

# SPRUE



April 2022

Keeping History Alive....One Model At A Time

## MDA...A Automotive Lovers Dream!

Once again this year the Roanoke Valley IPMS helped with the MDA Car Show to make sure things went off without a hitch. Dennis was again this year the guy sitting in on the MDA planning meetings and relaying the information to the club on any updates and changes. This years show was the first in two years. Just a couple short weeks after the 2020 show things went South due to Covid and there hasn't been a show since then. They did do a smaller one day outdoor show last year but it wasn't the scale that they are used to doing.

Several members arrived early on Saturday morning to help the vendors get their goodies unloaded and set up. With not much room in the "tunnel" it takes some help to keep things moving to make sure all the vendors get in and unloaded. One thing that made it even tougher this year was that the Civic Center opened the doors a hour earlier than normal which meant the contestants were coming in sooner with their entries. Cheryl made sure as usual the registration line kept moving so there wouldn't be any back ups.

It was evident by the looks of the tables that the two year layoff had allowed modelers to get extra kits built for this years contest. Usually the show will draw modelers that usually don't show at other shows, just the MDA. Along with those modelers there were several contestants from other states including, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia to name a few.

The theme for this years show was 1932 Fords and man did they come out of the woodwork for the theme classes. There were two classes for the theme, one was out of box and the other was full detail. At one point there had to be an extra table added to have a place for the huge number of entries. Congratulations to all the winners!!



### \*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

Yearly club dues were due starting April 1st. You can bring your dues to the club meetings or mail them to this address:

IPMSRV  
PO Box 20841  
Roanoke, VA 24018

\$25 Yearly Regular Members  
\$12 Yearly Associate Members

## -REMINDERS-

April  
Business Meeting  
April 28 @ 7pm

May  
Build Meeting  
May 12 @ 7pm

May  
Business Meeting  
May 26 @ 7pm

## March Club Contest



## Memories of Crossroads Hobbies:

Ronnie decided to retire after some 35 years. The shop was run by his father George Black from 1963 till his retirement when Ronnie took it over full time. My early years I lived in Roanoke in the Round Hill area (near the Airport). This is back in the day when you rode your bike everywhere. Just "be home before dark" was the rule. Played many days in the cornfields which is now Valley View Mall. Crossroads Mall was the big attraction in its day. And the place for the youngsters was Crossroads Hobbies. Many times, I rode the bike to visit the shop and buy a model. This is after doing chores collecting the allowance and picking up bottles for the cash. At the hobby shop after walking around wide eyed and after careful selection of one model. I would approach this man with a deep voice, Mr. Black. I would plop down my Hawk, Airfix or the magical Aurora kit and pay with my pennies, nickels dimes and quarters. Sometimes a silver dollar would pass through my hands. Mr. Black always did his little calculations and round to a whole number. Usually, a dollar or two in those days. After my family moved to Salem. I would still go and visit the hobby shop. I graduated high school and as most of you know I went to sea. When home on vacation I always made a trip(s) to the hobby shop. Buying models and paints. As a student of WWII, I also purchased many board war-games that were on the shelf. I still have many of those in my collection and I swear I may have some Tamiya as well a Testers (small bottles) of paint and some unbuilt kits. In 1988 George and Ronnie moved the shop to Salem and their clientele followed. With the explosion of RC aircraft and cars the business continued. A total of 59 years Crossroads Hobbies has been a big part of a lot of kids and adult lives. Many memories were created. I visited the shop on the last day. In the name of IPMS Roanoke Valley I took a couple dozen donuts a card from all of us with a \$25 cash in the card. Ronnie was moved and asked me to forward his many thanks. I wished him well. George Black, Ronnie's father was a P-51 pilot during WWII. Unfortunately, I have no other information on his service.



### Club Officers:

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Time To Roll Up Your Sleeves And Get Busy Doing An Article For The Newsletter. Subjects Could Include Kit Review, How To, Follow Up From A Show, History Of A Particular Subject Or Types Of Glue Or Paint You Like. Let Your Imagination Run Wild!

Greg



Deadline for newsletter submissions is the second  
Wednesday of each month.

All submissions should be emailed to Rocky Sink:

[snkchevcol@aol.com](mailto:snkchevcol@aol.com)

along with any photos, write up and/or kit reviews pertaining  
to the article you wish to submit.

## Member Profile

Phill Black:

IPMSRV: Uniqueness to the club i.e., Past or current club Officer, Assoc. Member?

Phill: Associate member due to living sixty miles away from Roanoke In Greenville, Virginia.

IPMSRV: What do you like to build? Do You try other types of kits?

Phill: I normally build 1/72 scale aircraft just out of habit but I have the larger scales on the shelves.

IPMSRV: Do you remember your first model? What was it?

Phill: My first model was an Aurora, Cougar. Cost of the kit was thirty cents in 1957 and was bought at a stationary store in Bronx, NY. I never will forget the canopy fogging with Testors glue.

IPMSRV: Who/What was you biggest influence when you began the hobby?

Phill: I saw a kid build a cutlas moulded in green plastic and it took him a few minutes and he used tube glue.

IPMSRV: Do you still build? Are you now a collector?

Phill: I build when I am not watching television. So I mainly end up being a collector and I attend as many shows as I can or see nearby.

IPMSRV: Do you compete? Have you competed in the Nationals? Did you place?

Phill: I compete on occasion and I'm working my way upto competing in the Nationals. I never think I am good enough though.

IPMSRV: Do you build for your peers? Do you build for yourself?

Phill: I guess I am building for my peers that's what gives me the motivation to see how good I can be, but I get tired before I finish or loose patience.

IPMSRV: What is/was your career? Did it influence your modeling?

Phill: I've been a pharmacy technician or technician for much of the time. Look at question four that was the beginning and then magazines came along.

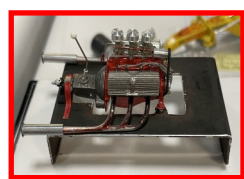
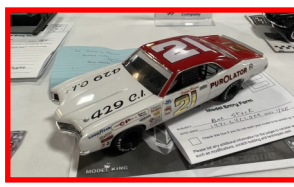
IPMSRV: Who is your favorite kit manufacturer?

Phill: I now like Airfix but you name a manufacturer and that becomes a favorite, e.g. Dragon, Tamiya, Hasegawa, Revell.

IPMSRV: Would you build a "dated" kit to test your self in filling and sanding and parts fitment?

Phill: If I am in jail I will build a dated kit because I am desperate. I don't build Lindburg and Monogram as I aged I found the plastic is to thick compared to the foreign (Asian) kits.

## MDA CAR SHOW!





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### ***UPCOMING SHOW DATES:***

May 21, 2022	39th Annual Smokey Mtn Model Con Knoxville, TN	Johnny Galza 262galza@gmail.com
July 9, 2022	DownEastCon 2022 New Bern, NC	Mark Sandvigen 703-434-0834
July 20-23 2022	IPMS National Convention Omaha, Nebraska	Ipmsusa2022.com
August 13, 2022	Virginia Shootout Salem, Virginia	twardf86@aol.com