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Inside see: The winner of the October' Intra-Club Contest of "Diorama" – Joel Hurov's British 25 pdr and Crew .



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Prez Sez.....

When is a good idea not a good idea?

Recently I began a new model and I decided it would be great with lights. Headlights, spotlights, a laser light, and tail lights. In my excitement of actually pulling it off I forgot one basic piece of knowledge, I know zip about lighting and even less about how to solder said lights together. I came up with the brilliant idea of Christmas lights powered by batteries, that would save me from soldering. But, Christmas lights come in packs of 50, a bit of over kill. In order to get the amount of lights I would need cut and spliced, I can actually do cut and splice. But what about the laser light? I actually want it to look like a laser light, and the problem was that I need to figure out how to super glue a piece of aluminum tubing to clear plastic without it fogging. The aluminum tube would direct all the light in one direction, like a laser. There are several companies out in the world that deal with lighting kits for our model kits, but they actually expect you to know what you are doing. That leaves me in the dark, so to speak.

The instructions on line look simple enough, solder wire "A" to toggle "C", solder wire "B" to circuit board, solder diodes to this and that.....sounds like a foreign language to me. Bill found an article in Fine Scale Magazine about wireless lights for Lego kits, I broke down and purchased the kit with the little lights. They work great, only if what you want to light isn't five inches from the base, like my turret that needs to be lit up. So my tank has sat on my work bench for 3 weeks, I keep hoping an elf comes by and finishes it for me. I have stopped working on it to save me from getting frustrated. And I hate to box it and put it in my UFO pile, because once it ends up there I never get back to it.

So, on to club business. Dues this month, \$20. If you write a check make it payable to "Bill Winter." Cash is always welcome. This month the theme is Science Fiction, looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting. *Doug*



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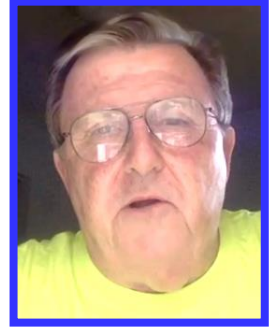
We will meet
Tuesday, November
17, 2023 at 6:30 PM
at
Oak Hall Library



Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday October 17, 2023

President Doug Spinney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There were 16 members present.

He asked for feedback from those who attended Modelpalooza last weekend. Bob Lundeen won a silver medal for his model and Don Martin took home 2 gold and 4 silver medals.



Forms were passed out and collected giving members a chance to suggest new monthly modeling theme ideas for next year. The Board of Directors will select next year's themes from the club's suggestions.

Newly-printed club flyers were available for members to hand out or post anywhere they might be seen by someone interested in club membership. The President also provided business cards that members could carry to hand out when someone expresses interest in modeling.

Spinney reminded the club that dues are due next month. The annual dues remain the same - \$20.

Bill Winter brought up the subject of the Christmas party. He proposed the dates of Dec.3 or Dec.10 based on availability of the condo. Most favored Dec.3. A final decision will be made at the next meeting.

The meeting paused for the Show & Tell presentation and judging of the themed contest on the theme - Dioramas.

Joel Hurov's diorama of a British artillery emplacement in North Africa was voted best diorama, making him the youngest winner ever of a themed contest.

Errol Whisler and Frank Ahern won the monthly attendance raffle.

Finally, the meeting concluded with a presentation by Chuck Lassiter, using his personal pictures, on what it was like to be part of the crew of a Aircraft Carrier (Coral Sea) in the Vietnam era, The meeting ended at 8:30.

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

IPMS Gator Models at Modelpalozza 2024



Bob Lundeen



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Don MARTIN (Best Nautical)



Don Martin

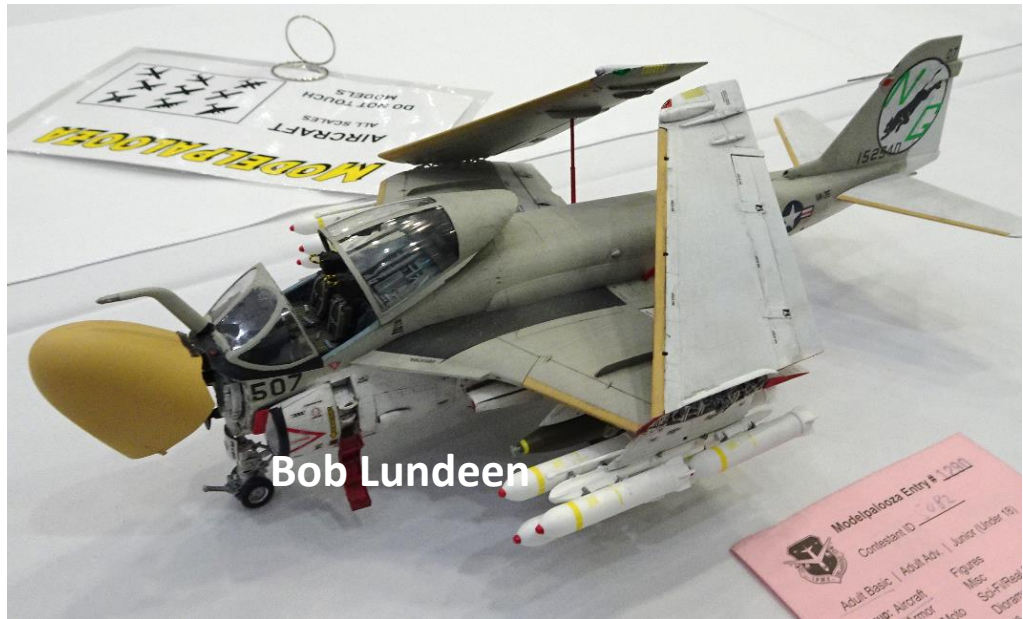


Don Martin

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Don Martin



Bob Lundeen

Other interesting models at Modelpalozza 2024





Air Force One by Frank Ahern



There are few things more impressive at an airport than the arrival of Air Force One. The Presidential aircraft has become one of the true icons of America - right up there with the *Statue of Liberty* and the *White House*. One misconception is that Air Force One is the name of a specific airplane. It is the call sign of any plane the President is in.



President Eisenhower favored the graceful looking Lockheed Constellation as his personal aircraft and called it *Columbine*, which is the state flower of Colorado, the adopted home state of first lady Mamie. It was in Eisenhower's first term that the call sign *Air Force One* was adopted. During a flight in 1953 a commercial airliner with the same call number as the President's plane - 8610 - entered the same air space. The resulting confusion and potential danger caused the adoption of a policy that in the future any plane bearing the President would be known as Air Force One.





Air Force One

In 1962 the Air Force proposed conversion to the bigger, longer-range version of Boeing's jetliner – the 707-300 (see photo on the previous page). They also proposed a new color scheme in red and gold, which President Kennedy and first lady Jackie thought looked too regal. She suggested that famous industrial designer *Raymond Loewy* be asked to come up with a new look, which he did, and the result is the understated but elegant design that still exists today.



The current Air Force One is a Boeing 747 that has been in service for decades.



The interior is heavily modified to provide space for meetings and the President's staff.

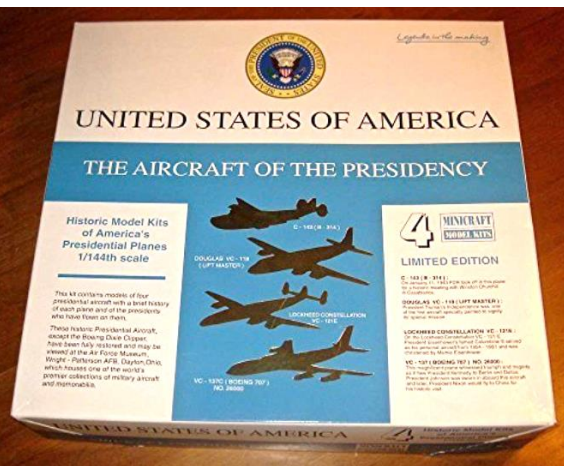




Air Force One

Some of the other aircraft that have used the Air Force One call sign are a Beech KingAir used by President Johnson (see photo previous page), (the AF One Gulfstream) and a Gulfstream V used by President Clinton.

I decided to build the 707 as a birthday present for my recently deceased son who was a history buff and student of the Presidents – especially John Kennedy. I found it when cleaning out his apartment.



The kit was part of a set of 4 Presidential Aircraft from MiniCraft. Construction was fairly simple, since there is no interior, and the fit of the exterior surfaces is reasonably good.

Things got more complicated during painting, as the design calls for the fuselage to have white upper surfaces, natural metal lower and the wings and elevators to be painted grey. As all modelers know, there are more than 50 shades of grey. The instructions called for dark grey, but no reference photo I could find indicated anything but a light grey, so I settled on a light grey/blue, which seemed to match most of the reference photos. Then came the decals!



The decals were well registered and colorful, but rather thick and stubborn to apply. I used almost a half-bottle of Micro-Sol trying to get the large decals to lay flat.

All the smoothing and brushing caused the final product to be a little more "beat-up" looking than I wanted, but overall I was happy with the end result.

This is one model that definitely holds some memories for me. - Frank



Joel Hurov's 1:35 scale 25 pdr gun and crew by Tamiya



BRITISH 25PDR. FIELD GUN 
1:35 MILITARY MINIATURE SERIES NO.46

* REALISTIC FIGURES OF 6 • READY TO ASSEMBLE PLASTIC MODEL KIT
(GLUE & PAINT NOT INCLUDED) MODEL NO. 60411 (MILITARY) • MODEL NO. 60412 (AGE)

1:35スケールにチュアシリーズNO.46

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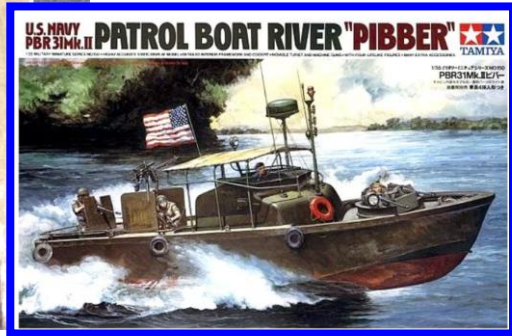


Winner of the October Diorama contest

Doug Spinney's Car Diorama
1:24 scale '55 Chevy Belair by AMT



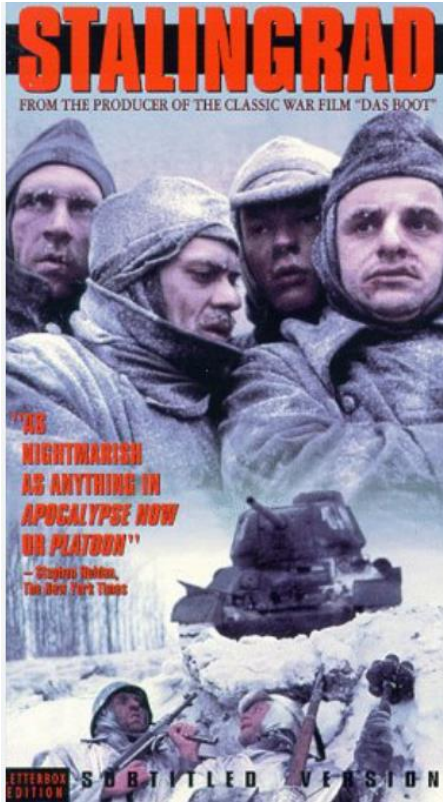
Frank Ahern's 1:35 scale Pibber on the river (by Tamiya)



Bob Lundeen's 1:35 scale Tiger I in Tunisia (by RFM)



Don Martin's 1:35 scale "Only the rat will survive" by Warriors w/
some scratch building



Anita Bejarano's 1:24 scale Bedroom Diorama from Hobby Lobby constructed with wood, cloth, acrylics and electric lighting (this is her first ever build!)







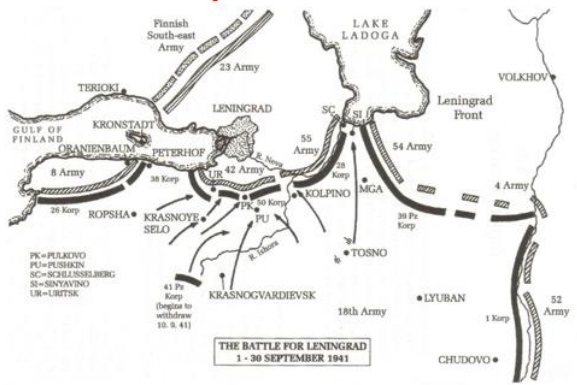
Bill's 1:35 scale Russian front diorama of a T-34 that has been captured intact by the Wehrmacht (Tamiya; figures by Joe Caputo)



OPERATION BARBAROSSA

It is a clear day in late September 1941. Previously the snow had fallen.

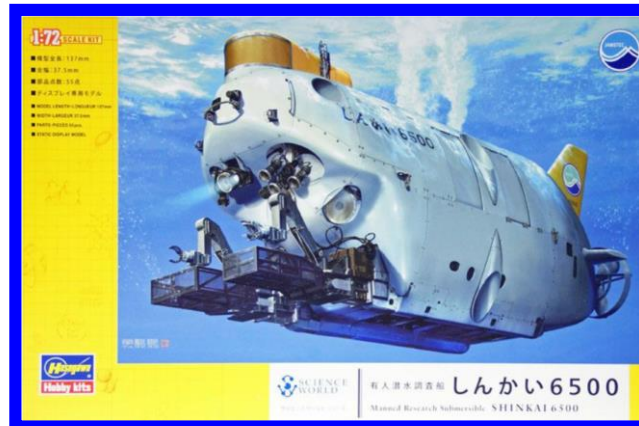


On the Russian Front, a Member of the German Infantry Presents His Prize of an Intact T34/76 to his Superior Officer.

<https://www.operationbarbarossa.net/operation-barbarossa-and-operation-typhoon-a-brief-military-history/>



Hasegawa 1/72 Manned Research Submersible Shinkai 6500 by Don Martin – Best Nautical at the October, 2023 Modelpalozza contest



Frank Ahern's Presidential 707 in memory of his son Kane Anthony Ahern

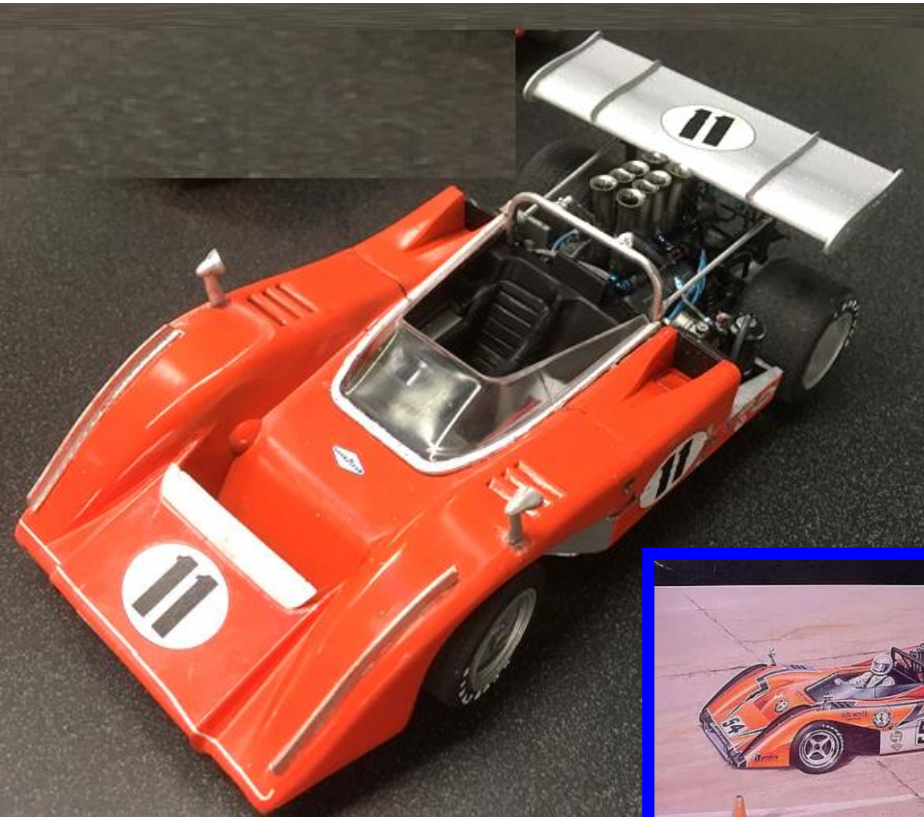


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**Jack Muga's
1:24 scale
McClaren M8B
1971 road
racer by
Accurate
Minatures
(CAN-AM Road
racing)**



**Mark Box's
1:24 scale
McClaren M8B
1971 road
racer by
Accurate
Minatures
(CAN-AM Road
racing)**



Errol Whisler's 1:48 scale Messerschmitt Bf 109E4 tropical by Tamiya (in progress) - Out of the box



Ed Ingersoll brought in an acrylic display case set that can be purchased from Andy's Hobbies



1 box for \$14.99

5 boxes for \$69.99

See: <https://andyshhq.com/products/andys-hobby-headquarters-ahhq-hn3-acrylic-display-box?variant=40424643919938>

Can you identify this aircraft?



Answer on the next page.

From the desk of Clarence Snyder

Still working on this pickup.





IJA (Imperial Japanese Army) Super Heavy Bomber Fugaku Kai

IJA Super Heavy Bomber Fugaku Kai by Fujimi, No. 14430, 1:144



Just like Germany*, **Japan** had some fantastic designs on the drawing boards for wonder weapons that would help them win the war. This Super Heavy Bomber Fugaku Kai was one of those designs that never left the drawing board. Powered by 6 massive radial engines and looking a bit like a B-29 bomber the Fugaku Kai was intended for long distance bombing raids of places such as America.

* The Amerikabomber project was an initiative of the German Ministry of Aviation (Reichsluftfahrtministerium) to obtain a long-range strategic bomber for the Luftwaffe that would be capable of striking the United States (specifically New York City) from Germany, a round-trip distance of about 7,200 mi. The concept was raised as early as 1938, but advanced plans for such a long-range strategic bomber design did not begin to appear before Reichsmarschall Hermann Göring until early 1942. Various proposals were put forward, but these plans were all eventually abandoned as they were too expensive, too reliant on rapidly-diminishing materiel and production capacity, and/or technically unfeasible. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amerikabomber>

The initial prototype for the Amerikabomber was the Me 264 V1 (see photo below). The Messerschmitt Me 264 was a long-range strategic bomber developed during World War II for the German Luftwaffe design was later selected as the Reichsluftfahrtministerium's Amerikabomber (America Bomber) programme, for a strategic bomber capable of attacking New York City from bases in France or the Azores.



Three prototypes were built but production was abandoned to allow Messerschmitt to concentrate on fighter production and the *Junkers Ju 390* (see below) was selected in its place. Development continued as a maritime reconnaissance aircraft instead.

The Junkers Ju 390 was a German long-range derivative of the Junkers Ju 290 aircraft, intended to be used as a heavy transport aircraft, maritime patrol aircraft and long-range bomber. It was one of the aircraft designs submitted for the abortive Amerikabomber project, along with the Messerschmitt Me 264, the Focke-Wulf Ta 400 and the Heinkel He 277.



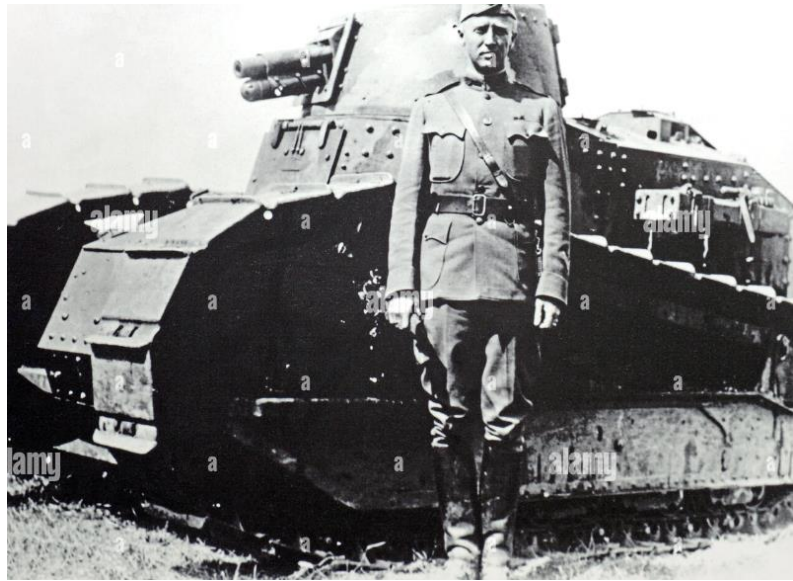
http://www.warbirdsresourcegroup.org/LRG/luftwaffe_junkers_ju390.html



From the desk of Ed Ingersoll!

U.S. FT-17.

The French-made Renault tank, nicknamed the Five of Hearts, belonged to the 344th Tank Battalion in the Tank Brigade under **Col. George S. Patton, Jr.**



The full track steel tank with a turret mounted a 37-mm gun and had a two-man crew and a road speed of approximately 4.5 mph. The Five of Hearts supported the 16th Infantry of the 1st Division in the Fleville Sector of the Meuse-Argonne Battle in October 1918.

From the desk of Jack Muga



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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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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.

Complete the form and return it to the address listed at the bottom of the form along with your method of payment.

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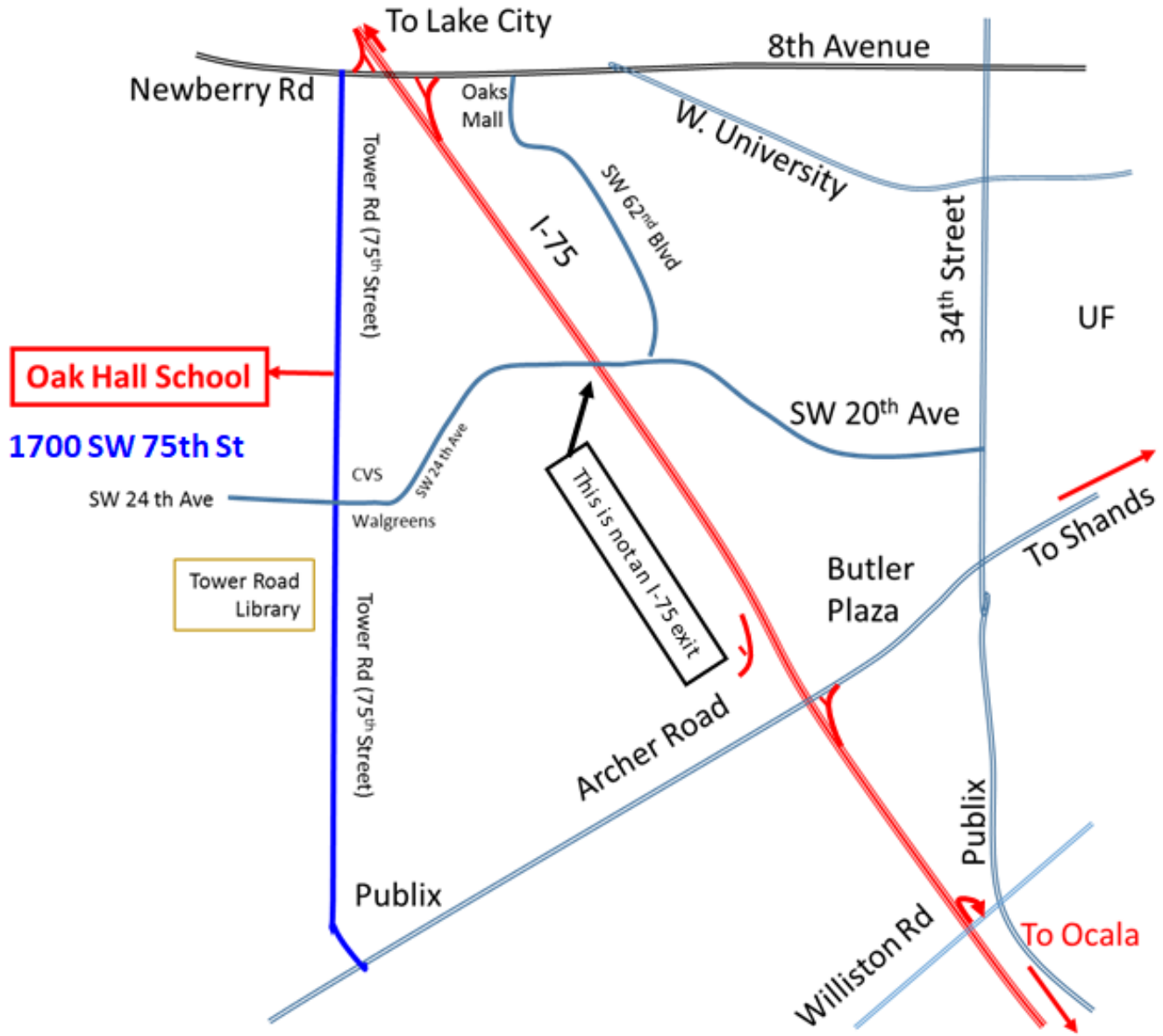
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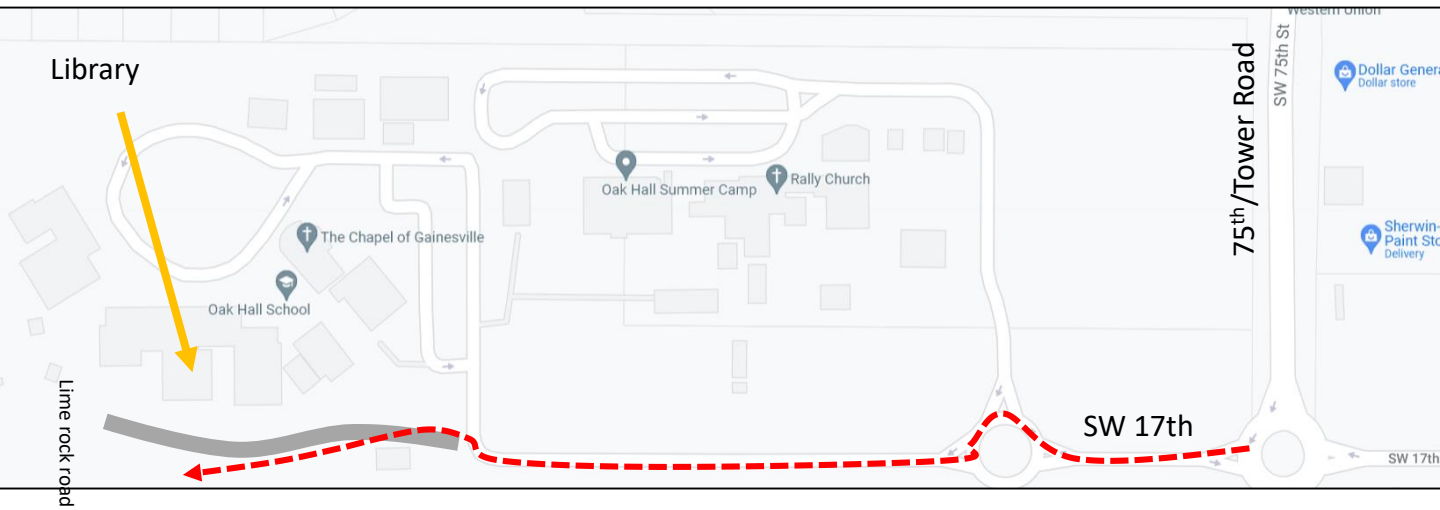
Directions to OAK HALL (1700 SW 75th St, Gainesville, FL)



A note about monthly themes for 2023

Nov. Sci-Fi

IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS: We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday November 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.

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 December newsletter. - Bill

Wild Paint ... from Jack Mugan!

