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Inside see: Don Martin's Apocalypse Tank that was the winner of the August "SciFi" theme for IPMS Gators, Gainesville, FL.



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Prez Sez.....

I know I have broached this subject in the past, but I feel everyone should have more than one hobby. Having more than one keeps me from getting burned out on either one. My first, this will surprise most of you, is not modeling, but my motorcycle. I like the feeling of riding on the open road, either by myself, or with my bride on the back. I do not, however, belong to any motorcycle clubs. I do ride with one group in south Florida, they call themselves RODEO, Retired Old Dudes Eating Out. That is exactly what it is, a whole bunch of 65+ old dudes like myself that ride 200+ miles to find a great place to eat lunch. And a few of those old dudes, and I, are taking a 3000 mile, 10 state motorcycle trip at the end of this month. I'm ready, the bike will soon be, after a new front tire and new shoes (brake pads). So, if I seem a bit jittery at the October meeting it is because I have had my insides shaken to the core for 3000 miles. Needless to say, I won't be building any models during the trip, everything I'd glue the night before would be shaken apart on the next days ride.

But, I will make it to the September meeting, and then a few days later be off on my new adventure. I hope to see all of you at the meeting this month, the theme is Emergency Vehicles.

- Doug

REQUEST TO IPMS Gators and Friends – This is my third request (my thanks to Don Billups for proving 2 empty boxes). On occasion, the club receives donated kits without boxes or with boxes that are damaged. We can turn these kits into door prizes or into kits-for-sale with a repurposed new/used box. Therefore, I am asking members to **bring to the September Gators' meeting one or two empty boxes** that you may have from previously completed builds. This would be very helpful. Thank you.

– Bill (IPMS Gators' Treasurer)

July – IPMS Gators

We will meet
Tuesday, September
17, 2024 at 6:30 PM
at
Oak Hall Library

Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday August 20, 2024

By Frank Ahern

President Doug Spinney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There were 13 members present plus one visitor - **Ian Breheny**.

Doug opened with a review of upcoming modeling events:

Bash to the 80's Modelfest - Pompano Beach, Saturday August 24

Blue Angels Modelfest - Santa Rosa Co auditorium Milton FL, Sept.13-14

Modelpalooza - Wyndham Hotel Conf. Center, Kissimmee FL Oct.13-15.



The Keystone Airport model display sign up sheet was put out to give members a chance to sign up.

Doug announced that there will be a *Swap Meet* after next month's meeting. Some members also brought kits and reference materials for sale after today's meeting.

The meeting paused for model presentations by members who brought Show & Tell or entries in the monthly theme contest on the theme - SciFi.

The contest was won by Don Martin with his futuristic Russian tank. The theme for September is Emergency Vehicles.

The monthly attendance raffles were won by Brian Cormack (chose "Man in Space") and Ed Ingersoll (chose Stug IV).



The meeting concluded with a presentation by Frank Ahern on the club's tour of the NPD (National Parts Depot) car collection in June and the installation of his "Flak Bait" model at the Hickory NC aviation museum.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm. Submitted by: *Frank Ahern, Club Secretary*

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MODELERS



Announcing the

Second Annual IPMS Gators Swap Meet and Sale

**.. As part of the monthly meeting on Tuesday,
September 17, 2024**

IPMS Gator's members and friends are invited to bring their overstocks (kits, decals, aftermarket, etc.) for sale. Separately, items for sale will be offered by the club. This has been a fun event in the past.

If you wish to be a vendor, please bring your merchandise priced.

Let's have fun!



Woody (or Woodie?)



By Frank Ahern

Growing up in the Midwest in the 19-50's & 60's you couldn't help but feel you weren't cool. Oh, I was plenty cool shoveling snow off my driveway in the winter, but that was the wrong kind of cool. My transistor radio was constantly reminding me that the really 'cool' kids were hopping in their woody van heading to the beach with their surfboards on top and bikini-clad girlfriends in back. Envious doesn't begin to describe my emotions.

It did spark a life-long fascination with the vehicle that powered this teenage fantasy, so when I ran across an old Revell woody kit at the last Jaxcon, I had to



give it a try. My research revealed an interesting history of the cars and trucks that used wood as a prominent part of their structure.



Woody (or Woodie?)

They started as just a utilitarian wooden box on a metal frame and progressed to become considered the height of luxury in the 19-30's but disappeared not long after WW2. What happened?



Like most sudden departures it came down to simple economics. Building a woody is labor intensive and requires highly skilled craftsmen. It was not suited to a mass production environment.



There's also the little problem of maintenance and upkeep. If you parked your woody outside you had to strip and refinish the wood every year or it would end up looking like this example. Even under the best conditions it took a lot of work to keep it in good shape.



That's why so many ended up in California junkyards waiting for some surfer dude to come rescue it and begin a new life.



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Those that survived have been lovingly restored and now sell for big bucks. There are many clubs that celebrate these pieces of 4-wheeled furniture and all agree they are worth the effort needed to keep them alive. They don't all agree on whether to name their babies a woody or a woodie, which explains the double title on this article.



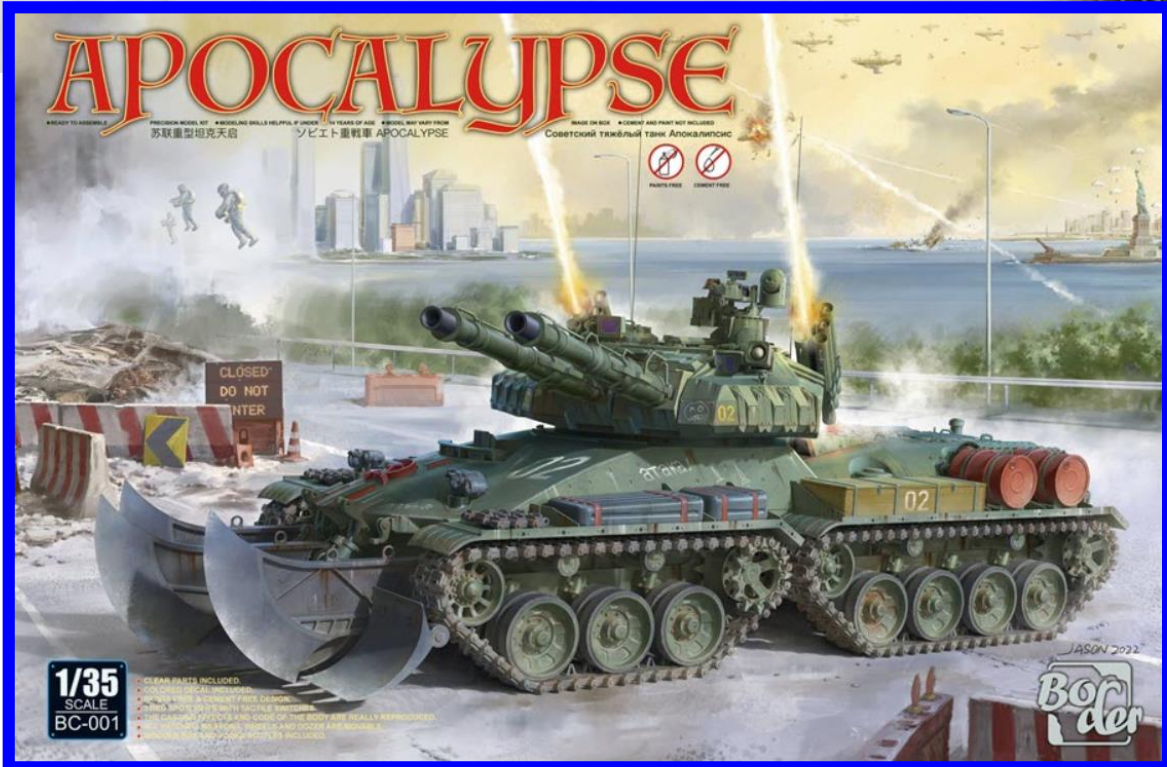
The kit was actually an enjoyable build with lots of parts that fit reasonably well. The wood grain decals looked much better than any effect I could have created with paint. Overall I was quite pleased. The surfboards, roof rack and surfer decals I had to buy on the aftermarket.



My grand plan was to create a diorama with surfers on a beach with waves, but that got sidetracked when one of my children returned home and took over my modeling room. For the time being this re-creation of my teenage fantasy will have to suffice.



Don Martin's 1:35 Border Models Apocalypse Tank



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Doug Spinney's 1:35 scale Border Models Grizzly Battle Tank. Doug built the lights included in the kit. Great job!





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Brian Cormack's Moebius 2001 Space Odyssey "Space Clipper"



Bob Lundeen's Bandai X-Wing Fighter

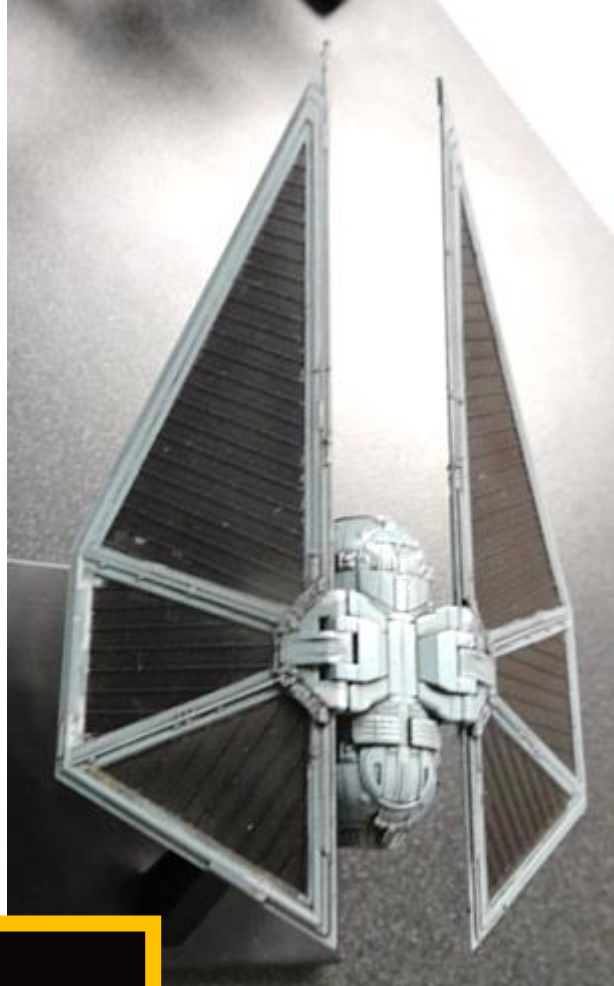


Ed Ingersoll's M4-T23 turreted Mech Warrior





Errol Whisler's Star Wars Tie Striker



STAR WARS
ROGUE ONE.

1/72 scale Plastic Model Kit

TIE STRIKER
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Bill's Iron Man by Moebius



Bob Lundeen's 1:35 scale Academy Hetzer



Bruce Doyle's collection of German WWII Experimental Aircraft



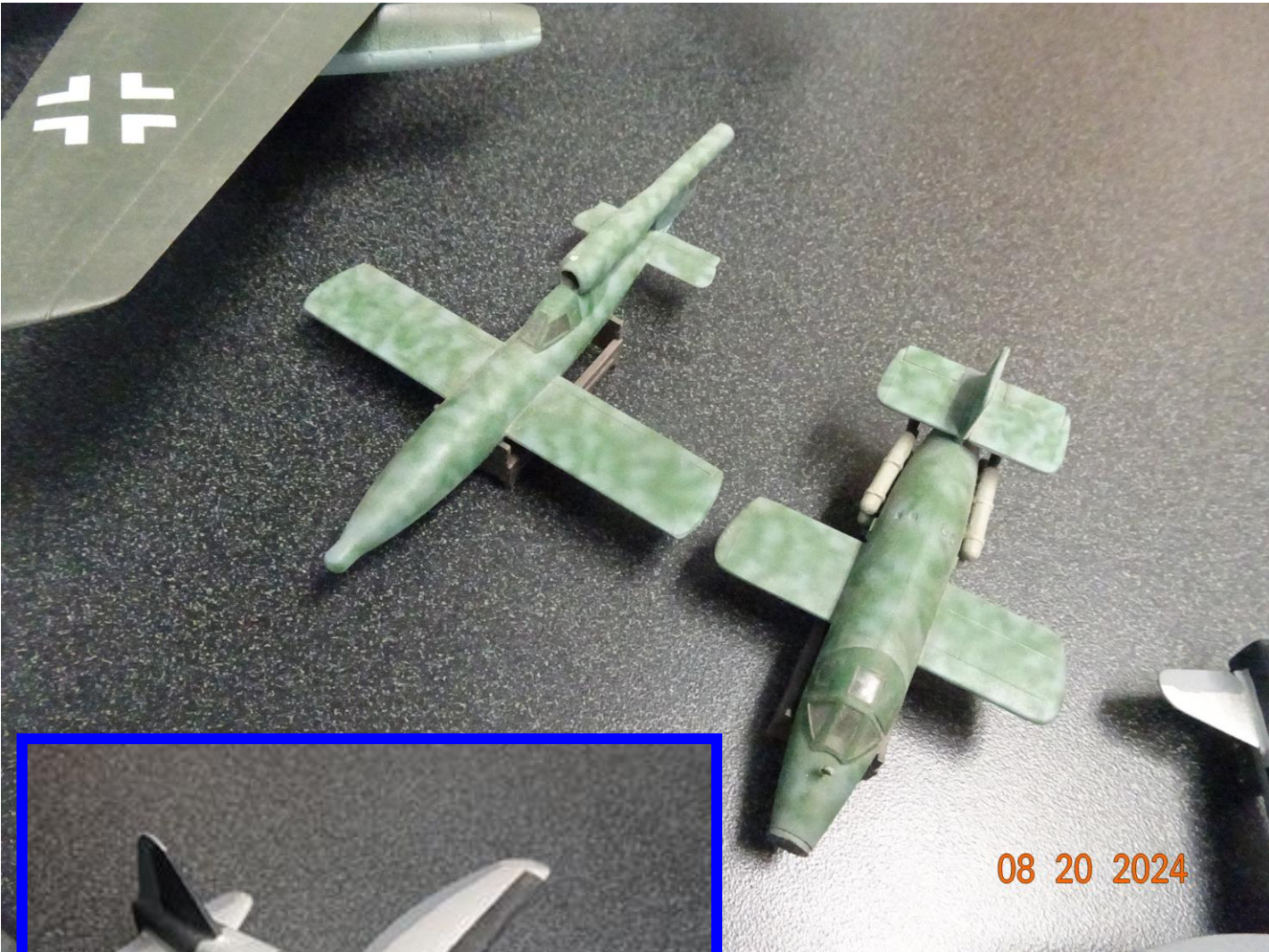
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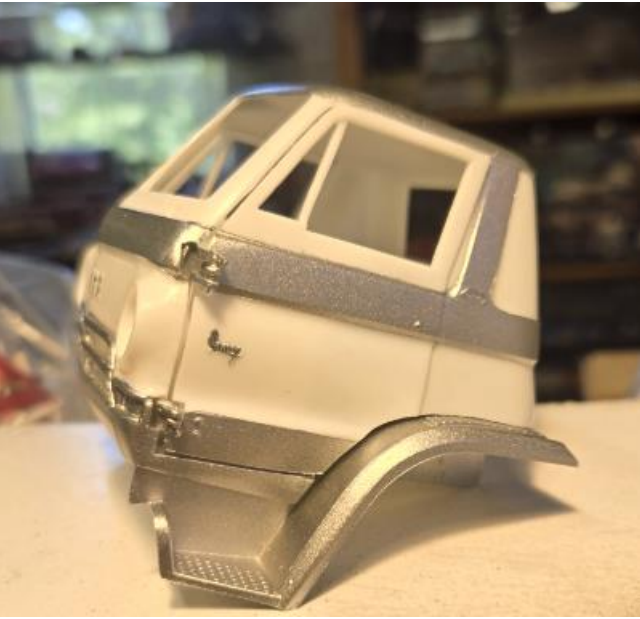
Frank Ahern gave talks on the NPD tour and his Flak-Bait model in North Carolina



Members and Friends at the August meeting



From the Desk of Clarence Snyder



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Working on big rigs now: the Dodge for old car carrier, 1/32 truck and trailer old car transport and the Mack goes to flat bed. Also built shelves for them!



From the Desk of Clarence Snyder



New rigs on new shelves high up so there may be less dust rather than being out in the open. That's all folks for big rigs for a while.






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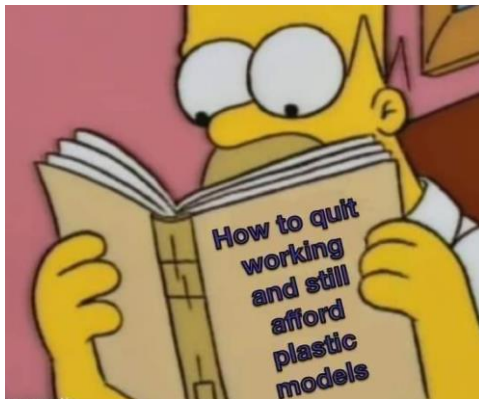
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- Free Parking

WIN BIG!

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- Club Shootout!
- Huge Raffle!

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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.

Please check out WWW.IPMSUSA.ORG for the latest information from IPMS National Headquarters and for information about joining IPMS.

Please use one of the links below or go to the IPMS Membership page for more information about joining IPMS USA.

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

<http://www.shopipmsusa.org/product-p/adult-membership.htm>

<http://www.shopipmsusa.org/product-p/family-membership.htm>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Bash to the Eighties Modelfest - Flight 19 yearly modelfest event. August 24, 2024 - 6:30am to 5:00pm EDT; Location

PBN Church
916 NE 4th St
Pompano Beach, FL 33060



Blue Angel Modelfest 2024 - September 14, 2024; John Struck - Johnsmodels@hotmail.com; Milton, Florida

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 #:

Name:

Address:

City: State:

Zip Code:

Phone: E-Mail:

Chapter Affiliation, if any:

Junior (17 years or younger)	\$17.00	<input type="text"/>	Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>
Adult	One year	\$30.00		<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:
Name: IPMS #:

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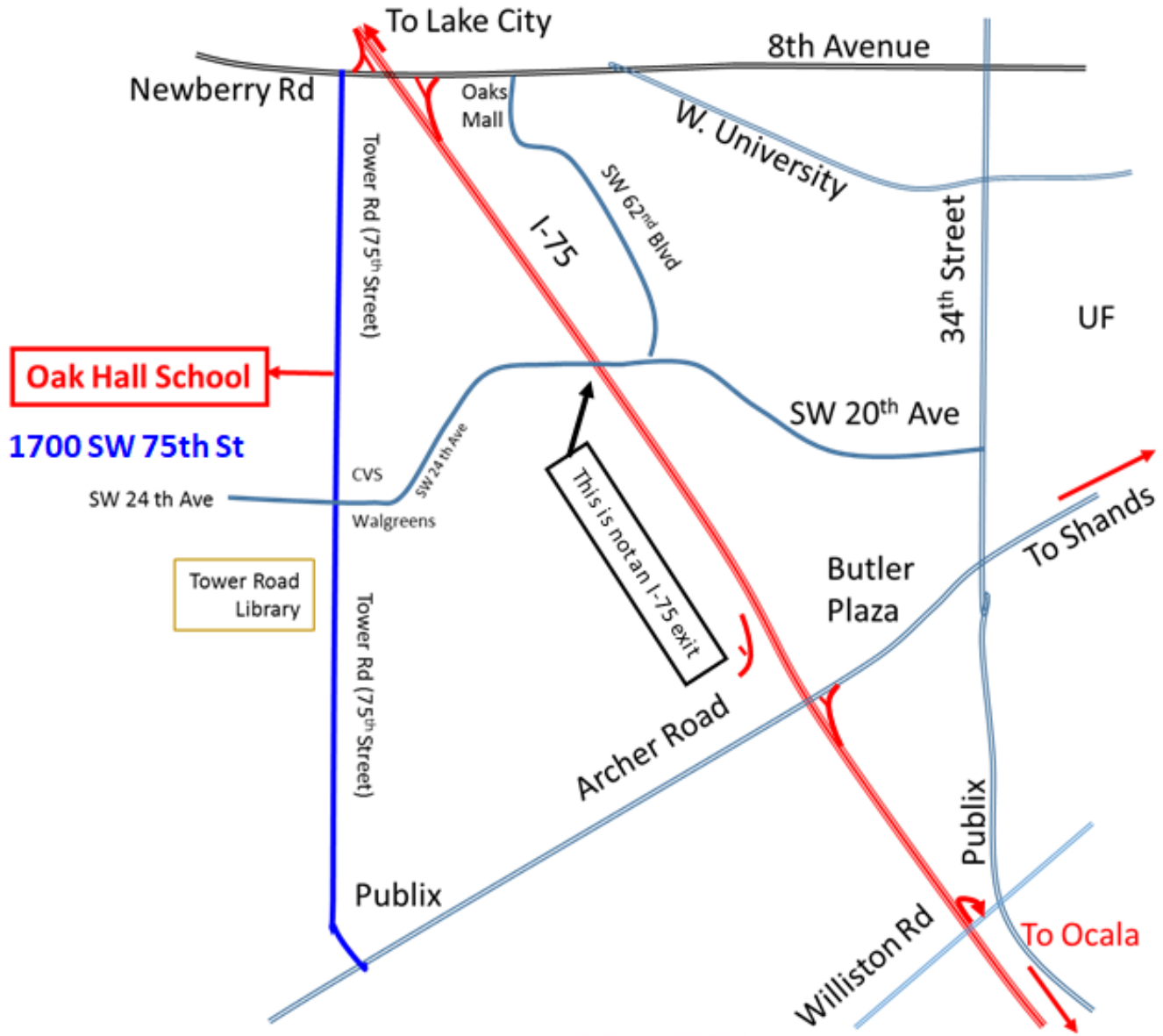
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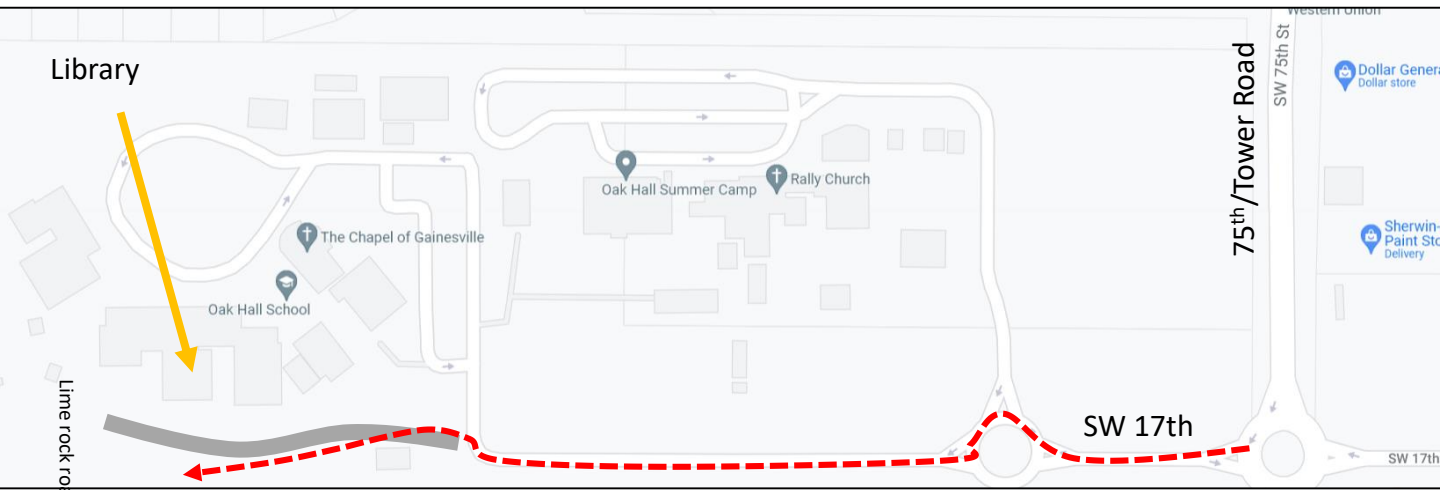
Applications should be printed and mailed to: IPMS/USA, PO Box 1411, Riverview, FL 33568-1411



Directions to OAK HALL (1700 SW 75th St, Gainesville, FL)



IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS: We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday September 17 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

Sep Emergency Vehicle

Oct Figures
Dec. Kit Bash

Nov. Animal Names

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 October 2024 newsletter. - Bill