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# Happy Holidays

## From The President..

Hopefully everyone is surviving the busy Holiday season and able to spend some quality time with loved ones and friends, and don't forget to spend some extra time on those stalled model building projects over the holidays. On Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> the annual RVIPMS Christmas Party took place where club members and family members gathered at the Roanoker Restaurant for food, conversation and fun. Gift certificates were given out to members along with two special appreciation awards given to Terry Eastman and Cliff Young for their dedicated involvement, participation and support for the club in 2008.

After enjoying the year off from hosting a contest and show it's time for us to get back to work on the 2009 Virginia Shootout scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Roanoke Civic

Center. The contest committee has had their first planning meeting and has worked out the contest classes and budgeting for the show. We'll need all of the help we can get and sponsorship packages will be given out at the January business meeting.

The November club model contest was won by visitor Bob Haley with his War Hammer and Fantasy figures, second place was Mark Crouch with his War Hammer 4000 figures and third place was Bob Stull for his 1/28 scale Revell Triplane. The Carrier Landing competition also took place at the November business meeting were Jeff Hinchee and I had to have a land-off... or is land-on, anyway it took three extra rounds of landings to decide who would be the Top Gun of the flat top for this year. Jeff eventually won by one point to claim first place, I finish second and Tim Ward came in third. Everyone had a blast and congratulations to the winners of both contest for November.

The 2008 club championship has concluded and the complete results are listed on page two. At the January business meeting we will be discussing the 2009 monthly contest and points system so be sure to attend to share your views and suggestions for the upcoming year. For the January contest we'll continue with the "open" format and make sure that those members who participated in the Dewoitine challenge bring your models to the January business meeting to be judged in addition to the regular club contest.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed pictures, articles and reviews to the newsletter over the past year and don't forget to send in articles for this coming year no matter how big or how small.

Happy New Year to everyone and Happy Modeling.

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The usual suspects at the annual RVIPMS Christmas Party

# GAVE SPRING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

FALL, 2008

Our Roanoke Valley IPMS club sponsored another model-building class for students at the Cave Spring Elementary School. The program ran for six weeks in October and November, and we had two students enrolled.

The project which the class did this semester was a 1/48<sup>th</sup> Supermarine Spitfire Mk. 1 kit that was made by Pegasus in England. Although this kit was actually a snap-tight design, we glued the pieces together as if it were a regular plastic kit.

Because I had some difficulty with paint adhesion when I built the kit earlier this year as a practice kit I primed the pieces in each kit before I distributed the kits to the students.

The students began construction by painting the interiors with a British interior green which they mixed themselves. They then assembled the main parts of the model and filled and sanded the seams. Their next step was to apply a three-colors camouflage pattern of sky undersides with dark earth and dark green topsides. While the main painted areas were

drying the students painted and assembled the propeller, landing gear assemblies, and other small details. By this point we had used four of the six scheduled sessions.

The next-to-last session was spent installing landing gear, propellers, and canopies as well as touching up the paint jobs where necessary.

Our last session, held the week before Thanksgiving, was used to apply decals and any final paint touch ups we felt were necessary.

The students were extremely proud of their models, and their parents were also pleased with the results.

This year's program was different from previous programs in that the kits used were larger (1/48<sup>th</sup> as opposed to the 1/72<sup>nd</sup> kits used previously). Also, this year's kits featured landing gear, propellers, and real decals which were not included or used in the 1/72<sup>nd</sup> F-14A Tomcats we had used in previous classes.

Thanks to Ken LaSalla, Cross Roads Hobbies, and the Rail Yard for helping to obtain supplies which were used in the program.

Bob Rohrback

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IPMS/Roanoke Valley meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Science Museum located in downtown Roanoke at the "Center in the Square". The second Thursday building meetings are held in the classroom on the fifth floor and the fourth Thursday meetings are held on the same floor in the Conference room. All meetings start at 7:00pm.

If you have any questions about the club, meetings or need directions us.

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## FINAL 2008 RVIPMS CLUB POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Dennis Smith	92
Cliff Young	74
Tim Ward	72
Ed Kennedy	60
Mike Overstreet	56
Terry Eastman	55
Greg Clower	48
Tim Mullins	41
Ken Bowyer	38
Bob Rohrback	35
Devin Bledsoe	32
Jay Dennis	27
Don Jones	26
Jeff Hinchee	26
Drew Porter	25
David Draper	24
Arthur Harris	21
Tommy Carr	19
John Arfaras	16
Bob Stull	15
Melvin Matthews	15
Don Smith	14
Mark Crouch	11
CR Casey	5
Ralph Leslie	5
Jerry Smallwood	1

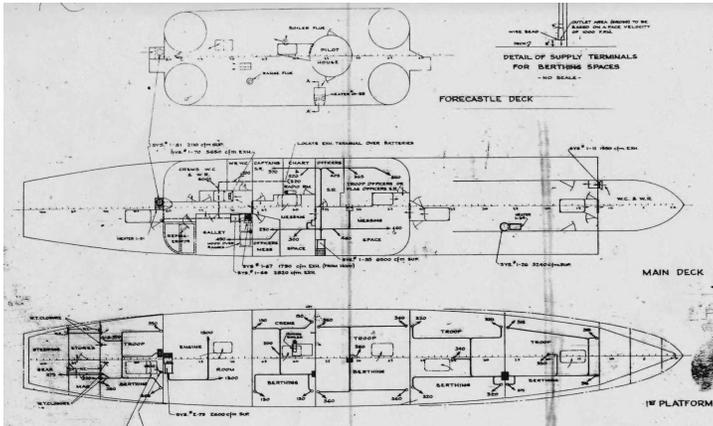
### Blast from the Past

From 1964, the 1/8 scale Monogram Big Tub Ford Touring "T"

A kit just like this one recently sold on Ebay for just over \$400.00



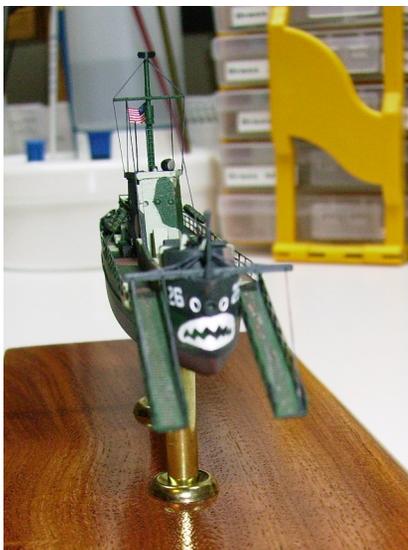
**LANDING CRAFT INFANTRY (LCI) 26**



The Landing Craft Infantry (LCI), small in comparison to other ships, was affectionately called an "Elsie" or "Spitkit". These "New Ships of War", known for being part of the "Waterbug" Navy during the war, were considered absolutely essential for the invasion of France originally planned for February 1943 to be successful. Therefore, building them for this task was established as a top priority. However, when the decision was made to postpone the cross-channel invasion of France, they were still desperately needed in the Mediterranean.

The first American Flotilla of these ships crossed the Atlantic and arrived in North Africa in late March 1943. Although the ocean crossing in these flat bottomed ships was especially rough on young sailors, the ships proved seaworthy enough to cross the Atlantic Ocean and were quickly deployed into service.

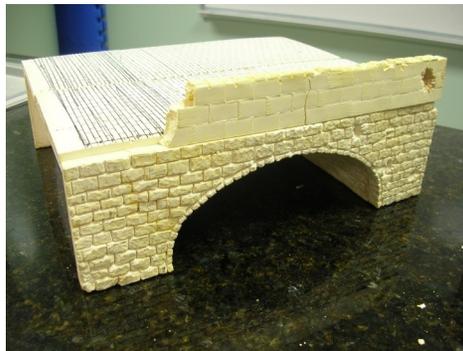
RVIPMS member Ken Bowyer sent in pictures of his recently completed LCI 26



# NOVEMBER CLUB PICTURES



Tri-plane by Bob Stull



Mike Overstreet's bridge project



War Hammer Tank



Mike's Carrier Landing entry



War Hammer figure by Mark Crouch



Scratch built Predator by Mike

## DEWOITINE 500, 501 & 510

By Terry Eastman

The D.500 first took flight in June 1932. It was powered by a Hispano-Suiza 12 Xbrs engine boosted by a supercharger. I was armed with two machine guns. In June 1936, the D.501 was introduced. It was powered by a Hispano-Suiza 12 Xcrs engine, and was equipped with a 20-mm cannon installed between the two rows of cylinders and firing through the propeller hub.

When GC I/3 and GC II/3 received their first D.501's they were the first fighter units in the world to be equipped with a cannon.

The improved D.510 first flew in July 1936. It was powered by Hispano-Suiza 12 Ycrs engine rated at 860 hp at altitude driving a three-bladed propeller which enabled the aircraft to go faster than 250 mph in level flight.

Because of production delays, the D.510 was out of date when entering service. It will be recalled that on the other bank of the Rhine a certain Messerschmitt was making its first flights. At the time of the Munich crisis in 1938, the Dewoitine monoplanes formed 70% of the French fighter strength.

This 1/72 scale Heller kit is an early on offering, but one which is quite accurate. The only modifications needed are the addition of a pitot tube and replacing the machine guns with to scale examples. Construction is straight for-

ward with care being required to assemble the undercarriage.

Un grade remercie au monsieur Tommy Carr for making these kits available to le Club members.



# VICTORY FILMS 1942 NEWSREELS

MSRP-\$29.00

Floyd S. Werner, Jr.

1942 was the darkest year for the US and its allies. The call to war had awakened a sleeping giant but that giant was just getting itself into the war mode. This DVD highlights the featurettes that were shown at movie theaters during the war years that were designed to sway the American public. News organizations such as Paramount News, Movietone, and Universal Newsreels made the newsreels to compliment the serials at the movie theaters. Remember this was a time before TV and when radio was a form of entertainment. The movie theater was the only visual form of entertainment available.

Starting with Pearl Harbor, through the Doolittle raid, to the raids on Manila, Midway and finally onto the war in North Africa everything is covered. I'll just highlight a few of them.

When you watch the newsreels you are immediately reminded that they are propaganda designed to motivate the public. Some of the information is not misleading but not correct, especially with the distance of time.

One of the first newsreels is a dawn patrol of B-17Ds and Es complete with early markings shows the responses to the Japanese attacks. The B-17D, the Swoose, which is being restored at the Air Force Museum, is seen in at least three different newsreels.

There are plenty P-40s, including the Flying Tigers, Air Defense Command, and North Africa. There are B models and some Es and Fs to be seen including the F models taking off from carriers and doing low level passes.

There are plenty of off the wall aircraft and missions. How about biplane bombers used to bomb a volcano to change the flow of the lava? On the military side of the house there are P-43 Lancers, B-18 Bombers, B-26s, and A-20s, as well as, P-39s and plenty of P-38s.

There is also civilian stuff such as Jackie Cochran's P-35, a wingless airplane, and an autogiro flight school.

There are plenty of things to learn such as seeing a Zero's plywood gas tank. The beginning of Rosie the Riveter and the WAF are seen as well. Eddie Rickenbacker visits the new 94<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Squadron and its P-38s. The Flying Tigers and the Eagle Squadron are shown doing their parts and being inducted into the AAF.

It is interesting that the US is inspired by the Germans to establish glider and airborne forces. The newsreels don't sugar coat it when they say the Germans pioneered these forms of warfare. Gliders and paratroop-

ers are seen undergoing training.

There is excitement such as some gun camera footage I hadn't seen before. Also included is a C-46 Com-mando doing a belly landing.

Midway is covered but not as much as you would think as it was still fairly fresh. There is some unique footage that I'm sure wasn't part of Midway but is exciting nonetheless. Low level Betty bombers flying really close to the camera man give the viewer the sense of being there. An interview with George Gay is included.

All in all this is a great snap shot of history. I really enjoyed the DVD. It is a long one, almost two and half hours, but it goes by quickly. It is nice to see the personalities of the early war period and the airplanes that took them to war.

I can highly recommend this title, as well as, all the other titles available from Victory Films. If you are a historian or modeler then these DVDs are an invaluable asset to your research. Excellent as always.

Thanks to Wade Meyers Studios for the review copy.

You can obtain your copy of this and all the other great titles from Victory Films at <http://wademeyersart.tripod.com/id73.html>. Let him know you heard about it here.



**ARMY AIR FORCES NEWSREELS 1942**

Victory Film Productions presents:  
**USAAF NEWSREELS 1942:**

First films of Jap attack on Pearl Harbor. B-17 dawn patrol over Hawaii. Pursuit's Squadron P-40's guard the air over Hawaii. A secret P-39 base in Australia. US Army teaches advanced glider training. Gunners school includes ball turrets. Air Chief Gen. Arnold receives honorary degree at Ohio Wesleyan. Ferry Command reaches bombers to Britain. Churchill thrilled by US military might. Thrills from National Air Races. Panama Canal well guarded. US bombers in Jap attack. Aviation mass bomber production. Rolls Royce powered Warhawk. Jimmy Doolittle tells all about "Shangri-La". Flying Tigers battle Japs in China skies. Victory at Midway. These Gals keep 'em flying. US sees somewhere in Britain. First bombing mission to Rome. In the shadow of St. Paul's. Liberators blast Benghazi, Libya. First mission to bomb Europe. Captain Eddie Rickenbacker visits his old squadron, the 94th Pursuit. Eagles quit RAF to fly with Yanks. Jap attack on Dutch Harbor. Aleutians. Day and night RAF Bostons make Nazis take it.

**TRF: 2 Hours, 20 min.**

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**VICTORY FILMS**

**ARMY AIR FORCES NEWSREELS**

**1942**

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**January**  
 8 - RVIPMS Build Meeting, 7:00pm, 5th Floor, Center in the Square.

22 - RVIPMS Business Meeting, 7:00pm, 5th Floor, Center in the Square.

**February**  
 12 - RVIPMS Build Meeting, 7:00pm, 5th Floor, Center in the Square.

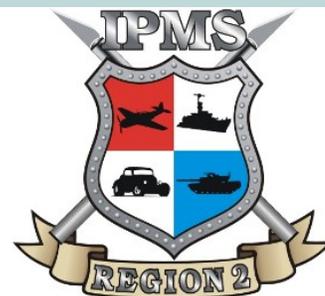
26 - RVIPMS Business Meeting, 7:00pm, 5th

Floor, Center in the Square.

28 - IPMS Richmond, Old Dominion Open. Richmond International Raceway, Richmond, Va.

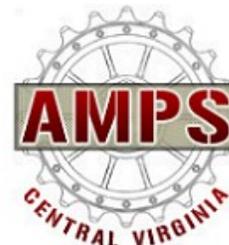
**March**  
 7 - MDA Model Car Contest & Swap Meet, Roanoke Civic Center

12 - RVIPMS Build Meeting, 7:00pm, 5th Floor, Center in the Square.



## ATTENTION !!

For many of you, your membership in IPMS/USA will expire in the next month. I would like to encourage all members to rejoin not only for the fantastic club magazine, but for the other benefits that go along with being a part of IPMS / USA. Don't delay, rejoin today !!



IPMS Richmond Present:  
 The 2009 Old Dominion Open Scale Model Show and Contest  
 February 28, 2009  
 At the Richmond International Raceway Complex

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Family (Adult dues + \$5, one set magazines, # of membership cards required: \_\_\_\_\_)

If recommended by an IPMS member, list his/her name and member number \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (IPMS#)

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The January Business Meeting is on Thursday the 8th, 7:00 pm on the Fifth Floor at Center in the Square

The Contest for the January 22th Business Meeting is "Open", Anything Goes !!

Build it, Bring it !!

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