

# SPRUE



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## Time to Carve the Roast Beast!



Not the girl — the steak.



**Christmas Dinner**  
Thursday, Dec. 13,  
at The Great 611  
Steak Co.  
3830 Franklin Rd  
Roanoke

### From the Prez...

Well, the turkey carcass and the solidified gravy moulding away in the fridge means that the Thanksgiving holiday season is over. However, there's still time to be thankful for the year that is 2012. Flew by as they always do, but 2013 is ahead and shaping up to be a super-duper year for RVIPMS.

Let's start by thanking all for the hard work that the members of IPMS Roanoke Valley put in this past year. Another great Shoot-Out in July, lots of great programs and "how-to's" and very competitive monthly contests at the meetings kept all of us busy and out of trouble for the better part of the year. For those of us who could not stay out of trouble, be glad that bail money was at hand for those who needed it. Our very popular Christmas party is up ahead on the 13th of December at the "Great 611" Steakhouse Restaurant and we are reminded of past yule-tide dinners where friends and family met to have a great time and enjoy the evening with a little "dirty Santa" action. Remember to take a "treasure" off of your shelf, don't whine,

I haven't taken all of your kits for the raffle — yet, wrap it, and bring it to the restaurant for some fun trading and re-trading. I will supply some extra gifts and maybe a lump of coal for your stocking. Remember, our year-end contest will also happen at the Christmas dinner. Bring your "Star" adorned 1/72 scale racing plane and let's end the year in some fun. We will have a light meeting as well, discussing the upcoming year and the fun that is on the calendar. And maybe if we are all good, you may get a visit from that fat man in red. That's right, I may wear my red sweater! HO HO HO

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Great News! Visited our friends down in Blue Ridge, GA – just happened to be passing by.

What friends?, Free Time Hobbies and Pacific Front Ship Model Superstore, the one-stop shopping headquarters for all things plastic and definitely the largest supplier to ship modelers. They will make our Region 2 Convention one of their stops on the show circuit next year. If you are looking for anything nautical, they are the place to go. After shopping in their warehouse, with mouth agape looking at all the cool photo-etch, kits, laser-cut wood decks, resin bits and decals, I spoke to Russ and his son Brandon at the shop. They said they were looking forward to traveling up North to our show and hoped we would reciprocate by visiting their show in Chattanooga in January. I told them we already have a contingency coming and have made our lists and checked them twice. Why not give yourself a Christmas present – after all, who knows what you really want other than yourself?

Check out their website at [www.freetimehobbies.com](http://www.freetimehobbies.com) and [www.pacificfront.com](http://www.pacificfront.com) to see all they have to offer. Unbelievable selection!

And speaking of goodies, check out our website at [www.rvipms.com](http://www.rvipms.com) and our Facebook page for contests starting in January for chances to win “Nose Art related kits, books and decals. We will be challenging your knowledge on all things “Nose-Art”.



*Can you name the pin-up above? If so, be the first to do so and win something cool. Prize will be awarded at the next business meeting.*



LFG Roland C.II  
 The LFG Roland C.II, usually known as the Walfisch, was an advanced German reconnaissance aircraft of World War I. It was manufactured by Luft-Fahrzeug-Gesellschaft G.m.b.H. Wikipedia  
 Top speed: 103 mph (165 km/h)  
 Wingspan: 34 feet (10 m)  
 Length: 24' 8" (7.52 m)  
 First flight: 1915  
 Manufacturer: Luft-Fahrzeug-Gesellschaft

1/72 scale Airfix model by Terry Eastman



**A Tip from Terry**

In painting models and figures, there is need for an artist's palette. Here is how to make a simple one. Take a cut piece of cardboard and cover it with aluminum foil. Your paints can now be mixed on this surface. Upon completion, the foil can easily be cleaned for future use.

**— Reason's to Build Stuff —**



*Club build: Star City Air Racers  
 December 2012  
 Christmas Dinner. (see rules Oct. issue)*

*Chattanooga ModelCon 2013  
 Jan. 11-12, 2013  
 Chattanooga Convention Center  
 Chattanooga, TN*



*Old Dominion Open  
 Feb. 23, 2013  
 Richmond International Raceway  
 Richmond, VA*



*MDA Model Car Contest  
 Theme: Champions  
 Mar. 2, 2013  
 Roanoke Civic Center  
 Roanoke, VA*



*IPMS Region 2 Convention  
 Oct. 18 & 19, 2013  
 Theme: Nose Art  
 Roanoke Civic Center  
 Roanoke, VA*

*Always check websites for up to date info on shows and contests.*

- *Because of Christmas and such, the business meeting is early this month.*
- *Remember to bring your Star City air racer model for the year end contest at the Christmas dinner.*
- *Your newsletter editor turned 50 on Dec. 3. Bring an extra gift for him. Hey, it's worth a shot.*





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***RVIPMS meetings are held at the Virginia Museum of Transportation.***

***How to get there;***

From Salem Ave. turn onto 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  St. Drive the very short distance to Norfolk Ave. SW and turn left. Follow under the 2nd st. over-pass to the back of the museum. The fenced parking lot is behind the building as indicated in the picture. Enter through the rear door, (the main entrance will be locked) walk down the hallway and turn right. Meeting room is in right corner.

***When to get there;***

The club has two meetings per month, with a couple exceptions. Build meetings are the second Thursday each month. Business meetings are the fourth Thursday each month. All meetings start at 7 p.m. For further details visit our website. [www.rvipms.com](http://www.rvipms.com)

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