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**Ed Ingersoll's T-34/85 was chosen as the outstanding model in December's "Kit Bash" Club Contest.**



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### Prez Sez.....

We've made it to the beginning of another year, and I've started it off with a good old winter cold. All the wife says about it is, "Don't give it to me." I will, of course, pass it to her, and then she'll pass it back. Most of you know how that goes.

This month a few of us are going to an estate sale - someone had passed away that had a thousand unbuilt models. From what I understand from fellow modelers is that a thousand models would be considered a small stash. But to straddle a loved one with the responsibility to sell all of them, to me, seems unfair. There are those spouses that enjoy the hobby and don't mind selling your stash, but I imagine there are only a select few. My stash is small, my wife knows that if I pass first then the airbrushes go to our youngest son, all armor goes to AMPS, all the rest gets donated to IPMS Gators. Problem solved.

Early last year a friend that belonged to IPMS Ocala passed away, he had 4000 kits. His son, from what we have been told, still has a storage bin full of unsold kits. He's been selling kits for at least 8-9 months. I wonder if he thinks that all the time spent selling kits has been worth it all.

My point is, let your loved ones know what your wishes are ahead of time and the steps they need to take. It isn't only your stash, but all the things that make it possible to build and paint our kits.

I do believe that is enough preaching for this month. I hope all of you have a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting. - **Doug**

### July - IPMS Gators

We will meet  
Tuesday, January  
21, 2025, at 6:30  
PM at  
Oak Hall Library

## **Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday December 17, 2024**

By Frank Ahern



President Doug Spinney called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. There were a total of 14 members and one visitor - Darryl Palmer. Doug went over upcoming model shows in the area including:

Harbor City Modelers Swap Meet and Model Car Show - Jan.11, Regional Pavilion, Melbourne FL

Jaxcon 2025 - Feb. 7 & 8, Jacksonville North Baptist Church

Atlanta AMPS and Figure Show, Marietta Hilton, Feb. 21-22.

Vice President Chuck Lassiter announced that the Modeler of the Year for 2024, based on accumulated points for club activities, is Don Martin.

Doug thanked those who attended the Christmas party on Dec. 8, especially Mike Martinez, who brought the turkey.

Those in attendance who had not yet paid yearly dues (\$20) were asked to make their payment. All in the meeting responded.

The meeting paused for Show & Tell presentations and the monthly theme contest. This month's theme is Kit Bash. Next month's theme is - Your oldest model.

There was only one entry - Ed Ingersoll won with a modified T-34 tank.

The monthly attendance raffles were won by Mike Martinez, who selected the IJN Battleship Musashi, and Bob Lundeen who picked a Cessna O2A.



The meeting concluded with a video provided by Bob Lundeen of his trip to Tank America and driving a tank across a course.

The meeting ended at 7:15pm.

Submitted by:

Frank Ahern, Secretary

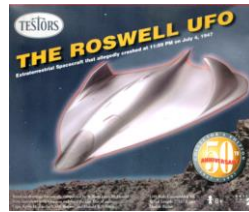


## Club Model Kits – Please read this ....

By Bill W.

IPMS Gator's has a "stash" of kits that we use as door prizes. This "give away" activity is a popular part of our meetings. Since 2015 we have given away over 150 kits as door prizes. In part, your yearly dues of \$20 supports this activity. The kits are purchased periodically to ensure a variety of kits are available as door prizes. Some kits have been donated to the club for use as door prizes.

For at least 10 years, I have had 2 boxes of other unbuilt kits in my barn given to IPMS Gators by a former Regional Coordinator. Because of their complexity, these kits are not suitable for "make-and-takes." Over the years, the mud daubers have gotten into these boxes and left "their mark" [.. mud ☹️]. Therefore, it's time to distribute these kits to the paid club members.



The most common kit that we have is the *Roswell UFO* kit (see above) of which we have at least 20. The officers have decided to offer each paid club member one of these kits with the intent that the kit will be built for a "special" club contest to be held in April or May of this year (in addition to the usual monthly theme). *If you want to participate and come to the January meeting, we will distribute a UFO kit to you at that time. If a member can't attend the meeting, we can hold a kit for them if they contact me ([winter@pathology.ufl.edu](mailto:winter@pathology.ufl.edu)) and request that a kit be held. The requests for kits are on a first come-first-serve basis until all of the kits have been distributed.*

For the non-Roswell UFO kits (e.g., a *Batcycle* kit, a *Batboat* kit, the *Independence Douglas C-118 Truman's Presidential Transport*, *F-117*, *F-14* and *SR-71*), these kits will be used as door prizes in *addition to* our regular 2 door prizes per month. There are approximately 12 such non-UFO kits. We will offer 3 per month so that these kits will be distributed over a 4-month period of time. For these kits, an additional 3 tickets will be drawn each month, and the winner can choose which of the non-Roswell kits they want (until the type of kit is exhausted).

*Contact me if you have questions. In January, we will also be selling books donated to the club at a considerable discount.*



# Jeep

By Frank Ahern

Most guys have a fantasy vehicle that they want for no good reason, just because it looks cool. Mine is a Jeep, like the one pictured to the right that I built for my cousin because he's a Jeep fanatic too. He was a Marine, so I had to do some research on the differences between Army and Marine Jeeps. The most basic is one I didn't have time to do. Marine Jeeps were not painted Olive Drab for the most part, but a color called Marine Green. Since the AFV kit I built was molded in Olive Drab I went with that because I only had 3 days to build it. The kit was well molded and had lots of tiny, fragile parts that resulted in a detailed model that my cousin appreciated.



Other differences were related to markings. The Marines didn't plaster big white stars on their Jeeps like the Army did. They thought it made too easy a target. They also used yellow as the stencil marking color rather than white.



## Jeep

I won't try to re-hash the history of the Jeep. It was the iconic vehicle of WW2 and frequently cited by Supreme Allied Commander Dwight Eisenhower as one of the most important pieces of equipment in the U.S. arsenal.

It was a classic example of how US industrial production won the war. American industry produced more than 650,000 Jeeps during the war. By contrast the Germans only made about 50,000 Kubelwagens. While the Nazi's were hauling equipment and soldiers around in horse-drawn wagons, the American forces were almost totally mechanized, thanks to the Jeep.



I still don't have a 1/1 scale Jeep of my own, so I'll have to be satisfied with this replica, but it's better than nothing.



I can still fantasize about driving on I-75 with a .50 caliber machine gun which I could use to administer vigilante justice to some

Ed Ingersoll's 1:48 scale Meng T-34 tank to which he added Retro Tracks & 85 mm barrel



Joel Hurov's 1:35 scale Sherman by Tamiya

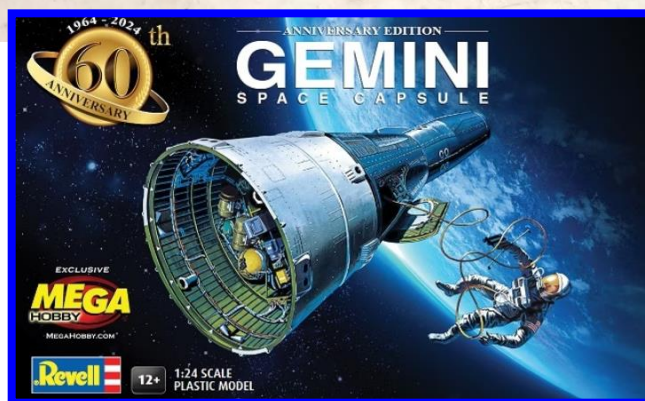




Chuck Lassiter – “Little Cockpit Stuff” by Airfix and MPC



Bob's 1:24 scale Gemini by Revell



## Don Martin's 1:35 scale ICM G-7107 cargo truck modified to "The Christmas Truck"



Ed Ingersoll's "Humdigger" -- > Hummer + Monster truck tires and suspension



## U.S. Interwar Years Colorful Aircraft (Brewster Buffalo)





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## Aviation Reference Books for Sale.

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To see the list of available titles scan the QR code above with your phone camera or visit <https://tinyurl.com/5cry87rb> and then email [martin@dyksterhouse.org](mailto:martin@dyksterhouse.org) to order. Shipping with tracking via USPS Media Mail in most cases.

I am selling off a collection of aircraft reference books that belonged to a model builder in our club (Kalamazoo Scale Modelers). A majority of the proceeds will go to his widow. Please see notice above.

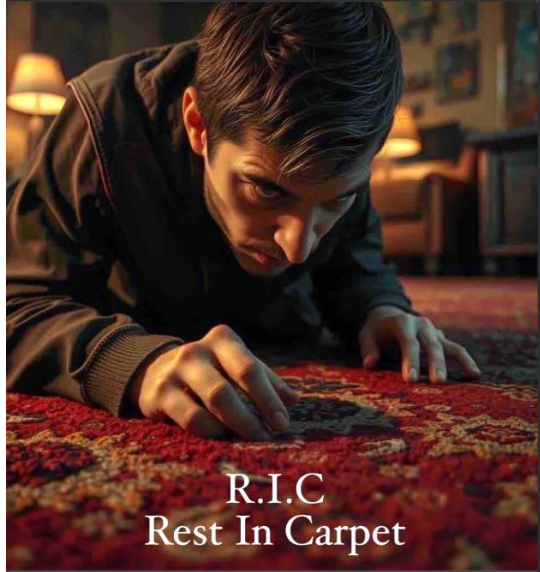
Martin Schultz  
Kalamazoo Scale Modelers  
Secretary, Chapter Contact.

From Doug Spinney --- >



in memory of all the little bloody parts that were swallowed by the hairy dark monster...  
Glory to the brave modelers combing through the carpets inch by inch! 😁  
Cheers 🍺

.. From Doug Spinney



**Challenge question:** What type of defensive armament (e.g., guns) did B-24s have on their bellies (ventral surfaces)?



Let me know your thoughts. Next month I'll publish the answer. - Bill

## What does road racing have to do with pre-WWII Nuremberg Party Rallies?

Leading up to WWII, Nazi Germany held political / ideological rallies in Nuremberg. The rallies became national events in 1933 after Hitler became chancellor on January 30 of that year. These massive rallies continued until 1938. The 1939 rally was canceled as Germany began WWII with its invasion of Poland on September 1.



The Nuremberg grandstand (*Zeppelinhaupttribüne*) in the Zeppelin Field is presently in disrepair.

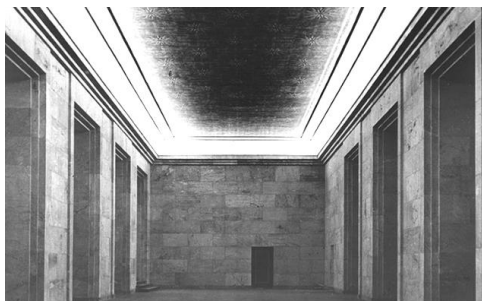


The swastika atop the grandstand was destroyed by U.S. forces on 4-22-1945. Nuremberg had



fallen to the U.S. Army's 7<sup>th</sup> Army (Lieutenant General Alexander Patch), 45<sup>th</sup> (Major General Robert T. Frederick) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Divisions (Major General John W. O'Daniel) just 2 days previously. That attack had begun on April 16, 1945.

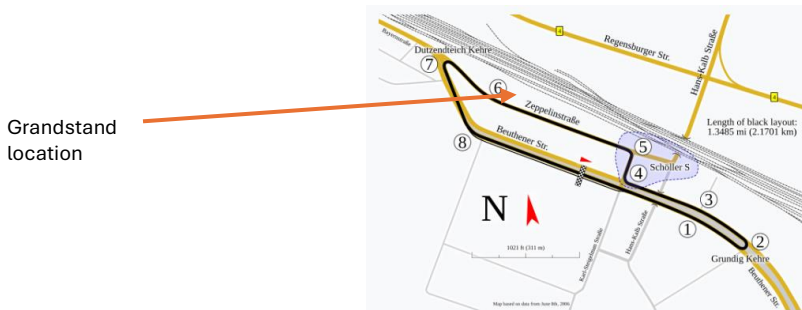
In 1967, the city blew up the grandstand's double row of pillars, causing severe damage to the remainder of the building. Not often noted is the presence of a hall within the grandstand.





## What does road racing have to do with pre-WWII Nuremberg Party Rallies?

Since the end of WWII, as noted, the grandstand was partially demolished and is decaying. The roadway in front of the grandstand has been used for various types of racing since 1947. Initially for motorcycle racing, in the 1970's it became part of a sports car racing venue. Since 2000, it has been annually used by the *Deutsche Tourenwagen Masters*, the premier Germany-based touring car racing series. The Nuremberg street circuit is termed “Nurising.” Below is a diagram of the race course.



Since 1972 the race course has been set at 1.429 miles. The *Deutsche Tourenwagen Masters* sports car racing series is sanctioned by ADAC [*Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club* (literally: General German Automobile Club; Europe's largest automobile association)]. The series is based in Germany, with rounds elsewhere in Europe. The series currently races a modified version of Group GT3 grand touring cars.



Group GT3, known technically as Cup Grand Touring Cars (and commonly referred to as simply “GT3”), is a set of regulations maintained by the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA). By 2013, nearly 20 automobile manufacturers had built or been represented with GT3 machines.

GT3 cars must be based on mass production road car models that are being built and sold at the time of testing and their certification. However, the engines need not meet these requirements. Performance of GT3 cars is regulated, either by the GT Bureau of the FIA or by a series' specific ruling body, through the balance of performance formulae that adjusts limits on horsepower, weight, engine management, and aerodynamics to prevent a single manufacturer from becoming dominant in the class. The GT3 weigh between 2645 lbs and 2866 lbs, with horsepower between 500 hp and 600 hp. GT3 cars also have traction control, ABS, and built-in air jacks for quick pit stops.

## What does road racing have to do with pre-WWII Nuremberg Party Rallies?

Here are views of the race in 2022! (The Dodge Viper is from 2006).





Since 2006, Group GT3 cars have been either exclusive to or in a distinct class in each of the following series:

**Bold** indicates an active series that currently uses Group GT3 cars.

**24H GT Series**

**ADAC GT Masters**

**Asian Le Mans Series**

**Australian Endurance Championship**

Belcar

**GT World Challenge America**

**GT World Challenge Australia**

**GT World Challenge Asia**

**GT World Challenge Europe**

**GT World Challenge Europe Endurance Cup**

Brazilian GT Championship

**British GT Championship**

China GT Championship

**DTM**

**European Le Mans Series**

**ESET V4 Cup**

FFSA GT Championship

FIA GT World Cup

**FIA Motorsport Games**

FIA GT1 World Championship

FIA GT3 European Championship

GT Asia Series

**GT America Series**

**IMSA SportsCar Championship**

**Intercontinental GT Challenge**

International GTSprint Series

**International GT Open**

**Italian GT Championship**

**Michelin Le Mans Cup**

**Nürburgring Langstrecken Serie**

Portuguese GT Championship

Spanish GT Championship

**Super Taikyu Series**

**Ultimate Cup Series**

**Trans-Am Series**

**World Endurance Championship**

Additionally, the following series allow certain Group GT3 cars to participate alongside other competitors:

**British Endurance Championship**

**Endurance Brasil**

**GT Cup Championship**

**Supercar Challenge**

Rolex Sports Car Series

**Super GT**

Swedish GT Series

**Thailand Super Series**

V de V Sports Challenge Endurance/GT Tourisme

**GT Winter Series**

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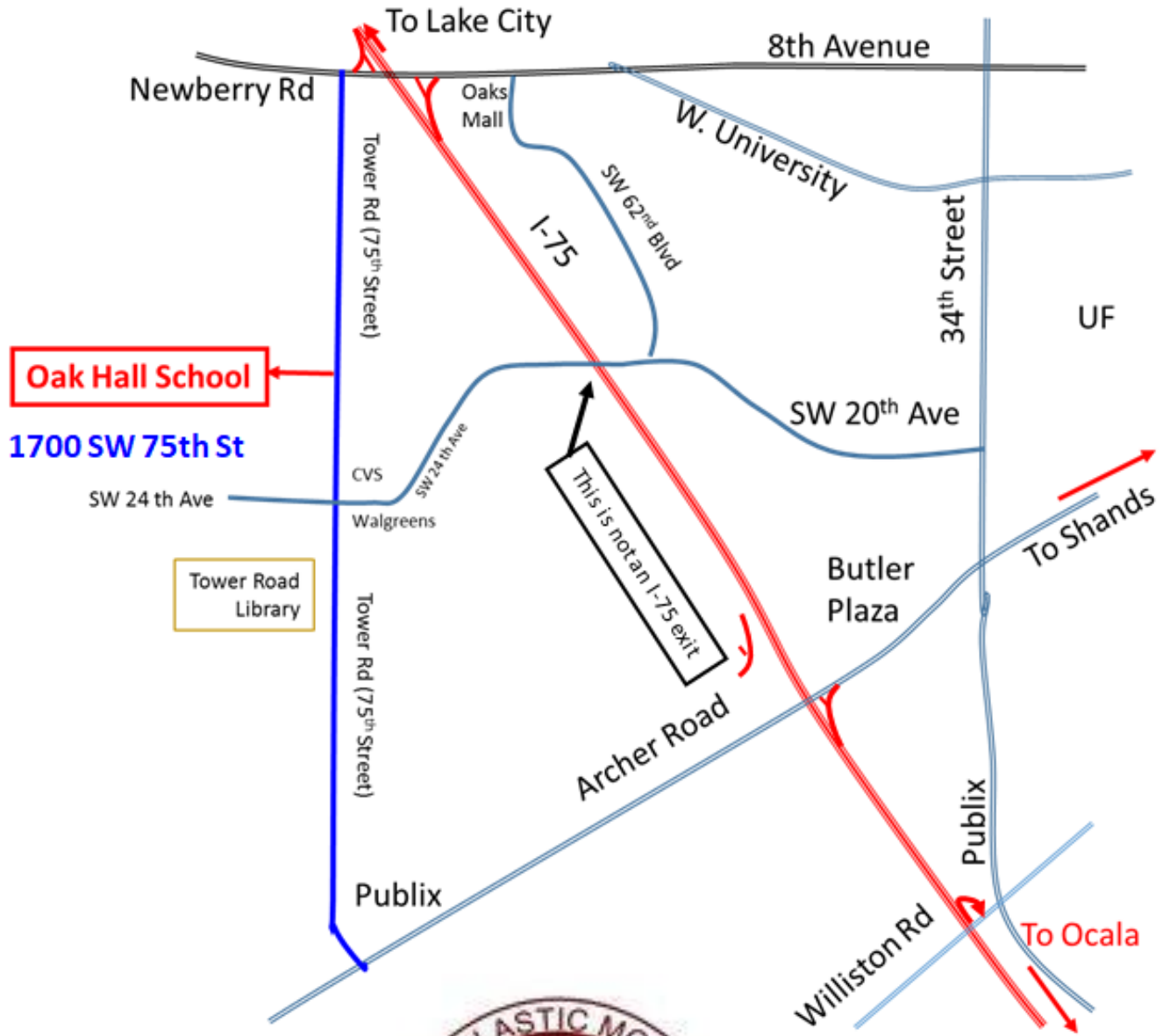
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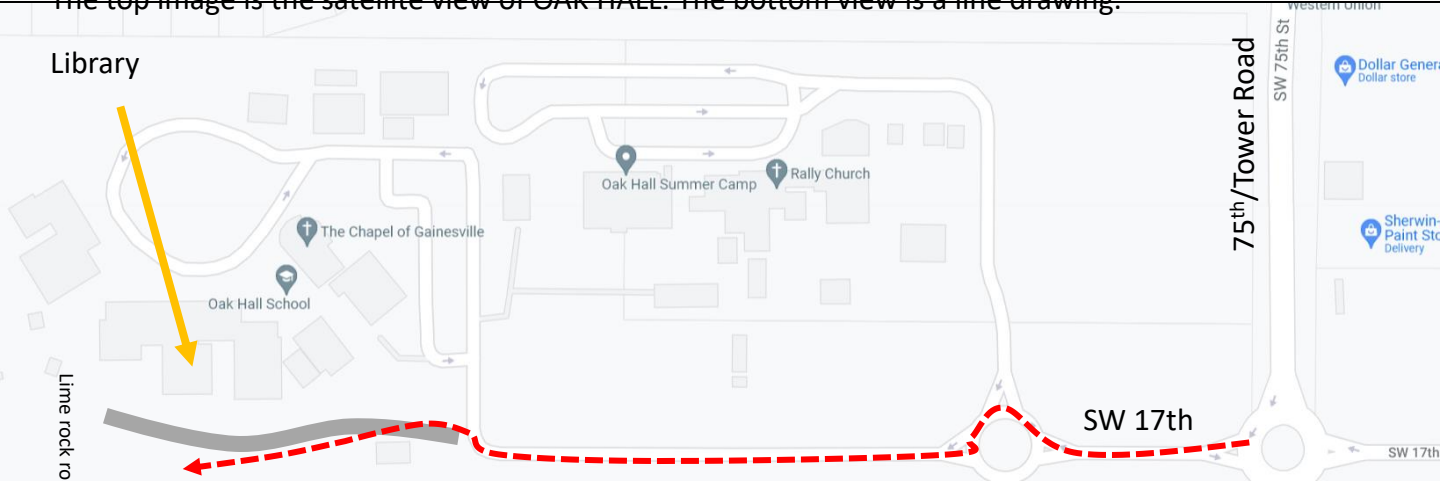
# Directions to OAK HALL (1700 SW 75<sup>th</sup> St, Gainesville, FL)



**IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS:** We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday January 21 at 6:30 PM in the LIBRARY.



The top image is the satellite view of OAK HALL. The bottom view is a line drawing.



## A note about monthly themes for 2025

### Jan. Your oldest model

- Feb. Things that were re-purposed
- Mar. Vietnam war
- Apr. Russia WW2
- May Ships
- Jun Snow vehicles
- Jul Movie/TV
- Aug. Humor
- Sep WW1
- Oct Korean war
- Nov. 3 color camouflage
- Dec. Sci-Fi



**Fancy Paint** ... inspired by Jack Mugan



**THE END**

**Dear Readers** – If you sent me something for the IPMS Gators' newsletter and I missed it, or if I misidentified any photos, please let me know. I'll fix it in the February 2025 newsletter. - Bill