



Official Newsletter of the Roanoke Valley IPMS - "Helping Keep History Alive ... One Model At A Time"

Message From The Prez....

Spring is here, and so it's time for a little Spring cleaning. Ed suggested we do a review of the club's by laws. We'll review, make corrections or additions, then submit those changes to the members for approval. Then a copy will go to all current club members, and one will be handed to all new members.

We hope to have this accomplished by Mays business meeting. Time also to cull through your model collection for the raffle. See if you can pick one that could only be pried from your cold dead fingers!

Devin

Just A Reminder

- April Business meeting will be on 4/26/18 at 7pm. Cliff Young will provide refreshments for the meeting.
- May build meeting will be on 5/10/18 at 7pm.
- Reminder that club dues are coming up soon and need to be paid to Greg.

M.O.G.I. (Matters of Great Importance)

Kits are needed for the Shoot-Out raffle, so if you can "let go" of a kit or two to donate, it would be much appreciated.

Please get your club dues paid to Greg as soon as you can.

Roanoke County Friends of the Library Book Sale starts at the South County Library next Saturday, the 21st, and it will continue through Thursday, the 26th. Half price day is Wednesday, the 25th, and box day will be Thursday, the 26th.

In Club Monthly Contest Results

First Place: Rocky Sink's Ford ambulance

Second Place: Cliff Young's B-29 Superfortress

Third Place: Mike Powell's 1971 Plymouth

First Quarter Contest Results

1st Place: Mike Powell, 11 points

2nd Place: Rocky Sink, 6 points

3rd Place: 3 -way tie with 1 point each

Cliff Young

Greg Clower

Tom Shema

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Homemade Weathering Kit (submitted by: Penny Pierce)

This is a little idea for a weathering kit that I found online somewhere that someone else had done. I thought that it was a good resource and wanted to share.



Polish Pilot (submitted by: Greg Clower)

We all know from history when the Europe fell under the Nazi jackboot in 1940 many young pilots of other nations made their way to England. French, Danish, Norwegian, Belgium and Dutch. In 1939 when Poland fell a large contingent of Poles escaped to England via Romania.

Here is short snippet on one such pilot.



A Polish fighter pilot believed to have been the last of those who fought alongside the English to stop Hitler's advance in the Battle of Britain has died at 97, reports the <u>New York Daily News</u>. After the Nazis took over his homeland in 1939, Tadeusz Sawicz made his way to France, where he fought until Paris fell; he then took up the fight in Britain in July 1940, just as the Luftwaffe began its three-month-long failed assault on England. Some 17,000 Polish pilots, mechanics, and ground staff fought for Britain, leading Winston Churchill to say of the decisive victory, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Sawicz earned Distinguished Flying Crosses from Poland four times, as well as the American, British, and Dutch equivalent for his service during the war. After Poland was taken over by Soviet-backed communists at World War II's close, Sawicz moved to Britain and later emigrated to Canada in 1957. Sawicz earned Poland's highest military honor and was granted the rank of brigadier general in 2006.

Tadeusz Sawicz, believed to have been the last surviving Polish pilot who fought in the Battle of Britain, has died at 97 years old. (Polish Air Force)



Wing Commander Tadeusz Sawicz is believed to have been the last Polish pilot who participated in the Battle of Britain during World War II.

Club Members Start The Year Off With ODO: (submitted by Rocky Sink)

Several members of the club headed east to Richmond on Saturday, February 24 for the annual Old Dominion Open to start the year off. This show has always been well anticipated each winter by modelers as the kick off show to bring out the new finished projects they have been working on along with the vendors bringing out new and exciting goodies for sell. With close to nine hundred models on the tables it definitely was a great turn out for the guys in Richmond IPMS who sponsored the show again this year. This was a new record for them along with having more contestants than in the past. It didn't matter what your favorite category was there was plenty of fine examples on the tables to make you happy. Of course, the vendor area had most of the members pulling out their wallets to spend some cash for that one of a kind kit, book, supply or any number of other miscellaneous items for sale. Of course as usual most of the members were already talking about next years show as they were leaving and heading back up the road.













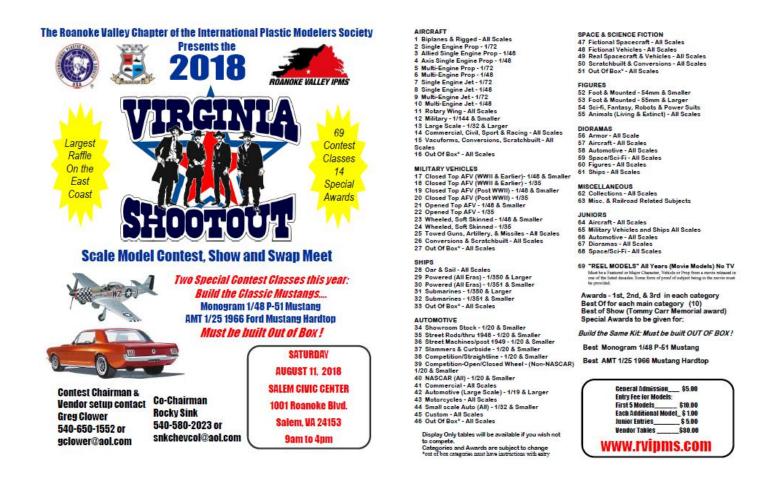








To see more photos from the 2018 Old Dominion Open please check out the following website: <u>www.ipmsrichmond.blogspot.com</u>



<u>The 2018 VA Shoot –Out.... Announces two new categories.</u>

Category #71 and #72.... These are called the "Retro" categories.

The retro category is to test the modelers meddle so to speak. Only the kits designated by IPMS RV can be entered in this category.

Out of Box rules apply and will be strictly enforced.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded.

These categories are "stand alone" and will not be considered for any other awards. However it is points heavy towards the Shoot-Out club award. Therefore club participation will be an advantage. The two designated kits for 2018 are:

P-51 Mustang 1/48 scale Revell-Monogram

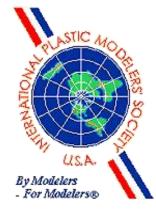
1966 Mustang 1/25 scale AMT

These 2 kits are readily available at nominal cost.

OOB rules: After market decals, scratch built seat belts, bare metal foil are allowed. NO photo etch, flocking etc. Instruction sheet must accompany the model. This category is to test the modelers skill set. Have fun.

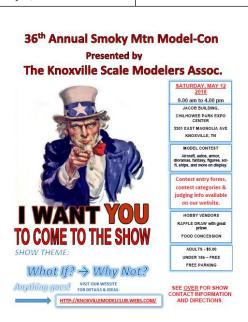
Upcoming Shows & Events

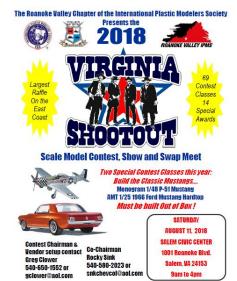
April 21	IPMS NoVA Model Classic 2018 -	Contact: Tom Henderson
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May 12	36 th Smoky Mtn. Model-Con –	Contact: Matt Keller
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May 19	Military Modelers Club – Louisville, Ky	Contact: Dr. Terry Hill
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June 22	IPMS/Mid Carolina – Columbia, SC	Contact: Pete Maher
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July 14	DownEastCon – Havelock, NC	John Ratzenberger
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Aug. 1	IPMS National Convention - Phoenix,	Steve Collins
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Sept. 14	IPMS Region 12 Convention -	Tim Kirkland
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Remember to check the websites and/or chapter contact for up to the date info and details on the contests.