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**The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the International Plastic Modeler's Society**

**JANUARY 2025**

## Happy New Year !

### From The President...

Greetings to all and Happy New Year !!  
First off you've noticed that the newsletter has a different look to it, not a new look to a lot of our older members. This template was the one I used back when I put together the newsletter some fourteen years ago. I would like to thank Rocky for publishing the newsletter for the past several years. It is time consuming and thankless job sometimes, but it is a good addition to the club to keep members and potential members informed of the clubs activities. One of the things you can do as club members is to contribute to the newsletter with articles such as pictures from events, model kit reviews and modeling tips.

Speaking of tips, it would be nice to get back to having demos at some of our monthly meetings in the near future. Have a technique you'd like to share? Plan it out and we'll make time at one of the meetings for you to demonstrate your tip.

Now that the New Year has arrived it almost like a reset for the contest and show circuit, several that have already come and gone. The next show coming up is the Mid- Carolina Model Car Swap Meet in Salisbury, North Carolina on February 15, 2025. The next big show is the Old Dominion Open hosted by IPMS Richmond on February 22, 2025 in Richmond, Virginia. After that comes the MDA Model Car Contest, Show and Swap Meet on March 8, 2025 right here in our back yard at the Roanoke Civic Center ( the Berglund Center). Contact information for these shows are listed in this newsletters " Upcoming Events"

Until next month, Happy Modeling.

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Photo by Rocky Sink

**Congrats to Eric Kalamaja for receiving a top ten award with his military truck at the "S.C.M.A. Hope It Don't Snow Show" in Spartanburg, South Carolina on January 18.**

**Visit the RVIPMS website: [www.rvipms.com](http://www.rvipms.com)**

## Upcoming Events...

### January 23

**RVIPMS Business Meeting 7pm VMT**

### February 15

**Mid- Carolina Model Car Swap Meet  
Allen Hilton, 704-213-3979**

### February 22

**Old Dominion Open, Richmond, Virginia  
Richard Leininger, raleininger@verizon.net**

### March 8

**MDA Model Car Contest, Show & Swap Meet  
www.mdamodelcar.com  
Roanoke, Virginia. Dennis Smith, eastsmith1@aol.com**

### April 5

**MosquitoCon 33, IPMS New Jersey, www.njipms.org**

### April 12

**IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classic. Fairfax, Virginia.  
www.novaipms.org**

### April 26

**NNL East, Wayne, NJ, Tri-State Model Car Club  
www.nnleat.com**

### May 10

**Mid-Atlantic NNL, Maryland Automotive Modelers  
http://www.mamasboyz.org**

### May 31

**Smokey Mountain Model Con. Knoxville Scale Modelers Association, Knoxville, TN. www.knoxvillescalemodelers.com**

Newsletter Editor this issue  
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IPMS/Roanoke Valley meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Virginia Museum of Transportation in downtown Roanoke.

All meetings start at 7:00pm.  
If you have any questions about the club, meetings or need directions us. Please mail all correspondence to:  
Roanoke Valley IPMS  
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### Club Officers

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## Directions to the club meeting room at VMT.

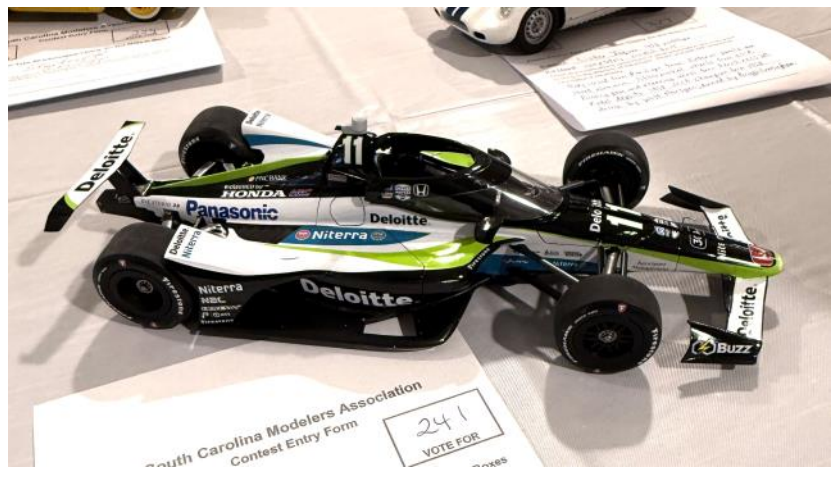
Virginia Museum of Transportation. From Salem Ave. turn onto 1 1/2 St. or 1.5 St. Follow it around and drive under the overpass and then to the right. The parking lot is behind the museum as indicated in the picture. Enter through the rear door, walk down the hallway and turn right. If you get there later than 7:00 pm, ring the door bell and someone will come and open it for you. Don't try to enter though the main entrance, the doors will be locked.





As mentioned on the cover, RVIPMS member Eric Kalamaja received a "Top Ten" award for his Mack Bulldog truck. Club member Rocky Sink was also awarded a "Top Ten" for his Porsche GT3. Congratulations guys. Here are a few of the models entered in this years show. Be sure to check out Rocky's "You Tube" coverage of this event at Star City Scale Modeling.

Photos by Rocky Sink





**IPMS RICHMOND**  
International Plastic Modelers' Society | Richmond, Virginia Chapter Since 1976

## 2025 Old Dominion Open Scale Model Show & Contest

### Saturday, February 22

80 Model Contest Categories  
Extensive Vendor Marketplace  
Huge Modeler's Drawing  
On-site Food Vendor

*1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards for each category, plus these special awards:*  
Judges' Best In Show • Best Junior  
Best Aircraft • Best Automotive • Best Diorama • Best Figure  
Best Gundam • Best Maritime • Best Military Vehicle  
Best Real Space & Sci-Fi

Doors open at 8:30 a.m.  
Model Registration:  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Judging Starts at 12:30 p.m.



Richmond Raceway Complex  
The Old Dominion Building  
600 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

Model Entry (cash only): \$20 for up to 20 models  
General Admission (cash only): ages 13 & older: \$10.00 / ages 12 & under: free

General inquiries, please contact Bob Walls: [robertwalls@comcast.net](mailto:robertwalls@comcast.net)

[IPMSRVA.org](http://IPMSRVA.org)





**2025 MDA Quality Model Car Contest Show Swap Meet**





Enter as many Models as you want with your Paid Admission to the 45th Annual MDA Car Show [mdacarshow.com](http://mdacarshow.com)

theme **GM RUBBLE TOPS**

**March 8, 2025**  
The Berglund Center, Roanoke, VA  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

sub-theme: *1955 Chevies, 70 Yrs.*



[www.mdamodelcar.com](http://www.mdamodelcar.com)

Northern Virginia Modelers

## Model Classic 2025


50th Anniversary of The War in Southeast Asia 1955 - 1975

Saturday, April 12, 2025  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Fairfax High School  
3501 Lion Run, Fairfax, VA 22030

**General Admission**  
\$10.00 Single Adult (18 and older)  
\$15.00 Family

**Award Sponsorships**  
Category: \$30.00  
Class: \$50.00

**Vendor Tables**  
\$30.00 per table



**Theme Award Best Vietnam Subject**

**Contestants**  
\$15.00  
Unlimited number of models

**Make & Take FREE for the Kids!**  
(17 & under)

**On Site Food Concession**

**General Admission**  
\$15.00 Single Adult (18 and older)  
\$15.00 Family

**Contestants**  
\$15.00  
Unlimited number of models

**Juniors**  
(17 & under) and Active Duty Military (with ID) FREE!


**Super Raffle!**

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Show Sponsorship & Food Concession  
Fairfax High School  
PTSA All Night Grad Committee



[www.novaipms.org](http://www.novaipms.org)

## Reminders...

The IPMS/USA National Convention will be returning to Hampton, Virginia. It will be hosted by IPMS Tidewater on August 6-9, 2025. You will have to be a member of IPMSUSA to enter your models into competition.

Please keep your thoughts and prayers for Carolyn Stull as she has been in and out of the hospital with surgery complications.

With the MDA Contest coming up soon, we still need sponsorships sold, silent auction items and raffle donations. Please help if you can. The Berglund Center continues to raise the cost of putting on the show each year.



Build it,  
Bring it !!

The Roanoke Valley Charity Car Show Committee, Inc. Presents the



## MODEL CAR CONTEST SHOW & SWAP MEET

### Sponsor - Vendor Form

The Roanoke Valley Charity Car Show Committee is proudly presenting the 44rd annual MDA Car Show and Model Car Contest on March 8, 2025. We would greatly appreciate to have you or your group or business support the MDA Model Car Contest. We will have contestants from Virginia as well as contestants and visitors from at least six surrounding states. As a sponsor and or vendor, you will receive prominent posting on our web site (with a link to your website if you have one), your named included on posters at the entrance and contest area of the show, and your name displayed on the contest tables of the category or categories you choose. Product donations are also welcome to be awarded as prizes. Please be sure to include any catalogs, flyers or advertising brochures to be distributed to the attending public and participants. All proceeds to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Thank you for your support.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail or Web Site Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Event Sponsor (Amount of Donation)\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Category Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ @\$20.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ Category #'s \_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor Table \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25.00 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: MDA c/o Dennis Smith  
Mail check, products and product information to: MDA Model Car Contest  
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For more information about the car show, model car contest and past events please visit:

**MDAMODELCAR.COM**  
**MDACARSHOW.COM**