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### From The President..

Well we survived another club cookout without anyone getting sick or stumbling into the swimming pool. A good time was had by all and after munching down on some burgers and hot dogs we had a short business meeting to discuss plans for next years "Virginia Shootout", the club Christmas dinner, highlights of the National Convention and a review of the NNL Summer Classic from Clemmons, NC. By yours truly.

The scheduled visit by Dr. Lee Anthony for the September business meeting has been postponed until the October business meeting were he'll give a presentation and talk about the European battlefields of WWII. Dr. Anthony travels thought Europe yearly visiting World War I and World War II battlefields and has extensive knowledge of troop movements and strategies used by both sides during the war. This will be a special event so make plans to attend. Terry Eastman who arranged the visit will be supplying refreshments for the evening.

The 2009 IPMS National Convention is history and from the reviews the show was a great success. It seems the only complaint from the attendees was the inadequate lighting that usually plaque conventions and shows held at hotels. The Convention website could have been more informative, the category sponsors and other information wasn't listed until a few days ago on the IPMS/ USA website. Tim Ward was the only RVIPMS member in atten-



dance and he'll give you a recap in his "From the Crow's Nest article on page two. It will be a few years before the National Convention swings back to the east coast as next years event will be held in Phoenix and in 2011 the convention will be held in Omaha.

If you're a IPMS/USA member and you haven't voted in this years election, get to it. You only have a few weeks left to get your vote in.

The next two business meetings contests are open category and in November we'll have the ever popular Carrier Landings.

Oh yea! Write something for the newsletter and send it to me, very few of you have participated in contributing anything over the past year. All articles and pictures are appreciated.

Happy Modeling,

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## Inside this issue:



**NNL Summer Classic Clemmons, NC.**



**2009 National Convention Review**



# FROM THE CROWS NEST

BY TIM WARD



1,127,356,489.....your share of the National debt?.....the amount of weight lost on "The Biggest Loser"??.....the amount of models I have stashed away???.....no, none of these. This is the number of potholes and expansion joints between Roanoke and Columbus, OH. How do I know?!?!? I hit every one of them on my trip to the 2009 IPMS National Convention a couple of weeks ago. I took off Wednesday morning in the "Cooper" headed up thru WV on the turnpike (now \$2.00 a pop at the toll stations..good grief!!) and after a hotdog and root-beer lunch at Frostop in Huntington, WV (still the best root-beer in the world) I arrived in Columbus by mid-afternoon at the Hyatt Regency hotel/Convention Center. I took a quick look around. Some vendors were still missing and some setting up and the model room was relatively empty. I traveled west to my hotel for a deserved rest and soaking of my butt (still sore from the potholes) and got ready for a busy day on Thursday. I continued due west Thursday morning to the Air Force Museum in Dayton (actually Fairborn) and arrived early enough to sign up for the first viewing of the "annex" buildings which house the Presidential airplanes and X-planes collection. I got a kick out of touring the First official Air Force One, Boeing 707 used by JFK, LBJ, and oth-

ers up thru Bill Clinton. Felt kind of weird standing in the same spot LBJ took the oath of office after Kennedy's death. Really enjoyed touring the X-planes hangar, still one of the most eclectic collections of "one of a kind" aircraft. XB-70 Valkyrie, XF-84 Thunderscreech, F-107 Super Sabre, etc. make up a cool group of airplanes that would be great to see in action, they just didn't make the grade for mass production. If you visit the Museum, make this part of your tour. After I spent a few more hours at the Museum, I traveled back East to the Convention. All of the vendors had arrived and set up and offered the model builder (or collector) the opportunity to stack those shelves or workbenches with the latest or kits of yesteryear. The vendor areas were set up in two main rooms with a few auxiliary rooms for the overflow of vendors. The model display area was in a huge room that offered plenty of room for the completed works of art. By mid-Thursday around 1,000 models were in place. The room was beautiful with lush carpets and chandeliers but the room suffered the modeler's bane, low lighting. I spoke with a couple of the judges and they said the lighting created a problem with judging the flashlights were not a luxury but a necessity. I don't know a final count for the show (no, I didn't



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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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count...my brain cells don't go up that high?!?!?) but the room was plumb full by Friday evening. My favorites on the tables were a nice New England boat building scene diorama and a 1/72 Lancaster with cut-away viewing. The Best-of-Show was won by a 1/350 scale USS Harry S Truman which the pictures on the web do not do justice. The raffle was done in a categorized "assign-a-prize" format, with the drawings taking place twice a day. This was one of the weaknesses of the show in my opinion, not enough prizes for a 3-day National and not enough drawings. I won a couple of items that went immediately in our raffle for next year. I did not stay for the awards as I was getting tired after 3 days and wanted to get back with one day left to take care of chores. My conclusion to the show was that it was well run, well organized and a successful show. My only negatives were the down-town hotel convention format. The traffic, ridiculous parking fees, and multiple vendor rooms set-up is not the way to go in my opinion. I like the format that VA Beach uses much better. But these are only small beefs, the show was a lot of fun and I saw and visited with a lot of old friends at the show and enjoyed myself immensely.

Tim



One small speck of the nearly 2500 models that were in competition at the 2009 IPMS National Convention in Columbus, Ohio



**les Fantassin francaise**  
By Terry Eastman

This figure is from the Tamiya 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale French Infantry Set. The fantassin with the Chatellerault FM24/29 in the kit is depicted in the prone position. I modeled this figure in the standing position with the FM24/29 being held in the ready position. The following paints were used:

Kaki varuese francais – Tamiya Acrylics  
XF 60 ... 3 Dark Yellow  
AF 64 ... 1 Red Brown

Puttees – Model Master  
Russian Earth  
Leather equipment – Model Master  
Leather  
Knapsack – Humbrol  
Kaki Drill

Per demonstrations by both Tommy Carr and Ed Kennedy, the dry brush technique was used for shading to give depth to the figure. The figure was assembled and than sprayed with flat white before painting. Artist oils were used for the face and hands.

Reference: Osprey's, "The French Army, 1939 - 1945



Several RVIPMS members traveled to the second annual NNL Summer Classic hosted by the Carolina Kustom Modelers. The vendor area doubled in size over last years show and the model count was somewhere in the 350 range. With modelers traveling from all over the east coast, the quality of the models on display was very high. Hats off to the CKM guys for a well executed show.



## ***Werner's Wings Walk Around DVDs- Up first the UH-1***

In conjunction with Ray Wilhite (ROTORWASH)

Coming soon to Werner's Wings line of products, the venerable UH-1 on two separate Walk Around DVDs, Short Bodied UH-1s and Long Bodied UH-1s.

After much traveling and gathering information, Ray Wilhite (rotorwash) has compiled two walk around DVDs. The first is for the UH-1 Short bodies (UH-1A, B, C/M, F, and HH-1K) and the second release will be for the UH-1 Long Bodies (UH-1D, H, N, and V). The only versions not covered by the DVDs are the UH-1P (armed UH-1F) and the TH-1L, UH-1L and UH-1E (these last three being essentially identical to the HH-1K). The DVDs will contain walk around from museum aircraft, operational birds from air shows and the Flat Iron Hueys from Ft. Rucker. There are photos of Two Marine, one Navy and one USAF UH-1N. You've seen his photos on ARC and other helicopter websites, now you will benefit from his vast travels and tribulations to bring you the very best photos. The photos are large enough for the modeler and historian to use (3264 X 2448 ppi). These are not just your run of the mill internet photos, most of these are from his and Len Lundh's private collections. These aren't just beauty shots these are detail oriented with the modeler in mind. Best of all, all of Ray's photos are copyright-free.

The Short Bodied DVD has no less than 1,200 of 18 aircraft, while the Long Bodied UH-1 DVD contains no less than 1,300 photos of 23 aircraft. That is less than ONE CENT a photo.

The Short Bodied Huey is just the first offering and if the demand is there, there will be more. This DVD will be followed by the Long Bodied Hueys. More Army, Air Force, Marine and Navy helicopters will follow in future DVDs.

Right now the cost is going to be approximately \$10 each plus shipping. They are not available yet and at the moment I am not taking pre-orders, but we wanted to give you a heads up that they are coming. We are shooting for an October release date so be on the look out. They will make great Christmas gifts for the rotor heads that you know.

These DVDs are really the inspiration of Ray and his passion. I am just the business man facilitating his dreams and hopefully yours. I'm looking forward to seeing how well received these DVDs are. The first releases will dictate whether or not there will be more so make sure you order yours when we release them. Also tell your fellow rotor heads that they are coming.

Check out [www.wernerswings.com](http://www.wernerswings.com) for the release dates and future titles, as well as, a host of other helicopter related resin, decals and walk around DVDs.

Remember: Modeling is fun!  
Floyd



September \_\_\_\_\_

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

26 - 12th Annual IPMS Foot Hills Plastic Pros Fall Classic, American Legion Fairgrounds Conover NC, 828-256-8286 or 704-975-6243

October \_\_\_\_\_

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

10 - HRSM Annual Modelers' Swap-Meet, Hampton Roads Scale Modelers Robert Beach 757-217-7433

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

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

November \_\_\_\_\_

7 - LaFayette Scale Modelers Show, Fayetteville, NC.Mike Kloppeburg 910-717-6586

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



**The IPMS/USA  
2009 Region II  
Convention  
Holiday Inn,  
Runnemede New  
Jersey  
October 16/17,  
2009**

**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**

**IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

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 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#)

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**ATTENTION!!!!**  
 The September Business Meeting is on Thursday the 24th, 7:00 pm on the Fifth Floor at Center in the Square

**"Open Contest" for the September Meeting!**

**Build it  
Bring it !!**

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