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Inside see: The winner of February's Intra-Club Contest: Frank Ahern's 1:72 scale, Airfix Typhoon!



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In all my years, I have continually belonged to the large group of people that have refused to switch from our imperial measuring system to the metric system. I hear folks saying my truck has a 5.8 liter engine, no, your truck has a 351ci. How about a liter of soda? I still call it a quart. I know that there are industries out there that are trying to force us Americans to switch to what almost every other country uses, the dreaded metric system. I refuse, until now, but just barely.

I finally joined the ranks of the resin printer owners, well, half owner. A fellow Gator Modeler and I recently purchased a resin printer, something I've looked into in the past but never followed thru on the purchase. The easy part of the process of printing anything was unpacking the boxes, which included a lot of foam for future dioramas. We also watched hours of YouTube videos, just to be sure we got it right. Before I retired I was a computer guru, I could take them apart, fix them, and put them back together without breaking a sweat. There wasn't a software program that I couldn't figure out, some took longer than others. But since I retired I have left all of that behind, and have forgotten almost all of it in the last 5 years. But, with our resin printer came a new software program for printing, something I never had seen before. I had to dig back in my memory banks and pull out my inner guru, and with a little bit of time and lots of YouTube, I figured out the basics. But what about the metric stuff? All of the measurements in the software that we use for our resin printer is metric, millimeter to be precise. As far as I know there isn't a way to switch it to imperial. But guess what? All I need to do is look it up online, I can convert inches to mm. So maybe I really don't need to learn metric after all.

After following along with one of the YouTube videos on initial setup, we managed to get our printer working. Unfortunately, I didn't tighten something correctly and our first print job came out a bit lopsided. And unknown to us it left a small piece of resin in the bottom of the resin tray, so when we tried another print job our printer made a noise that the both of us decided it shouldn't make. Back to YouTube, found the fix, and this time my partner in crime took over the leveling of the machine. Our first print job, the lopsided one, took about three hours. We spent the time on YouTube learning what we could. The second print job was going to take about the same amount of time, but it was getting late and I needed to get home by nightfall, many of you know why. Oh, if you are wondering, our first print job was a chess piece, our second one was Grogu, some refer to him as baby Yoda. We might need to do a presentation at one of the future club meetings, The Trials and Tribulations of Resin Printing.

That is all for now, hope to see a good turnout at our next meeting. The theme for March is "Movie/TV". I might bring a M47 Patton, if you watched the 1965 movie "Battle of the Bulge" with Henry Fonda, the German King Tiger in the movie was actually a M47. I think I liked the movie better when I didn't know that fact, but finding a division of running King Tigers in 1965 was impossible.

- **Doug**

February – IPMS
Gators

We will meet
Tuesday, March 19,
2024 at 6:30 PM at
Oak Hall Library



Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday February 20, 2024

Club President Doug Spinney called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. There were 15 members present, including *Tony Aguilar*, a former member who rejoined the club.

Doug updated the group on upcoming modeling events - AtlantaCon Mar.16, SodaCity SC model show Apr.20, and PamsCon Plant City June 22.

Mike Martinez also encouraged members to see the Fun & Sun airshow in Lakeland April 9-14.

Doug urged the club to get ready for the inter-club contest with the Ocala IPMS club on April 27 at the Winter/Hardt condo. The theme is "What-If?". The contest rules are a model built using 2 box kits combined with a written back-story that explains the model. Judging will weigh the back-story more than the model.

Those who entered models in the Jaxcon contest last weekend were recognized: Joel Hurov won a gold medal and was awarded Best Junior modeler in show for his diorama of a British artillery emplacement.

Don Martin won 3 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze and was awarded Best in Space/Sci-Fi models. Mark Box won 1 gold and 4 silver medals. Doug Spinney won a silver medal. The club congratulated all the contest prize winners.

The meeting paused for members to discuss their Show & Tell and theme contest models. This month's theme was D-Day.

Frank Ahern won the contest with his model of a *Hawker Typhoon*.

The monthly attendance raffle winners were Mike Martinez and Errol Whisler.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by Jack and Joel Hurov on artifacts they had collected during 2 visits to the site of D-Day.

March's model theme is Movies/TV. April's theme is "vehicles whose primary purpose is to carry fuel, ammunition or chemicals."

The meeting ended at 7:45pm



Submitted by:

Frank Ahern

Club Secretary



My First Car

By Frank Ahern

Some memories are more vivid than others. For me, the purchase of my first car was one of those. As you can see it was no prize. A rusty 1959 Triumph TR-3.

My brothers had a good time making fun of it, but it was all I could afford, so in my eyes it was wonderful.

The salty winter roads in northern Illinois had done a job on the bodywork, but it ran well, and it was a "sports car", which is what I wanted. Unlike most of my peers I was not into muscle cars. I guess I just wanted to be different. It took the whole summer, and a lot of help from a friend of my father, but I was able to restore it before I headed back to college.



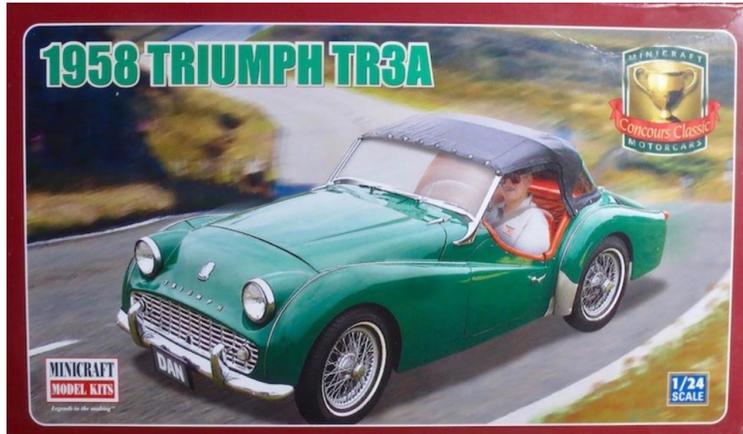
Getting that car back to original condition was one of the proudest moments of my young life.

So, what does this have to do with modeling? As most of you know my primary focus in modeling has been airplanes, but after 15 years I have built most of the airplanes that I wanted to build. The influx of several excellent car builders into the club has inspired me to make a serious effort to build cars.

I've always been a car guy, and work on my own cars to this day, so why don't I build many car models? It comes down to one factor - fear. I'm not a good painter and I didn't think I could do a car model justice with my lack of painting skills.



My First Car



Fortunately I ran across this model at Jaxcon last year. I had never seen a model of a TR-3 before. The best news was that it was molded in British Racing Green, which is the color I always wanted in the first place.



That meant I could use the technique I learned from Clarence Snyder and polish the plastic rather than paint it. I used Novus #2 plastic polish and it worked great.



It is a very basic model with no engine, but it looks good and reminds me of a fun time in my life. It may also open the door to a new direction in modeling. I will be seeking advice and instruction from our expert car modelers as I head into the world of car modeling.

My First Car



As a postscript to this story, I got curious about what my first car that I bought for \$700 would sell for today in the high-octane financial environment of "collector cars". Would you believe (I couldn't) that a restored TR-3 is now offered on Hemmings website for \$48,300! I guess I should have kept mine.

Background information on the Triumph TR-3

The Triumph TR3 is a British sports car produced between 1955 and 1962 by the Standard Motor Company of Coventry, England. A traditional roadster, the TR3 is an evolution of the company's earlier TR2 model, with greater power and improved braking. Updated variants, popularly but unofficially known as the "TR3A" and "TR3B", entered production in 1957 and 1962 respectively. The TR3 was succeeded by the mechanically similar, Michelotti-styled Triumph TR4.



1957 Triumph TR3

The rugged 'sidescreen' TR, so named for its use of removable plexiglass side curtains, was a sales and motorsport success. With approximately 74,800 TR3s sold across all variants, the model was the company's third best seller in the TR range, behind the TR7 (111,500 units) and TR6 (94,500 units) models.[8]

Frank Ahern's winning model from February's in-club contest



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Chuck Lassiter's 1:72 scale Tempest by Academy



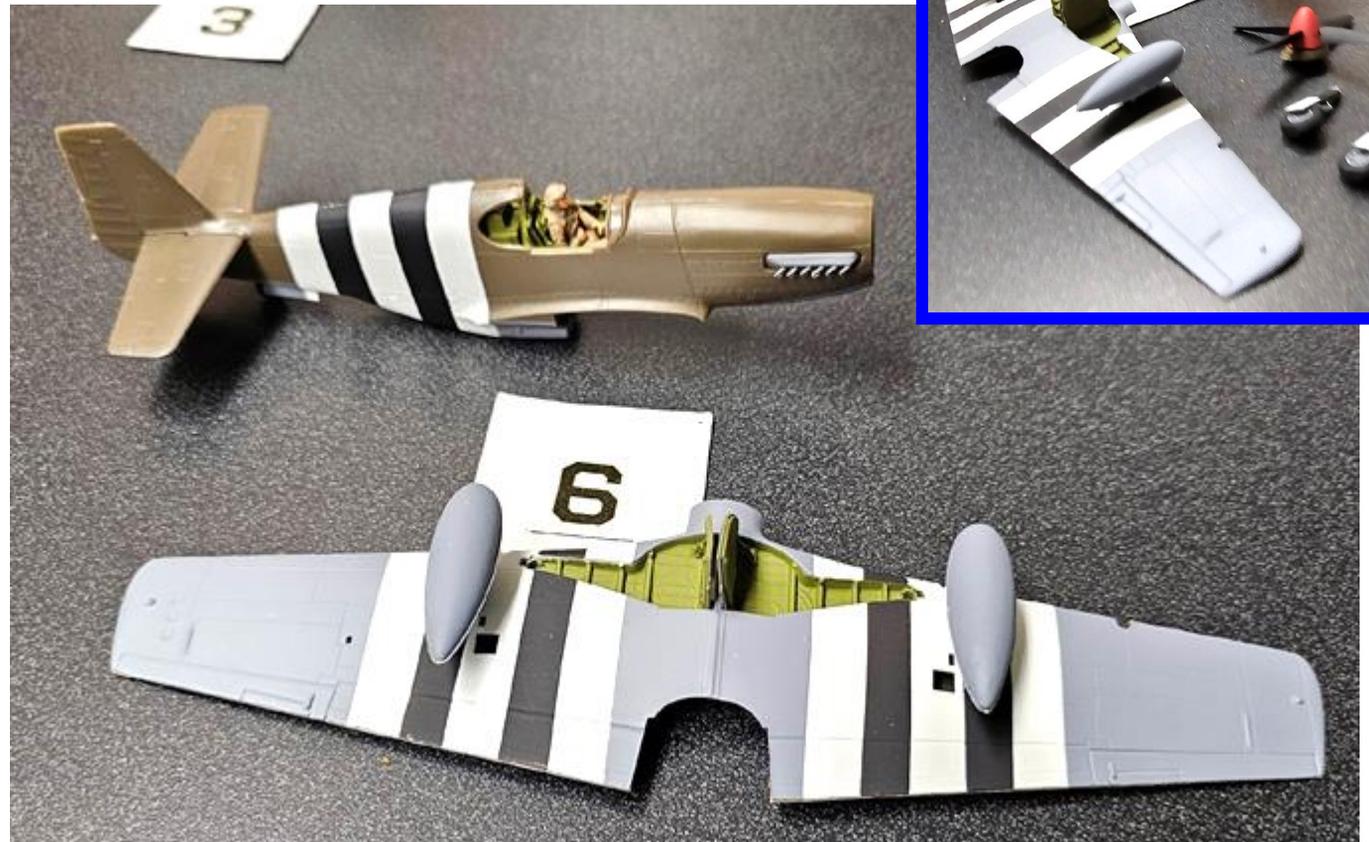
Ed Ingersoll's recon jeep (1:35 scale) by Revell



Bruce Doyle's P-51B by Academy in 1:72 scale (completed)



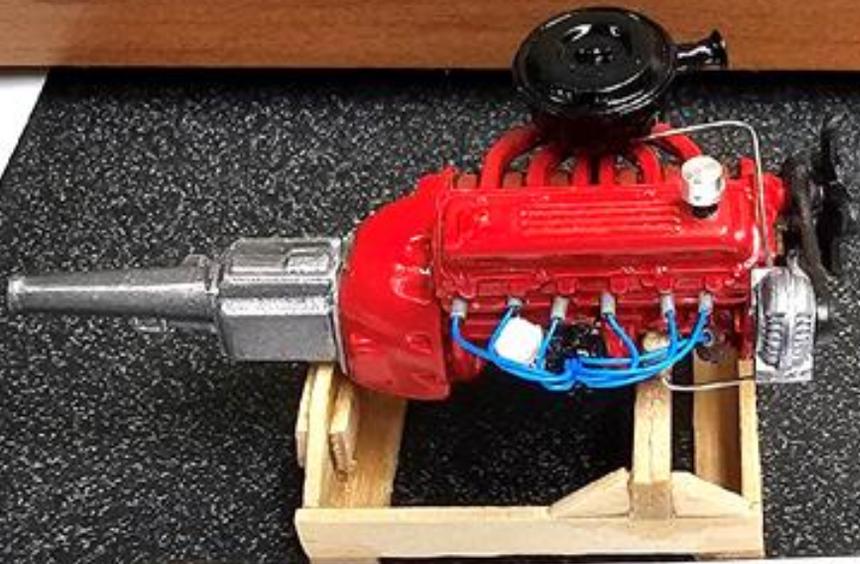
Joel Hurov's in progress P-51 (1:48 scale) by Revell



Errol Whisler's P-51B by Academy in 1:72 scale in progress



Mark Box's slant 6 engine in 1:25 scale (completed)

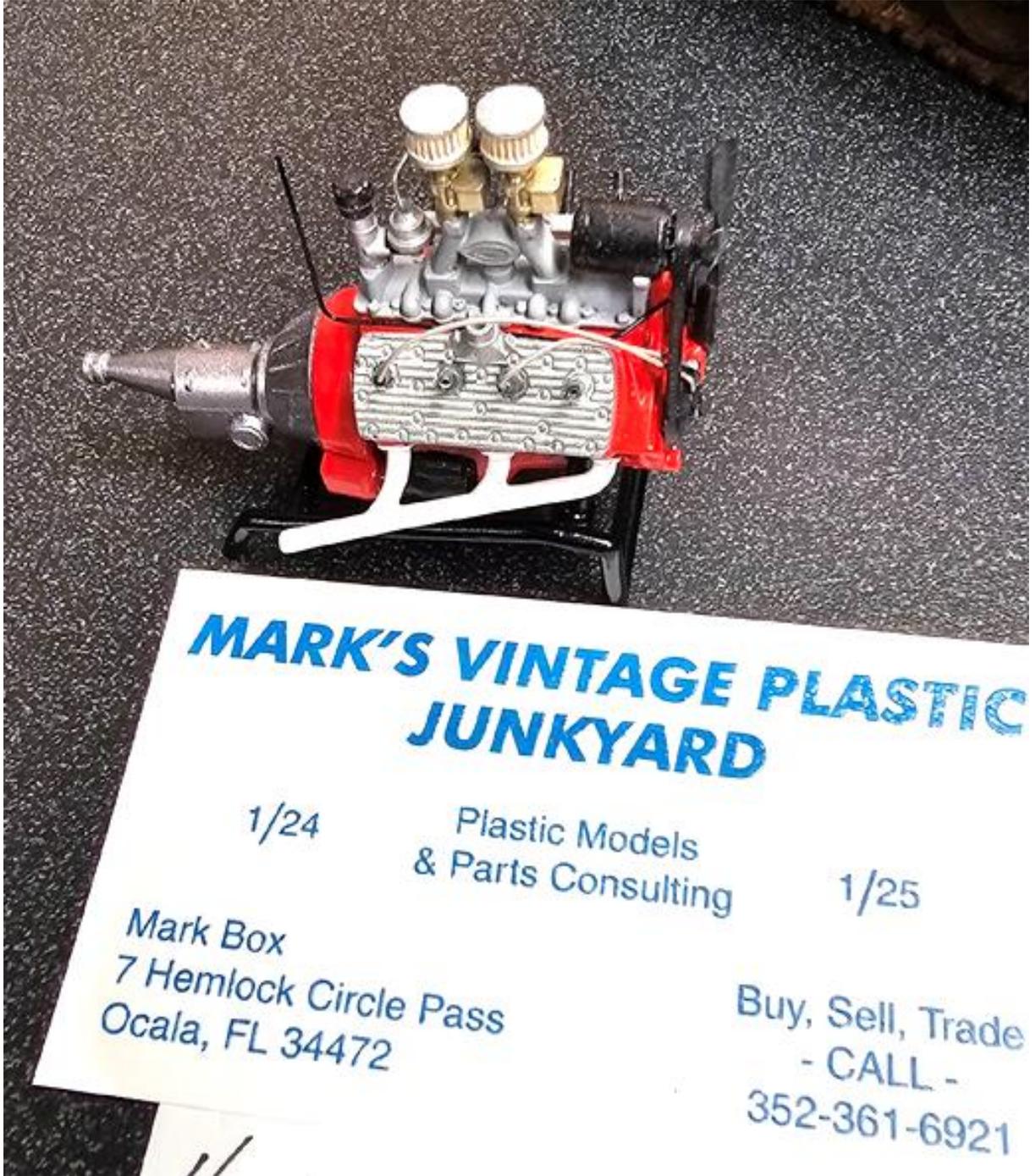


**MARK BOX, OCALA, FL
1/25 PLASTIC MODEL VENDOR**

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Mark Box's 1:16 scale resin flat head engine in progress



Doug Spinney's 1K17 Szhatilewith Awards from ATL AMPS and Jaxcon 2024 with metal tracks, metal handles, and 12 Red LED lights!



Don Martin's 1:35 scale hypothetical German 1948 Recon Vehicle by Model Collect



Don Martin's 1:35 scale Faun Tank Transporter by Trumpeter



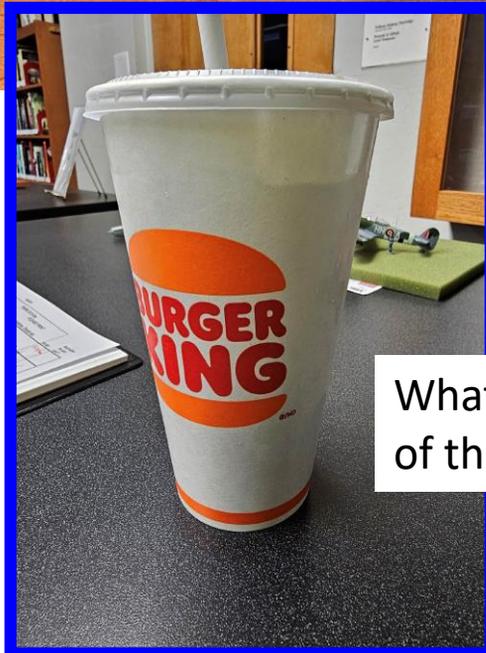
Errol Whisler's Panzer III Awards from ATL AMPS 2024 and Jaxcon 2024



Errol Whisler's Me 109 with Award from Jaxcon 2024

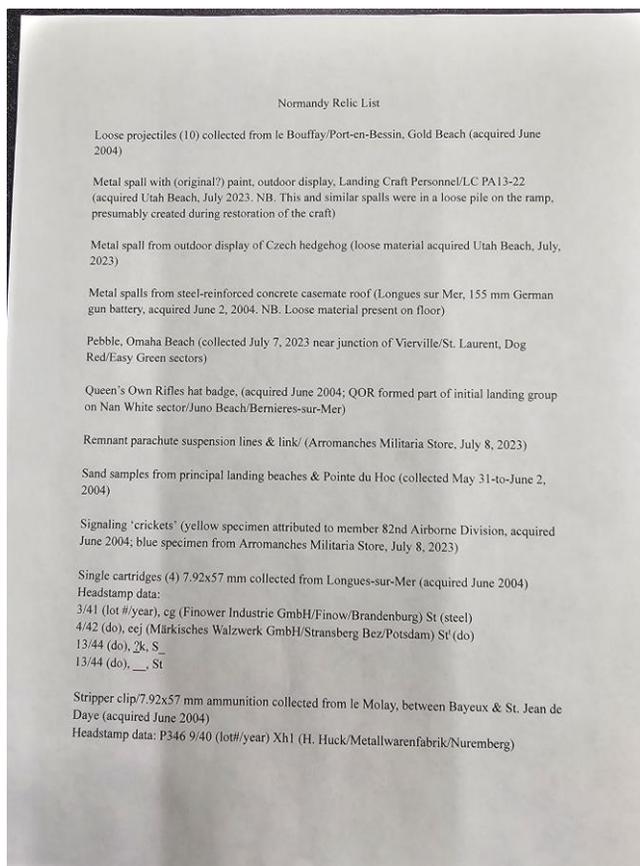
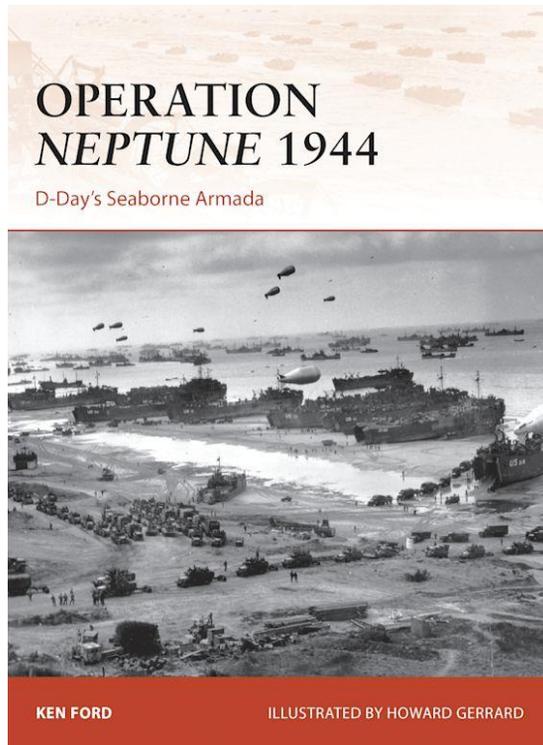
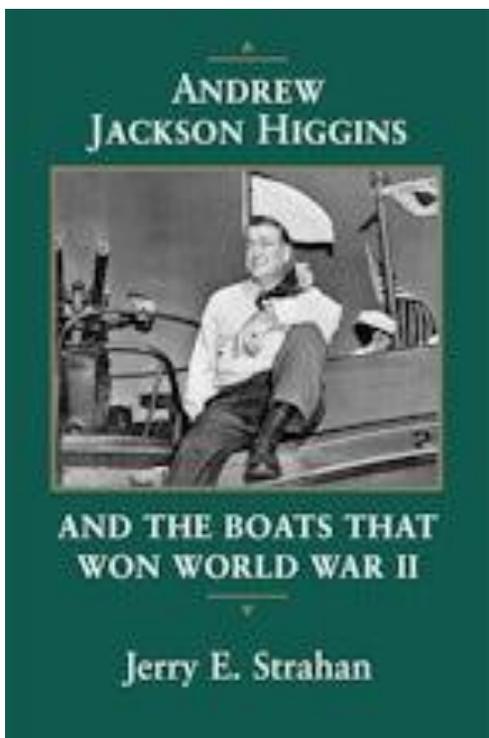


Lot's o' Armor



What is the significance of this cup?

Joel and Jack Hurov gave a presentation on D-Day!



What is the purpose of a needle cap?

The purpose of the needle cap (or guard) is to protect the point of the needle, The needle is easily damaged and protecting the needle tip is important. However, if you are working close to the subjects, air can



circulate in the cap. This can interfere with the smooth flow of air and paint. Removing the cap reduces the chances of a problem, but care must still be taken to not touch the needle tip to the model (which could damage the needle and/or the model). (adapted from FSM Jan/Feb 2024)



IPMS/USA National Convention
July 17-20, 2024

John Anspach's fine workmanship (Jan 2024).



Klaus Conrad's fine workmanship (Jan 2024).



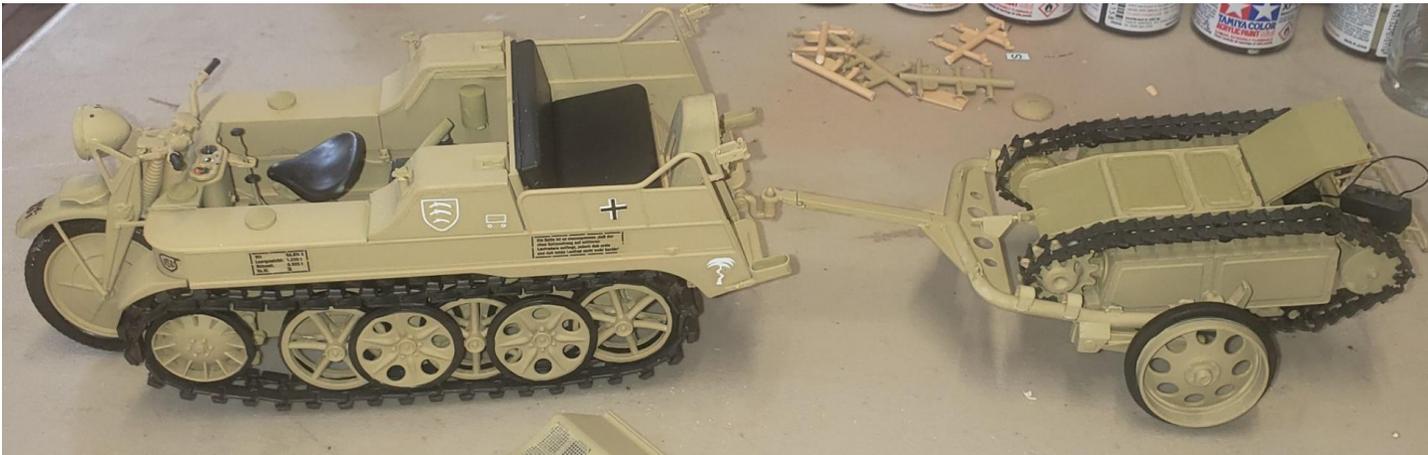
John Anspach's fine workmanship (Jan 2024).



Clarence's fine workmanship (Jan 2024).



From the desk of Clarence Snyder!



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PAMSCON '24

June 22, 2024

**Vendor set up 7am to 9am
Doors open at 9am - Public**

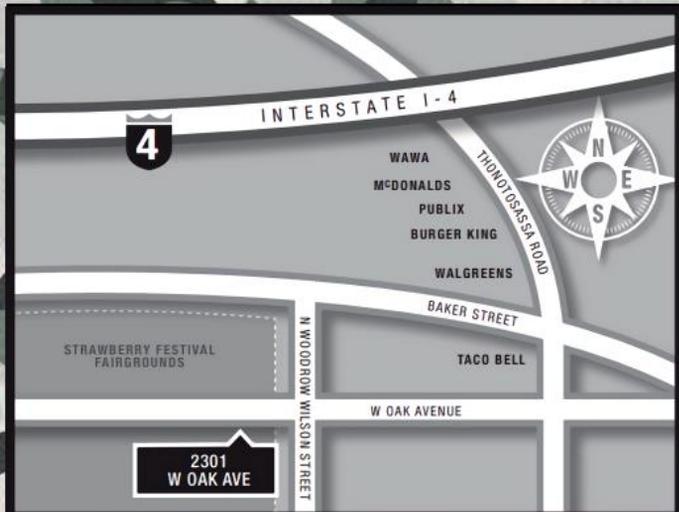
**Black and White
(and shades of grey)**



**Show
Themes**



**The Longest Day
80 years since
D Day Invasion**



**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
FAIRGROUNDS /TECO EXPO HALL
2301 W OAK AVE, PLANT CITY, FL
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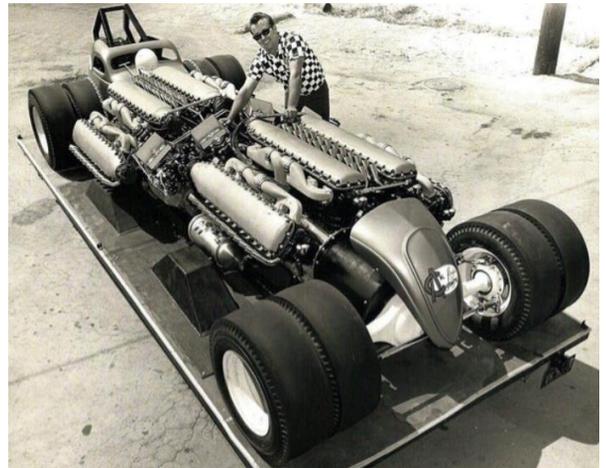
**ONE-DAY SHOW LOADED WITH CONTENT
CONTESTANT REGISTRATION ENDS AT NOON
LEGENDARY RAFFLE**

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From the desk of Jack Muga!

A great link for gassers is:

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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!

Don't forget to support your local hobby shop: Rob's Hobby World (Rob Stevely: Proprietor 8585 SW Hwy 200 unit 14) Ocala, FL 34474 www.robshobbyworld@MSN.com; Mon.-Fri.: 10 AM to 5:30PM; Sat.: 9AM to 4PM; Sun: Closed.

Please check out WWW.IPMSUSA.ORG for the latest information from IPMS National Headquarters and for information about joining IPMS.

Please use one of the links below or go to the IPMS Membership page for more information about joining IPMS USA.

http://www.ipmsusa3.org/uploads/ipms_application_form_2016.pdf

<http://www.shopipmsusa.org/product-p/adult-membership.htm>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete list of IPMS events visit: <https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/>



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.

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

IPMS Membership



International Plastic Modelers' Society/USA Membership Application / Renewal Form

New Renewal IPMS #:

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Junior (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?

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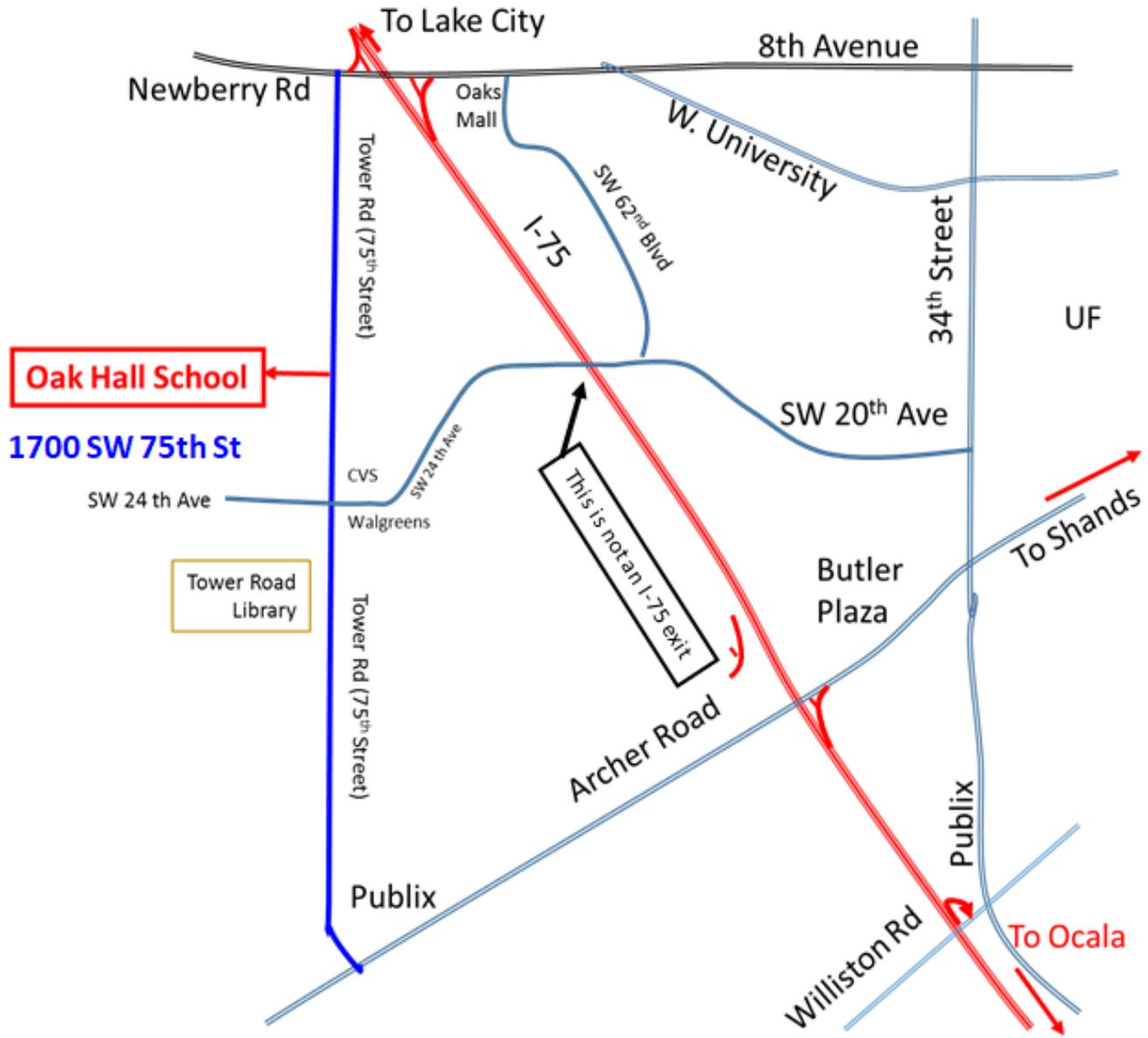
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Applications should be printed and mailed to: IPMS/USA, PO Box 1411, Riverview, FL 33568-1411



Directions to OAK HALL (1700 SW 75th St, Gainesville, FL)



A note about monthly themes for 2023-2024

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| Apr. Anything carrying chemicals, fuel, ammo | Mar. Movies/TV |
| Jun Diorama/Vignette | May 1930's |
| Aug Sci-Fi | Jul Colossal Failures |
| Oct Figures | Sep Emergency Vehicle |
| Dec. Kit Bash | Nov. Animal Names |



In celebration of the 80th anniversary of D-Day,
come invade Warner Robins, GA on June 8, 2024.
The Robert L. Scott Chapter IPMS/USA presents.

Scottcon 2024

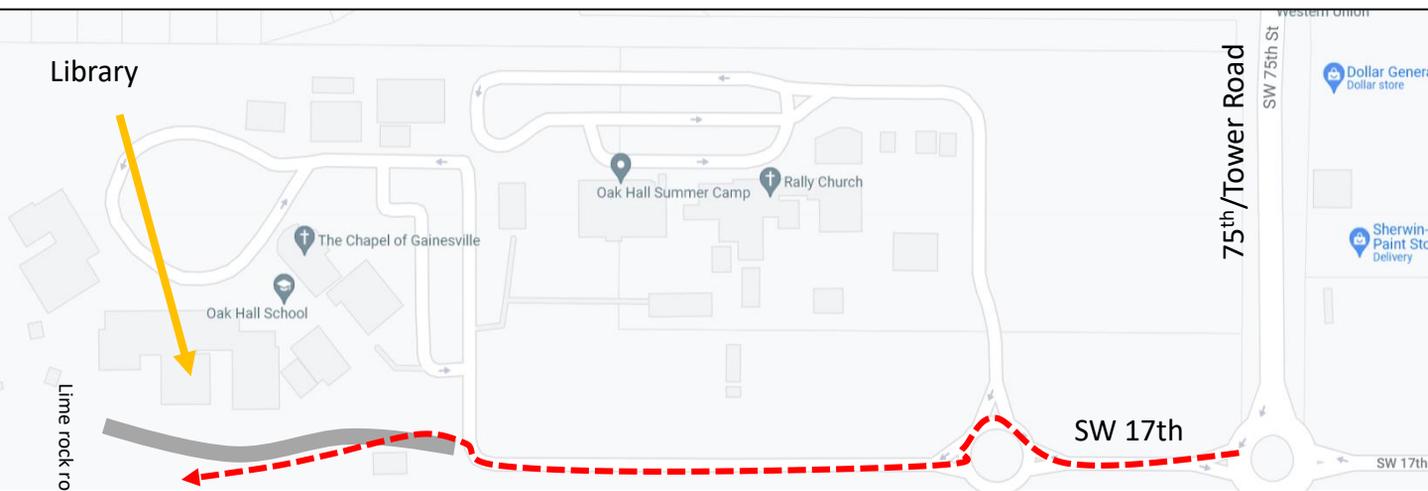
- The International Plastic Modeler Society (IPMS), Brigadier General Robert L. Scott Chapter/USA presents Scottcon 2024.
- The modeling contest will be held in the Century of Flight Hangar at The Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, GA
- The hours are from 9 am to 4 pm
- IPMS/USA contest categories and rules will apply.
- Entries: Adults \$15.00 (includes 5 model entry)
- Additional models: \$1.00
- Juniors (under 17) \$5.00 (unlimited model entries)
- Check out our website for details and entry forms. ipmswr.org
- Vendors: For or more info contact us: sm236@bellsouth.net



Wisdom for every day life



IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS: We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday March 19 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, or if I misidentified any photos, please let me know. I'll fix it in the April 2024 newsletter. - Bill