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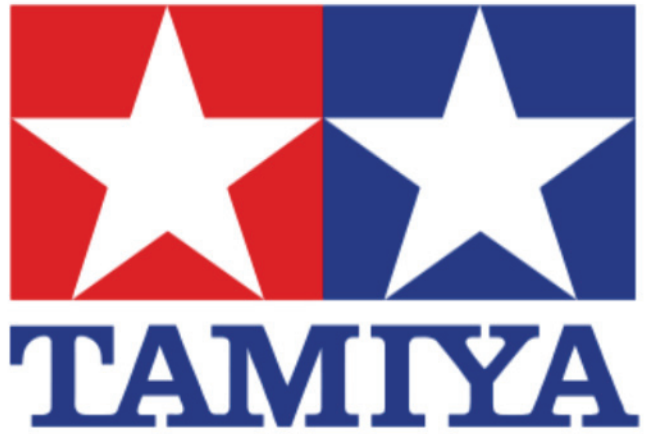
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JUNE CHAPTER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

IPMS Richmond's "Smoketree" chapter meeting for Monday, June 8. has been cancelled, due to concerns related to the COVID-19 Virus, and the real threat it poses to members and their families. But, see Page 2!

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...Built It, and They Came!

June Meeting Announcement

Our regular Club Meeting on Monday, June 8th has been cancelled due to the current situation. We will hold another online meeting using JITSi Meet on June 8th at our regular 6:30pm meeting time. If you attended last month, just go to the "impsrichmond" room and we will see you then. We had 10 people attend in May and this is a great way to keep in touch with other club members, talk to them and see what they are building without endangering your health.

If you did not attend last month or afraid to try JITSi give this a try. The JITSi app is very easy to use. On an iPad, Chrome or other tablet, iPhone or Android phone just go to your app store and search for the JITSi Meet app. Download the app and you are pretty much ready to go. Or you can watch from a Personal Computer or Laptop but your ability to fully participate may be limited by your equipment. On these you go to the JITSi web page. Unfortunately, Amazon Fire tablets do not support JITSi through their app store and Linux may not.

The app is free and is being used by millions of people and organizations across the globe. We all can use a little practice trying out new technology. Like our muscles, our brains need a little work out as well or they will also go flabby! I do suggest you try this before the meeting so you can get the hang of it. Other local model groups are using this or similar programs to meet online while we maintain "social distance".

If you are having trouble getting JITSi up and running, call me before the meeting and I will try to walk you through the process.

Bob Walls

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...because there is a great Bob Walls article, *Acrylic Paint Test with Different Thinners*, that will blow the doors off some long held modelers' assumptions. Also, an *Old Dominion Wrap-Up*, by Gundham Community contributor, Nick Strocchia, that you will find enlightening. ...editor

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Because of the ongoing Coronavirus crisis and restrictions upon public gatherings, IPMS Richmond held no chapter meeting in April. A remote (online) meeting was held May 11, utilizing Jitsi. This meeting was very informal and no major chapter business was decided or voted upon. Ten (10) members were present and participating online.

Vice-President Mark Groth called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Chapter business was conducted very briefly. Bob Walls reported that Chazz Klanian's brother, Paul, will make our Old Dominion Open trophies for the 2021 show. Paul will be sending a trophy design to Bob within the next 30 days.

Chris Bryan gave an update on the 2021 Old Dominion Open. Since so many hobby shows and events have been cancelled or postponed because of Covid 19, our agreement with Richmond Raceway needs to include an "Exigent Conditions" clause in the event that the pandemic or a similar emergency prevents us from holding next year's ODO as planned. A number of vendors and Gundam modelers have already been contacted about next year's ODO and are looking forward to returning. IPMS-USA will be advised and requested to add the 2021 Old Dominion Open (Saturday, February 27, 2021) to their master schedule of events.

The chapter has received official confirmation that the Region 2 show scheduled for October 16-17 in Roanoke has been cancelled. That Regional event will instead be held in 2021 on a date yet to be determined.

A very informal "Show & Tell" time followed, with members presenting their "in progress" projects. These included Mark Elder's Revell (ex-Monogram) 1/48 F-4D Phantom, Alex Valz' 1/48 Tamiya P-47 Thunderbolt in natural metal finish, Gene Rasmussen's enormous 1/200 Titanic and a bicycle model. Tom Dailey presented two Soviet vehicles: a Dragon ISU-152-2 prototype self-propelled gun and a Vulcan Models STZ-5 medium artillery tractor. Chris Bryan displayed a diorama in progress that includes a wooden wagon and stone building façade, and E. L. Motley presented his Monogram 1/48 F-106A Delta Dart. Richard Leininger discussed his in progress 1/350 USS Langley and 1/24 Mazda 687 and Toyota GT One racing cars that are also underway. Richard also displayed an in progress RPG Phalanx close-in weapon that is carried on many U.S. Navy vessels. "Show & Tell" also afforded some of the participating members the chance to offer "tours" of their "man caves" or workbench areas.

E. L. Motley, Secretary

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The Spare Parts articles folder was bare, so I gathered the following photos from the mid-1980's, of the Virginia Air National Guard's 192nd Tactical Fighter Group's A-7D's being maintained, and preparing for dissimilar combat practice with Langley based USAF F-15C's assigned to the 94th Fighter Squadron (FS), 1st Fighter Wing. Maybe an enterprising modeler will find inspiration to construct a vignette with a Trumpeter 1/32 A-7D as its centerpiece, or maybe the Hobby Boss and still good Hasegawa 1/48 A7-D's. Hobby Boss also produces the A-7K 2-seater "SLUF" as some operators called all the subsonic A-7's. Some saw combat in 1989's "Operation Just Cause", to which the 192nd was deployed, just prior to converting to supersonic F-16 Falcons.



"Down & Dirty" A-7D inside the maintenance hangar, wearing the wrap-around SEA camo scheme. Note fabric intake cover, open radome, deployed access ladder, and white M.E.R. on wing rack.



This shot shows easy access electronics bays, remove before flight tags, deployed access ladder & steps, and single rail sidewinder launcher. Note tightly sprayed camouflage.



A-7D with plastic intake cover, small blue practice ordnance, and numerous remove before flight tags.



Opposite fuselage side more clearly showing electronics bay, and Sidewinder rail.



Ground crewman descends down access ladder upon completing cockpit maintenance.



Aircraft gracing this page feature "NATO" paint scheme. This camouflage gives the A-7D a more sinister appearance. Note extinguisher and crewman riding bicycle in background.



Ground crewman handling liquid oxygen IIRC. Note equipment bags hanging from wing rack, subtle variation of camouflage colors, and turn of crewman's hat.



Step back from this A-7K, and the "NATO" camouflage appears to be overall Black.

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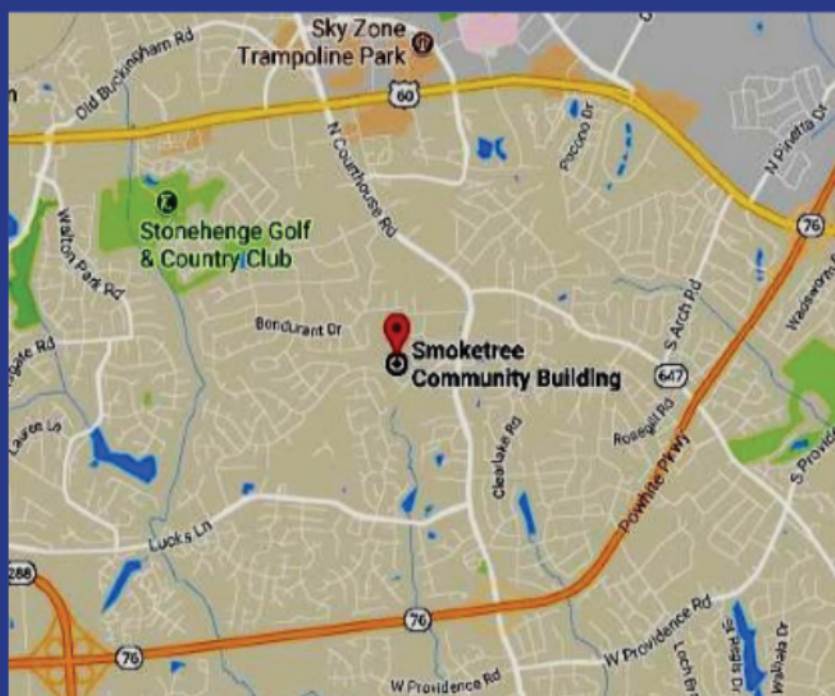
IPMS Richmond Chapter Information

The Richmond Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society was established in 1972 by five area modelers. Combining their talent and passion for scale modeling, they created IPMS Richmond, with the expressed hope of spreading their enthusiasm for scale modeling to others in Central Virginia. Chapter members and guests meet the second Monday of each month, sharing their latest projects in "Show 'n Tell", learning new techniques while enjoying veteran award winning members' demonstrations, and special guest speakers. Members plan trips to public events that focus on scale modeling and competition, winning prize drawings, planning and hosting the Mid-Atlantic's largest modeling event, the Old Dominion Open, and much, much more. Annual membership fee: \$25 (& special discount family membership fee). IPMS Richmond is governed by its constitution and by-laws, administered by annually elected officers. We share your love for scale modeling, no matter the subject, and we invite you to join us...

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