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The December Club Contest theme was “WWI and the Golden Years ” that was won by *Ed Ingersoll* with his captured Sopwith Camel in German WWI markings.



The 2019 IPMS Gators Modeler of the Year was *Frank Ahern*. This was awarded at the Christmas Party (pictured here with IPMS Gators President Dan Contento; see page 21).



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Next meeting:

Tuesday January 21, 2019 at: 6:30 PM

Oak Hall Library

1700 SW 75th St, Gainesville FL

(See the map on page 29)

Prez Sez..... By Dan Contento

As I sit herein front of the TV, suffering from the first 2020 cold, I reflect a bit on the last year and think "What do we want to accomplish this new year?" We all do some planning in some way or we couldn't be in this hobby. As for me I will try to FINISH at least 6 models, not just my usual start don't finish. I am also going to plan on having entries ready for Modelpalooza. JAXCON is too soon at my build speed. This would make me feel like I'm progressing as a modeler.

What do you need to progress in our hobby? What can we do as a club to provide the resources, knowledge and opportunities for each of us to improve our skills and make better models? Please pass along any thoughts.

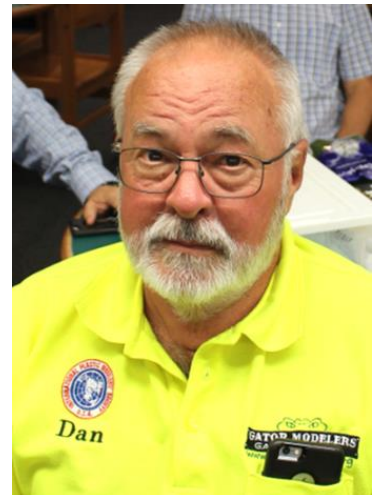


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Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2019

By Frank Ahern



President Dan Contento opened the meeting at 6:45pm welcoming 13 club members.

He began by asking for comments and reactions to the club Christmas party last Sunday.

Most replies were favorable, but some members said that there needs to be more restrictions on the gift exchange gifts. A few of the kits exchanged were opened boxes that in some cases had already been started. One member said his opened kit was missing pieces. It was suggested that next Christmas the rule will be that all kits or other modeling items must be new and factory-sealed to be eligible for the gift exchange. It was also suggested by Sue Palmer that there should be gift items provided for wives attending the party who do not participate in the gift exchange.

Contento also encouraged those club members who have not paid their annual club dues do so as soon as possible.

Mike Martinez said that he is in discussion with his superiors at Oak Hall School about possible fees that may be charged for the use of the library for club meetings. He talked with treasurer Bill Winter about the club's ability to pay for the use of the facility. He hopes to have an answer by the January meeting.

Club members were reminded about three upcoming events:

The **annual Collectors Day** event at the Florida Museum takes place Saturday Jan.11. Bruce Doyle has reserved a table and selected the theme of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. Those with models to display are urged to be at the museum by 9am that morning.

No date has been set for the club kit auction this spring, but Bill Winter hopes to have one by the next meeting. This is the primary fund-raising event for the club treasury each year. Once again this year the auction will also be the site for an inter-club contest with the Ocala IPMS club. As before, the contest theme will be – models with a backstory. This year all models in the contest must be manufactured by Tamiya.

Upcoming Technique Topic presentations were scheduled.

Tracy Palmer will present his tips for painting figures in January.

Mike Martinez will demonstrate decal making in February.

Jack Mugan gives a demo using Alclad metal paint in March.

Bill Winter shows his method of making tank tracks and filling seams in March.

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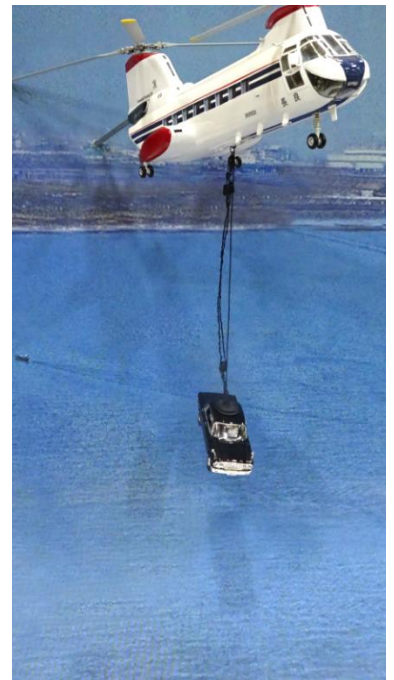
A break was declared while the group assembled at the model table for the monthly theme contest and show & tell models. Ed Ingersoll won the theme contest with his large-scale model of a Sopwith Camel.



'57 Ford Del Rio Ranch Wagon 2'n1; Russian Sovremenny Class Destroyer
Won by Frank Ahern.; Dragon 1:700; Won by Aaron Alt, Dec 2019

The attendance raffle numbers were drawn, and Aaron Alt won the first and selected a Russian destroyer kit. Frank Ahern won the second drawing and picked the Ford Ranch Wagon model kit. Finally, Bill Winter showed a **collection of photos** he took at last summers IPMS national contest in Chattanooga.

The meeting concluded at 8:20pm.



Photos from IPMS Nationals 2019



Late Breakin' News

The IPMS Gators- IPMS Ocala contest AND the IPMS Gators auction will be held at the "condo" APRIL 11, 2020 (Saturday), We will start about 10:30 AM with the auction (please bring kits to auction). We will break for lunch. Gators' will supply barbeque. Everybody – please bring a salad, fruit, side dish and/or drinks. We will then hold the contest. After the contest we will complete the auction and then finish with dessert. TALK IT UP!

Notes on the Moebius™ Flying Sub: Chapter 2

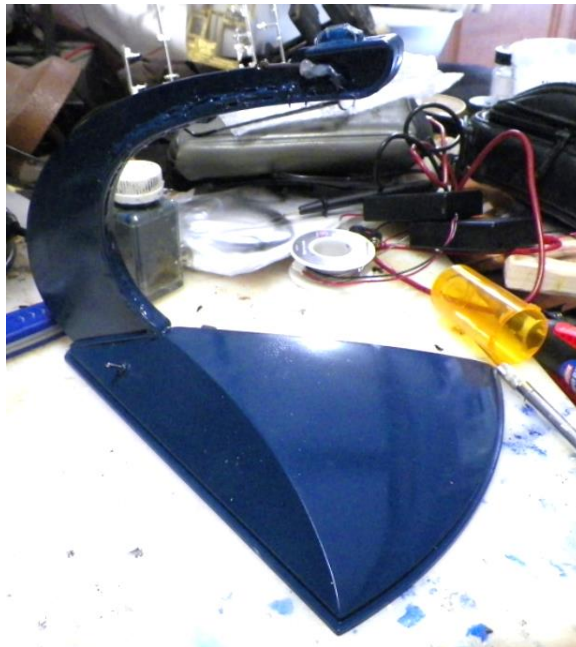
By Paul Bennett



Last month I covered the overall kit build. This month I am going to delve into the power details. One of the first problems to address was power. The rectangular 9 volt battery is nice and small, but has one big problem. When I finished building the sub, I used about fifteen LED's, each of which required about 20 milliamperes for a total of 300 milliamperes. That little 9 volt battery is not going to last long. I decided instead to use "AA" batteries. As six "AA"'s take up considerable room, somehow mounting them in the base was the best option. Another advantage of that was the battery was completely removed from the model itself so it would not detract from the model.

There was a major advantage to locating the batteries in the stand bottom... Weight! As I have mentioned, there are problems with the sub's top heavyness and, while still wobbly, the extra weight added considerable stability and less inclination for tipping.

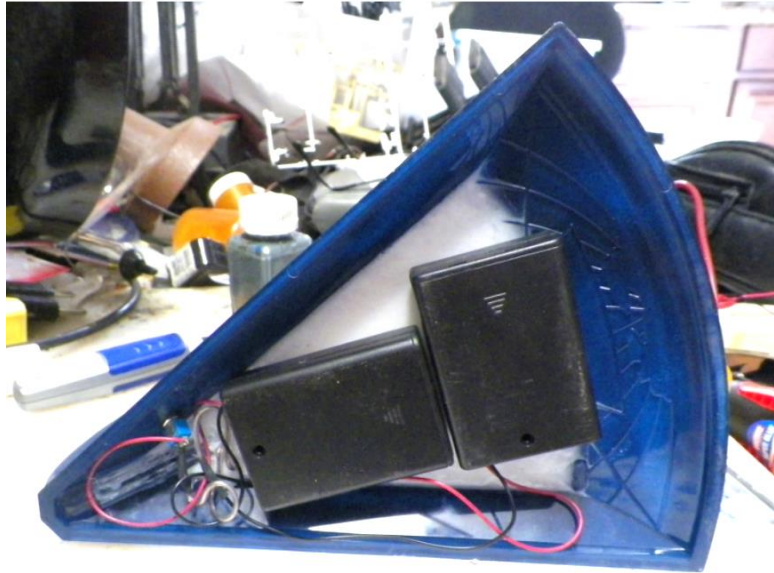
The first thing I did was to invert the base, mark the area for the battery box depth, and then I filled the base to the line using casting resin, again adding extra weight (and stability). Here is the base with the original switch.



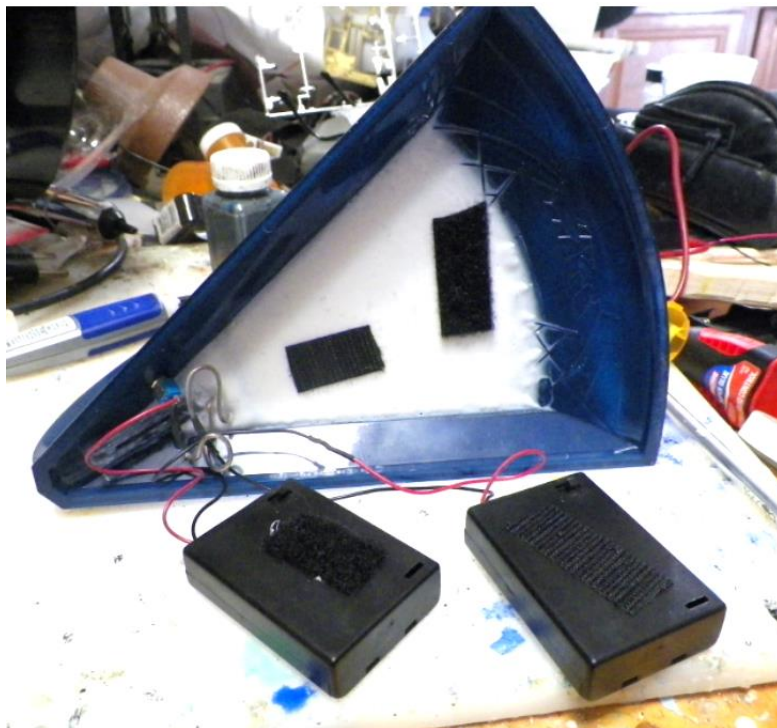
I was going with what I first had in stock. I used two 3 cell battery boxes but the only ones I had in stock had a built-in switch. While I did turn the switches "on" I used Velcro™ so if the switch accidentally got turned on, I could remove the box and turn it off. As a side note the battery boxes I used had a lid that was held in place by a tab/screw pair. This way the batteries would not frustrate by falling out of the boxes when I turned the sub over.

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So, anyway, in this picture you see the original set up. (And the annoying little switch).



And here you see the Velcro™ and the cast resin base.



I decided to order different, almost identical battery boxes without the switch, but they still used the tab/screw combination to hold the batteries in place. In this picture you see the replacement wired boxes and the Velcro™ has been removed (photo next page).

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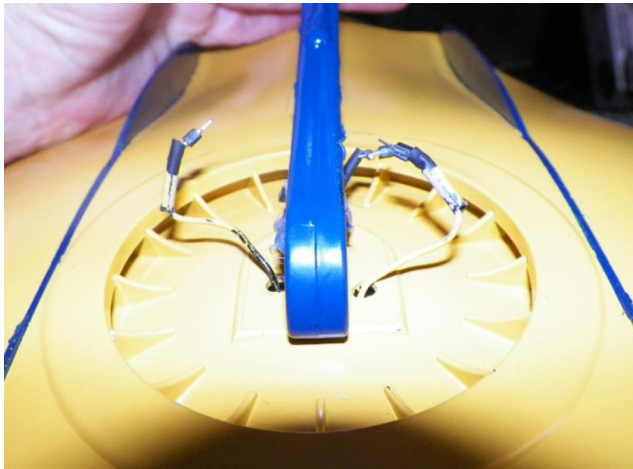


Once I had replaced the battery boxes and put the batteries in, I tried to make it work... No luck.

Turned out the problem was the switch, it was not rugged enough. I replaced it with a slightly larger switch with a paddle handle rather than the bat style. Worked Fine! And easier to turn on and off. Next I used my hot glue gun to permanently attach the battery boxes to the resin. All done and a lot more stable on its base.

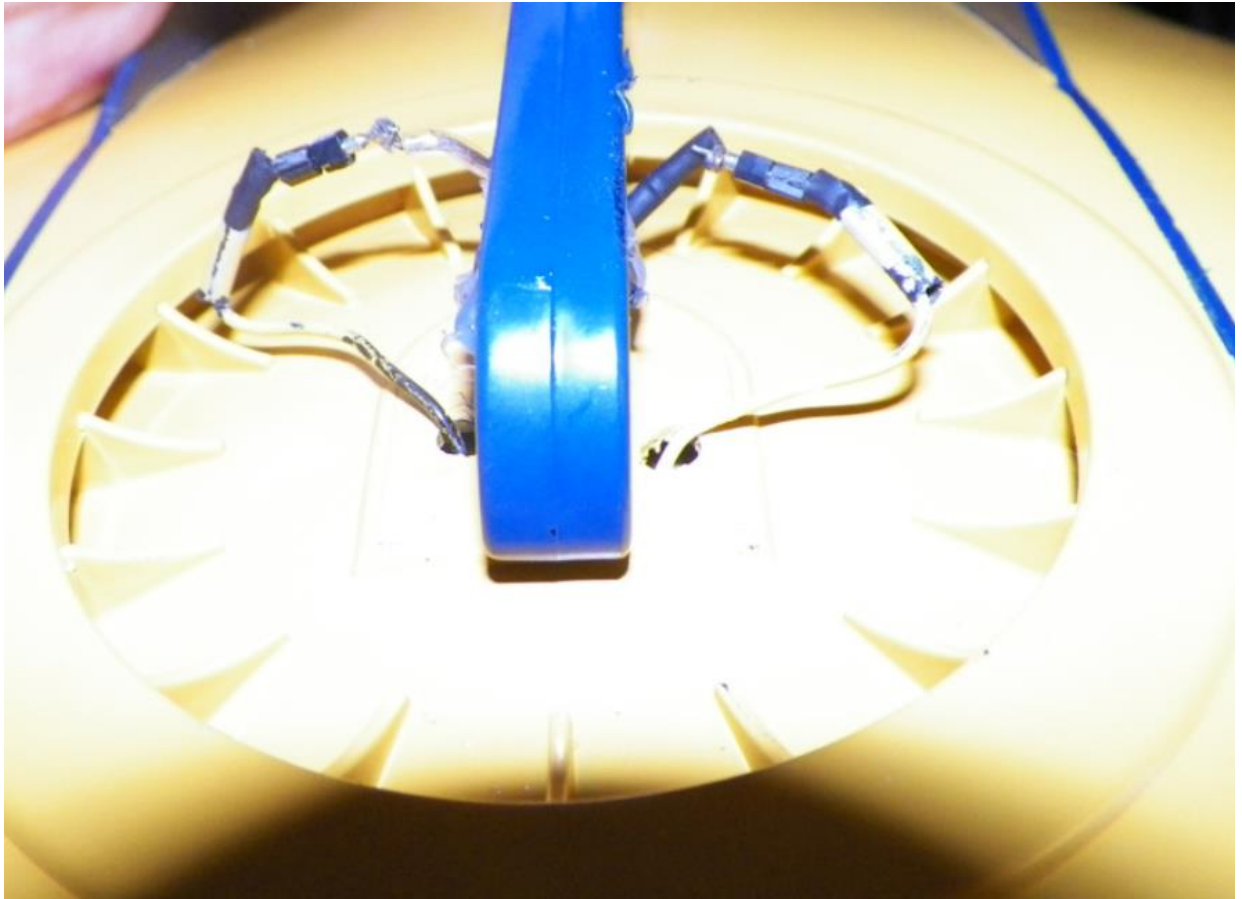
Well, how did I get power from the base to the model and still be able to remove the sub from the base? I used the Micromark™ mini-connectors and fed the wires through holes in the base. To prevent inadvertently misconnecting the batteries to the models I ran each wire separately to each side of the base and sub. Reversing the polarity to LED's can be BAD! Really, really BAD! It will destroy the LED's.

Here is a picture of the connectors disconnected.

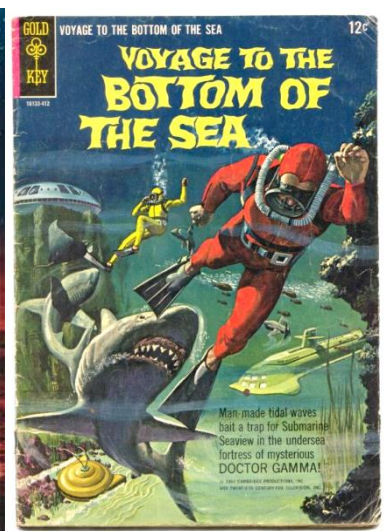


Notes on the Moebius™ Flying Sub: Chapter 2

And this is a picture of the connectors hooked up.



I am not really happy with this connection solution, I would like to do a single, polarized connector for both leads. Something else I want to do is find some red heat shrink of the right size and put a color band on both male and female positive connectors.





Technique Topic:

“Random” Camouflage”

By Frank Ahern



This will be a departure from the usual technique topic format in which I explain how wonderful I am at a certain technique. Here is an example of a topic that has had me befuddled – how to paint random-pattern camouflage. This came up as I finished building the last entry in my “VW at War” collection, the Kubelwagen.



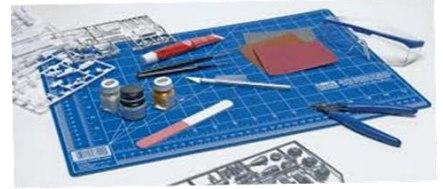
The Tamiya kit went together easily and looked good, as we have come to expect from the Japanese model-making wizards. When I got to the painting phase of construction I decided to try to duplicate the random looking green stripes over the dark yellow base that was shown on the box art. On my first attempt I tried to airbrush the green stripes freehand.





Technique Topic:

"Random" Camouflage"



It did not go well (see phot previous page). Then I tried to brush paint the stripes over the airbrushed areas. Needless to say, this was also a failure. Next step: start all over.

For some reason I didn't think of using one of my favorite techniques for masking camouflage—



using rolled strips of poster putty as my masking material (see photo above). This is probably because the putty I had been using had gotten hard and lost its tackiness. Mr. Big Spender had to go to Hobby Lobby (using a 40% coupon) and buy a new package of putty for less than \$2. Now I was back in business.

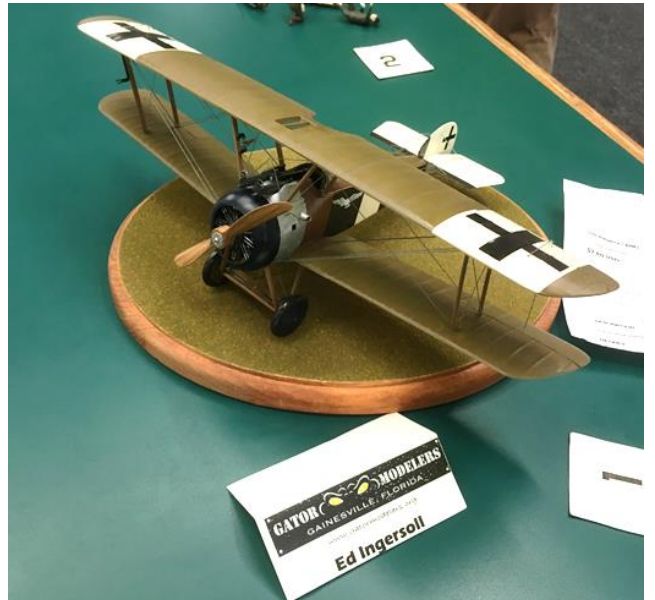
The process involves taking a piece of the putty and rolling it into a strip which can be twisted, bent and formed into any shape you want.



New putty (see phot previous page) will adhere easily to the model and, in my experience, will seldom lift paint. The other great thing is that it gives a soft edge rather than the hard edge you get from tape masks. Almost all field-applied camouflage on WW2 vehicles requires a soft edge look.

To see the new, improved version of my random-camouflage Kubelwagen you'll have to come to the next meeting on Jan.21. I'm hoping it will look a lot better than the first attempt. I would also¹¹ welcome any suggestions and advice from those who have had success with other techniques.

Show and Tell



Show and Tell



Chuck Lassiter



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Tracy Palmer



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Frank Ahern



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Show and Tell



Aaron Alt



Paul Bennett



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Gator Modelers Meeting Date: November 20, 2019

| Modeler's Name | Kit Manufacturer | Kit Name | Kit Scale | Status (C = Complete, IP = In Progress) | Modifications, Additions, Details |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|
| JACK MUGAN | ACCURATE MIN | F3F-1 | 1/48 | C | ADDED ANTENNA |
| Ben Spence | CITADEL | SPARTAN | 1/36 | C | |
| BO PROSSER | AVRIL | SPARTAN | 1/36 | C | castings of German soldiers |
| Paul Bennett | ITM | WWII Marine | 1/35 | C | |
| Paul Bennett | BBN | WWII Marine | 1/35 | IP | |
| Frank Allen | Monogram | Kriegsflieger | 1/48 | C | w/leading gear |
| Frank Allen | Special Hobby | WW II T-54 | 1/35 | C | |
| Aaron Alt | Tamiya | T-54 | 1/35 | IP | resin reactive armor |
| TJRC | Tamiya | T-54 | 1/35 | C | |



Tracy's Uhu from Show and Tell

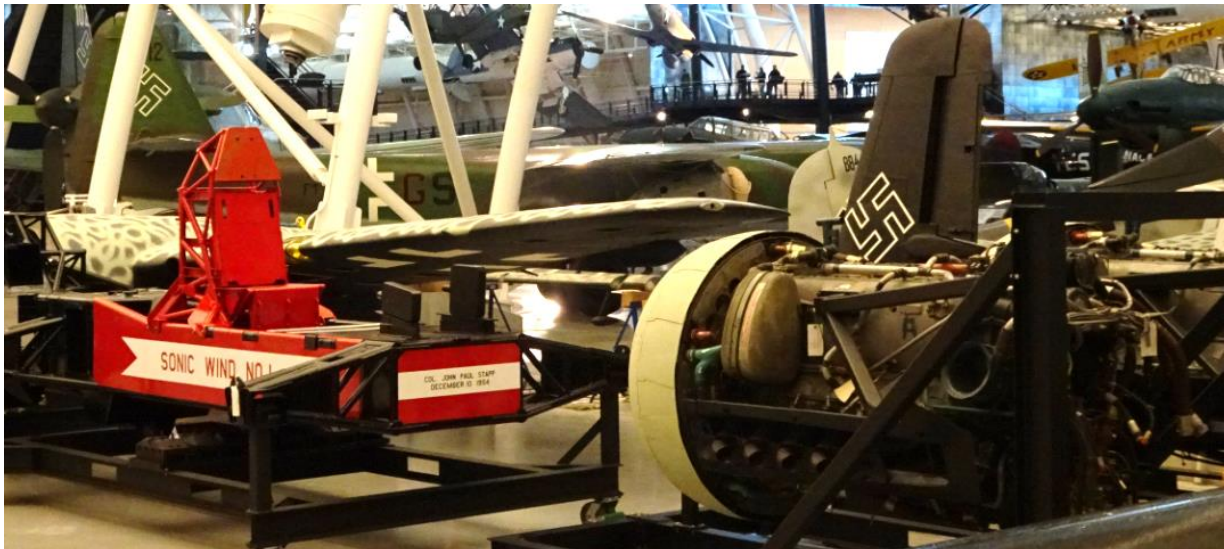
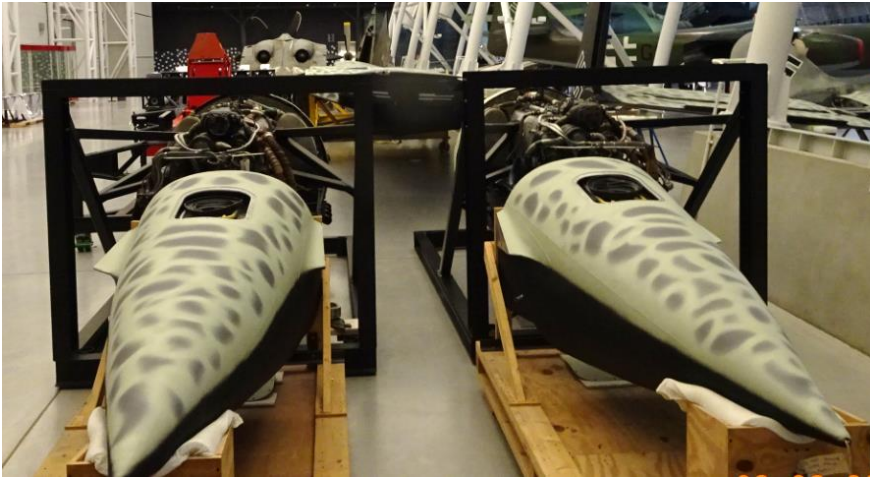


The editor especially liked Tracy's Uhu. Adapted from Wikipedia: *"The Heinkel He 219 Uhu ("Eagle-Owl") was a night fighter that served with the German Luftwaffe in the later stages of World War II. A relatively sophisticated design, the He 219 possessed a variety of innovations, including Lichtenstein SN-2 advanced VHF-band intercept radar, also used on the Ju 88G and Bf 110G night fighters. It was also the first operational military aircraft to be equipped with ejection seats and the first operational German World War II-era aircraft with tricycle landing gear. Had the Uhu been available in quantity, it might have had a significant effect on the strategic night bombing offensive of the Royal Air Force; however, only 294 of all models were built by the end of the war and these saw only limited service. Ernst-Wilhelm Modrow was the leading night fighter ace on the He 219. Modrow was credited with 33 of his 34 night air victories on the type."*

I've seen a Uhu at the Steven F. Hazy-Udvar Air and Space Museum at Dulles. Photos are on the next page. Below is a WWII photo of a Uhu.



Uhu at Dulles (which is the only surviving Uhu)



Members in Attendance





Hollywood Heroes



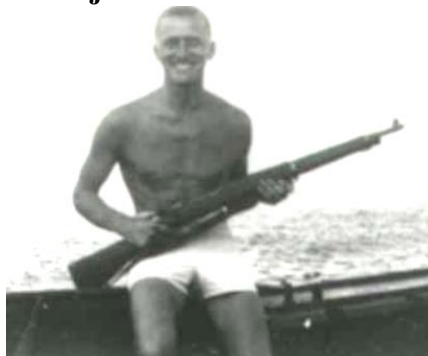
By Frank Ahern

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.

Kirk Douglas



Douglas enlisted in the United States Navy in 1941, shortly after the United States entered World War II. He was deemed too old for the Air Force but accepted into the Navy where he served as a gunnery and communications officer in anti-submarine warfare on board PC-1139. He was medically discharged for war injuries in 1944.



He discharged was due to chronic ameobic dysentary discovered when hospitalized due to abdominal injuries caused by the accidental dropping of a depth charge.

Kirk Douglas

Douglas developed into a leading box-office star throughout the 1950s, known for serious dramas, including westerns and war movies. (*Paths of Glory*; photo above and right) During his career, he appeared in more than 90 movies. As an actor and philanthropist, Douglas received three Academy Award nominations, an Oscar for Lifetime Achievement, and the



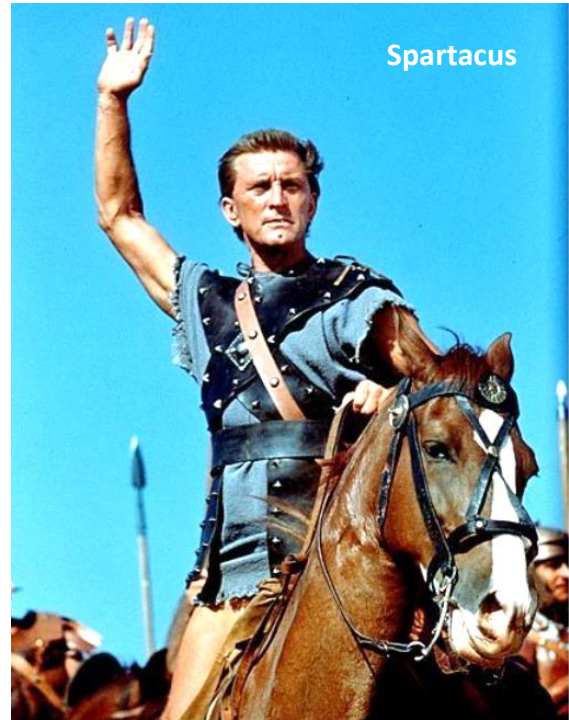


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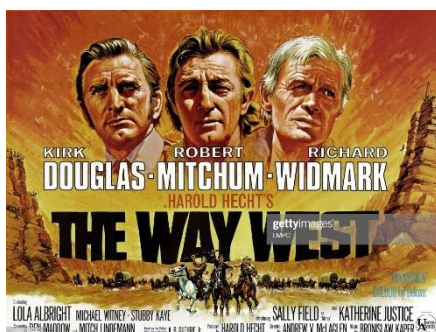
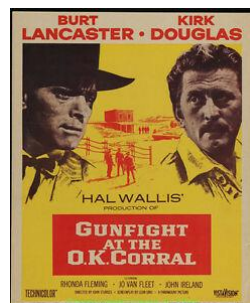
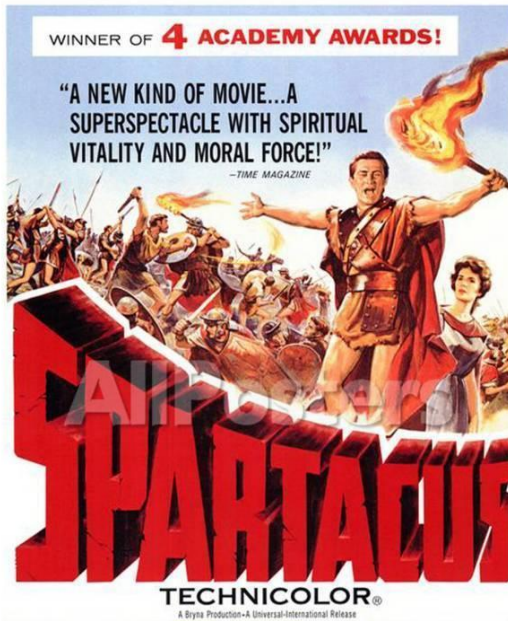
Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1955, he established Bryna Productions, which began producing films as varied as *Paths of Glory* (1957) and *Spartacus* (1960) (Photo, right). In those two films he collaborated with the then-relatively-unknown director Stanley Kubrick, taking lead roles in both films.

Douglas has been praised for helping to break the Hollywood blacklist by having Dalton Trumbo write *Spartacus* with an official on-screen credit.

He celebrated his 103rd birthday on December 9th.



Spartacus



Gator Modelers Christmas Party Dec 15, 2019



IPMS Gators' Christmas party was held Dec 15, 2019 at the "Condo." Don't think that everybody pictured with a gift took that gift home! The gift exchange involves "borrowing" gifts of others. However, everybody who brought a gift to exchange did go home with a gift!



Gator Modelers Christmas Party Dec 15, 2019



The 2019 IPMS Gators Modeler of the Year was *Frank Ahern* (pictured here with IPMS Gators President Dan Contento).



Gator Modelers Christmas Party Dec 15, 2019



Ethan Alt and Mike Martinez brought a Naval theme to the festivities.



I think Alan did take this gift home!



I'm not sure that Tracy is expressing glee or worry!



2020 Florida Museum of Natural History Collectors Day



IPMS Gators was well represented at the 2020 Florida Museum of Natural History Collectors Day on Jan 11, 2020 by Bruce Doyle (not pictured), Mike Martinez, Jack Mugan, Paul Bennett, Bob Lundeen and Tony Ivone



2020 Florida Museum of Natural History Collectors Day



Odds and Ends Contributed by Club Members & Friends

From Jack Mugan . . . Work in progress . . .



X-99 Only one ever built. Cargo version of B-36 . . .



Happy 60th anniversary to JACK and SHARON MUGAN!



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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

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

Feb 8, 2020 JAXCON, Jacksonville, FL

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

March 28, 2020 – Caloosacon, Venice Fl

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

MONTHLY CLUB THEMES

These are the themes for the 12 months beginning in December, 2019. The rationale for these themes is that they cover the major recent historic periods (WW1 thru Golden Age (pre-WW2); WW2 & post war (to 1949); Korea & Cold War (to 1962); Vietnam to 1980; and 1981 to present) and the major subject matters (Aircraft; Armor; Ships; Cars; and Figures/sci-fi/what-nots). This should accommodate modelers creativity over a wide spectrum. November and May are reserved for the club contest.

Jan -

Aircraft

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|--------|-----------------------------|
| Feb - | WW2 & post war (to 1949). |
| Mar - | Armor |
| Apr - | Korea & Cold War (to 1962). |
| May - | Club contest |
| June - | Ships |
| July - | Vietnam to 1980. |
| Aug - | Cars |
| Sept - | 1981 to present |
| Oct - | Figures/sci-fi/what-nots |
| Nov - | Club contest |



Paid members

Frank Ahern
Brian Cormack
Don Martin
Bill Winter

The Alts
Ed Ingersoll
Michael Martinez

Paul Bennett
Chuck Lassiter
Jack Mugan

Dan Contento
Bob Lundeen
Doug Spinney

Please let me know if I made an error. – Bill (IPMS Gators' Treasurer)



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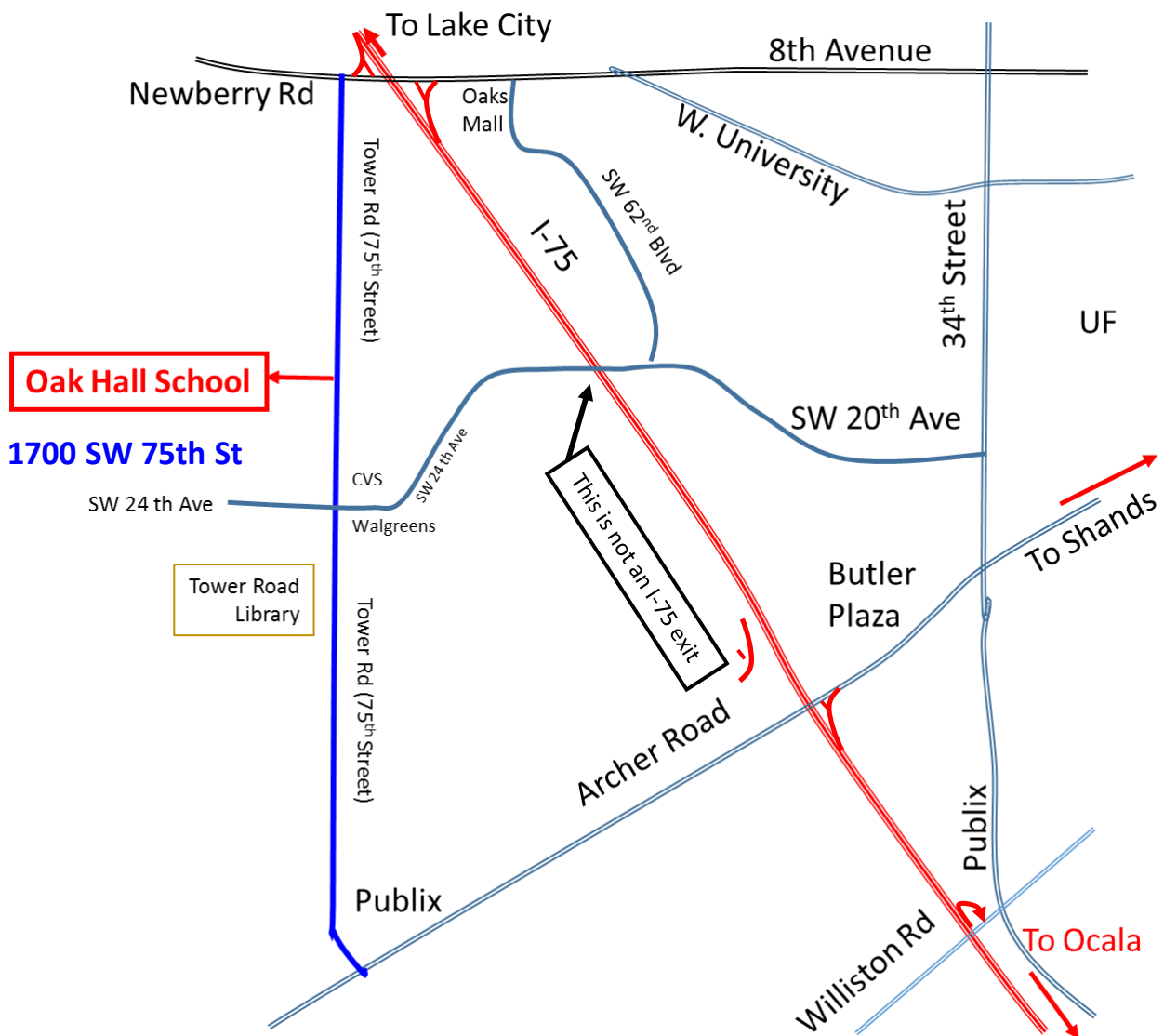
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Wild Paint

By Jack Mugan



**FEBRUARY MEETING:
TUESDAY, FEB 18, 2020!**