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**Bob Lundeen's F-16 USAF Thunderbirds
Winner of the May Theme Contest!**

Great Models Inside! Mark Box's 1955 Chevy!





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Prez Sez.....

By Dan Contento

Sorry I missed the last meeting, I was dealing with a medical issue.

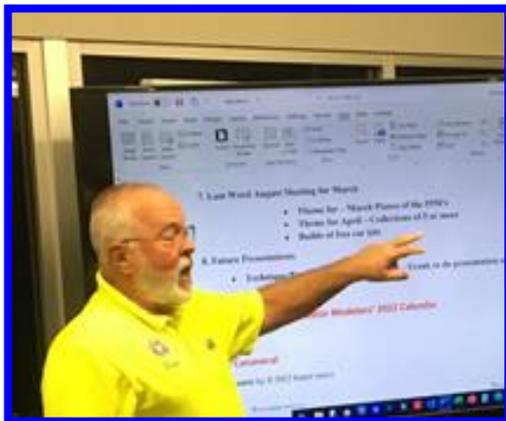
We will have a discussion at our June meeting regarding the use of the Gatormodelers mailing list. It appears it was meant for club business only (I certainly didn't know). We must remember that we have at least one minor in our club, so certain jokes and some photos may not be appropriate. I don't have a personal problem with them, and do enjoy the jokes. Maybe we can come up with another mailing list for those who wish to still get that content.

Remember our Ocala contest on July 16 and bring any kits you may want to sell.

For the June meeting please bring your contest entries, if you have one.

June's theme is "Made in France".

Hope to see everyone at the meeting. - Dan



June – IPMS Gators –

**We will meet June 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM at
Oak Hall Library**

From the officers regarding the use of the club email address: The officers and ex-officio club officers recently reviewed the use of the club email address. It was agreed that the policy should continue that this email address should *only be used for club business and plastic modeling discussions*. All communications should continue to be *family friendly and apolitical*.

Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Frank Ahern - Club secretary



Vice President Chuck Lassiter opened the meeting at 6:35pm. 10 members were present.

The first order of business was a proposal to re-start the monthly luncheons at Cracker Barrel. Those in attendance agreed that the luncheons should resume on Tuesday, June 7 at 11am. Frank Ahern said he would send a reminder to the club prior to the date.

Lassiter announced that the inter-club meeting and model contest with the Ocala club has been moved to Saturday, July 16, due to a conflict with the Ocala club's meeting site. Further information will be provided at the next meeting.

The meeting was paused for the themed model contest and Show & Tell models. The theme was - Military Non-Combatant. The winner was Bob Lundeen with a display of Air Force F-16 Thunderbirds.

The door prize raffles were held and Bruce Doyle and Bob Lundeen were the winners. Doyle selected the Revell model of the MASH helicopter. Lundeen chose the Trumpeter model of the Russian cruiser Moskova.



Finally, Bill Winter shared a PowerPoint presentation on the three US Tank Destroyers used in WW2.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Submitted by:
Frank Ahern, club secretary





Tamiya 1/48 Skyray – Kit Review by Errol Whisler



I built this kit for the March Club Theme Build- Planes of the 50's. I never knew much about the Skyray or ever had much interest in it, but I picked this one up when the club offered some kits for sale... why? Because it was Tamiya and after my recent run of kits lately, I could use a layup.

As expected, the kit just falls together. There are a few seams that needed filling, but what kit doesn't? The plastic is good quality, with above average detail and no flash. A brief inspection and spot sanding of injector hole defects were in easy to reach places and we were ready to paint! Or so I thought.... I forgot to add weight to the nose so now my Skyray was a tail sitter. I changed gears to make it a vignette of landing on a carrier. More on that later.

I used, for the first time, Tamiya liquid surface primer thinned with Tamiya Lacquer thinner of about 50/50. I was very happy with the results. It was smooth and dried almost immediately and you could control that coverage that you can't get with a spray can. I then used Tamiya XF-1 Black for pre-shading the panel lines and then a base coat of Tamiya XF-80 Royal Light Gray for the top side and XF-2 White and 10% XF-80 to knock back the stark white for the underside. These were both applied in very light coats and after about the third coat, I was happy. Then I lighted up some XF-80 with a few drops of XF-2, removed the cap on the air brush and applied the lightened gray in some of the panels on the top side of the plane until I was satisfied. Couple of quick coats of Pledge and it was time for decals.



Tamiya 1/48 Skyray – Kit Review



I may not have enough experience, but I typically don't have a problem with the Tamiya decals who have a reputation of being thick. The decals on this kit are good and I had no problem with them other than the "Danger" decals around the intakes that are supposed to run around the leading edge of the intake and down that outside. These decals are cut in a "Y" shape with the top of the "Y" to around the leading edge and the tail down the side. These were very finicky and ultimate fell apart, so I painted what was to be red on the decal with XF-7 Red. I was unable to find replacement "DANGER" decals, so I guess this build won't be OSHA compliant.



I painted the drop tanks with similar mixture of white and gray and left the pre-shading more apparent to show more weathering. The missiles I left XF-2 white as I figured ordinance on a ship didn't get weathered as much.



Tamiya 1/48 Skyray – Kit Review

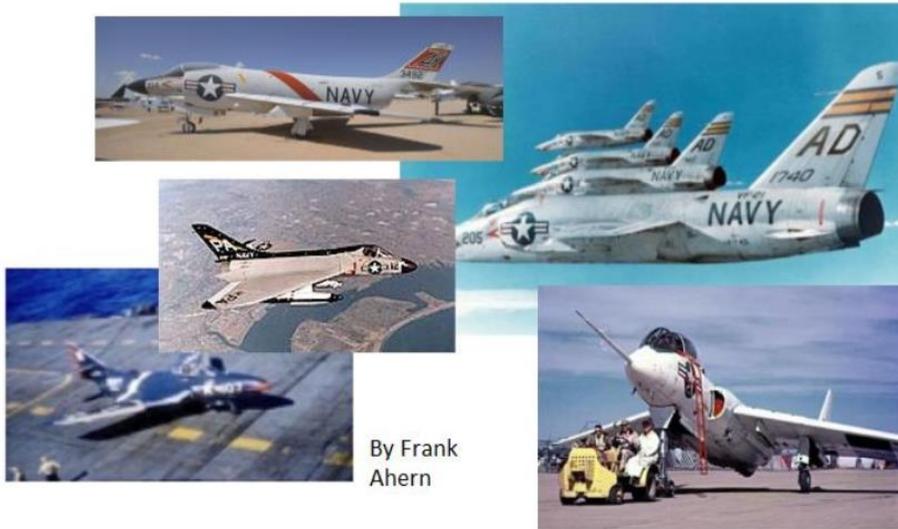
I did some research to find pictures of Skyrays landing on carrier decks. I used a desk sign/box that I got at hobby lobby and covered it with a fine grit sandpaper and painted it a medium gray (not sure the color, it was an old rattle can) . In the pictures I found, the carrier deck was not black or even very dark for that matter. I masked off some lines and made a template for some numbers. I wanted the view to be able to tell they were numbers despite only being able to see a portion of the number, so I settled on 31 which is the carrier [Bonn Homme Richard](#) that operated with Skyrays in the 50's. I bent and planted an acrylic rod and drilled a hole through the exhaust in the back of the plane and called it done.

I feel like this has been my best effort on painting and pre-shading and very happy with the way it turned out. Probably my best kit so far even with all the warts (marker lights are backwards, missing danger signs, couple bubbles on the right side decals and the 31 not to scale). I highly recommend this kit. Its fun and easy and a good pallet for however you might want to paint it. I just wouldn't spend much time painting the cockpit or the bottom half of the pilot. You can't see hardly any of it once its buttoned up. Oh.. and don't forget the weight in the nose. Thanks for reading and build on my friends!





Forgotten Fighters



Of all of the “failures” documented in this series on the Navy fighters of the 1950’s one of the most difficult to understand is the Grumman F11 Tiger.



Conceived as the successor to the popular but obsolete Cougar, the Tiger was designed with all the latest aerodynamic advances, like the area rule, which was supposed to make the Tiger supersonic. It looked fast, even standing still. Since WW2, Grumman was considered the presumptive maker of US Navy carrier fighters.



The Blue Angels quickly dumped the Cougar and adopted the Tiger as its demonstration aircraft. Then, just 4 years after entering operational service, the Navy pulled the plug on the Tiger and switched to the ugly, but effective, Vought F-8 Crusader.



What happened?

The short answer is the usual culprit of this group - an underperforming engine. The Wright J-65 was not a reliable power plant, but that's not the whole story.



Even when Grumman proposed a switch to the Pratt-Whitney J-79 in the so-called Super Tiger, the Navy didn't budge.



The problem was that Grumman had designed the wrong airplane for the times. Vought, which had failed spectacularly with the Cutlass, filled the Navy's need for a high speed, long range fighter-bomber with the Crusader. Now Grumman was in the humbling position of having no Navy fighter in production for the first time in 30 years.



Were it not for its extended service with the Blue Angels, the Tiger might have been completely forgotten. It was by far the hardest kit to find of this group.



Only an ancient Mini-Craft kit was available in the correct scale. It was a challenging build



and had the worst-fitting canopy I've ever had to deal with. Maybe that's appropriate for an airplane that never found a place to fit in.

Show n' Tell

Bob Lundeen's AMT 1:72 scale Thunderchiefs



Bob's Thunderbirds won the May theme contest.



Show n' Tell

Chuck Lassiter's 1:72 scale Dodge ambulance.



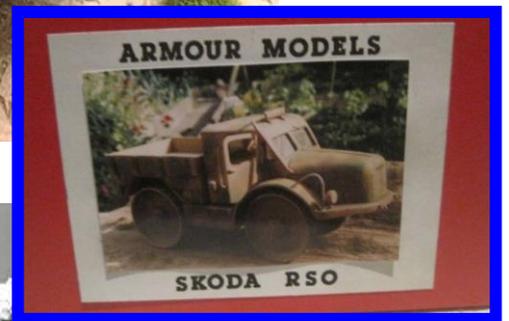
Show n' Tell

Frank Ahern's Tamiya 1:48 scale Schwimmwagen on diorama base.



Show n' Tell

Doug Spinney's Armour Models 1:35 scale Skoda RSO on diorama base.



Show n' Tell

Don Martin's Attack Hobby 1:72 scale Phänomen Granit with PE, MV lenses & oil wash.



Show n' Tell

Bruce Doyle's 1:72 scale Aircraft:

Lindberg, Heinkel HE-100,
Special Hobby, ME-209,
Special Hobby, XP-59 (Bell),
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FAI record holder 3-30-1939, 463 MPH
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Show n' Tell

Bill's Trumpeter 1:35 scale LAV-R



Show n' Tell

Jack Muga's Academy 1:48 scale Phantom II, pencil panel lines and rivet detail



Show n' Tell



Show n' Tell

Bob Lundeen's A6 from Hobby Boss (and the fit was not good)



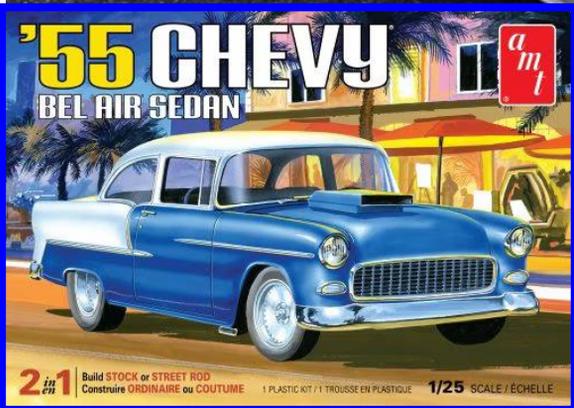
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Show n' Tell

Mark Box's AMT 1:25 scale '55 Chevy 2-door post "Monster Mash" with aftermarket headers, fires, wheels, and 2-part layered decals.



Show n' Tell

Bob Lundeen's 1:48 scale Tamiya Panther D



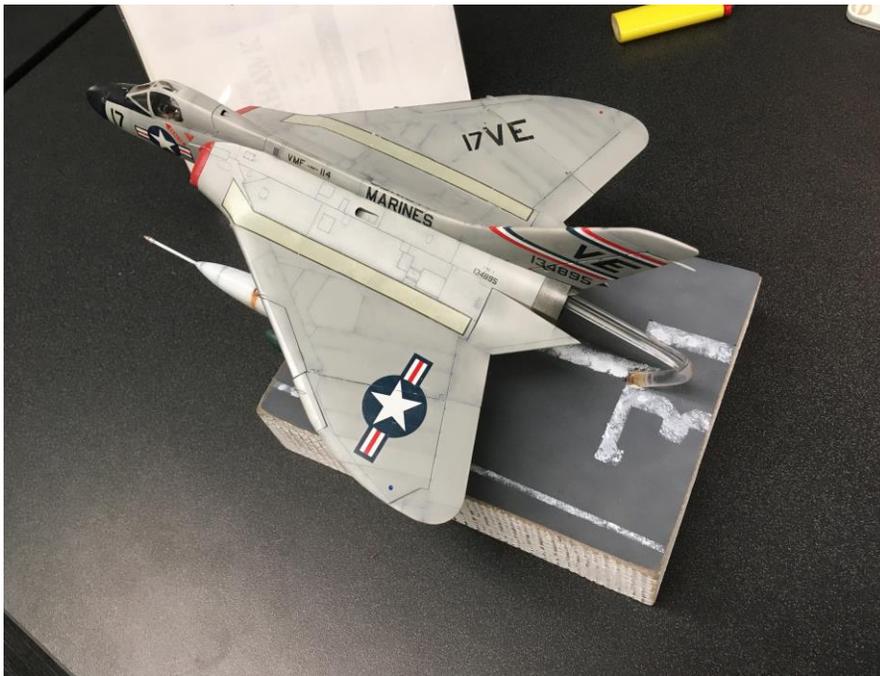
Show n' Tell

Bill's M-10 (displayed because Bill gave a talk on Tank Destroyers)



Show n' Tell - Correction

Editor's note: I did not identify this model correctly in the last newsletter letter. This Skyray was built by Errol Whisler (see Errol's build review in this edition of the newsletter).



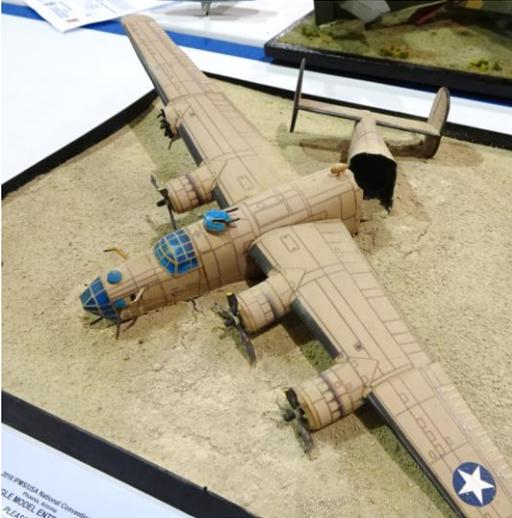
BONUS – Great Cars from 2018 IPMS Nationals in Phoenix, AR





Paper Models

Some months ago **Chuck Lassiter** displayed an aircraft model on a paper aircraft carrier base that was fantastic! I was running through some old IPMS National's photos (2018 Phoenix) and came across a paper model of the B-24 named "*Lady Be Good*" that was lost in the Libyan desert in 1943 in WWII.



The builder referenced "**E-Card**" as the source of the "kit." Having gone online, indeed, I found the site and a 1:50 scale kit!

Does anybody know, when you buy the "kit," what is Included?

I think that everything is included according to what is written on the website: "*The B24 B24A B24D C87 LB30 assembled model has a wingspan of about 26". Contains approx. 300 parts. 13 pages includes cover page, assembly Instructions and diagrams and 10 pages of full colour printable parts. This is a medium to advanced skill level kit.*"

According to the web site(<https://ecardmodels.com/>), they offer 2785 aircraft! The site also sells llandcraft, railways, watercraft, weapons, dioramas, structures, space, real Space & rocketry, science fiction, figures and gaming kits.

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B-24D-25-CO "LADY BE GOOD"

1:50 SCALE

9th Air Force, 278th Bomb Group, 514th Bomb Squadron

Failing to return from an April 4, 1943 bombing raid on Naples Italy, aircraft No. 41-24301 was believed to have been lost in the Mediterranean Sea and its nine crew members were classified as MIA. The wreckage of the aircraft was eventually discovered some 18 years later...400 miles inland. LBG had apparently overshoot the base on its return due to bad weather and poor visibility and flown on for another two hours before crashing into the Libyan Desert. Eight of the Crew had safely parachuted from the airplane, only to be stranded in the immense Desert with no provisions. All perished within eight days.

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From the work bench of Mark Box - >

Men, some of you may already use these two saws but if not, here are two sites I buy from. The prices seem to be the same everywhere. These blades are paper thin and really give a clean cut as long as you take it easy. They work especially well removing 3D printed parts from the trees. The links are copied below. Note the part numbers for the tool/blades are included for each site. Just go to the sites and type in the part numbers in the search windows.....

CMK Kits ESHOP
part number 129-H1020 handle and blade set.

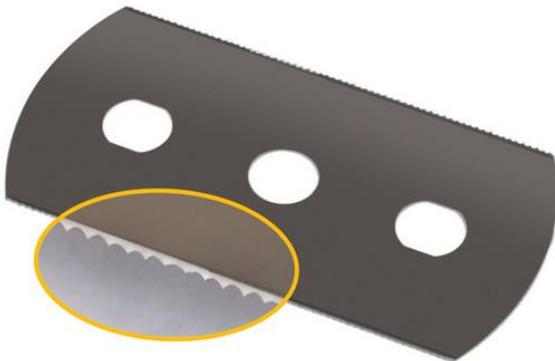
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I don't think any of you will be disappointed.....

From the work bench of Jack Mugan - >

(as Mark Box wrote to Jack: "Son, you are way outa my league 😁 Awesome work 🙌👍!")



From the work bench of Doug Spinney - >

Polar Lights Willy Wild

Painted Tamiya gloss black, then marbled with Tamiya chrome silver using a cotton ball, then finished with Tamiya clear red. Chrome is both Alclad and kit chrome.





From the work bench of Doug Spinney - >

Weird-ohs Woody on a Surfari

Masked off the wagon and painted the engine and tub gloss black followed by Alclad chrome, then masked off the engine and painted the tub Tamiya clear red.

Wagon is painted Vallejo buff with a wash of Vallejo mahogany for the outline boards. Masked off the tires and painted the wheels Alclad chrome, tires are painted Vallejo black grey. Woody is Tamiya red oxide, hair is Vallejo flat yellow. Surfboards painted Tamiya white, then used Dawn dishwashing soap as a mask for the red and blue.



From the work bench of Doug Spinney - >



From the work bench of Doug Spinney - >

Lindberg Mad Maestro

Painted with Vallejo except the white shirt which is Tamiya white rattle can. The switch and wiring courtesy of Mark Box, the Mad Maestro is suppose to dance but it turned out that the motor is not powerful enough to move the entire model. The motor will move the feet, but as soon as the rest of the Maestro is dropped in it won't work.



From the work bench of Doug Spinney - >



From the work bench of Ken Wilson - >

Ken sent these photos in the fall of 2021. With the heat of summer bearing down on us, Ken's diorama can "cool us off." The figures are from Dragon. He built the plaster-cast rocks. He printed the background image (an actual photo of North Korea) on a transparency and then placed the plastic sheet offset behind the diorama.



From the work bench of Ken Wilson - >



USMC

December 1st - 2nd, 1950
Toktong Pass/Chosin Reservoir, North Korea

"The Ridgerunners"

On the night of December 1st, 1950, Lt. Col. Ray Davis, commanding the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines of the 1st Marine Division, began an arduous over-night march through the rugged mountains of North Korea. Having just finished a fierce 4-day battle against incredible odds at Yudam-ni, he and his exhausted men began their march to come to the assistance of Capt. William Barber and Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, who had for five days, with only 250 Marines, held off repeated Chinese attacks by combines forces of approximately 10,000 soldiers, keeping open the only route connecting two trapped Marine Regiments, and allowing their eventual link-up with Division at Hagaru-ri. Both Lt. Col. Davis and Capt. Barber were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions at the Chosin Reservoir.



From the work bench of Ken Wilson - >



From the work bench of Clarence Snyder - >



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Hollywood Heroes



This is the last edition of the feature That I started over 5 years ago. After reading a book about the WW2 service of Jimmy Stewart I decided to see what other Hollywood stars did during the war and the results surprised me.

It's been a pleasure for me to find out about the courage and patriotism displayed by those who entertained us while I was growing up. I hope you have enjoyed it too!

Special thanks to Fred Horky for his interest and contributions to the series.

Frank Ahern

THE LIST

<u>May</u> 2017	Sterling Hayden	<u>Jan.2019</u>	Gene Roddenberry
June "	Dale Robertson	Feb."	Dan Blocker
July "	Ernest Borgnine	Mar."	Charles Bronson
August "	James Arness	Apr."	Rod Serling
Sept. "	Lee Marvin	May"	James Garner
Oct. "	Ed McMahon	June"	James Doohan
Nov. "	Martha Raye	July"	Clark Gable
Dec. "	Paul Newman	Aug."	Hometown Heroes
		Sept."	Jackie Coogan
<u>Jan. 2018</u>	Jonathan Winters	Oct.	Gene Autry
Feb. "	Walter Mathau	Nov.	" Richard Todd
Mar. "	Art Carney	Dec.	" John Ford
Apr. "	Eddie Albert		
May 2018	Steve McQueen	<u>Jan. 2020</u>	Kirk Douglas

The List

June	“	Mel Brooks	Feb.	“	Audie Murphy
July	“	Neville Brand	Mar.	“	Tyrone Power
Aug.	“	Bea Arthur	Apr.	“	Chuck Norris
Sept.	“	Charles Durning	May	“	Henry Fonda
Oct.	“	Douglas Fairbanks Jr.	June	“	Tony Curtis
Nov.	“	Chuck Connors	July	“	Alec Guinness
Dec.	“	Mickey Rooney	Aug.	“	Merian Cooper
			Sept. 2020		Wayne Morris
			Oct.		Robert Montgomery
			Nov.	“	George Kennedy
			Dec.	“	Efrem Zimbalist Jr.
<u>Jan.</u>	<u>2021</u>	Robert Stack			
Feb.	“	Clifton James			
Mar.	“	Charlton Heston			
Apr.	“	Russell Johnson			
May	“	Robert Preston (FH*)			
June	“	Jason Robards (FH*)			
July	“	Rod Steiger			
Aug.	“	Michael Caine			
Sept.	“	Eddie Albert (FH*)			
Oct.	“	Jonathan Winters (FH*)			
Nov.	“	Cesar Romero			
Dec.	“	Bob Cummings			
Jan.	2022	Jimmy Stewart (FH*)			
Feb.	“	Beirne Lay			
Mar.	“	Brian Keith			
Apr.	“	Jack Warden			
May	“	Frank Sutton			
June	“	-The List			

* FH = article submitted by Fred Horky

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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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2022



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SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022
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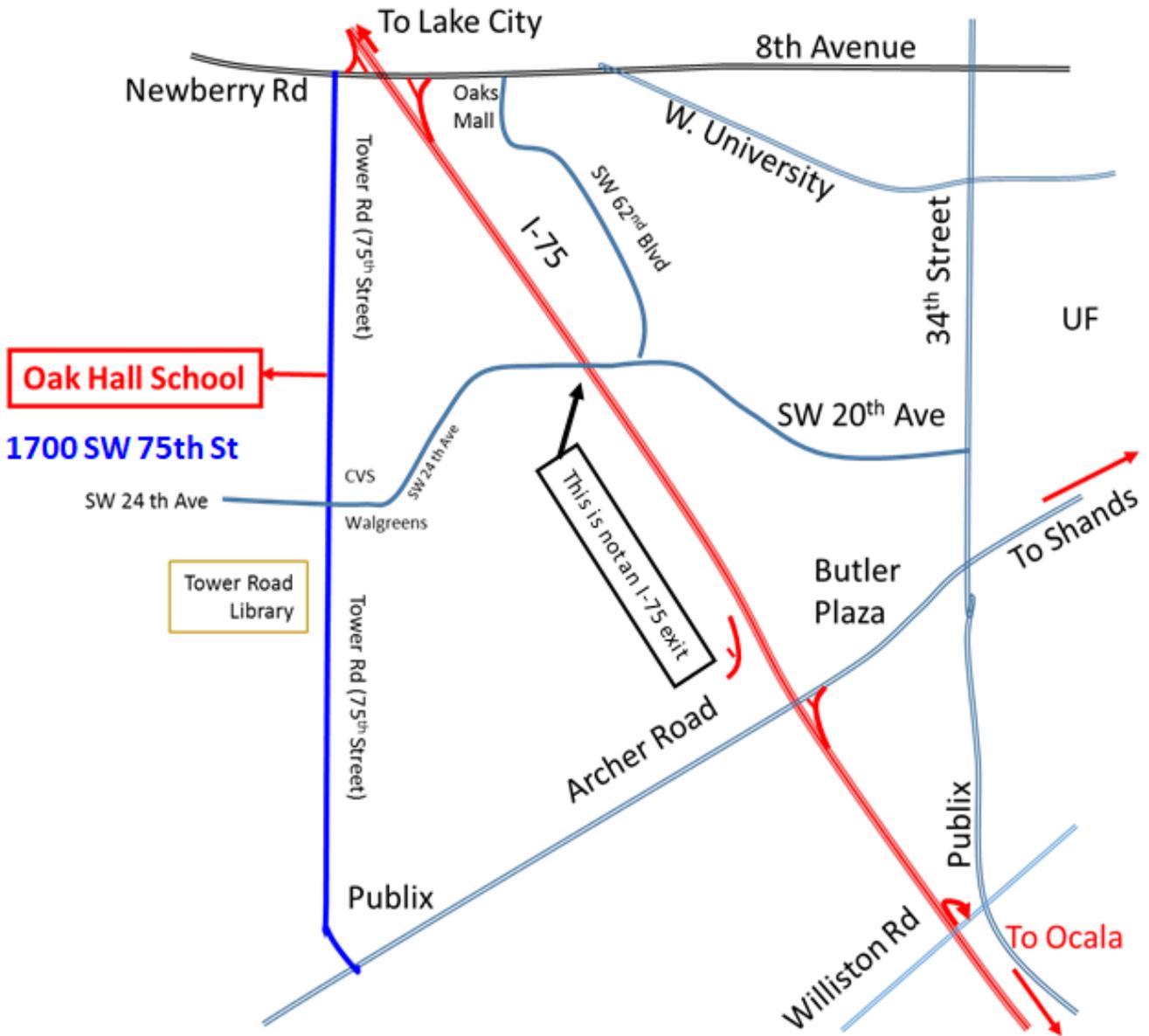
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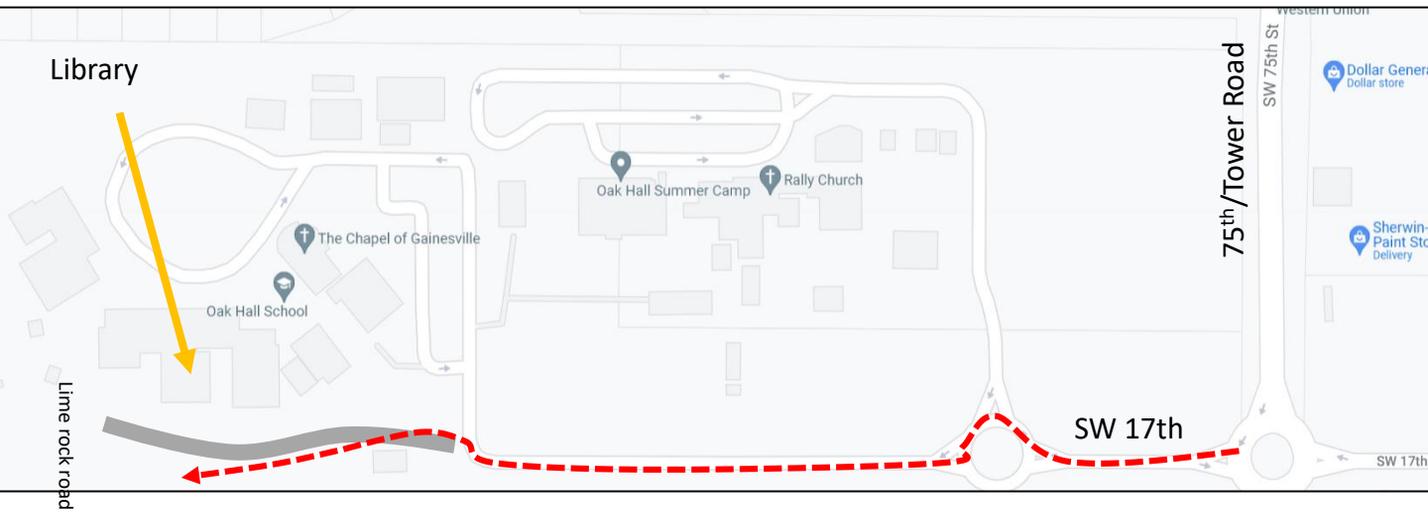
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IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS: We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday **June 21** at 6:30 PM in the **LIBRARY**.



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



Pretty Paint ...

From the 2018 IPMS Nationals in Phoenix, AR



A note about monthly themes for 2022

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|--------|---------------------------------|
| June- | Made in France |
| July - | Anything Blue |
| Aug.- | Made of wood or canvas |
| Sept.- | More than 4 tires on the ground |
| Oct. - | Figures & Fantasy |
| Nov. - | Ships |

Bye for now!

