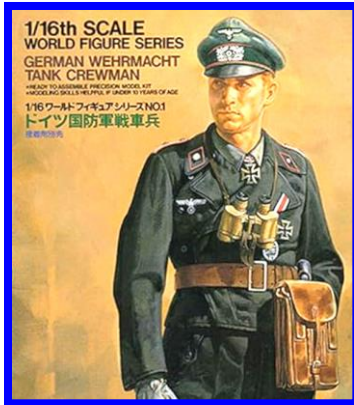




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Ed Ingersoll's *Wehrmacht Tank Crewman* was chosen as the outstanding model in October's Club Contest.

CLUB NEWS!

It's time to renew your IPMS Gators membership (\$20/yr). Frank Ahern is handling this at our November 19th meeting (Thanks Frank!). If you bring a check, please make it out to "William Winter."

The Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024, starting at 12 noon at Nancy and Bill's condo. The party is potluck (with Mike Martinez providing the turkey – Thanks Mike). There will be a gift exchange following the meal. If you want to participate, please bring a gift valued at =>20 dollars with the kit parts still in their original plastic bags or the kit in shrink wrap. After the gift exchange, we'll have dessert. It should be fun. Please RSVP to Bill (winter@pathology.ufl.edu) by Sunday, November 24. Let Bill also know what you are bringing for the potluck dinner, and if you need a map to the condo. Thank you.



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Prez Sez.....

Well, in my absence last month it seems that I have been nominated and voted in for a second term as club president. So you are all stuck with me for another two years, may Thor have mercy on your souls.

The one thing that I struggle with, as an officer in the club, is coming up with something to write about in my Prez Sez. I have written about all my hobbies I have tried in my adult years, and golfing was my least favorite. How anybody can "play" in the heat of the day hitting a little, dimpled ball with a mind of its own befuddles me. I do think that I was able to throw the club further than I was able to hit said dimpled ball. I enjoyed hunting, but for some strange reason deer season was always in the dead of winter where I come from. We would sit in a tree stand in freezing weather hoping Bambi's dad would happen by, and after the shot was made, I would hear "Bambi, your father isn't coming home again". I know that in the movie it was his mother, but play along with me here. Tennis was okay, paddle ball as well. The new thing is Pickleball. I have heard of pickled onions, pickled beets, pickled eggs, but never pickleball. (I could have worded pickleball differently, but we do have young readers.)

For as far back as I can remember, I have had a motorcycle. I love it, I really don't know if it counts as a hobby though. In my advanced years I have decided that maybe it is time to go to three wheels. Even though I walk 4-5 miles a day, go to the gym three times a week, my bike seems to get heavier as time passes. I told myself many years ago that when I got to 65, I would hang up my helmet. I am well past that age, but I just can't give it up, hence the three wheels.

Six years ago I started building models at the suggestion of a dear friend. We are still building models and enjoying it. He likes airplanes, I like armor, humor, and science fiction. I went from telling my wife that I only needed 12 colors to having more than I can count. One airbrush to several, three kinds of glue, what I consider a small stash as I can't pass up a good deal, and all kinds of brushes. I know that I am a relative newcomer to the hobby, but it is still a good time, and I have met many wonderful people.

Speaking of wonderful people, we have a meeting coming up soon. I hope to see all of you there. The theme for November is "Animal Names".- Doug

July – IPMS Gators

We will meet
Tuesday, November
19, 2024, at 6:30
PM at
Oak Hall Library





Minutes of the Club Meeting from Tuesday October 22, 2024

By Frank Ahern

Vice President Chuck Lassiter called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There were a total of 20 members present, including new members Issac and Liam Malone, and John, Bill & Connor Hoehn.



Chuck asked about those who had attended Modelpalooza last weekend. Several members responded. Don Martin reported that contest judging was criticized by those entered ships and dioramas.

Upcoming model shows were noted. Jaxcon is scheduled for Feb.7 & 8. A new show was added - Scale Model Expo in the Villages in April 2025.

Nominations were requested for the election of club officers in November. No new nominations were received so the existing Board will stand for election in November.

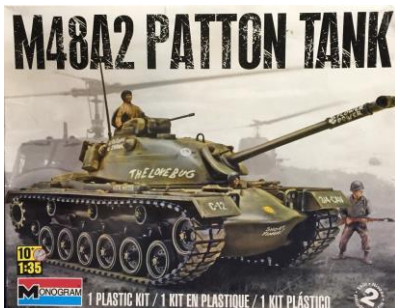
Members were also reminded that club dues of \$20 will be due in November.

Bill Winter was asked about a prospective date for the club Christmas party. The date of Sunday, Dec.8th was proposed. He will check to make sure the condo is available.

Mike Martinez was asked to report on the status of the club's use of the Oak Hall library going forward. Mike said the school has agreed to allow the club to use the facility for the fee of \$20 a month until the end of 2025, at which time the fee may increase to \$50.

The meeting was paused for Show & Tell model presentations. The monthly theme was Figures. Ed Ingersoll won the contest with his figure of a WW2 German officer.

Liam (M48A2) and Bill (FFG 7) were winners of the monthly attendance raffle.



Bill Winter concluded the meeting with a Powerpoint presentation on the many versions of Israeli Armored Personnel Carriers and model kits available.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. - *Frank Ahern, Secretary*



To all the members of the gator model club,

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your club thank you card and gift that was presented to me. It has been my satisfaction over the years to provide donations to the model club and it's been very rewarding to me knowing that the donations were well received and appreciated.

Sincerely, Don Billups, Vice President, Ocala Model Club.



From the editor: Former IPMS Gator member **Don Billups** (pictured above) has generously provided IPMS Gators with many decals, books, magazines and kits to help support our club through the sales of these items.



In October 2024, IPMS Gators presented Don with a thank you card signed by IPMS Gators' members and a gift (a 1:700 scale Tamiya USS Missouri model).



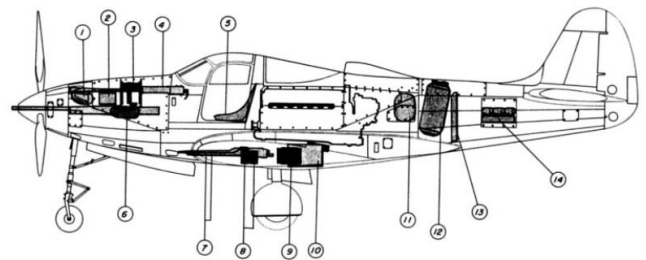
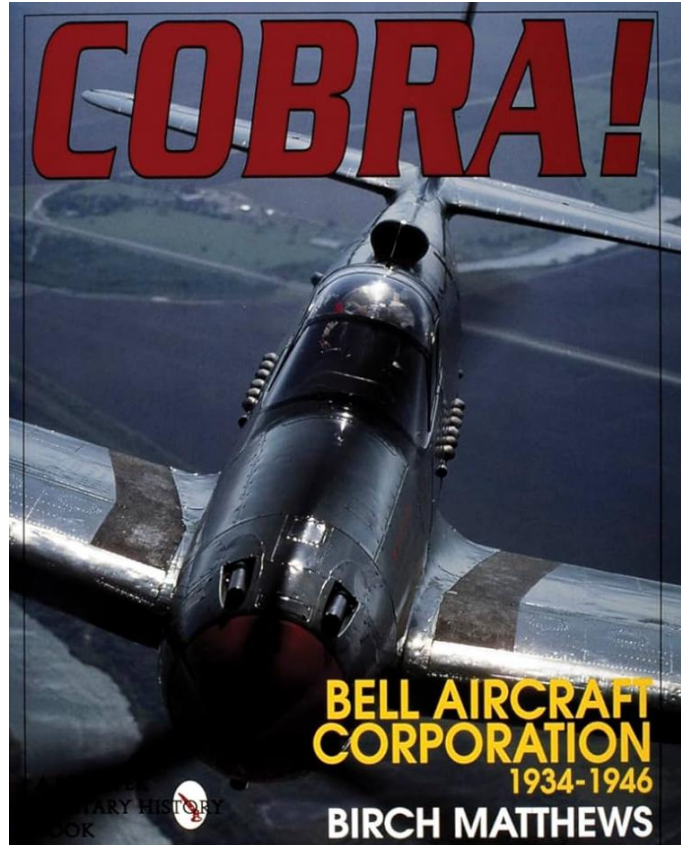
Cobra!

By Frank Ahern

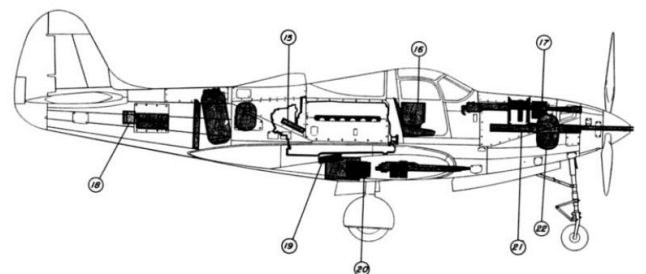
I've always been fascinated by the developmental histories of the combat aircraft of WW2. How even the best designs could be sidetracked by unanticipated changes in requirements and disappointing technology. The Bell P-39 Airacobra is a classic example of this syndrome.

It's all laid out in detail in a book written by a former Bell engineer who studied the project from beginning to end. The art and science of combat aircraft design was changing rapidly in the 1930's. Larry Bell and his chief engineer Bob Woods were determined to be on the cutting edge of that movement.

Their 1937 design of the P-39 was a huge leap forward in many areas. It was the first aircraft to be built around a weapon - the 37mm cannon that fired through the spinner. It was the first to use tricycle landing gear. It was the first to place the liquid-cooled engine behind the pilot. All of this created an exceptionally clean aerodynamic design that promised a 400-mph interceptor with a big punch. What could go wrong? Pretty much everything.

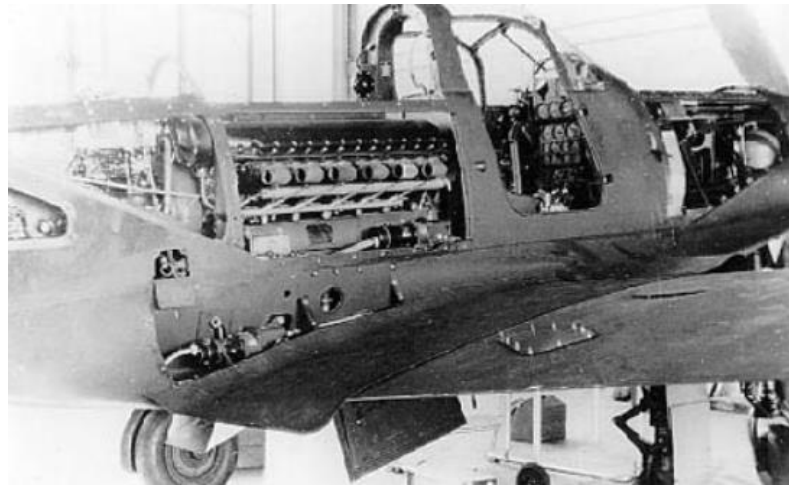


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| 4. .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS | 15. ENGINE TOOL KIT |
| 5. PILOT'S SEAT | 16. MAP CASE |
| 6. GLYCOL SUPPLY TANK | 17. BATTERY |
| 7. .30 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS | 18. FIRST-AID KIT |
| 8. AMMUNITION BOXES—.30 CALIBER | 19. AIRPLANE TOOL KIT |
| 9. OIL TEMPERATURE REGULATOR, LEFT HAND | 20. OIL TEMPERATURE REGULATOR, RIGHT HAND |
| 10. COOLANT RADIATOR | 21. .37 mm CANNON |
| 11. PRESTONE TANK | 22. OXYGEN TANK (SINGLE INSTALLATION) |





The Allison V-1710 engine didn't produce the expected power. The turbosupercharger needed for high altitude missions was unreliable and required a large cooling duct that wind tunnel tests revealed created high drag, further reducing the top speed. He needed to get a production contract to save his struggling company, so Larry Bell agreed to remove the turbocharger which resulted in the P-39 being relegated to low altitude missions.



Another flaw in the design was the lack of space for fuel. The Cobra had the shortest operational range of any US fighter. Unlike front engine designs the P-39 could not add a fuel tank behind the pilot like the P-51 did. It all added up to an airplane that was more known for its limitations than its capabilities.





Fortunately for Bell, the Soviet Union was desperate for fighters. Most of theirs were destroyed when Germany invaded in June 1941. The top Russian pilots appreciated the Cobra's nimble handling and heavy firepower. Range and altitude were not as important in the style of fighting on the Eastern Front.

About half of the 10,000 Cobras built were ferried to Russia from Alaska. It was such a huge effort that a monument was built and still stands in Fairbanks to memorialize the program.



I built the Academy 1/72 kit for the trainer display at Keystone Airport. Like most Academy kits it's easy to assemble, fits well and has good surface detail. Since it's a trainer, there's no fancy painting or decals, just basic olive drab over grey. I still like the Airacobra design. It looks clean and fast, even if the real version never lived up to its potential.

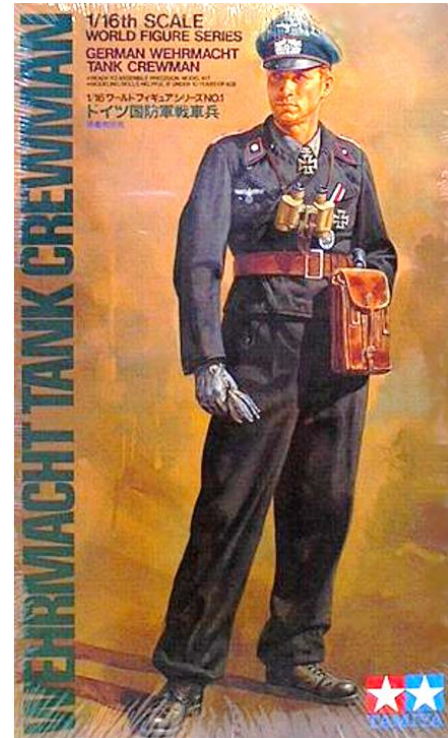


German Wehrmacht Tank Crewman by Ed Ingersoll

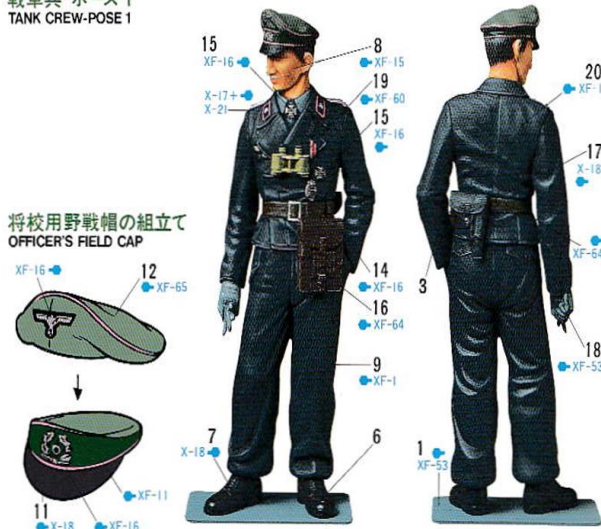
This was my first experience with a 1/16th scale figure.

The kit was the *Wehrmacht Tank Crewman* by Tamiya. It had been sitting in my stash for many years. When the club theme was "Figures," I decided to give this kit a try. Assembly was straight forward. I had to decide between a Tank or Self-Propelled Gun Crewman and if I wanted to use the hand in the pocket or not. I decided to go with the Tank Crewman mostly because I liked the pink piping. The kit consisted of less than a dozen parts so assembly was pretty quick.

After the assembly was complete and cleaned up, it was time to primer the figure. For this I used the "Titan Matt Black Primer" for everything but the head, for this I used Tamiya White Primer. The Black actually looked great, so I decided to leave it as the base color for the uniform. Everything else, but the cap, was painted according to the instructions using various Vallejo Model Color paint. The cap was painted using Tamiya Field Grey (XF-65) which actually has a greenish tint. See the picture of my paint pallet for the various colors used.



戦車兵 ポーズ 1
TANK CREW-POSE 1



突撃砲兵 ポーズ 2
SELF-PROPELLED
GUN CREW-POSE 2

右手の組立て
RIGHT HAND ASSEMBLY



このキットは人形1体入りです。帽子と右腕のポーズは2種類から選べます。また服装をフィールドグレイで塗装し、突撃砲兵として仕上げることもできます。塗装はマークを参考にしてください。タミヤカラー・アクリル塗料、エナメル塗料の色番号で指示されています。

This kit contains one lifelike figure. Model options include two types of caps and right hands. It is possible to create a self-propelled gun crewman by painting the uniform field grey. The mark denotes Tamiya paint color numbers.





German Wehrmacht Tank Crewman

The hardest thing to paint was the face; for this I used several shades of Vallejo Flesh tones. I also used some Vallejo Light Rust Wash (76.505) to accentuate the face tone and for shadows.

The hair and eyebrows were painted with Vallejo Buff (976) and highlighted with Vallejo Light Grey Wash (76.515) to give it some greyish age tint. Eyes were painted with Vallejo Grey Blue (861). I am still not happy with the finished face and eyes. I tried to make the figure resemble a typical "Aryan" soldier.



To break up all of the black uniform, I used RLM-66 (866) for the shirt and Binoculars and Gloss Black (943) for the shoes and Holster. The belt and map case were painted with Panzer Aces Leather (312).

For the Binoculars I added a strap made from tape and some Future for the glass.

All of the metal badging was painted with Vallejo Silver (997) and the Iron Crosses were carefully outlined with white (951).

The piping was a bit of a challenge. First I had to find a suitable color as I could not find anything in my paint stash. To save time I when to the Big "W" to see what I could find. Luckily, I found an Acrylic Paint Pen by "Painters" in Hot Pink. I tried to sharpen its blunt tip, but this did not work so I made the pen deposit some paint in a ceramic paint dish and used a fine paint brush to highlight the piping.

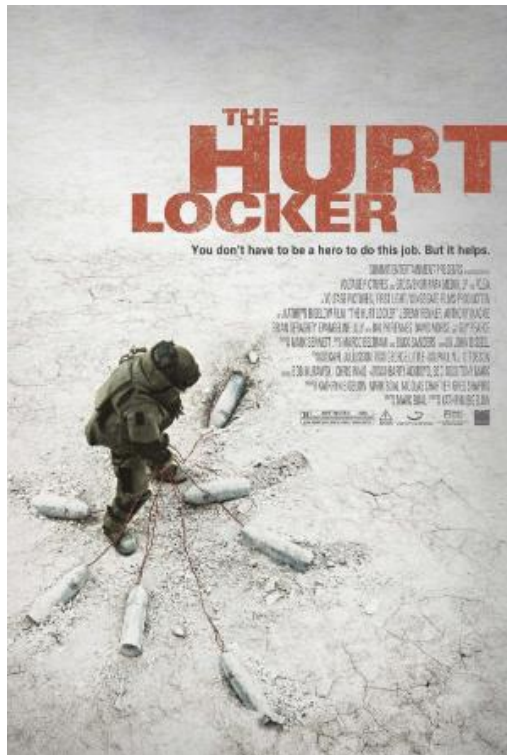


I enjoyed doing a larger figure so I might have to try another one of these Tamiya figures.

Ed Ingersoll's 1:16 scale Tamiya Wehrmacht Tank Crewman



Don Martin's EOD Figure



Ron Payne's Silver Knight by Atlantis Models



Bob Lundeen's Prisoner model



Forgotten Prisoner of Castel Mare
Glow in th Dark 1/8 Plastic Model
Kit

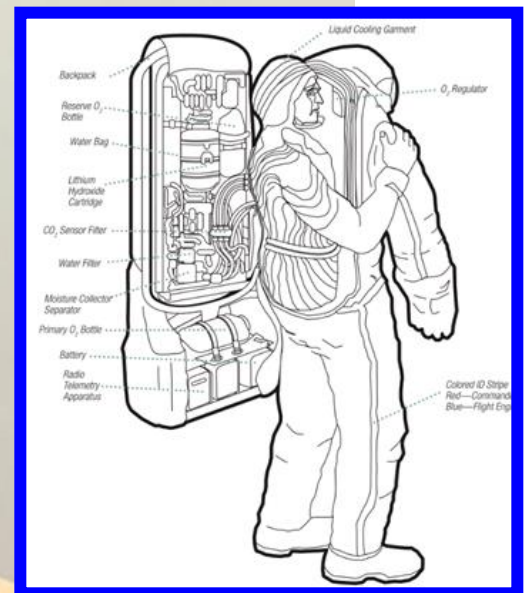
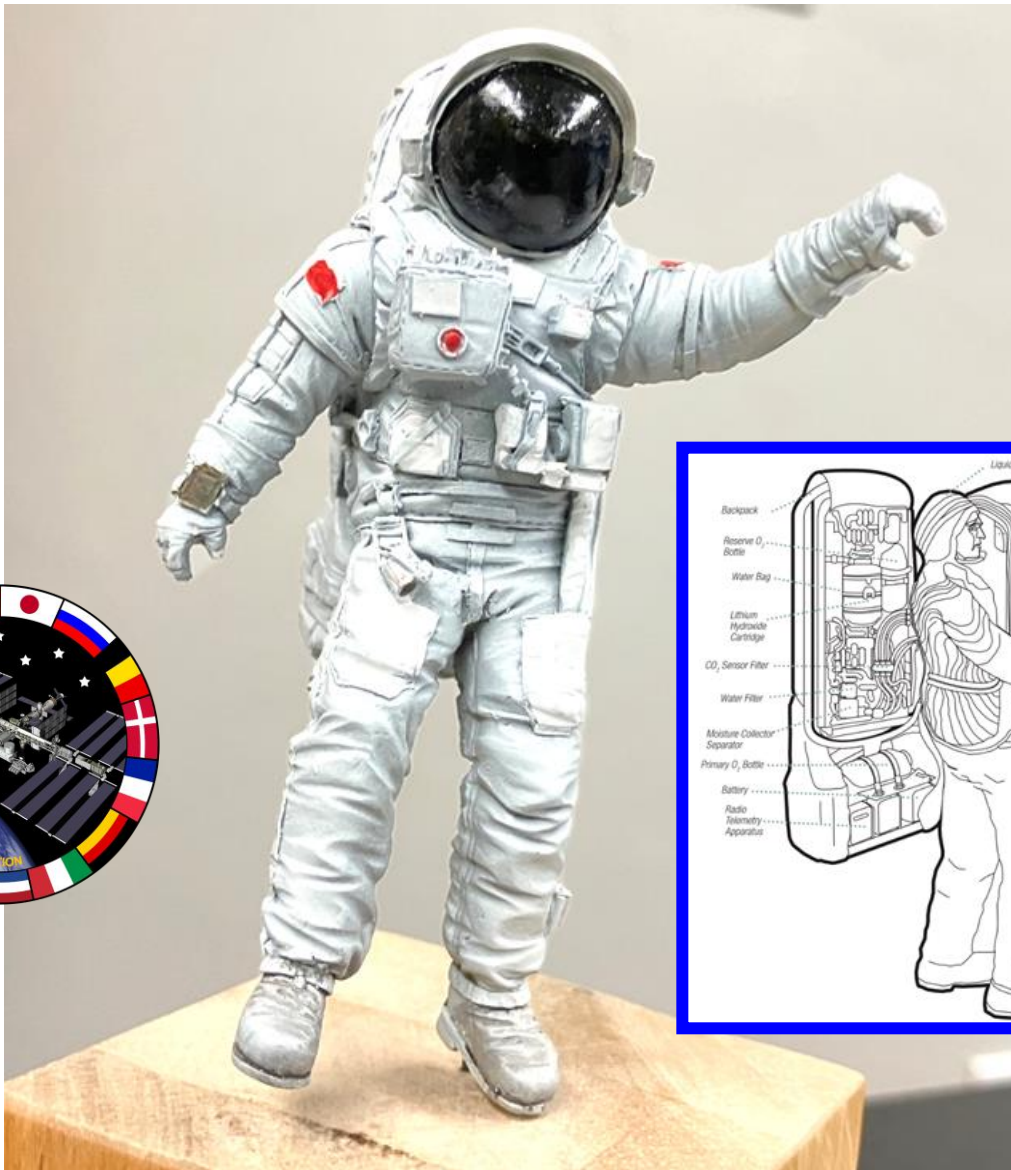
Clarence Snyder's Figure – "Gasser" by Atlantis



Tony's PaK40 gun and figures (small scale)



Bill's Cosmonaut in a Space Suit for the International Space Station (ISS)



Russian Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos)/Science Production Enterprise Zvezda

The Orlan-MK spacesuit is designed to protect an EVA (Extravehicular Activity) crewmember from the vacuum of space, ionizing radiation, solar energy, and micrometeoroids. The main body and helmet of the suit are integrated and are constructed of aluminum alloy. Arms and legs are made of a flexible fabric material. Crewmembers enter from the rear via the backpack door, which allows rapid entry and exit without assistance. The Orlan-MK spacesuit is a “one-size fits-most” suit.

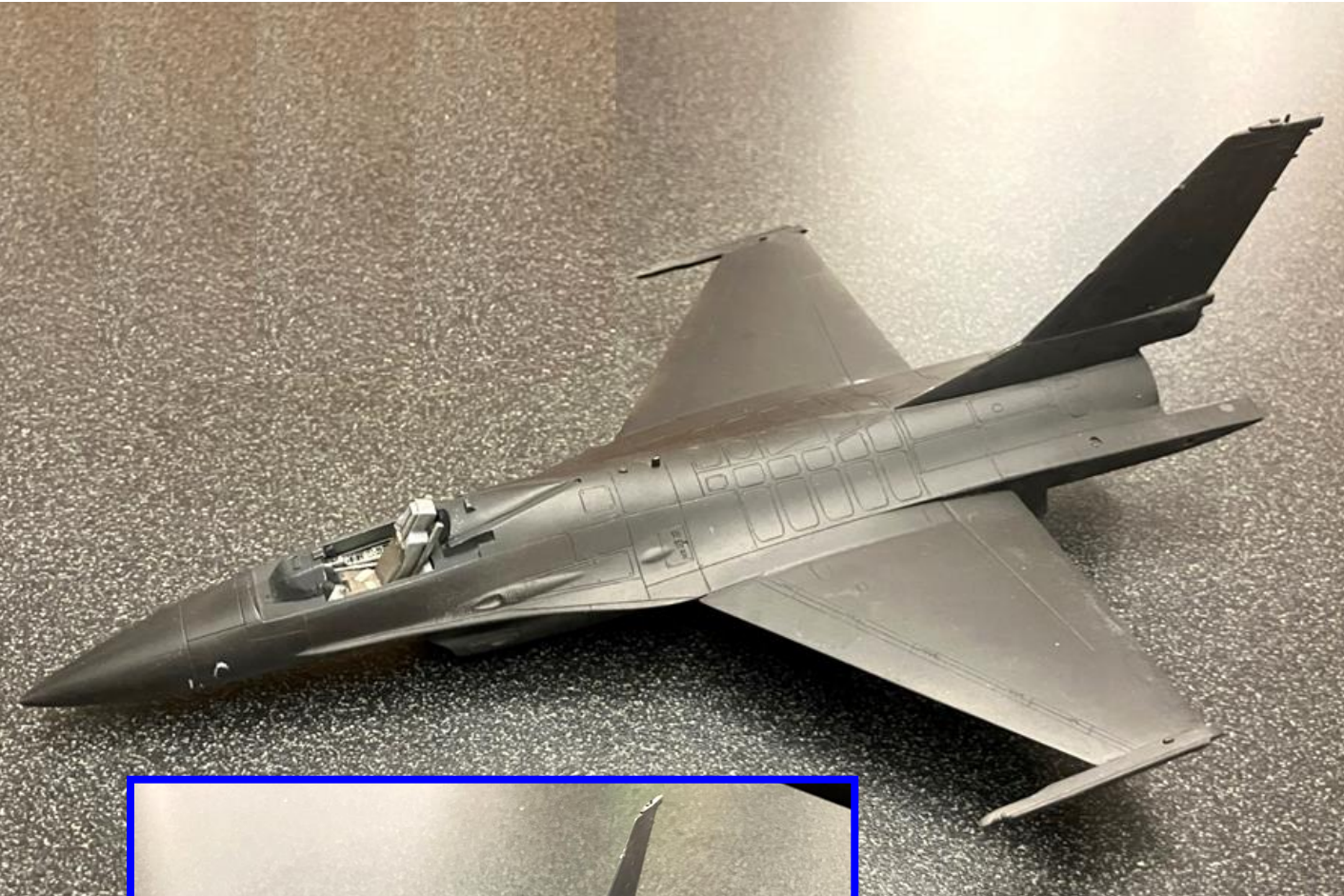
Tony's small-scale warriors



More of Tony's small-scale warriors



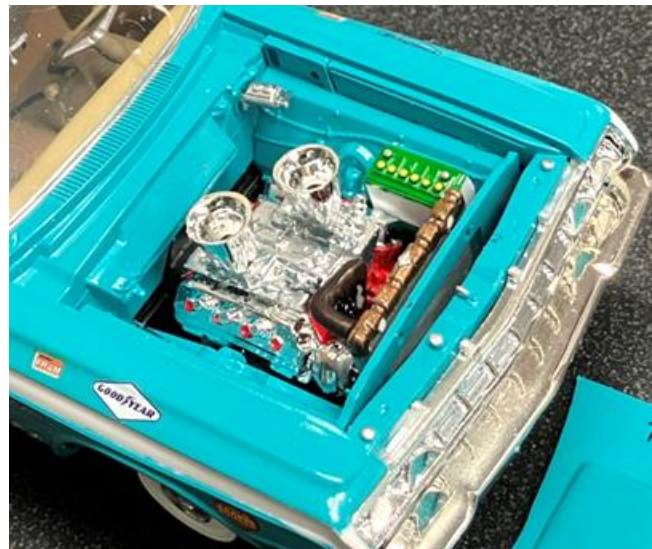
Brian Cormack's F-16 (WIP)



Mark Box's Datsun Race Car



Clarence Snyder's Dragster



Joel's M4A3 WWII Tank



Tony's T-34/85 tanks



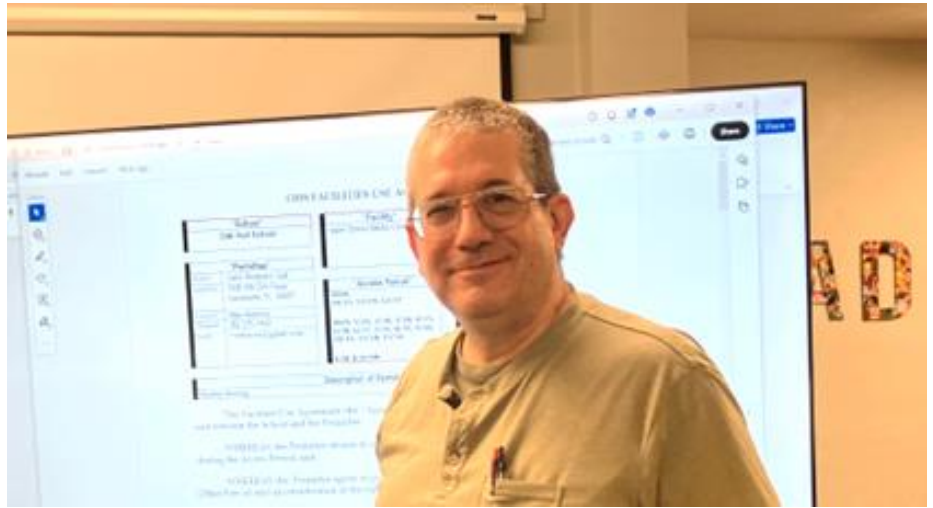
A Work-In-Progress figure that is part of a vignette.



Members and Friends at the October meeting



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From the workbench of Jack Muga



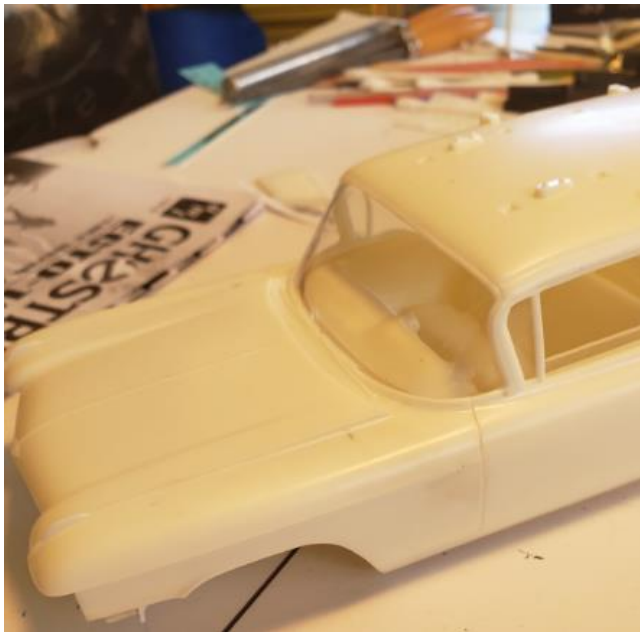
From the workbench of Ed Ingersoll

I don't know if you want to add a line or two to the Gator newsletter, but I found a local source for *Vallejo Model Color* paints. They have the big Vallejo Model Color rack at **Punkouter Games** located at the corner of N Main and NW 8th Ave in the old furniture store building (13 NW 8th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601, 1-352-234-3415). They also carry Army Painter products and Sci-Fi and Gundam kits. - Ed



Editor's note: Ed found the above listed store by checking all of the gaming stores in Gainesville while looking for paints. Ed further wrote: *The one on W. University doesn't have the Model Color but it does carry the Game Colors line. A third store doesn't have any paints and the fourth which is near me off 43rd carries Citadel paints. Punkouter is moving to Thornbrook after the first of the year so it will be even closer (to me).*

From the workbench of Clarence Snyder



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Recently we lost a long-time member, Kevin Sanders

Kevin Antony Sanders, 67, of Gainesville, Florida, passed away on October 1, 2024, after suffering a stroke. Born on December 29, 1956, in Danville, Illinois, Kevin led a rich and fulfilling life, marked by adventure, intellectual curiosity, and love for his family.

Kevin proudly served his country in the United States Army before graduating magna cum laude from Sam Houston State University. His career as an environmental scientist at CH2MHill spanned decades and took him across the globe, from the clean air initiatives of Egypt to projects in Puerto Rico, Canada, and all over the United States.



He is survived by his beloved daughters, Shannon Ensley (Brian) of Montgomery, AL; Heather Khan (Omar) of Gainesville, FL; and Margaret of Tallahassee, FL; grandchildren Kyndal Khan, Ian Ensley, Alexander Ensley, and Skylar Khan; his ex-wife and lifelong friend, Lisa Moore; his bonus mom, Judith Sanders; and his brothers Kerry Sanders, Johnathan Sanders, and Jim LeSaux. Kevin is preceded in death by his son, Joshua, and his parents, John Sanders and Ruth LeSaux.

A man of both intellect and creativity, Kevin's love for geology began as a boy, collecting fossils and arrowheads—a passion that followed him throughout his life. He was also a talented spades player, a lover of good music, a fisherman, and an amazing cook—his breakfast burritos were legendary among family and friends. His talents knew no bounds; he could solve complex math problems, whip up a delicious meal, or create intricate macrame designs with ease.

Kevin's love for his family ran deep, and he shared his passions for history, football, and good movies with those closest to him. A devoted fan of both the Chicago Bears and the Florida Gators, Kevin's voice could often be heard cheering them on. His laugh was full of life, infectious and joyous, filling any room he entered with warmth.

Kevin leaves behind a legacy of love, adventure, and intellectual curiosity that will continue to inspire all who knew him. His family and friends will forever treasure his memory and the laughter and wisdom he brought into their lives.

Source: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/kevin-sanders-obituary?id=56430998>

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Kevin was a German armor modeler who loved WWII memorabilia. For many years we met at CH₂M Hill's office complex on Williston Road where Kevin was employed. We love you Kevin and miss you. We hope you will read this with a smile on your face.*

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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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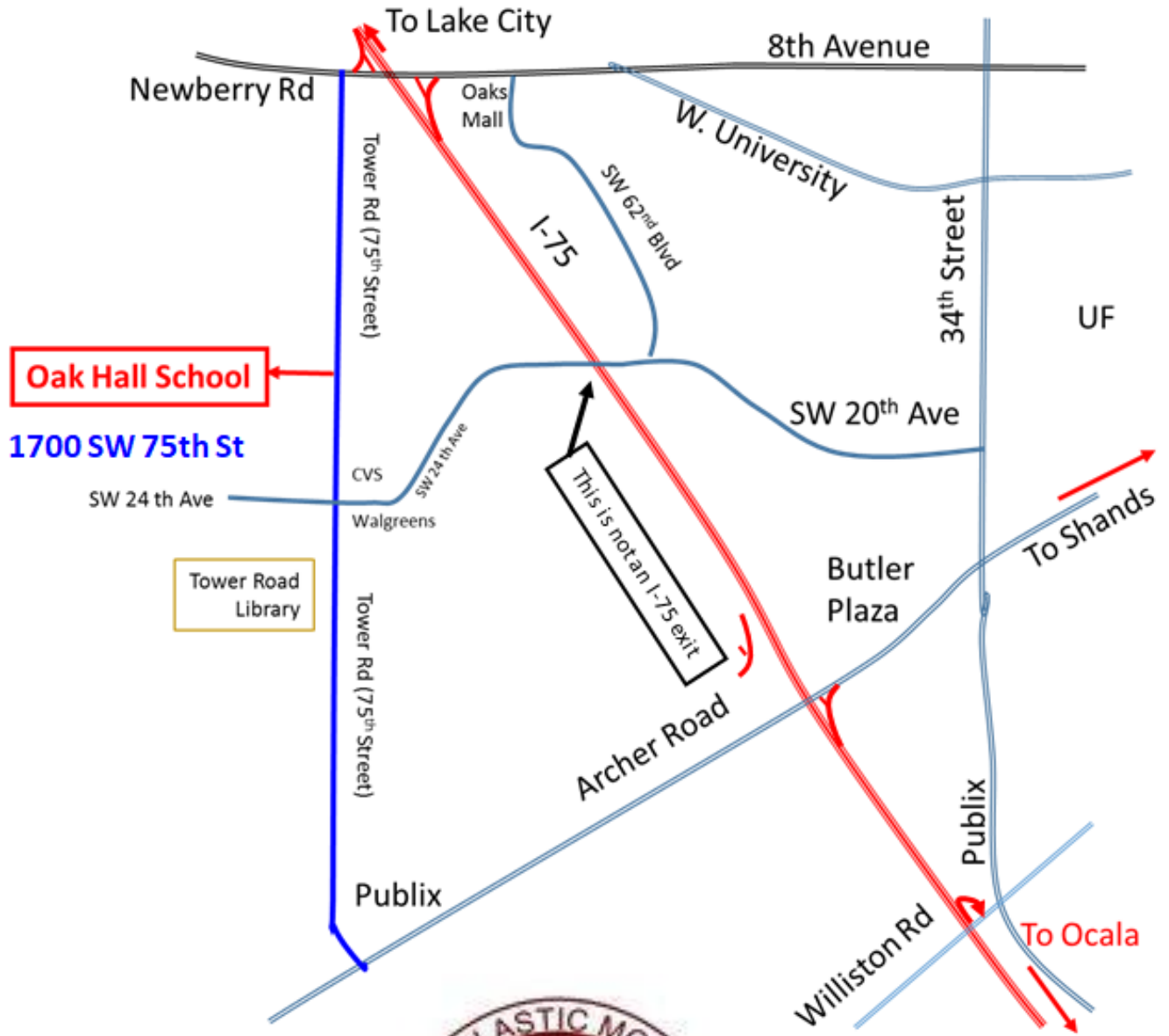
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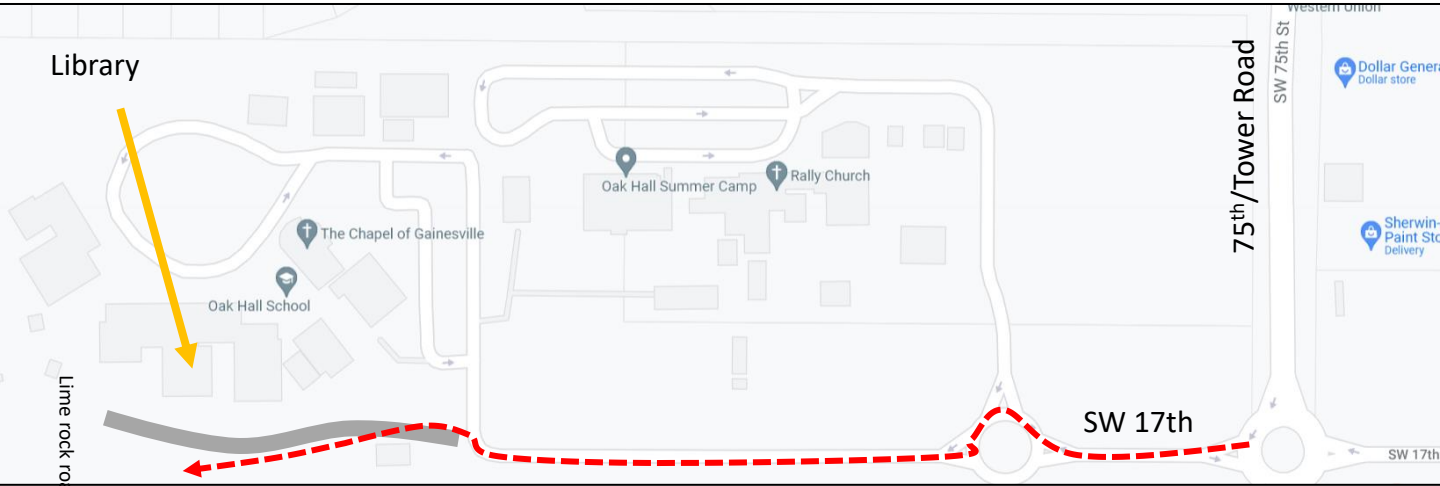




Directions to OAK HALL (1700 SW 75th St, Gainesville, FL)



IPMS GATORS' MEMBERS: We will meet at Oak Hall on Tuesday November 19 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

Nov. Animal Names

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 December 2024 newsletter. - Bill