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And now a message from our Pres...

Year Off To A Good Start

Well it looks like we are off to a good start for the year after several members attended the ODO in Richmond and followed it up the next weekend with a great show at the MDA show in Roanoke. Once again this year the ODO was a great event hosted by the Richmond IPMS with lots of vendors and several fine examples of models on the tables. And also again this year the MDA show proved to be a great show with lots of great automotive related models on the tables. Thanks to all the members who helped with set up and take down the day of the show. I know all the vendors commented on how nice it was to have help in unloading and loading

of their stuff.

I guess a couple of shows that members will be looking at attending will be MosquitoCon the first weekend in April and Nova the last weekend in April. Both of these shows are fantastic shows to attend and are both in Region 2 so we need to help support them as much as possible.

At our last Business Meeting Greg brought in some information about possible using the Salem Civic Center for our Shoot Out Show next year. He had basic information and prices that he had gotten from them in a quick meeting one day. They said they would be willing to work with us on prices and anything we may would need. We still will be

looking at some other possible ideas as they come about.

Ok guess I better go start prepping the mower and weed-eater. I think the sound I am hearing is the grass growing. Guess it's that time of year again.

Till next time..... Happy Modeling!!

Rocky



Special points of interest:

- Feb. business meeting 3/24/2016 Devon Bledsoe will provide the refreshments for the meeting.
- April build meeting is on 4/14/2016
- April business meeting 4/28/2016
- DUES ARE DUE IN APRIL

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Ship Building Workshop Announced

The Salem Museum is hosting a workshop for adults interested in building model ships. The work shop will be focused on building models from wood and will be given by two members of the museum's board who are expert modelers and have several of their models on display at the museum.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 26th, at the museum, 801 E. Main Street, Salem, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost to participate is \$8.00 which will provide materials and coffee.

Because of space considerations the museum is asking anyone who is interested in attending to make reservations as early as possible by telephoning the museum at 540-398-6760.



Pulling A Red Eye... By Rocky Sink



Pulling A Red Eye... continued

I just thought I would do a quick article on what it is like to take part in a 24 hour build and what it involved in doing so. For the last four years I have taken part in a national 24 hour build that was started ten years ago by a couple guys in West Virginia. Each year on the weekend of the Rolex 24 hour race in Daytona (usually last weekend in January) they get together and build a model during the 24 hour race, hence 24 hour build. The actual start time is noon on Saturday and finish at noon on Sunday. In the ten years that this has taken place more and more modelers have been coming on board to take part in the build. This year had close to 90 modelers taking part in the build from different parts of the country. Some do the 24 and some just do what they can due to commitments and jobs. Some even take it as far as to have huge food buffets set up and groups of people in one location doing the build.

This year my build was going to be of the "Juke Box" ford drag car. I knew it would be a little tougher kit to do than I usually do but in the past I had been finishing before the 24 hour mark and wanted to push it a little more this year. One of the keys to a 24 hour build is planning of course. I usually look over the directions several times and then write down a plan of how I want to proceed. Usually the first thing is to sand and prep the body and body parts so they can be painted and start drying. I usually use a lacquer paint for this so he speeds the drying time. Next is usually gluing sanding any sub parts assemblies (engine blocks, rear axles, seats, etc.). Once all that is done I start painting the various parts. Next after painting and waiting on those parts to dry I would move on to sanding tire tread, dipping glass in future and of course.....snack break and more coffee!

Once things start to dry I usually than will start assemblies of sections...engine, interior, chassis, etc. By this time the body has been sitting long enough it can be handled to either be decaled (as with this build) or clear coated so it can be set aside again. Since this build had to be decaled I also had to let it set afterwards to allow the decals to set up before clear coating. Again, time for a break again.

Now it's about 8-9 o'clock on Sunday morning and things art now starting to come together. Final sub-assemblies are being finished and getting ready to add the glass to the body along with any other body details like adding bare metal foil trim, painting marker lights, etc. After the glass has had time to set up in place it's time to bring it all together by mounting the body to the chassis and then do final detailing like adding door handles, mirrors, and any touch up that may need to be done.

In all it's a fun 24 hours, tiring and hair pulling at times, but fun. As mentioned before the main thing is planning and prep. If you don't have a game plan and all your materials prepped, you will have a longer time than you wanted. I learned this the hard way my first year doing this build. Think about taking part next year....you will enjoy it!

ODO Well Attended By RVIPMS

On February 27 several members of the club headed to the ODO hosted each year by the Richmond IPMS and once again they put on a fabulous show. The show is held at the Richmond International Raceway in one of the side buildings that has a huge amount of room for all the vendors, modelers and exhibits that are on display. If anyone was looking for that elusive kit, detail set, special paint or reference book it could probably be found at one of the many vendors their selling their stuff. Of course that usually means your wallet is a little lighter coming back home than when going down.

When you got tired of looking at vendors (or ran out of money) you had plenty of unbelievable models on the contest tables to look at and drool over. The ODO since being one of the first shows of the year for modelers in this area usually brings out new and interesting winter projects people have been working on. This year there were over 800 models on the contest tables reported. Congratulations go to Bob Rohrback for winning first place with his ship at the show.



Editor's Corner

Hello everybody. I trust that everyone had a safe trip back from the ODO? First I would like to personally thank each and everyone of you for stepping up to the plate and helping out with the judging. Because of you the judging didn't as long as it would have if we didn't have the help. So, THANK YOU!!!!

Secondly, I would like to give a warm welcome to our new members to our brotherhood! Mike Stelzel and Michael Roberts. If you guys have any questions concerning the newsletter, please feel free to email me at the address listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Most of you know, there will not be a Shoot-Out this due to a number of reasons. However, let's keep our fingers crossed that Greg will come through for us so we can have our VA Shoot-Out for 2017 at the Salem Civic Center. So, keep those compressors filled and airbrushes spraying so we can win back the Shoot-Out plaque and bring it back home where it belongs!

One more thing... Greg has asked me to remind everyone that club dues are coming due next month and everyone has three months to those in to him.

Upcoming Shows and Events

- March 13, 2016 Allison Park, Pennsylvania Three Rivers Annual Tricon
Beattie Career Center Scott Scariot 412-492-8378
- March 19, 2016 North Charleston, South Carolina Region 12 Convention
Stall High School Dave Corvino 843-330-2764
- March 19, 2016 Marietta, Georgia Atlanta Con 2016 Lockheed Martin
Local 709 Lodge Bill Johnston 678-308-7308
- April 2, 2016 Wayne, New Jersey MosquitoCon 25 Wayne PAL
Bill Schwarz 732-567-3724
- April 7-9, 2016 Sumter, South Carolina Sumter County Civic Center
Tim Darrah ttttimmy@earthlink.net (AMPS International Show)
- April 8-9, 2016 Dayton, Ohio Region 4 Convention Hope Convention Center
Dave Koukol 937-602-4033
- April 16, 2016 Knoxville, Tennessee Smokey Mtn. MiniCon Chilhowee
Park Expo Center Jacob Building Peter Bos 423-586-5193
- April 30, 2016 Fairfax, Virginia IPMS/NOVA Model Classic 2016
Fairfax High School Tom Henderson 703-680-9354
- June 18, 2016 Galax, Virginia Galax Public Library D&J Hobby
Darrell Burris (contact him by Facebook or Penny Pierce to get flyer)



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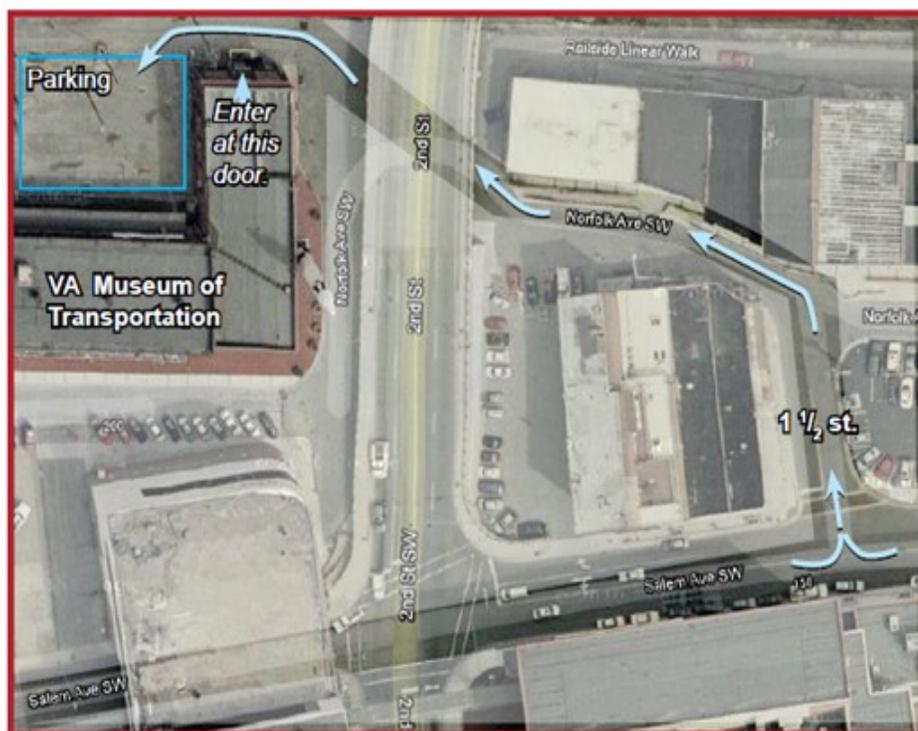
RVIPMS meetings are held at the Virginia Museum of Transportation.

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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