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## From The President..



The big news for this issue of Sprue is of course the 2008 IPMS/USA National Convention in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The Convention was a huge success with a count of just under 2500 entries, the second largest in IPMS/USA Convention history. A total of eleven Roanoke Valley members were in attendance at one time or another over the four days of the convention. RVIPMS members winning awards included Ken Bowyer, Ed Kennedy, Tim Mullins and Dennis Smith. Congratulations to all of the winners and a list of the awards are listed on page 3 of this issue of Sprue.

The IPMS Tidewater guys have set a standard for the execution of all future National Conventions. From the web site to registration to the awards ceremony and all of the activities in between, the show was very well organized and very well managed. I think everyone in attendance had a great time and Charles Landrum and the rest of the Tidewater members deserve a big pat on the back for an excellent job as hosts to the Nation.

At the July business meeting we were fortunate to have special guest speaker Dr. Lee Anthony who spoke on the subject of the United States entering into the First World



Ken Bowyer's National Convention Theme Award Winning Model, the Jeremiah O'Brien Liberty Ship

## "Gateway to the Atlantic"



2008 IPMS/USA National Convention



RVIPMS Winners at the National Convention



Terry Eastman models the Semovente Italiano DA 75/18 M40-M41

War and the progression of the American troops in Europe. With the assistance of his grandson Dr. Anthony presented a slide show to go along with the events as he spoke of them. Hopefully in the near future Dr. Anthony can return at his convenience to speak with us again as he has a vast knowledge of the campaigns throughout Europe during WWI and WWII. A special thanks again to Terry Eastman for arranging Dr. Anthony's visit and for the good food that was laid out the members in attendance.

Speaking of food, don't forget that the annual RVIPMS Cook-out is on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Tim Ward's house. So bring the family and a dish or desert and join in on the fun. A map is included in this newsletter for those of you who need directions.

Some news from Region 2 in recent days is that IPMS Roanoke Valley has been named 2007 Region 2 Chapter of the Year. We were not successful in our bid for IPMS Nation Chapter of the year as it was

awarded to a much deserving IPMS/Manila. Glen Martin was named the 2007 Regional Coordinator of the Year at the Nationals and the Region 2 "Person of the Year" award goes to IPMS/Tidewater member Bill Brickhouse. Congratulations to both men and a special thanks to them for all of their past support of not only our events here in the Roanoke Valley, but throughout Region 2 and the entire hobby.

IPMS/New Jersey will be hosting not one, but two contests in 2009. They will host their yearly contest and show MosquitoCon in Wayne, New Jersey in April as usual and then host the 2009 Region 2 Convention in October at the Runnemede, New Jersey Holiday Inn. They're a great group of guys and I'm sure they'll be up to the task. I look forward to attending next year's shows.

Until Next Month,  
Happy Modeling  
Dennis



# FROM THE CROW'S NEST

BY TIM WARD

Well, I hope everyone has recovered from the trip to OZ, I know I'm still abuzz about the National Convention from a couple of weeks ago. To all the guys and gals of Tidewater and Hampton Roads, kudos to all for a very memorable and successful show. If there were any glitches, I certainly didn't see any and I heard nothing but good comments all during the show, about the models (both plastic and mini--skirted--YOWZER!!!), the vendors, accommodations, venue, banquet, awards, basically everything was first-rate and even the video presentation went off without a hitch. YAAAAAHHHH!!! With over 100 categories and numerous special awards, this meant that the computer guru (you know who you are) had to present over 400 pictures in order with very little time between shots. Super job.....I guess Jay Dennis has a contemporary in Region 2. On the subject of the awards, let's give a big hand to our own Ken Bowyer who won 2 special awards, "Best Aircraft Carrier" for his USS Ticonderoga and the Theme award --"Gateway to the Atlantic" for his Liberty ship, Jeremiah O'Brien. Congratulations, Ken!!! I know he drove home to Burgaw with his head out the window of his Toyota Tacoma, not for air, but because his head wouldn't fit in the truck anymore?!?!?!? All kidding aside, it was great to see Ken and hope to see him at the next show down the line. I hear he has an Atlanta-class destroyer in the works. Speaking of ships, if maritime models were your thing this was the conven-

tion for you. Vendors had all of the latest ships on hand, and it appears that Hasegawa, Fujimi, Aoshima (Ironclad), Trumpeter, and various resin companies are really going to be putting out the product in the next few years. Test shots of many Japanese and American battlewagons and carriers were on hand for perusal. Not to mention every kind of photo-etch, brass gun barrels, wooden flight decks, etc. were either already available or were on the way soon. I picked up the new Hasegawa 1/700 scale "3-deck" Akagi, then found out I couldn't build it without the laser cut wooden flight deck and turned brass gun barrels. GOOD GRIEF!!! This sickness is getting out of hand. Aircraft, armor, sci-fi, figures and auto modelers also had a good selection with autos being probably the weakest of the vendor areas, although Hobby-Link Japan had some good deals on some new Ferrari models. Scott Hand, owner of HLJ, had a huge sale on Saturday afternoon almost giving away merchandise, well not giving away, but some pretty good deals. All in all, it was a great show, took in some cool seminars, met an aviator from CV-3 Saratoga, picked up a signed book on model box art, talked models with people from all over the world, and just plain had a great time. Remember, modeling is a solitary hobby, but IPMS brings people together in fellowship and comraderie. Speaking of fellowship, don't forget we have our Cook-Out this Friday. Please bring a dish, chairs, swim suits if you want to be "all wet".....see ya' then.

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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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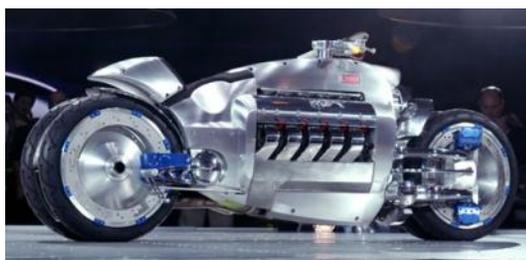
### 2008 RVIPMS CLUB POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP AS OF 8-18-08

<b>Dennis Smith</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Tim Ward</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Terry Eastman</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Cliff Young</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Ed Kennedy</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Mike Overstreet</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Greg Clower</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Devin Bledsoe</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Drew Porter</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Bob Rohrback</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>David Draper</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Jeff Hinchee</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>John Arfaras</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Don Jones</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Jay Dennis</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Arthur Harris</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Tim Mullins</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Tommy Carr</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Bob Stull</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Melvin Matthews</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Don Smith</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Ken Bowyer</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Mark Crouch</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>CR Casey</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Ralph Leslie</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Jerry Smallwood</b>	<b>1</b>

RVIPMS Club Championship points can be gathered in many different ways. Model building and other club activities will garner points. This gives everyone a chance to be a \*model citizen\*.

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**





The 2008 IPMS National Convention

# GATEWAY TO THE ATLANTIC

Virginia Beach, Virginia - August 6,7,8,9



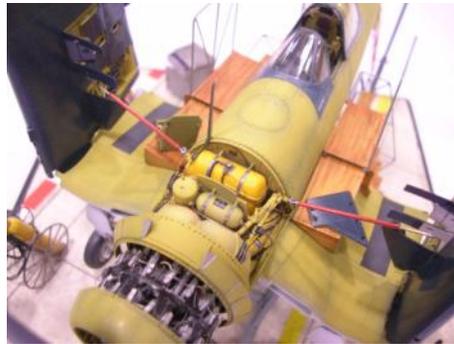
This picture of the contest room was taken Thursday night, hundreds of additional models would be added to these tables on Friday for a total of just under 2500 entries.



Ken Bowyer's USS Ticonderoga CV 14 that won second in class and Winner of the Wally Bigelow "Best Aircraft Carrier Award"



"Rat Rocket" by Tim Mullins





# S.C.A.M.P.S.



An Article by the Star City Armor Modeling & Preservation Society

## Semovente Italiano DA 75/18 M40-M41

by Terry Eastman



This 75 mm self propelled howitzer along with the Autoblinda armored car were two of the more successful Italian A.F.V.'s used in North Africa.

It was powered by a V-8 diesel engine. The crew of three consisted of an officer or NCO, and two enlisted tankists. The tankist uniform was unique. It consisted of a 3/4 length black leather coat and helmet. Under the coat a dark blue coverall was worn. The officer wears a custom made black leather jacket and officer's gray trousers.

This 1/35 scale Italeri kit was built out of the box with a few details like using the Ed Kennedy technique of a teabag to form the canvas tarp stored on the left front fender.

Terry

### RVIPMS 2008 National Convention Award Winners

#### Ed Kennedy

**First Place** - Ships, Sailing - Viking Longship

#### Ken Bowyer

**First Place** - Rotary Wing 1/144 and 1/72 - Coast Guard Helicopter

**Second Place** - Ships, Powered, 1/44 and 1/72, WWII and Later. USS Ticonderoga

**Wally Bigelow Award** - Best Aircraft Carrier - USS Ticonderoga

**The Gateway to the Atlantic Contest Theme Award**, Liberty Ship

#### Tim Mullins

**Second Place** - Figures, Sci-Fi & Fantasy, Other. Fireball Super Fighting Suit

**Second Place** - Sci-Fi & Fantasy, Kits, Other. Hover Tank

**Second Place** - Sci-Fi & Fantasy Dioramas. "Tanker Delivering Fuel Load"

**Premiere Award** - Automotive, Customs - 1932 Ford

**Premiere Award** - Automotive, Street Rod & Street Machines, 1948 and Older, 1932 Ford Pickup Coupe

**Premiere Award** - Sci-Fi & Fantasy, Scratchbuilt and Conversions, Medium Escape Pod

#### Dennis Smith

**Second Place** - Automotive, Scratchbuilt and Conversions, 1925 Dodge "der Black Max"

**August** \_\_\_\_\_

**29 - RVIPMS Annual Cookout**, Tim Ward, 540-977-6205

**September** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**20 - PennCon**, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Frank Froment, 717-791-1134

**25 - RVIPMS Business**

Meeting. 7:00pm, 5th Floor, Center in the Square.

**October** \_\_\_\_\_

**4 - Foothills Plastic Pro's Fall Classic**. American Legion Ave Conover N.C. 704-975-6243

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

**11 - MarauderCon** Towson, MD. 410-849-2992

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

**November** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



# PENNCON 2008

MODEL SHOW AND CONTEST

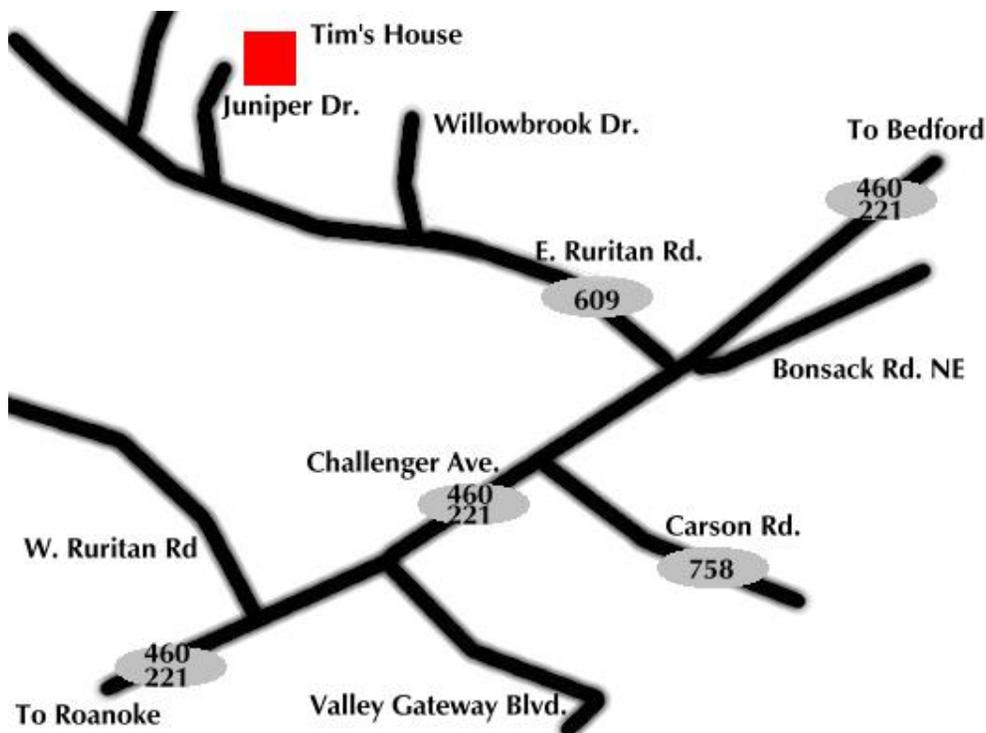
Show Theme: Fabulous Fifties

Saturday, September 20  
Silver Spring Banquet Center 6471 Carlisle Pike  
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17050  
[www.cenpennipms.com](http://www.cenpennipms.com)



Saturday  
October 18, 2008  
Harry Ruhl  
National Guard  
Armory  
1035 York Rd.  
Towson, MD.

[www.maraudercon.org](http://www.maraudercon.org)



*The August Business Meeting is our annual COOKOUT, FRIDAY the 29th, 7:00 pm at Tim Ward's House*



*No Contest for the Month of August. September 26th Business Meeting Contest is "Open"*

*Build it, Bring it !!*

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