

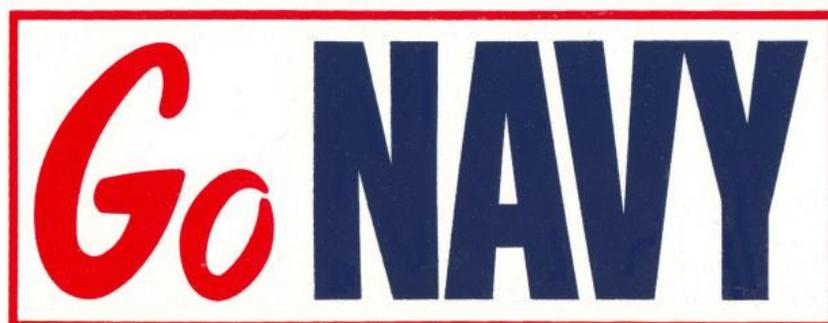


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Frank Ahern's growing collection of 1950's Navy Aircraft!

Tiger, Skyray, Cutlass, Demon, Cougar





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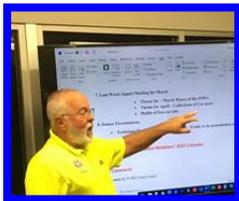
Bill Winter
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Prez Sez.....
By Dan Contento

Our contest date in Ocala has been moved to July 16. The June date had a conflict with the Church where they meet. No firm time, but probably 11:00 or so and eat around noon.

In June Frank is going for a very long drive for vacation (Alaska) so our officers meeting on zoom might be cancelled. Depending on Covid we might want to consider a lunch on that day like we used to do. We'll discuss in the May meeting.



May's theme is Military non combatant and June's is Made in France.

Stay well and hope to see you all at the meeting.

Dan

March – IPMS Gators –

**We will meet May 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM at
Oak Hall Library**

Great models inside





Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Frank Ahern - Club secretary



President Dan Contento called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. There were 12 members present and three visitors - Jim Pernikoff from Marietta GA, a UF alumnus, Ken Dombrowski, Errol Whisler's father-in-law, and Pete Frizzell, a friend of Bruce Doyle. Each was given a chance to introduce themselves and talk about their interests and reason for visiting.

Bill Winter asked club members if the club should sponsor a judging category at the IPMS National show in August. In the past the club has financially supported the show by sponsoring a category and club members agreed that it should do so again this year. Ed Ingersoll will be asked to coordinate with staff of the show to pick a category to sponsor.

The meeting paused for Show & Tell presentations. Don Martin talked about a number of artifacts he brought from his service in the Korean War. 6 members brought models on the theme of - collections of 5 or more models. The winning collection was a display of WW2 pilot figures built by Jack Mugan. The runner-up was a collection of Israeli tanks by Bill Winter.

The door prize raffle was held and the two winners were - Mike Martinez and Chuck Lassiter. Lassiter chose a 4 model package, Martinez picked the USS Chicago kit.

Club historian Bruce Doyle and Pete Frizell talked about the warbird ride they took at an airshow on the Collings Foundation B-17 #909, which crashed a few years ago killing a number of passengers. Doyle said research has shown that pilot error was the primary cause of the crash. Frizzell also discussed his involvement in the recovery of a B-24 that was involved in the raid on Ploesti in WW2, which has been an interest of his for a number of years.

Finally, Frank Ahern gave a Powerpoint presentation on the theme of his model collection display - the Forgotten Navy Fighters of the 19-50's.

The meeting ended at 8:20pm

Submitted by:
Frank Ahern, club secretary





Forgotten Fighters by Frank Ahern



After WW2, American aircraft designers were intrigued by the possibilities created by using captured German research, especially from Alexander Lippisch, the creator of the rocket-powered, tailless



interceptor - the Me-163 *Komet*. The Douglas aircraft company sent two engineers to Europe after the war to interview Lippisch. The results of this collaboration were turned over to Douglas' chief designer Ed



Heinemann who began work on an airframe design that would become the **F4D Skyray**



Forgotten Fighters by Frank Ahern

Although it shared a similar concept and tailless layout with the ill-fated *Cutlass*, The **Skyray** was a much more successful airplane for two main reasons: the design brilliance of Heinemann and his refusal to be



boxed into using the Westinghouse J-40 engine. When it became obvious that the J-40 was a loser, Douglas switched to the Pratt-Whitney J-57 and the **Skyray** took off to a reasonably effective service career of about

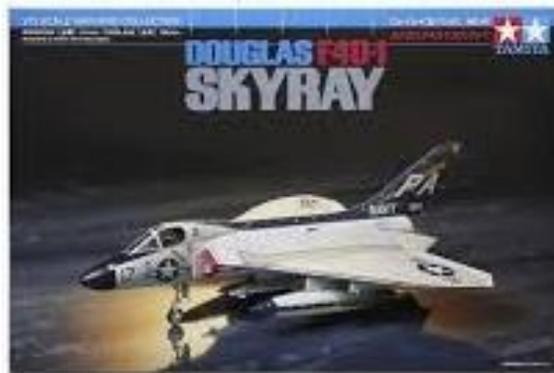


6 years. It was controversial with many Navy pilots because of its unusual handling characteristics. Flying wings are inherently unstable, something modern tailless planes control with computer assistance, which was not available back then. That instability was prized by pilots who engaged in dog-fighting type maneuvers but dreaded by those who had to take off and land on a rolling carrier deck.



What really doomed the **Skyray** was something more basic. It was designed, as requested by the Navy, as a short range high-speed interceptor of enemy bombers. By the time it entered operational service the need for a bomber interceptor had disappeared due to the emergence of ICBMs. By the 1960's what the Navy wanted was long range fighter-bombers like the F-4 Phantom, which effectively replaced all the Forgotten Fighters still in service.

Forgotten Fighters by Frank Ahern



Another area in which the **Skyraider** exceeds the others in the Forgotten Five is the quality of the available model kit. An excellent Tamiya kit is available in both popular scales and makes (Insert Skyraider model LF) construction of a good replica relatively easy.



My only complaint would be a familiar one for Tamiya kits of that era. The decals were a little stiff and hard to make lay down. The decals themselves are colorful and attractive, almost like a Blue Angels aircraft. All in all, it's my favorite aircraft and kit of this collection.



Show n' Tell

Frank's Skyray!



Show n' Tell Jack's Collection – WINNER of the monthly contest!

**Winner of the
April Intraclub
contest for
Collections of 5**



This bust was finished by Jack after the contest



Show n' Tell

**Winner of the
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Jack Mugan

Show n' Tell

Frank's 1950's collection!



Show n' Tell **Mark's remarkable collection of racing cars!**



Show n' Tell

Bruce's fine collection of USAF aircraft



Show n' Tell

Bruce's fine collection of USAF aircraft



**US Air Force F-102 Delta
Dagger Fighter Vietnam Era
Cold War Jet & Friends**

Show n' Tell

Doug's collection of kettenkrads



Show n' Tell

Chuck's WIP collection of Navy aircraft

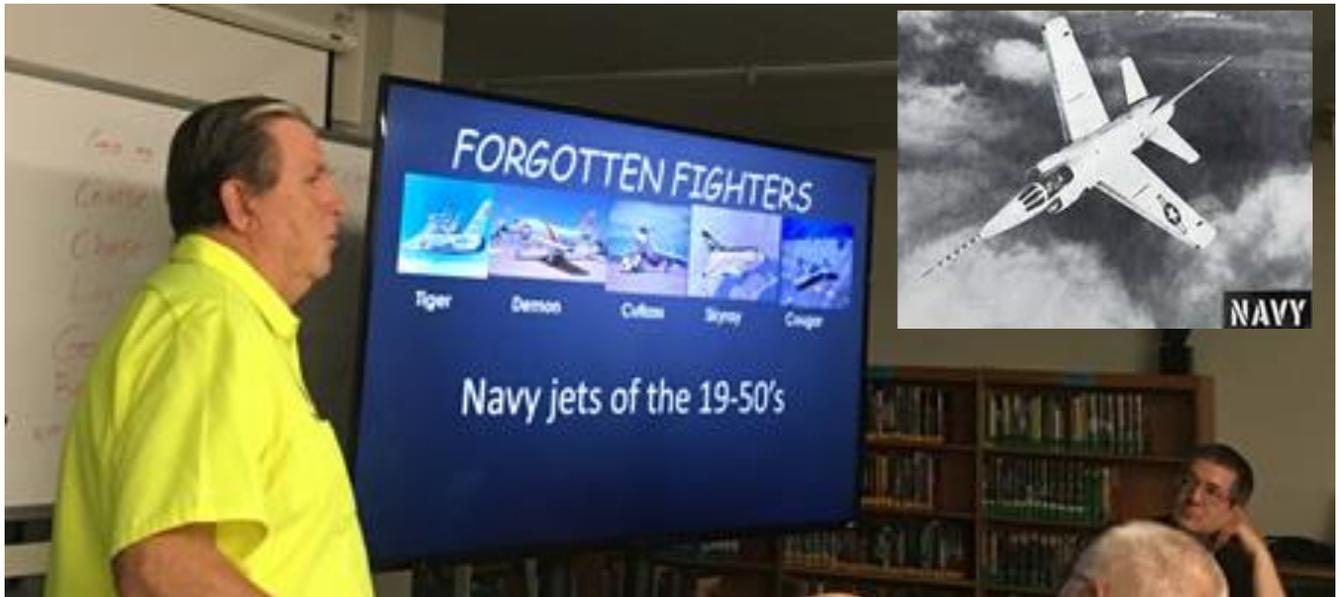


Show n' Tell **Bill's Collection of IDF armor**



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At the April 2022 meeting **Frank Ahern** gave an excellent presentation on 1950's Navy jets. A major theme was that these aircraft were often woefully underpowered. This hurt their performance.



Don Martin discusses treasures that he obtained in Korea from his service days



From the work bench of Doug Spinney - >



Polar Lights Boss Austin

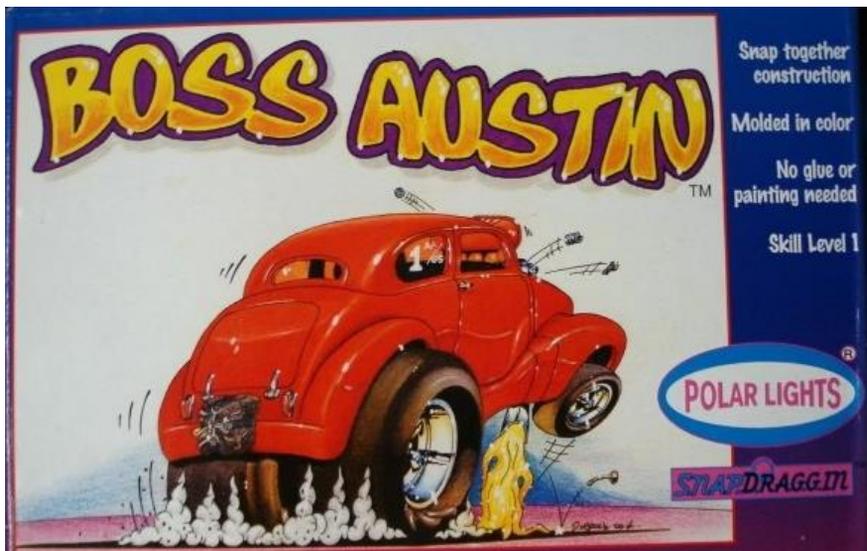
Body painted with Tamiya Gloss Black, marbled with Alclad, and finished with two coats of Tamiya Clear Orange

Chrome is both Alclad and kit Chrome

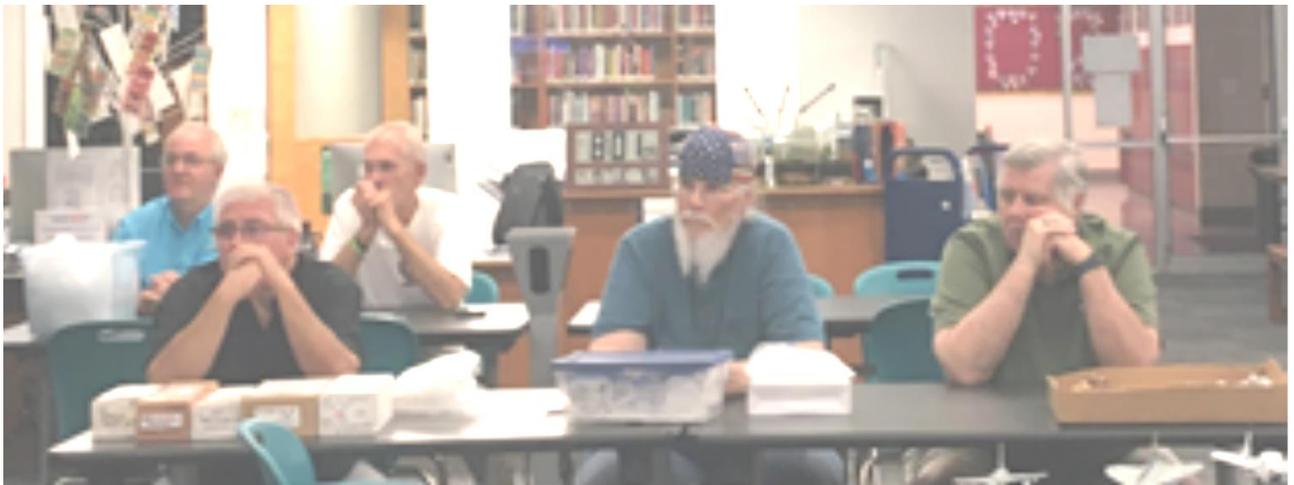
Tires are painted Tamiya NATO Black



From the work bench of Doug Spinney - >



Members and Guests in attendance at the April meeting.



Hollywood Heroes

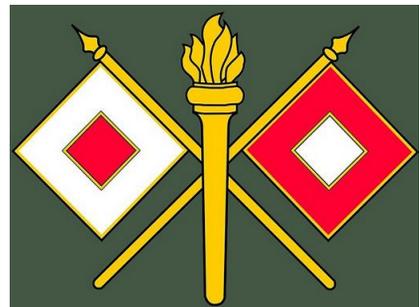


By Frank Ahern

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.

Frank Sutton

Ironically, the man who became known as the quintessential Marine sergeant was rejected by the Marines in WW2 for colorblindness. However, the Army accepted him in 1943. He was assigned to a Joint Assault Signal Company, composed of Army and Navy troops.



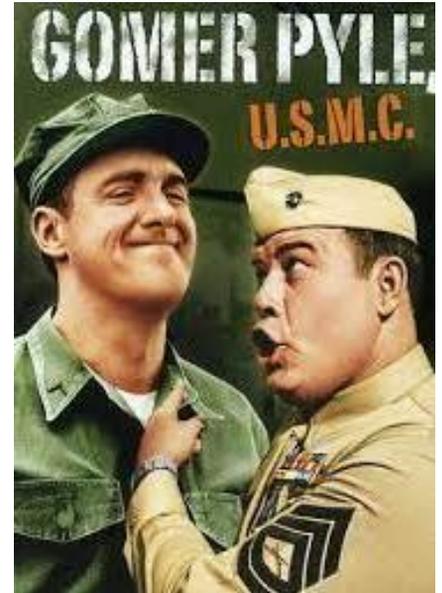
Within 18 months he took part in 14 landings in the Pacific theater, including Leyte, Luzon, Bataan and Corregidor. Sutton was a sergeant who served from 1943 to 1946 in the 293rd Joint Assault Signal Company. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his combat service in the South Pacific.



Hollywood Heroes

Frank Sutton

After years of small parts in TV shows and movies, Sutton's breakthrough role was on *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.*, a 1964 episode of *The Andy Griffith Show*, in which he played the cynical and easily exasperated Gunnery Sergeant Vince Carter opposite Jim Nabors'



character Gomer Pyle. This episode was the pilot for a spin-off TV comedy, *Gomer Pyle, USMC*, where Sutton continued the role for five seasons, until the show ended its run in 1969. He died of a sudden heart attack in 1974, but his memory lives on in his hometown of Clarksville Tenn., which erected a statue of his character outside the city's theater district in 2017.



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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.

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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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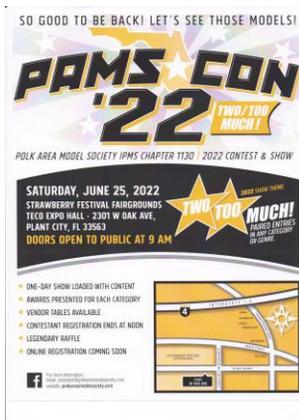
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2022



SO GOOD TO BE BACK! LET'S SEE THOSE MODELS!

PAMS CON '22

TWO TOO MUCH!

POLK AREA MODEL SOCIETY IPMS CHAPTER 1130 | 2022 CONTEST & SHOW

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022
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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 #:

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Chapter Affiliation, if any:

Junior (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?

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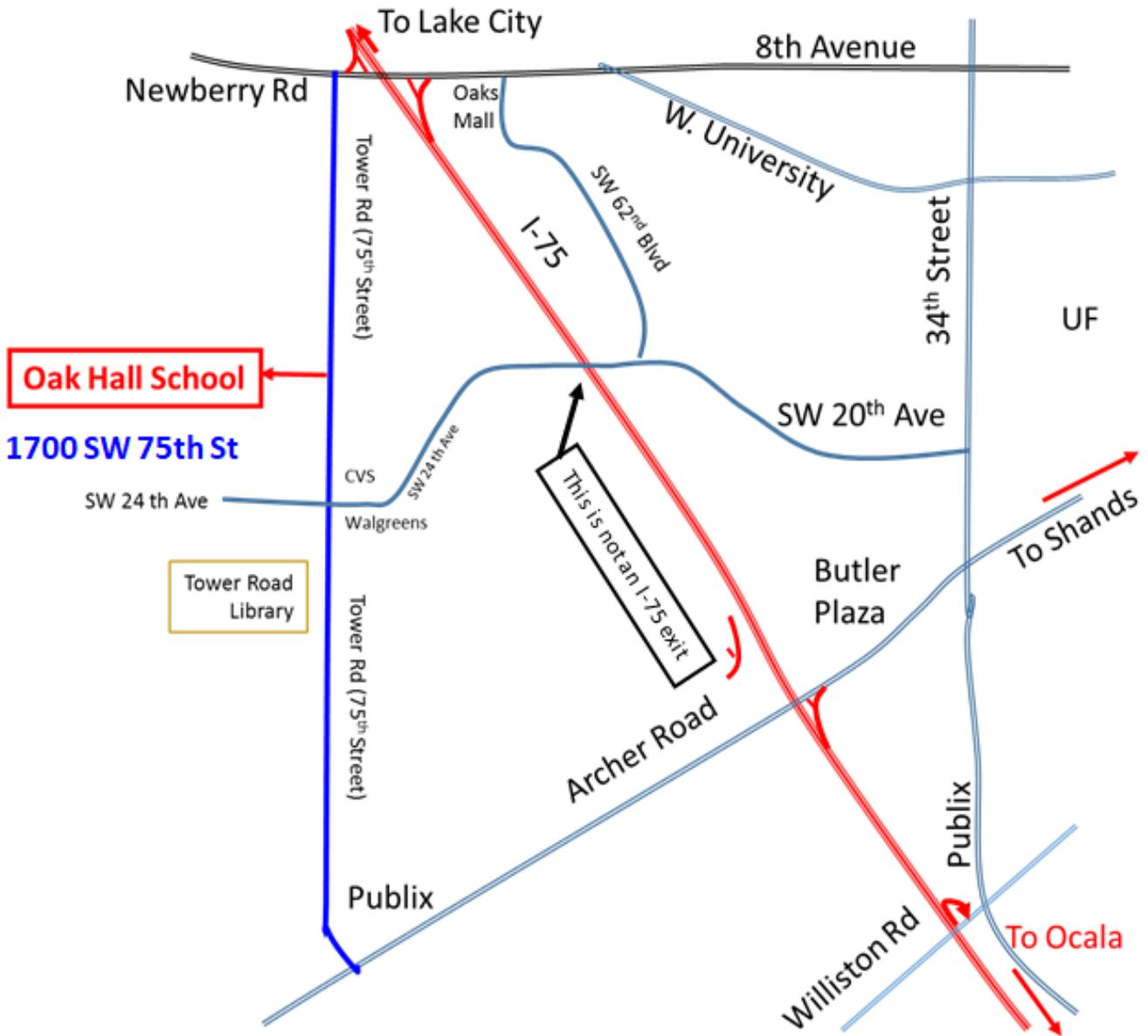
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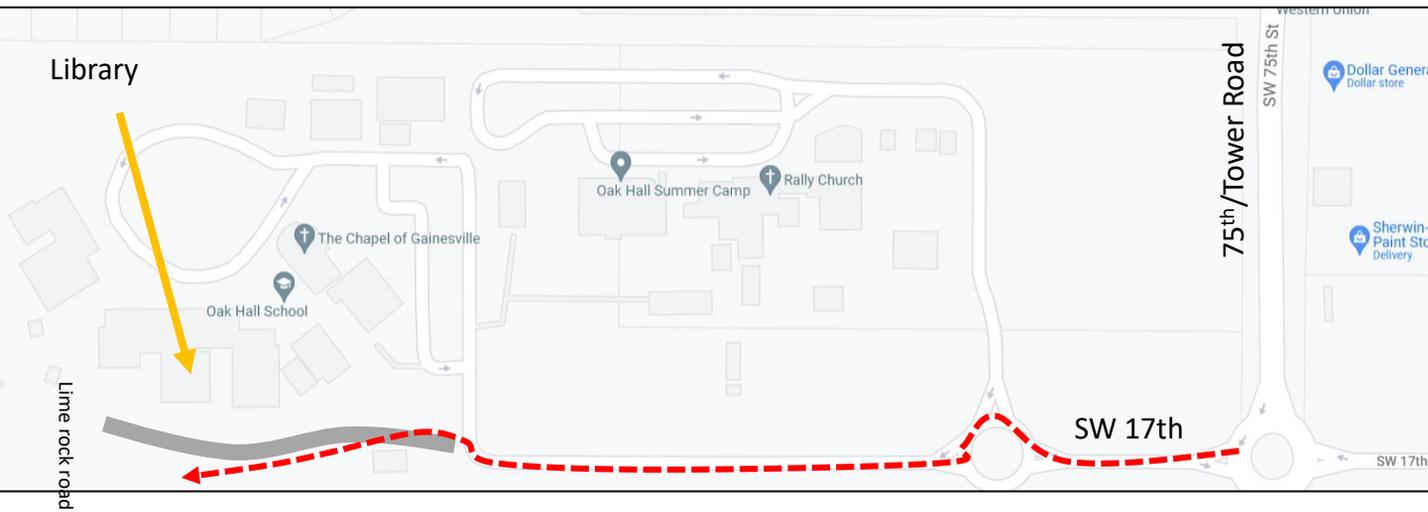
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Directions to OAK HALL (1700 SW 75th St, Gainesville, FL)



GATOR MODELERS

IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS: We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday **May 17** 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 ...

By Jack Mugan



A note about monthly themes for 2022

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|--------|---------------------------------|
| May - | Military non-combatant |
| 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!

