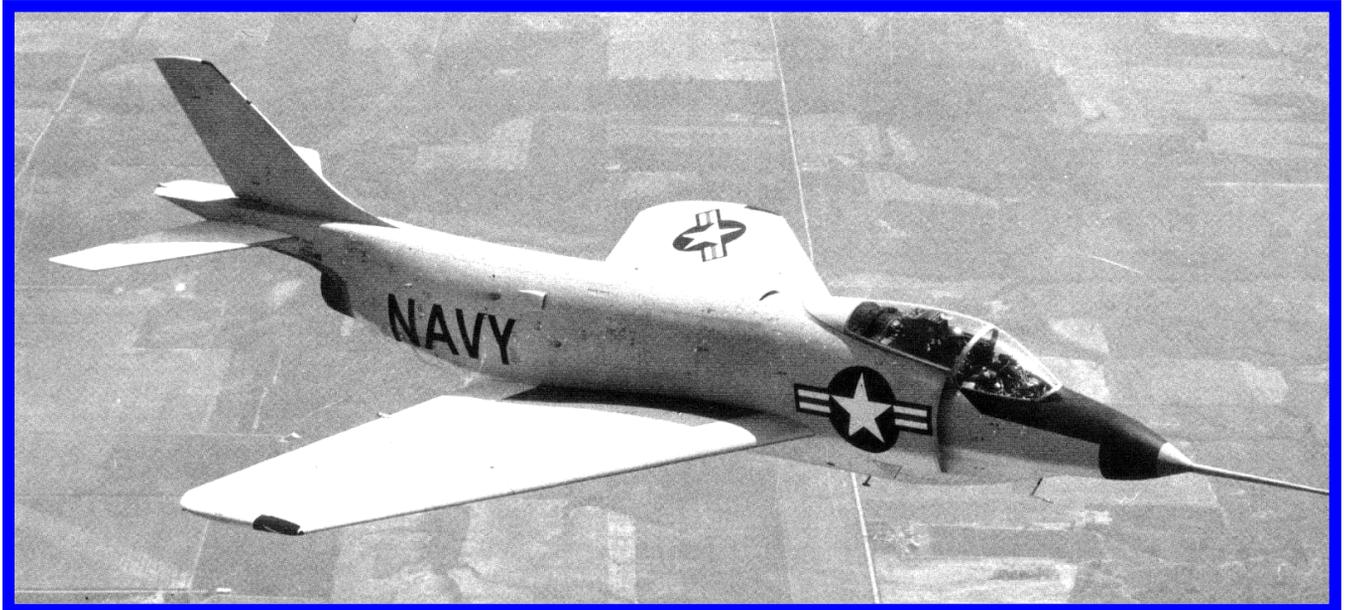




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Inside see Frank's Demon!





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Prez Sez.....

By Dan Contento

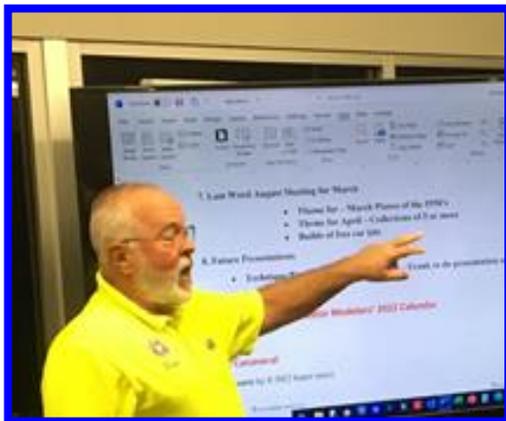
October will be our first in house swap meet. Bring all those kits you're no longer attached to, to sell to other members. There is no presentation so we should have plenty of time to look and haggle prices.

Please think of a few themes for next year. We can hopefully write them down. Then we will draw them from the hat to pick 12. These new themes will start in December. Please no repeats of this years categories.

If you are interested in being a club officer please let us know this meeting. The vote will be in November.

This month's theme is Figures and Fantasy. November's theme is Ships.

- Dan



October– IPMS Gators –

**We will meet October 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM at
Oak Hall Library**

From the officers regarding elections: The following names have been received as nominations for the November elections which are held biannually:

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| President nominee: | Doug Spinney |
| Vice President nominee: | Chuck Lassiter |
| Secretary: | Frank Ahern |
| Treasurer: | Bill Winter |

Elections are in November and the new officers are active thereafter.



Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday August 16, 2022

President Dan Contento called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. There were 12 club members present and 4 guests - Jack Hurov and his son Joel, Diego Frenock and Aiden Gamble.



Dan asked the group if anyone needed a ride to the Modelpalooza show in Kissimmee next month. Several members indicated they are planning to attend and would share rides.

He also asked club members to begin thinking about new monthly model contest themes for the coming year. Next month a new set of themes will be collected and the officers will randomly draw the themes for next year. The theme for October is Figures & Fantasy, November is Ships. The new themes will begin in December.

Contento also reminded the club that new officers will be elected in November, which will be his last month as President. He encouraged any who have interest to allow themselves to be nominated. The other current officers have indicated they will stand for re-election.

Beginning in October, the first quarterly swap meet will be held at the monthly meeting. Members who wish to take part should bring models or modeling-related items for sale at the end of the meeting. This will take the place of the presentation at the end of the meeting.

The meeting paused for Show & Tell and the monthly theme contest. Don Martin's German tank hauler won the contest on the theme - more than 4 tires on the ground.

The raffle winners were Mark Box and Frank Ahern.

The meeting concluded with a short PowerPoint presentation by Frank Ahern on the many changes to US combat aircraft insignia over the years.

The meeting ended at 8:05.

Submitted by
Frank Ahern
Club Secretary



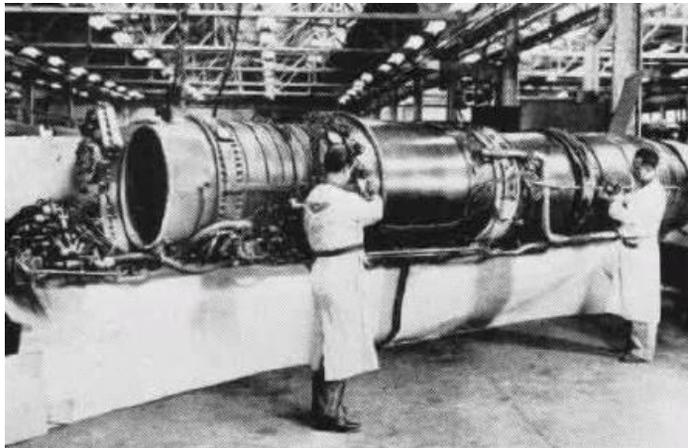
Forgotten Fighters



This is the last installment of my collection of the Navy's Forgotten Fighters of the 1950's. It's one that the Navy and McDonnell Aircraft probably wish would remain forgotten - the **F3H Demon**.



Like the other *Forgotten Fighters*, the Demon was a product of the tumultuous era after WW2 when the need for speed pushed the boundaries of what technology could deliver.





Forgotten Fighters

The need was so strong that the Navy let salesmen from Westinghouse convince them that the J-40 engine they were developing was the answer. What they didn't say was that the company had skimped on research and development and the engine would never produce the power or reliability they promised. The unfortunate recipient of the consequences of that decision was the Demon.



Based on the projections from Westinghouse, McDonnell engineers, for the first and only time in company history, would develop the Demon as a single-engine fighter design. Because the J-40 never produced adequate power for the weight of the airframe the Demon became known as the "Lead Sled".



It was later refitted with the Allison J-71 engine, which was only slightly better, and was retired before the Vietnam war.



Forgotten Fighters



Fortunately for the Navy and McDonnell, learning from the mistakes made on the Demon, led to the development of the twin-engine F-4 Phantom, which was acknowledged as the best all-around fighter/bomber of the era.



There are not a lot of choices for those who want to build a Demon. The only one available in my scale (1/72) was from Sword. It's a decent kit, although a little fiddly in construction, but I was satisfied with the final result.



It presents a fitting conclusion to a group of airplanes that struggled to live up to the promise of a new age in aviation.



From Bruce Doyle ... See:

Here is my annual tribute to Chuck Yeager, and to one of the greatest moments in aviation history.

Little known fact: Did you know that Yeager took off from the ground in the X-1? After being ragged unmercifully by Scott Crossfield that he and the Navy's D-558-2 Skyrocket could take off from the ground like a real plane, Yeager took off from Edwards AFB in the X-1 on January 5, 1949 to prove the USAF flew real planes too. (Name dropping # 338) When I asked Yeager why he did it his answer was pure test pilot-ese: "To show we could do it."

Yeager's last flight in X-1 # 6062 was on May 12, 1950 for the purpose of shooting footage for the film "Jet Pilot." Captain Charles "Chuck" Yeager flew the X-1's 6062 and 6063 a total of 35 times, more than any other test pilot at Edwards.

<https://www.thisdayinaviation.com/14-october-1948/>

P.S. If you want some real time eating fun, click onto the items in the column on the right side of the page: Recent Posts; Blog Roll; and especially Tags. There is some really interesting 'stuff' in Edwards AFB FAI; my favorite one - Federation Aeronautique Internationale. Enjoy!

Bruce

My daughter has a Dutch friend who just watched Midway and asked her about any other WWII movies from the 2000's. I came up with Fury. I'm drawing a blank. Can you help me/her out with others? I'm drawing a blank.

From Bill:

- Hacksaw Ridge
- Dunkirk
- Valkyrie
- Inglorious Bastards
- Letters from Iwo Jima
- Flags of Our Fathers
- Enemy at the Gates
- U-571
- Windtalkers
- Downfall



From Bruce Doyle ... See:

Ken Wilson sent me an email about the "Little Chief" P-47 photo that I sent out that confirms what I suspected - the image is computer generated. You might remember I quoted our former dual club member and premier Aviation Artist Ray Waddey in an article I wrote that in modeling believe 0% of any illustration and only 50% of the photographs you use in researching a modeling subject. If I was devious and cunning - I hope I'm neither - I could say I was testing you. That's not the case, but it does serve as an example that even an "expert" like me can be fooled.



When Ray and I went to Frank Klibbe's home in Trenton he showed us a 15 minute color film shot at the 56th Fighter Group's base at either Halesworth or Boxted. I jumped the gun when I thought maybe the image I found of "Little Chief" on Google Image might be from that film. Then I wondered if Frank had ever flown a Bubbletop P-47D like the one shown. I went through Frank's victory claims in Frank Olynk's definitive study of fighter pilot kills in his book "Stars & Bars." The last model Thunderbolt Klibbe flew was the P-47D-15RE. That would make it a Razorback since according to Willian Green the Bubbletop P-47D had a suffix beginning with -25RE. A cautionary tale indeed. But this is to me what makes our hobby so great. There may not always be a "right" answer to a question, but the search can be both informative and fulfilling (and fun!)

And now my daughter Bevan wants to say something to you guys:

"It's wonderful that a person in the Netherlands (Netherlands) can ask a question about (WWII) movies and your friends come up with a ton of suggestions. It's a small World. (Tell them) thanks!"



From Bruce Doyle ... See:

Photo# 80-G-12906 X-Wing Fighter in catwalk on the USS Long Island after landing accident July 1942



Once again one can only believe 0 % of illustrations and maybe 50 % of the photographs used as references. Mike's photo of the X-Wing fighter that crash landed on the USS Long Island in July, 1942 is "still real" as Mike claims, but there is a typo in the photo caption. Since "7" looks so similar to "2" (that's why the Germans and most Europeans put a line through their "7"s), the actual date of this incident is July, 1947 not July, 1942 as the caption states. It was then when a squadron of X-Wing Fighters were mistakenly taken as UFOs over Roswell, New Mexico. The X-Wing Fighter shown in Mike's picture strayed off course, and flew over the A-Bomb test site in Alamogordo, N.M. The pilot and navigator (?) on board suffered radiation poisoning from the residual dust cloud (see the movie "Them" with Killer Giant Ants that were also caused by this radiation), and got mistakenly turned around and flew West toward the Naval Base in San Diego. Still disoriented he (they?) attempted to crash land on the USS Long Island stationed there just off the Pacific coast. Adding to the X-Wing pilot's problems was he (maybe she, or an "it"?) was rapidly running out of fuel - the highly volatile Cobalt Thorium G. Sound familiar? Cobalt Thorium G was the same element used by the Soviets in arming their "Doomsday Device" as reported in Dr. Strangelove. History does not record what became of the X-Wing crew, most likely for security reasons and to keep widespread panic from erupting in this country. A rumor circling around the internet today is that the crew escaped/defected to Russia with a sample of Cobalt Thorium G. We may never know their fate. It's still classified. (The USS Long Island crew members had to sign a secrecy pledge, and if broken would bring them the death penalty.)

And the rest - as they say - is history.

Bruce

From Clarence Snyder ... Work-in-progress photos and the finished curb-side build on the next page!



From Clarence Snyder ... and the finished curb-side build on the next page!



Other builds from Clarence....



From Clarence Snyder ... working on trains...



From the work bench of Doug Spinney - >

Hawk Weird-Ohs Big Wheeler

Chrome is Alclad

Wagon is Tamiya Ferrari Red

Vallejo Model Colors used to paint the rest



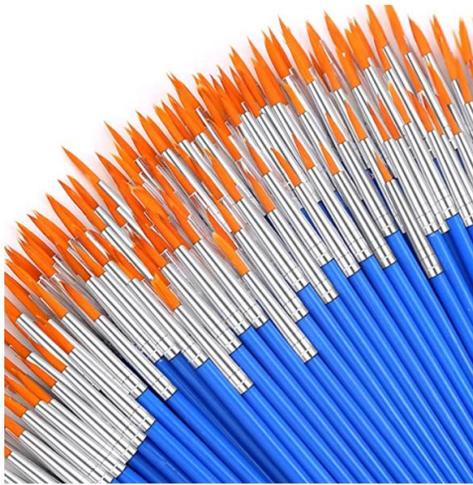
From the work bench of Doug Spinney - >



From the work bench of Doug Spinney

Several months ago I was on Amazon looking for one and done fine point paint brushes when I came across these. I figured for a penny a piece I'd give them a try. These are great, most of the time they last a lot longer than once, I've used the same brush for almost an entire model, granted it is one of my Hawk Weird-Ohs models, but still they last a while. I talked them up to Jack Mugan and he ended up getting some as well, and is equally impressed. I was going to bring it up at the last meeting I attended for "tool time" but we went over our time so I didn't get a chance.

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

Jaxcon 2023

February 10, 2023 - 5:00pm EST to February 11, 2023 - 6:00pm EST

North Jacksonville Baptist Church, 8531 N. Main St., Jacksonville, FL, 32218

AMPS Atlanta Annual Show

17-18 February 2023

Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd,
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092 ·



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.

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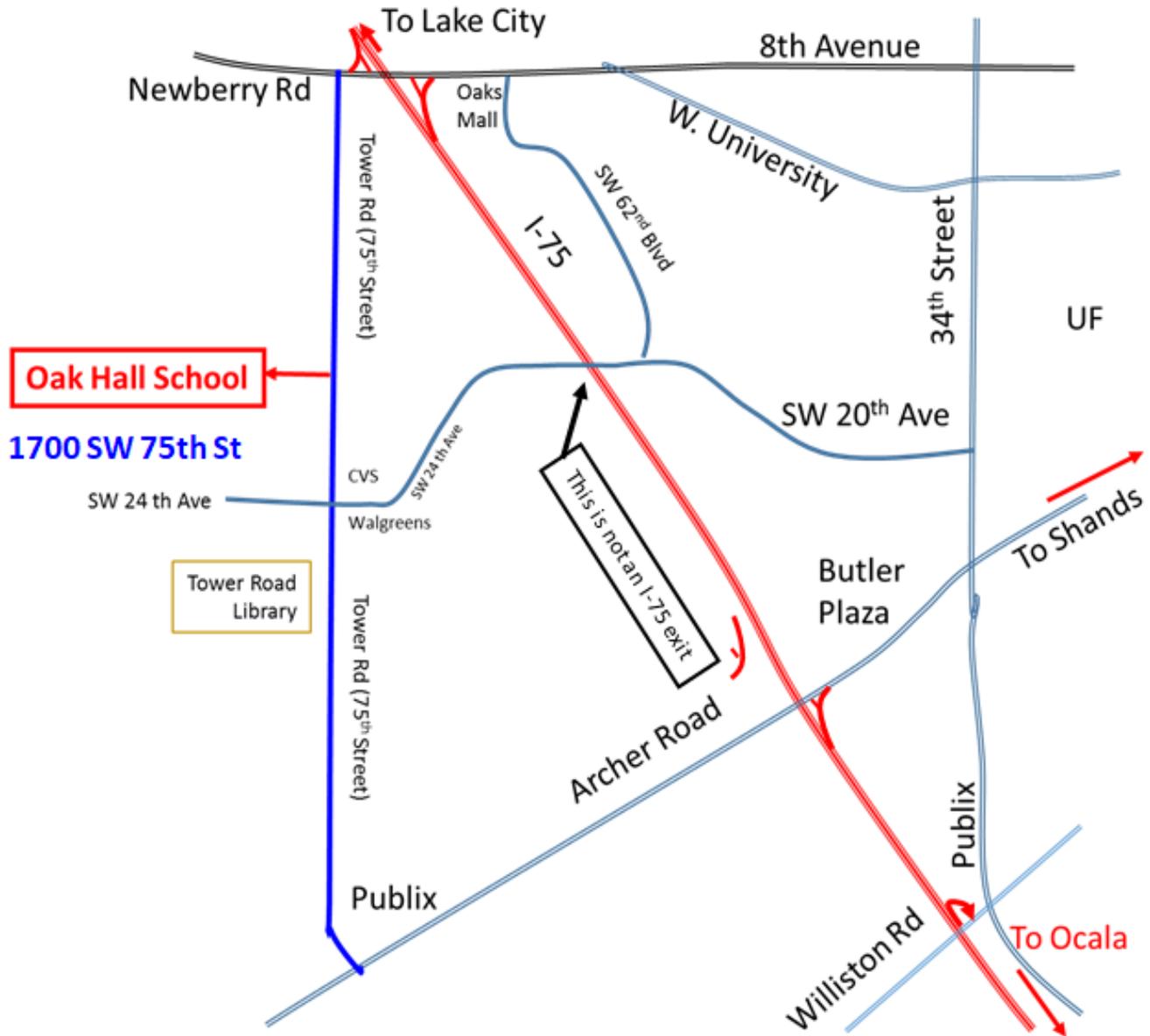
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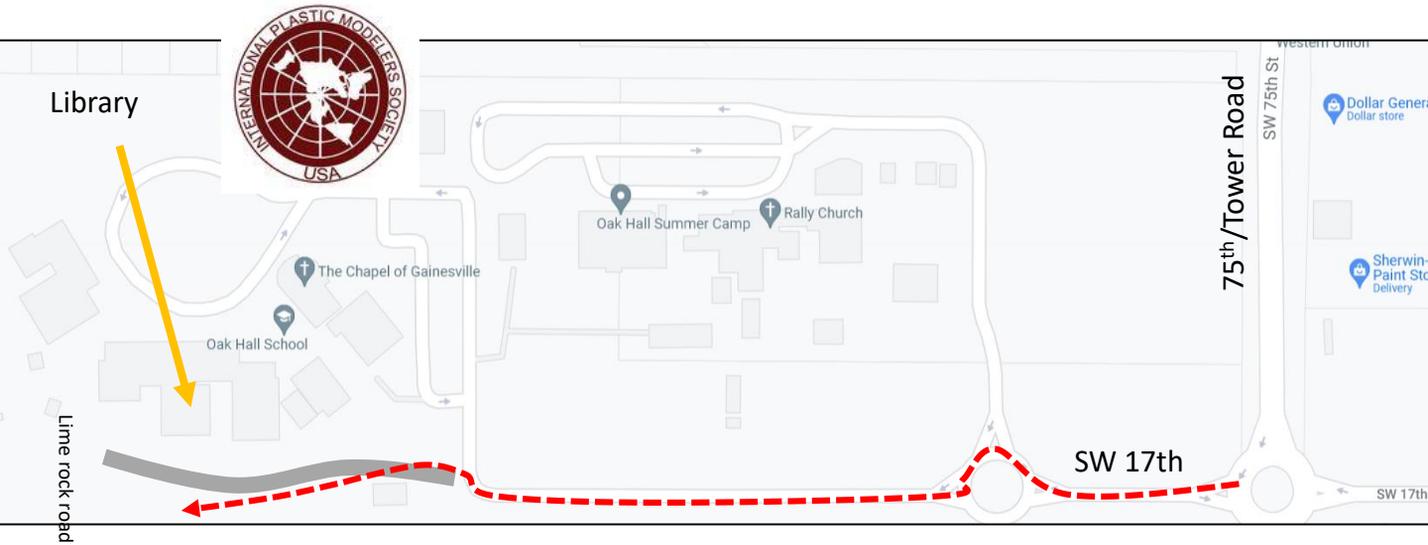
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From the editor: Can you ID this airliner from the 1930's?



IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS: We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday **August 16** at 6:30 PM in the **LIBRARY**.



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

About this month's "pretty plane" – If a picture is worth a thousand words, the photo above speaks volumes. From the graceful porpoise-like shape to the iconic triple-tail, the Constellation is simply the most gorgeous airliner ever built. Introduced in 1943, the pressurized "Connie" quickly became the "Queen of the Skies", a symbol of elegance and technological advancement. The basic design was continually improved and refined and various models were produced until the end of production in 1958. Only two examples are currently in airworthy condition, but the Constellation remains an enduring legend. <https://www.sunshineskies.com/10-most-beautiful-airliners.html>

Pretty Planes ...



A note about monthly themes for 2022

Oct. - Figures & Fantasy
Nov. - Ships



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 November newsletter. - Bill