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Clarence Snyder's Rescue Truck was chosen as the outstanding model in September's Club Contest.

*Inside see: Prez Says, Last month's meeting minutes and Frank's article.*



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**Prez Sez.....**

*My long, sort of, motorcycle ride has come and gone. We did go 2300 miles, and 7 states, but had to change our route back via Asheville to the same route that we took up. Seems Hurricane Helene had other ideas and due to the flooding in western Tennessee and North Carolina we decided to take the safe route. Now that I'm back, it is time to get back to modeling.*

*I hope all fared well during Helene, we had pretty good size limbs fall and the top of a couple of trees, but nothing landed on the house. And while I was away on my ride my wife was home and slept through the storm. She didn't send me pictures of the back of the property, something about she wanted to make sure I came home.*

*Modelpalooza is just around the corner and I hope that my fellow modelers are eager to show off their prized models. I'm anxious to hear the results at the October meeting. If it sounds as if I won't make Modelpalooza this year, I had a choice. Spend the weekend with the grandkids or go to the event. The grandkids won out, them being in Savannah also helped with the choice.*

*The meeting this month is "Figures" and I hope that we have a good turnout. See all of you there.- **Doug***

July – IPMS Gators

We will meet  
Tuesday, October  
15, 2024 at 6:30 PM  
at  
Oak Hall Library

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

By Frank Ahern

President Doug Spinney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There were 15 members present and 3 visitors - John, Bill & Connor Hoehn from Archer.

Doug reminded the group about upcoming modeling events:

*Modelpalooza at the Wyndham Hotel in Kissimmee Oct. 13-15.*

*Acme Southern National, Cartersville GA, Oct. 26*

*Jaxcon, Jan 17, 2025.*

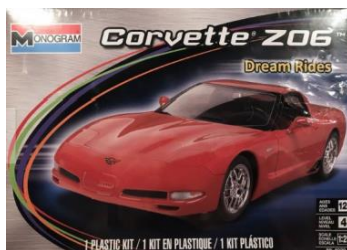


Spinney also reminded the club that the election of new officers will take place at the November meeting. He encouraged anyone with interest in serving to step forward at the next meeting.

Bill Winter asked the club to sign a thank you card for Ocala club member Don Billups, who has donated many items to our club in the past.

The meeting paused for those who brought models to give their Show & Tell presentation. The monthly modeling theme was - Emergency Vehicles. The theme contest was won by Clarence Snyder with an imaginary ski rescue pickup truck. Next month's theme is Figures.

The monthly attendance raffles were won by Connor Hoehn ('06 Corvette) and Clarence Snyder (#3 Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Monte Carlo).



Mark Box gave a presentation on: How to Apply - Bare Metal Foil.

The meeting concluded with a swap meet.

Adjournment came at 8:10pm.

Submitted by:

Frank Ahern; Club Secretary. Submitted by: *Frank Ahern, Club Secretary*





## Hudson *By Frank Ahern*

I'm sure most of the youngsters watching the animated movie

"Cars" were wondering why there was a car named Doc Hudson. They had probably never seen or heard of such a vehicle. This was not a shock to those of us who grew up in the car culture of the 19-50's, when the Hudson was a major brand with a good reputation.

The demise of Hudson was one of the sad byproducts of the struggle for supremacy among the major auto manufacturers in the 50's.



Hudson had a long history as a top competitor in the industry and after WW2 they claimed a big engineering advantage with the introduction of the 'step-down' chassis which lowered the body for better aerodynamics and handling.



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This resulted in Hudson dominating NASCAR in the early 50's. It still holds the record for most consecutive wins by one manufacturer.



However, they couldn't keep up with the constant re-design and marketing muscle of the Big Three and low sales forced them to merge with Nash and become American Motors. Noted car guy *Jay Leno* thinks they were doomed by their inability to develop a V-8 engine to compete in the horsepower wars of that era.







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By Frank Ahern

My car modeling interest has always focused on this time frame and I've had the Moebius Hudson Hornet kit on my shelf for quite a while.

It finally got off the shelf and on the workbench when I realized that a good friend, whose last name is Hudson, was approaching a milestone birthday.



I approached the project with high hopes. To say I was disappointed would be an understatement. I can say that this was one of the worst engineered kits I have ever built. It also had some of the least helpful instructions I have ever encountered. Several major chassis components were left off because I was never able to figure out where they went.



Fortunately, my friend is not a modeler, so I concentrated on the exterior and interior of the car and was able to salvage the kit as a gift to my friend, but I'll have to tell him "don't look under the car".

I won't be bringing it to Show & Tell either. I guess I need to go back to building airplanes.

Doug Spinney's Ghost Busters' "Ambulance" with 3D-printed ghost



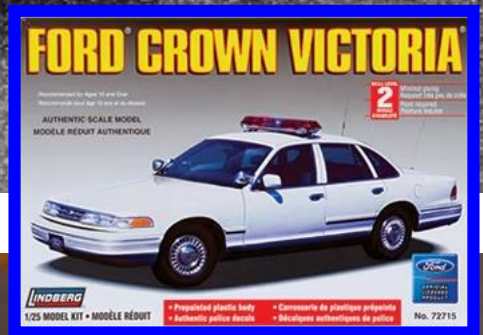


## Chuck Lassiter's WWII Rescue Floatplane

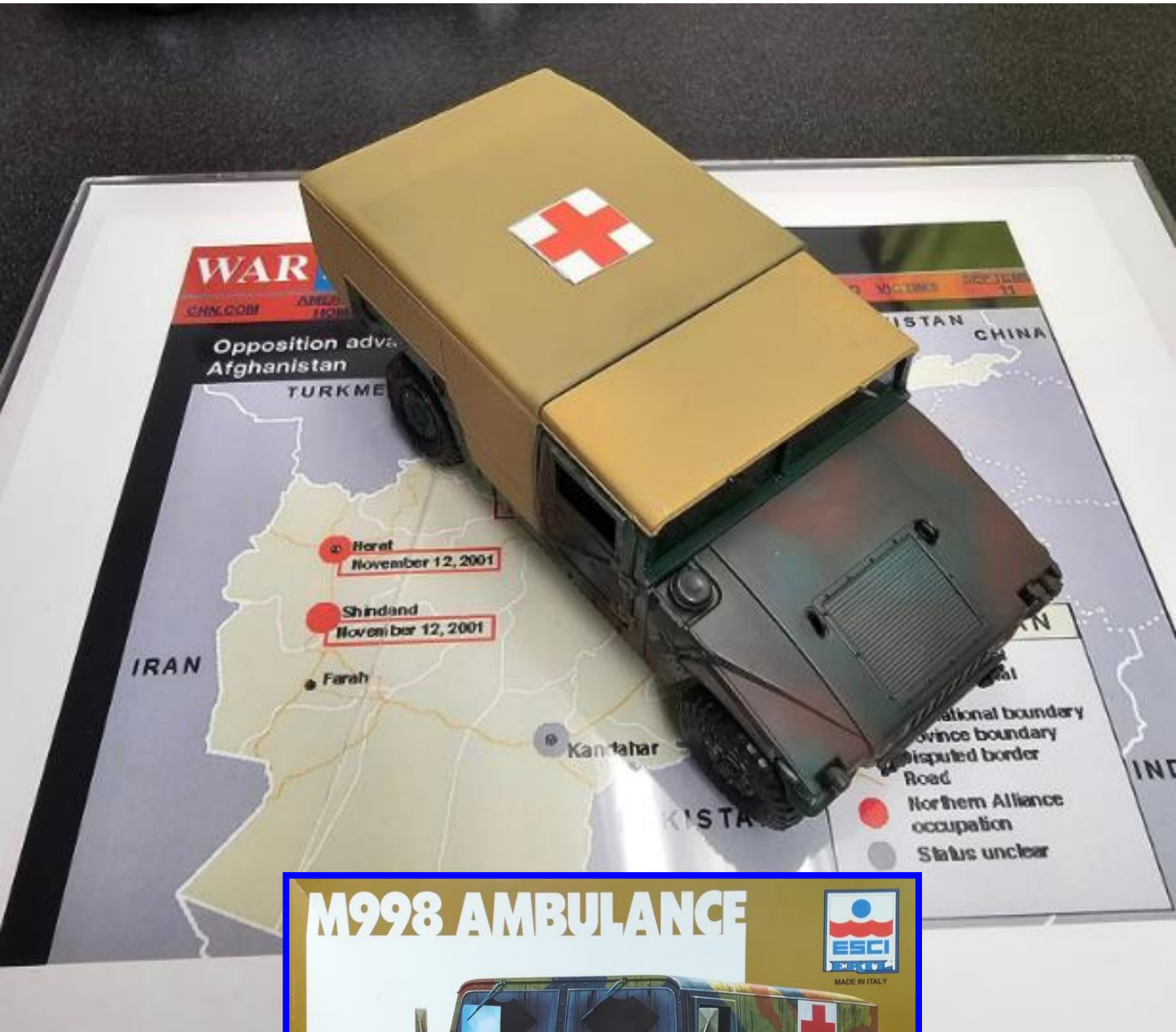




## Ed Ingersoll's Jacksonville Patrol Car

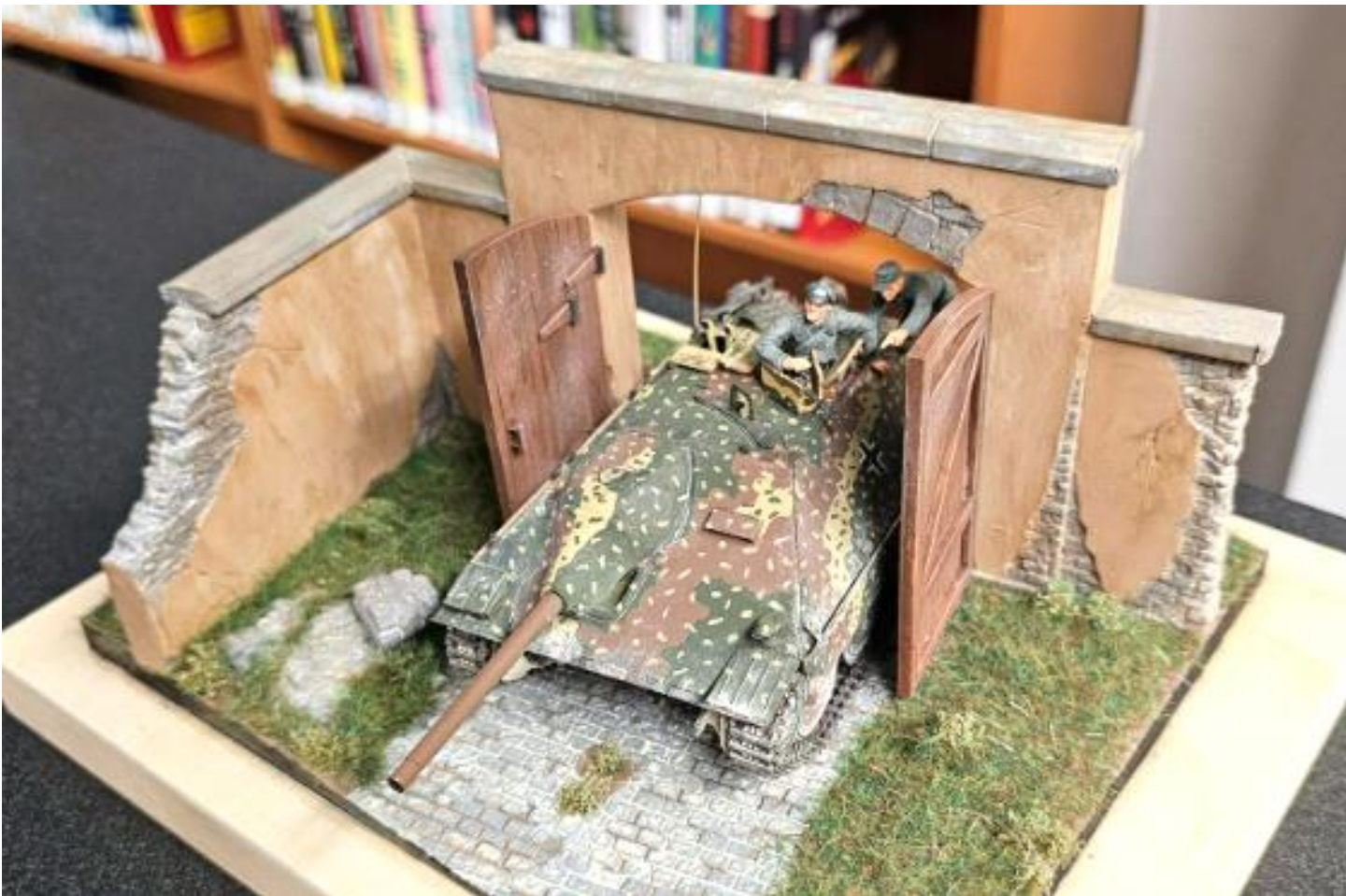


Bill's ERTL 1:35 scale Hummer ambulance





**Bob Lundeen's Hetzer Vignette**



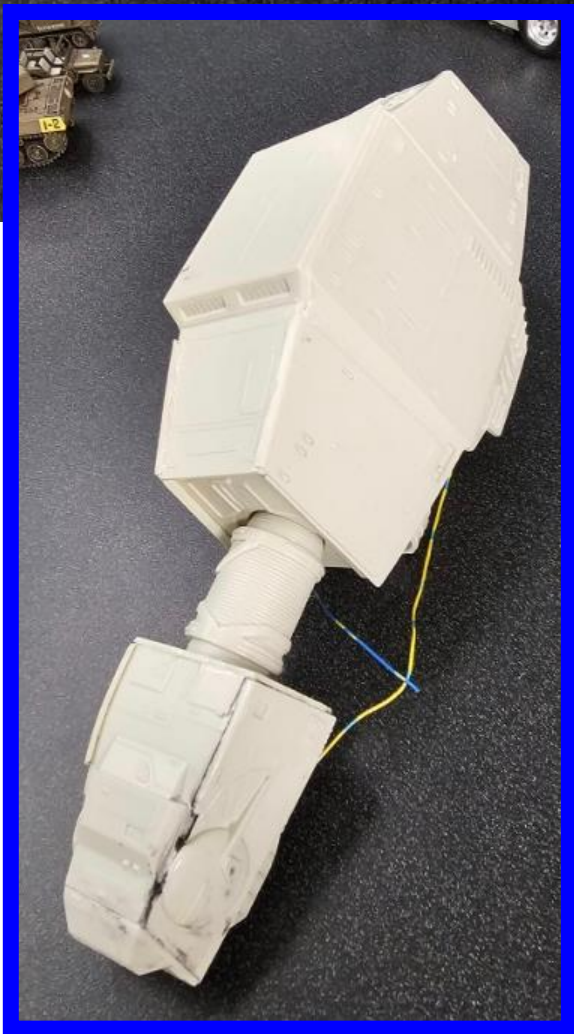
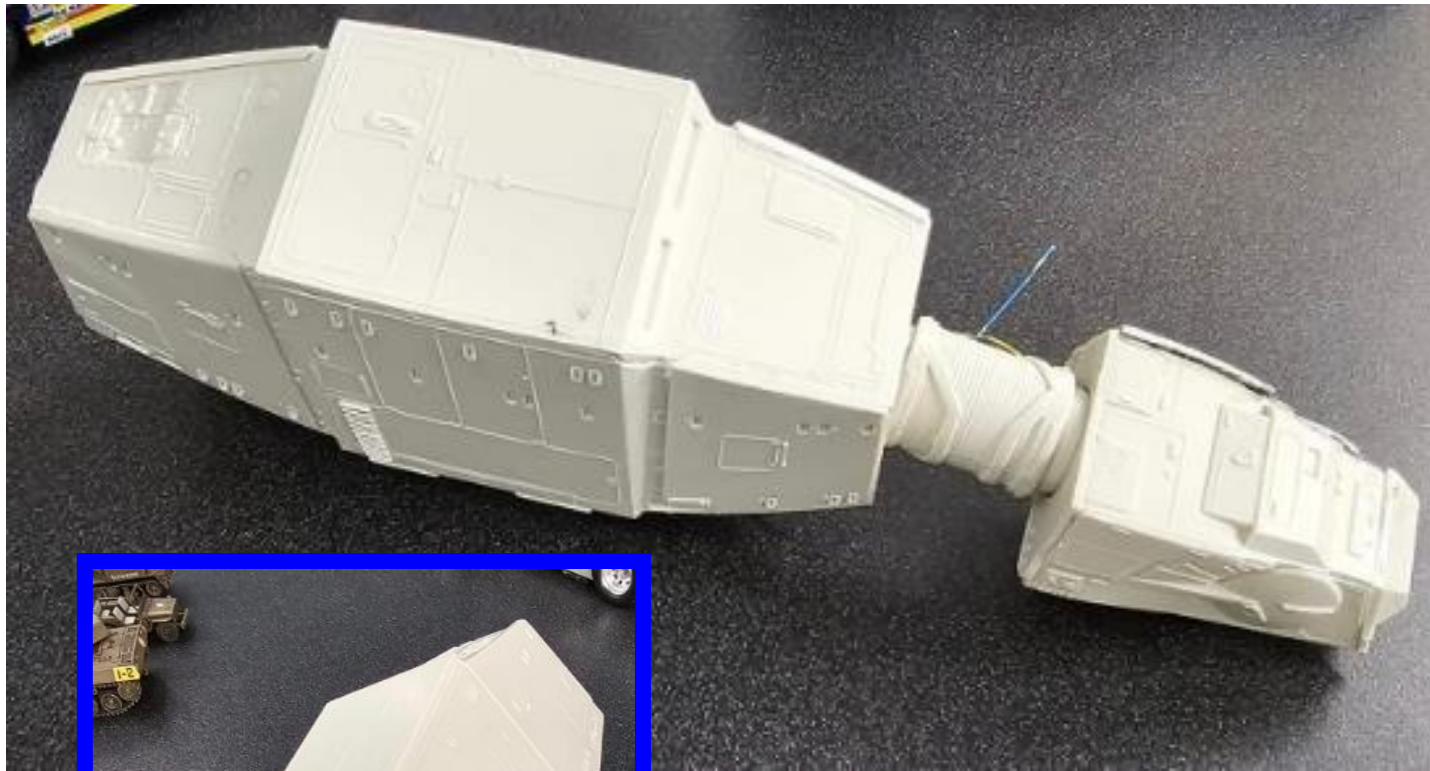


3D-printed small-scale kits!





AT-AT by Errol Whisler (WIP with lighting)



Frank Ahern's Woody





Models by Clarence Snyder





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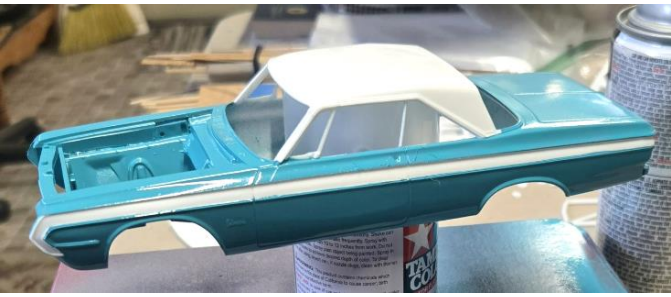


## From the Desk of Clarence Snyder





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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**

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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](http://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 #:

Name:

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City:  State:

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Chapter Affiliation, if any:

<b>Junior</b> (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?

Your Signature:

If recommended by an IPMS member, please provide his/her:  
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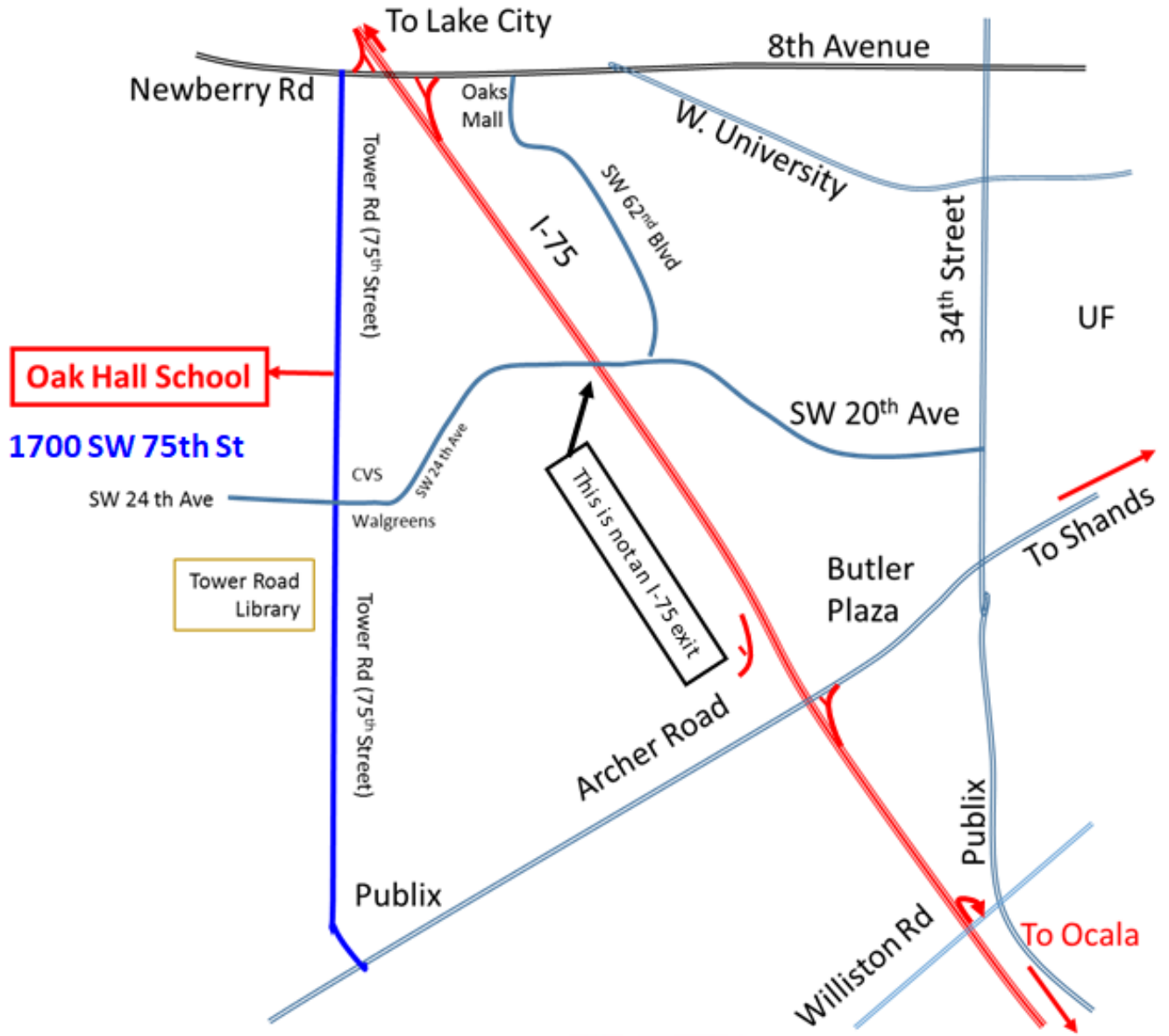
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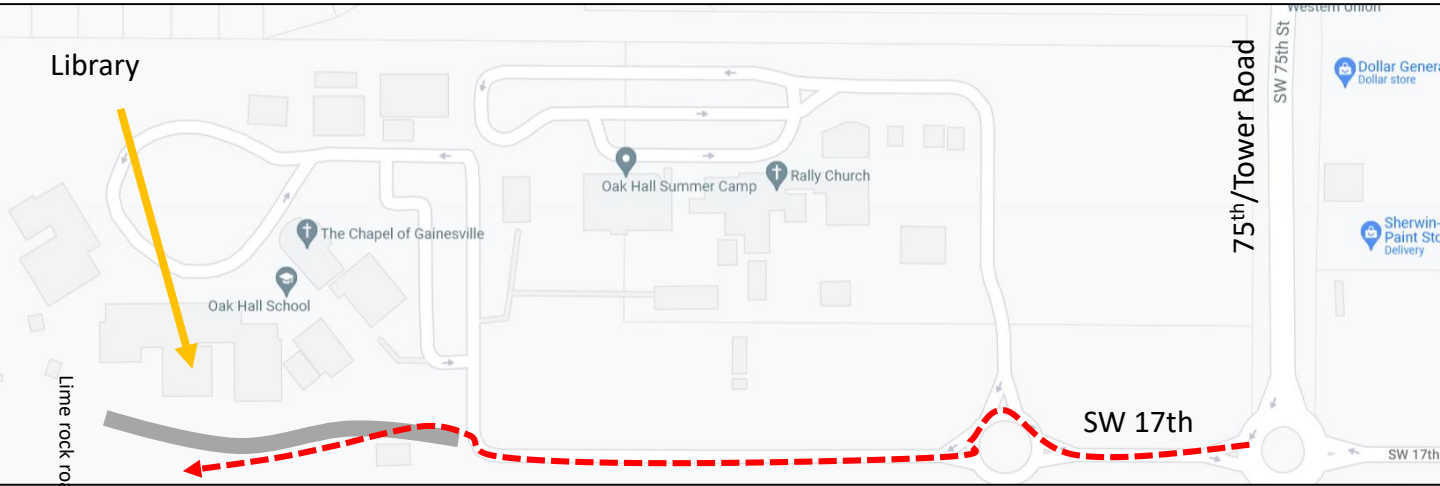
Applications should be printed and mailed to: IPMS/USA, PO Box 1411, Riverview, FL 33568-1411



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



**IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS:** We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday October 15 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 2024

**Oct Figures**

**Nov. Animal Names**

**Dec. Kit Bash**

The Editor would like to sincerely thank *Doug Spinney* for providing September's club photos. My photos were left in FL when my spouse and I traveled to Georgia with the approach of hurricane Milton.

**THANKS DOUG!**



**Fancy Paint** ... inspired by Jack Muga



**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 November 2024 newsletter. - Bill