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2009 Virginia Shootout



Club Meeting Pictures

From The President..

First off I'd like to send best wishes to Mike Overstreet who recently had triple heart by-pass surgery and to Ronnie Drain who broke his wrist a few months back. Hope you guys have a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you soon.

I've missed a few of you on sending out some of the past newsletters. Let me know if you haven't received your copies and I'll make sure you get up to date.

A special thanks to Brian Staples from the Blue / Grey Renegades for sending their latest newsletter with extensive coverage of the D-Day Memorial "World War II in Miniature" contest that we hosted in June. If you didn't receive it through your email, let me know and I'll send it to you.

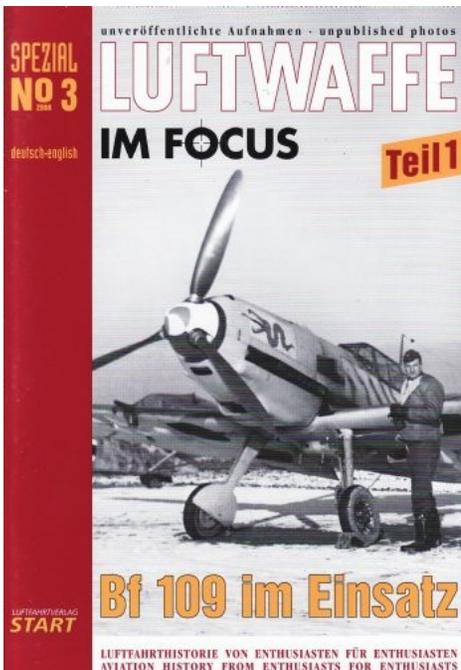
After another successful Virginia Shootout it's time to share ideas for next years show and possible changes to take place. Everyone keep this in back of your mind and share your ideas as they come to you though email and the two monthly meetings.

Make sure that you make a special effort to attend the September 25th club business meeting where we'll have special guest speaker Dr. Lee Anthony who will be speaking on his travels to WWII battle zones throughout Europe. Terry Eastman will be providing the food and drink.

Mike Powell informed me that Rick Nocar from the Tri- State Scale Modelers is setting up a visit to a behind the scenes look at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Let me know if your interested and we'll get all of the information to you about the trip.

We'll have show reports from the IPMS National Convention and the NNL Summer Classic from Clemmons, NC. In the next newsletter. Don't forget that the club cook-out is on Friday August 28 at Tim Wards house. Bring a dish and the club will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks.

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Luftwaffe im Focus- Special No 3 Bf-109 im Einsatz - Teil 1

MSRP- \$34.95
ISBN 978-3-941437-00-5
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Another 109 book? Do we really need another one? What more could be said about this airplane? Well to answer those questions, yes, yes and a lot more.

Written in this popular series of books, this softbound 56 page book covers the 109 from early war until the end. I am always amazed at the amount of new material being found and not just crashed airplanes in black and white photos. There are seven new color photos included as well. These compliment the 60 black and white photos very well.

There are plenty of pictures that are remarkably clear and well exposed. Most of the photos have never been released before. The pictures that have been released before have only been seen in the expensive unit histories. The ones that have been released are obviously first generation pictures as they are clearer than I've seen before. In particular I love the

JG54 G-6 which is a full page and it is plainly visible that the inside of the flaps are RLM 02 and the dark overspray of the fuselage. It looks so cool in full page splendor.

OK so there are a lot of really cool photos, but did you learn anything? Well that is where this book really excels. Each photo is accompanied with a thorough explanation about the plane and the pilot. These explanations are written in German and English. It is a nice way to brush up on my German as well as enjoying my favorite airplane.

There are also some six first class color profiles by Ronny Bar that are inspirational for the model builder. I don't agree with the profile interpretation of Black 12 "Hermannchen" but that is part of the fun with Luftwaffe aircraft. Modelers will love the red legs on the JG-300 Erla G-10.

There is also a full color profile complete with sand filter and under fuselage pod. This airplane comes with personal markings and a unique unit marking. Here is something really nice for decal manufacturers to embrace. This book also has quite a few unique markings, including personal markings, that decal manufacturers should take note of. Resin guys don't forget to see the remarkable picture of the fragmentation bomb rack with little 96 SD-2 bombs. There is Gerhard Barkhorn's Bf-109F-4 "Christl" with its unique three wire aerial system and a new JG53 cartoon aircraft.

People will always ask why do you model so many 109s? Well after looking at all these camouflage patterns, overspray, colors and markings how can you not build more 109s? If you haven't become familiar with this series of books, you need to. They are little gems of information and offer excellent value for the money.

Highly recommended

Thanks to Aeroplane Books for the review copy. You can obtain your copy at <https://www.aeroplanebooks.com/>. Let them know you heard about it here.

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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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Roanoke, VA. 24018

July Club Model Contest Winners

First Place

Bob Rohrback
Douglas A-1 "Skyraider"

Second Place

Terry Eastman
Messerschmitt Me-262

Third Place

Arthur Harris
1939 Chevy

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JULY CLUB PICTURES



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AUGUST BUILD MEETING

Some of the pictures from the August 14th build meeting.



Dennis' crazy custom molded from Durams Water Putty



Arthur Harris the beginning stages of a customized Buick



Mitsubishi "Nate" Type 95 by Bob Stull



Mike Powell's 1/35 Italiari Panzer 1B



DM8 - 24 Rocket Launcher built by Chris Webb

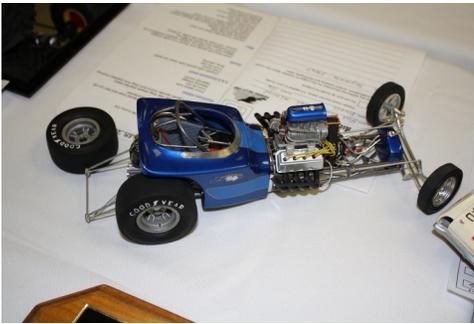


Mike Powell's German Mounted Infantry Horse.



July 18, 2009
Roanoke Civic Center

Some of the models and awards from the 2009 Virginia Shootout. A full list of all the winners will be listed in the September issue of Sprue.





Ashley Abernathy receiving the "2009 Virginia Shootout" award on behalf of IPMS/ Richmond



Penny Pierce was awarded the "2008 Region 2 Person of the Year"



Dennis Smith presents Ed Kennedy with the "Mark Kinser Best in Show" award for his "Davy Crockett and the River Pirates" diorama.



Winner of the Best Aircraft award went to Roger Woods from Gastonia, NC.



Rodney Jefferson took home the Best Automotive award with his 1949 Mercury



Frank Blanton won the Best Sci-Fi award for his BTL 44 Y-Wing



August _____

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

26 - 12th Annual IPMS Foot Hills Plastic Pros Fall Classic Johnny/Gail Lail or Ernest Harmon 828-256-8286 or 704-975-6243

October _____

16 - 17 JerseyCon, Region 2 Convention

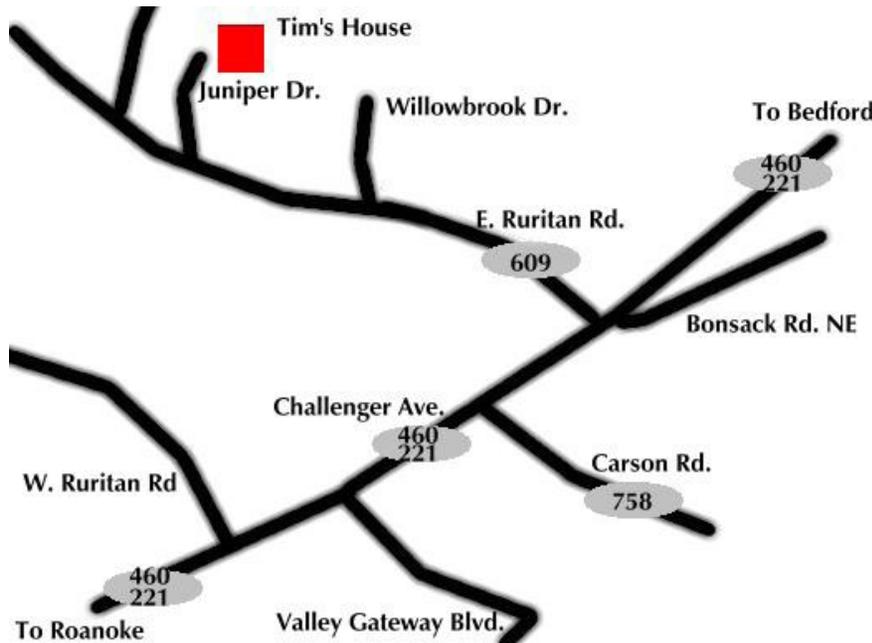
hosted by IPMS/New Jersey, Bill Schwarz 732-567-3724. njipms.org

November _____

7- LaFayette Scale Modelers Show Mike Kloppenburg 910-717-6586



RVIPMS CLUB



ATTENTION!!!!
The August Business Meeting is our annual Club Cookout of Friday the 28th, 7:00 pm at the home of Tim Ward
Bring a dish and the Club will supply the Burgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks



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