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

MAY 2025

From The President...

Greetings to everyone, first off like to say I'm sorry I did not get the March newsletter out. Pretty hectic times around the homestead trying to get ready for our trip to New York and New Jersey. We left a few days early so that I could show Cheryl some of the highlights of Manhattan before we went to New Jersey on Friday to the NNL East. We arrived there bright and early Saturday and the line to get into the show was wrapped around the back of the Wayne PAL Gymnasium. Cheryl and I helped Mark Agee from Ace Decals set up as a vendor. Not long after that the show opened and the frenzy began. I didn't get a chance to get the number of models on the tables and I haven't seen anything posted yet. We had a great time. It was a good show and lots of fun talking to all the modelers from across the country. See some of the pictures deeper into this issue of the newsletter.

Big shout out goes to Greg Clower for heading up the sale of Mike Overstreet's collection of models, magazines, and hobby supplies. Thanks to all of the other members who participated and help move the models around and sort them out.

One more news item, the 2026 MDA Model Car Contest Show & Swap Meet is set for March 7, 2026 and the theme will be "The designs of Tom Daniel". I spoke to Mr. Daniel and he gave us the greenlight to use his artwork, signature and other items for promotion of the show. There will be three theme classes Number 28 is out of the box, must have kit instructions, number 29 will be open to any extra detail and modifications. Category 30 will be Tom Daniel featuring the character models and "Off the Model Sketchpad," Rod and c Custom magazine designs. So many models to choose from you shouldn't have any trouble finding something to build for these theme categories. Alantis Models are bringing back many of the classic Monogram Kits including the Red Baron show rod due out later this year. Be sure to check out more information at www.mdamodelcar.com. Also check out www.tomdaniel.com.

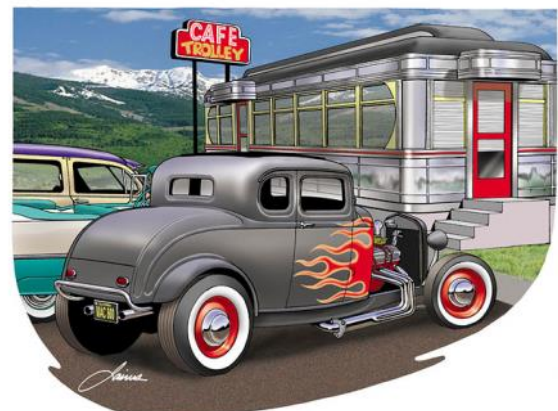
The IPMS Nationals in Hampton is just over three months away so get those models finished !

Articles needed for the newsletter.

Until next month, Happy Modeling.

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On a sad note, the model car hobby community has lost one of its most talented members. Jairus Watson passed away on May 19th. You've seen his artwork in model magazines, box art for model companies, t-shirts and more. He was also a prolific vintage style slot car builder. I first met him at the ACME Southern Nationals in Atlanta almost twenty years ago. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends.



Visit the RVIPMS website: www.rvipms.com

Upcoming Events...

May 31, 2025

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

June 13, 2025

Chattanooga ModelCon 2025, bgibby1964@outlook.com. <https://www.chattanoogaodelers.com>

June 28, 2025

The Star City Motor Maddness, Roanoke, Virginia

August 27, 2025

Model Car Builders of NC/SC & Virginia. Model Car Contest & Swap Meet. Winston-Salem, NC.

September 6, 2025

Appalachian Scale Modelers' Association, Greeneville, TN.

March 7, 2026

The MDA Model Car Contest, Show & Swap Meet. www.mdamodelcar.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:
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Directions to the club meeting room at VMT.

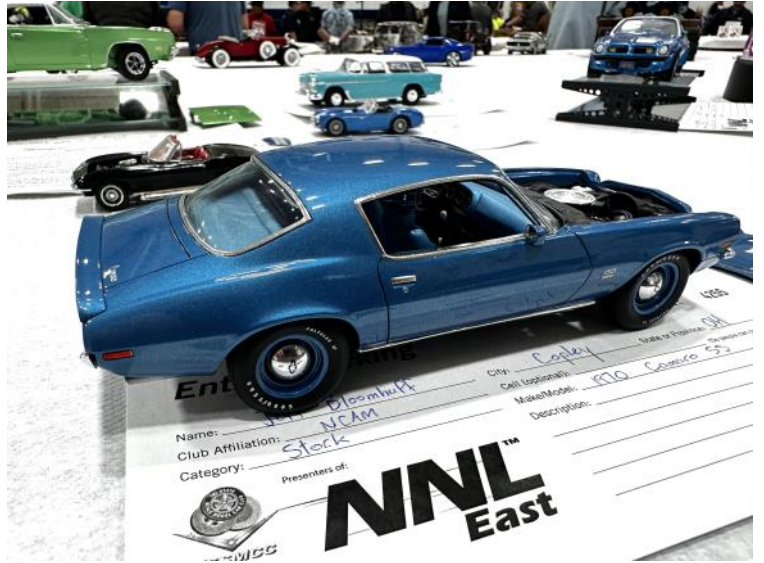
Virginia Museum of Transportation. From Salem Ave. turn onto 1 1/2 St. or 1.5 St. Follow it around and drive under the overpass and then to the right. The parking lot is behind the museum as indicated in the picture. Enter through the rear door, walk down the hallway and turn right. If you get there 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.





NNL East
April 26, 2025







MODEL CAR CONTEST SHOW & SWAP MEET

March 7, 2026

CONTEST THEME :

**The Designs of
TOM DANIEL**



*Tom Daniel*TM



The Berglund Center 8am to 4pm

Roanoke, Virginia

MDAMODELCAR.COM - TOMDANIEL.COM

Model Car Builders

General Admission \$5.00
Kids 12 & Under - FREE



of NC, SC, and Virginia

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Model Contest and Swap Meet 2025

Saturday, August 2, 2025

9:00am - 3:00pm

First Baptist Church

501 W. Fifth Street | Winston-Salem, NC 27101

(Parking is in the gravel lot behind the building or on the side streets.)

Contest Entry Fees

\$5.00 for 1st model, \$1.00 each additional model

Limit 10 entries per person

Junior Entries - \$1.00 each

Vendors:

Vendor Tables (6-feet): \$25.00/ea, plus a sealed kit for the raffle

Vendor Setup: Friday, August 1, 4:00-6:00 pm or Saturday 8:00am

Vendor Contact: Jamie Ray Bowen

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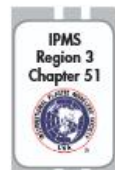
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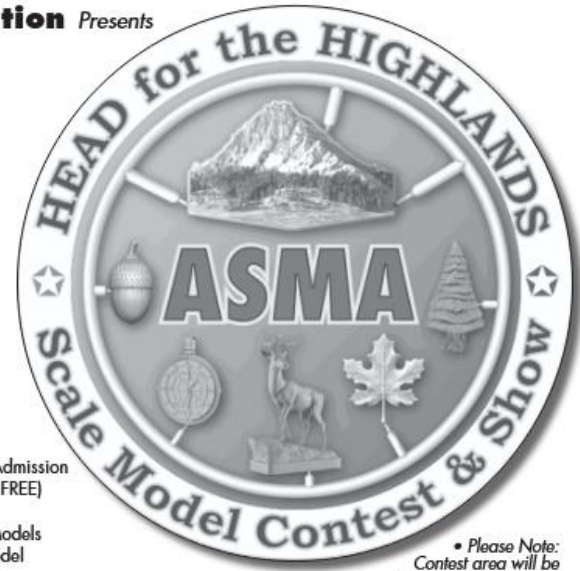
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Appalachian Scale Modelers Association Presents



THEME: Off The Beaten Path.
Not your typical subject matter for a model. Let your imagination run wild!



- \$5 General Admission (6 yrs. & under FREE)
- \$10 First 3 Models \$1 Per Extra Model

Please Note: Contest area will be closed during judging. So, get there early.

Website Coming Soon Stay Tuned! asma-ipms.com

September 6, 2025 9am - 4pm

Greenville Recreation Center 456 E Bernard Ave Greenville, TN 37743

Contest, Show & Awards • Vendors • Raffle • Great Fun & Fellowship

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn Greenville 3130 E Andrew Johnson Hwy Greenville, TN 37745 423-638-3735 Stay Tuned for MORE Details



Cosponsored by the Greenville Tennessee Parks and Recreation Dept. and Wes's Model Car Corner, Blountville, TN wesmodelcarcorner.myshopify.com

ASMA Head for the Highlands Categories

- AIRCRAFT**
1. Prop-driven - 1/72 and smaller
 2. Prop-driven - 1/48 and larger
 3. Jet-propelled - 1/72 and smaller
 4. Jet-propelled - 1/48 and larger
 5. Large Scale - 1/32 and larger
 6. Rotary-wing - all scales
- ARMOR**
7. Fully tracked vehicles - 1/48 & smaller
 8. Semi-tracked & wheeled vehicles & artillery 1/48 & smaller
 9. WW2 & earlier fully tracked vehicles 1/35 & larger
 10. Post WW2 fully tracked vehicles 1/35 & larger
 11. Open top AFVs - 1/35 & larger
 12. Semi-tracked & wheeled vehicles & artillery 1/35 & larger

- SHIPS**
24. 1/700 & smaller
 25. 1/350 & larger
 26. Sailing vessels / non-motor
- MISCELLANEOUS**
27. Figures - all scales
 28. Sci-Fi & Fantasy Figures - all scales
 29. Sci-Fi & Fantasy Vehicles - all scales
 30. Gundams & Mechs - all scales
 31. Real Spacecraft & Missiles - all scales
 32. Dioramas & Vignettes - all subjects & scales
 33. Other Miscellaneous
 34. Junior - all subjects & scales
 35. Collections (50 or more of the same subject)
- STAY TUNED. Some Info Subject to Change before Show!

- Awards**
- Gold, Silver, Bronze Judging EACH Model Individually
- BEST of AWARDS for Each Main Category**
- Best of Show
 - Best Aircraft
 - Best Armor
 - Best Automotive
 - Best Ship
 - Best Miscellaneous

*Out of Box **MUST** include **INSTRUCTIONS** **NO Diecast** in any categories

Guidelines: All entries will be judged based on "Craftsmanship/Construction, "Finish/Paint, "Effort. With the first two, we are looking for Flaws. With the Effort we are looking for all the extras you've added. Instead of judging your model against other scale modeler's work. We feel this method of judging the individual models promotes better modeling and skills.

- Display Only tables available.
- Early Vendor Set Up - Friday 9/6/25, 5pm to 8pm
- Vendor Set Up Day of Show starts 7am

Entry Forms, Etc. WILL be available on our Under Construction Website: www.asma-ipms.com

For more Info, Award Sponsorship & Vendor Tables:

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ALSO, STAY TUNED For Our New WEBSITE! Appearing Soon. www.asma-ipms.com



IPMS Region 3 Chapter 51 \$20.00 each through 7-6-25 \$25.00 each after 7-7-25



Build it, Bring it !!