

# SPRUE



November 2022

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



## Happy Thanksgiving!



It's that time of year again to start planning for the Christmas Party and Dinner. This years dinner will be held at Jersey Lilly's in Salem on Friday, December 2nd. There will be a cocktail hour at 6:30pm and the Dinner will start at 7:15pm. We have had the Dinner here a few times before and have always had a great time there. We will not be working off of a set menu so we will be able to order what we want from the regular menu. As in the past we will be having Dirty Santa so make sure you bring a wrapped gift to participate in the exchange. We will also be giving each member in good standing \$15 towards their meal.

Jersey Lilly's, 1650 Braeburn Drive, Salem, Virginia 24153. 540-387-9061

Jersey Lilly's is located across from Lewis Gale Hospital and sits in the corner of the parking lot where Kroger and several smaller business's are located.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Fernando Ramirez to the club as a new member. Fernando hails from Mexico and works for GE as an Engineer in the Salem office. He and his family have been in the Roanoke Valley for 5 years. Fernando is married with two young children. Please join us in welcoming Fernando and his family to the club!!

### -REMINDERS-

**Business Meeting  
November 17 @ 7pm**

### NOTE:

**November will have both meetings combined into one on the third Thursday instead of the second and fourth. No Meetings in December. We will have the Christmas Party only.**

## Members Head To Georgia

By Rocky Sink

On Friday, November 4, a few of the RVR members headed south to Smyrna, Georgia for the annual NNL Southern Nationals hosted by the ACME (Atlanta Car Modeler Enthusiasts) club. Smyrna is just a short drive to the northwest from Atlanta so the members new they would be in for a bit of traffic, but had no idea they would end up in the traffic they actually ended up in. Dennis, Cheryl and Mark Agee went down in one vehicle and Arthur and Rocky were a short distance behind in another vehicle. Oddly enough they ended up stopping and eating at the same Burger King for lunch just minutes apart. Talk about thinking alike!! On Friday afternoon as everyone arrived in the area of Smyrna, the traffic took a major backup. It was taking over an hour to go the last 8-10 miles of the trip and required "scenic" routes provided by the gps's.

On Friday after arriving and checking into the hotel all the members met up with members of other clubs and facebook groups for a social and hang out. Later that night everyone from the club headed up to a Wings place to get a late night supper.

Saturday morning had a early wake up call to get a quick breakfast at Waffle House and than get over to the Community Center to where the show would be held. Shortly after 7am the center opened up and it was a mad rush as all the attendees made a mad dash in to get their models in prime spots and also work around vendors trying to carry stuff in to set up. There ended up being 586 models in the all automotive show and at the end of the day there were 10 "Top 10" awards given plus two different theme awards given out. All in all the members had a great time and are looking forward to going back again next year.



## CONGRATULATIONS LEO!!



Congratulations to Leo on his recent retirement!! Leo visited the club a couple years ago while in Roanoke on business for a few months. Leo got to know the members after coming to the meetings and after going back to Las Vegas he has always kept in touch with the RVR gang. Leo recently joined the club as an associate member. Hopefully we can talk Leo and his wife to come back to the east coast to visit with us!!



## WE NEED YOU!!

Starting the first of the year we are going to be working hard to recruit new members. Start thinking of ways we can reach out and bring new members to the club. We are going to see if we can do more demo's and other events to get our name out there more. Our club has taken a hit the last couple years as far as membership and we need to get the numbers back up.

## Member Profile

### Rocky Sink:

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

R: Current Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Past President.

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

R: Prefer automotive but will do a armor or other types of models occasionally.

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

R: It would have been one of the old monogram snap tite kits but I don't remember which one.

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

R: No body was really my influence but I have always enjoyed cars so I guess that's what got me started at about 5-6 years old.

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

R: Yes I still build almost daily and yes I collect kits as well.

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

R: Yes I compete ( about 8 shows this year) and yes I do go to Nationals. I have placed with several models at the Nationals.

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

R: I just build for myself. Everyone has an opinion, but mine is the only one that really matters.

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

R: My career is operating a family owned printing business. I am the third generation to own it.

IPMSRV: Who is your favorite kit manufacturer?

R: Tamiya

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

R: While I love a challenge, I don't like having to do a complete overhaul on a model.

### Club Officers:

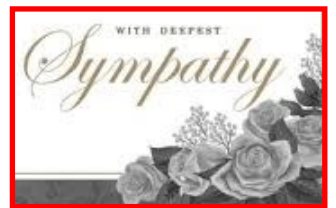
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The club wishes to send condolences out to Dennis Smith and his family for the recent passing of his niece. Please wish Dennis well when you see him at the next meeting.



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

**All submissions should be emailed to Rocky Sink:**

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



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***UPCOMING SHOW DATES:***

January 6, 2023	ModelCon Chattanooga, TN	Ben Gibby bgibby1964@outlook.com
February 25, 2023	Old Dominion Open Richmond, VA	Bob Wells robertwalls@comcast.net
March 4, 2023	MDA Model Show Roanoke, VA	Dennis Smith eastsmith1@aol.com
April 15, 2023	NOVA Model Classic Fairfax, VA	Tom Henderson tomhenderson51@verizon.net