

# SPRUE



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## From the Prez...

First off I would like to send out condolences to Tim Mullins for the loss of his father this past week. I know I speak for everyone in the club when I say our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

As I write this we are about a week away from heading to Fairfax for the Model Classic 2015. This has always been a great show to attend and I hope Roanoke Valley is represented well this year. If you have never been it is located at the Fairfax High School and just a few minutes off interstate. The vendors are usually set up in the hallways along with in the cafeteria. The models are set up in the cafeteria as well. You can usually count on a few authors of their books being there that are related to planes or military subjects of interest to modelers. If you like seminars you can usually catch one or two of the different ones they have planned as well.

We have made one pass through trying to separate the plaques that we purchased and have all the plaques set aside for this year's Shoot Out and have most of the others separated by size so we can make a quick pick of plaques when needed. There are still a lot of miscellaneous boxes that need to be gone through and stuff separated that is odd shape or size. We did find several wooden block type plaques and other odd items that would go well with the Figure modelers.

We hope to try and sell these at upcoming events we have. Well till next time.....Keep slapping the glue on the plastic!

— Rocky

**IMPORTANT**  
announcements  
inside

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month!

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# Adventures in the Air Transport Command

by Tim Mullins



My father is a veteran of WWII. He was in the Army Air Corps, Air Transport Command (ATC). Stationed in the Aleutian islands, and flying mostly in C-46 Commandos and sometimes C-47 Sky trains.



He told me several stories over the years. When they first transferred to the Aleutians from Canada, the officers kept telling them to take it easy after landing. It was a cold so much more cold than any of the rookies were used to. He said one guy just couldn't resist bucking orders. After stepping out of the plane, this guy exclaims "ah, fresh air" and takes a deep breath. His lungs froze and he fell face first into the snow. The experience did not kill him, But he never again did anything like that. Another man corpsman just had to have cigarettes during a blizzard. We walked a mere 30 feet from the Quonset hut to the px. He was frost bitten on the nose and tops of his ears. He lost the ear tops and very tip of his nose.

The most harrowing experience my dad endured was a plane crash and a 2 day "vacation" with some Eskimos. The de-icer boots on their C-46 failed. Too much ice build up weighted the plane and they rapidly lost altitude. The captain ordered everyone out. One corpsman's chute opened late and he broke

his leg on landing. The captain was able to land the plane with some wing damage from hitting trees. All crewman survived and were rescued and cared for by Eskimos who witnessed the crash. A couple days later they were picked up by rescue plane.

My dad was not a pilot but had a friend from basic training who became a fighter pilot. This guy just happened to be stationed at the same base as my dad. I never got his name. Dad's friend flew a P-38 2 seater. An "M" model I believe. He asked my dad if he wanted to go for a ride. Dad said it was the fastest scariest plane he ever rode. Also the most thankful to get out of a plane, before or since.

There were quite a large variety of planes in the ATC11th Air Force stationed in the Aleutian islands. A small example; the afore mentioned C-46s and 47s, P-40 "Aleutian Tigers", P-38s, B-17s and B-24s. This area of the war offers the scale modeler ample opportunities to build these and other aircraft. The ATC in particular is a somewhat overlooked subject matter.



With a little research, that old Monogram C-47 could be an ATC ship ready to deliver supplies to US and Chinese forces.



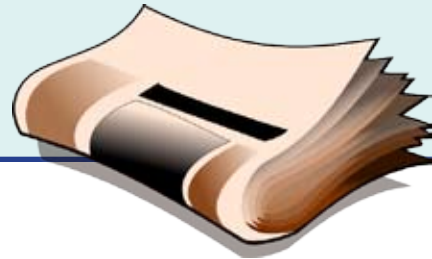
# • ANNOUNCEMENTS! •

## NEW Newsletter Editor

Starting next month; May, 2015, Penny Pierce will take over the duties of newsletter editor. Please make note of the new submission deadline. I welcome Penny and welcome the relief from the position.

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**Submissions deadline is the first Sunday of each month!**



## Dues are Due!

Beginning April 1st you may pay your 2015 - 2016 club dues.

I believe they are still \$24 for the 12 month fiscal year.

You will have 3 months to pay from April 1st.

After 3 months, a \$6 additional fee is charged.

Membership numbers are held for 1 year.

If club membership has lapsed after one year your number goes back into the "hat."

You may pay by cash or check in person at a build or business meeting

Or send a check to; P.O. Box 20841, Roanoke VA 24018

You may pay by Paypal on our website.

## Remember

A national membership is separate from RVIPMS club membership. The national membership includes; a professional quality magazine subscription, a nifty membership card and a lot more.



10/17/2015  
 North Carolina  
 Salisbury  
 Region 12  
 2015 IPMS Arm/Air  
 Invitational Contest  
 Family Ministry Center  
 (Old Salisbury YMCA)  
 220 North Fulton Street

THE ROANOKE VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY  
 PRESENTS THE **2015** VIRGINIA SHOOTOUT  
**WIDE OPEN WITH YOUR HAIR ON FIRE**  
 A NO THEME WIDE OPEN SCALE MODEL CONTEST, SHOW AND SWAP MEET...  
**Saturday, August 15, SAVE THE DATE!**  
 BOOKING EARLY NOT ADVISED.

# Model Classic 2015

## ROAD TO VICTORY

### THE PACIFIC THEATRE CAMPAIGNS

**FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL**

25 APRIL 2015

**D&J HOBBY CENTER**  
 Annual Hobby Show  
 Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

**At the Galax Public Library**



All Modelers are welcome! Please come and help make our show a success again this year. For information please call D&J Hobby Center 276-288-6852. Support your modeler! D&J Hobby Center, 106 nuckolls curve road, Galax, Va. Stop by the shop for entry forms and show details. The show times are 9am to 4pm.

**Lafayette Scale Modelers**  
**2015 R-12 Convention**  
**THE LONGEST DAYS** All Things D-Day!  
 Show Dates  
 June 5th-6th



Location, Methodist University  
 5400 Ramsey Street  
 Fayetteville NC, 28311  
 March K. Middle Center

Contest registration prices \$10.00 for registration for 1 model, \$1.00 additional per model. The baniers registration fee is \$6  
<http://lafayettescalemodelers.com>

Price per vendor table will be \$20.00  
 General Admission \$5.00

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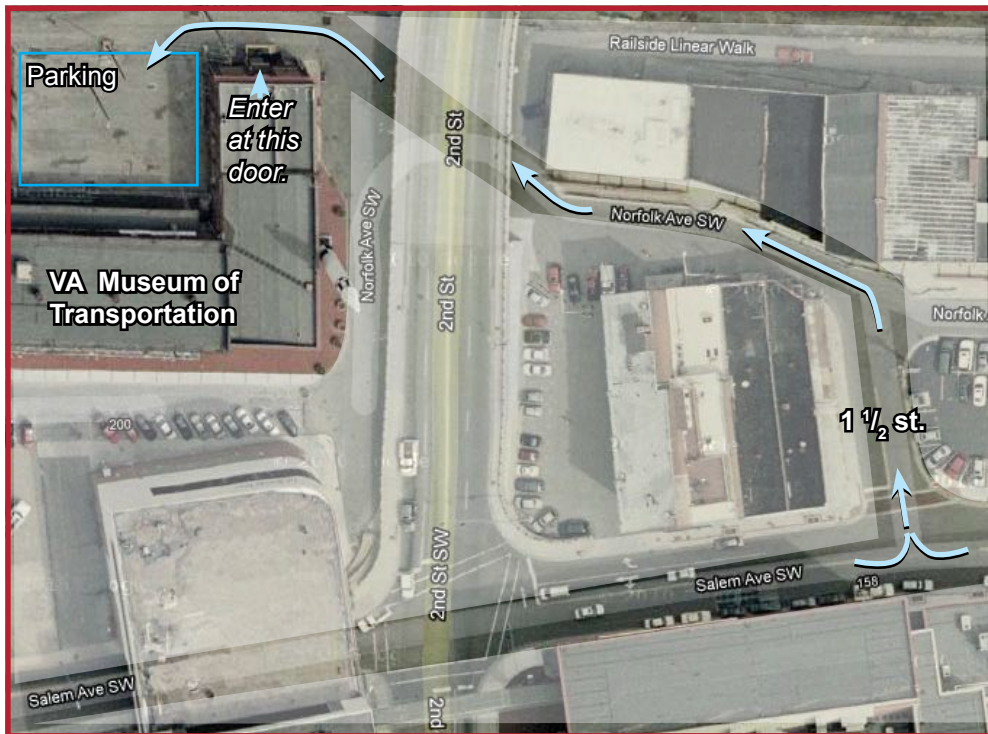
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## Dues are due! See inside...

If you have any questions about the club, meetings, or need directions, contact us at; [www.rvipms.com](http://www.rvipms.com) or mail written correspondence to: Roanoke Valley IPMS P.O. Box 20841 Roanoke, VA. 24018.



**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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