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CLUB NEWS!

It's time to renew your IPMS Gators membership (\$20/yr). Frank Ahern is handling this at our December 17th meeting (Thanks Frank!). If you bring a check, please make it out to "William Winter."



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Prez Sez.....

As prez of the club I need to come up with something to write about each month, sometimes it comes easy, sometime not. This month is a sometimes not. I haven't laid eyes on my model desk in about 3 months, I've lost my mojo. I have, however, put about 4,000 miles on the motorcycles, yes, motorcycles is plural. My wife and I have added a ride to the stable, a Can-Am Spyder, which eventually will replace the Harley. It is the first non-Harley motorcycle that I have owned in over 50 years. The older I get, it is more difficult to hold up a 1000-pound bike, so we went to three wheels. When I switch from three wheels to two wheels, I just need to remember to put my feet down when I come to a stop. Now for the difficult part, finding a Can-Am motorcycle plastic model kit, or resin would do. A large scale, such as 1/6 would also be nice. So I guess I'm still interested in building plastic models, since I'm looking for a three-wheel motorcycle kit.



2025
CAN-AM RYKER



2025
CAN-AM SPYDER F3



2025
CAN-AM SPYDER RT



2025
CAN-AM CANYON

Our upcoming meeting on December 17th will be our last of 2024. I know it is close to Christmas but do try and make it. We should have a short movie clip of Birthday Bob riding in a tank. That is it for now, hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party on the 8th and at the monthly meeting.

Merry Christmas---- Doug

July – IPMS Gators

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

Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday November 19, 2024

By Frank Ahern



President Doug Spinney called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. There were 14 members present.

Doug began with an update on the condition of former club President Dan Contento, who recently underwent heart surgery and is recovering.

He reviewed upcoming model shows, including JaxCon on Feb. 8 and the Atlanta AMPS/Figure show Feb. 21-22.

There were no new nominations for club officers so the current board will continue to serve another term.

Yearly dues were collected from those who came prepared to pay the \$20 fee. Dues can also be paid in December.

The annual Christmas party will take place on Sunday, Dec.8th beginning at noon at Bill & Nancy's condo. Those planning to come are asked to email Bill to confirm and let him know the side dish you are bringing to go with the turkey that is supplied. You can also get a map to the condo if you need one. If you wish to take part in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped unopened kit or other modeling-related new item worth at least \$20.

The meeting paused for Show & Tell presentations and the monthly theme contest. The theme was Animal Names. The contest was won by Tony Aguilar with his model of a Jagdtiger tank.

Next month's theme is Kit Bash. Members were asked to provide ideas for next year's themes which will be announced at the December meeting.

The monthly attendance raffles were won by Don Martin, who selected a Trumpeter missile tank (Soviet IT-1 Missile tank), and Doug Spinney who picked the Me-163.



The meeting concluded with a presentation by Frank Ahern on the developmental problems of the Bell P-39 Airacobra.

The meeting ended at 7:45.

Submitted by:

Frank Ahern, Secretary



Christmas Wishes

By Frank Ahern

Most of you have probably been accused, as I have, when people learn you are a modeler, of not growing up. My usual reply is to agree with them because, I say, I don't like the way grown-ups act. That usually shuts them up.



So, I suggest we embrace our inner child this year and express our Christmas wishes in hopes that Santa be listening. In lieu of a presentation at the next meeting I'll ask those in attendance what their modeling wish is for this coming year.



I have struggled to come up with a wish list because most of my modeling wishes have already come true. Being part of a club of like-minded grown-up children for almost 20 years has been the fulfillment of a wish I made when I retired.

Having a model installed in an aviation museum earlier this year is the answer to my wish to become a good modeler. Something that I wasn't sure would happen when I first joined the club.

Christmas Wishes



I asked "Modeler" Bob Lundeen for his wish at the last luncheon, and he gave one that I think we can all relate to - having the time and health to build all the models in our stash. No one really wants to leave a closet full of kits behind that wives or family will have to dispose of.



Newsletter editor Bill Winter had a simple wish. That some manufacturer would make a kit of the Consolidated B-32. It was a late-war bomber that had the distinction of being involved in the last air battle of WW2, which resulted in the last casualty of the war. Rather than making another Spitfire, maybe some kit maker will take a chance on the "Dominator".

Christmas Wishes



My wish is more of a personal one. One of my boys, now 27 years old, has been having trouble finding a steady job. As a result, he has moved back home and taken over my modeling area, which has relegated me to writing about modeling rather than actually doing it. My real wish is that he finds a job and gets his life on track allowing me to get back to doing what I enjoy.

All of us have our hopes and wishes, personal and modeling-related for the coming year. My wish is that yours will come true.

Merry Christmas and Happy New "Modeling" Year!



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Bruce Doyle's P-51 Mustang collection



Another view of Bruce Doyle's P-51 Mustang collection



P-51 "MUSTANG"

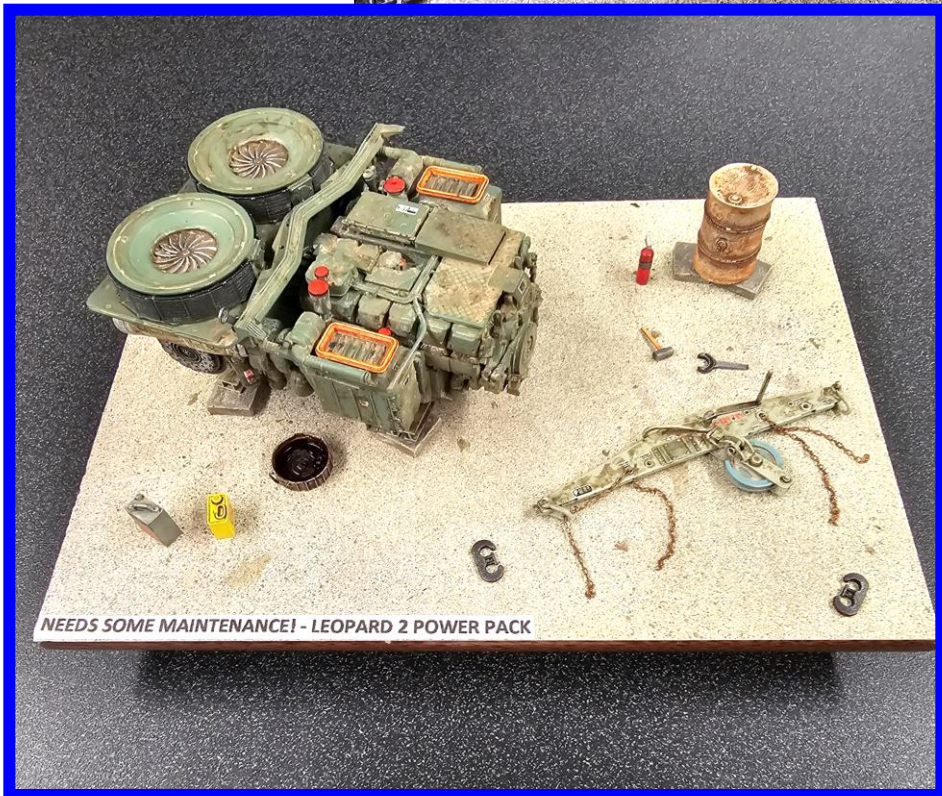
*P-51D-15-NA s/n 44-14888 "Glamorous Glen III"
Capt. Charles "Chuck" Yeager
363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group*

Model Mustang - Kit – Remarks from Bruce Doyle:

- N.A.-73 - Frog - RAF Mustang II kit - first pre-production Mustang
- XP-51 - Frog RAF Mustang II - Prototype Mustang
- P-51A - Hobbycraft - 10th & 14th A.F.
- A-36 "Apache" - Condor - Dog, one step above Mach 2
- P-51B - Malcolm Hood "Old Crow" - Academy - Tamiya-esque, great decals
- P-51B - 4th F.G., Don Gentile - Hasegawa
- P-51D - "Glamorous Glennis", C. Yeager - New Airfix, Tamiya-esque also
- P-51D - Hasegawa – be careful in assembling individual prop blades; leave them on the sprue; exhaust stacks glue from the inside - take care when pressing fuselage halves together that you don't shove them into the engine compartment (on both counts ask me how I know.)
- F-51D - Hasegawa - Korean War fighter bomber; High Command using air cooled Mustang for low level work led to 100s of needless losses; can't borrow radial engine Corsairs or Skyraiders from the Navy? Scandalous!
- P-51K - Hasegawa - see prop and exhaust situations above
- P-51D - Hobby Boss Easy Assembly - 7th A.F. markings - great kit
- P-51D - Hobby Boss Easy Assembly 14th A.F. markings (Thanks Ed for the "heads up.")
- P-51D "Big Beautiful Doll" - Tamiya 8th A.F. Aces - It's Tamiya! Need I say more? Perfect decals for Invasion Stripes!
- P-51H - RS - Beats out Condor kit for Mach 2-ness.
- F-82 Twin Mustang - Monogram - First kill of the Korean War



Don Martin's Leopard II Engine



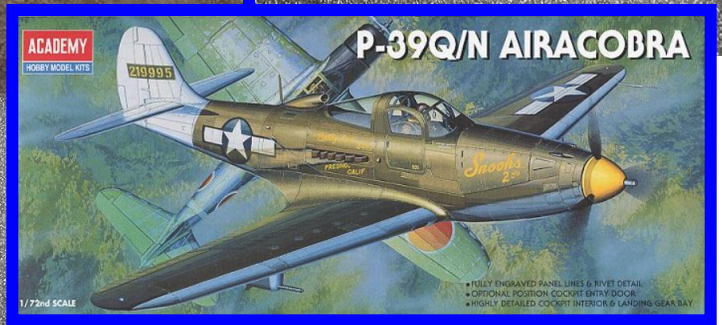
Doug Spinney's Go-Cart Godzilla



Frank Ahern's P-39 Airacobra by Eduard (1:48 scale)



Another Cobra by
Frank Ahern!
(Academy kit; 1:72
scale)



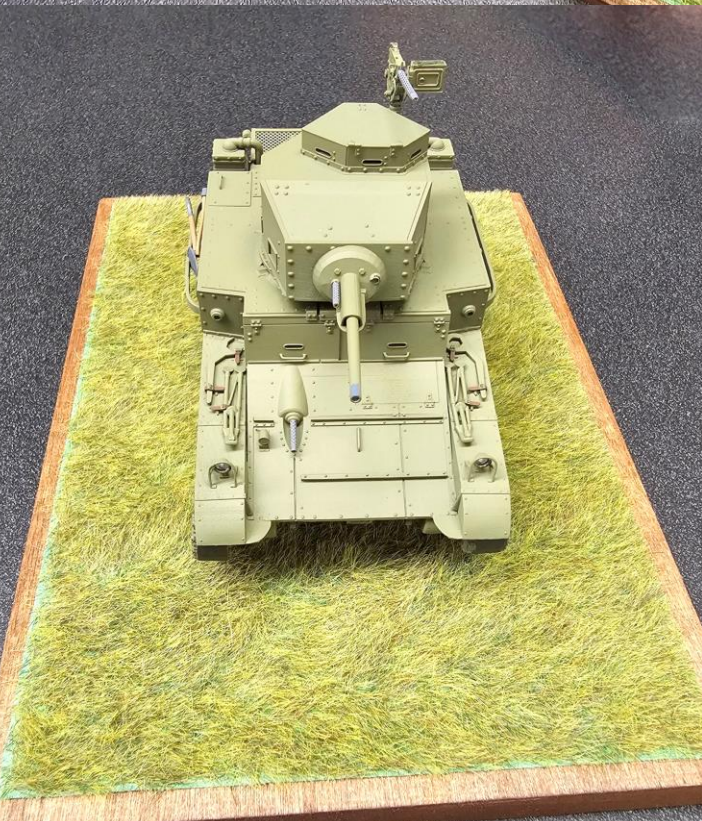
WWII Soviet I-16 Fighter



Clarence Snyder's Cobra automobile (top car)



Ed Ingersoll's 3-D printed M2A4!



Clarence Snyder's Allison-engine powered Bedrock mobile



Clarence Snyder's Garage Vignette



UPDATE: In the November newsletter, from the October 2024 meeting, this WIP has been identified as that of *Liam Malone's*. Thx Isacc for the information!



Possible 3D printed files for Doug's Cam-Am



CAN AM Spyder ST

grabcad

This design was done on catia v5

Orange Chopper Can-Am Spyder 3D model

cgtrader

Fully detailed and textured 3d model of new Can-Am Spyder F3 3-wheel motorcycle. Native format is 3ds max. The .MAX versions need V-Ray plug-in to render textures. Materials might need to be re-assigned for other applications. The preview images were...



B-32 Dominator – Why Would I Like Santa to Bring Us a Kit of this Unusual Bomber? (adapted from: <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/b-32-dominator>)

Before the Boeing B-29 Superfortress became the linchpin to victory in the Pacific, it was a troublesome mess. Rarely willing to put all of its eggs in one basket, the US Army Air Forces had a back-up plan in the event that the B-29 failed to enter production. As early as 1940, military officials consulted with Consolidated Aircraft Corporation and commissioned the company to design and build an aircraft similar to the B-29. This produced the B-32 Dominator.



Both the B-29 and B-32 used Wright's powerful but difficult R-3350 Duplex-Cyclone 18-cylinder radial engines, driving four 4-bladed propellers. Both were fully-pressurized, could carry up to 20,000 pounds of bombs, and maxed out at around 357 miles per hour. The B-32 was slightly smaller, a bit faster at normal cruising speed, and could fly farther.

As the war progressed through 1943 and into 1944, it became increasingly clear that Boeing and the US Army Air Forces were solving, or at least working their way through, many of the B-29's most alarming issues. And as might be expected for a plane that was similar in size and mission, the B-32 Dominator was saddled with its own set of thorny troubles during development.

Though meant as a reliable back-up, the development of the B-32 slowed to a crawl, mired in problems. Ultimately, 118 Dominators were built. During roughly the same time span, five aircraft plants turned out nearly 4,000 B-29s.

Only a handful of B-32 Dominators made it into combat. Though built to haul 20,000 pounds of bombs in expansive twin bomb bays, most late-war B-32 missions involved shooting high-altitude reconnaissance photos over the Empire of Japan. None were preserved. ☹️

B-32 Dominator – Last Missions of WWII in the Pacific (adapted from:

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/b-32-dominator>)

On the morning of August 18, 1945, ~4 days after the cessation of hostilities between the United States and Japan [1], a photo-recon mission was the assignment of Hobo Queen II (photo below) and another B-32.

They were on their last photo runs over *Yokosuka* when the crewmen observed Japanese aircraft. ~14 Mitsubishi A6M and Kawanishi N1K fighters attacked the pair. Gunners from Hobo Queen II reported the destruction of two enemy fighters in the melee—possibly the *last* shoot-downs of the war.



The other B-32 in the formation, piloted by First Lieutenant John R. Anderson, weathered the worst of many shattering bursts of gunfire that damaged both its number three engine and rudder trim tabs, as well as smashed several windows. Nineteen-year-old Anthony Marchione died in this aircraft during the return flight to Okinawa. Marchione has the sorrowful distinction of being the last man to die in what would be the last air combat of World War II.

[1] <https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/vj-day-and-the-end-of-the-second-world-war>

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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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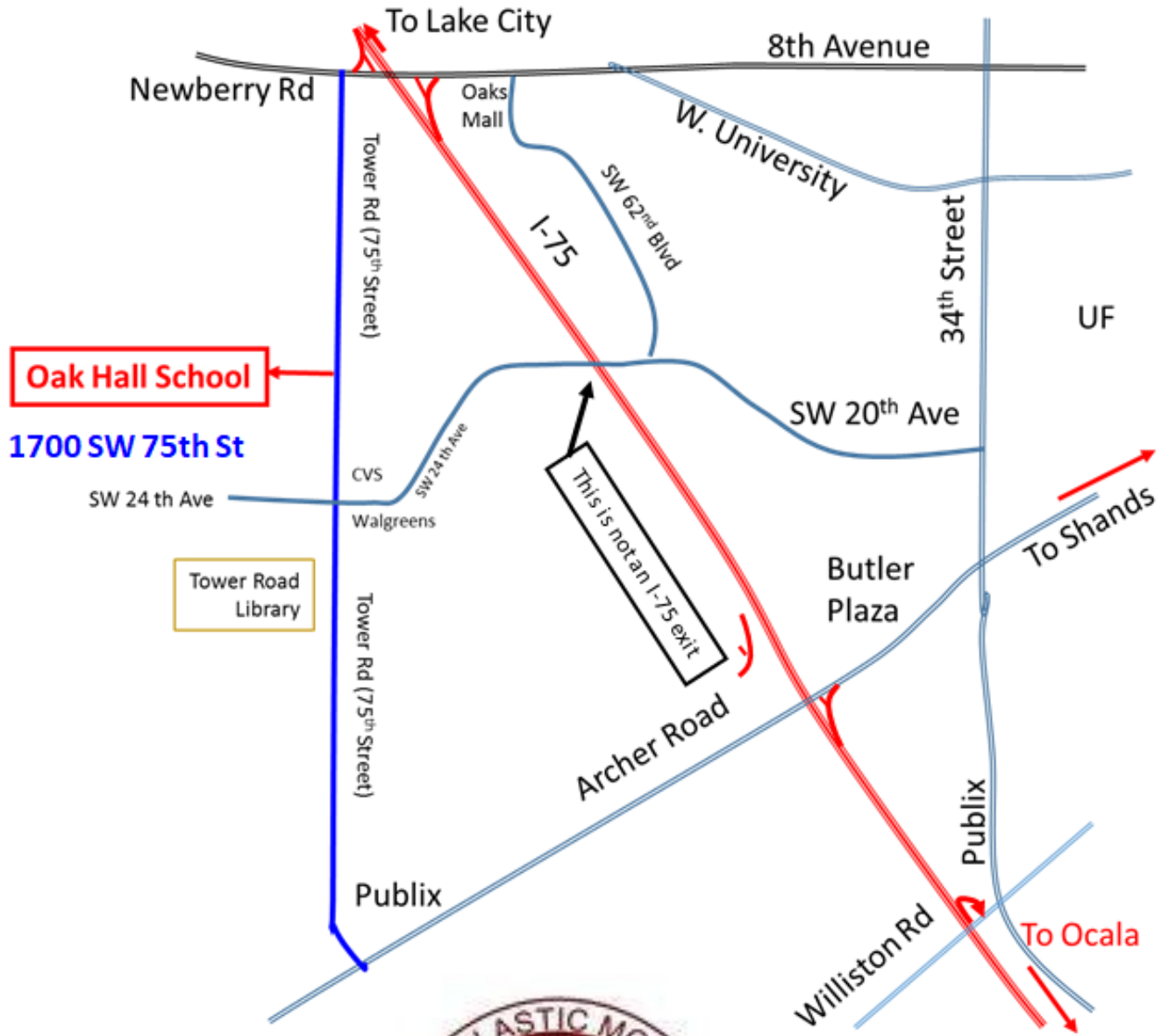
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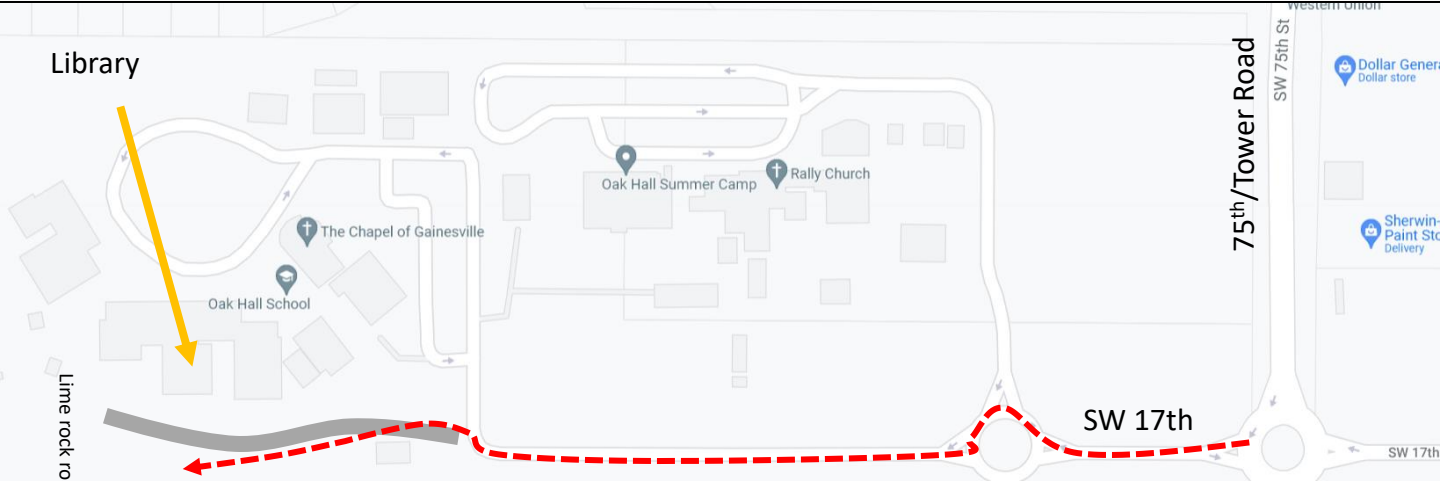
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IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS: We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday December 17 at 6:30 PM in the LIBRARY.



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

A note about monthly themes for 2024

Dec. *Kit Bash*



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 January 2025 newsletter. - Bill