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**STOP THE PRESSES
LIVE – IN PERSON - MEETING
June 15th at 6:30 PM
DETAILS INSIDE**



Inside see Frank's article on the world's most expensive automobile and see Doug's Russian T-14.

Members and guests attending the May 29 Pizza Party ... **We're BACK!!**





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Prez Sez..... By Dan Contento

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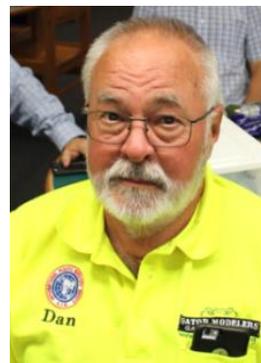
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It felt good having our first get together at the Pizza party and lunch at Cracker Barrel. Next up is our regular June Meeting on the 15th somewhere at Oak Hall. We'll let everyone know which building before the meeting. There will also be ZOOM available during the meeting, so let Frank know if you need an invitation link.



For those who were not in attendance at the party Bruce was inducted as the first member of our club's [Hall of Fame](#) as one of our club founders. Congratulations Bruce!

Our meetings will not have points awarded or a theme contest probably until the December meeting. We hope to have a Christmas Party as in the past, but will wait for an auction until 2022.

We hope to see everyone at the next meeting or at least on ZOOM.

Dan



[June Meeting – IPMS Gators –](#)
We will meet June 15 at 6:30 PM at Oak Hall

Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Frank Ahern - Club secretary



President Dan Contento opened the meeting at 6:40pm. 14 members were present (see attached screenshot). A total of 15 participated at some point.

The meeting began with a discussion about the upcoming club party at the condo on May 29th regarding who was planning to attend, what items they would provide for the party, and a review of the kits that will be donated by the club for a gift-exchange game. This was followed by talk about the June club meeting at Oak Hall School. Mike Martinez said that it is likely that the school library will not be available on June 15 so he has made arrangements for the club to use the school **Student Center** that night. A map was included in the last newsletter and directions will be provided in upcoming emails. Tony Ivone asked if there will be an option to participate in future meetings via Zoom and Martinez said that can be done.

The question was raised about whether the club will resume having a monthly theme for models at the June meeting. It was decided that for the time being the theme will be models constructed during the pandemic. It is expected that it will take several months to give everyone a chance to show models they have built since the last live meeting - February 2020.

Contento announced that the club's officers have agreed to stay in office until the normal election date of November.

The meeting was opened for show and tell and Bruce Doyle gave a presentation on his display of X-planes and the completion of his collection of Mustangs. Frank Ahern gave a historical review of the development of the Ferrari 250 GTO, which is the most expensive collector car currently on the market, and his build of the Fujimi model of the car.

Bill Winter showed several of his collection of tanks, including one that was built by Joe Caputo, former president of the Ocala club, who died last year. Bob Lundeen shared his progress on a model of the A-6 Intruder. Mark Box showed his attempts to fix a warped wing on a kit. New products, including glue and masking tape were discussed by Tracy Palmer, Doug Spinney and others . The meeting concluded at 8:25pm.



Classic Sports Cars

By Frank Ahern



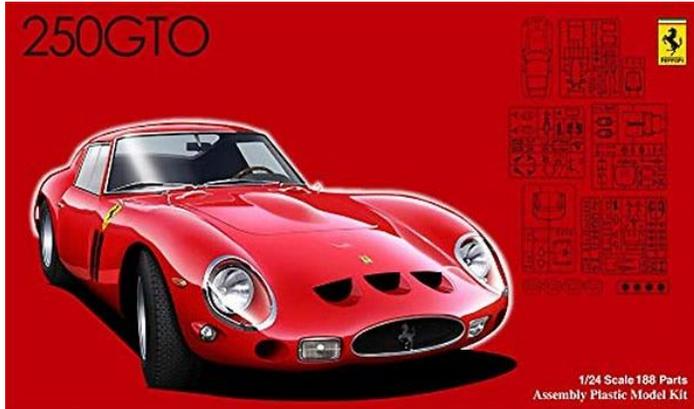
A good way to start an argument among car enthusiasts is to ask, 'what's the greatest car of all time'? The problem is defining what constitutes greatness. You could base it on design, racing success, impact on the world, technological innovation, etc.. The possible categories are endless, and each might end with a different GOAT. There is one criteria, however, that produces a hands-down unquestioned winner - collector value. Just a couple of years ago a Ferrari 250 GTO was sold to a private buyer for \$70 Million dollars! Not bad for a car that originally sold for \$18,500 if Enzo Ferrari thought you were worthy to buy it.



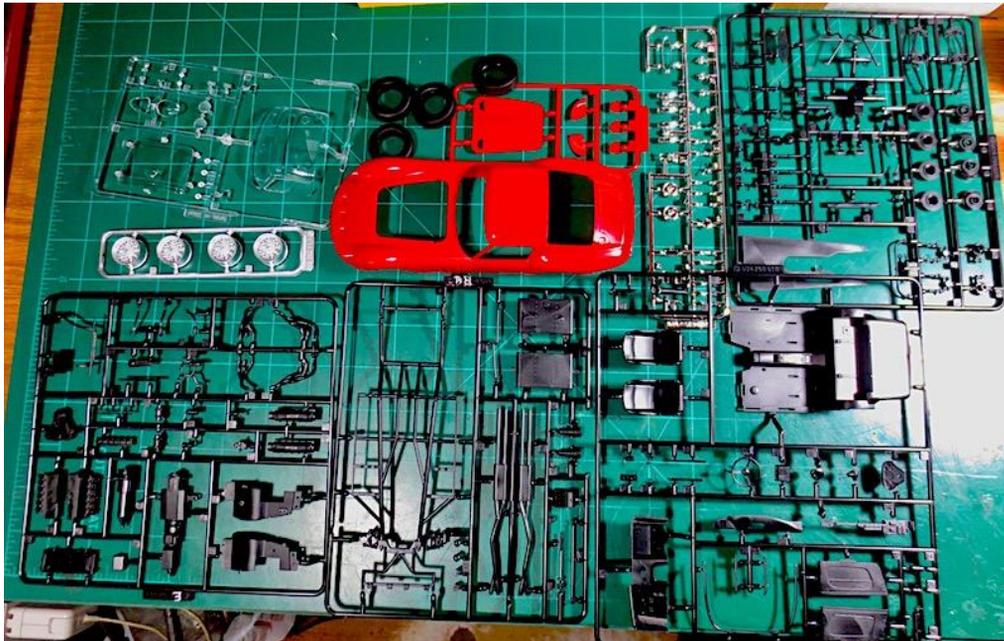
Scarcity is what drives up the cost of collector cars and only 39 GTOs were made between 1962-64. It had success on the racetrack, but it's the low, sleek lines of the body, formed by Ferrari's designers using a wind tunnel extensively for the first time, that make it a classic. Enzo himself said it is the embodiment of his automotive philosophy. The GTO has even been officially declared a work of art in Italy.



Another factor is the Ferrari mystique. A recent article in *Brand* magazine named Ferrari the number one brand in the world. This despite the fact that the company is not in the top 300 in size. An uncompromising pursuit of excellence is a powerful image to have.



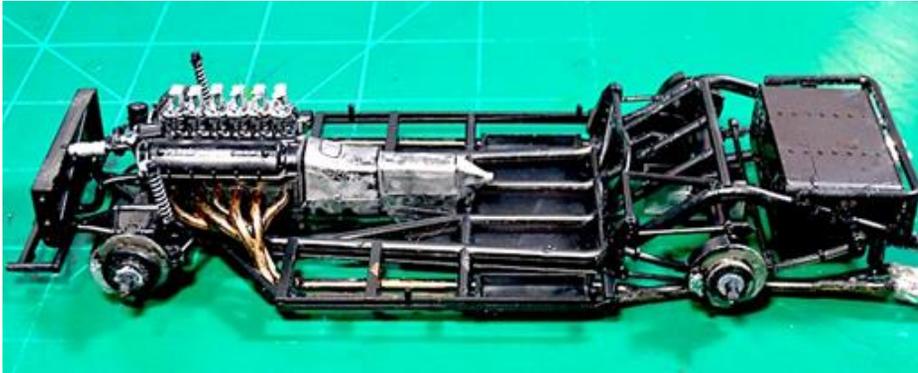
Once again modeling comes to the rescue for those of us who have no hope of ever having \$70M to blow on a car that you wouldn't dare drive. Bill Winter's recent presentation on the Ford GT40 and the discussion about the movie *'Ford vs. Ferrari'*, got me thinking about the GTO and its place in automotive history. Unfortunately, its place in modeling history is fairly small and the only widely available, recently tooled kit on the market at this time is by Fujimi.



Fujimi has a reputation as a manufacturer of very good ship and car models and this model of the Ferrari 250 GTO certainly upholds that standard. Don't interpret that as an indication that this was an easy model to build. The word "fiddly" best describes this kit. Underneath the sleek exterior of the car it is extremely complex and Fujimi tries to recreate each detail.



The parts are very well molded. I was especially impressed with the body, which was molded in the correct “Rosso Corsa” (racing red) and only required a little polishing with Novus #2 to achieve a nice finish without paint, something I always appreciate.



Locating all those parts correctly was a challenge for me due to directions I found vague and confusing. This combined with locating pins and connections that are tiny and inconspicuous made for a challenging build. While I’m on the negative side I must say that this kit has the worst method of attaching wheels to the suspension that I’ve ever seen. It was nearly impossible to get the wheels on the car once it was finished.



So the kit was a mixed bag of good and bad, and I certainly wouldn't recommend it to someone without a lot of experience and patience, but the bottom line is that the pieces are there to produce an excellent model of a car that is important both in racing history and as the most desired collector car currently on the market. Is it the greatest car of all time? We can have that debate at the next club meeting.



Editor's note: Below is another version of the 250 GTO kit produced by Fujimi.





Russian T-14 Armata by Trumpeter

by Doug Spinney

SUMMARY:

Takom 1/35 scale T-14

Using Tamiya acrylic paint, Flat Black Pre-shade

1:1 mix of Olive Green and Dark Yellow

Friulmodel metal tracks, darkened with Novacan Black Patina

Tracks weathered with AMMO Track Wash



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Buddy Build by Mike Redmond and Doug Spinney

We found the least expensive 1/48th scale biplane on the market, the Lindberg Gladiator MK II. We had two sessions of building them at the same time and then each of us took our planes home to finish and paint. Mike hand painted his using Vallejo Model Color paints in any green and/or grey that he had. Doug used an airbrush and Tamiya paints, a NATO Green base with Flat Earth camo. The bottom of the plane is a 2:1 mix of Light Blue and Grey Green.



Buddy Build by Mike Redmond and Doug Spinney



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Hollywood Heroes



Jason Robards, Jr.

By Fred Horky, IPMS/USA 6390

(This month's Hollywood Heroes is from Fred Horky, former IPMS president, newsletter guru, historian and retired AF pilot. Fred has taken an interest in this column and I am pleased to allow him to contribute whenever he is so moved.)



During his long acting career, Jason Robards often played on stage and screen real, historical figures (for example, American presidents three times), as well as many military parts of widely varying ranks, services, and historical eras.

In the 1970 "Tora Tora Tora" movie about the attack on Pearl Harbor, Robards portrayed LtGen Walter Short, the unfortunate commander of Army forces in Hawaii. Many historians agree that, like his navy counterpart commander, Admiral Kimmel, Short was quickly and summarily retired to become a convenient scapegoat* chosen to be responsible for the disaster. That blame might have been better aimed at others in higher positions. Neither officer was ever charged: officialdom knew such charges wouldn't stick. (Not unlike our capital today, the CYA game of "Who Knew What, When" of Japanese capabilities and intentions was played fast and hard in Washington!)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Short



The above scene from that historical film shows Robards as General Short, frustrated as he looks up at the mountain top where he would have LIKED to position an early radar warning site, but had been refused by other governmental agencies on environmental concerns!

Hollywood Heroes

Jason Robards Jr. had grown up the son of a successful early movie and stage actor. But he had seen his father's career decline after his starring roles in early 1920's silent films: the industry had been revolutionized by "talkies." That may have turned off any movie industry interest in the younger Robards; likewise despite being something of an athlete at Hollywood High School he declined possible university athletic scholarships and instead joined the Navy in 1940 on graduation. He was 18. He was quickly trained as a radioman, and assigned aboard the heavy cruiser USS Northampton at Pearl Harbor.

Thus, in real life it turned out that while our Jason Robards was aboard a ship ASSIGNED to Pearl Harbor, he was not a "Pearl Harbor Survivor"only because his ship was away on a mission that fateful morning!



On December 7th, 1941, the "Nora-Maru" (the sailors' nickname for their heavy cruiser) was part of Admiral "Bull" Halsey's task force returning to Pearl Harbor after escorting the carrier Enterprise back to Pearl Harbor. She had delivered a detachment of VMF 211's F4F-3's to Wake Island: a pathetically small force very soon to have its own trial by fire.

The Northampton (and Robards) then participated in several naval battles during the first year of the war. This culminated on the night of November 30th, when she was part of a force of four heavy cruisers and five destroyers which surprised a much smaller Japanese destroyer force which was resupplying Japanese troops on Guadalcanal. Despite the American task force's overwhelming firepower the Americans were "out-admiraled" by the Japanese, with ALL FOUR cruisers being HEAVILY damaged by Japanese "Long Lance" torpedoes. The Northampton was the worst hit, the two Long Lances taken in the engineering spaces sinking the cruiser a few hours later. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Northampton_\(CA-26\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Northampton_(CA-26))

Now known as the Battle of Tassafaronga, it was one of the worst American naval defeats of the war. One of the most readable descriptions of the action and Northampton's sinking can be found

Hollywood Heroes

Robards survived unscathed from these actions.

He served honorably throughout the war, and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Petty Officer 1st Classjust below Chief Petty Officer. _

But he did not receive a Navy Cross for bravery, which can be found reported in numerous sources. First written in error by an entertainment gossip columnist and NOT the result of any claim by Robards, that non-existent medal has become an urban legend. In this age of mistakes repeated at the speed of light, this one is likely to go on forever. See

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk%3AJason_Robards#Navy_Cross

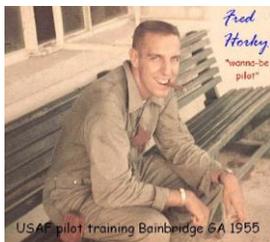
During his time aboard *Nashville*, Robards had found a copy of a Eugene O'Neill play in the ship's library. This was where he first started thinking seriously about becoming an actor. On honorable discharge from the Navy in 1946, he took his actor father's suggestion to enroll in a dramatic schoolperhaps on the G.I.Bill?and that was the beginning of his career.

After a very fine and widely varied acting career on stage, screen, and radio; Robards passed away in 2000.

For his many awards made for both stage and screen successes; check Robards' Wikipedia link or any of many other sources. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jason_Robards

Fred Horky

IPMS/USA 6390



* For what it's worth on the subject of Pearl Harbor scapegoats: besides all the fine books on the subject I can add the personal observation of my father-in-law, Col. W. J. Paul. On December 7th, 1941 he was an Army Air Forces officer on the staff of the Hawaiian Air Force, with duties as liaison to the then-territorial government of Hawaii. In all the many years I knew him, he was emphatic in his opinion ...and he said of everyone else he knew in Hawaii thenthat General Short (and Admiral Kimmel too) had "taken it in the shorts" as sacrificial lambs to cover up the mistakes of others.....

P.S. My father-in-law's assignment to Hawaii also made my wife a "genuine Pearl Harbor Survivor." Almost four years old at the time, she obviously doesn't remember much about the attack except running for shelter she-knew-not-where with her mother. But her interest became peaked when I pointed out that their home in Hickam's family quarters had been a sort of "Ground Zero" between Hickam's USAAF flight line and the Navy facilities, both of which were heavily attacked. She also took minor offense when last December the media reported on the 80th anniversary of the attack that "...the last Pearl Harbor Survivor had passed away..."

Highlights of our May ZOOOOOOOOOOM meeting:



Bruce's X-plane presentation



Mark Box straightening a wing!



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Faller 170492 EXPERT, Plastic glue



**Revell 25g Contacta Professional
Plastic Glue**

High Temp Tape, ELEGOO 4 Pack Polyimide High Temperature Resistant Tape Multi-Sized Value Bundle 1/8", 1/4", 1/2", 1" with Silicone Adhesive for Masking, Soldering etc.: Amazon.com: Industrial & Scientific



May 29, 2021 - Re-opening Party for IPMS Gators!

..... Favorite COVID-19 builds!



^ Jack Mugan

Doug Sipnney -- >



^ Don Martin

Chuck Lassiter -- >



< ----- Bruce Doyle

..... Favorite COVID-19 builds!



^ Frank Ahern



Bill Winter -->



^ Bruce Doyle

Tracy Palmer r -->



< ----- Bob Lundeen

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Mark Box's kits! GREAT JOB, MARK!



May 29, Re-opening Party for IPMS Gators!

..... Food and fun!



On May 29, 2021, Bruce Doyle was recognized as the first CHARTER MEMBER of the Gator Modelers.

Bruce wrote to us the following piece.....

I've finally composed myself enough emotionally to say "Thanks" for that wonderful presentation you honored me with Saturday. It was a total surprise, and believe it or not, I was struck somewhat speechless (I know - hard to comprehend.) So again thanks for the honor of being the Charter Member of the Gatormodelers Club Hall of Fame. I am truly humbled by that recognition.



When I expressed that I didn't feel worthy of such an award, Frank quickly disabused me of that notion: "Look around you here today, at all the people gathered here in this room," he said. "None of us would be here if you hadn't started the Club. So you deserve the honor." Okay - you convinced me, and thanks for doing so.

Reflecting later on what Frank said I had a Jimmy Stewart moment from **It's a Wonderful Life** - how starting something as innocent as a model club can touch so many lives. I counted nearly twenty smiling faces Saturday! So for my peace of mind please drive safely to our future meetings - and also please wear your seatbelt!

I would be remiss if I didn't credit some co-conspirators in our Club's formation. First and most importantly it was my dear friend **Larry Bayer** who came up with the idea of printing up flyers seeking Club members. They were placed in Hobbyland as a potential meeting place, and thanks go to the late Bill Forrester, his wife Brenda and son Jeff for providing us with our first venue. And most important of all is the late Joe Caputo who as founder and President of the Ocala IPMS Club served as both mentor and role model for Larry and me to start a spinoff model club in Gainesville. Joe is truly the Godfather of Gatormodelers.

Bruce wrote to us the following piece.....

When you first presented me with the plaque I fumbled around trying to pin down what year we started the club, with no success. When I got home and had calmed down I consulted with the real family historian - my wife Susan. You may remember I finally granted Ed's request for a history of the club, and I did so at our meeting in October, 2016 at the Hobby Lobby. I might have graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the U of F with a B.A. in Military History and with three years of grad school (M.A. - ABD*), but I yield to Susan when it comes to important dates in our family. I remember saying in 2016 that that October was our 50th Wedding Anniversary, and it was also the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Club - that would make it 1966 and 1991 respectively. She confirmed that indeed we were married in 1966, so.....

October, 2021 is Gatormodeler's 30th Anniversary !!! Blow horns!...Ring Bells! Let's plan a Birthday Party!maybe to coincide with our annual Christmas Party?

We've got plenty of time to plan and think about what we could do. Maybe some recognition of longstanding members? I was really heartened when I realized later that we had four members of the Club's early formative years in attendance Saturday - Bill, Bob, Brian, and (gulp) Bruce! We all became regular Club members in the 1990's so maybe they are due some "ataboys" too. The "Early B's?" Just a thought. Something perhaps to mull over at lunch tomorrow (June 1) or at our June meeting.

I think its safe to say we will all remember Saturday's Welcome Back Party with great fondness for many years to come. I haven't been around a more happy, smiling group of people in a long time. To say we were thrilled to finally see each other in person again is an understatement. There was a lot of joy in the room! And the pizza wasn't bad either, and Anne's desert was delicious - as usual.

Special thanks go to all who helped put on this wonderful event, and an extra special thanks goes to Bill for being our Clubhouse "den father" and gracious host. Thanks to all for making it a truly memorable day!

Bruce

P.S. Maybe the happiest news Saturday was that the plaque wasn't awarded posthumously.



* ABD stands for "All But Degree"

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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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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

This list contains modeling events for the IPMS Region-11. For a complete list of IPMS events visit: <https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/>

June 15 Gator Modelers, "Live Meeting" 6:30pm Oak Hall school.

June 19 AMPS Mega Show, Columbia SC <https://scmegashow.com/>

August 18-21 IPMS Nationals, Las Vegas NV; <https://www.ipmslv.com/2021-ipms-nationals>

October 22-24 Orlando Modelpalooza, Kissimmee
<https://www.ipmsorlando.org/modelpalooza-home.html>

IPMS Membership

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.



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:

Junior (17 years or younger)	\$17.00	<input type="text"/>	Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>
Adult One year	\$30.00	<input type="text"/>		
Two years	\$58.00	<input type="text"/>		
Three years	\$86.00	<input type="text"/>		
Canada & Mexico	\$35.00	<input type="text"/>		
Foreign 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:
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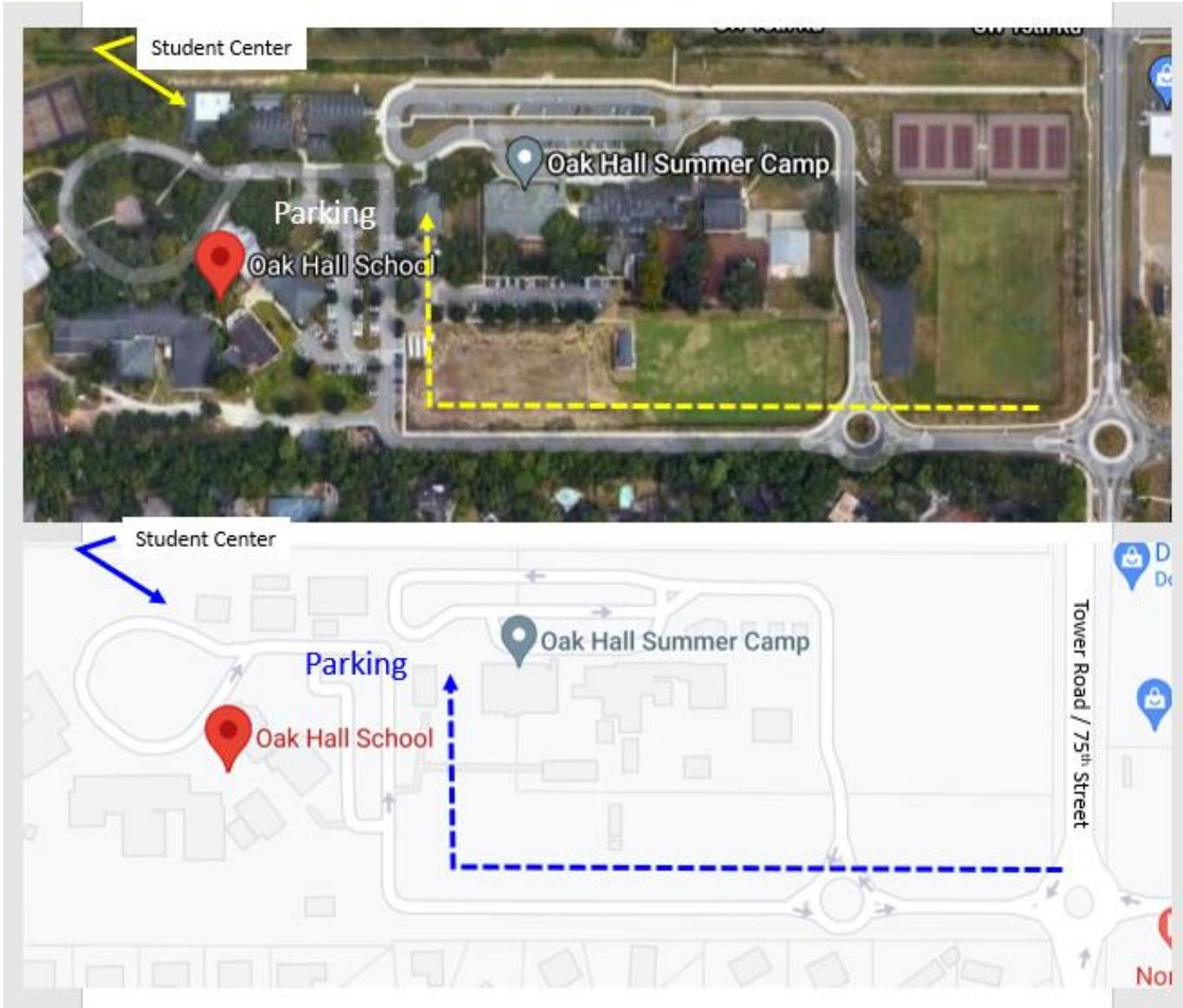
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Applications should be printed and mailed to: IPMS/USA, PO Box 1411, Riverview, FL 33568-1411

IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS: We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday June 15 at 6:30 PM in the **STUDENT CENTER**. The library is expected to NOT be available. If this changes, Frank will send out an email.

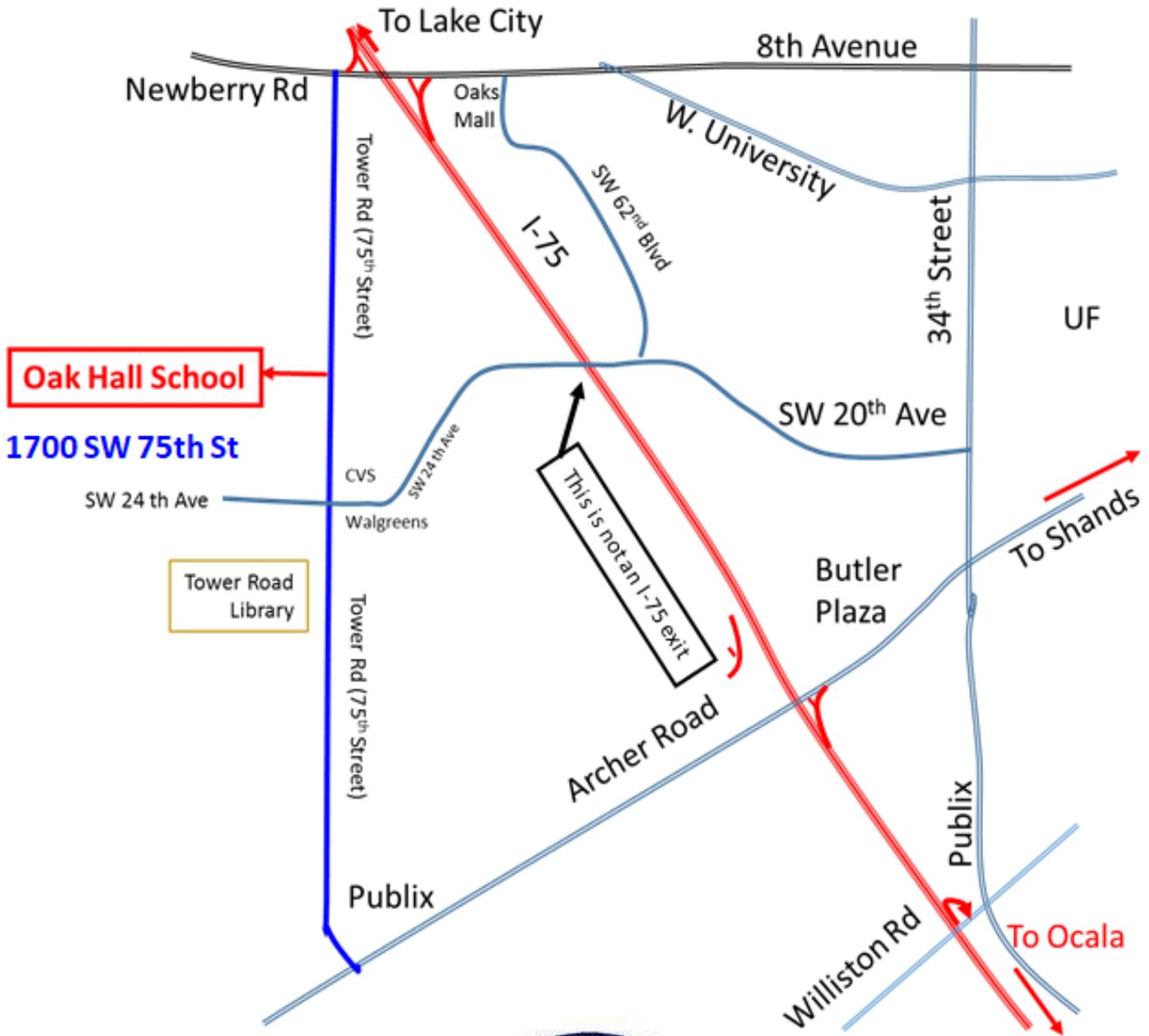


The top image is the satellite view of OAK HALL. The bottom view is a line drawing. Park in the Parking Lot and walk to the **STUDENT CENTER**.

BECAUSE CHECK YOUR EMAIL AS THE JUNE MEETING APPROACHES IN CASE OUR PLANS CHANGE.



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



Pretty Paint ...



A note about IPMS Gators' yearly dues

Below is the schedule of dues for people that join mid-year.

<u>Month you join</u>	<u>Your membership fee</u>	<u>Fee rounded to whole dollars</u>
Nov	\$20	\$20
Dec	\$18.37	\$18
Jan	\$16.70	\$17
Feb	\$15.00	\$15
Mar	\$13.36	\$13
Apr	\$11.69	\$12
May	\$10.00	\$10
Jun	\$8.35	\$8
July	\$6.68	\$7
Aug	\$5.00	\$5
Sept	\$3.34	\$3
Oct	\$1.67	\$2

Bye for now!