



March 2024

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

MDA SHOW A HUGE SUCCESS!

By: Rocky Sink

Once again the MDA show proved to be a success for both the MDA Association and for the club members. With the model contest manned by the members of the model club as well as some other volunteers it is always good to see a good turn out for the show. This year some 450 plus models were on the table which is up a good bit from the last couple years. And everything on the tables were exceptional quality which also made judging tough not only with large class's but with the quality of the entries.

Volunteers started arriving around 6am to start helping set up registration, contest tables and of course the unloading of vendors. With the early opening now by the Berglund Center at 8am for the event it makes getting ready chaotic. But with everyone's efforts we were able to get it done. After the doors opened there was a steady flow of traffic at registration for a good while till things slowed down closer to cut off time. Several judges were recruited to help with the task of judging and even with the tough job ahead of them they were able to push through and get the job done with great care. The Silent auction and raffle was another hit this year with amazing items that had been collected.

Of course no show would be a hit without great vendors and this year there were a huge number of great vendors with amazing things for sale. Items on sale included models, paints, accessories, 3d printed items, magazines, diecast and numerous other items of interest. All the models for sale ranged from older kits all the way up to the newest models just out in the last couple weeks. After judging and all the score sheets had been gone over, as well as picking the best of choices, the awards were read out and plaques handed out.

Thanks to everyone who helped and especially Dennis Smith for all his planning and efforts!

-REMINDERS-

**March
Business Meeting
March 28 @ 7pm**

**April
Build Meeting
April 11 @ 7pm**

**April
Business Meeting
April 25 @ 7pm**

To the Membership

Fiscal year ends April 1st. Dues are due April 1st. Grace period is till June 1st. \$25.00 a year. Keep in mind. If you live 60 plus miles outside of Roanoke your dues are \$12.00. I will start collecting this month. However if you pay by check or cash it will not be deposited till after April 1st. Much easier to figure the books.



Thank You
Greg Clower
Treasurer

2024 ODO NEW VENUE, BIG CROWD

By: Rocky Sink

On Saturday, February 24th, several members of the club headed to Richmond for the annual Old Dominion Open held at the Richmond International Raceway. This years event was located in a newer and bigger building than in the past which was good due to the huge number of models and vendors that showed up. The aisles were jammed packed all day long in both the model contest area and the vendor area. For those trying to get their models on the table it was a little bit dicy at times due to so many people trying to look at the models. And of course that meant that a lot of the class's filled up quick so that left no room for models. So several times the models had to be closed up some to make room. The quality of models on the tables was once again over the top for the first show out in Region 2. It was apparent that a lot of modelers had been busy during the winter.

Once again the vendor area was a big hit with everyone as there were more vendors than in the past and anything you could think of or needed was there. It looked like there were vendors there that had never done the show before so I'm sure they will probably be back. In all it was a great day other than the drive back home in the pouring rain, snow, ice and fog. But that's what you look for in February!



2024 IPMS Roanoke Valley Officers Nominations

This is the nominations for the 2024 club year. There will be a vote at the March Business meeting to vote the officers back in or you can suggest a nomination at that time to.

President: Dennis Smith
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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.

February Club Contest:

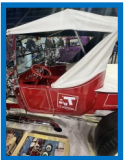


My Day at the MDA

by Greg Clower

What a day. Raining big time. However that did not seem to slow the crowd. The models started filling the tables a few minutes before 8:00. Shortly after I see bags of models walking around. The vendors started a brisk business that seemed to be maintained for most of the day. I had numerous people coming to pay their dues and reup after a couple of years of being absent. One prospect and his son hung out with me, Johnny and Tom for awhile. At the moment he is committed on both Thursdays of the month. However I think he will come around and join. He is a figure and ship modeler and lives in Vinton. Tim signed a new member. He lives in South Boston. I will be sending his card out directly. Johnny and I toured the 1:1 scale autos. Johnny is an old car builder from California. What a wealth of knowledge he has. One of those that the placement of chrome trim determines the year of some these Vettes from the 60's. Johnny, Tom and I had a bag stuffing for certain kits in the raffle. I lost, but Johnny won what I had tickets on. Come to find out it was a conspiracy between them both to win and give it to me. Tom won the Tug Boat I was after which I was going to give to him if I had won it. Judged a couple of categories. Some nice kits on the table. It seems the small thing and basic things keep giggling these guys. Fingerprints, divots not filled, glue marks on the windshields or glass. One other thing I had not seen in awhile. The rims not seated all the way into the tires. Basics get most of us anyway. Just keep plugging away. After the day was done our gear packed up we went out to eat. Vendor John and his wife Diane, Dennis and Cheryl, Arthur, Rocky, Tim Mullins and I went to Shakers for a nice meal. We yammered on telling lies and stories. Long day but enjoyed it very much.

Pictures From MDA Show



Happy Retirement

Congratulations to Don Jones on his recent retirement! We hope you have tons of building time and enjoyment!

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:

April 6, 2024	MosquitoCon Wayne, NJ	Bill Schwarz whsch@optimum.net
April 13, 2024	Model Classic– Nova Fairfax, VA	Haagen Klaus haagen.d.klaus@gmail.com
April 20, 2024	D-Day Memorial Family Day Bedford, VA	Newsletter & Emails For Updates
April 25, 2024	Smokey MtnCon Knoxville, TN	Michael Polin knoxville@ipmsusa.org