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

**MARCH 2025**

## **From The President...**

Spring has sprung, the grass is growing and the pollen is in the air. It's the most wonderful time of the year, for me that is. The contest season continues to roll on as the MDA Model Car Contest, Show & Swap Meet that was held at the Berglund Center has been entered into the history books. We had a total of 72 entrants with 432 models in competition and another 124 models on display. Modelers traveled far and wide with many surrounding states represented including of course Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, West Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Tennessee and New York. We had an excellent turn out of vendors that covered 56 tables. One area that I was disappointed on was the category sponsorships, there was only 20 of 29 categories sold. A lot of people ask if we needed help, I tell them the best way to help is to sell sponsorships. It takes a lot to bank roll the Civic Center for the car show weekend and the facility gets more expensive every year. That's all I'll say about that. I want to thank everyone who helped run the show, helped with vendor set up, raffle donations and judging. Thanks to everyone who attended the show. Some of the contest coverage is on page four and five. There were several You Tube Content Creators covering this years show including Rocky at Star City Scale Modeling, Mark Batson at Hobby Dude 007, Matt Inman from Model Car Videos, Greg Wood from Greg's Korner, and Dylan from N.Y.S Modeling. Be sure to check out the You Tube Channels or go to [mdamodelcar.com](http://mdamodelcar.com) and click on the links to their sites on the "Content Creators" page.

I received an announcement from Greg Clower that the club will be selling off some of Mike Overstreet's models at Gregs house on Saturday March 29th at 1:00 pm. Contact Greg at [GClower@aol.com](mailto:GClower@aol.com).

The newsletter needs articles, how to's, kit reviews and all things models so send something in.

Until next month, Happy Modeling.

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**John Larkins Chevy Hauler and Chevelle Race Car from the MDA Model Car Contest**



**ATTENTION !!!**  
 Pictures of some of the models to be sold from Mike Overstreet's collection this Saturday



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

## Upcoming Events...

**April 5**

**MosquitoCon 33, IPMS New Jersey, [www.njipms.org](http://www.njipms.org)**

**April 12**

**IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classic. Fairfax, Virginia. [www.novaipms.org](http://www.novaipms.org)**

**April 26**

**NNL East, Wayne, NJ, Tri-State Model Car Club [www.nnleast.com](http://www.nnleast.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](http://www.knoxvillescalemodelers.com)**

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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:  
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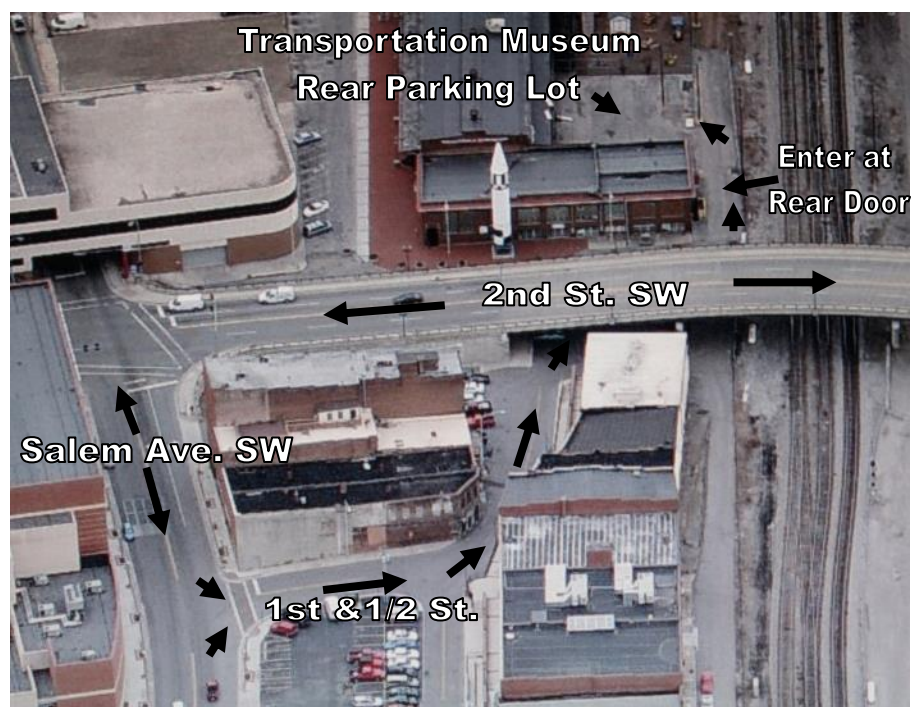
#### Treasurer

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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.



# February Club Contest



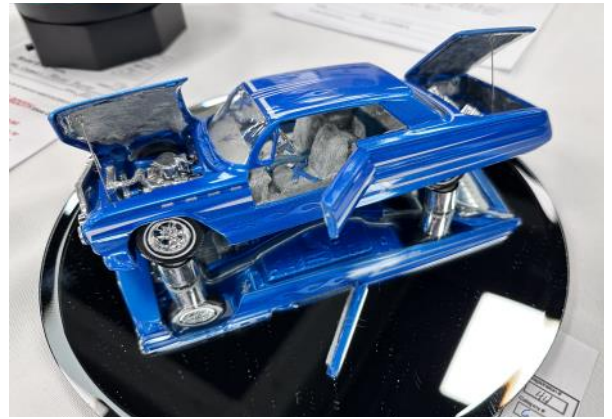


**MODEL CAR CONTEST  
SHOW & SWAP MEET**





# March 8, 2025 Roanoke, Virginia



NEW JERSEY IPMS IS PROUD TO PRESENT FOR IT'S 33rd YEAR...

# MOSQUITOCON 33

## Model Contest • April 5, 2025

This year's show theme is: "Classic Rivals", at the Wayne PAL Hall, PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ (973-696-2896). Plenty of parking in the back!


- Best Aircraft
- Best of the Rest
- Best New Jersey subject
- Best Armor
- Best Ship
- Best Tailhook subject
- Best Civilian
- Best "Classic Rivals" subject
- Best Vietnam subject



For contest and vendor information please contact:  
 Bill Schwarz: 732-567-3724 (no calls after 9pm), Email: wbsch@optimum.net  
 Registration info: Adults-\$20 (includes unlimited model entries), Walk-ins-\$30. Kids under 16- \$5 (children under 12 free). Active members of the military free. Please no bits larger than a \$50.

Please note that registration ends at 12 noon. Models "should not" be removed until after the awards ceremony. Please note, there is "no show date" for this show.

Need more show info? Just scan the QR code to visit us at [www.njipms.org](http://www.njipms.org).

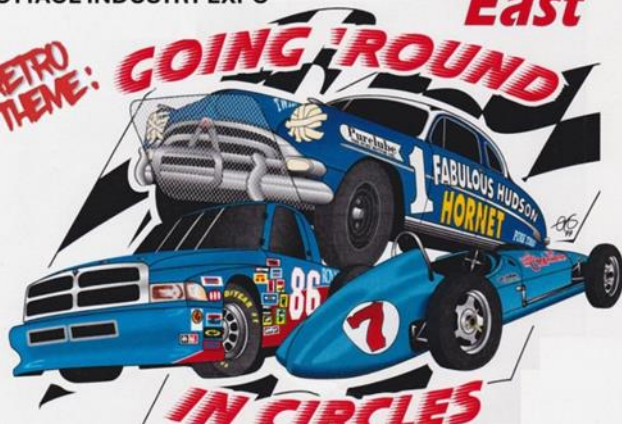


The Tri-State Scale Model Car Club  
Presents:

# THE 37th ANNUAL NNL East

- MODEL CAR SHOW
- SCALE MARKETPLACE
- COTTAGE INDUSTRY EXPO

RETRO THEME: **GOING 'ROUND IN CIRCLES**





Show Theme:  
**CIRCLE TRACK VEHICLES**  
 Sub-Theme:  
**Race Team Transporters**

**25th Anniversary of NNL East 14**

April 26, 2025  
 1 Pal Drive, Wayne NJ 07470  
 Show Information: [WWW.NNLEAST.COM](http://WWW.NNLEAST.COM)  
 Or Write: [nnleast@aol.com](mailto:nnleast@aol.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

Contestants  
 \$15.00  
 Unlimited number of models

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

Theme Award  
 Best Vietnam Subject



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

Vendor Tables  
 \$30.00 per table

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

On Site Food Concession


**Super Raffle!**

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 Bring it !!*