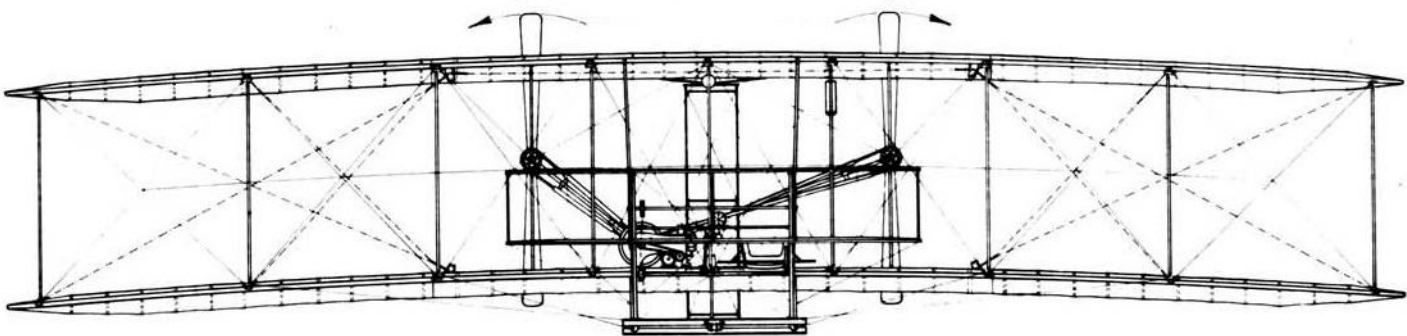




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Inside see: Frank Ahern's Wright Flyer – Winner of the May Intra-Club Contest





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Prez Sez.....Several months ago I reached for a bottle of Vallejo Flesh paint, gave it a good shake on my little vortex mixer, and went to put a small dab on my pallet. It came out looking like colored water, it shouldn't have, it should have had some consistency to it. I flipped the bottle over and it looked as if I hadn't shaken it at all, I popped off the lid, stuck in a paint stirrer, and the paint on the lower half of the bottle had turned into a near hardened paste. In fact, all the Vallejo paint on the top two tiers of both of my paint stands had done the same thing, all 24 bottles. The culprit turned out to be the vent for our furnace which is pointed straight across the room and blowing on the top two tiers of my paint stands. Now I don't know about the rest of you, but I like my paint within arms reach, moving it anywhere else in the room would take that away. Why not just adjust the vent? Well, our house is old and there is no adjustment on the vent. And considering that my wife and I are both cold almost year round, the option of covering the vent was out.

I thought about rearranging the room, but only half of it is mine and the other half is for my wife and her hobby. So, unfortunately, I was going to need to move the paint or come up with alternative plan. As I stood in the hobby room staring at the paint an idea popped into my head, first stop, Amazon. A short search later I ordered a 5-drawer cabinet. A few days later this box that was 6"x30"x30" showed up on our doorstep. Great, somewhere in that small, overweight box was my cabinet. I let it sit in the entryway of the house for three days, hoping that by some miracle it would put itself together. I had no time for it, I was sniffing glue in the other room. Then my wife asked me if I wanted her to put it together, but I know that is code for "get it out of the entryway and get it put together." I'm sure most of you have put similar pieces of furniture together, there are always parts missing or they short you a screw or two. I knew that I was in trouble when the parts were labeled A-Z and then started with AA, BB...all the way to II. During the process of putting it together my wife informed me that she had two similar cabinets but hers came already put together, I heard that several times. I got the point the first time, but she loves me and had to tease me about it. But, after several hours I finished it, and mine is bigger than hers, so that's why it didn't come already put together. (Not really, but that's my story and I'm sticking to it.)

May – IPMS Gators

We will meet
Tuesday, June 20,
2023 at 6:30 PM at
Oak Hall Library



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Prez Sez...(continued) ...

I purchased an 8 foot section of angled trim to cut the width of the drawers so that I can stack my paint at an angle. I wasn't sure this plan would work, so I only purchased one section of trim. One 8 foot section, 1.25" x 1.25" was \$7 and change, 2" Is what I needed but it was astronomically more expensive. I managed to get the shorter trim to work, but with the additional purchase of nail polish wall rack shelves which I attached to the angle trim. You can see by the picture that it turned alright. I still have the other four drawers to work on, but I think all of my paint will fit. My Tamiya paint was never in harms way, but it will get moved as well. Then the shelves I built for that will get rebuilt so that I'll have room for more built models, a win-win. - *Doug*

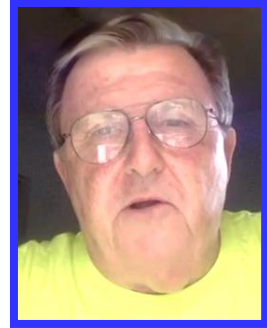


Great models displayed at the May 2023 meeting



Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday May 17, 2023

Club President Doug Spinney opened the meeting at 6:30pm. There were a total of 15 members and one guest. New member Jeff Selker of Ocala shared his history in modeling. He recently moved here from South Florida and has been modeling most of his life, primarily cars. John Wegenka visited the club again.



Doug opened with a review of upcoming model shows. He thanked Ed Ingersoll for his purchase of 8 kits that will be added to the club's raffle winner stash. He also thanked Don Billups and Jack Mугan for their donations of model kits, decals and accessories to the club.

The meeting paused for members to display and talk about their Show & Tell models and judge the monthly theme contest. This month's theme was - One of a Kind. The theme contest was won by *Frank Ahern* with a model and diorama of the *Wright Flyer*.

Next month's theme is - *Real Cars that Race*.

The monthly attendance raffle winners were - *Jeff Selker*, who chose a Battlestar Gallactica Viper; and *Mike Martinez*, who picked the 1950 Chevy pickup.



The meeting concluded with an opportunity for the club to browse through Swap Meet items brought by several members.

Submitted By: *Frank Ahern, club secretary.*

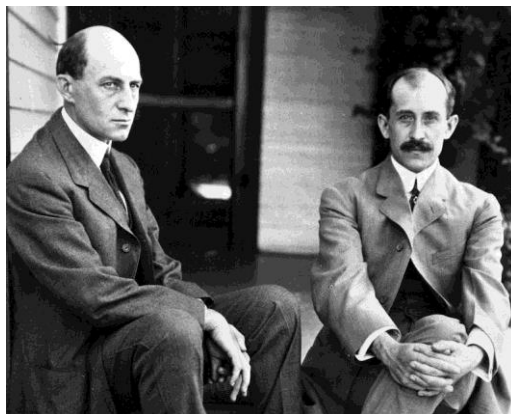


First Flight

December 17, 1903

By Frank Ahern

There aren't many examples where a pivotal moment in history is caught in a photograph. This shot, taken by a man who had never taken a picture before, is one of them. It proved that man could build a device capable of self-powered, controlled, manned flight. A concept that one of the builders, Wilbur Wright, thought might be impossible just a few years prior.

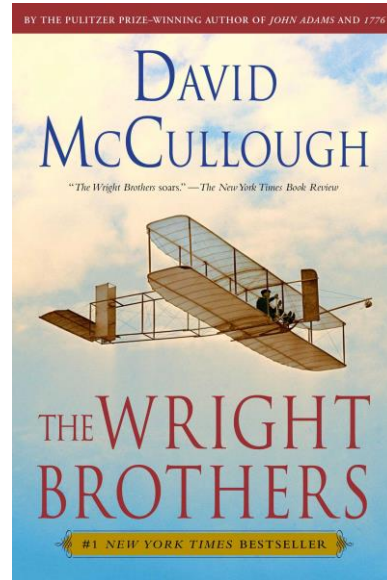


The Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, were a remarkable pair who had no academic credentials, but were raised by a clergyman father who insisted they read from his 5



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and form their own opinions. They also had a mother who taught them how to work with their hands and build anything they needed.



Their fascination with flight began early when their father brought home a flying toy from a trip to France. The pre-teen Wright boys named it the "bat" and quickly broke it; but fixed it. Solving the "problem of flight", as it was called at the time, took a little longer.

The story of how they did that is far too complicated and amazing to condense into a newsletter article. If you want to read it I recommend *David McCullough's book*, which is available from Amazon, or your local library. As someone who thought he knew the story I can tell you that I was astounded at how little I really knew and the obstacles they overcame to achieve their dream.



I'll focus on the kit that I felt challenged to build after years sitting on my stash shelf. The *original Monogram kit* was issued in 1958 in a 1/39 box scale. It has since been re-boxed

First Flight

many times. My kit was a Revell re-issued during the centennial of flight in 2003. It's the only kit I ever found in a Goodwill store and only cost a dollar.



The kit itself is remarkably good considering its age. It provides all the elements to recreate the historic photo of the first flight. It even includes

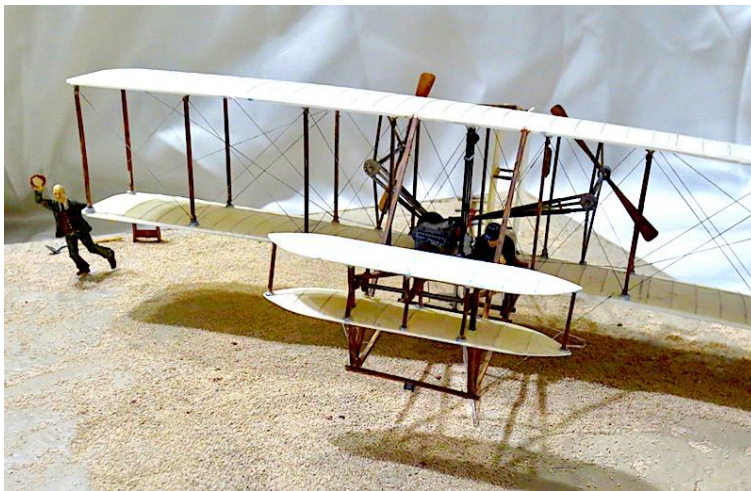


a helpful article on building a diorama. Building the kit, however, has its challenges. The age of the model's molds is shown in the number of ejector pin "dimples" all over the wings. Rather than try and sand them off I decided to fill them in and sand them smooth, knowing that I would primer and paint the wings and other fabric covered surfaces. 7

First Flight



The real bugaboo for most modelers would be the rigging. Imagine trying to rig 4 biplanes at the same time. The kit does provide guide holes and notches on the struts, but it's still a real patience tester.



The diorama was the easy part. All you need is a flat, sandy surface. I used Fast-Mache to make the surface, painted it and glued on fine model railroad ballast for the sand and it was done. The two figures provided were well cast and easy to paint. They even provided other items seen in the photo like a shovel and small bench.



All in all, it was one of the best projects I've ever taken on. How often can you capture an historic moment in time with a model? - **Frank**

Models displayed at the May 2023 IPMS Gators' meeting – From the desk of Clarence Synder



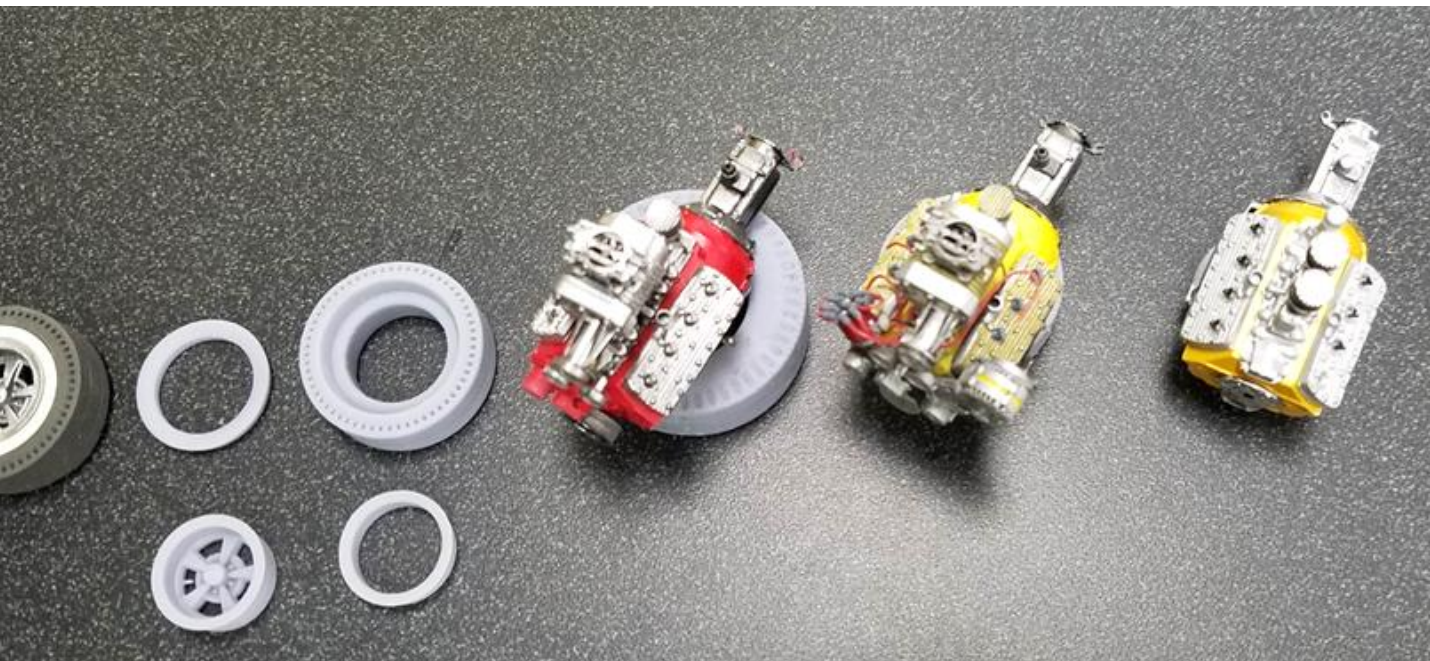
Models displayed at the May 2023 IPMS Gators' meeting – From the Desk of Clarence Snyder



Models displayed at the May 2023 IPMS Gators' meeting – The Wright Flyer by Frank Ahern – May's theme WINNER!



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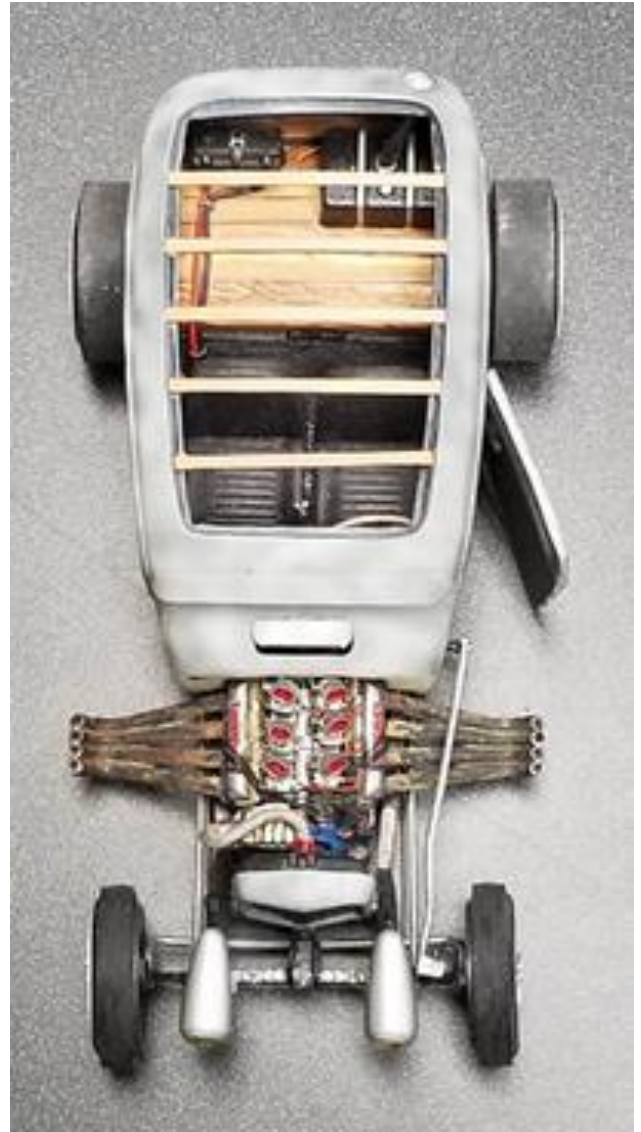
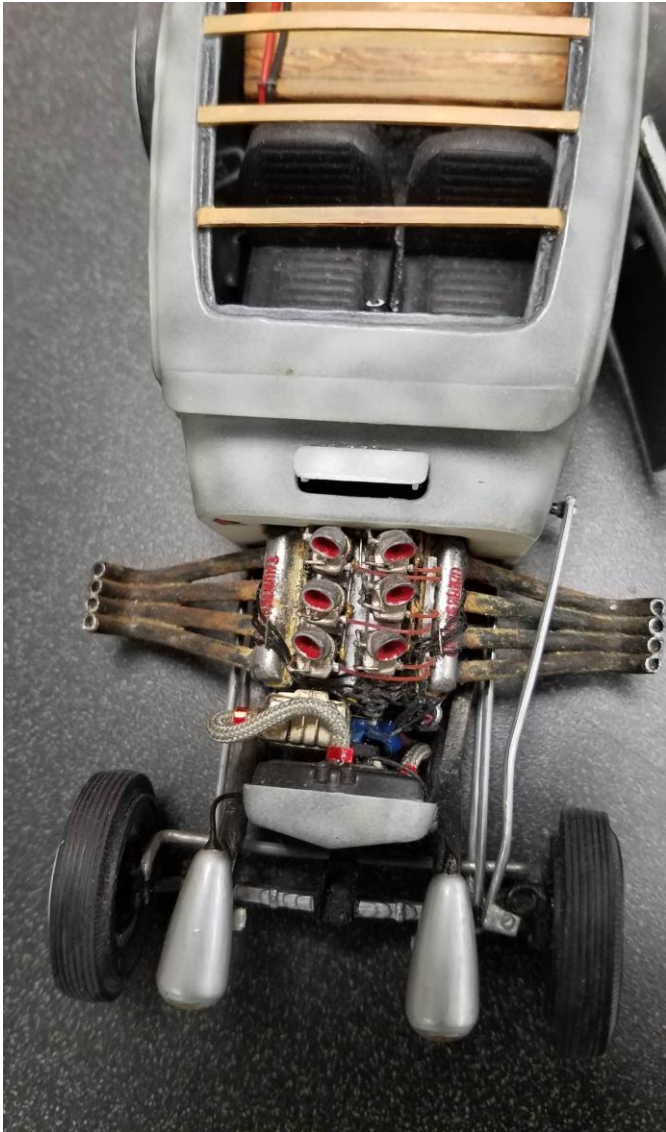
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From Ken Wilson's work bench - Here are some photos of his 1/9th scale Kubelwagen.



From Ken Wilson's work bench -



From Clarence Snyder's work bench -



From Clarence Synder's work bench -



Members in attendance at the last meeting!



Brian shops for a good deal.



Clarence with new member Jeff.



Errol picks up some great deals.



Long term members Bob and Bruce share a story.

Dan checks out the stash's for sale.



Members in attendance at the meeting!



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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Photos below are from the 2010 IPMS Nationals in Pheonix, AZ



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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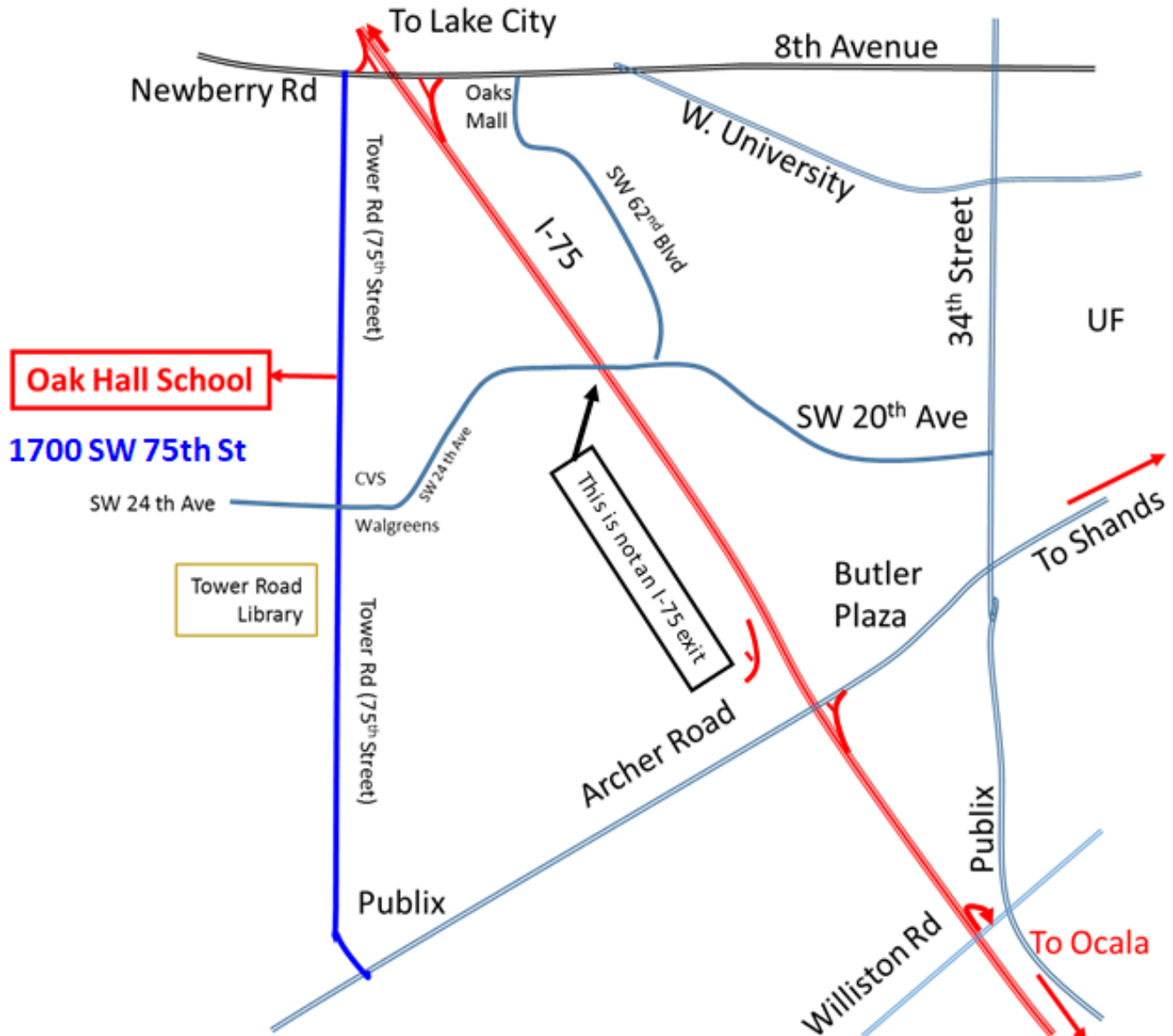
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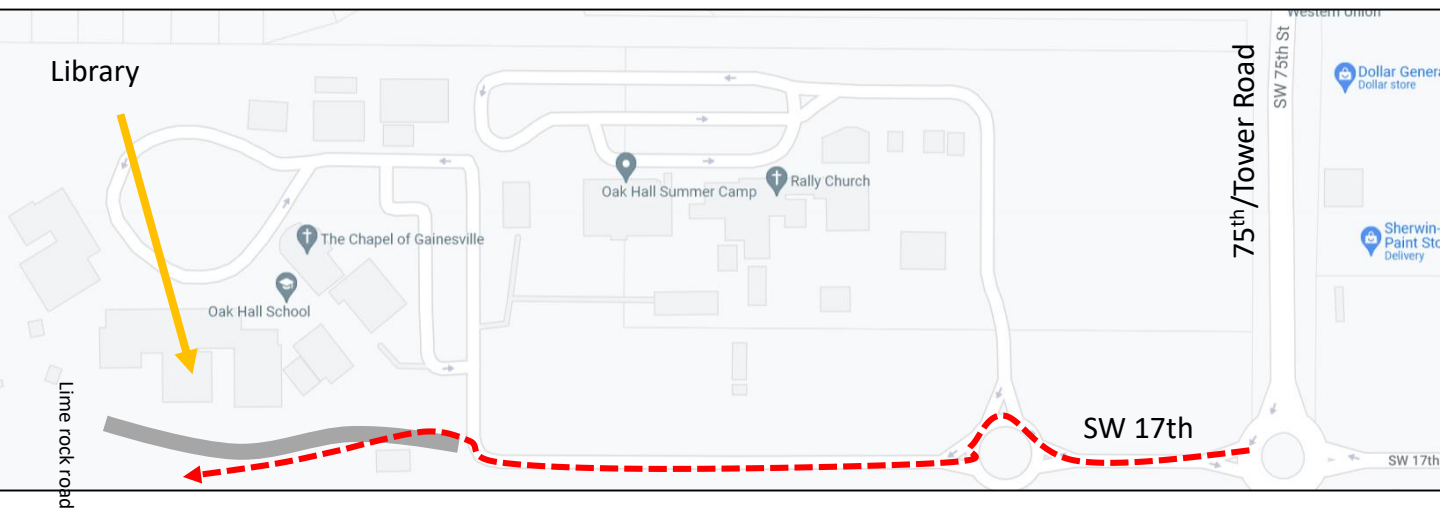


A note about monthly themes for 2023

June. Real cars that race

- July. Prototypes
- Aug. Winter War
- Sept. Operation Torch WW2
- Oct. Dioramas
- Nov. Sci-Fi

IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS: We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday June 20 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 July newsletter. - Bill

THE END