



IPMS RICHMOND BULLETIN

Meeting Announcement & Club News



Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM, at Deep Run Park Recreation Center. Hall opens at 6:00 PM.

2024 OLD DOMINION OPEN: IT'S TIME TO ROLL

Our February meeting focuses on our final preparations for the ODO. We need your help in making this year's show another great event. If all goes as planned, we can expect nearly 1,000 people to attend, over 200 of whom will bring around 950 models to register. We need your help. If you can't be at the meeting, please download the enclosed volunteer form, complete it, then scan and e-mail it. We hope to see you at Deep Run Center and ready to roll on the Old Dominion Open.



Minutes of January 8, 2024, Meeting

President Glen Martin called the January meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Twenty-two members and officers were present.

Treasurer Ashley Abernathy reminded everyone that our \$10.00 annual dues are now due and payable for 2024. He also advised that he was working on our 2023 tax filings, which are done online.

Vice-President and Old Dominion Open Chairman Richard Leininger gave an update on the upcoming ODO. He stated that we finally have a contract with the Richmond Raceway management. The floor plan of the show venue is almost done, and Richard requested members to let him know what tasks they will be able to do on Show Day. He also said we will finalize job duties at the February 12 chapter meeting. This year, we will have the Model Geeks Podcast team at the show. Richard will do an interview with them in February, and they will post the interview prior to the Old Dominion Open.

Secretary Bob Walls requested that a decision be made whether we wanted to help the Deep Run Recreation staff with a spring youth camp at Deep Run Center on April 2, 2024. The response was positive; we will proceed with planning for that event.

Scott Oates addressed the meeting on his plans for our display case at Hobby Town. He also asked the winners in our December 2023 chapter contest to arrange to meet him at Hobby Town with their models so that he can assemble a display of winning entries.

The Show & Tell portion of the meeting was lighter than normal with eight models displayed by six members.

Mike Lyons ended the meeting with the kit raffle that was postponed from November.

The meeting adjourned just past 8:30 PM. Our next chapter meeting will be Monday, February 12, 2024, 6:30 PM, at Deep Run Park Recreation Center.

Bob Walls, Secretary

Upcoming IPMS Richmond Meeting Dates

After having to switch to the second Monday night in January and February because of Deep Run Center's schedule, we are now back to our regular third Monday night monthly schedule. Accordingly, our meetings are now locked in for:

March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, and September 16. ALL MEETINGS WILL START AT 6:30 PM AND WILL END AROUND 9:00 PM.

Announcements, News and Upcoming Events

HELP WANTED. Our bench is still a bit short for our February 24 show. We need help manning the general admission and contest registration tables as well as the entrance area. Our contest judging team could also use extra eyes in covering nearly 80 model categories. Some of our vendors will need assistance unloading on Friday afternoon and packing up starting around 3:00 on Show Day. The hall must be prepared Friday afternoon and then late Saturday afternoon closing down the hall, starting during the awards ceremony. None of this happens on its own. Having more folks stepping up and sharing the workload makes hosting this great event easier and more enjoyable for everyone. We have the best one-day model show on the East Coast...but your time and participation is vital to make it all succeed and stay that way. Let ODO Chairman Richard Leininger know how you can pitch in. Thanks!

IT'S TIME TO PAY DUES. IPMS Richmond annual dues (\$10.00) are now due and payable. Club Treasurer Ashley Abernathy will be collecting dues at the February and March meetings. Your dues for 2024 must be paid by March 31, 2024, to remain on the IPMS-R roster. For about the cost of two small bottles of Tamiya paint, you'll be a paid-up member in good standing of one of IPMS's finest chapters...and enjoy an excellent dinner and chance to win a top-dollar model kit in December. Don't wait, put Alexander Hamilton in your wallet or bring your checkbook, see Ashley, pay your dues and remain an official member of IPMS-R.

CIRCLE APRIL 2 ON YOUR CALENDAR. An April 2, IPMS-R will assist the Deep Run Recreation Center's Staff with a children's spring break day camp. We will need probably six to ten members to show the young campers the basics of model building. The model kits will be snap-fit and basic starter kits purchased by Henrico County Parks & Recreation with our recommendation. This event will only require several hours, should be fun and maybe we'll introduce some youngsters to the lifelong joy of scale modeling. You may have a future IPMS Richmond member across the table from you. Details at the March 18 meeting.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

MDA Car Show, March 8-10 at Berglund Civic Center, Roanoke, VA, featuring model car contest and swap meet on Saturday, March 9, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more information, call (540) 965-3088 or (540) 958-0842.

IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers' Model Classic 2024, Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Fairfax High School, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Theme is "The Road to Victory," commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944. For more information, visit the IPMS Northern Virginia Modelers' website: www.novaiipms.org.

IPMS New Jersey's 2024 MosquitoCon is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the Wayne PAL Hall, 1 Pal Drive, Wayne, NJ, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For information, contact Bill Schwarz, e-mail: whsch@optimum.net.

First Steps Taken to Revitalize Our Display Case

IPMS Richmond's display case at Hobby Town received something of a facelift last month as some models were retrieved by their owners to make space on two shelves. Some of our December contest winning models were generously loaned by their builders. Also, we now have a shelf displaying a few of John Mullins' excellent classic movie monsters. James Alvis' Lockheed Constellation and memorial plaque remain, and a number of the models previously in the case have been gently and carefully rearranged. We hope to refresh the display case every month or so with different models, either presented as a genre of scale modeling or covering a particular theme or subject. Many thanks again to Scott Oates for his time and work on our chapter's case.



2024 OLD DOMINION OPEN MANPOWER VOLUNTEER

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail address (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY): _____

YES! I want to help make this year's ODO a great success. I will help as follows at Richmond Raceway. I have checked where I can best help.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, February 23 (Runs from 3:00-6:30 PM—we have to be out and hall locked up by 7:00 PM). Tables and chairs will be in place by RIR staff prior to this day.

_____ Place tablecloths on contest area tables, organize and prepare awards area, front entrance, registration tables, prize drawing area, contest and vendor areas. Help vendors unload (Hand trucks are provided).

SATURDAY SHOW DAY, February 24

_____ Help unload remaining vendors (7:00 AM). Hand trucks are provided and you will get early access to the hall and the vendors prior to doors opening to patrons.

_____ Work on Registration team (Need teams to cover period from 8:00 AM to noon).

_____ Work on General Admission team (Need teams to cover period from 8:00 AM to approx. 2:30 PM).

_____ Front Hall Monitor. Monitors front door (opens to patrons at 8:30 AM), Keeps an eye on front hall, prize drawing and trophy areas.

_____ Be a contest judge (first call for judges is around 10:00-10:30 AM).

_____ Help vendors load up (starts about 3:00 PM).

_____ Tear down and close hall. Take up tablecloths, fold and place in bins, pack up supplies in designated bins, clean up any left behind trash (Tables and chairs are broken down by RIR staff). Work begins during awards ceremony. We try to be out by 5:30, 6:00 PM at the latest.

PLEASE BRING COMPLETED FORM WITH YOU TO FEBRUARY 12 MEETING OR E-MAIL TO ME, RICHARD LEININGER (rleininger@verizon.net).

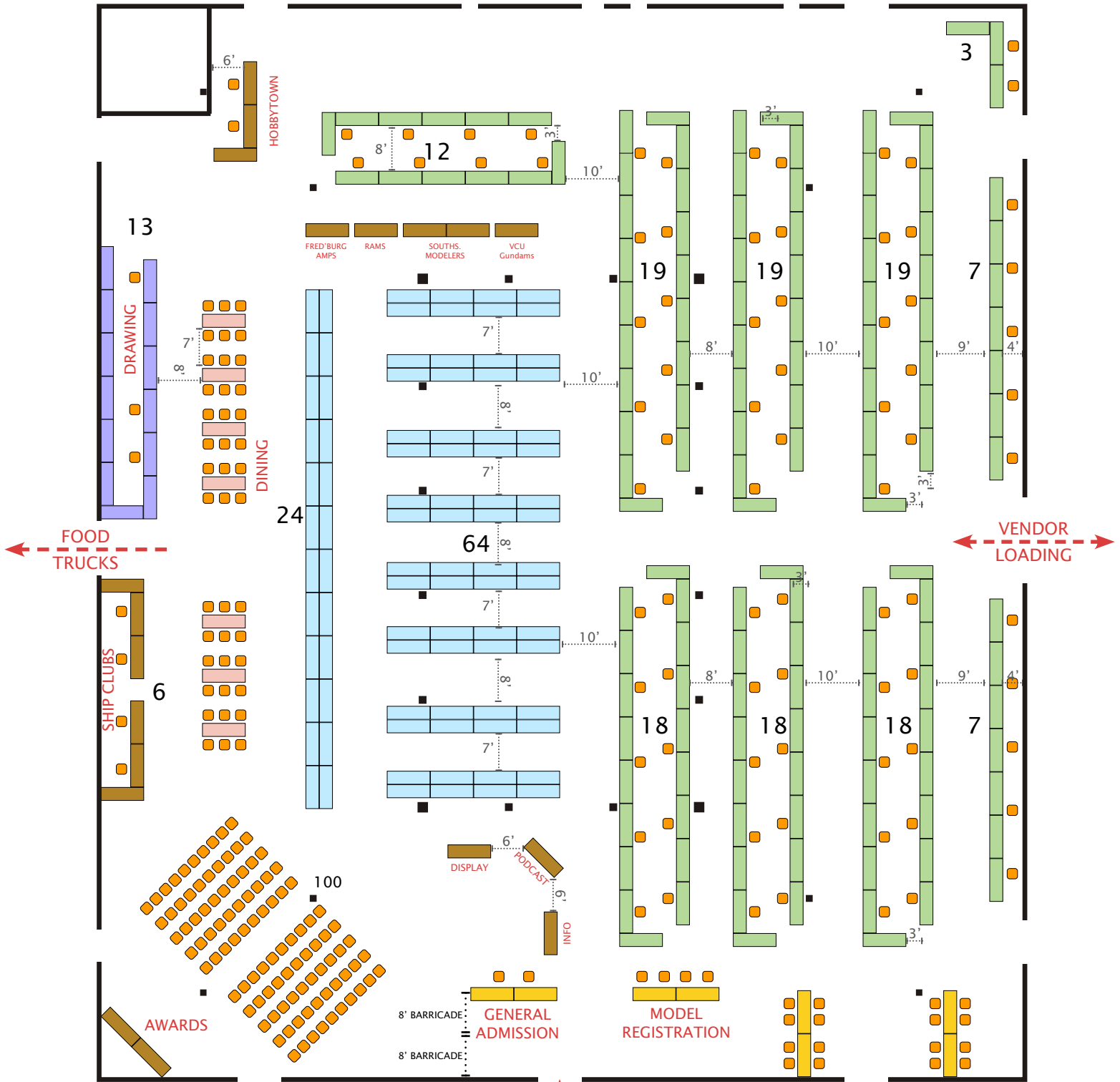
Once it can be determined who can provide what manpower, I will send you an e-mail confirming what job you can provide, if needed.

THANK YOU ALL, LET'S MAKE THIS ANOTHER GREAT SHOW IN OUR LONG HISTORY OF GREAT SHOWS.

Richard Leininger, 2024 ODO Chairman

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8' TABLES

 Contest	88
 Vendor	140
 Drawing	13
 Awards/HobbyTown/Display/Club/Info... ..	19
 Dining	7
 Registration	8

TOTAL 275

Chairs

253

PUBLIC ENTRANCE

Show & Tell Models from the January Meeting

Photographs by John Robinson



Mike Lyons' 1970's vintage Tamiya 1/24 scale Tiger tank.



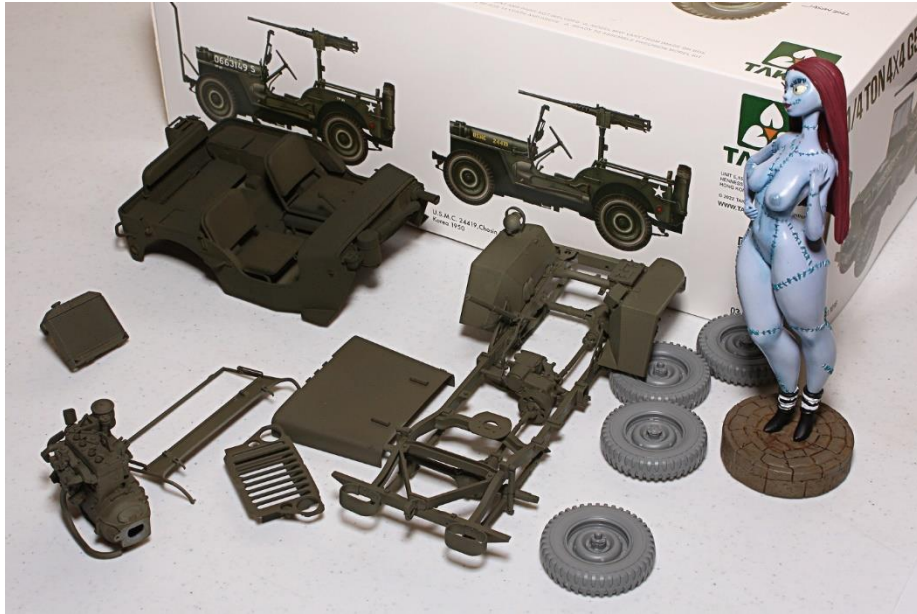
Alex Valz's Tamiya 1/35 M-18 Hellcat tank destroyer with an accompanying figure.



Jamie Brannan's Lindberg 1/24 Bearfoot monster truck.



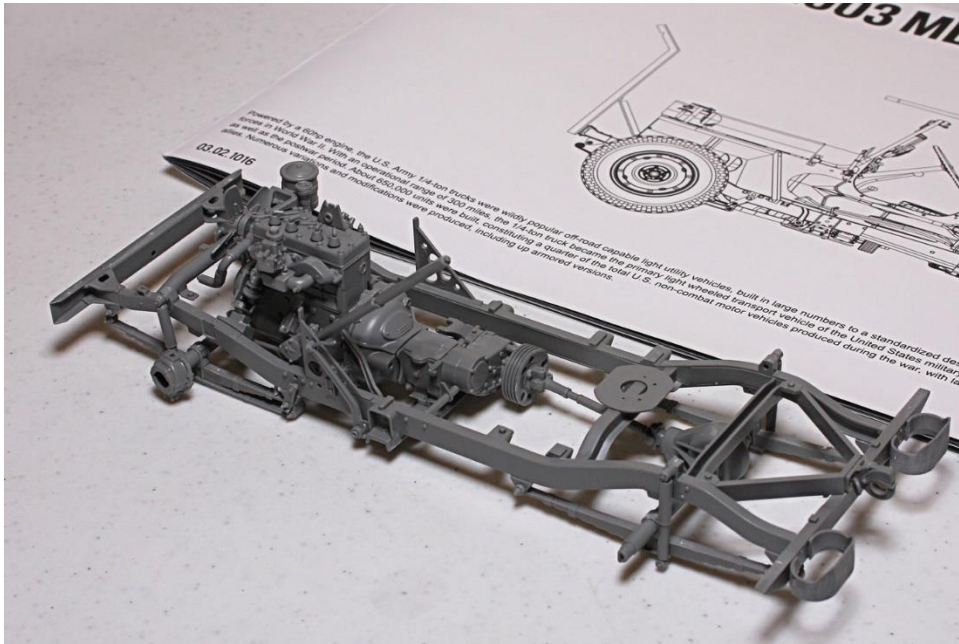
Ready for another long haul: Mike Lyons' Lindberg Dodge D600 tractor.



Doug Hayes' Takom 1/16 Jeep is well underway. Doug also brought his 1/8 scale 3-D printed Sally Strollington figure.



E.L. Motley's entry in the December contest's James Alvis group build category, the 1965 Hawk 1/48 model of the P-47D Thunderbolt.



Another 1/16 Takom Jeep is underway. This is the chassis and engine of Mark Groth's build.

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