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*Inside see: The winner of the September's Intra-Club Contest of "Operation Torch" – Bill's Panzer III .*



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Prez Sez ....

Back in my wild and woolly days when I was in a bike club someone would walk into the meeting and announce that they just bought a chrome dodad, thing-a-majigy for their Harley. After the meeting we would all run out to the local H-D dealership and buy chrome, dodad, thing-a-majigies for our bikes. Why? Not because it made our scoots go faster, but for the curb appeal. Fast forward 30+ years to present day and Gator Modelers, someone walks into a meeting and announces that someone out in the model world came up with a thingy that will make our model building easier. After the meeting we run home and find such item, and depending on if we are on a fixed income or not, purchase said item to make our models pop, curb appeal. I guess it doesn't matter which hobby you have, there is usually a way to make it better.

Over my many years I've enjoyed many hobbies, remote control vehicles, I have had a plane in a tree for about 15 years now. It keeps going up as the tree grows. I rebuilt an old CJ-5 (Jeep) from the ground up. Fishing, I'm not any good at it. Several times I've been fishing with my brother-in-law, he reels them in left and right, I just end up watching, but I enjoy the sport anyway. Golf, a hobby that has a small white ball with a mind of its own, most of the time it ends up lost. Someone makes a ball safety yellow, but you still lose them. Hunting, a hobby that requires you to sit in a tree stand in sub-freezing weather, waiting for something with four legs that is not wearing a reflective vest to walk by. A few years ago my best friend and I got a deer on the same season, first time for that feat. He shot his, I hit mine with the car. Model building is something fairly new, I started it when a friend suggested we try it because retirement was fast approaching. I told him that I didn't have the patience for it, that was over a 100 models ago. But I have met a lot of folks I now call friends thru model building, we have a good time at it. Members are eager to share their techniques with each other.

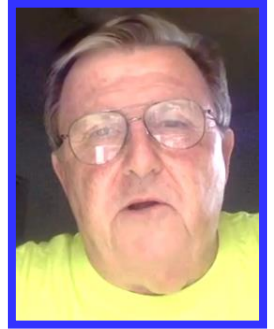
If you are reading this and wondering if model building might be a hobby for you, I strongly suggest you give it a try. You can do it in the comfort of your own home, you don't need to worry about the weather, all you need is a few items to get you started. Once you jump in with both feet, then all the "extras" start cluttering up your work area, but that's the fun of it.

**Ocotber – IPMS**  
**Gators**

**We will meet**  
**Tuesday, October**  
**17, 2023 at 6:30 PM**  
**at**  
**Oak Hall Library**



## **Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday September 19, 2023**



President Doug Spinney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. A total of 14 club members were present.

Doug reminded members that the Modelpalooza model show is coming on Oct.13 - 15 in Kissimmee and asked if everyone who wanted a ride had arrangements made.

Ed Ingersoll pointed out that the Jaxcon show has been announced for the weekend of Feb. 16 & 17, which is a week later than usual. The location is unchanged. Doug brought up the topic of the monthly modeling themes and asked that members suggest new themes for next year. Forms will be provided at the next meeting to give members a chance to list themes they would like to see. You can also suggest themes by emailing them to Secretary Frank Ahern.

Bill Winter said that decal sheets and reference books donated by **Don Billups** were available for sale to benefit the club treasury (Thank you, Don). He thanked Don for his generosity.

He also asked that members who have available storage space be willing to house new kits that have recently come into the club for the monthly raffle give-away. Several members agreed to hold the kits for the club.

The meeting paused for Show & Tell and the monthly theme contest to give those who brought models time to talk about their builds.

The theme contest, on the theme Operation Torch, was won by Bill Winter with his model of a Panzer III.

The monthly attendance raffles were won by Mike Martinez (a space model) and Ed Ingersoll (Roden Caribou).

The meeting concluded with a PowerPoint presentation by Frank Ahern about his visit in July to the EAA Airventure in Oshkosh Wisconsin.

The meeting concluded at 8:00pm

Submitted by:

Frank Ahern  
Club Secretary

Bill's Tamiya Panzer III (DAK service)



Bruce Doyle's Me-110 in North African Colors



Frank Ahern's P-40 Warhawk with North African US/RAF insignia



Bruce Doyle's collection of WWII tanks



Errol Whisler's Tamiya Panzer III





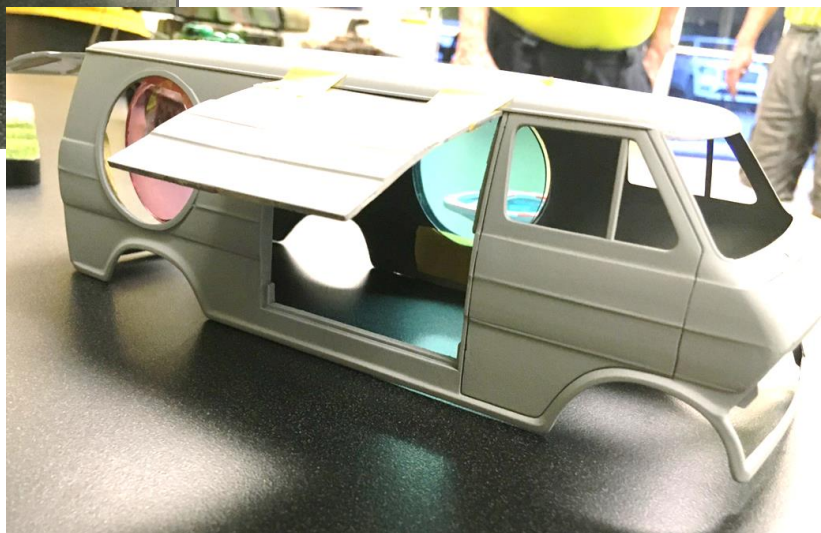
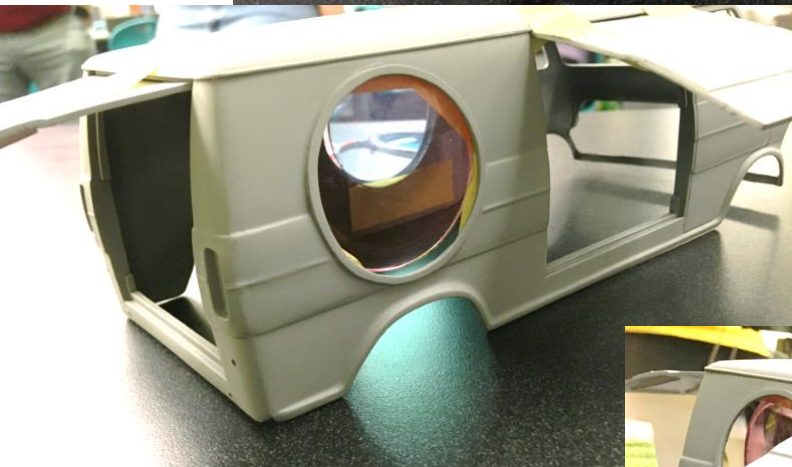
Errol Whisler's Tamiya Panzer III



**Don Martin's Russian Buk missile launcher/radio combo**



**Jeff Selker's Van w/ fabulous modifications (in progress)**



Frank Ahern's F-4 Phantom II



Doug Spinney's T-34



IPMS Gator members at the September meeting



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**Frank Ahern** gave a great talk about his visit this summer to the EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI





From the desk of Clarence Snyder



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**If you have a modeling tip you would like to share with your fellow modelers, please send us a copy so we can put it in the newsletter. We need articles for the Newsletter and the Web Site!**

If you just opened up that new kit and want to give a box or build review, write it up and we'll put it in the newsletter and put it on the Web Site. Just read a good book, tell us about it! Got a great tip, share it with your fellow club members. This is your Newsletter and your Web Site and they're only going to be as good as YOU make them so contribute something to the cause. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance if you have something you want to share, we'll be happy to assist you in making it happen!

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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It is of great importance, both at the local level (IPMS Gators) and at the national level. The Club officers strongly recommend joining IPMS as an individual which provides six yearly issues of the IPMS Journal (which is better than ever) and the opportunity to participate at the IPMS National Convention .

A copy of the membership application is on the right or available at the IPMS / USA website address, [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org).

Complete the form and return it to the address listed at the bottom of the form along with your method of payment.

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New  Renewal  IPMS #:

Name:

Address:

City:  State:

Zip Code:

Phone:  E-Mail:

Chapter Affiliation, if any:

<b>Junior</b> (17 years or younger)	\$17.00	<input type="text"/>	Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>
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**Family** (1 set of Journals)  ← Adult fee + \$5.00 # of cards?

Your Signature:

If recommended by an IPMS member, please provide his/her:  
Name:  IPMS #:

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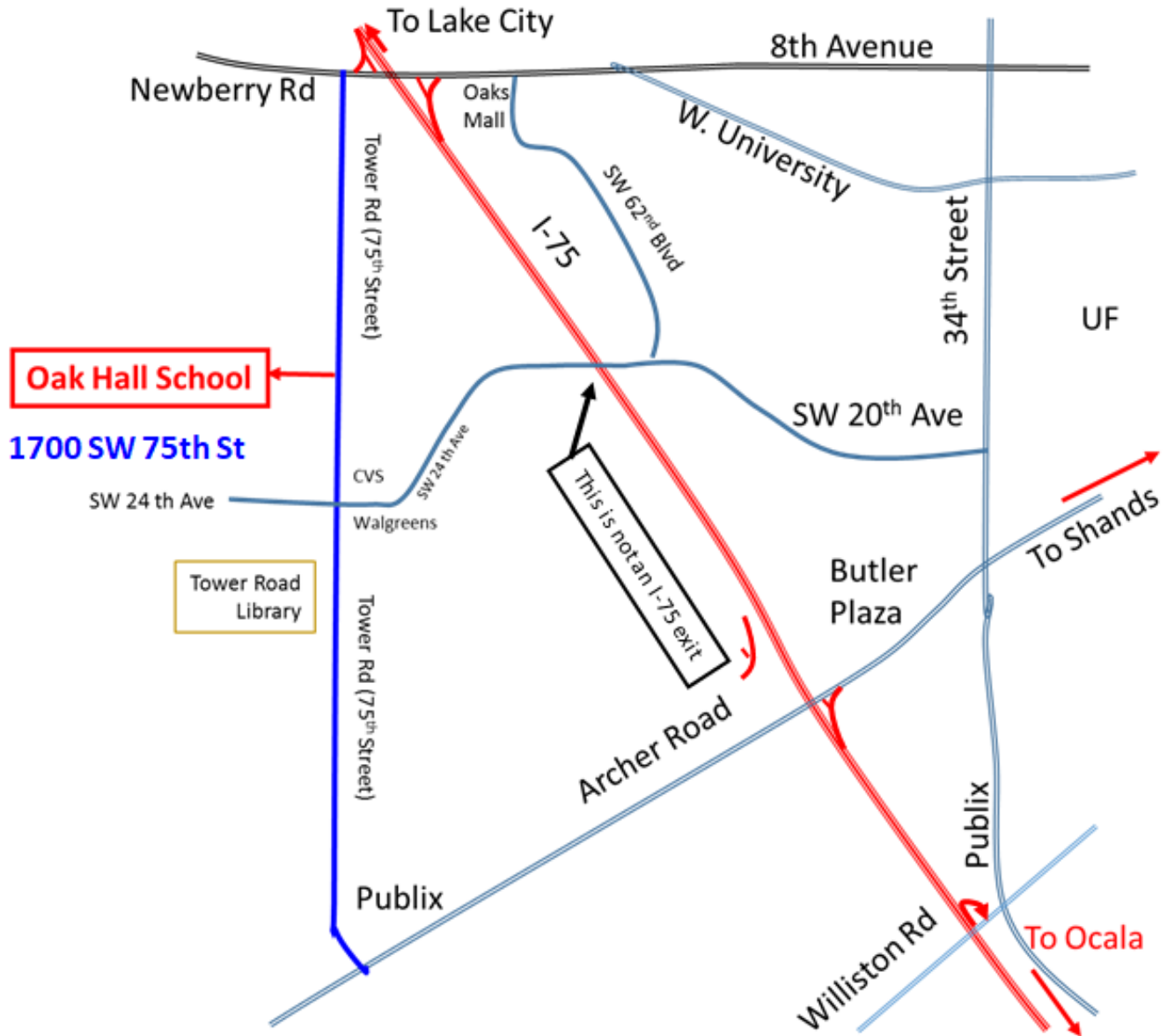
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Applications should be printed and mailed to: IPMS/USA, PO Box 1411, Riverview, FL 33568-1411

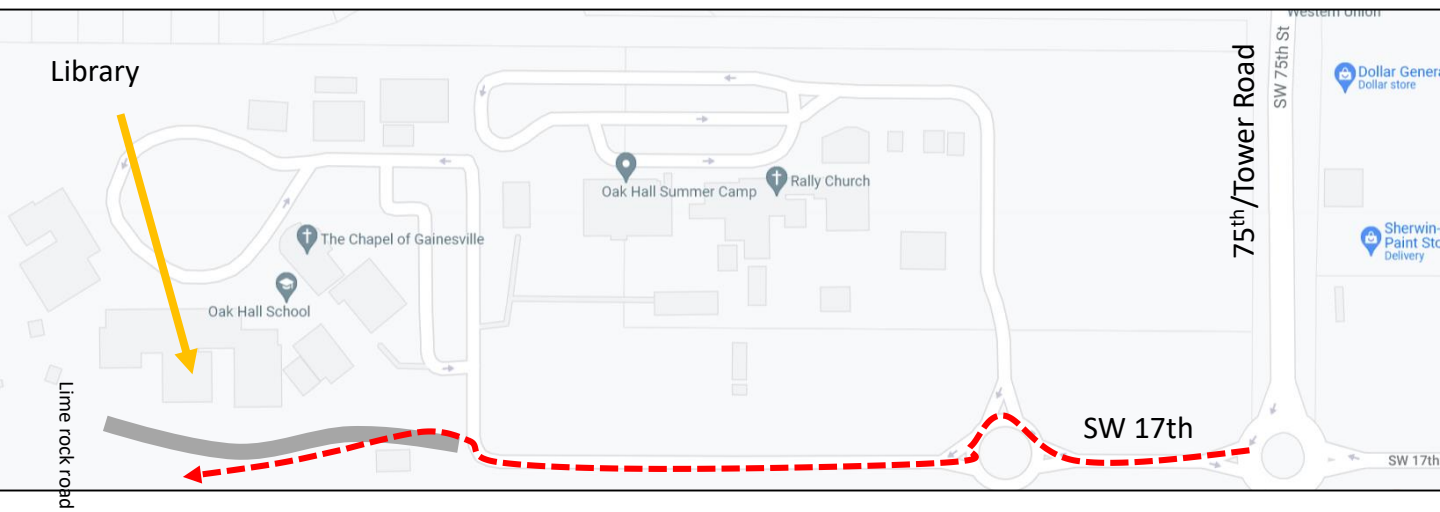
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### A note about monthly themes for 2023

- Oct. Dioramas
- Nov. Sci-Fi

**IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS:** We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday October 17 at 6:30 PM in the LIBRARY.



The top image is the satellite view of OAK HALL. The bottom view is a line drawing.

***Dear Readers – If you sent me something for the IPMS Gators' newsletter and I missed it, please let me know. I'll put it in the November newsletter. - Bill***

**Wild Paint ... from Jack Muga!**

