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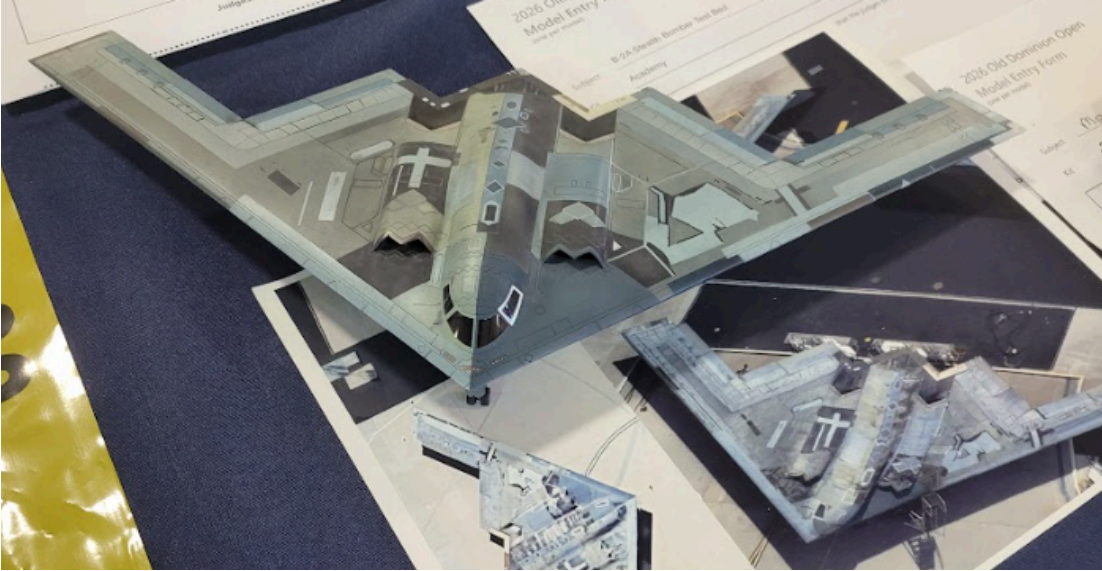
Old Dominion Open

The Richmond IPMS club offered its traditional Old dominion open last Saturday February 26 2026. Different club members attended the event to participate and look at what the different vendors had to offer. It was a well packed event and everyone got to find anything prior to their taste from gigantic tank models that are charged by the pound to obscure sci-fi models, 3d printed figures or tools.

The Roanoke IPMS delegation was around 10 members. Good vendor contacts were made for our upcoming shootout event which is always a positive note (Thanks Greg!) Additionally Tim won a couple handsome raffle models that he graciously decided to use on our upcoming raffle.

Participating members were able to get some awards. Erick won 2 first places, 1 second and 1 third, while Rocky got 2 seconds and 2 thirds. Congratulations!

By 1:30 some of us started the way back home, other team members stayed in for longer. It was a great trip, and we are all looking forward to next year!. Some pictures are shared below.



Well Wishes

We want to share our well wishes for Jeff Hinchee, who had by-pass surgery. Also, James and Johnny have been suffering some health issues, please remember to keep your best wishes/prayers for their health.

Sad News

Last Feb 17, our dear friend Mark Hodges passed away. Mark enjoyed SCI-FI and real space themed models, not to mention how big he was on anything Godzilla related. Mark spent the whole week last year in Hampton with the other members for the IPMS Nationals which was his first and said he had a fantastic time there and spending time with the members. Mark also liked to collect comic books, gemstones and quartz.



Let's keep Mark and his family in our prayers. He will be missed sorely.

Virginia Shoot Out Date Set

The official date for the 2026 Virginia Shoot Out has been set. We will be having it on Saturday, August 22, 2026. At this time the planning committee is working on all the specifics which will be announced as soon as it is finalized. We will be adding a few class's and deleting a couple. As well the final flyer is being worked on but we are passing out Save The Date flyers at shows now to get the word out about the show. Stay tuned for the Show Theme, Theme awards and all the information.

February monthly contest

As usual, we got our monthly contest during the February business meeting. The winners of this month were: 1st for Tom Shema's Rosko turner plane, 2nd for Bob Stull's M10 and 3rd for James Herdon's Paladin.





Mark your calendar!

Event	Date/Location	Contact
MosquitoCon	Wayne NJ April 4 2026	Bill Schwartz whsch@optimum.net
PMS Northern Virginia Model Classic	Fairfax, Virginia/	Haagen Klaus - haagen.d.klaus@gmail.com
Americana, R12 Regional Con	Havelock, North Carolina / Jul 18 2026	Alan Welch - info@alanwelch.us

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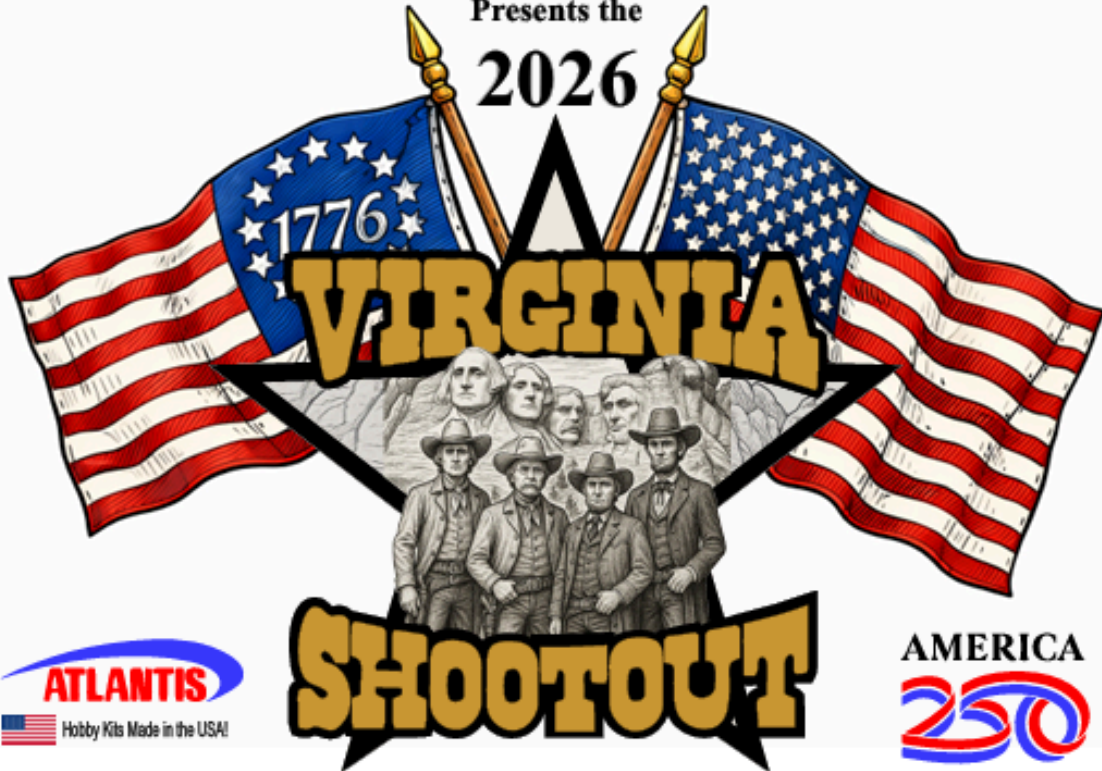
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Scale Model Contest, Show and Swap Meet.

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Saturday August 22, 2026

Salem Civic Center
Salem VA

Vendor Setup 6:30am

Doors Open: 9:00am - Awards Start: 4:30pm

Visit RVIPMS.COM for rules clarifications, itinerary and other info.



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