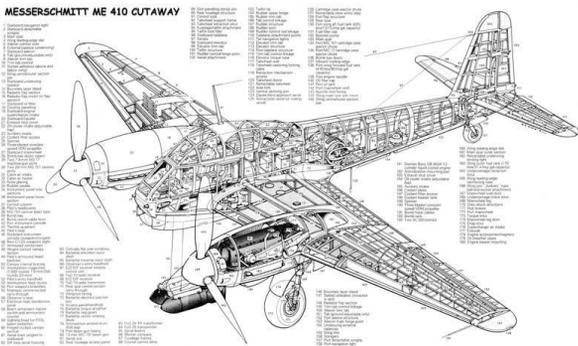




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***Inside is Bob Lundeen's beautiful Me 410***





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## Prez Sez..... By Dan Contento

As always I hope that the January newsletter finds all members, their family and friends well.

The officers had a discussion regarding our return to in-person meetings. As we eventually get vaccinated and the CDC recommendations loosen up to allow us to meet again, we have an initial idea. We came up with something like a pizza party at the condo. None would need to bring any food so it's easy, relatively inexpensive, and can be done quickly. We also envision a contest for best model and an enhanced raffle with more than the usual 2 kits per meeting. Of course not knowing how things will unfold our opinion is that maybe April, but most likely May, June or July. Member input is requested at our next zoom meeting.



I am happy that our move is completed. I haven't glued anything in the last 3 to 4 months except my Granddaughters broken toys.

***Janurary Meeting – IPMS Gators –***  
**Look for a zoom address from Frank Ahern.**



The Messerschmitt Me 410 Hornisse (Hornet) was a German heavy fighter and Schnellbomber used by the Luftwaffe during World War II. Though an incremental improvement of the Me 210, it had a new wing plan, longer fuselage and engines of greater power. The changes were significant enough for the aircraft to be renamed the Me 410. Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Messerschmitt\\_Me\\_410\\_Hornisse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Messerschmitt_Me_410_Hornisse)

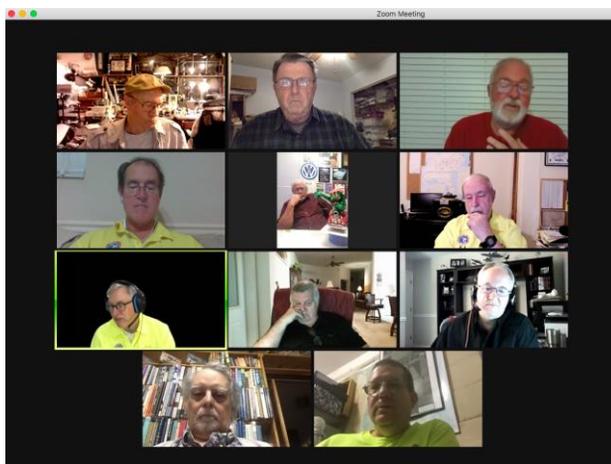
**Inside see Bob's great build of this kit on page 4!**

## *Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday, December 15, 2020*

President Dan Contento called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. There were 11 members present. A total of 12 participated in all (see attached screenshot).

The meeting began with a general discussion of the possibilities of resuming live meetings again after the pandemic has subsided.

Members were asked what kind of events, contests, etc. should be part of the first live meeting. The general consensus was that live meetings won't resume until April or May at the soonest and that the meeting will include a contest of models built during the quarantine period, a luncheon and possibly an auction of kits and other items members have to donate.



The President posed a question to the group about what model kits members would like to see manufactured that are currently unavailable. A number of comments were received, most related to sci-fi subjects. Bob Lundeen showed a Powerpoint presentation about his recent build of a 1/48 scale Me-410 and the techniques he used in painting and weathering the model. Frank Ahern presented a short display on the basic techniques of model photography using the 3-point lighting method to create better quality photos

Jack Mugan talked about a new product called Flashery which is a foldable box which assembles to create a photo booth with LED lighting built in to make model photography easier and better.

The meeting was opened to general discussion and a time for Show and Tell of models that members have been building in the recent months. Bill Winter demonstrated an easy-to-use system for building flexible tank tracks.

The meeting ended with club historian Bruce Doyle relating some personal encounters he had with ace and test pilot Chuck Yeager who passed away last week at the age of 97.

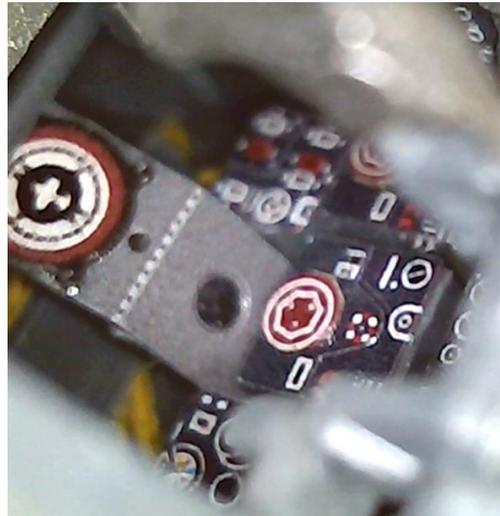
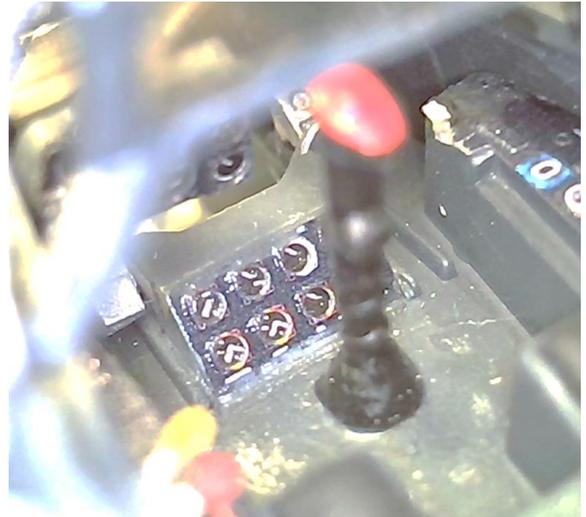
The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.\_

**Frank Ahern - Club secretary**

From [Bob Lundeen](#) .. An *Me 410!*



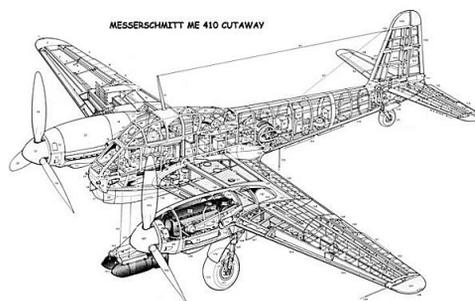
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There are several **Me 410 models and kits...**



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## Classic Sports Cars

By Frank Ahern

Growing up in the 50's and 60's as a kid who loved cars, you had a couple of choices to make about what kind of 'car guy' you were. You could favor big Detroit iron, which we now call "muscle cars" (I don't remember that term being used back then), you could get into modified American "hot rod" cars or you could join the ranks of those weird few who liked foreign sports cars. I was one of those few.



# JAGUAR



The iconic name in British sports cars of that era was Jaguar. Low, sleek and sexy it was a car that turned heads wherever it went.



When Dan Contento put a chunk of his stash up for sale I jumped on the big scale Minicraft kit of the SS-100, which became the first Jaguar.

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SS stood for Swallow Sidecar, a small British motorcycle company but it's owner William Lyons had big dreams.



His design of the original Jaguar in 1935, long swooping fenders with a low cabin far in the rear, became the standard look of British sports cars for decades. Now they are one of the premier collector cars on the market and fetch upwards of a million dollars.



Above is a shot of my first car in 1965. I couldn't afford a Jaguar, so, in my mind, I settled for the next best thing. It's a rusty 1959 Triumph TR-3, but it's easy to see the styling cues that reference the original Jaguar some 25 years earlier.

Owning and driving one of these cars was not for the faint of heart.



The suspension was so stiff my dad would say 'you can roll over a dime and tell if its heads or tails'. There were no side windows, just side curtains that clipped in. The top fitted so poorly rain poured in from all angles. The heater was almost nonexistent, causing me to suffer frostbite on a Thanksgiving drive home from college in a snowstorm. I loved it anyway. On a

## Classic Sports Cars

warm summer day with the top down on a twisty road it was the epitome of driving fun. There was also the camaraderie with other foreign sports car drivers in that era. We would wave and honk at each other like we had joined some secret society. Cars today are so comfortable and efficient they are boring. My TR-3 was never boring. Uncomfortable and terrifying at times, but never boring.



Building the SS-100 model was not so much fun. Like most old car kits nothing fit well. I spent hours trying to get the doors to fit right and never succeeded. The foldable hood was also a mystery I could not solve.



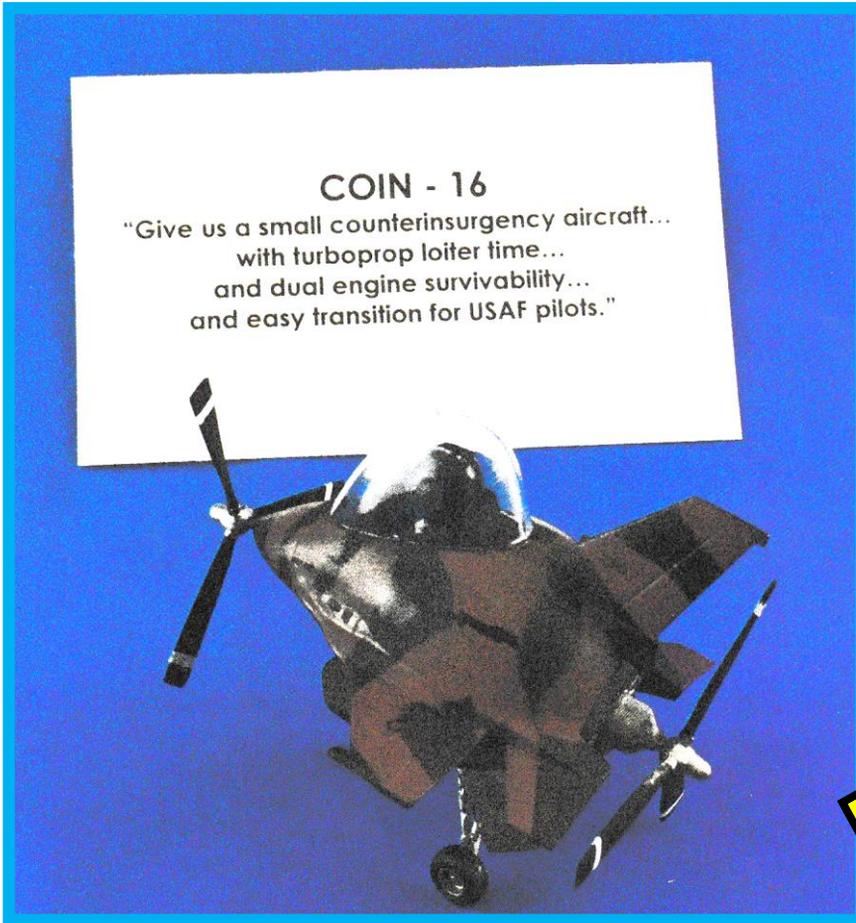
Several times I almost gave up, but I persevered to honor the memory of my first car. I do have some newer sports car kits in my stash and plan to build them soon, but you never forget the first one, even if it is a little rough around the edges.



# Mike Martinez Makes the Big Time!

Congratulations Mike!

A photograph of Mike's COIN-16 was published in FSM, January 2021.



Below is a photograph of the COIN-16 on maneuvers.



## Hollywood Heroes



*By Frank Ahern*

*This continuing feature is designed to showcase the often-unpublicized military service of many of the entertainment icons of the previous generation who served their country without complaint or protest.*

## Robert Stack



Because of his expertise as an Olympic champion skeet shooter while attending USC, Robert Stack was assigned to teach anti-aircraft gunnery when he joined the Navy in 1943.



In 1944 he served upon the USS Hancock and in 1945 the USS Sitkoh Bay. In honor of his three years of service, Stack was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, Expert Rifle Ribbon, and Expert Pistol Ribbon. Five Stack family members were in the Navy during WWII including an admiral who served as an aide to President Roosevelt. Stack was discharged in 1945 as a first lieutenant.

## Robert Stack



Stack appeared in more than 40 movies, including his role in 1954 as the stressed-out pilot in John Wayne's *The High and the Mighty* (a favorite of mine), but the defining part of his career came from his portrayal of the crimefighting Eliot Ness in the award-winning ABC television hit drama series, *The Untouchables* (1959–63). The show portrayed the ongoing battle between gangsters and a special squad of federal agents in prohibition-era Chicago. The show won Stack a Best Actor Emmy Award in 1960.



His other success on TV was as host of the show *Unsolved Mysteries* on NBC from 1987-1997. It started as a series of specials, before becoming a weekly series in 1988, introducing TV viewers to unsettling (and unresolved) stories about disturbing crimes, disappearances, and the paranormal.

He died in 2003



## News from Clarence Snyder



**My best friend** who passed away built this coach body into a car and entered it into a contest. After he passed, I built this one from his spare parts stash in his honor. Not very many parts were even mine, the idea was to just reuse what he left me. This makes a wild not out of the box car . I brought it one time to a meeting with other used kits that I built from his parts stash.



Below are some my rebuilds. One shown at the Jaxcon showed that it can be worth the effort to buy used kits. Half of the old race cars have won In collections as rebuilt kits. I enjoy the work of taking and repairing kits. No paint makes them better; that's why some kits only make race cars



## News from Clarence Snyder

I don't know about planes and tanks but unpainted cars hold their value. That's why I buff out some kits and build them using as little paint as possible. I've bought and rebuilt many kits and you can't tell I didn't build from new.

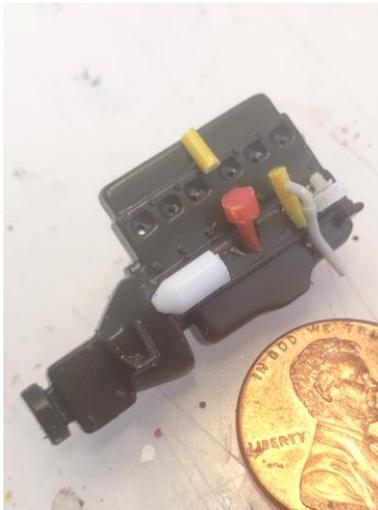
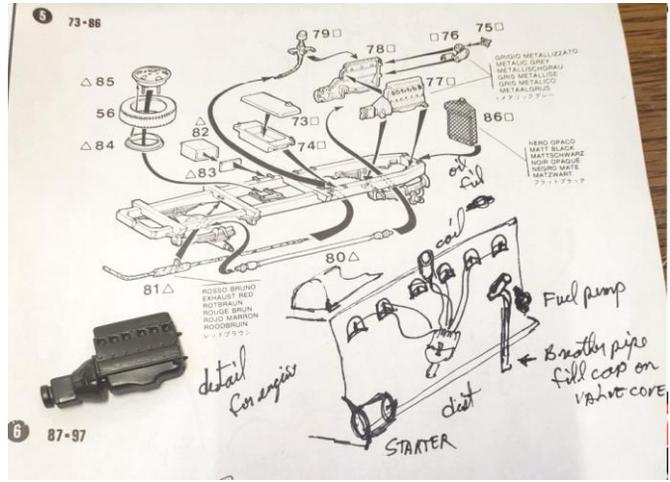


More shots of the tanker truck that was shown last month.



## News from Clarence Snyder

Tracy Palmer gave this kit to Clarence to build. Clarence writes: "Tracy lost the seat to a truck kit like this so I'm scratch building .. and detailing the engine detail and other things. ... and such a wide assortment of spare parts building the truck's seat. There is no task like sanding and painting an engine. .. Will start putting cab together soon."



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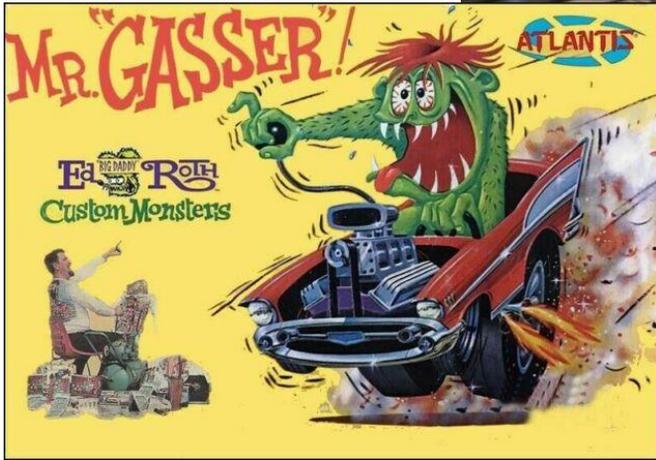
## News from Clarence Snyder

Building a new front seat for the Opel Blitz.

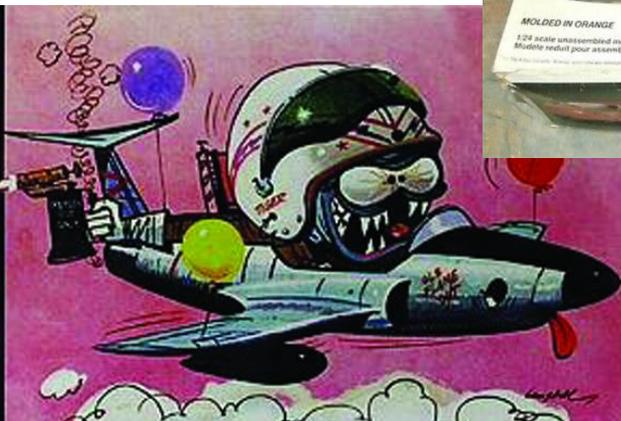
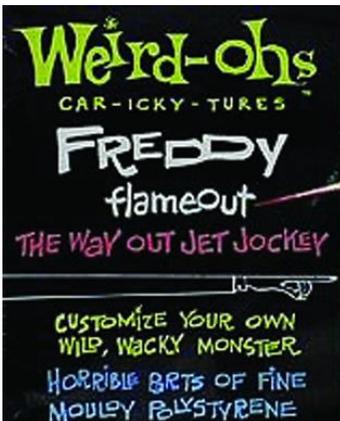


## News from Clarence Snyder

Mr Gasser, recently built.

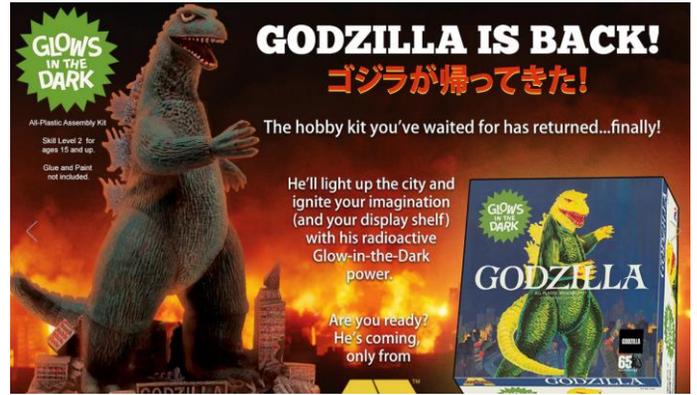


Clarence's next projects.

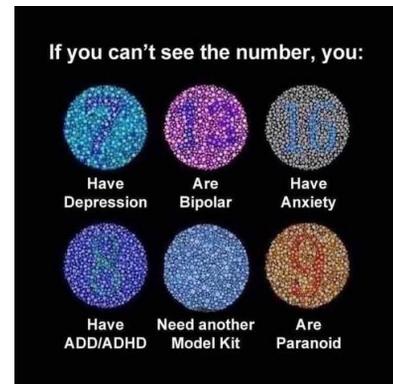


## News from Clarence Snyder

Atlantis is making and selling gold Revell and Monogram models. See: <https://atlantis-models.com/>



WIP shots of Clarence's Corvette America.



## Doug Spinney's Tamiya M1A1 Abrams (WIP)



R-Model Metal Tracks blackened with Novacan Black Patina  
Tamiya White Primer with Tamiya Flat Brown Preshade  
Painted with Tamiya Wooden Deck Tan



## Doug Spinney's Trumpeter 2S1 Gvozdika SPH



Friulmodel Metal Tracks  
Tamiya white primer with flat black preshade  
1:1 mix of Tamiya Green and Tamiya Light Grey

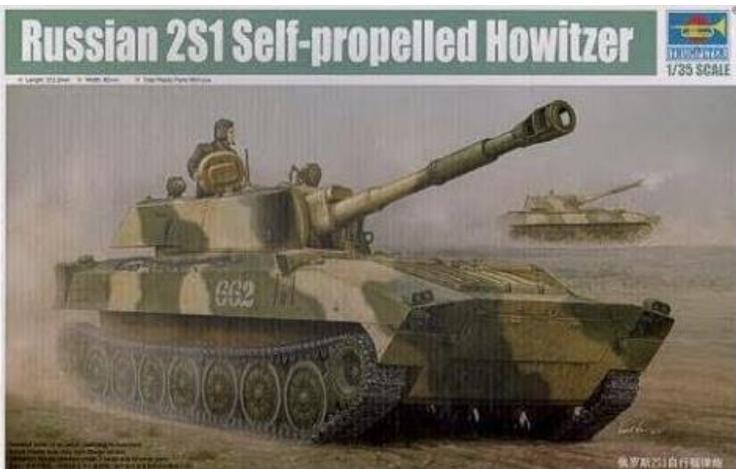


## Doug Spinney's Trumpeter 2S1 Gvozdika SPH



The **2S1** Gvozdika (Russian: 2С1 «Гвоздика», "Carnation") is a Soviet self-propelled howitzer based on the MT-LBu multi-purpose chassis, mounting a 122 mm 2A18 howitzer. "2S1" is its GRAU designation. An alternative Russian designation is SAU-122 but in the Russian Army it is commonly known as Gvozdika. The 2S1 is fully amphibious with very little preparation, and once afloat is propelled by its tracks. A variety of track widths are available to allow the 2S1 to operate in snow or swamp conditions. It is NBC protected and has infrared night-vision capability.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2S1\\_Gvozdika](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2S1_Gvozdika)



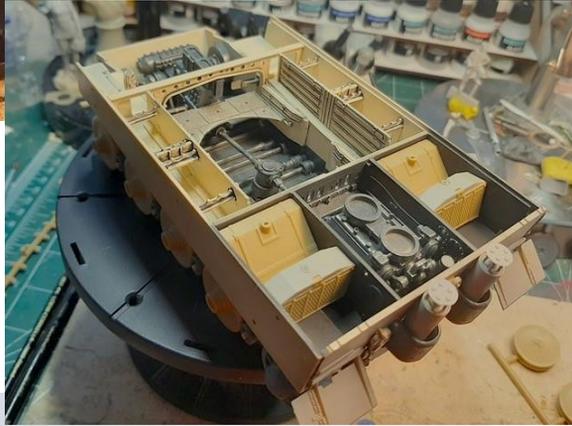
## News from Jack Mugan

From Jack Mugan – From imodeler - > <https://imodeler.com/2020/04/building-the-academy-48th-scale-p-38m/>



## News from Jack Mugan

From Jack Mugan – WIP .. A Tiger I !!!!



... and a Falcon!  
COMPLETED!



## Odds and Ends from Members and Friends

From Jack Muga – Jack's "office" is below.



Complete PE kit: see: <http://armahobbynews.pl/en/blog/2020/12/30/arma-hobby-new-kit-announcements-for-2021/>

## GATORS' ON-LINE AUCTION

The rules of the **auction** are as follows:

1. Auction items should be confined to model kits or modeling-related items.
2. Kits should be complete and un-built unless otherwise specified.
3. Other items should be in new or like-new condition.
4. The seller should send via email a list of auction items to Frank Ahern for posting at least 2 weeks before the next club meeting.
5. **All bids should be sent to Frank via email. Bids should be in whole dollar amounts. Bids under minimum bid amount will not be counted.**
6. Frank will post a list of the high bids 1 week prior to the next meeting.
7. An update on high bids will be sent the day before the meeting.
8. **Bidding will close at noon the day of the meeting. In case of a tie, the earliest bid wins.**
9. Winners will be announced at the meeting
10. All proceeds of the auction will be sent to the Treasurer by check. Details of delivery of items will be worked out between seller and buyer.

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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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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



## 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](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.



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

New  Renewal  IPMS #:

Name:

Address:

City:  State:

Zip Code:

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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 #:

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

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

## Wild Paint(s) ... by Jack Muga



## IPMS Gators Dues

Club dues remain at \$20.00 / year. Dues cover the period from November through October. All members are expected to renew by November of 2020 for the 2020-2021 year. We use these fees to pay for our club IPMS/USA membership (\$30/year) that provides insurance for our meetings. At Oak Hall (when we meet there) we are charged \$100/month. To conduct zoom meetings while we can't meet in person, there is a ~\$15/month zoom charge. It has been suggested that we provide a "zoom" meeting "feed" even when we return to in-person meetings for those members who may not be able to attend in person. Any trophies or plaques that we purchase, we purchase from the club treasury. The treasury also helps with the costs of some food for the live auctions. It is highly recommended that all IPMS Gators members also hold membership in the national IPMS organization. Towards the end of this newsletter, there is information about becoming an IPMS member. Since we are not physically meeting at this time, please send your \$20 membership check addressed to:

[William E. Winter](#)  
[10724 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Terrace](#)  
[Micanopy, FL 32667](#)

**Do NOT make the check out to IPMS Gators (MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO "William Winter").** Please let me know if you have questions. *Thx.* – Bill

The Club would like to THANK the following members for paying their dues:

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<a href="#">Alan Kaufmann</a>	<a href="#">Tracy Palmer ...</a>			

(If you have paid your dues and you are not listed, I apologize .. Please contact me so I can correct this)