fit and finish.

IPMSRV: Would you build a "dated" kit to test your self in filling and sanding and parts fitment?

R: I like to kit bash kits so I can change my existing skills as well as learn new ones. I'm always ready to test my skills. I also like to look at what builders are doing with real cars, and I try to integrate those techniques into the kits that I build.



**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.**





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UPCOMING SHOW DATES:

April 1, 2023	MosquitoCon Wayne, NJ	Bill Schwarz whsch@optmum.net
April 1, 2023	Fast Trax Hobbies Spring Con Statesville, NC	George White gsw0882@gmail.com
April 15, 2023	NOVA Model Classic Fairfax, VA	Tom Henerson tomhenerson51@verizon.net
May 20, 2023	40th Annual Smokey Mtn Model Con Knoxville, TN	Johnny Galza 262galza@gmail.com