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The Official Newsletter of the Roanoke Valley Chapter of the IPMS/USA

Message from the Prez....

Well it's here. Our first show of the year is just a couple days away as you're getting this newsletter and if you're like me and taking something down you are probably burning the midnight oil to get it done. The Old Dominion Open in Richmond is always the first show of the year for most of us and it's no wonder because it is an outstanding show each year. The guys in Richmond put out the red carpet for everyone each year and the level of talent on the tables equals a National contest. Of course, the vendor area isn't anything to sneeze at either. I think all of us have done our fair share of helping the vendors pay their expenses while at this show. Hopefully Roanoke Valley IPMS will once again take a large number of members down again this year.

Thanks to everyone that helped at the Virginia Museum of Transportation on February 11 during their Rail Days Event. Those helping with the demo that day were Tim Ward, Terry Eastman, Mitch Cundiff, Aruthur Harris, Roy Mabry and myself. Derek Wimberly and Don Mosser with the club were also there helping with the other events going on that day. We had a large number of guests ask us about the club and talk about when they used to build models or had a family member that built models. Hopefully we can do more of these demos in the upcoming year to help promote the club.

I want to thank Tom Jones for donating all his modeling supplies and kits to the club for use as door prizes and auction items at future events and meetings. It was extremely nice of Tom to do this gesture for the club and its members.

Until next month.....Happy Modeling!

Rocky

Points of Interest

****February build meeting will be on 2/9/17 at 7pm.***

****February business meeting will be on 2/23/17 at 7pm. Refreshments will be provided by Derek Wemberly.***

****2017 Old Dominion Open will be on 2/25/17. Anyone interested in carpooling, please contact Tim Ward.***

****Election of new club officers will be held at our March business meeting.***

***WOO HOO!!!
We have two new members***

***Mike Powell
and
Rick Nocar***

DRAGON OGRE SHAGGOTH (submitted by: Brian Staples)

“Living Legends of Carnage and Devastation”

*Dragon Ogres are amongst the most ancient of the world’s living creatures. Their incredible longevity, as with almost all things supernatural, is the work of the **Chaos Gods**. Aeons ago, the elders of their race made a pact with the Ruinous Powers, embracing damnation in order to save themselves from a slow decline into extinction. They were given eternal life, and in return, the entire Dragon Ogre race put themselves at the command of the Dark Gods. Since that day, the Dragon Ogres have carved their names across the ages as immortals who can only die in battle, monstrous beings that rouse themselves only in the name of destruction.*

Though they have lived for an age, Dragon Ogres spend most of their years slumbering under the mountains, and it is only when terrible storms assail the crests of the world that they stir and come to life. As lightning spears out of the skies, the Dragon Ogres scale mountain and glacier. They do this in order to bathe in lightning, rejoicing in the raw forces of nature, for it is the storm that invigorates them and fills them with deadly energy for their coming battles.

*The Dragon Ogres look forward to a time when their eternal bondage will end with the destruction of the world by Chaos. Amid the lightning and thunder of the apocalypse, they believe that their entire race will wake once again. Until then, these creatures bring death to the enemies of Chaos in preparation for the **End Times**, hewing bodies with every sweep of their blades and swipe of their monstrous claws.*

CONSTRUCTION

Shaggoth, a resin kit by Warhammer was assembled out-of-the box. Minimal construction was required. Beyond the basic construction, filling, finishing the seams, priming completed the figure. I used Bondo a durable putty used in automotive industry for filling the seams. I then sanding out the seams and primed those areas with flat black acrylic for the purpose of exposing blemishes. This process was repeated until the blemishes were blended out into the contoured surfaces.

PAINTING

A primer coat of rattle can Flat Black enamel was sprayed overall. The finishing colors were brush painted with Vallejo acrylics and Winsor Newton oils. I shaded the recesses with washes and highlights were dry brushed with the same oils. The figure is posed on a gloss black wooden base with a name plate that informs the reader of Shaggoth’s majesty.



Club Members Demo to Scouts (submitted by: Rocky Sink)

On Saturday, November 12th several members of the club did a demo at the Boy Scout Annual Meeting held at the Andrew Lewis Middle School in Salem. Club members set up the club display early on Saturday morning along with several examples of member's models for the attendees to look over. All during the day the club members answered questions about the models on display and about the club and what we do. Hopefully some of the interest will turn into the club being contacted to possibly doing a more one on one demo with a scout troop. Members who were able to attend that day were Tim Ward, Arthur Harris, Roy Mabry along with myself.

Rocky

Useful Tips and Tricks (submitted by: Penny Pierce)

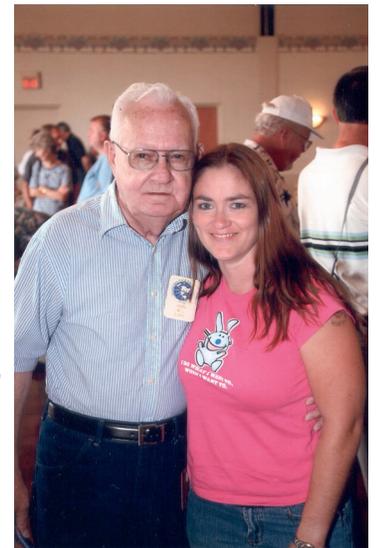
Here are a few more tricks that I have learned and written down over the years. Many of the ideas I have written in my little "book of knowledge" came from my good friend Bill Love. If I had any questions or construction problems, just pop off an email to him and I'd have a solution by the end of the day (or the next morning). He had really helped me grow as a modeler. I miss him greatly! Where he got these idea, I'll never know.

Paint be-gone: Use plain household bleach to remove paint from plastic parts. Just soak the parts you want to strip in a covered container of undiluted bleach for 2-3 days. Bleach won't attack or craze the plastic and the paint will come off with a light scrubbing of a toothbrush in warm dishwater. **WARNING: I've never tried this with resin or metal. Do that at your own risk.**

Nose Cones: To paint the nose cone of a plane, mask the nose; then cut the corner out of a plastic sandwich bag. Hold the model in the bag and push the nose through the hole until the plastic stretches over the masking tape. Now, the whole model is covered. When you're finished painting, just cut the bag away.

Elmer's Glue Canopy Masking Instructions: Mask the canopy with slightly cured Elmer's white school glue. Work the glue mask to the edges of the canopy framework with a toothpick. Let the glue dry completely. Paint the canopy with the interior color of the plane. Next, apply 1 to 3 coats of flat black paint. After the black paint, has completely dried, apply your final paint scheme over the canopy. After the canopy, has totally dried, used a toothpick to carefully remove the "glue mask" from the canopy. Please be careful not to scratch the framework. The black paint gives the impression of the rubber sealant around the glass.

Hand painting a checkerboard: Make a line down the center on top and on bottom and the middle of each side. Then you count the square on a real one and divide it out. You can only do about 5 or 6 squares at a time.



Club Officers

During the January business meeting, it was announced that the nominating committee met and club officer nominees were picked. They will be nominated at the February meeting as well as any nominees placed from the floor. Nominees will be voted on in the March meeting. The list is as follows...

- President Devin Bledsoe
- Vice President Jay Dennis
- Secretary - remains in place Bob Rohrback
- Treasurer - Remains in place Greg Clower

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the meeting so you can cast your vote!

Club Officers

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Upcoming Shows and Events

Feb. 25, 2017	Old Dominion Open – Richmond, VA	Chazz Klanian – csklanian@verizon.net
March 3-5, 2017	MDA Car Show – Roanoke, VA	Dennis Smith – eastsmith1@aol.com
March 11, 2017	Atlanta Con 2017 – Marietta, GA	Art Murray – artmurray@bellsouth.net
April 1, 2017	MosquitoCon 2017 – Wayne, NJ	Bill Schwarz – whsch@optimum.net
April 29, 2017	NoVA Model Classic – Fairfax, VA	Tom Henderson – tomhenderson51@verizon.net
May 13, 2017	35 th Annual Smoky Mtn. Model-Con – Knoxville, TN	Peter Bos – peterb@musfiber.com
July 26, 2017	IPMS/USA National Convention – La Vista, NE	Scott Hackney – scott.hackney@cox.net
Aug. 12, 2017	VA Shoot-Out 2017 – Salem, VA	Greg Clower – gclower@aol.com
Sept. 16, 2017	PennCon 2017 – Carlise, PA	Chester Mohn – magus47@aol.com
Oct. 14, 2017	D and J Hobby's Model Show – Galax, VA	Darrell Burris – darrellwilliam443@yahoo.com