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The September monthly theme winner was Ed Ingersoll with his 1950 Oldsmobile with its Rocket 88 engine. The monthly theme was "Cars."



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Next meeting:

Tuesday October 15, 2019 at: 6:30 PM
Oak Hall Library
1700 SW 75th St, Gainesville FL

(See the map on page 22)



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Prez Sez.....

By Dan Contento

Many, Many Thanks to Mark Box and John Klaver from FAST (Florida Auto and Show Truck Modeling Club) for their presentation last meeting. We now have the basics to wire an engine, add a fuel line and make the front wheels turnable.

Our monthly theme format has a slight change. We will utilize broader topics and timeframes. For instance our December theme will be Korea & Cold War to 1962. January will be Ships and we will alternate time frame and topic. May and November will be our bi-annual Club Contest.



The December Christmas Party date is to be determined (stay tuned for more news). Bring a model worth about \$20.00 if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. - Dan



Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2019

By Frank Ahern

President Dan Contento opened the meeting at 6:40pm welcoming 20 club members and two guests – Mark Box and John Klaver from the Ocala FAST club. Dan talked about responses to the survey seeking input from the club to develop more monthly theme ideas. Dan said that the new ideas would be incorporated into a schedule for next year by the next meeting.



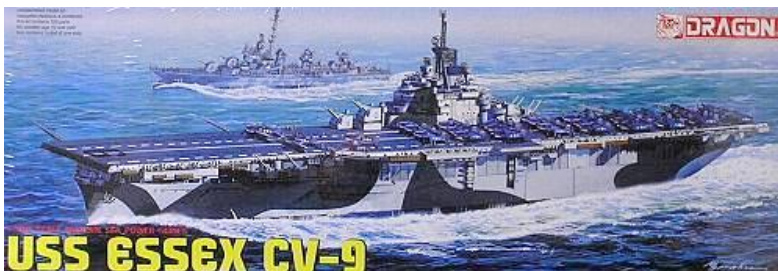
The new club coffee mugs had been received and were distributed to members present and the guests. Additional mugs can be purchased for \$9 each.

Bill Winter told the club that he and Ed Ingersoll are hosting an AMPS judging workshop on Oct.13 at 1 pm at his wife's condo. Anyone interested in learning how to be a judge at armor modeling contests is encouraged to contact Bill (winter@pathology.ufl.edu) or Ed about attending the workshop. A break in the meeting was declared while everyone gathered at the model display table for the Monthly Theme contest judging and Show & Tell discussion. The monthly theme was Cars, and the contest, based on voting by members present, was won by Ed Ingersoll.

Next month's theme is the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf which took place in 1944 in the South Pacific off the coast of the Philippine Islands. It is considered to be the largest naval battle in history and ships and planes of Japanese and American forces from that era are eligible for the model contest in October.

The meeting reconvened and President Contento reminded the club that a new Vice President must be elected at the coming officer elections in November. He asked that anyone interested in serving as Vice President make it known to the club officers by the next meeting.

The monthly attendance raffles were held and both raffles were won by Bruce Doyle, who selected models of the USS Essex and a P-51D kit from Tamiya.



Finally, the guests from Ocala gave presentations on techniques for detailing car models. John Klaver demonstrated his method of making the front wheels steerable on kits that do not have that function included and Mark Box talked about ways to add detail to car engines using wires and tubing to simulate electrical and plumbing details on an engine, as well as other car construction techniques he has learned from experience.

The meeting concluded at 8:25pm.

Cars, Engines and Steering (1)

Mark Box and John Klaver from the Ocala IPMS FAST Club (Florida Autos Scale and Trucks) visited IPMS Gators At the September meeting. Mark talked about engines and John talked about making the front wheels steerable!

Here are a few photos from their visit.



Thanks John!



Cars, engines and steering (2)



Thanks Mark!



VW at War

By Frank Ahern

One of the reasons for my fascination with the original Volkswagen Beetle is its connection to another of my fascinations – WW2 history. There can be no denying the Beetle owed its existence to Adolf Hitler. It's designer, Ferdinand Porsche, had been unable to convince any European car maker to produce his "people's car" until he met Hitler shortly after he took office in 1933. Hitler's plan to revitalize Germany's stagnant economy included construction of the Autobahn. The problem was that only a few wealthy Germans owned a car. Hitler admired Henry Ford (another noted anti-Semite) and how the Model T had mobilized America. He realized that a similar effort would be needed in Germany. Although he never held a driver license Hitler was always a car enthusiast and knew of Porsche's reputation as a builder of racing cars. The meeting of the two resulted in the birth of the Beetle (photo left below).



Hitler wanted to subsidize construction of the massive VW automobile plant (photo above right) and get ordinary Germans to buy the car through a layaway financing program that promised one to every worker when they reached the 1,000 Mark level. Full scale production was just ready to begin when war broke out in 1939. That effectively ended the first phase of the Beetle's history, but since early 1938 Nazi leaders had been talking to Porsche about developing a military version of the car.



VW at War

Although a 4-wheel drive Beetle was produced in small quantities, it was obvious that the original design was not well suited to the requirements. Anyone who has owned a Beetle can tell you that adult access to the rear seats was difficult at best and would be nearly impossible wearing military gear.

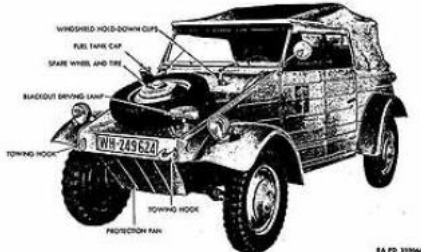


Figure 1—Volkswagen—Left Front View



The new design that resulted was officially called the Type 82 but was universally known as the Kubelwagen, which is German for “bucket car” (photo above, left). It used standard VW running gear with air-cooled rear engine & 2-wheel drive. A reduction gear was added to the rear wheels which increased ground clearance and improved low-speed traction. With the addition of “balloon” tires for the sand it became one of the favorites of Erwin Rommel in North Africa in 1942 (photo above right). He credited the Kubelwagen with saving his life several times. Due to its light weight it would not trigger anti-tank mines. Even though it was larger in dimensions, the Kubelwagen weighed almost 700 pounds less than a Jeep. A total of more than 50 thousand were produced in the VW factory (photo below, left).



The war in Europe was fought on much different terrain, however, and the German army told VW they wanted an amphibious vehicle with 4-wheel drive capability. This led to development (photo above, right) of the Type 166, widely known as the “Schwimmwagen” or swimming car. Again, it used basic VW running gear with the addition of a slightly larger engine to power the 4-wheel drive setup and a special sealed tub body with no doors.



VW at War

Water propulsion was achieved with a propeller that was lowered to engage an extension of the engine drive shaft. Steering in the water was by means of turning the front wheels, just like driving on land. It's light weight and true 4-wheel drive made the Schwimmwagen one of the best reconnaissance vehicles ever built and the most widely produced amphibious vehicle of all time with final production of more than 15-thousand units.



Inspired by my re-kindled interest in Volkswagen, I decided to make my entry into the club's semi-annual themed contest this November, which has the theme "Amphibious", a model of the Schwimmwagen on a display base preparing to enter a body of water (photo above).

There are lots of kits available of both these vehicles. Not surprisingly, I favor the Tamiya versions. The Tamiya Schwimmwagen was a pleasure to build and I'm looking forward to tackling the Kubelwagen over the holidays.



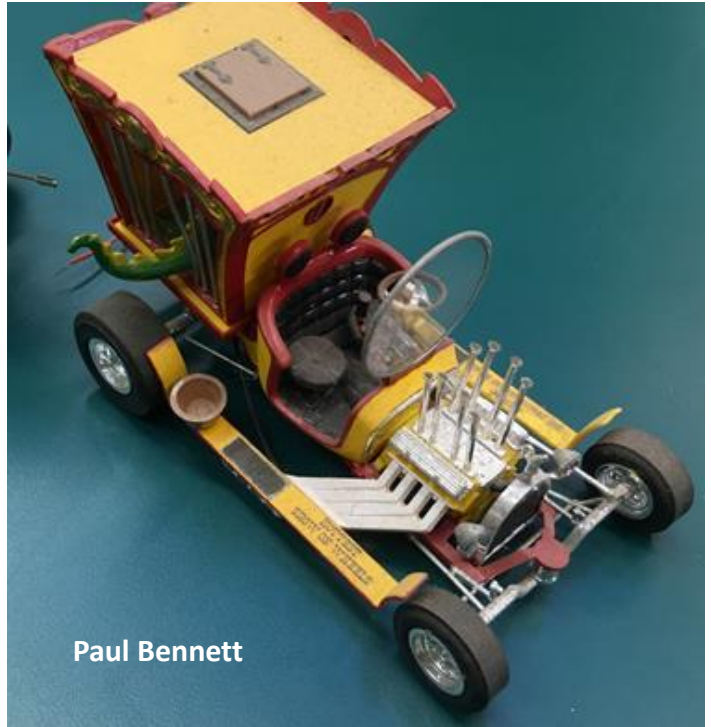
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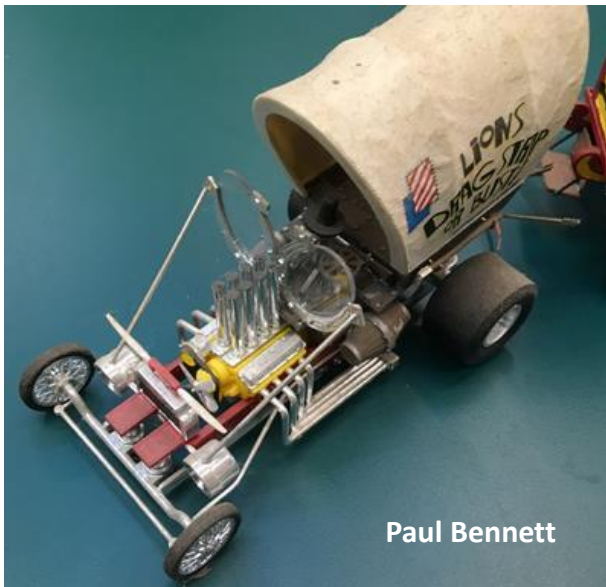
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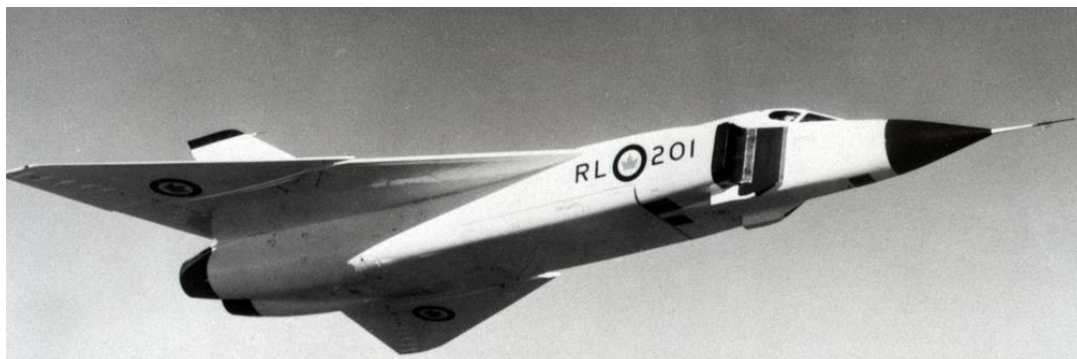
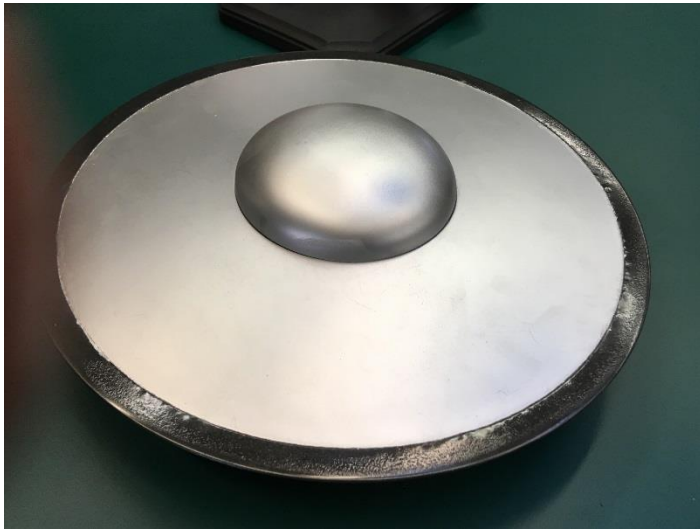
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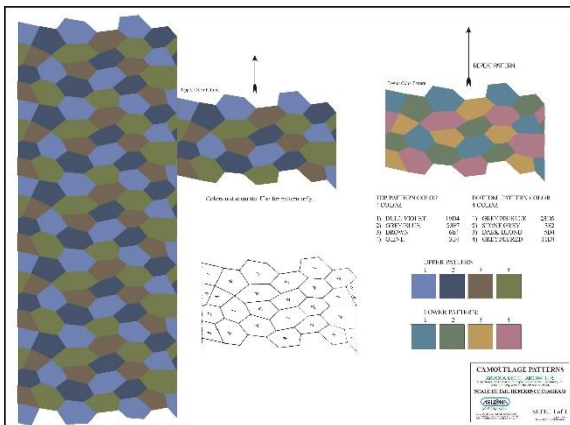
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Show and Tell



Chuck Lassiter



"Your ship model -- the one stuck in the bottle ... I got it out."

Hollywood Heroes

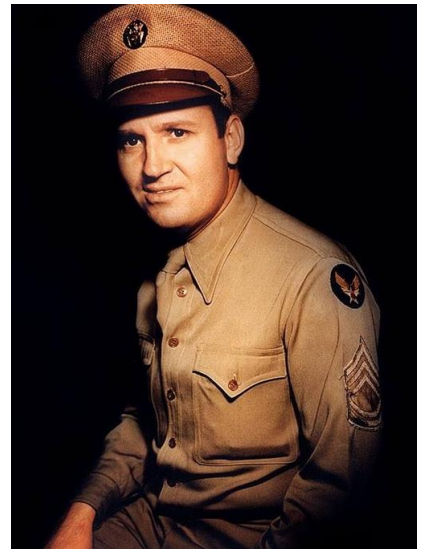


By Frank Ahern

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. .

Gene Autry

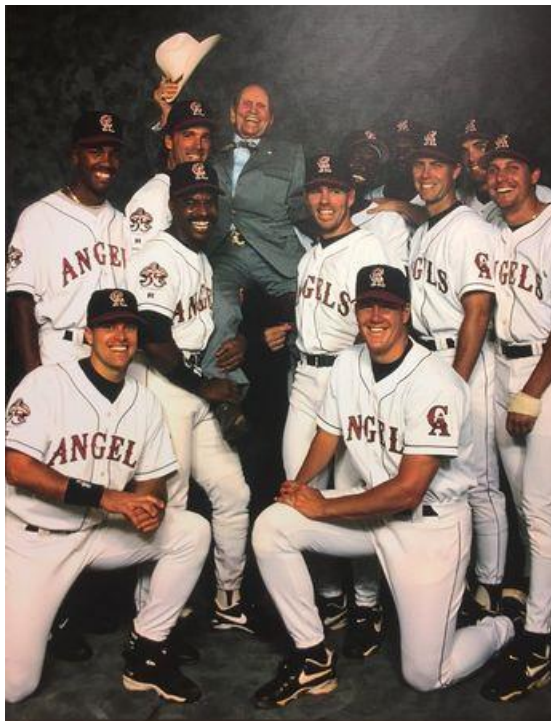
At the height of his film and radio popularity Autry enlisted in the United States Army in 1942, and became a tech sergeant (photo right below) in the United States Army Air Forces. Holding a private pilot certificate, he was determined to become a military pilot and earned his Service Pilot rating in June 1944, (photo below) serving as a C-109 transport pilot with the rank of flight officer. Assigned to a unit of the Air Transport Command, he flew as part of the dangerous airlift operation over the Himalayas between India and China, nicknamed the Hump.



Hollywood Heroes

Gene Autry

The man known as “The Singing Cowboy” (photo right) was one of the most popular entertainers of the 20th century. Autry was also the owner of a television station, several radio stations in Southern California, and the owner of the Los Angeles Angels Major League Baseball team from 1961 to 1997.



He was a member of both the Country Music Hall of Fame and Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, and is the only person to be awarded stars in all five categories on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, for film, television, music, radio, and live performance. His most enduring legacy may be his recordings of several Christmas songs including Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. He died in 1998.



Odds and Ends Contributed by Club Members & Friends

From Jack Mugan . . . Work in progress



AIRBRUSHING EXPLAINED:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mh4AbXuhXYI&list=PLHO9r1wkd5PegL6O0BTrk3XEgH4j6tTDy&index=7>

..... NICE WORK FROM AN UNKNOWN BUILDER.



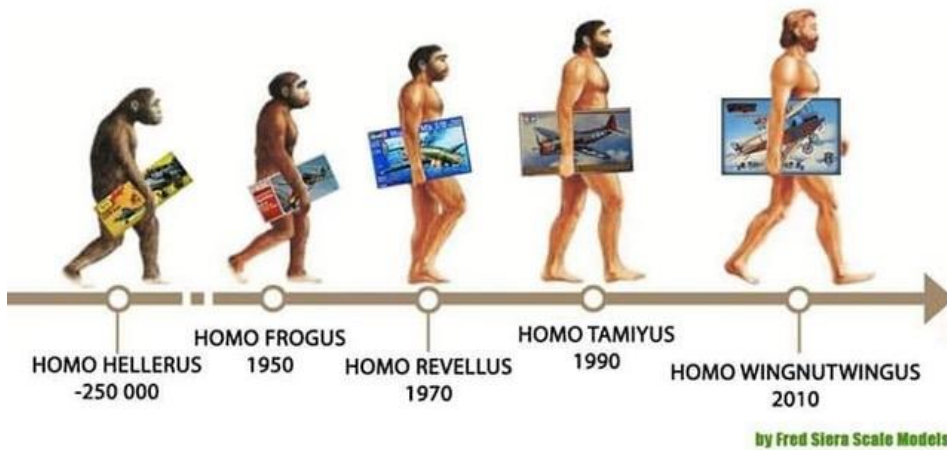
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From Jack Mugan – Air Brush tips - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jH5OHYfSq5A>

Land Speed Record cars: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGIFQzStijY>

Decals: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_rdwH1EGus

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Would you like to learn to put together the newsletter? Would you like to learn how to use Powerpoint and make presentations? Do you like working with photos. . . WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ME (OR TAKE MY JOB. . . .)?

If you answered YES to any of these questions . . . You too can be a newsletter associate editor.

If interested contact Bill Winter.

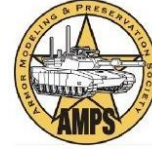


John Jonah Jameson, Jr.

Coming events

<https://modelpalooza.org/>

MODELPALOOZA



Modelpalooza/AMPS 2019 will be held at the **WorldGate Resort Hotel and Conference Center** (3011 Maingate Ln, Kissimmee, FL 34747; formerly Park Inn by Radisson Resort & Conference Center Orlando) on October 18th through the 20th. This is the same great show you have come to appreciate – all scale models of all types are welcome. New for 2019, all Military Vehicles will be judged using AMPS scoring rules. All remaining Entry Groups will be scored using the open judging rules specified on the Judging page.

Register for rooms at the resort (use Group Code Modelpalooza) \$74 per night Single/Double Rate with no Resort Fee added. Important: note that you may sometimes find what seems like a lower rate by using Expedia or another booking agent – however you will be required to pay the \$20 Resort Fee unless you book using the Modelpalooza code. You must also book your room before October 3rd to get the room block and use the code. Please call (407) 396-1400 to reserve a room or use this link.

Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct. 18th

9am – Advanced Aircraft Workshop (Oleander Room) pre-registration \$120 required
 5pm – 7pm AMPS Judges Training Course (Oleander Room – outside main ballroom)
 7pm – Venue Open for Registration (Royal
 9pm – Venue Closes

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Saturday, Oct. 19th

9am – Venue Open for Registration (Royal Palms Ball Room)
 9am – Venue Open for Attendee Access
 12pm – Modeler Registration Ends
 1pm – Seminar: “Weathering Essentials: Chipping and Washes” – Johnny and Jay Grenot
 3pm – Seminar: “Salt and Hairspray Weathering” – Vince Pedulla
 5pm – Venue Closes
 8pm – Hospitality Room – 7th Floor Presidential Suite

Sunday, Oct. 20th

9am – Venue Open (Main Ball Room)
 10am – Seminar: “Modeling using 3D Printing” – Mike Roof
 12pm – Awards Ceremony (Seminar area – Royal Palms Ball Room)
 1pm – Show ends promptly after Ceremony
 3pm – Venue Closes for All Access



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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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http://www.ipmsusa3.org/uploads/ipms_application_form_2016.pdf
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UPCOMING EVENTS

This list contains modeling events with the **IPMS Region-11 Events** listings in bold.

Oct 18-20 IPMS/AMPS - Modelpalooza with AMPS armor judging, Orlando, FL

Nov 18 North Florida AMPS meeting, Camp Blanding museum, 10 AM

January 11, 2020. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Collector's Day

Feb 8, 2020 JAXCON, Jacksonville, FL

March or April (TBA) – GNV-Ocala Interclub Contest

July 29-Aug 1 – IPMS Nationals – San Marcos, Texas



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International Plastic Modelers' Society/USA Membership Application / Renewal Form

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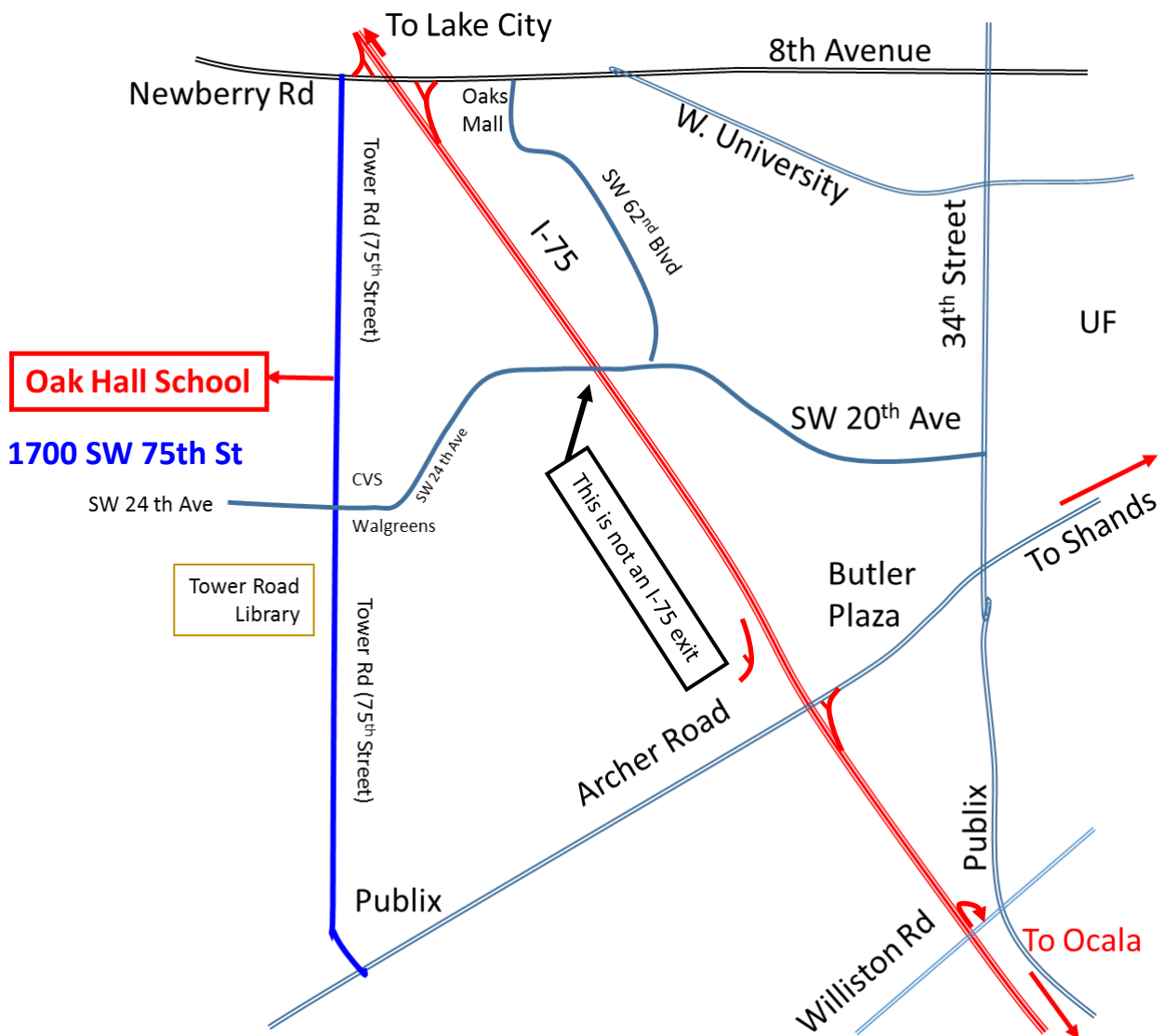
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Applications should be printed and mailed to: IPMS/USA, PO Box 56023, St. Petersburg, FL 33732-6023.

For folks renewing on-line: <http://www.shopipmsusa.org/category-s/100.htm>

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How to get to the meeting . . .



Note: There is a new entrance to Oak Hall School south of the previous entrance that we used. This entrance is off of a roundel on NW 75th Street (a.k.a. – Tower Road).



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Wild Paint

By Jack Mugan



**NOVEMBER MEETING:
TUESDAY, NOV 19, 2019!**