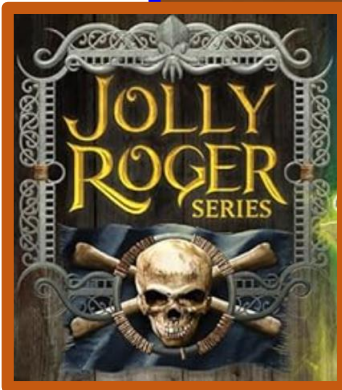


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Inside see: The winner of the December Intra-Club Contest: Doug Spinney's "Hex Marks the Spot."



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Prez Sez.....

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by, my first year as prez went pretty fast. The only thing I managed to do in 2023, modeling wise, is purchase more models but build less than I've done in previous years. It has something to do with vision, but it has gotten better of late. So my resolution for 2024 is to get back on track and start building models like I did pre-2023. We shall see. At our most recent officers meeting one of our illustrious leaders said that his resolution for this year is to build a model a month. I think that is a great idea, one that I will endeavour to accomplish myself.

Sometimes I wonder just how many resolutions actual get accomplished. So I did a bit of research on-line. One article I found suggested that only 9% of Americans keep their resolutions for the year, 23% break after one week, and 43% quit before the end of January (this is probably where I'll end up). So to our member that said he wouldn't purchase models this year, give someone else the money and have them purchase models for you.

The theme for this month is: A model that you started since the last meeting. I got my idea from a model that I saw at another meeting, I liked it so much that I got online and ordered it right then and there. It is painted and ready for assembly, well on my way to get a jump start on getting 12 models built for 2024.

. **Doug**

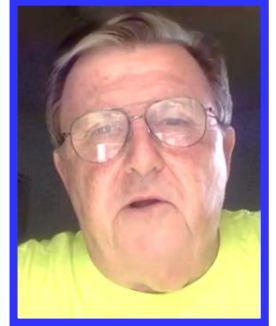


January- IPMS
Gators
We will meet
Tuesday, January
16, 2024 at 6:30 PM
at
Oak Hall Library



Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday December 21, 2023

President Doug Spinney called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. There were a total of 12 members present. Dues of \$20 for the coming year were collected by Treasurer Bill Winter.



Doug mentioned that Sue Palmer's next sale of models and reference materials will take place on Jan.13 in Lake City. A flyer with details and map is included in the latest newsletter. He also thanked Sue for her donation of kits at the recent Christmas party.

The AMPS Atlanta show will be held on the weekend of Feb.9-10 and Jaxcon is set for the following weekend, Feb.16-17 in Jacksonville.

There was a discussion of plans for the possible joint meeting next spring with the Ocala IPMS club. It would follow the pattern of two previous joint meetings by having a judged model contest on the theme - *What If?*. It may also include a kit auction and luncheon. President Doug Spinney will coordinate with the Ocala club to gauge interest and find a suitable date.

VP Chuck Lassiter said that the Board of Directors at their recent meeting had talked about having limits on how often a member could qualify for the Member of the Year contest. It was recommended that once a member won the MOY contest he would be ineligible for the next two years to give other members the opportunity to win. Those in attendance agreed that this was a reasonable restriction. Bill Winter told the club that the IPMS re-chartering process had been completed for the coming year.

The meeting was paused for Show & Tell. The modeling theme for this month was Humor and the contest was won by Doug Spinney with his lighted Jolly Roger pirate ship deck. The monthly attendance raffles were won by Bill Winter (who chose the BT-7) and Chuck Lassiter (who chose the combo of the F-86 and Hurricane .

The meeting concluded with a PowerPoint presentation by Frank Ahern on the Wright Brothers and the 120th anniversary of the First Flight.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted By: *Frank Ahern, club secretary.*



The Future

By Frank Ahern

Yogi Berra (or Yogi Bear?) once said "*the future ain't what it used to be.*"

In the 1950's the US was fueled by the hubris of winning WW2 and the future seemed limitless. Now we know that nuclear power was not the answer to our energy needs and the B-70 bomber was not the key to domination of the skies. It sure seemed that way for a while. The Air Force Strategic Air Command, led by



Gen. Curtis LeMay, pushed the development of the B-70 Valkyrie as the ultimate nuclear weapon delivery system. It would replace the old, slow B-52 and all the other existing intercontinental weapons in the USAF arsenal. At Mach 3 speeds it could not be intercepted by existing aircraft, making it invincible. Or was it?

The Future



It turned out to be a classic example of planning to fight the next war with the last war's methods and machines. Even at Mach 3 it could not outrun the latest anti-aircraft missiles making it, in President



Eisenhower's words, a *bow and arrow in the era of gunpowder*.

So much money had been spent on its development that it became a political issue in the 1960 election, but eventually even its supporters realized it was a dead horse. It now resides in the USAF museum as a monument to the failed idea that enough money and technology could solve any problem. Meanwhile, the old, slow B-52 is still in use by the USAF.



The Future

I backed into the B-70 story looking for an easy model to build for the January theme - a model started since the last meeting. Sue Palmer's goodie box at the Christmas party yielded an old Lindberg kit of a



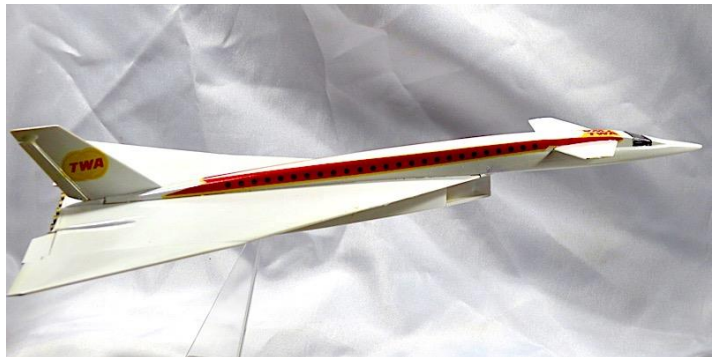
speculative conversion of the B-70 into a high speed airliner, much like the Concorde. The Concorde was another example of how the future is subject to other concerns, not factored into its development,



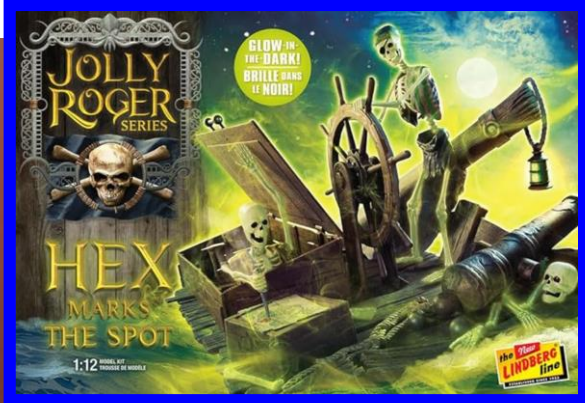
such as noise and safety issues and environmental impact, which grounded it in 2003.

The kit itself was simple and easy to build. I like the fact that it included a stand since I don't like to use landing gear. It reminds me of the time when the future held unlimited promise - like the flying car.

Whatever happened to that idea? – **THE END**



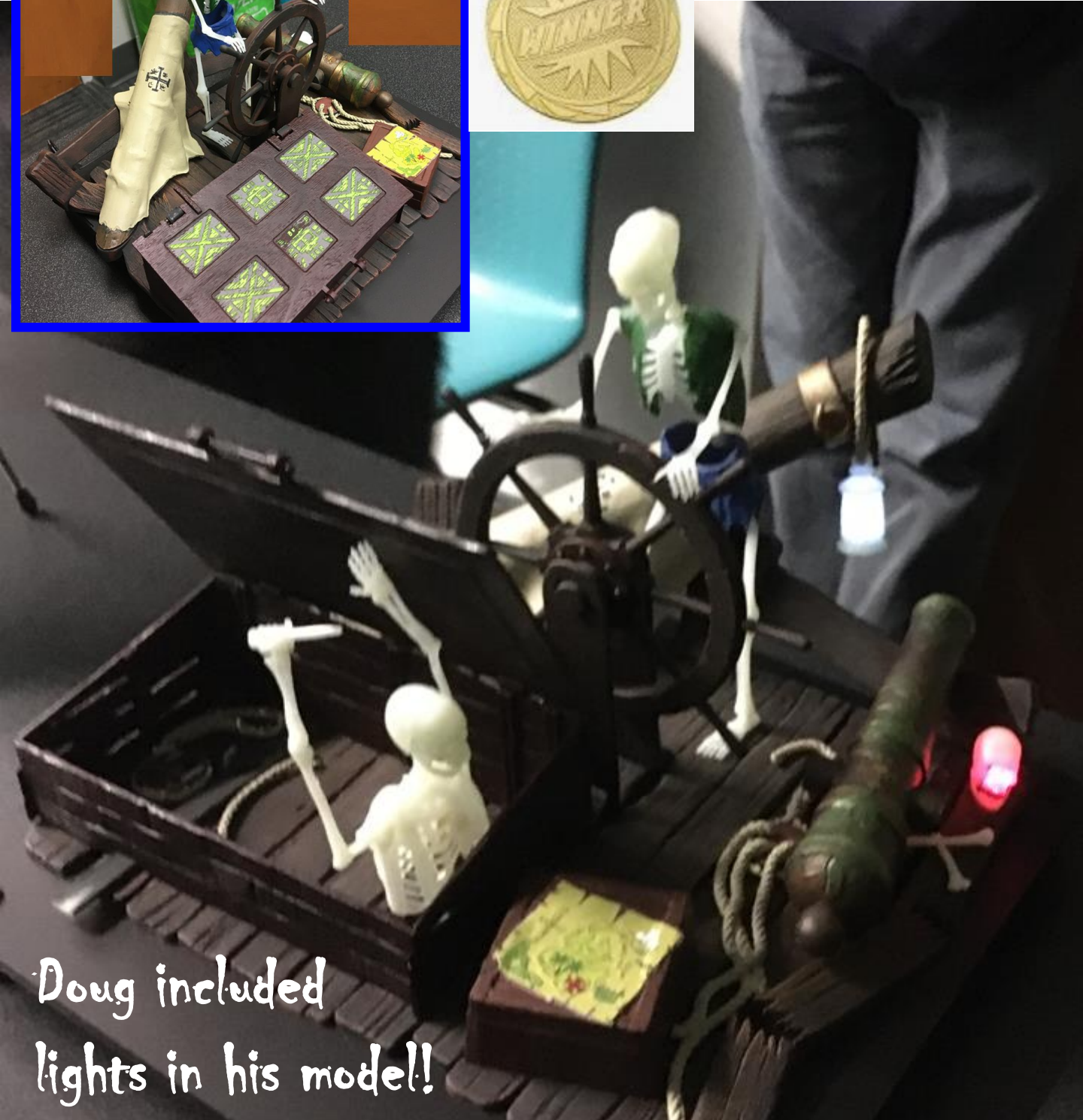
Doug Spinney's winning model from December's in-club contest



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Doug included
lights in his model!

Don Martin's "Tempest in a Teapot"



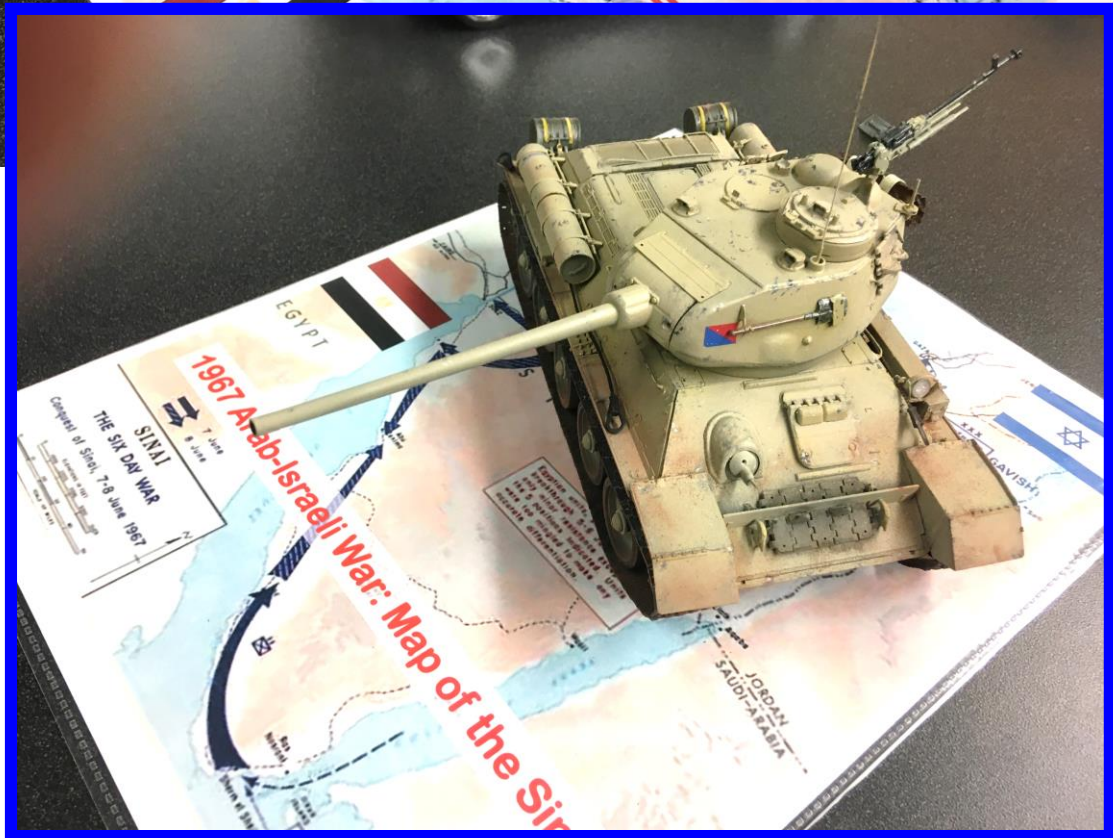
Ed Ingersoll's T-34 with an after-market turret w/ 85mm gun



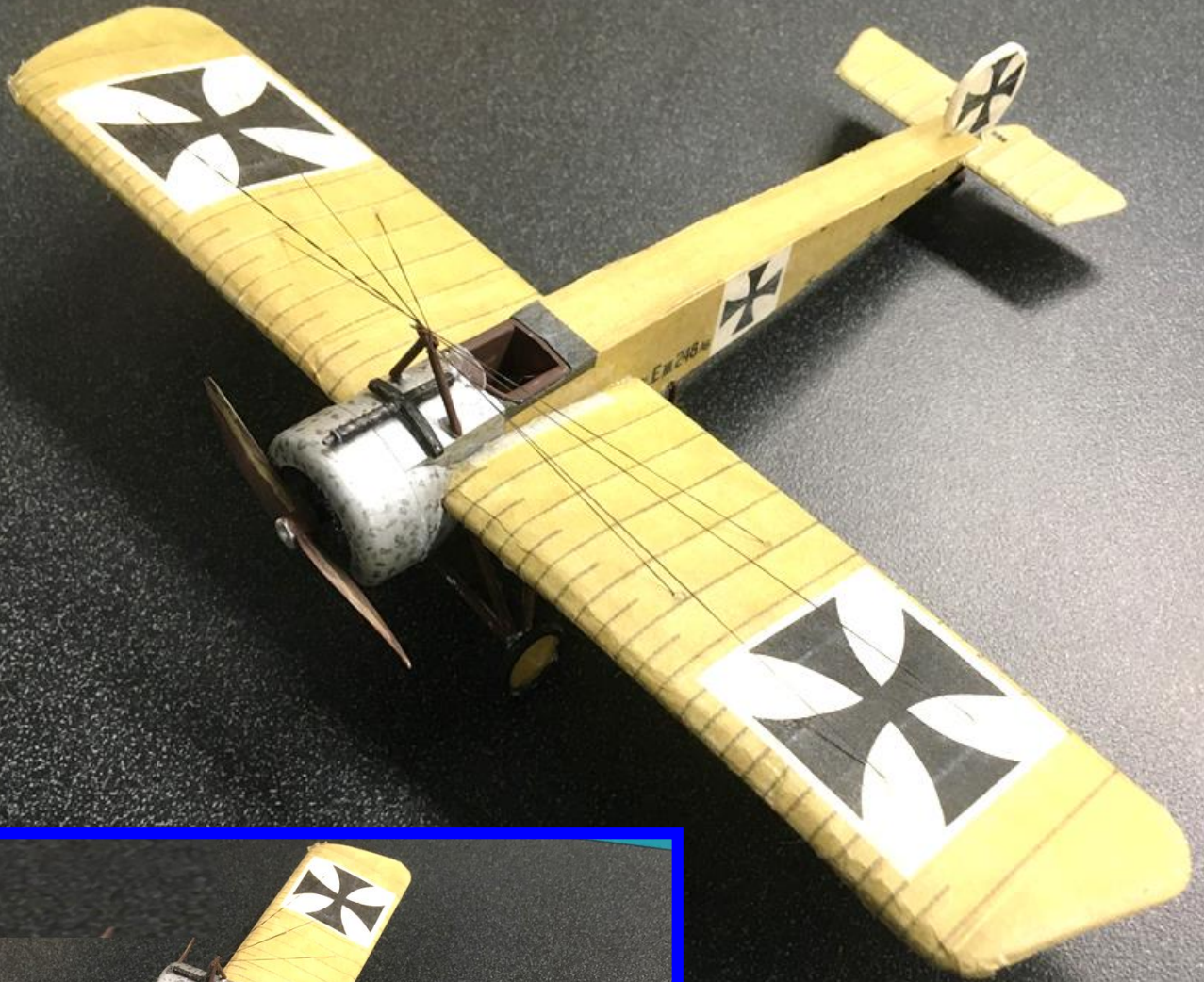
Bill's Land Speed Record model



Not in the contest: Bill's T-35/85



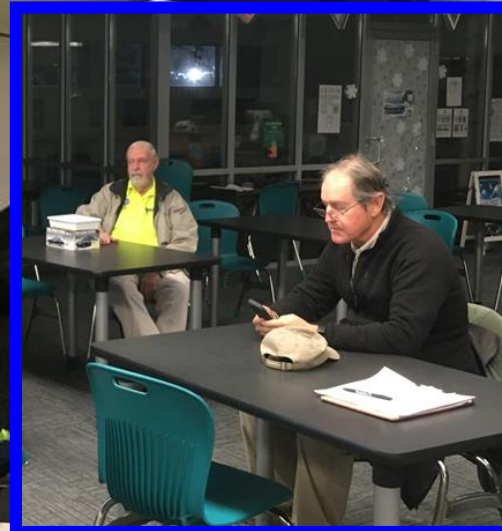
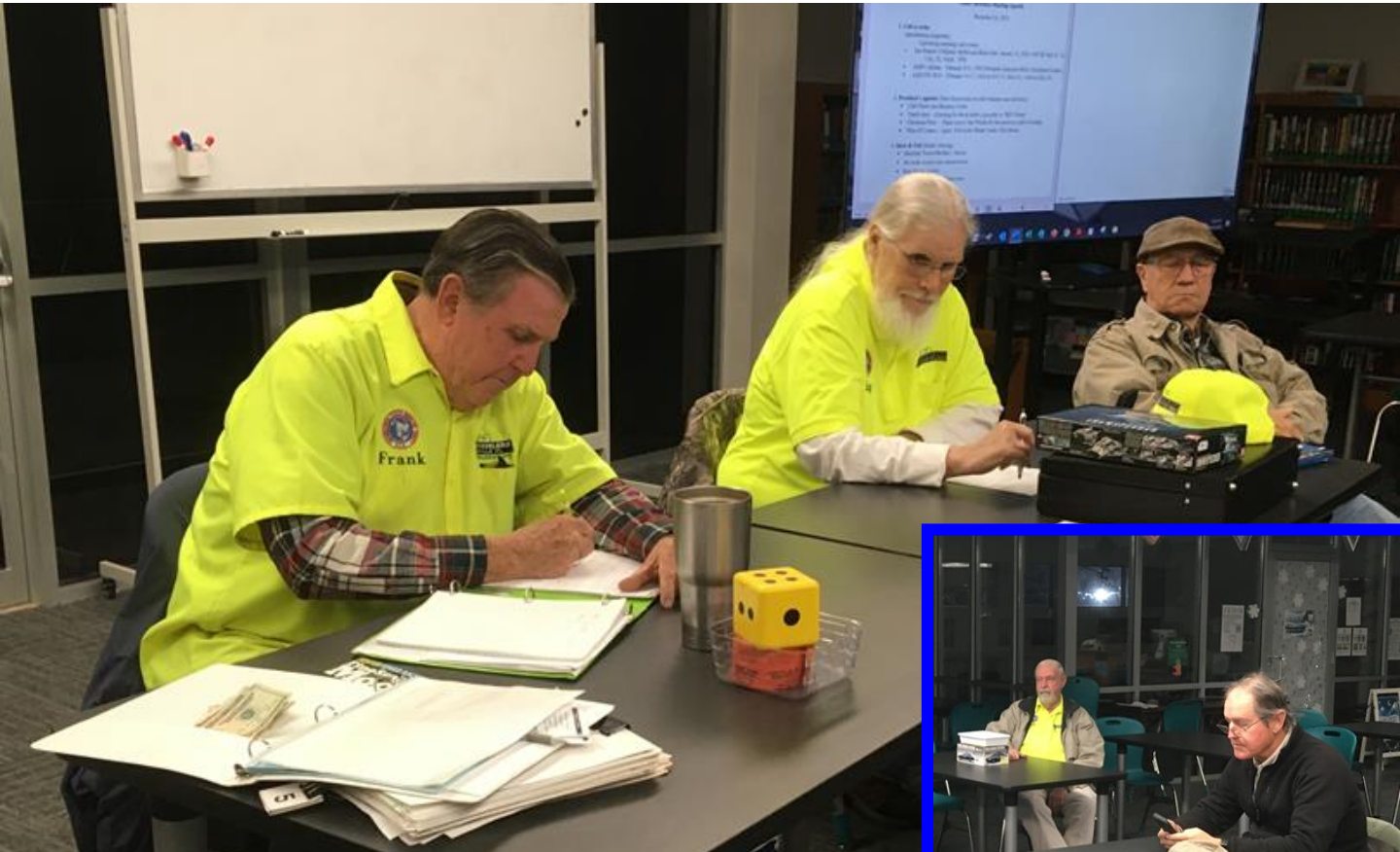
Not in the contest: Chuck Lassiter's monoplane.



Not in the contest: Frank Ahern's '31 Bugatti Royale Victoria



Members at the December meeting



Frank Ahern gave a great talk on the Wright brothers and their flyer.



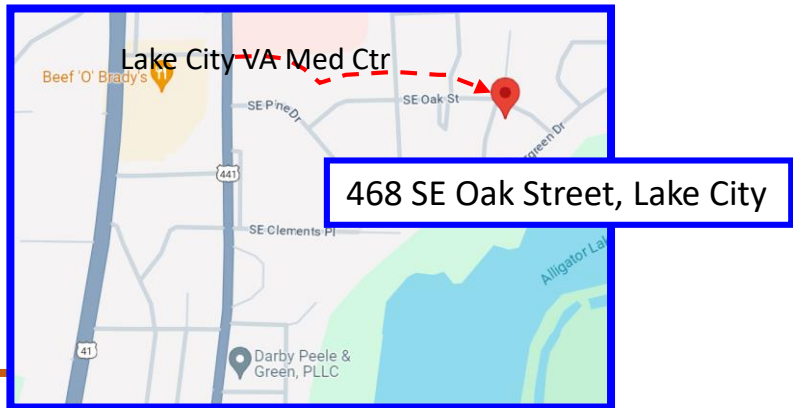


January 13, 2024, Saturday, 9 AM – 3 PM
468 SE Oak Street, Lake City, Florida,



Featuring: More than 400 aircraft and armor models and more than 1500 military hardback and softbound books including books from many popular series such as Squadron In-Action, Osprey Campaigns, Osprey New Vanguard, and Osprey Air Campaign. Additionally artwork, resin, diorama and modeling supplies will be available for sale.

[No early birds please]



Please note these discounts:

- Buy one model at full price, get the 2nd one at 25% off*
- Buy two models at full price, get the 3rd one at 50% off*
- Buy three models at full price, get the 4th one at 75% off*
- Buy four models at full price, get the 5th one FREE*

*equal or lesser value

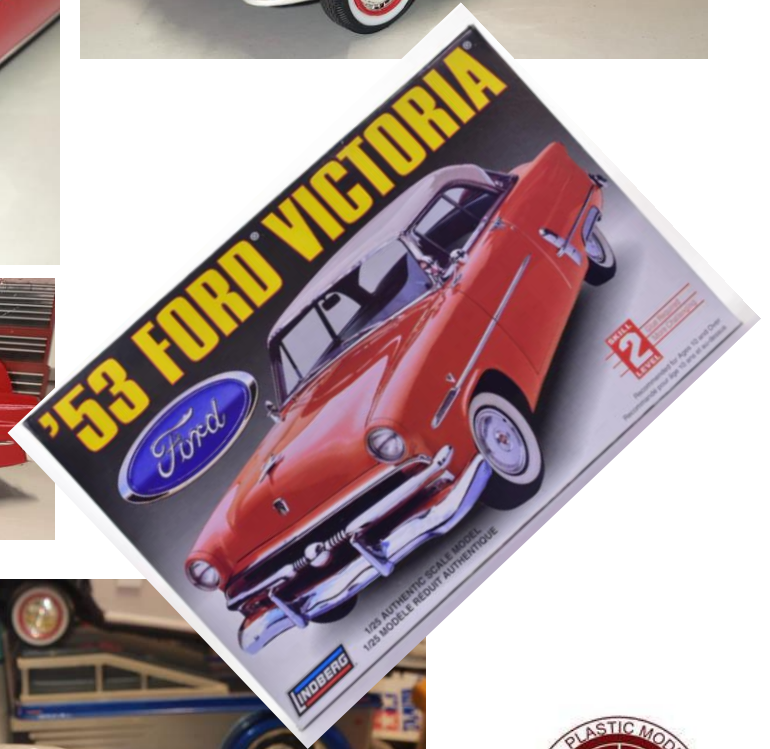
From the desk of Clarence Snyder!



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From the desk of Ken Wilson!

Here are some photos of my finished 1/16 Jeep by Takom.



1/4 TON 4x4 G503 MB UTILITY TRUCK



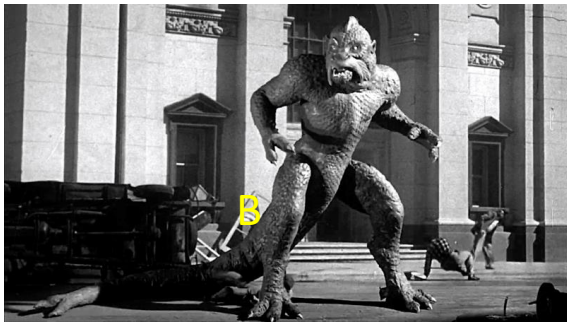
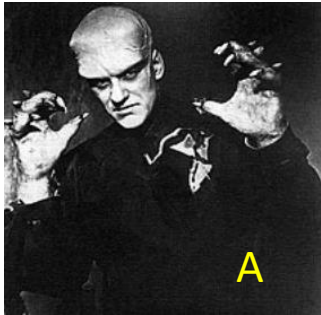
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From the desk of Ken Wilson!



In the spirit of November's ScFi Contest - > Here are the answers to the quiz:



20 Million Miles to Earth	Letter B
It Came from Beneath the Sea	F
The Day the Earth Stood Still	C
The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms	E
This Island Earth	D
The Thing from Another World	A_
2001 A Space Odyssey	G



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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!

Don't forget to support your local hobby shop: Rob's Hobby World (Rob Stevely: Proprietor 8585 SW Hwy 200 unit 14) Ocala, FL 34474 www.robshobbyworld@MSN.com; Mon.-Fri.: 10 AM to 5:30PM; Sat.: 9AM to 4PM; Sun: Closed.

Please check out WWW.IPMSUSA.ORG for the latest information from IPMS National Headquarters and for information about joining IPMS.

Please use one of the links below or go to the IPMS Membership page for more information about joining IPMS USA.

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

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.

IPMS Membership



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:
Name: IPMS #:

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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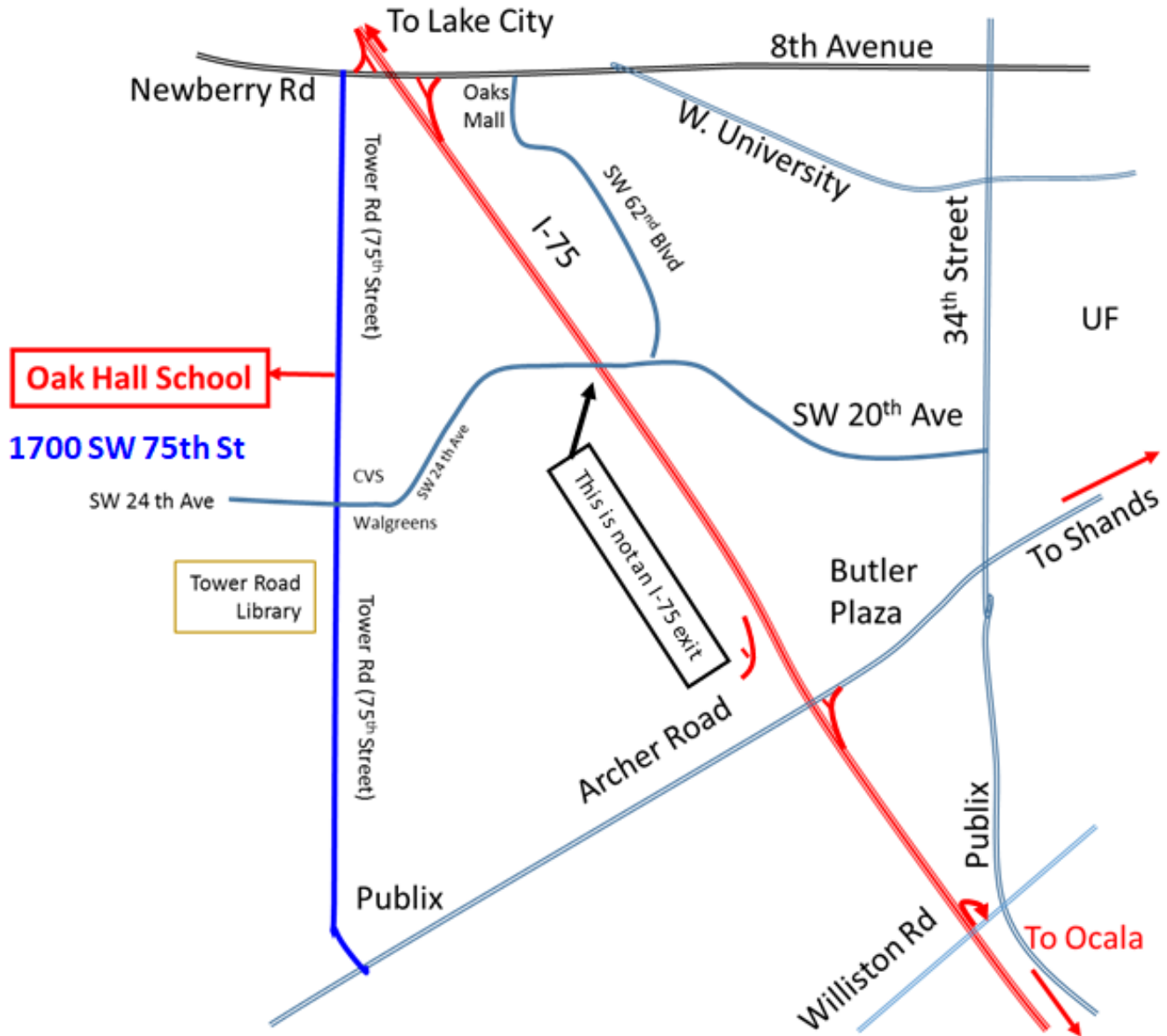
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Applications should be printed and mailed to: IPMS/USA, PO Box 1411, Riverview, FL 33568-1411



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

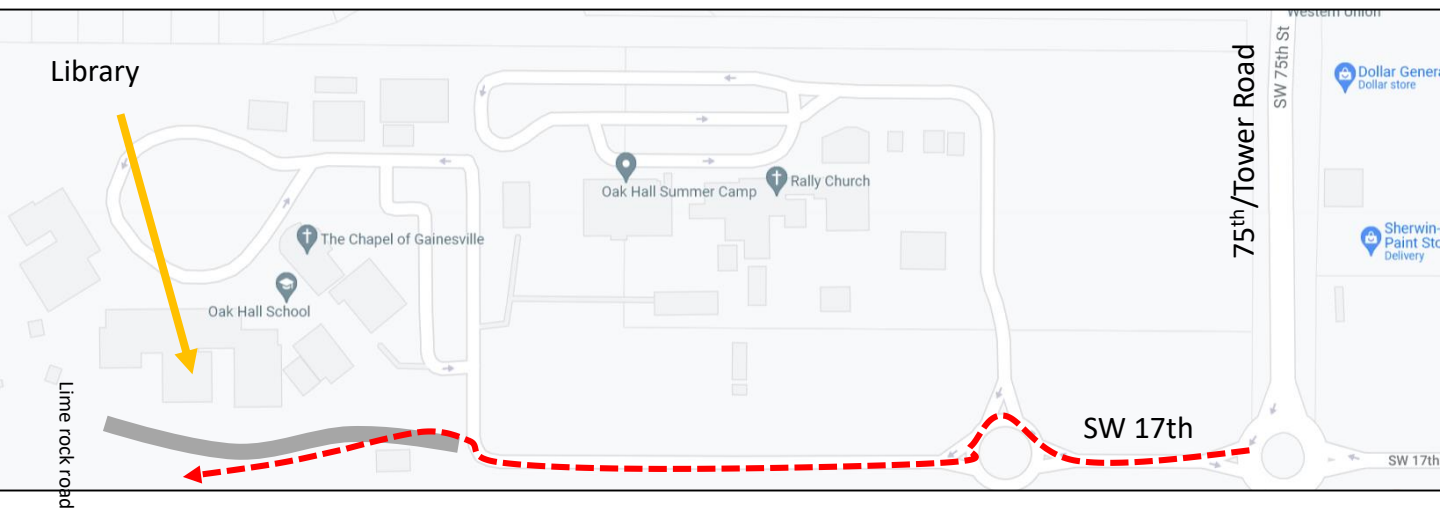


A note about monthly themes for 2023-2024

- Feb. D-Day
- Apr. Anything carrying chemicals, fuel, ammo
- Jun Diorama/Vignette
- Aug Sci-Fi
- Oct Figures
- Dec. Kit Bash

- Jan. Started since the last meeting
- Mar. Movies/TV
- May 1930's
- Jul Colossal Failures
- Sep Emergency Vehicle
- Nov. Animal Names

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

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 February 2024 newsletter. - Bill

Awesome aircraft...



THE END

