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From The President..

It's already the end of July! Man this summer is rolling by fast. I don't want to stop time completely, but I would like to have a rheostat or something to dial it back just a little bit to slow it down. I'm putting this newsletter together at the last minute due to the time spent on the 2009 Virginia Shootout that has just concluded at the Roanoke Civic Center this past Saturday (July 18). I still didn't have enough time to accomplish everything I wanted to before the show date arrived. The show was still a success and I'm very pleased with the attendance at the show and the quality of the entries on the contest tables. I'd like to thank all of the area clubs who traveled to the show and for their support and help. Complete coverage of the 2009 Virginia Shootout will be in the August newsletter.

With multiple shows coming up one right after the other within a day's driving distance, time will seem to go by even faster. The green stuff will disappear just as fast if you try and attend them all. The IPMS/USA National Convention is only a month away with shows in Raleigh, Conover, PennCon and JerseyCon right around the corner. Unfortunately I won't be attending the Nation Convention in Columbus this year. I had to make a tough decision because on August 22nd the second annual NNL Summer Classic in Clemmons, North Carolina will take place at the Village Inn Hotel. I'll be taking pictures for Model Cars magazine, but the main reason is because the members of the Carolina Kustom Modelers have supported in force the local shows here in Roanoke including the MDA Model Car Contest in March and just recently the 2009 Virginia Shootout. I hate to miss the Nationals this year especially since it's in Columbus, Ohio where I've attended many other events and have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the city.

On June 20th RVIPMS members hosted the 2009 "World War II in Miniature" contest to benefit the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford. Along with the Roanoke Valley

members in attendance, members from Lynchburg, Richmond and area Virginia AMPS clubs entered models and worked on projects throughout the day at the builder's tables. This continues to be a fun, relaxing low-key event and hopefully it will continue for many years to come. Thanks to Ed Kennedy for fronting the show each year and thanks to the area clubs for their support.

There was a large turnout of people and cars both Friday night and Saturday June 26th and 27th for the "Star City Motor Madness" cruise-in and car show held in downtown Roanoke. There wasn't a model contest involved however George Barris was again the featured guest this year with no fewer than nine replica and custom cars he has owned, had a hand in or rolled out of his shop in California. Featured cars on display included "Herbie the Love Bug", Starsky & Hutch Torino, one of the true General Lee Dodge Chargers, the Shark Attack, Millennium 2000 show car, the Plymouth City Coupe and one excellent replica of the 1960's Batmobile. Three of my favorites at the show were the Barris modified 1968 Barracuda Spoiler, Mannix TV show Dodge Dart convertible and the "Villa Riviera" from the movie, "For Those Who Think Young" that starred James Darren. Later in the day on Saturday there was a question and answer session with Barris along with a short movie about his life at the Center in the Square theatre. This month's contest is "Open" so bring your model to be scrutinized and picked over by the other members. Remember that there is no contest in August because of the annual cookout at Tim wards house on Friday August 28th. See you soon.

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FROM THE CROWS NEST

BY TIM WARD

Bear with me as my climb into the "Crow's Nest" is a little slow this morning. My bones seem a little stiff and rolling out of my berth is a bit sluggish. Must of been the festivities of Saturday, another successful Shoot-Out in the books. Great job, mateys!!! Even after a year off, we still seem to remember the drill. Although numbers were a little down from our highly successful Regional in 2007 and super one-day show in 2006, we still had a respectable 524 models entered among 99 entrants. That, coupled with 88 walk-ins contributed to an exhibit hall that was busy all day. Everyone I spoke to seemed to have a great time and the vendors left with smiles on their faces. Great job on the vendor organization and promotion, Greg!! Thanks also to all of the helpers, Arthur, Cliff, Chris, Devin, Mike who helped get the vendors in place and operating. The registration area was manned by the highly competent team of Tommy, Jay and Terry and I didn't hear of any glitches in the system. Thanks, guys. The raffle area was tag-teamed by yours truly, Bob Rohrback and Mike Pareto from NOVA, with guest help from our visiting member, Ken Bowyer as well as Cliff and Jeff. We were able to give away a huge amount of quality raffle items, with only a few unclaimed items left at the end of the day. Super job, guys. I saw a lot of happy faces as their raffles stacks grew taller and taller every hour. An extra big thanks go out to Bob and Sharon Rohrback again for the use of his house for our convention meetings. Bob, you're the best!!! I want to commend Tim Mullins for his excellent art-work and "Best of" trophies for the awards. They were super. I don't know how many compliments I heard during the day on the awards. Our friend from Badger, Ken Schlotfeldt was so impressed by

our show and awards, that he made a very sizeable donation to the club, 3 airbrushes, a complete gamers' paint set, and the "piece de resistance", a very advanced 3-airbrush combo set that retailed for over \$460. WOW!!! Let's remember to put him on our repeat call list for next year's show. What a super nice guy, too. Please remember to keep Badger in mind for your next airbrush purchase. They certainly have my attention and respect. All in all, a very nice show with a lot of good IPMS comradie and friendship. Our friend from Troutdale, Penny Pierce received a well-deserved award for Region 2 Person of the Year. It is always good to see her and her plastic creations. Congratulations, Penny!!! Speaking of plastic creations, I have had a hard time getting back into the swing of things as far as modeling goes, but I am pledging here and now to try to get at least two models built before the end of the year. I promise or you can send me to the brig. See you Thursday night. At ease!!!

WHATISIT?

It's time again for that famous "whatisit?" contest. Take a gander at the picture to the right, fill out the ballot at the meeting and you may win a prize!!!

Prize courtesy of
SPASTIC PLASTIC



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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. Please mail all correspondence to:

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June Club Model Contest

Winners

First Place

Ed Kennedy

Davy Crockett River Boat Diorama

Second Place

Mike Powell

Char B1 Tank

Third Place

Cliff Young

F-117A "Nighthawk"

One Hour Build

Winners

First Place

Tommy Carr

P-80 "Shooting Star"

Second Place

Dennis Smith

"Delphin" jet racer

Third Place

Devin Bledsoe

P-47 "Thunderbolt"

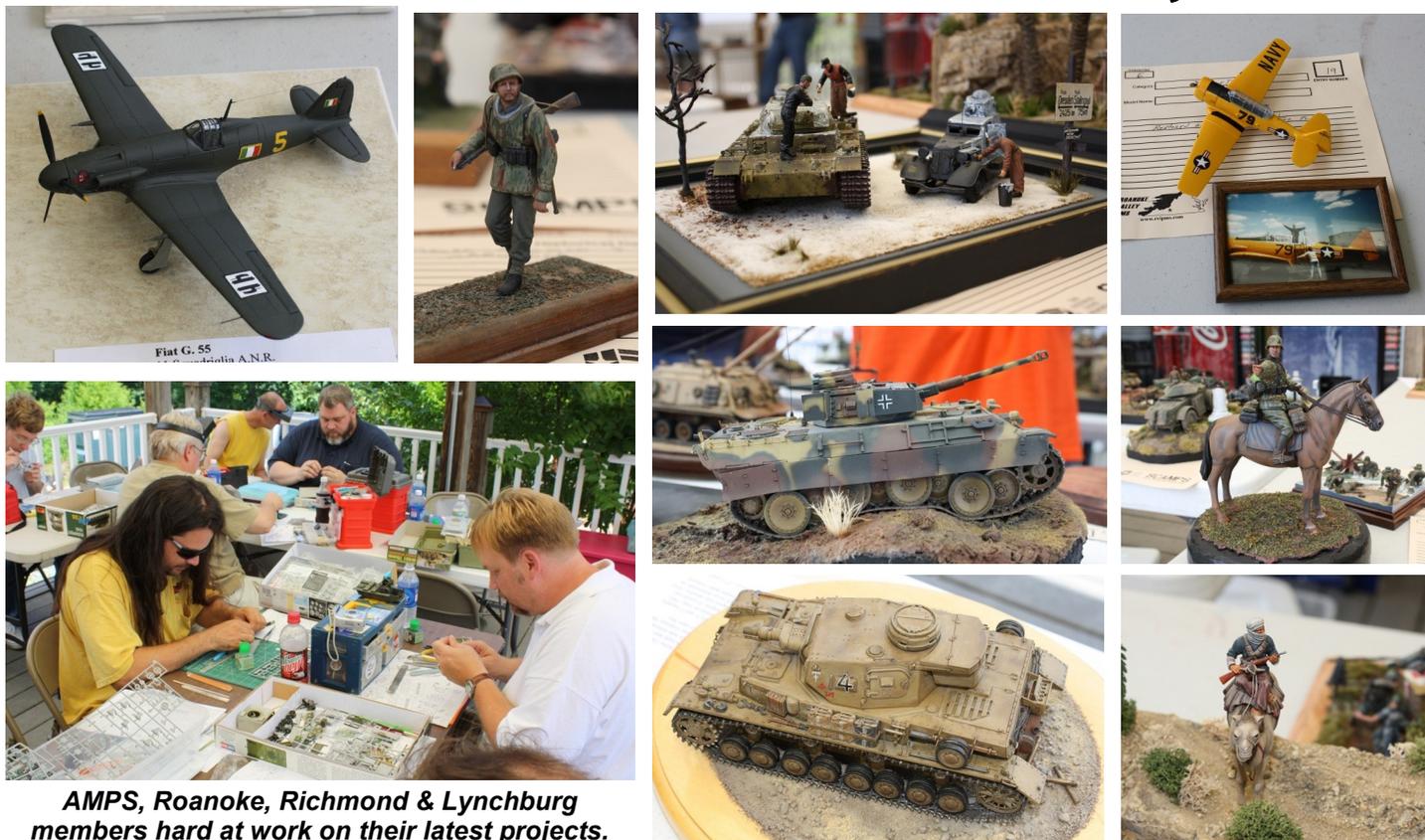
Whatisit Contest

Winner

Bob Rohrback

correctly identified the General Dynamics F-111 tactical fighter from last months' Sprue.

THE NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL "WWII IN MINUATURE" CONTEST & SHOW JUNE 20, 2009



AMPS, Roanoke, Richmond & Lynchburg members hard at work on their latest projects.

2009 D-DAY CONTEST RESULTS

SHIPS

- 1st Tim Ward IJN Yamato
- 2nd Kip Rudge Type 21 U-Boat

AIRPLANE COLLECTIONS

- 1st Terry Eastman

AIRCRAFT

- 1st Alex Valz P-51B Mustang
- 2nd Ed Kennedy German WWII Helicopter
- 3rd Cliff Young IJA Nakajima Gekko

MODERN WAR VEHICLES

- 1st C.R. Casey M-88A1 VTR
- 2nd Tim Promin Stryker IC4

VEHICLES W/WHEELS AND TRACKS

- 1st Tim Ward M3 Halftrack
- 2nd Tim Promin Hanomag 251 Command

FRENCH VEHICLES W/ WHEELS

- 1st Ed Kennedy Napoleonic Artillery Train
- 2nd Jay Cesafsky Panard
- 3rd Kip Rudge Panard

OTHER VEHICLES W/ WHEELS

- 1st Mike Carroll Staghound
- 2nd Frank Blanton Staghound MKIII
- 3rd Brian Staples Zundapp KS750

FIGURES

- 1st Dave O'Hara H-Hour Omaha Beach
- 2nd Brian Staples Florian Geyer
- 3rd Ed Kennedy Confederate Cavalry Officer



Brian Staples receives the "Peoples Choice" award from Ed Kennedy for his Harley-Davidson Motorcycle & Sidecar.

STAR CITY MOTOR MADNESS

June 26 - 27, 2009



June Club Pictures



July _____

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

August _____

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

19-22 IPMS National Convention, Columbus, Ohio. ipmsusa2009.org

22 - NNL Summer Classic, Clemmons, NC. carolinakustommodelers.com

28 - Friday - RVIPMS Cook-Out Tim Wards house.

September _____

9 - RDUCON IPMS Eagle Squadron, Raleigh, NC. Tony Leger 919-781-8323

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

19 - PENNCON - IPMS Central Pennsylvania Frank Foment 717-350-0171

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

October _____

16 - 17 JerseyCon, Region 2 Convention hosted by IPMS/New Jersey, Bill Schwarz 732-567-3724. njipms.org



Model Blast From The Past



The 2009 National Convention will be held in Columbus, OH August 19-22, 2009. You can find all the Contest and Events info on the Convention Website www.ipmsusa2009.org

IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

IPMS No.: _____ Name: _____
(leave blank) FIRST M. LAST

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

VISA/MasterCard Account # _____ - _____ - _____

Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Adult: \$25 Junior (17 years old or younger): \$12 DOB: _____

Canada & Mexico: \$30 Other Foreign: \$32 Foreign Air Mail: \$55

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#)

IPMS/USA P.O. Box: 2475
 North Canton, OH 44720-0475

Check out our web page: www.ipmsusa.org

ATTENTION!!!!
 The July Business Meeting is on Thursday the 23rd, 7:00 pm on the Fifth Floor at Center in the Square

“Open Contest” for the July Meeting!

Build it Bring it !!

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