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### **FROM THE PREZ.**

Another ShootOut is in the books, so to speak, and it was a great, fun time had by all. I wasn't sure if the hellish weather was going to break and give us some relief but it did and a good mix of Regions 2, 3 and 12 came out to support the styrene hobby. There were 119 entrants with 435 models on display with a huge amount of walk-ins perusing the vendor aisles for the latest in plastic modeling goods.

We had vendors from as far away as Texas (Jane's Tools) and nearby hobby shops as well. Thanks go out to Jim Molinary at the Rail Yard Hobby shop for all of his help in making the 2012 VA ShootOut another success. Congratulations go out to all of the winners, and especially "kudos" (pun intended) to Jay Dennis for his magnificent Titanic history shadow box, which took 1st place in his category, "Best Ship" and the theme award for the 100th anniversary of the voyage and sinking of the "unsinkable" RMS Titanic. I guess there is an upside to his job closing... more model building time. Jay is currently working at the Rail Yard, so go on down Williamson Road to Hollins and check him out. And a huge thank-you to all of the RVIPMS members who helped out with the show. You guys did a great job, even when your illustrious leader was about to lose his mind (again?!)

Tim Ward



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## FROM THE CROW'S NEST

By Tim Ward

AHOY! — I spot ice on the starboard quarter — no, wait a minute, that's only the shaved ice in my jumbo margarita that I treated myself to after the 2012 VA Shoot-Out had closed down for another year. Greg, Peggy, Dennis, Cheryl, Jay and yours truly needed a good stiff drink

after all the work that went on for the ShootOut. It's amazing sometimes how hard you have to work to have a good time. And we did have a good time, a GREAT TIME, actually.

The number of entries was down a little from last year (vacations, weather, competing AMPS contest may have been the culprit) but what we lacked in models were more than made up in enthusiasm and quality. I saw a lot of smiling faces and

the contest seemed to run as smoothly as I've ever seen. The vendors got their stuff in the Civic Center with no muss and fuss, and the show went like clock-work throughout the day. Huge amounts of raffle treasures were taken out of the hall and the "Make-N-Take" area was frequented by kids as Mike Overstreet showed them (or they showed him?) the latest modeling tips and techniques. Thanks for all you do, Mike! The judging was flawless (with the exception of letting the Tidewater guys get hold of the judging sheets — who's this Ballsitch guy?) and a lot of very nice awards were given out. I want to thank again our Art group, Jay, Tim M. (Good Tim) and James for coming together at the last minute to get the "Best Of" plaques put together. They looked great and show what can be done when the need arises. And this year it definitely arose. Kind of like that iceberg I see in my way — no, wait that's another tequila-laced ice cube in my way — where's my salt-shaker?

See ya' Thursday night.



## • R&D DEPT.

**Kawasaki Ki-45 - "Nick"**  
**5th Heavy Fighter Sentai**  
**Komaki Air Base, Japan, 1944**  
*by Terry Eastman*



The Ki-45 in this version was armed with a forward firing armament of a 20 mm. cannon, and two 12.5 machine guns.

The "Nick" was used in defense of the home islands to deter U.S. Air Force bombers. It had a top speed of 339 m.p.h at 22,965 feet. The climb to 16,405 feet took 6 minutes with a service ceiling of 32,810 feet.

The color scheme of this Hasegawa 1/72nd scale kit is a wrap around application of IJA Green, FS 34092. The white home defense bands predominate.

## WELCOME!

The Roanoke Valley IMPS would like to extend our hearty welcome to all our NEW members and Associate Members. You Associate Members please come see us whenever time permits. And please stay in touch through our website and Facebook. (Tim you can list those two addresses here).

Our new members are:

David St.Clair, Adam Pantaze, Penny Pierce, Robert Compton  
Michele Borgarelli, Roy Witt, Joshua Beazley

Now on a more somber note our sympathies go out to Ed and Jackie Kennedy. Jackie's mother passed away recently so please keep them in your thoughts.



# 2012 VIRGINIA SHHOTOUT, IN PICTURES...



435  
Models

119  
Entrants











**— Reason's to Build Stuff —**



IPMS USA National Convention  
 Aug. 8 - 11, 2012  
 Disney World Resort  
 Lake Buena Vista, FL

PennCon 2012  
 Sep. 15, 2012  
 U.S. Army Heritage & Ed Center  
 Carlisle, PA

Maraudercon 2012  
 Nov. 10, 2012  
 Hilton Garden  
 Baltimore, MD



IPMS Region 2 Convention  
 Oct. 4 & 5, 2013  
 Theme: Nose Art  
 Roanoke Civic Center  
 Roanoke, VA

*Always check websites for up to date info on shows and contests*

**— Club Officers —**

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**MEETINGS**

Next Build Meeting  
 Aug. 19, 2012

*August Business Meeting  
 is our annual Summer  
 Cook-out!*

Stay Tuned for Details.



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

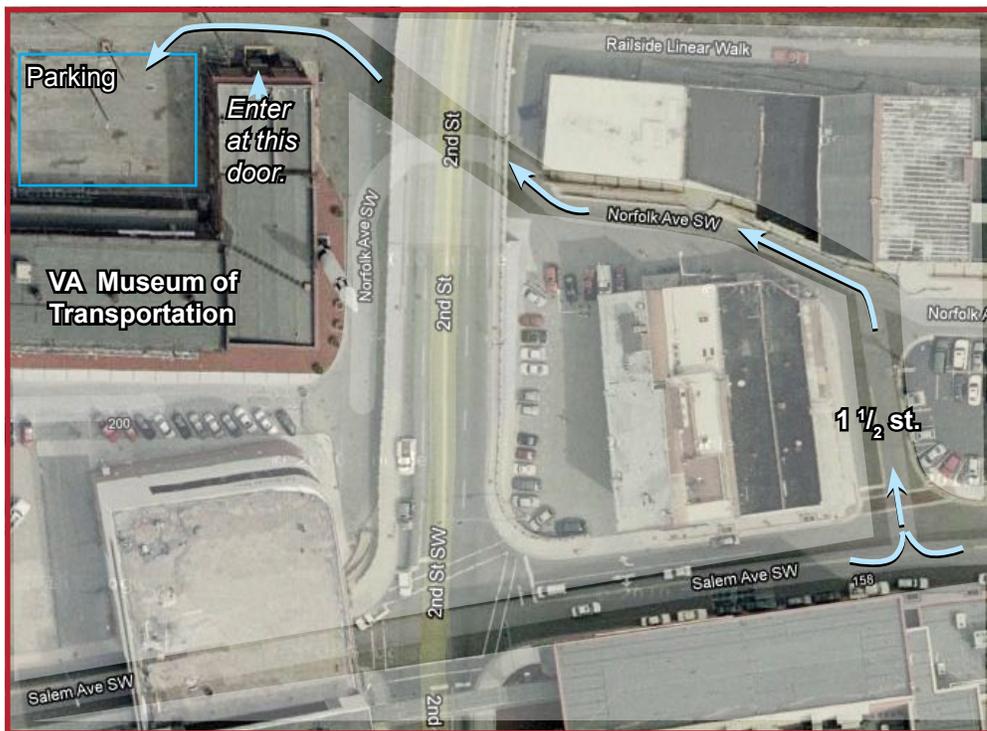
**RVIPMS meetings are held at the Virginia Museum of Transportation.**

**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)



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