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From the Prez...



Well it looks like time is just rolling right along for everyone this year. Here we are just a few days past having monsters, zombies, princess's and super heroes asking for candy to now we are thinking about a Thanksgiving dinner to feast on. And of course we all know that just leads us right into having to look for the old jolly man in the red suit and white beard coming to visit shortly after. As I'm sure all of you have noticed though the Christmas stuff has unfortunately gotten now to where it is being put out on the store shelves before the candy for Halloween. It seem with all of this "push" by the stores it has taken the true meaning and the fun out of Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas I want to remind everyone to make their plans for the club Christmas Banquet. The Banquet is being held on December 5 at Windsor Hills United Methodist Church from 6:30 till 9 pm. The meal will have two entrees, two vegetables, desert and rolls. Please also make plans to play along with our usual "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. This should be fun for everyone who attends. I want to thank Devin again for all his work in plan this Banquet!

As I write this message the contract has been signed and returned to the Berglund Center (new name for the Civic Center) to use for our annual Shoot Out next August. I'm sure as we get back into the swing of things after the Holidays the Shoot Out will become the main item of interest and business for all of us to concentrate on. We have always been able to provide a great show for everyone to attend so there is no reason we can't again next year. Advertising flyer sheets have already been put out at some shows to help get the date and announcement of the show out. I'm sure we are all looking forward to having another great show.

Wishing all of you a great Thanksgiving!

— Rocky

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

Visit www.rvipms.com for the latest info on shows, pictures, contacts and more.

Up Close Visit With Space Shuttle Atlantis:

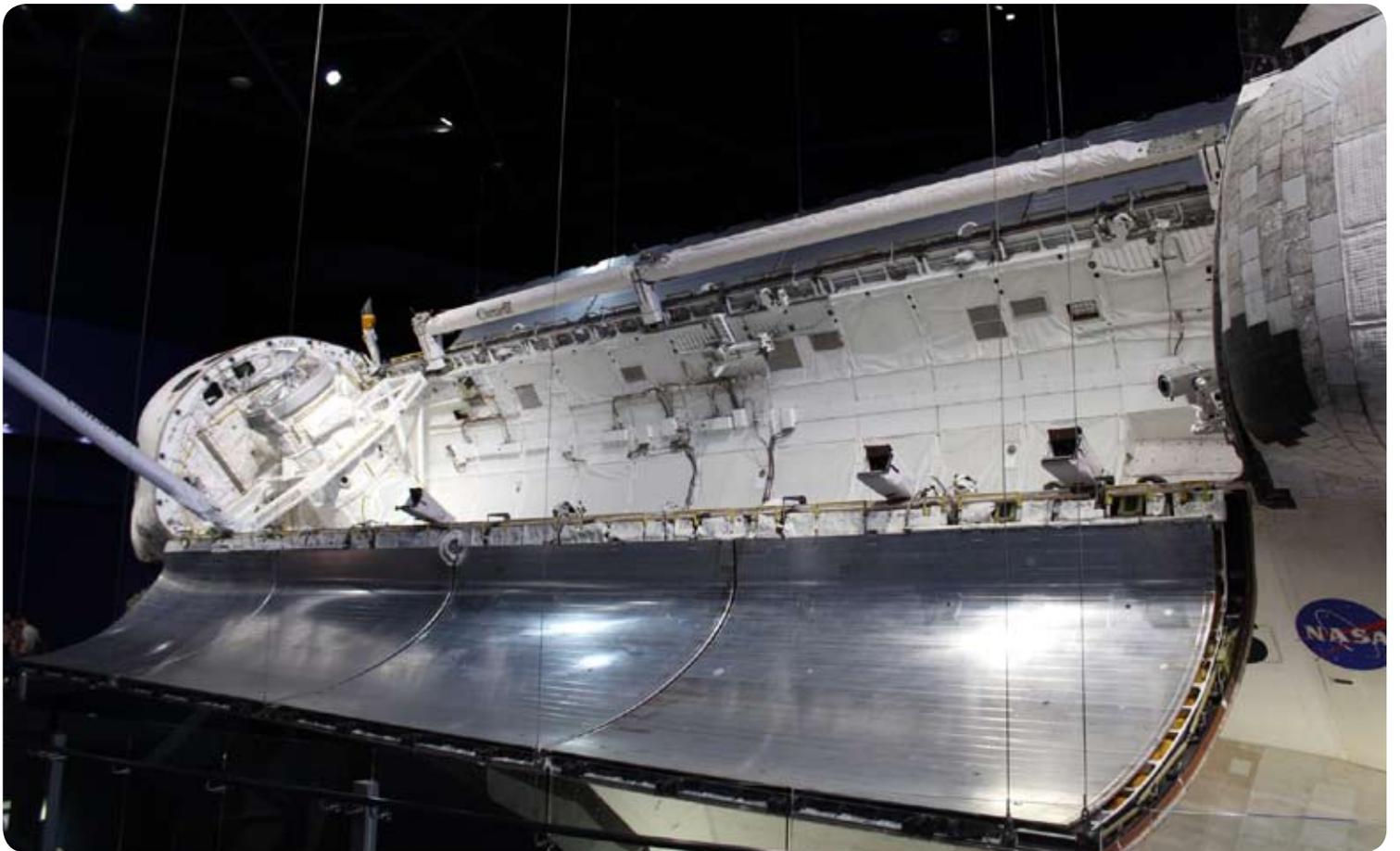
This past September my family and I spent a week in Florida on vacation and one of the main stops on the “to do” list was visit The Kennedy Space Center. While we had visited the Space Center on previous trips we were really looking forward to this visit due to the Space Shuttle Atlantis being on display for viewing since its retirement after its last flight on July 21, 2011. Not only was this Atlantis’s last flight but the last flight for all Shuttles in the program. The other three Shuttle’s had been retired after their last flights and were on display in various other museums across the United States.

Upon entering the building that Atlantis is housed in you think that you would just be walking into a huge room and there it would be, but no that’s not how Kennedy Space Center did it at all. When you enter the building you begin a three story climb on a slow rising ramp that has a multitude of Atlantis pictures, murals, flight history, past crew member’s pictures and numerous other facts that have to do with Atlantis. After you work your way to the top floor you are treated to a five minute video of the how the Shuttle program began (hosted by a past Shuttle pilot on our visit) than another five minute video on the history of the Shuttle Atlantis. At the end of the second video you see the Shuttle flying through space and as it makes a turn to fly towards you the video begins to fade out as the back drop rises and all of a sudden you are almost face to face with the real Shuttle Atlantis. I can only say that it will give you a weird feeling when you see this creation for the first time. No pictures or video on TV can do justice to what you see in person.

Atlantis flew its first mission in 1985 and flew a total of 33 missions before its retirement. This shuttle was almost 3.5 tons lighter than previous Shuttles due to new thermal protection covers instead of tiles on top of the Shuttle. The majority of Atlantis’s flights were to MIR with other flights being for Military and various other type missions.







Business Meeting Thursday Nov. 20, 2014

Same Bat-time Same Bat-location

The Christmas Banquet is on December 5, 6:30-9, Windsor Hills United Methodist Church, 2 Entrees, 2 vegies, 2 desserts, bread, drinks and of course Dirty Santa gift exchange.

Old Dominion Open
Scale Model Show and Contest



Richmond Raceway Complex
The Henrico Building • 600 E. Laburnum Ave. • Richmond, VA 23222
Doors open at 8:30 • Registration Closes at 12:30 • Awards Ceremony at 4:30

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Over 60 Model Categories
Hobby Vendors
Special Awards
Huge Kit Drawing

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Kit Drawing Tickets:
\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
Special Drawing: \$5.00 each
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Model Classic 2015

ROAD TO VICTORY
THE PACIFIC THEATRE CAMPAIGNS



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25 APRIL 2015



AN IPMS MODEL CAR CONTEST

THE GREAT STEAMPUNK POST ZOMBIE APOCALYPTIC MODEL CAR CONTEST

3 in 1 – Contest Swap Meet Show



Theme: See above.
Any vehicle that is Steampunk, Post Apocalyptic (like Road Warrior) or a Zombie killer car.
Or anything in between.

Roanoke Civic Center
Roanoke, VA

MARCH 7, 2015
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association

[HTTP://MDRMODELCAR.COM](http://MDRMODELCAR.COM)

THE ROANOKE VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY

PRESENTS THE **2015 VIRGINIA SHOOTOUT**

WIDE OPEN WITH YOUR HAIR ON FIRE

A NO THEME WIDE OPEN SCALE MODEL CONTEST, SHOW AND SWAP MEET...

Saturday, August 15, Roanoke Civic Center **SAVE THE DATE!**

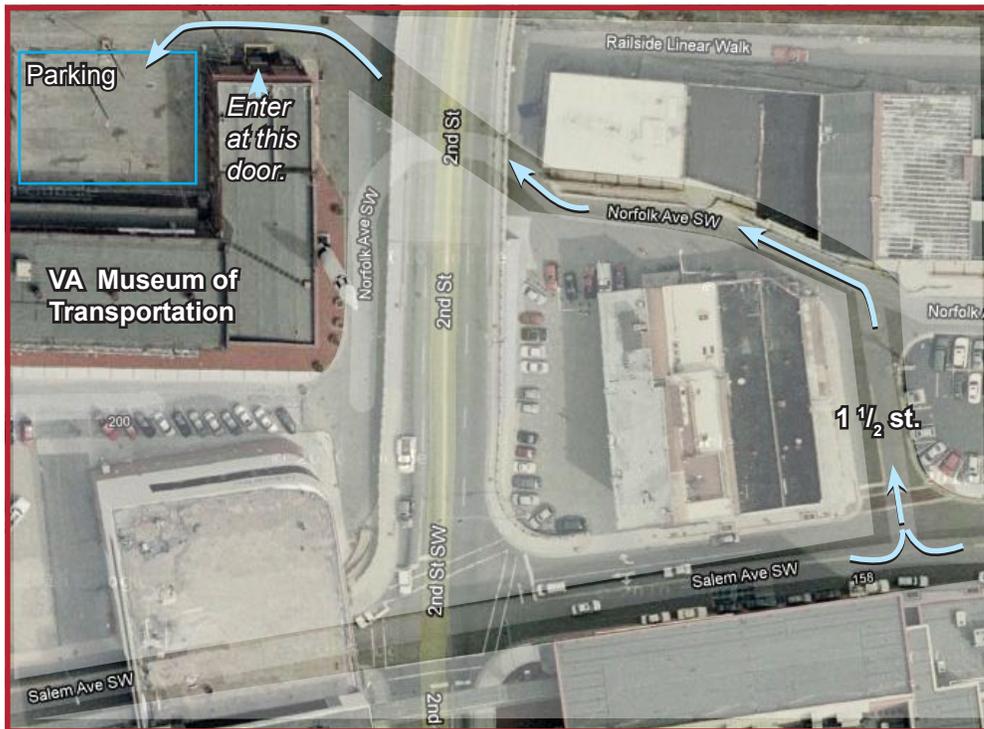
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If you have any questions about the club, meetings, or need directions, contact us at; www.rvipms.com or mail written correspondence to: Roanoke Valley IPMS P.O. Box 20841 Roanoke, VA. 24018.



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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