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***Inside see: – Winners of the July's Intra-Club Contest of "Prototypes:" Clarence's Corvette America and Ed's IDF Panther***



# GATOR MODELERS

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### Prez Sez.....

This Prez Sez is going to be rather short this month, please no cheering.

Growing up I heard the saying, "Age has its privileges," not once did I hear "Age has its pitfalls." A few months ago my eyesight was in the pitfall, but with each passing day it is getting better, but I can't work on my models, or drive. The motorcycle is a big NO. Typing on the computer, even with the font set on high, is still annoying. So with that, until next month, the Prez Sez has been cancelled.



August – IPMS  
Gators

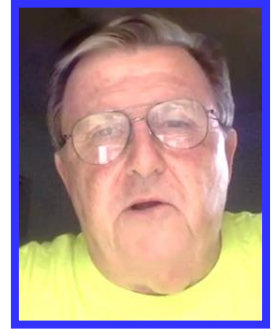
We will meet  
Tuesday, August 15,  
2023 at 6:30 PM at  
Oak Hall Library

*The above 2 photos are from the 2023 IPMS Nationals in San Marcos, Texas provided by KJ Kwan. Thanks. KJ!*



## ***Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday July 18, 2023***

President Doug Spinney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There were 15 present, including former president and long-time member Andy Renshaw and visitor Don Swieter.



Doug talked about upcoming model shows, including the Model-palooza in Kissimmee in October. Mark Box mentioned that he had attended the Pamscon show in Plant City and said it was a good show that he would return to next year.

Frank Ahern said that he was going to the EAA Fly-In in Wisconsin next week and would return with a report for the club in August.

Doug reminded the club that the next meeting on August 15th is the one designated to honor late member Tracy Palmer. His widow Sue plans to come and members are encouraged to share memories of Tracy. There will also be a display of models club members have built which were purchased at Tracy's estate sale in April.

Doug talked about the need for more members to consider doing a presentation for upcoming meetings. Presentations can be about historical events or modeling techniques and should be no more than 20 minutes in length. Jeff Selker said he is working on a presentation related to 3D printing.

The meeting paused for Show & Tell and the monthly theme contest. This month's theme was Prototypes.

Clarence Snyder and Ed Ingersoll were co-winners of the contest. The theme for August is - Winter War.

The monthly attendance raffles were won by Doug Spinney and Frank Ahern. They will choose their prizes next month.

The meeting concluded with a Powerpoint presentation recorded by Bill Winter on Japanese battleships of WW2.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

- Submitted By: ***Frank Ahern, club secretary.***





**By Frank Ahern**

Seventy years ago, a small group of homebuilt aircraft enthusiasts got together and decided to try and tap into the passion for aviation that was spawned by WW2. That meeting resulted in the formation of the *Experimental Aircraft Association* and the start of the annual "Fly-In", which has become a mecca for airplane geeks from around the world.



As a confirmed, self-confessed airplane geek myself, it has long been on my "bucket list" to attend the event, which is now called the *AirVenture*. I finally made it this summer and I was not disappointed.

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It takes place in Oshkosh; Wisconsin and the scope of the event is mind-boggling. This year more than 670,000 people attended the week-long program. Over 10,000 airplanes were displayed of every type and category from the largest to the smallest.



In the Warbirds section you could see a gathering of nearly every flyable F-4U Corsair that exists as well as the last P-47 Thunderbolt that is still airworthy.







Boeing's display area included two of the biggest aircraft in its inventory. NASA's Super Guppy was designed to carry large loads from the space program and is the last operational Boeing 377 turboprop in existence.



The Boeing DreamLifter is a heavily modified 747 that carries equipment and parts around the world that are too large for normal shipping methods.

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Just a short walk from these giants was a display of experimental and homebuilt aircraft that demonstrate how small an airplane can be.



The intimate connection between the pilot and his plane is expressed in the EAA's motto - *The Spirit of Aviation*.



One of the unique aspects of this gathering is the camping. Hundreds of pilots who fly into Oshkosh pitch their tents under the wings of their airplanes. It's a tradition that dates back to the beginning of the event





The fly-in campers are dwarfed by the huge number of attendees who bring their earthbound campers every year. It's estimated that 40,000 people came to the show this way in 2023 and the numbers grow every year.

One of the highlights of each day's activities is an airshow. The top aerobatic pilots in the country make it a priority to come to Oshkosh each year.



The most visually spectacular are the night airshows which take place twice a week. I've only scratched the surface of this epic event, but if you love airplanes hopefully I've given you incentive to see it for yourself. You won't be sorry.





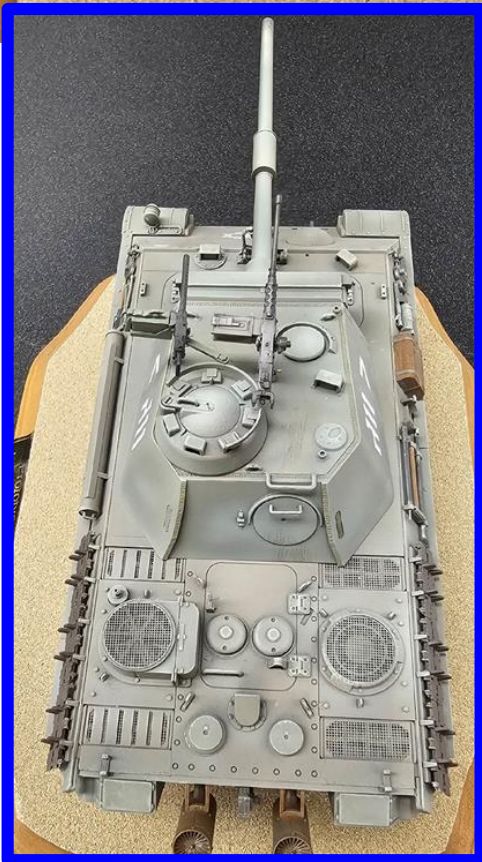
## Clarence Snyder's 4-door Corvette



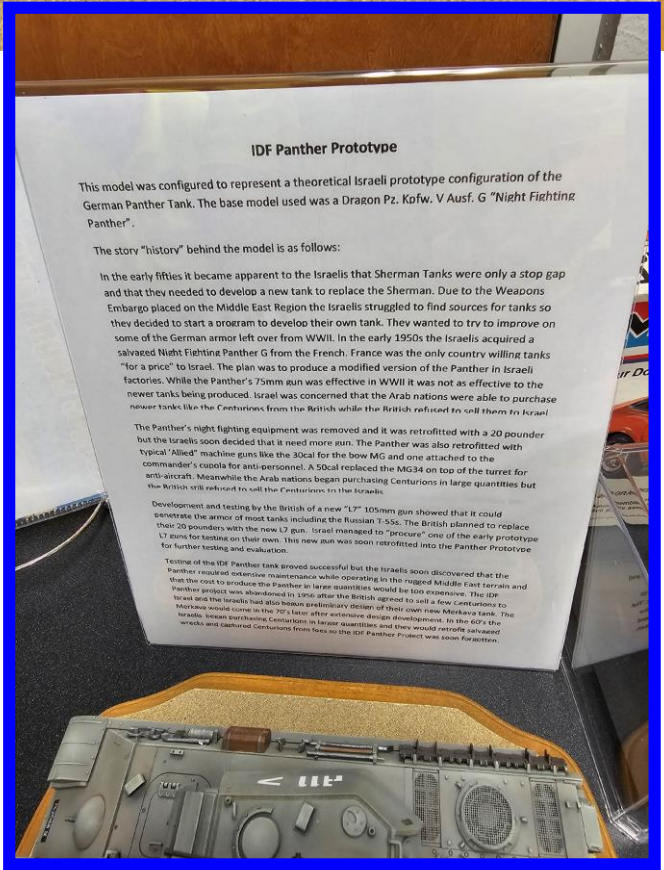
**Co-winner of the July  
intra-club contest**



## Ed Ingersoll Dragon IDF Panther prototype scale: 1: 35 Converted Panther kit into theoretical IDF tank



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**Bruce Doyle FROG XP-51 scale: 1: 72 Custom decals**





Chuck Lassiter AVI DH-100 Vampire prototype scale: 1:72;  
Custom decals







## Chuck Lassiter AVI DH-100 Vampire prototype scale: 1:72; Custom decals

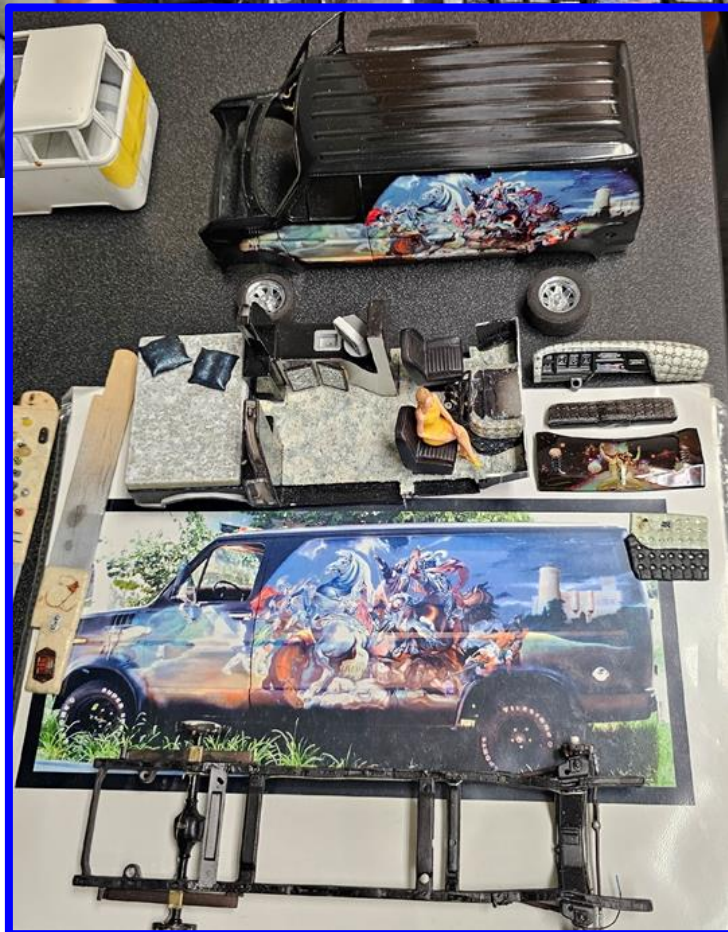


Joe Caputo    Trumpeter    F-107    scale: 1: 72 (shared by Bruce Doyle)



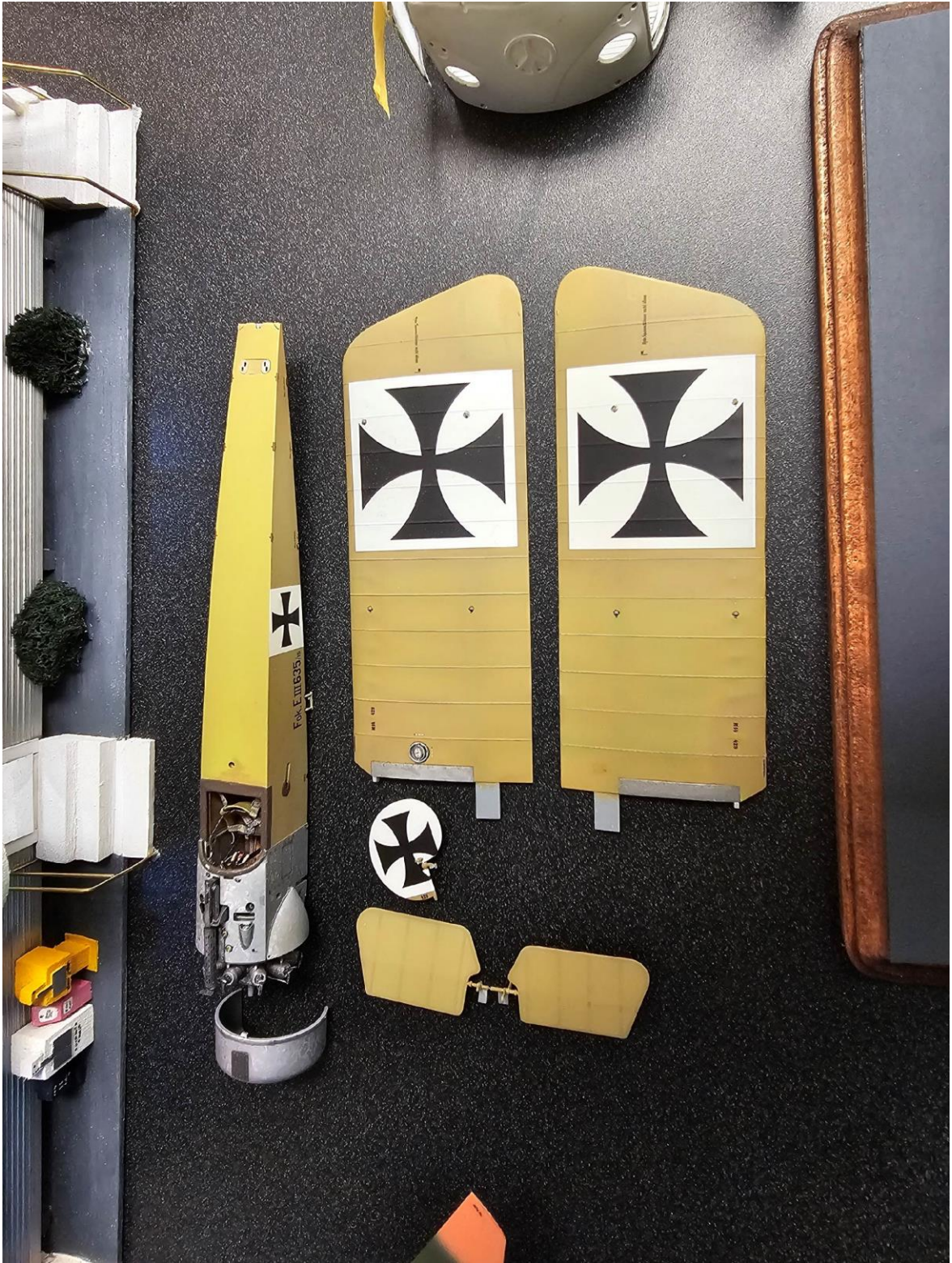


Jeff Selker – AMT; 76 Ford Van; scale: 1: 24; In progress; Lots of modifications: made decal of the mural painted on the real van.  
*My high school ride!*





Jeff Selker - Wingnut Wings Fokker E3 scale: 1: 32 (In progress) | Added details





Jeff Selker Hasegawa VW Van scale: 1: 24 In progress Shortened, opened doors

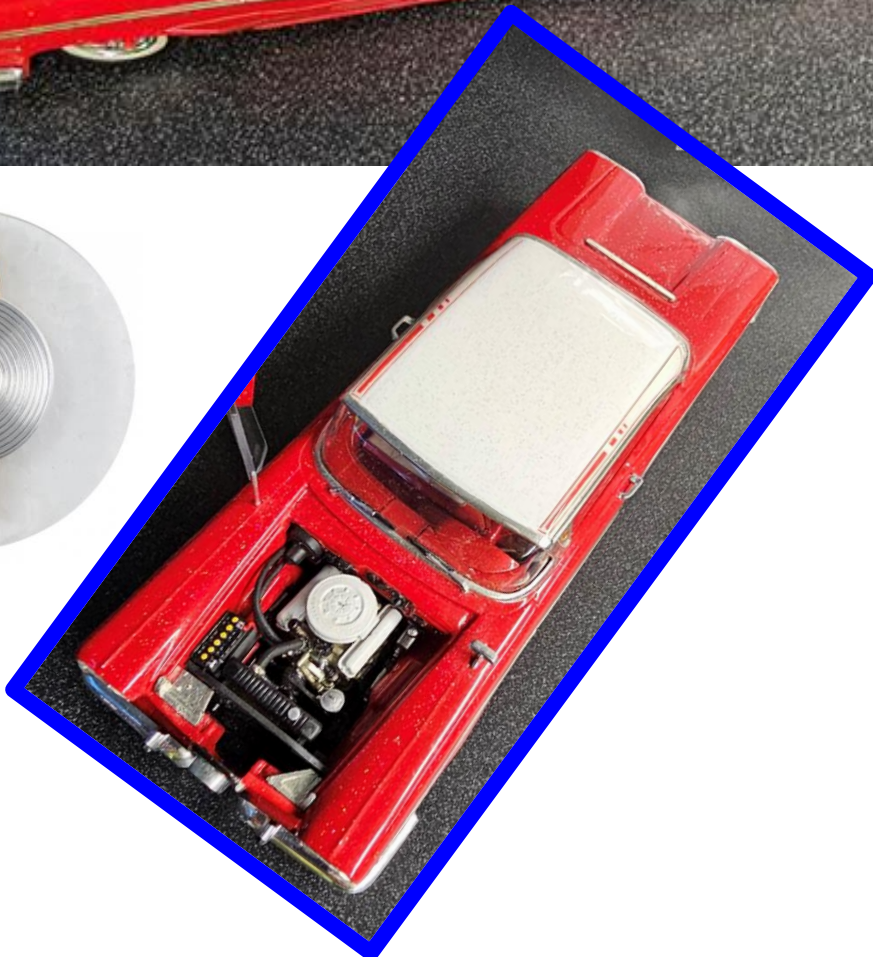


**Jeff Selker**

**AMT**

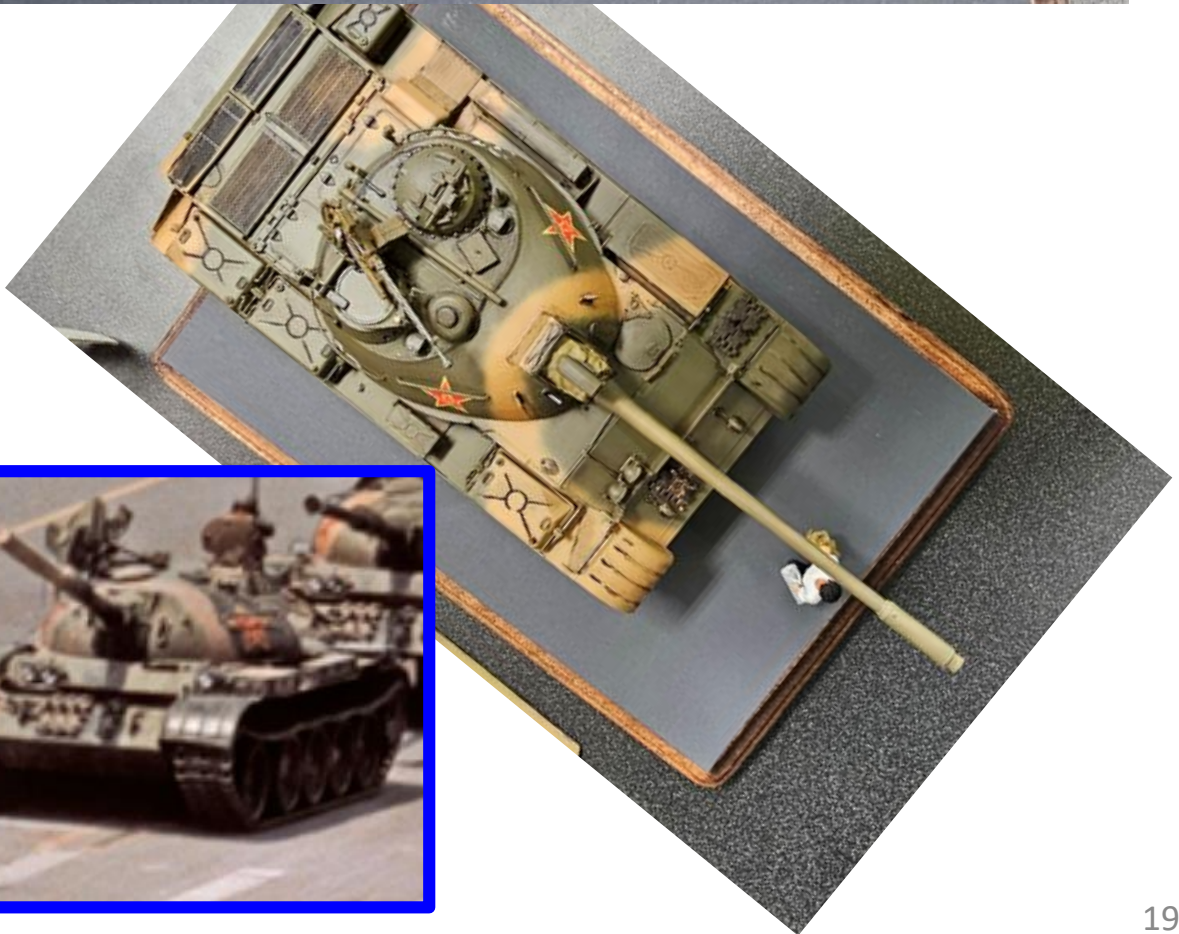
**Edsel**

**scale: 1: 25**





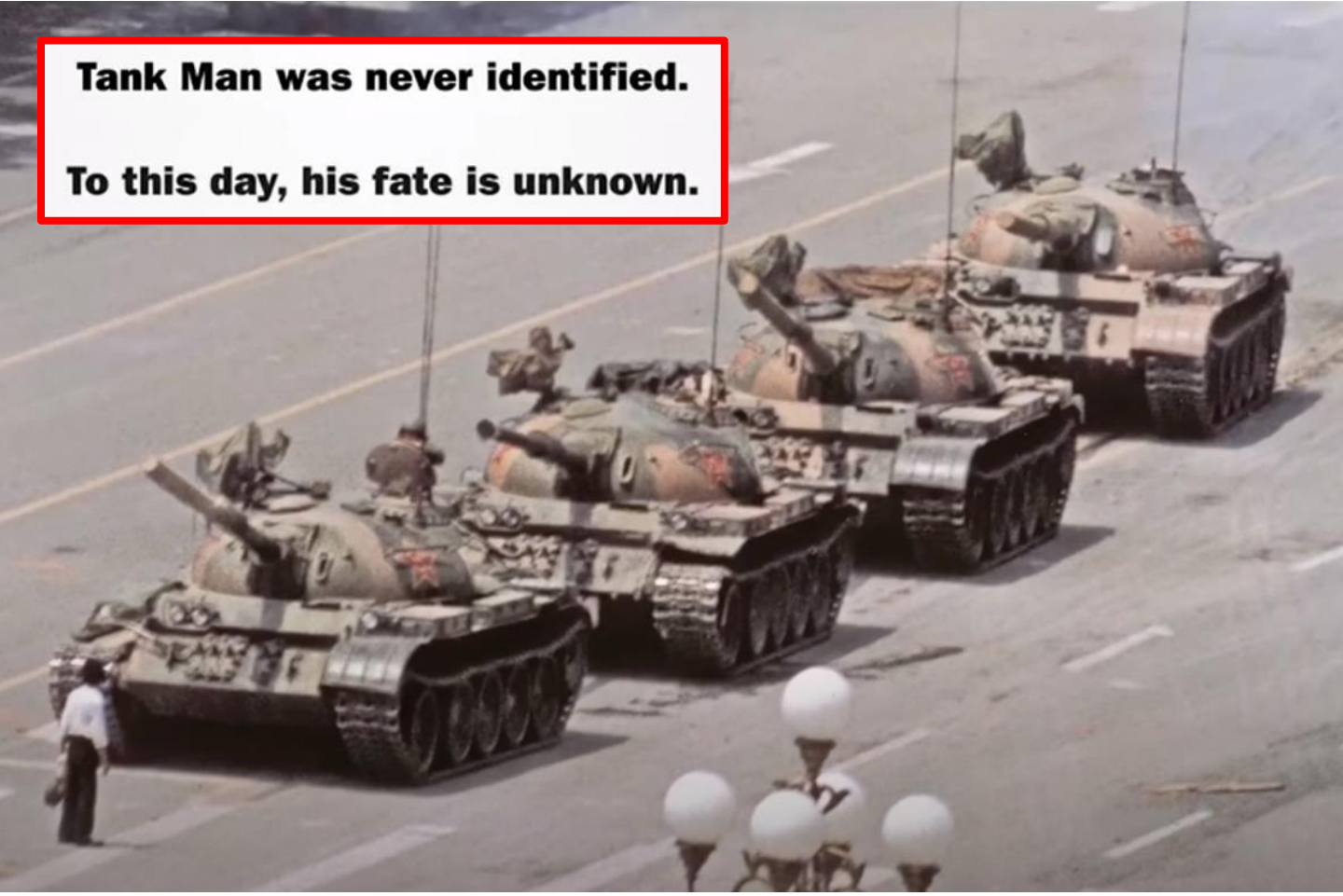
**Doug Spinney Hobby Boss Chinese PLA type 59 scale: 1:35  
Complete w/ Metal tracks**





# Tiananmen Square China tank standoff

**Tank Man was never identified.  
To this day, his fate is unknown.**



# THE TIMES

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LAST WEEK'S  
AVERAGE DAILY SALE  
432,000  
No 63,413

TUESDAY JUNE 6 1989

## Reports of rebel army units fuel fear of civil war

# Heroism and horror in China



Tiananmen Square China tank standoff



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Frank Ahern Tamiya Half-track scale: 1: 35





## Models displayed at the July 2023 IPMS Gators' meeting





***F-16 Viper!***



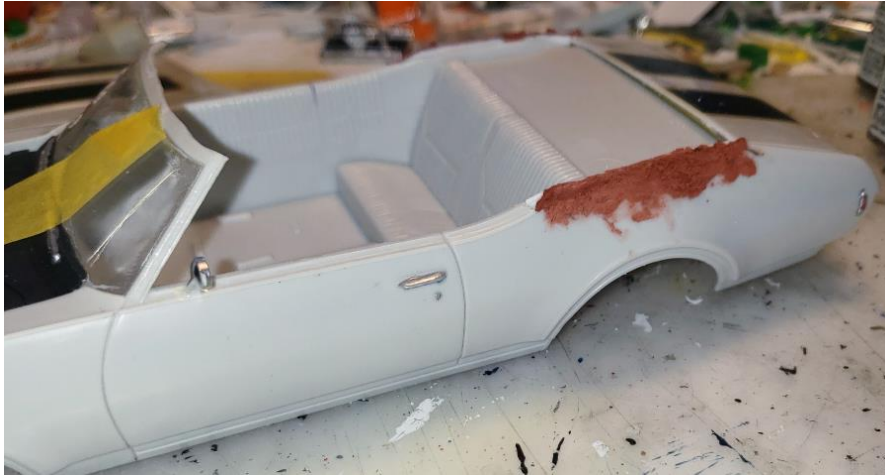


**Models displayed at the July 2023 IPMS Gators' meeting**





From the work bench of Clarence Snyder....





From the work bench of Jack Muga ....





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## Tips from Fine Scale Modeler's Tim Kidwell



Tim's top glue picks:

- 1] Tamiya extra thin.
- 2] Revell Contacta Professional Cement (has a metal applicator).
- 3A] Bob Smith Industries extra thin super glue.
- 3B] Bob Smith Industries medium gap-filling super glue.
- 4] Bob Smith Industries 5-minute epoxy.
- 5] Elmer's White Glue.



Tim advises against buying large volume containers of super glue because the applicator may occlude and/or the glue may harden before you've used all of the glue in the container.

See: [https://finescale.com/videos/2023/08/finescale-modeler-weekly-episode-](https://finescale.com/videos/2023/08/finescale-modeler-weekly-episode-23?utm_source=acs&utm_medium=email&utm_email=winter%40pathology.ufl.edu&utm_campaign=News0_FSM_230809_000000_SLV2AUD000&eid=winter%40pathology.ufl.edu)

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Members in attendance at the last meeting!





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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](mailto:www.robshobbyworld@MSN.com); Mon.-Fri.: 10 AM to 5:30PM; Sat.: 9AM to 4PM; Sun: Closed.

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

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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](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.

## IPMS Membership



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

New  Renewal  IPMS #:

Name:

Address:

City:  State:

Zip Code:

Phone:  E-Mail:

Chapter Affiliation, if any:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Junior</b> (17 years or younger) | \$17.00     | <input type="text"/> | Date of Birth: | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Adult</b>                        | One year    | \$30.00              |                | <input type="text"/> |
|                                     | Two years   | \$58.00              |                | <input type="text"/> |
|                                     | Three years | \$86.00              |                | <input type="text"/> |
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| <b>Foreign</b>                      | Surface     | \$38.00              |                | <input type="text"/> |

**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 #:

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

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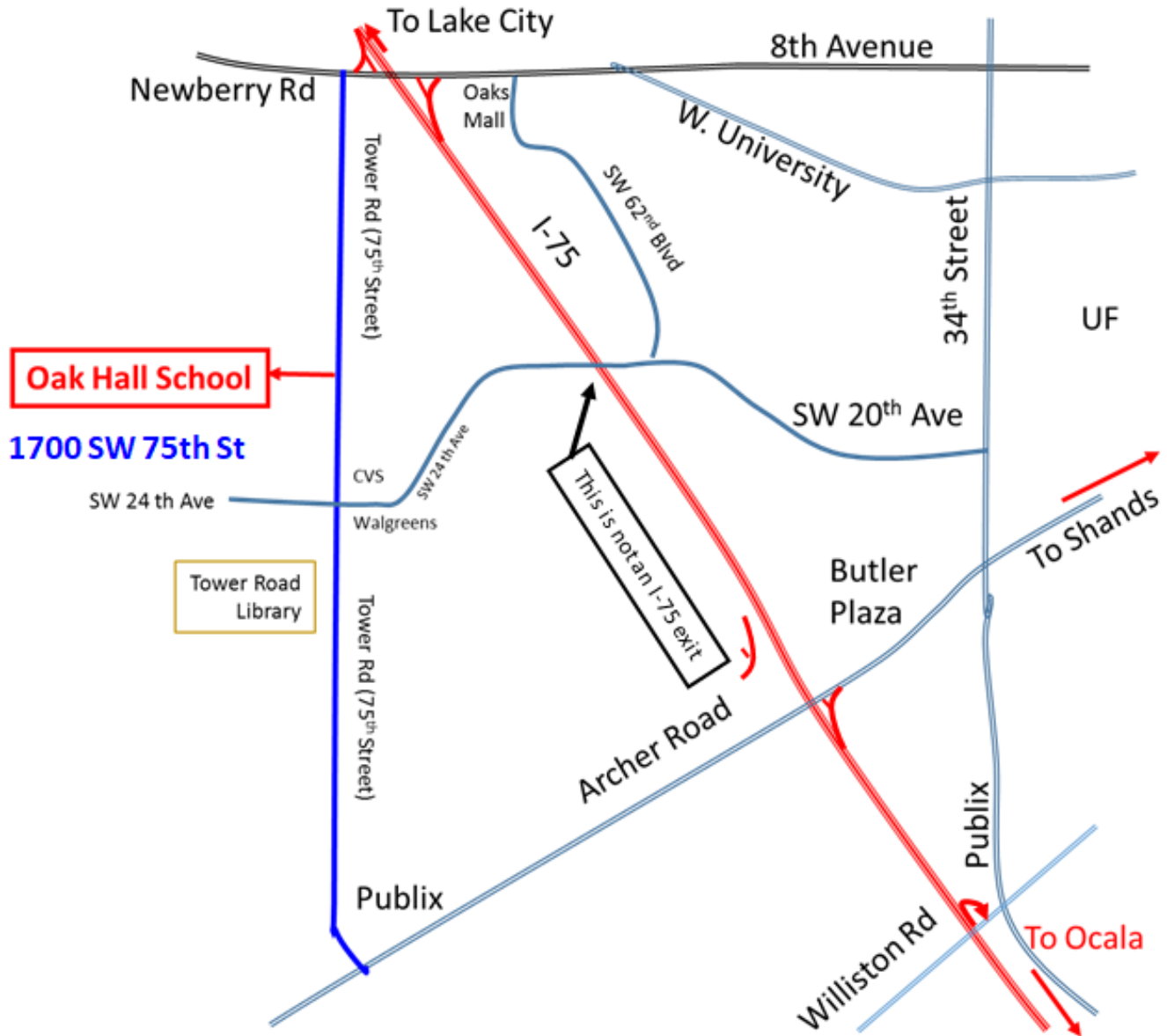
Address:

City:  State:

Zip Code:

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

## Directions to OAK HALL (1700 SW 75<sup>th</sup> St, Gainesville, FL)

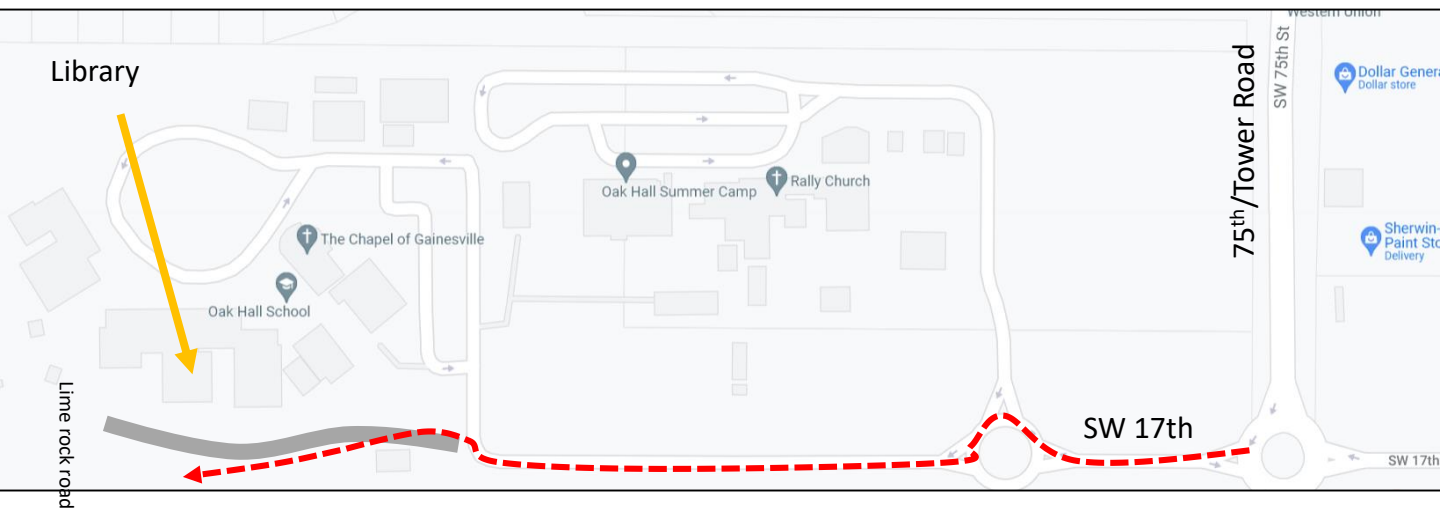


### A note about monthly themes for 2023

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|-------------|---------------------|
| <b>Aug.</b> | <b>Winter War</b>   |
| Sept.       | Operation Torch WW2 |
| Oct.        | Dioramas            |
| Nov.        | Sci-Fi              |



**IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS:** We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday August 15 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 September newsletter. - Bill***

**Wild Paint ... from Jack Mugan!**



**THE END**