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So you are probably wondering to yourself just who is this new guy that was elected to be President of the club. You have probably seen me around at the model shows for the last few years. About a year ago I just showed up at one of the meetings one night and liked it so much that I joined the club. In fact it was so much fun that my father-in-law (Roy) joined with me.

Well let me introduce myself to you so you can have a better understanding of your new President. Like most model builders I started building around five or six years old and was more interested in finishing the model than having it look good. So that usually meant a whole can of spray paint shot nonstop till it was dripping off the body, glue bulging out of the seams, body sitting in a — well let's just say an awkward, odd looking kind of way. Of course my parents were always like "that looks awesome, great job, how do you do that" which drove me to find another "master piece" to work on. As the years went by the projects got better but never all that great. Saturdays were always highly anticipated so I could make my trip to the local hobby shop (which were numerous at one point in Roanoke) to look for the new kit.

As I got older my dad brought me into the family printing business that he and my grandfather started in 1958. I am still in the business today. My high school years found me attending William Byrd High School where I played the saxophone in the band. Yes I do admit to being a Marching Band Geek and I'm proud of it. After graduating from high school I started full time in the family business and real cars began taking up more time than did the model cars. Gradually over the next several years my family and I started collecting cars and automobillia pertaining to Chevrolet and General Motors. We are still adding to this collection.

In 2007 I ended up doing something most people said I would never do, I married a Ford loving, University of Virginia fan named Anessa whom swept me off my feet. Believe me, since I am a Chevrolet loving Virginia Tech fan it makes things interesting in our household, especially since my step daughter is also a University of Virginia fan. These ladies have kept me busy doing "Honey Do" chores, attending ball games, practices, band concerts and many other school events. However, like most husbands and dads — I wouldn't trade it for anything.

So that brings me up to current and hopefully you know a little bit more about me than you did a year ago. I look forward to being your President for the next year and hope to keep the club moving in the same forward direction it has been up to now. In the coming months, I will touch on upcoming shows, the 2014 IPMS Nationals and things we can do to keep the club growing. Please feel free to bring up any ideas you may have for the club.

Till Next Month

Rocky

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## G4 WWII German Personnel Car 1/24 by ICM



Molded in light gray, black, clear and chrome plated, the 258 styrene plastic parts look pretty good. Out of the box the kit seems to have potential for military and auto modelers alike. There are also 8 finely detailed tires to round out the parts count.

See the pics below for basic out of box views of the trees of parts. And an auto model idea to boot.





## Inspiration Dept.



A few pictures from [www.shorpy.com](http://www.shorpy.com). A great site for some out of the ordinary historical pictures. Also great starting points for ideas/subject for scale modeling.

- ***Refreshments for the April Business meeting will be brought in by Terry Eastman***

- ***2014 Dues are due...***

Our Treasurer Greg Clower is now collecting dues and you have 3 months to pay them. We accept cash and checks. Regular full Membership to RVIPMS is still only \$24 for one year. April 1 to March 31.

New Associate (Distance 60 + miles away) membership is \$12 for one year. April 1 to March 31.

**Potential Idea for a non-theme for 2015 Shootout...**

**Wide Open with Your Hair on Fire!**

### Reason's to Build Stuff

May 10, 2014  
MAMA's Boyz  
Mid-Atlantic NNL  
9a.m. to 3p.m.  
Severna Park, MD

IPMS 2014 National Convention  
August 6–9, 2014  
Hampton, VA  
[www.ipmsusa2014.com](http://www.ipmsusa2014.com)

**Remember** If you want to enter the National contest, you must join or renew your National IPMS membership. You can join or renew at

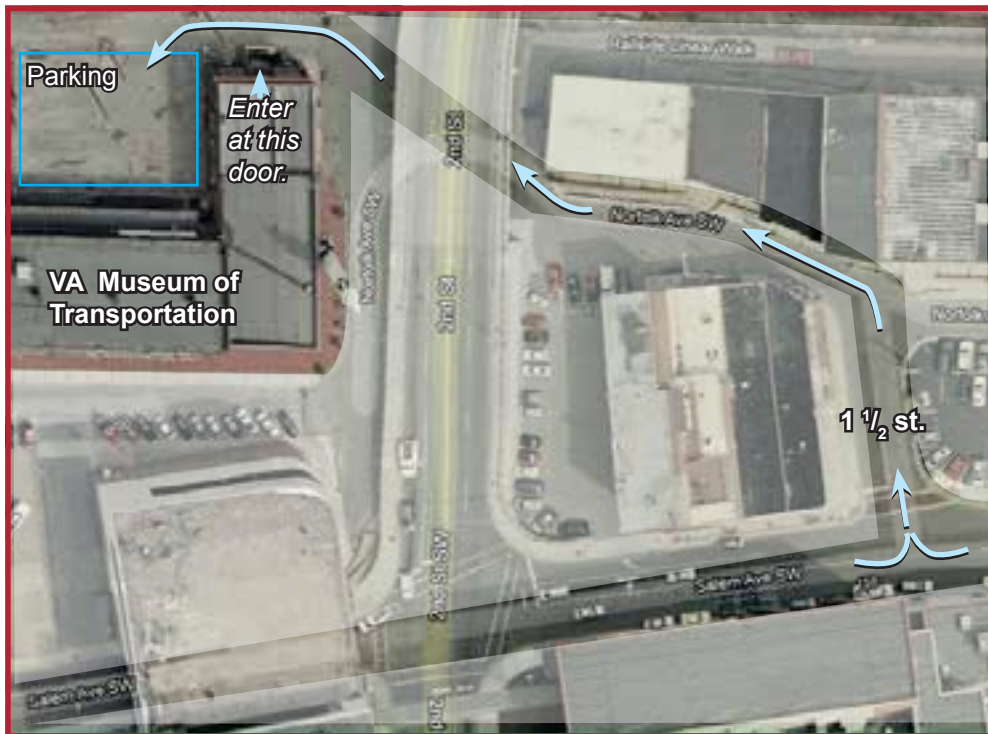
**[www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org)**

## Meetings

Next Build Meeting  
May 8, 2014

Next Business Meeting  
April 24, 2014

If you have any questions about the club, meetings, or need directions, contact us at; [www.rvipms.com](http://www.rvipms.com) or mail written correspondence to: Roanoke Valley IPMS P.O. Box 20841 Roanoke, VA. 24018.



**RVIPMS meetings are held at the Virginia Museum of Transportation.**

### How to get there;

From Salem Ave. turn onto 1 1/2 St. Drive the very short distance to Norfolk Ave. SW and turn left. Follow under the 2nd st. over-pass to the back of the museum. The fenced parking lot is behind the building as indicated in the picture. Enter through the rear door, (the main entrance will be locked) walk down the hallway and turn right. Meeting room is in right corner.

### When to get there;

The club has two meetings per month, with a couple exceptions. Build meetings are the second Thursday each month. Business meetings are the fourth Thursday each month. All meetings start at 7 p.m. For further details visit our website. [www.rvipms.com](http://www.rvipms.com)