

# SPRUE

## And now a message from our Pres...

Well as we prepare to go into May I hope everyone has survived April the best they could. Between taxes, allergies and April Fool Jokes it can be a tough month for some. Of course I doubt anyone has had the month that Tim Ward has had. Thanks to a mad gall bladder Tim had the unfortunate misfortune of not one but two stays in the hospital. The first visit was a trip to the ER with some abdominal pain which led to the Doctors finding that Tim's gall bladder had went bad and surgery would be needed. Only problem is what was going to be a quick simple surgery turned into the full cut everything they could surgery which landed Tim in the Hospital for more time than he wanted. About a week or so after coming home Tim developed an infection that

landed him back in the hospital for a few more days. Hopefully Tim will be back on the go before long.

With Terry taking over the Vice President duties now he has mentioned that he would like to see us go back to using a point system for our monthly contest and has also discussed with me doing some of the activities the club has done in the past (carrier landing, etc). Terry will be bringing this up at the next meeting so we can discuss it. Please be thinking about some of the ideas you may have as well for future activities at meetings. Terry has also brought up doing another demo at the Rail Yard possibly in May. Terry and I both have talked to Jim about this and as always he is on board with it. We just need to get him a date that works for all of us.

As I write this we are only a week or so away from the NOVA show in Fairfax. I hope to see several members head that way to help the Northern Virginia club if possible. That always ends up being a great show they put on.

Well I guess I better get back to my project for Fairfax. If it's like most shows I will be midnight the night before the show finishing it.....

Happy Modeling!!

Rocky



### Special points of interest:

- April business meeting  
4/21/2016 Rock Sink will provide the refreshments for the meeting.
- May build meeting is on  
5/12/2016
- May business meeting  
5/26/2016
- **DUES ARE NOW DUE**

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## BOND...James Bond

We all know about James Bond and the cars the fictional British secret agent prefers, and the answer is usually Aston Martin. Now, if the person you're asking read the novels on which the films are based, they'd know that Ian Fleming's spy preferred supercharged Pre-war Bentleys. We all know that Bond films took liberty with this fact, and 007 found himself piloting a variety of vehicles, from a 1967 Toyota 2000 GT to a 1974 AMC Hornet. Despite this, each decade found him piloting at least one car that reflected the decade in some way.

Now before you jump this is only a partial listing of the "James Bond cars. "

**1960s:**

**1963 Aston Martin DB5**

**Starred in:** "Goldfinger" and "Thunderball"

**About the car:** Derived from the DB4, which was introduced in 1958, the DB5 arrived in '63 employing Superleggera (Carrozzeria Touring's "super-light") aluminum construction and a 325-horsepower 4.0-liter six-cylinder engine. Although product placement in films is much sought after today, Aston Martin flatly refused to lend a car; their financial position was too precarious to spare any. So the film's producers had to twist the automaker's arm just to loan them a car. Once the film appeared and demand exploded, that was no longer the case.

**Why it matters:** Sensual, sophisticated and free-spirited, like the '60s.

**1970s:**

**1976 Lotus Espirit**

**Starred in:** "The Spy Who Loved Me"

**About the car:** In an era of wedge-shaped supercars, this wedge-shaped coupe, penned by Giorgetto Giugiaro of Italdesign, was the first of a slew of similarly shaped sports cars. Unlike its competitors, the Espirit's fiberglass body was impregnated with paint. However, since the 2.0-liter twin-cam four-cylinder engine was mounted behind the seats and ahead of the rear axle, it proved problematic for the film's stunt drivers, who were unaccustomed to a mid-engine car. So Lotus drivers were tapped to help out.

**Why it matters:** Strangely sexy, but odd, just like the 1970s.

**1980s:**

**1985 Aston Martin V8 Vantage Volante**

**Starred in:** "The Living Daylights"

**About the car:** After three decades and a string of owners, Aston Martin was on the financial brink by the 1980s. But having previously learned their lesson, the automaker loaned the production a 1985 Aston Martin V8 Vantage Volante. Despite being far from modern, the car looked good, and the 370-horsepower 5.3-liter V8 packed a punch. More importantly, the Aston badge connected Timothy Dalton, the newest Bond, with previous 007s. Aston Martin welcomed the attention.

**Why it matters:** Just like the 80s, it was something old in a new package.

**1990s:**

**1999 BMW Z8**

**Starred in:** "The World is Not Enough"

**About the car:** Based on the Z07 concept car, an homage to BMW's 507, which caused a sensation at the Tokyo Auto Show where it debuted. It was conceived as a production car and Tokyo confirmed that BMW was right – well-heeled customers wanted a 400 hp two-seater from Munich. It also carried a retractable hardtop (now a staple on BMW convertibles) so drivers' and their passengers could cruise comfortably all year long. Additionally, BMW marketed the car as an instant classic and promised a 50-year parts cache.

**Why it matters:** The Z8's screen time, and production run, was all too brief, just like the dotcom boom.

**2000s:**

**2002 Aston Martin Vanquish**

**Starred in:** "Die Another Day"

**About the car:** At the dawn of a new century, the V12-powered Vanquish marked the end of an era for Bond films, as Pierce Brosnan became the last in a series of pseudo-Sean Connery/Roger Moore Bond wannabes. So it's suitable that the Aston Martin was thoroughly modern, with extensive use of aluminum and carbon fiber, and a V12 producing 460 horsepower through a six-speed manual gearbox. Still, it was the end of an area, as this was the last model built at Aston Martin's famous Newport Pagnell factory.

**Why it matters:** Just like 9/11: the end of one era, the beginning of another.

**2010s:**

**2016 Aston Martin DB10**

**Starred in:** "Spectre"

**About the car:** As the films stray farther from the novels that inspired them, some touchstones have to remain, and so it is with James Bond and Aston Martin. In an effort to tap the essence of the 1963 DB5 without repeating its look, Aston Martin distilled its design language into a new rendition of a classic archetype. Underneath lie the mechanics of a V8 Vantage, with a 420-horsepower 4.7-liter V8 reaches 60 mph in 4.7 seconds and has a top speed of 190 mph, which is handy when outrunning villains.

**Why it matters:** A classic new Aston for the newest of Bonds.

## Nagajima Ki-84 "Hayate"



Nagajima Ki-84 "Hayate"

By: Terry Eastman

The model is a Nagajima Ki-84 "Hayate" of the 29th Sentai,  
2nd Chutai based on Formosa in April 1945.

This fighter was on par with most of our fighters in 1945.

## Just a few reminders

The Friends of the Roanoke County Library will be holding their spring used book sale starting this coming Saturday, the 16th, and continuing through Thursday, the 21st. The sale will be at the South County Library on Merriman Road.

Timothy Boyce will be signing his book, *FROM DAY TO DAY*, at the Salem Museum on East Main Street on Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The book is about Odd Nansen who kept a secret diary while a prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. The book was rated "A masterpiece" by the Times Literary Supplement. This book signing is sponsored by our local Sons of Norway chapter. Proceeds from the sale of the book will be divided between the U. S. Holocaust Museum and the Jewish Museum in Oslo, Norway. Mr. Boyce will have some copies of his book available for sale at \$39.00 per copy.

Mr. Boyce is a retired lawyer living in Tryon, N. C.

The Salem Museum is located at 801 E. Main St., in Salem

## Editor's Corner

I know I have been enjoying the great weather that we've been having for the last week or so, but kits have to get built!! As you all know April is when the club dues need to be paid, so be sure to get those in to Greg as soon as you can. On another note. I want to wish Tim Ward a fast and speedy recovery, and just to let you know, he will be out of commission for a little while.

Nominations and elections for club officers for the coming fiscal year were held at the last meeting, and Terry Eastman will be the new VP and the others will remain the same. Congrats to the whole bunch!

I have come to the conclusion that I need to get rid of some kits that I know I will never get around to build. So I will be coming up with a list of "disposals" that I will be posting here in the newsletter before I list them on eBay. If anyone else is in need to shrink their stock pile, please make a list of what you have.



## Upcoming Shows and Events

- April 30, 2016      Fairfax, Virginia    IPMS/NOVA Model Classic 2016  
Fairfax High School    Tom Henderson    703-680-9354
- May 21, 2016      Louisville, Kentucky    MMCL Invitational    KYANA Antique Car Collector's Club    Dr. Terry C. Hill    502-895-3831
- May 21, 2016      Raleigh, North Carolina    RDUCON 2016    Wake Tech Comm. College  
IPMS/Eagle Squadron    Ronald Verburg    919-753-3153
- June 18, 2016      Galax, Virginia    Galax Public Library    D&J Hobby  
Darrell Burris    (contact him by Facebook or Penny Pierce to get flyer)
- Aug. 3 to Aug. 6, 2016    Columbia, South Carolina    IPMS/USA National Convention  
Columbia Metro Convention Center    Peter Maher    8033-606-0920

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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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