

September 2022 Edition

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, September 12

Time: 6:30 PM

Program: Officer Elections
and Swap & Sell Meet

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SPARE PARTS

IPMS RICHMOND



AT OUR AUGUST 8 MEETING...

Four members presented seven models. See more pictures inside.



Mike Lyons' big 1/12 scale Ford GT40 (Meng). This was the car driven by Ken Miles and Denis Hulme in the 1967 LeMans race.



"Deluxe" Sherman and prototype U.S. heavy tank: Bob Walls' M-4A3E8 (Tamiya) and experimental T29E3 (Takom). Both 1/35 scale.



IN MEMORIAM

Aaron Winer



Aaron Winer passed away August 7 at age 87. His health had steadily declined over the past few years. Aaron was the last surviving founding member of IPMS Richmond and was a leader in our chapter until his health curtailed his activities. All of us in IPMS Richmond have lost an enthusiastic modeler, an armchair historian, a wise counsel, a mentor and a dear friend. Over the course of five decades, Aaron became the “elder statesman” of IPMS Richmond and he was our goodwill ambassador throughout the modeling community.

Richmond was always Aaron’s home. He grew up here and attended Richmond Professional Institute, which is now Virginia Commonwealth University. Among Aaron’s many talents were organization, planning and budgeting. Those skills led him into a career as a purchasing and contracting manager. Aaron handled purchasing for the City of Richmond’s government and then the Commonwealth of Virginia. Aaron joked that as part of his job, he had bought for the City and the Commonwealth everything from paper towels to police cars.

Aaron’s service and enthusiasm for IPMS Richmond dated literally to the first day of the chapter’s establishment. For many years, he was our Treasurer and the chapter’s constant source of sound advice and common sense. Aaron played a vital role in growing IPMS Richmond’s Old Dominion Open hobby show into the largest one-day scale modeling event in the mid-Atlantic region. His great rapport with ODO vendors ensured that each year’s show featured scores of vendor tables laden with a huge variety of model kits, books and materials. Every organization needs someone who finds a way to make everything run smoothly yet never seeks credit or recognition for what is accomplished. Aaron was that special individual not just for a few years, but for decades. He was named IPMS-USA Region 2 “Person of the Year” (Mike Lyon Award) in 2006 and was also honored by IPMS Richmond for his many years of service.

Aaron was especially fond of 1/72 scale aircraft and small scale tanks and armored vehicles. He was a voracious reader who loved and collected history and reference books, particularly those covering World War II. For Aaron, the comforts of home included spending time with his books and working on models. Small air forces were a particular interest of Aaron’s, and he was practically an expert on the Spanish Civil War.

Aaron was usually at the table for group dinners on chapter meeting nights. All of us already knew what he would order: Italian sausages with peppers and rice and a cup of coffee. For years, he was a regular traveler on our road trips to the Northern Virginia, Roanoke Valley and other hobby shows. Aaron seemed to know everyone and he was always heartily welcomed wherever an IPMS show or regional event took place.

Aaron is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marian; one brother, Bertram; nieces, nephews, cousins, and yes, many IPMS members and scale model builders who are thankful for all the wonderful times shared with him.



IN MEMORIAM

Paul D. Bedard



Former IPMS Richmond member Paul Bedard passed away at age 74 in Charlottesville, Virginia, on May 18, 2022. Paul was a loyal member of our chapter until he moved from Chester to Charlottesville in 2020.

Paul was a native of Superior, Wisconsin. His father was in the Air Force and the family moved around the country with each new assignment, ranging from Florida to Alaska to Guam. After his family ultimately settled in Greenville, South Carolina, Paul attended Clemson University.

In 1970, Paul joined the U.S. Army and began a distinguished 20 year military career. Paul's postings included Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Carson, Colorado; Germany and South Korea. Paul was also the Army ROTC instructor at Wofford College. His final assignment was Fort Lee. Paul retired from the Army in 1991 with the rank of Major. After his Army service, Paul worked as a civilian federal employee and also in the private sector until retiring in 2016.

Paul was an avid modeler and was an aficionado of Supermarine Spitfires. He was always among the first to volunteer for Old Dominion Open duties and was instrumental in our chapter's project supporting the cadet hobby club at Fork Union Military Academy. Apart from his enthusiasm for model building, Paul was very active in his church and volunteer work for the Red Cross.

Paul was survived by his wife Dotty, two sons, two daughters, ten grandchildren, a brother and a sister. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to Paul's family.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

A Bittersweet Time and a New Beginning

September is always a busy and important month for IPMS Richmond. We elect our E-Board. Planning picks up steam for our two biggest annual events, the December Contest-Chapter Dinner and the Old Dominion Open. Some members who have been away during the summer months return and all of us get back (somewhat reluctantly) into the routines that autumn brings. For IPMS-R, September is the unofficial beginning of our chapter's year.

This September will be different. We are saddened by the passing of Aaron Winer. We also learned that our former member Paul Bedard passed away in May. These two fine gentlemen represented everything great about IPMS Richmond and our hobby. Aaron was nothing less than a legend in Region 2 and was the "patriarch" of our club. He was our former Treasurer, our "Chapter Contact" and our goodwill ambassador. We will sorely miss Aaron's good humor and decades of wise advice and service. Before moving to Charlottesville in 2020, Paul was a loyal member always ready to help with ODO. We can best honor them by stepping up together to grow and improve our chapter, meeting by meeting and project by project.

You have probably noticed that *Spare Parts* now looks a bit different. Our longtime *Spare Parts* editor, Mark Elder, left our chapter in August. As a regular contributor to our newsletter, I felt a responsibility to volunteer to be our new editor. For better or worse, the E-Board tossed me the keys to drive *Spare Parts*. I hope to find third gear on this my first issue.

We'll be doing things a bit differently. *Spare Parts* will now be published (electronically and hard copy) quarterly. This will allow expanding the newsletter into a magazine format with color photography and more feature articles. A brief (1-3 pages) bulletin will be e-mailed (or for a few, "snail mailed") 7-10 days before our monthly chapter meetings. This monthly bulletin will include meeting announcements and any important club matters on the agenda. We'll also have closer connections between *Spare Parts* and IPMS Richmond's social media platforms (our blogsite and Facebook pages).

But I can't do it alone. I need your ideas and contributions for *Spare Parts*. I want future issues to be like a good crab cake...fresh and no filler! Is there a kit you built and like? Tell me about it. Bought an overpriced, 400-part kit that's crap? Tell me about that, too. New historical or reference book? Let's review it. You have a new process for painting aircraft cockpits? Tell me about it AND give a demo at the next meeting. You're going to the CactusCon show in Santa Fe? Take pictures and e-mail them. This is YOUR chapter publication and the official "voice" of IPMS Richmond. I want it to be the best...for everybody. Thanks for your help.

E. L. Motley, Editor

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from August 8, 2022
Meeting

MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2022, MEETING

Chapter President Mike Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with 17 members and 3 visitors in attendance. With Secretary Scott Wallace away, former Secretary E. L. Motley took the meeting's minutes.

Mike Lyons announced that Aaron Winer passed away Sunday, August 7. At the time of tonight's meeting, funeral arrangements were incomplete. Aaron was one of the founders of the Richmond IPMS chapter in 1972, he was our Treasurer for many years, and he was a distinguished and highly respected leader in the scale modeling community. Mike requested that the members sign a sympathy card from our chapter for Marian Winer. Once Aaron's arrangements are finalized and announced, the chapter will decide upon a suitable memorial gift. On motion made by Glen Martin, seconded by Gene Rasmussen, and passed unanimously, a minimum amount for such a gift was set. It was also announced that former IPMS-R member Paul Bedard passed away in Charlottesville on May 18, 2022.

Treasurer Alex Valz provided our financial report. Vice-President Richard Leininger noted that we are waiting for a contract from Richmond Raceway for next year's Old Dominion Open. Richard also suggested that the 2023 ODO include a tribute to Aaron Winer and possibly a special award in his memory.

With August being our month to nominate chapter officers, Mike requested nominations. Mike announced he will not seek re-election as chapter President. Vice-President Richard Leininger announced he will seek re-election. Treasurer Alex Valz said that he is stepping down as Treasurer, but is willing to remain in office until his successor is elected. Scott Holtz nominated Glen Martin for President and E. L. Motley seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Mike Lyons said that he was agreeable to serving as Treasurer if no one volunteers. Our chapter elections will be Monday, September 12, with ballots being sent out in the *Spare Parts*.

Mike announced that longtime member Mark Elder left the chapter and that E. L. Motley volunteered to be the new editor of *Spare Parts*. E. L. sought the membership's advice on how best to produce our newsletter. He suggested that *Spare Parts* shift to quarterly issues and a simple one to three page monthly bulletin be prepared and sent out (electronically and limited hard copy mailing) a week to ten days before chapter meetings. This monthly bulletin would announce our upcoming meeting, any major business to be discussed and list upcoming shows and events. *Spare Parts* would only be published every three months and would take on more of a magazine format with model photography, feature articles, show recaps, etc. E. L. also recommended that *Spare Parts* be more closely tied to our chapter blogsite and Facebook pages. After a brief discussion, the members present unanimously agreed to *Spare Parts*' quarterly publication and a brief monthly meeting notice.

After several brief announcements, a break was taken. The meeting resumed with Show & Tell featuring four members presenting seven models, including some works in progress.

Visitors Todd Pearson and Dick Cole were welcomed. Also recognized was E. Dietrick Franz. Mike Lyons thanked everyone for their support during his time as IPMS-R's President.

Mike announced that the next meeting will be Monday, September 12. We will have officer elections and a swap and sell meet. There will be no charge for tables.

The meeting then adjourned.

E. L. Motley

MORE AUGUST SHOW & TELL MODELS



Tom Dailey discusses the finer points of his latest build.



Not the Blohm & Voss Yards at Hamburg, but Richard Leininger's workbench. Flyhawk 1/700 Bismarck in progress.



Tom Dailey's Tamiya 1/35 Steyr 1500A truck in progress, awaiting paint and weathering.



Mike Lyons' in progress Viking Warrior figure.



Richard Leininger's Ebbro 1/20 Tyrrell 002 Formula One racer (Jackie Stewart's car).

IPMS Roanoke Valley's 2022 Virginia Shootout

On Saturday, August 13, IPMS Roanoke Valley hosted their "Virginia Shootout" show and contest at the Salem Civic Center. As in past years, the event featured a variety of vendors, prize drawings and a contest with categories spanning every genre of scale modeling.

Roanoke Valley's contest always features a "team" award for the IPMS chapter whose members in attendance win the most individual awards. Our IPMS Richmond club has won this honor a number of times over the years, our last team award being in 2015. However, the 2022 Shootout's chapter trophy went by a wide margin to the Tidewater club, with Roanoke Valley placing second and Richmond third. Chapter trophy competition aside, our "team" of Richmonders brought home its share of hardware with Don Worley, Richard Leininger, Glen Martin, Gene Harris, Frank Blanton and Mike Trentadue receiving awards.

The contest tables were burgeoning with entries, particularly in the aircraft and armor categories. The quality of the models in competition in all categories was high and very impressive. The bar in scale model competition continues to rise higher and higher as more detailed kits are produced and painting and finishing techniques constantly advance in sophistication.

A number of vendors were present, many of whom are also yearly patrons of our Old Dominion Open. Automotive modelers appeared to have a slight advantage in kits to shop, but aircraft and armor builders had much to choose from, too. A good selection of reference books, decals, paints and tools were also on vendors' tables. Editor's note: I heard many great compliments to our chapter from vendors I spoke with about the ODO.

Perfect weather and much comradery made for an excellent event and more than validated the long drive to Salem. The Roanoke Valley club presented a good show everyone enjoyed. It's great to see the IPMS-RV guys hosting events again.



Busy Vendor area at Salem Civic Center



Ranks of Tanks in the Roanoke Show's contest



The Honorable Judge Glen Martin deliberating.



Richard Leiningers's Swordfish floatplane.



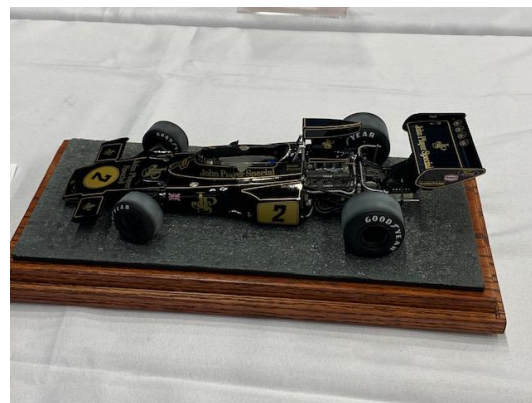
The thrill of victory!



A good day for Frank Blanton



Glen Martin's First Place Avenger.



Richard Leiningers's Third Place Lotus 72E.



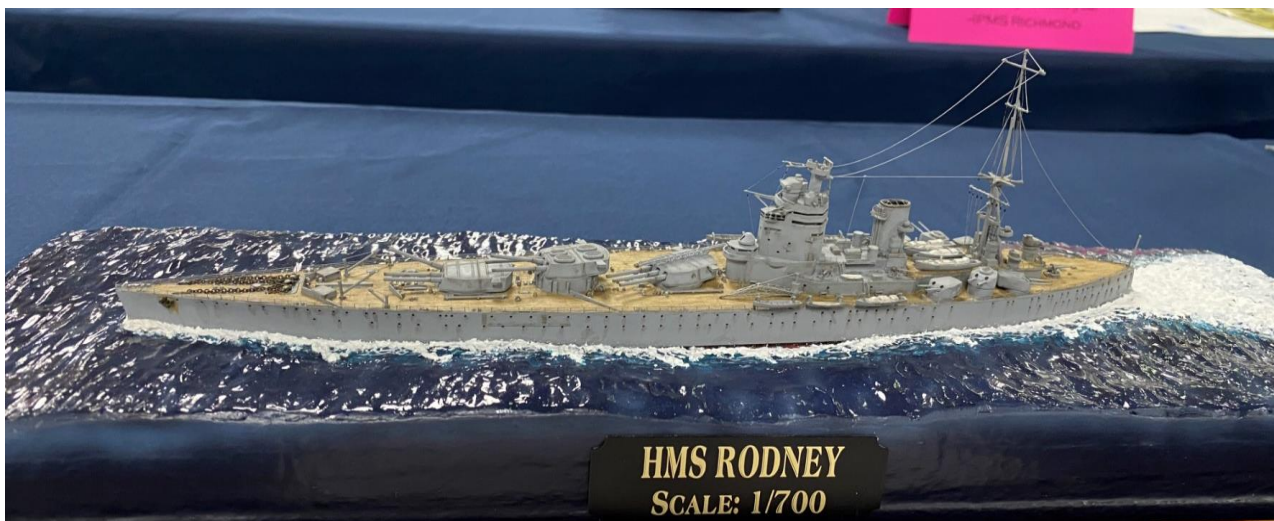
Frank Blanton's M24 Chaffee



Frank's ersatz "King Tiger" (M47) from movie "Battle of the Bulge"



Frank's Army National Guard M60



"England Expects..." that Richard Leininger's HMS Rodney wins First Place

Glen Martin's Roanoke Show Trophy Winners



P-40K Kittyhawk Mk.III 1/48 scale 2nd place



JU-188A1 Racher 1/48 scale multi-engine prop (Second Place)



Bf-110 C1/C2 Messerschmitt in 1/72 scale, multi-engine prop.....2nd place



F-100C Super Sabre (1/48 scale single engine jet) 3rd Place



Another view of Glen's TBF1C-2400-PS Avenger

Cleaning Dried Acrylic and Oil Paint from Your Brushes

By the Frugal Modeler (AKA Bob Walls)

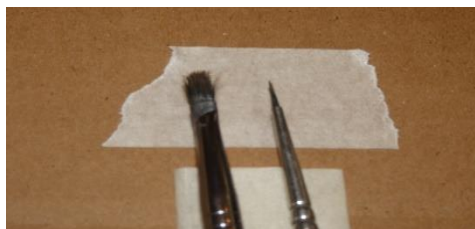
Everyone should know that you need to clean your brushes after you use them. Not just when you change colors. Your cleaning should actually clean out the paint to prolong the brush's useful life. As much as I know to do that, sometimes I don't. What happens is the paint which has wicked up into the ferrule of the brush (where the bristles are held in place) dries up. This dried and hardened paint can build up over time, and your brush will start to "open up" and not be as pointed as when new. Also, by not thoroughly cleaning a brush the brush may assume the shape it was left in when it dried. In the past I used those less than clean brushes for simple detail work and finally for dry brushing. That is pretty much the kiss of death for a brush.

My previous method to clean a "gunked up" brush was to suspend it in acetone for a few minutes, then wipe the dissolved paint off in a paper towel, repeat a time or two, and then use "The Masters" Brush Cleaner and Preserver to remove any remaining paint. I would finally use my fingers to shape the brush so it has a nice point and then let it dry. This has served me okay. But eventually the brush gets too splayed for detail work.

In talking with a fellow modeler about brush cleaning, he mentioned wanting to try some of the artist grade cleaners. I thought what the heck, I can try something new. I purchased a bottle of Winsor & Newton Brush Cleaner & Restorer. This is a product designed for artists using oil, acrylic and water color paints, but it works equally well for scale modelers. I purchased a 16 ounce bottle from Amazon for \$14.99.



I selected three brushes to test this product. The first two were a ¼ inch flat brush and a 00-round brush. The flat one was used for dry brushing with both acrylic and oil paint and had been rather mistreated. The round brush had been used in acrylic and I left to dry overnight by mistake. Below is how they looked before I started.

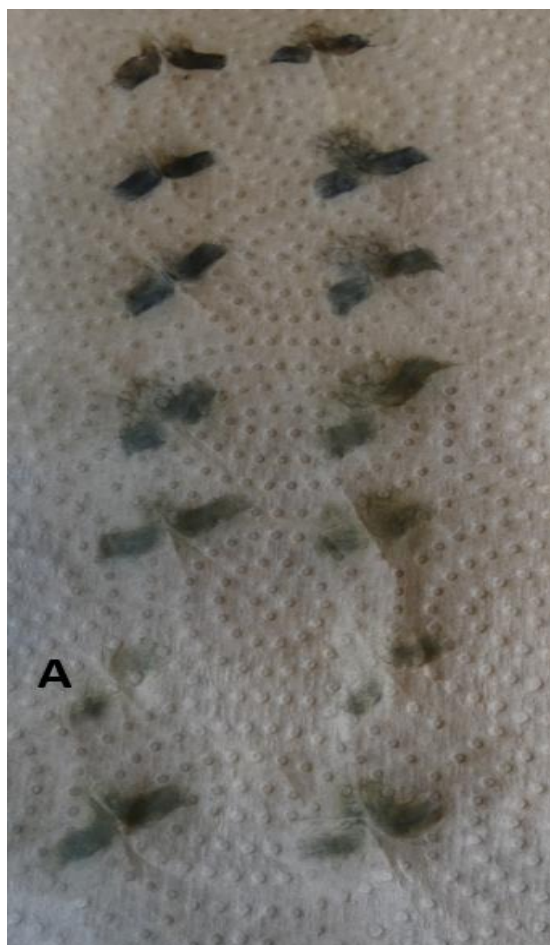


I poured several ounces of the Winsor & Newton cleaner in a glass jar. The bottle says NOT to use a plastic container or a painted container as the cleaner will dissolve the plastic and paint. I suspended the brush using a wooden clothes pin.



I left it in for five minutes and then placed it on a paper towel and squeezing the brush while I pulled it through the towel. I stirred the brush back into the cleaner and squeezed it again. I did this several times. Here is how the paper towel looked after seven soakings. The smudge on the left is after 5 minutes soaking while the left is just a swirl in the cleaner. The spot labeled A was a dip in acetone. Notice how little paint was removed by the acetone!

Warning: While the Winsor & Newton brush cleaner does not have a harsh smell, it does contain a small amount of solvent. Do not suspend your brush handle in it, suspend it only up to the metal ferrule. Handles left in the cleaner for more than a few minutes will have the finish on the wood brushes start to dissolve and even the surface of a plastic handle will start to become soft.



After I finished, I used the Master Brush Cleaner which is like a cake of shaving soap in a jar. I lathered it up and rubbed the soap away as I shaped the brush and set it in a cup so it could dry upright. I did this same process for the round brush with dried paint.

Here is how the removed paint looked. This brush was totally stiff with dried acrylic paint when I started the process.



The results:



AFTER



**Reminder
of BEFORE**

I went through my old brushes and found the most “gunked up” brush with bristles going left, right and down. I used this brush on groundwork and it looks pretty rough. Below, here it is after the same process as the first two brushes. Not perfect or “like new” but much better. If you can improve a bad brush, think what you can do to a new one when you clean it regularly.



I suggest buying good artist quality brushes for your hobby needs rather than cheaper hobby grade brushes. But these nicer brushes will cost more and will need to be taken care of. There are so many options regarding size, material and price that you can find what you like. In the long run, quality brushes are a good investment. I have Winsor & Newton Sable brushes I bought in the 1980's which are still in great shape. I only use those on figures as they are ideal for painting faces.

Remember that dried acrylic paint is almost impervious to that paint's thinner or to soap and water. That's why you need a good cleaner that dissolves the hardened paint.

Both Winsor & Newton Cleaner and Restorer and “The Masters” Brush Cleaner and Preserver are available at arts and crafts stores or online. In the Richmond area, Michaels should have both in stock. Those ordering online may find cheaper prices and those who have Amazon Prime should be able to avoid shipping costs.

At our next meeting...

The September 12 chapter meeting will be the election of officers (your ballot is included with this issue of *Spare Parts*). Note that write-in voting IS permitted. **PLEASE PRINT YOUR BALLOT, VOTE AND BRING YOUR COMPLETED BALLOT TO THE MEETING.**

We will also have a Swap & Sell Night. There is NO charge to set up your own vendor table to market your surplus and no longer wanted kits, books, etc. This will be an excellent opportunity to “thin your stash.” Are you really going to build that Dragon King Tiger that has sat untouched since 1989? Or that Monogram Huey chopper that was your first raffle prize. Placate your Mrs. and remember that your cast-offs may be someone else’s elusive treasure.

We’ll also have “Show & Tell.” Consider bringing your latest model masterpiece or something you’re working on and share your satisfaction (or struggle) in building it. Our Roanoke Valley Shootout trophy winners are strongly encouraged to bring their winning entry (or entries) for presentation. And a little gloating is permissible, too. You’ve earned it.

As always, we welcome your ideas or suggestions for demos or programs at future meetings.

We look forward to seeing YOU at Smoketree September 12 at 6:30. One last thing...please make sure that we have your correct e-mail address and “snail mail” address so you will not miss issues of the newsletter or meeting notices. Thanks for your help!



National Capital
Model Soldier Society



61st ANNUAL SHOW

NEW DATE!
SAME LOCATION

SPRINGFIELD HILTON
6550 Loisdale Rd, Springfield, VA

OCTOBER 1, 2022

Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- ◆ Trophies and Sponsored Awards
- ◆ Ship/Train/Auto Club Displays
- ◆ Raffles
- ◆ Hobby Vendors

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IPMS Richmond Chapter Information

The Richmond Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) was established in 1972 by five area model builders. Combining great talent and a passion for scale modeling, they formed IPMS Richmond with the expressed hope of spreading their enthusiasm for scale models with others in Central Virginia and beyond. IPMS Richmond is part of a national organization, IPMS-USA, with chapters serving modelers across the United States. The International Plastic Modelers Society is also worldwide with members in many countries, all united by their enthusiasm for scale modeling.

IPMS Richmond meets on the second Monday evening of each month at 6:30 PM in the Smoketree Community Center, 11100 Smoketree Drive, North Chesterfield, VA. Our meeting place is just off Courthouse Road, east of Midlothian Turnpike (U.S. Route 60). At our monthly meetings, we discuss and demonstrate model building, painting and detailing techniques and present our latest work during a "Show & Tell" segment. From time to time, we have guest speakers and other special programs. In December, we host a chapter contest and enjoy a catered holiday dinner. Our members also organize trips to public events, museums or places focusing on history, aviation, military vehicles or other facets of our hobby. Each year, we travel to model shows and contests sponsored by other IPMS chapters in the area. IPMS Richmond publishes *Spare Parts* quarterly, an online newsletter featuring chapter news and a variety of hobby articles written by our members.

Our annual model show and contest, the Old Dominion Open, is held the last Saturday in February at the Richmond Raceway. The Old Dominion Open (ODO) has grown over the years into the largest one day scale modeling event in the Mid-Atlantic region. Our show usually draws as many as 1,000 people and has approximately 1,000 scale models of everything from World War II fighter planes to Ferrari Formula One racers and movie monster figures in competition. All genres of our hobby, from model ships to science fiction spacecraft, are represented on the contest tables. Over 200 trophies are awarded, covering scores of categories. The Old Dominion Open also features an excellent variety of vendors with the latest and vintage model kits, books, tools and hobby supplies.

Our annual dues are \$10.00 per year. Regardless of your model building experience or your preferred subject, we welcome you and invite you to join us.

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2022 RICHMOND IPMS ELECTION BALLOT

President

Your Choices

Glen Martin
 Write In

Vice President

Your Choices

Richard Leininger
 Write In

Secretary

Your Choices

Scott Wallace
 Write In

Treasurer

Your Choices

Mike Lyons
 Ashley Abernathy
 Write In:

Bring completed ballot to meeting on September 12, 2022.