

# SPRUE



June 2022

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

## This Pickup was not Made in Heaven

By: Tom Shema

Did you ever have a Zombie model? A model that would not be finished. I've had several recently and I'm beginning to think the problem is me and not the model.

I've been working for what seems like forever on a 1956 Revell Pickup truck that just won't be finished! The kit was new in 1963 and mine is a 1995 re-box so we're talking old engineering and molding technology and to say it's been a challenge is an understatement.

The kit has 'operating features, the doors are supposed to open to reveal the sumptuous interior. This is a 1956 pickup truck; bench seat, speedometer and gearshift lever. The ill-conceived hinges and poor fit make it hard to decide to leave the doors open or close them forever, I chose the latter, but the fit was so bad I had to fill-in all around the opening and I still don't like how it turned out.



I painted and stripped the model three times before I got a finish that was acceptable, but it wasn't the finish I envisioned. I used Tamiya Acrylics all around and when I masked the front fenders to paint them a different color than the body color, I found that the Tamiya tape had etched into the paint creating an irregular rough surface that had to be stripped off and done over.

And then there is the front and rear window glass. Good grief, the windshield appears to have been subcontracted to a vendor that didn't get the correct drawings or dimensions. The gaps in the corner are big enough to shove a cat through, thank goodness for Testors Clear Parts Cement's extraordinary filling properties.

The model is sitting on my bench now daring me to put in the headlights and paint taillights. I don't exactly remember when I started it, but I'll sure be grateful when it's done.

Save the Date  
More Details to follow

THE  
2022  
VIRGINIA  
SHOOTOUT

237 Awards  
23 Best Cars  
1 Club Award  
4 Special Awards

HELPING TO KEEP HISTORY ALIVE,  
ONE MODEL AT A "TIME"

Scale Model Show, Contest and  
Swap meet!

AT THE  
SALEM CIVIC CENTER, SALEM VA.

AUG. 13, 2022

Show Chairman: TimWard  
tward8@aol.com

Vendor Coordinator: GregClower  
gclower@aol.com

Visit [www.rvipms.com](http://www.rvipms.com) for more details, out soon!

## Coming Next Month:

Look for the follow up article from the D-Day Memorial as well as the member profile on Butch Steahly. Also look for some of the latest updates on the Virginia ShootOut as it will be the last Newsletter before the show.

## -REMINDERS-

June  
Business Meeting  
June 23 @ 7pm

July  
Build Meeting  
July 14 @ 7pm

July  
Business Meeting  
July 28 @ 7pm

## 2022 SHOOTOUT...WE NEED YOU!

Just a few updates on this years ShootOut. All members are ask to sale at least three sponsorships for the show. At this time several award packages have been spoken for but there is still several left. The packages are \$20 each for regular categories, \$40 for Best Of categories and \$60 for Special Awards. Please contact Tim Ward (540-977-6205) if you need to get some sponsorship forms. If you know of anyone wanting a vendor table those are selling for \$35 and again several have been spoken for as well but there are still several remaining.



One big item is that we will need **EVERYONE** to step up and help with the show. We will try to set up Friday night but we may not get the venue till Saturday morning which will make things have to happen EARLY on show day. So please make sure to mark your calendar for possibly Friday night and definitely Saturday to help in all the areas. You may get moved around as needed.

## MAY CLUB CONTEST



### \*\*\*\*\*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

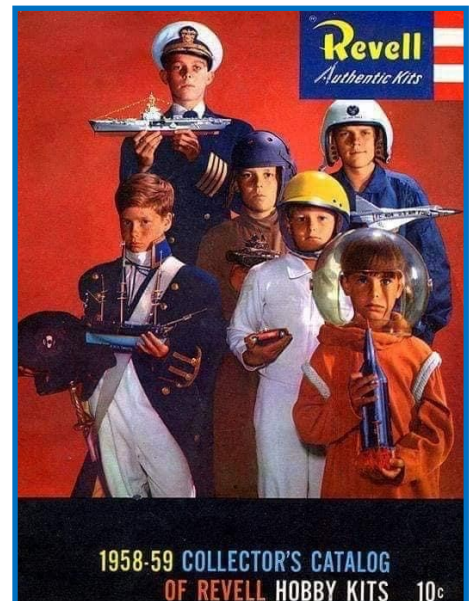
\$25 Yearly Regular Members  
\$12 Yearly Associate Members

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

Jeff Hinchee:

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

J: I have served in all four positions of the board and have been a member for 20+ years.

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

J: WWII aircraft, modern fighters and some Sci Fi

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

J: An Aurora Superman kit, my grandmother bought it for me.

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

J: My dad since he was in the Air Force.

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

J: Yes I do still build and I collect some as well.

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

J: Not any more. I used to in local shows and regionals, never at Nationals.

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

J: I build for myself but enjoy showing my work to family & friends.

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

J: I am GM for SW VA for Apria Healthcare. No it didn't influence it, but it is my stress reliever from work.

IPMSRV: Who is your favorite kit manufacturer?

J: Tamiya

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

J: Yes, I'm doing that right now! I'm on a 1/48 Dynavector Fairey Gannet vacform kit.

### Upcoming Date To Remember:

Virginia ShootOut award plaque build will be on Sunday, June 26 at 10am. We will meet at Greg's house to do the build. Please watch your emails and Facebook for any last minute updates. Please bring a small hammer, small screwdriver and a chair. Snacks and refreshments will be on hand.



FYI:

The Rail Yard Hobby is now carrying MCW paints. This line of paints contains some great automotive colors as well as other type models. Stop by and check them out!



**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!**

### Club Officers:

President: Dennis Smith  
eastsmith1@aol.com

Vice President: Jay Dennis  
jaysmr239@gmail.com

Secretary/Newsletter Editor:  
Rocky Sink  
snkchevcol@aol.com

Treasurer: Greg Clower  
gclower@aol.com



PO Box 20841  
Roanoke, VA 24018



***UPCOMING SHOW DATES:***

July 9, 2022	DownEastCon 2022 New Bern, NC	Mark Sandvigen 703-434-0834
July 20-23 2022	IPMS National Convention Omaha, Nebraska	lpmsusa2022.com
August 13, 2022	Virginia Shootout Salem, Virginia	twardf86@aol.com
September 10, 2022	PennCon 2022 Carlisle, PA	child1402@gmail.com