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From the Prez...

I'm going to keep this month's article short because if everyone is like me they need all the extra time they can get to finish those last minute projects to take to Hampton. By the time you read this it will only be a few days till we all will be heading down for the big National Convention. If you have never been to one of the Conventions you really should think about going. Not only do they have the huge contest, but you will see the biggest selection of vendors that can be put in one place with everything imaginable for sale you could need or want. Along with that you can also take part in seminars taking place all day that are always informative about everything model building related. We are going to try and get everyone together one night to maybe go out and eat as a group. More on this as we get closer to the show. If you plan on taking something down to show please let me know while we are there so I can try and get a photo of your entry (entries) for the newsletter. I will be around the contest/vendor room a lot due to having to take daily pictures of the automotive class for the IPMS National website.



Tim Ward has once again put out the welcome wagon and invited everyone to the annual club picnic on August 15 at 7pm. Tim says the grille is all primed and ready for the burgers, dogs and whatever else may jump up on there to be grilled. This will be the Friday after we get back from Hampton. Bring a dish or dessert to make sure we have plenty of good stuff to eat.

Ok so finish reading this newsletter and get back to those projects! See you in Hampton!!

— Rocky

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Welcome to the **50th** Anniversary
IPMS-USA National Convention

Hosted By

IPMS TIDEWATER

August 6-9, 2014



2014 Nationals last minute checklist...

- _ Registered for show
- _ Hotel / Motel room somewhere within a reasonable distance from the con.
- _ Registered as a national member if I want to enter a model
- _ Asked off from work
- _ Money to buy more models and supplies to surely build the more models I buy
- _ Packed an emergency model repair kit. oh, and clothes (clean) deodorant (please) a toothbrush would be great too
- _ Money for food, peanut butter crackers are cheap and water is free.
More money for models this way
- _ Something I forgot that I'll remember 30 minutes from arriving at the con.
- _ Etc.

At this month's business meeting we will do a dry run for the club display tables at the Nationals.

Also Terry will be giving a rousing pocket history of the Battle of Britain complete with scale model accompaniment.

R and D Dept.

Grumman TBM-3 Avenger
U.S.S. Bunker Hill, (CV-17)
11 May 1945 By Terry Eastman

The carrier was 70 miles off the Coast of Okinawa. The ship was struck by two kamikazes. Significant damage was done to the ship, and 393 personnel lost their lives.

This is a 1/72 scale Airfix kit. Assembly of this kit is not for the novice. It had lots of flash and mold marks. An instrument panel was added along with modification to the dorsal revolving turret interior.

Model Master Paints used:
Flat Sea Blue, Intermediate Blue, Flat White, Interior Green

Modeldecal Sheet No. 4 United States Navy



U.S.S. Constitution Visit by Tim Mullins

While in Boston for the Fourth of July we visited the U.S.S. Constitution. There is tons of detailed history on the ship so I won't go into that here. We decided to get there early to avoid lines. This was a good decision. We were some of the first visitors that day. Since the ship is still commissioned, we had to go through a security check to enter. Unfortunately, they were a bit short staffed due to the holiday. So, we did not get to see the last 2 lower decks. We did see the main and gun decks. We also visited the museum prior to touring the ship.

As a modeler, one of the coolest things in the museum is the model shipwright's office. See pictures...



Wooden ship model at back of office



Model rescue boat behind a book & box atop a file cabinet.



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Meetings

Cookout
Aug. 15, 2018
7p.m.

Aug. Business Meeting
Aug. 28, 2014

If you have any questions about the club, meetings, or need directions, contact us at; 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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

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