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Show and Tell!

Bring in a prized collectible kit or hobby related item.

Bragging rights and bonding will ensue. Okay, maybe not the bonding. If your kit or item is too valuable or delicate maybe just a picture.

See From the Crows nest for a few more details. Thanks Greg, for the cool idea!



From the Prez...

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I know we're already four weeks in but I thought the message would be well-received since 2011 wasn't anything to get too excited about. It looks like the new year may have some promise as long as the powers that be don't screw it up too bad. Sorry, no soap box orating from me.

My New Year's resolution is for a kinder and gentler outlook on things. OK, quit laughing — I mean it. Anyway the outlook for RVIPMS is rosy enough. We have the 2012 Shoot-Out planning well under way and the initial planning for the 2013 Regional Convention is in the works. Both are looking very promising with lots of new ideas for great shows. We appreciate the efforts of all involved.

Mark your calendars for July 14, 2012 and October 4-5, 2013 respectively. The Roanoke Civic Center has our letter of intent, so to speak, and we will be there with "bells" on. We will need all hands on deck for successful shows. In the meantime, our friends in Richmond have a nice show they call the ODO on the 25th of February, maybe you've heard of it. Well worth the 3 hour trip due East. The RVIPMS van will be available for hire if you want to go. Just let the chauffeur know your plans.

Oh, and by the way, remember to build some models along the way. I sometimes forget this part. — DOH!

Keep modeling!!!
Tim Ward



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From the Crow's Nest

By TimWard

Did everyone get some nice styrene goodies for Christmas?

I wonder if Santa Claus gets "frequent flier" miles for traveling over to China and Korea to pick up all those cool kits that Trumpeter and Hasegawa put out.

Or maybe it's India where they're made. Don't know for sure, just glad they are still available.

I personally did not increase my stash this year. I am pushing "maximum density" on my collection and my family refuses to feed the habit. However, I got some nice books. Something to while away the hours waiting for lawn-mowing season to come.

Oh wait, maybe I could work on that collection and actually build something this year! What a concept! Geez, it would be nice to actually enter a contest with something that I did not have to dust off before putting it on the table. Maybe that paint and glue I've been hoarding might come in handy after all.

Do you think the flat-black Pactra paint bottle marked 15 cents would still be good? I think I even have some of that lemon-scented Testors glue in the yellow squeeze tube in my tool box. Remember that stuff? Smelled great, but couldn't hold two parts together to save it's life.

And speaking of old stuff, (besides yourselves) remember to bring your oldest, most collectible model or model building stuff to the meeting for "show-n-tell". Greg brought up a great idea to bring in our most collectible of stuff and try to impress each other. Well, sounds like fun to me. Now where did I put that \$1.59 Aurora Franken-Flivver?



• R&D Dept.



Wooden You like to be this Productive?

432 – 1/300 waterline ship models
1200 – same scale aircraft
650,000 – matchsticks
13,000 – match boxes
62 years of scratch-building
Average of 26.33 models a year.
UK modelmaker Phil Warren is as incredible as his models.



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Model Worthy Movie

By Tim Mullins

The lights dim. The familiar 20th century Fox barum-bump echos. The first thing we see is “Inspired by True Events.” Thus, “Red Tails” a story of the Tuskegee Airmen, starts. You are thrown right into the action. This WWII adventure is full of action. Armchair pilots will nitpick to find flaws in the battles and maneuvers. There’s always an expert. However, that’s not the point of this movie.

What is the point? It’s a story that’s been a long time in the telling. A part of our history as a country that has been overlooked for sociopolitical reasons that are way too deep for this review. The point is to pay homage

to the brave souls of the all African American group of pilots who fought for the USA in WWII.

The story is engaging with just enough drama, comedy and history to balance the plentiful action. Not as much history as I would’ve liked. Maybe this will inspire an in-depth documentary. Then again, it’s pretty full for only a couple hours of courageous patriotism.

I found it better than “Fly Boys” and way better than “Pearl Harbor.”

Is it worth big screen time? “To the last bullet” — Yes!

Buy the ticket. Take the ride.

Tusgegee Airmen Inspired Modeling

The 332nd Fighter Group flew several planes during WWII. P-40s, P-39s, P-47s, & P-51s

Several Kits in all popular scales have been produced. Tamiya has just reissued their versions of P-51Ds in both 1/48 and 1/72 scale. Accurate Miniatures released a P-51C with Tuskegee markings only a short time ago.

Several decal sets fill in some gaps for other scales and fighters. Check your favorite hobby retailer or swap meet for availability.



Africa Korps Kubelwagen

Libya

December 1942

This is a 1/35 scale Italeri kit.

The first Kubelwagens sent to North Africa were painted Panzer Gray. In the field, they were repainted on the exterior surfaces Afrika Braun.

Paints used: Panzer Gray – Krylon spray tint Primer Gray
 Afrika Braun – Model Master
 Canvas top and seats – Krylon spray tint Olive Drab

Here we see an Afrika Korps artillery officer in tropical dress pondering a map coordinate.



— Reason's to Build Stuff —

Old Dominion Open
Feb. 25, 2012
Richmond, VA

Smoky Mountain Mini-Con
Mar. 24, 2012
Knoxville, TN



MDA Model Car Contest
Theme: Bubble Tops
Mar. 3, 2012
Roanoke Civic Center
Roanoke, VA

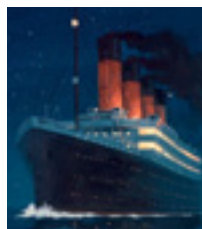
WrightCon 2012 - R4 Regional
April 13 - 14, 2012
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

NOVA Model Classic
May 12, 2012
Fairfax, VA

Wonderfest
May 26 - 27, 2012
Louisville, KY

Catawba Valley Scale Modelers Contest
and Swap Meet
Mar. 17, 2012
Statesville, NC

The Virginia Shootout
July 14, 2012
Roanoke Civic Center
Roanoke, VA



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

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Next Build meeting
Feb. 9, 2012
7 p.m. VMoT

Next Business Meeting
Feb. 23, 2012
7 p.m. VMoT

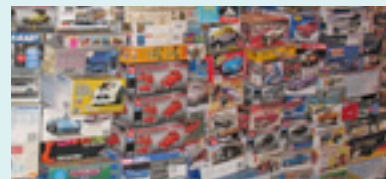
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Submissions deadline is the first Sunday at 1 p.m. after the build meeting.

Call for Pictures!

Show us your stash. Send in pics of your model collection and work area.



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

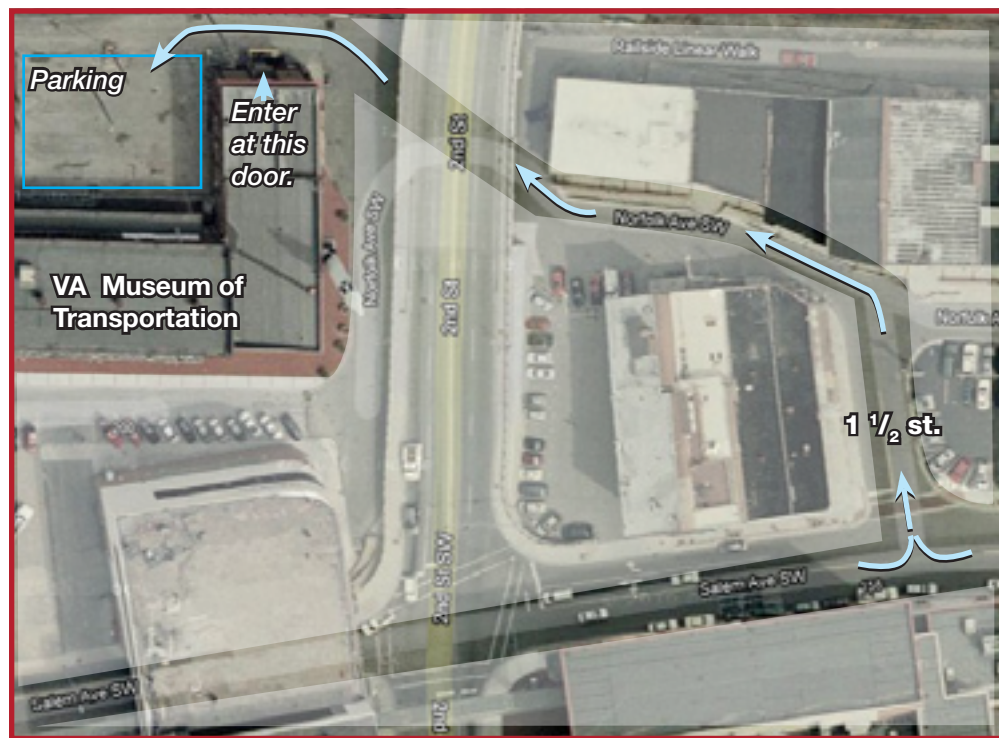
RVIPMS meetings are held at the Virginia Museum of Transportation.

How to get there;

From Salem Ave. turn onto 1 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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