



# IPMS RICHMOND BULLETIN

## Meeting Announcement & Club News



### Next Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30 PM, at Deep Run Park Recreation Center. Hall opens at 6:00 PM.

Our program will cover that vital model painting skill we all seek to master: airbrushing. John Robinson will give us a presentation on airbrushing basics. Bob Walls will also bring in his collection of airbrushes for display and discussion. While we won't be spraying any paint, John and Bob will offer their suggestions and tips (no pun intended) to how to find and use the most suitable airbrush for your model projects. Airbrushes can run from \$30.00 on Amazon to several hundred dollars, so getting the right airbrush can be a challenge.

In past years, attendance at our summer meetings has dropped off. But our July meeting was quite the opposite with 31 guys in the house. Ashley Abernathy and John Robinson provided an interesting demo on making foam bases from several types of plastic including packing material. Mike Lyons also hosted a kit raffle to conclude the evening.



Two of Bob Walls' colorful collection of 1/48 and 1/72 P-51D racers which were part of last month's Show & Tell.

## *In Memoriam*

### *JAMES FRANKLIN ALVIS*



Longtime IPMS Richmond member James Alvis passed away July 10, 2023. James was born December 4, 1949, and lived his entire life in Mechanicsville. At Lee-Davis High School, James was a manager for the football, basketball and baseball teams. He worked for American Furniture and Fixture Company and later the A & N Stores Distribution Center in Sandston.

James's fascination with scale modelling began many years ago during a visit with his father to the now long-gone Azalea Mall. There was a model building demonstration inside the mall that immediately drew James' interest. James soon had a favorite lifelong hobby and joined IPMS Richmond. Over several decades, James was very active in IPMS-R. He was a prolific model builder and at most monthly meetings, James would have at least one or two models displayed on the Show & Tell table. He assisted with any number of chapter projects, particularly our annual Old Dominion Open. James was also a vendor at the last several ODO's.

Over the years, James presented many model building demonstrations at the Virginia Aviation Museum and at Richmond area hobby stores, most recently the Hobby Town on West Broad Street. Although James preferred 1/72 scale aircraft, he would build almost anything, one of his last projects being a large-scale Caterpillar bulldozer.

James loved the hobby, but he never took it or himself too seriously. His usual discussion of one of his Show & Tell models was succinct and along the lines of "I liked this plane and wanted to build it. The parts fit pretty good and I'm pleased with it." In a nutshell, the essence of what scale modelling is supposed to be. James built models for the sheer enjoyment of the hobby and never sweated the details.

James was one of those very rare individuals who never complained or said anything negative about anyone. He is survived by his sister, Caroll, two brothers, Arthur and Glen, an aunt and uncle, a nephew and two nieces. We will miss James, his kind disposition, and all that he contributed to our chapter over so many years.

## *In Memoriam*

### ***FRANK MARTIN GOMILLION, JR.***

We were saddened to learn that former IPMS Richmond member Frank Gomillion passed away in Stanardsville, Virginia, on July 7, 2023. Frank was active in our chapter during the 1980's and 1990's before moving to the Fredericksburg area. He was 75 years old.

Frank was born and grew up in Norfolk, Virginia, and was a graduate of Granby High School and Old Dominion University. At ODU he belonged to TKE fraternity. After graduating from Old Dominion in 1969, Frank went to work for the FBI. His specialty became military contracts. Frank was later employed by Bell Helicopter and spent four years in pre-revolutionary Iran working on technical projects. Frank could speak several languages and traveled abroad extensively. Frank returned to the U.S. and began a 40-year career with USB, staying through many corporate and name changes.

Frank's modelling interests focused upon military and historical figures. After many years of membership in IPMS Richmond, Frank joined a figure modelling club in Fredericksburg. Frank had many interests besides building and painting figures, including photography, travel, books, movies, fine wines and craft beers. He was survived by his sister, two nieces, aunts and a number of cousins.



## Minutes of the July 17, 2023, IPMS Richmond Meeting

Chapter President Glen Martin called the July meeting to order at the Deep Run Park Recreation Building at 6:30 PM with 31 in attendance. Chapter business was minimal. Vice-President and Old Dominion Open Chairman Richard Leininger advised that the Richmond Raceway management said they would contact him in August regarding the 2024 contract. The Raceway already has us penciled in for February 24, 2024, in the Old Dominion Building. Also, we have not received any calls back from the manager of the new Henrico County Sports Complex. Treasurer Ashley Abernathy reported no changes in our chapter's finances. Bob Walls reported on the chapter meeting programs and demos scheduled for the next few months. There are no new developments on IPMS Richmond's social media platforms. Glen Martin advised that the E-Board is looking into returning to a website to replace our current blogspot. John Robinson has volunteered to assist in determining what this transition would involve.

The night's program was a modeling demonstration was on cutting bases out of foam insulation. Ashley Abernathy discussed using foam board and similar materials to fashion bases for models and dioramas. John Robinson also gave a brief presentation on cutting foam using a "table saw" like wire cutting machine.

Our regular Show and Tell followed the demo with 11 modelers presenting 27 models. The meeting ended at 9:15 PM after our rousing chapter kit raffle.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 21, 6:30 PM, at the Deep Run Park Recreation Building. John Robinson will discuss airbrushing basics.

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### Correction and Amendment to the Minutes of the June 19, 2023, Chapter Meeting

***Note:** At the end of the business portion of the July 17 meeting, Mark Elder asked the E-Board to correct a statement made at the previous chapter meeting (June 19) and for the June meeting's minutes to be amended to include the correction. The following is a correction/clarification of the events surrounding the E-Board's decision to change the lock on the club case and is made part of the June 19 minutes:*

"In May of 2023, the full E-Board was made aware that the lock on the Hobby Town display case had been reinstalled incorrectly by an unknown person, and that the case was left open for some period of time. The E-Board was also concerned that it was not fully aware of who might or might not have a key to the case. It was decided that a new lock would be installed and additional keys obtained.

At the June 19 meeting, the membership was notified that the lock had been changed and that the Board believed that a member who was no longer with the club might have a key. During the July 19 meeting, it was asked who the person with a key might be. Gene Rasmussen's name was mentioned as the non-member who had a key. Gene attended the July meeting; he informed the chapter that while he had indeed missed many monthly meetings so far in 2023, he was still a member and he intended to continue being a member. Mark Elder asked that a correction be made to the June 19 meeting minutes reflecting this information. This note is the Secretary's correction of the June 19, 2023, meeting minutes along with a summary of what drove the decision to change the lock."

Bob Walls, Secretary

# Notice of Annual Board Member Meeting

On Wednesday, August 30, 2023, IPMS Richmond will hold its Annual Board Meeting in the Springfield Room on the first floor of the Deep Run Park Recreation Center. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM and last until 8:15 PM. The IPMS Richmond Annual Board Meeting is open to all members in good standing of IPMS Richmond (dues paid up) and is not open to the public except by invitation of the Board.

The meeting is required by our non-profit status and will be a chance for members to see our financial report, our by-laws with the election schedule and hear reports from our Board and the chapter's accountant. After these presentations, there will be a short question and answer session. This is a chapter business meeting with no other activities.

<b>IPMS Richmond Non-Profit</b> <b>Annual Membership &amp; Board Meeting Agenda</b> <i>August 30, 2023, Deep Run Park Community Center,</i> <i>Springfield Room, Henrico VA</i>		
<u>Time Allowed (min.)</u>	<u>Speaker w/ start times</u>	
12	Glen 6:30pm	<b>6:30 PM</b> Call to order Welcome Introductions – The EBoard, Sarah Wunschel-South, CPA Prior Board Minutes Review Unfinished Business Executive Report
15	Ashley/Sarah 6:42pm	<b>Non-Profit Purpose, Brief Club History</b>  <b>Non-Profit Tax Status: IRS Code 501 (C)(3)</b>
10	Richard 6:59pm	<b>VP Report</b>
10	Bob 7:09pm	<b>Secretary Report</b>
10	Ashley 7:19pm	<b>Treasury Report</b>
1	Glen 7:29pm	<b>New Business</b>
14	Sarah 7:30pm	<b>Adoption of By Laws</b>
32	E Board 7:44pm	<b>Discussion, Comments and Q&amp;A</b> <i>(2 min max time per person Question or Response)</i>
1	Glen 8:13pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>8:15 PM Adjourn</b>

## Models in the July Meeting's Show & Tell

Photos by John Robinson



Mike Lyons' 1970 Road Runner, 1971 Olds 442, Ford Mustang, Mazda RX-7 and a truck-topping camper.



Mike's camper included a highly detailed interior.



John Mullins' 1/6 scale Artomic figure, "Abduction 1919"



Doug Hayes' 3-D printed "Devil Girl"



Doug Hayes' highly detailed (and flexible) dragon



Tom Pulliam's "Easy Eight"  
Sherman in Korean War livery



Richard Leininger's 1/12 Tamiya  
Lotus 49b Formula 1 racer



Alex Valz's 1/350 Trumpeter U.S.S.  
San Francisco heavy cruiser



Tony Gummer's Tiger tank



Tony Gummer's well-laden Sherman



Bob Walls' trio of 1/72 Tamiya and Airfix P-51D racing planes



Doug Hayes' 3-D printed "Cyber Geisha" figure





Richard Leininger's 1/24 Meng BMW Z4 sports car



Rick Sanders' most impressive display of 30 mm Russian musketeers and grenadiers from the Seven Years War



Jamie Brannan's Monogram 1996 Dodge RAM truck and Revell 1996 Dodge Viper pace car (both 1/25 scale)



John Mullins, our resident movie monster and classic horror film expert, brought a vintage magazine to the July meeting's Show & Tell. Besides providing a glimpse into Hollywood's and TV's golden age of horror, the magazine also included a picture of a very young John with some of his favorite monster magazines. Thanks for sharing with us John! We also enjoyed your background story on 1920's to 1940's movie actor Conrad Veidt.