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The Official Newsletter of the Roanoke Valley Chapter of the IPMS/USA

Message From The Prez.....

It's been quite a year for us. We've hosted a successful contest, had club demos, added new members and sadly lost some. The Christmas Party was of note as we were privileged to have Vickie Eastman and Jim and Bonnie Molinary as our guests this year. Jim has been an ardent supporter of our club, a relationship I dare say is without equal in all of Region 2!

I look forward to serving our club and its esteemed members in the coming New Year. Thank each and everyone of you for making this a club of distinction.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays and a very Merry Christmas!

Devin

again,
Best Wishes and Merry Christmas

Just A Reminder

- January Build meeting will be on 1/11/18 at 7pm.
- January business meeting will be on 1/25/18 at 7pm. Dennis Smith will be providing refreshments.

M.O.G.I. (submitted by: Penny Pierce)

The 2018 Shootout will be held at the Salem Civic Center on August 11th

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Demo At The Rail Yard (Submitted by: Rocky Sink)

Once again, several members of the club participated in a demo at the Rail Yard Hobby shop to showcase what we do as a club and to show what the finished products look like. The club usually tried to do a demo in the spring and again in the fall each year at the Rail Yard and Jim and all the guys there always welcome us. We couldn't have ask for a better day to do the demo with maybe a little chill to the air first thing but it warmed up nicely to a wonderful day to be outside and "scrap plastic" as it has been referred to a few times by club members. Of course, we took turns going inside to check out the models and other items we may have needed for our stash's or workbench's. While the traffic may have been a little light coming by to see our display it was still a great day talking with the ones who did and explaining our hobby to them. We are looking forward to the next demo in the spring.



Good Times At The Club Christmas Party

Once again, this year the club Christmas party was a huge success with lots of great food, socializing, spirited fun and a couple special guests. The party was held at Jersey Lilly's in Salem and again this year was set up by Devin Bledsoe which did a fantastic job of planning the events for the evening. This year we had some special guests join us in the way of Jim and his wife Bonnie from the Rail Yard Hobby and Terry Eastman's wife Vicki joined us as well. It was great seeing Vicki join us after the recent passing of Terry and its always a pleasure being around Jim and his wife since they do so much to help the club during the year.

After everyone had arrived and the food orders had been taken Devin held a short business meeting to go over a few items that needed attention before the first of the year. After the meeting the club held a small contest and all the ladies in attendance were the judges. Congratulations go out to Bob Rohrback for his nicely done sail ship for winning the contest. By the time the meeting had been held along with the contest the food started arriving for everyone to enjoy. There were various meals on the tables with everything from hamburgers to steaks and seafood. And in club style it became quiet in the room as everyone ate the fantastic meals.

Soon after everyone had filled up and overstuffed, it was time for the real fun.....Dirty Santa! Tim Ward passed had everyone choose a number from a bowl and the gift choosing began. Most everyone picked something that they liked and as the night went on several members were swapping back and forth with each other to get that one thing they wanted but couldn't pick. Several extra gifts were left over so the Tim raffled them off with the money going to the club. Numerous great gifts were won in the raffle as well.

Thanks go out again to Devin for planning the event and everyone who came to help make the night special.



Airfix Mk 31 Superfreighter 1/72 scale Kit Review (By: Devin Bledsoe)

The Mk 31 Bristol Super freighter was an improvement on the smaller Mk 21. The Super freighter saw service w multiple cross channel carriers transporting vehicles and passengers to the continent in less than 30 minutes. The Mk 21 saw military service in Canada and South Africa as well as Gr. Britain. By the early 60's surface ferrys had improved, superseding the air carriers.

The kit comes in 3 frets plus one in clear plastic in a 'cereal box' kit style. The plastic is thick, numerous sink holes, with heavy pour gates. I purchased this kit from a vendor at one of our shows, and so having been kicked around awhile had several parts loose in the kit box.

Fit problems abounded, and along with technical difficulties with my airbrush, the overall finish is less than ideal. The wing join was nice and snug however, and the windscreen fit well.

The passenger windows are covered with a strip of acetate. The pass. door was cut out and scratch built. The rudder and forward fuselage were brushed with a water based craft paint.

I lost a landing gear support strut, which I replaced with a McDonald's plastic coffee stir stick (the stir sticks are all wood now).

I spent a year working off and on to finish this kit in time for our Christmas Party challenge. Now it's time to 'reset' my workbench for something less torturous!



Upcoming Shows & Events

January 5 & 6	ModelCon 2018 - Chattanooga, TN	Contact: Mike Moore mmoore1132@gmail.com
January 12	Wrighttreat 2018 - Wright-Patterson AFB	David Wrinkle retreat@ipmsdayton.com
February 10	Atlanta Con 2018 - Marietta, GA	Contact: Vicki Kohout vkohout777@comcast.net
February 24	Old Dominion Open - Richmond, VA	Contact: Chazz Klanian csklanian@verizon.net
March 24	TRICON 2018 - Pittsburgh, PA	Scott Scariot trekmanscott@hotmail.com
April 7	MosquitoCon 27 - Wayne, NJ	Contact: Bill Schwarz wbsch@optimum.net
April 21	IPMS NoVA Model Classic 2018 - Fairfax, VA	Tom Henderson tomhenderson51@verizon.net



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- And more...check out our web site—Updates as plans come together

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Old Dominion Open
Scale Model Show and Contest
February 24, 2018

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