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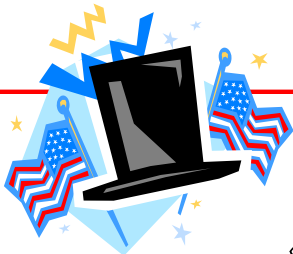
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January Debrief by Duane Hayes

Well folks, it felt very good to be back at the meetings again. As anyone who was there can tell you, my "bitch switch" still works and was fully engaged. I was glad to see that the quality of the models being displayed during Show-N-Tell has not diminished and has even improved. Jaxcon is on Saturday, February 1, 2014 and if you need some last minute critiques on your models, bring them to the meeting on January 29 and let your fellow members give them the once over. The "Florida" Theme Build fiasco (for which I take full responsibility) has been officially postponed until the March 5th meeting at which time I have been assured we will be able to put the models in the display case. In the meantime, if you are not planning on entering your theme models in Jaxcon, the Gainesville club is having a Florida Theme display at the show and we have been invited to add our models to their display. At least your model will be seen and appreciated by someone who understands the hard work that goes into these models. The members voted on our next Theme Build and the winner was "Out Of The Box". The details are included elsewhere in this newsletter. This theme allows a wide range of subject matter that will allow everyone to participate. Why not build a model for this theme build. These models are not "judged", they just showcase our club and what we do to the public. The new date for our annual model kit auction is Saturday, May 24, 2014. Contact has been made with Tom at the MOSH concerning our participation in Sci-Fi Day in May. He said he is working out the final details and we should know something around the first part of February. Bob is working on a new membership list for distribution to the members. If you are a new member or your E-mail or phone number has changed, please let him know ASAP.

Until next month, Keep the Glue Off Your Fingers.



Editors Soap Box

Each month I use this section to express my thoughts about the hobby, the club, or any other thing I happen to be thinking about. The opinions expressed here are mine alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Model Creations Unlimited IPMS. Feedback is always encouraged, and story ideas or submissions by any other member will gladly be accepted. If you feel that this column is becoming biased or exceeds decorum or good taste, I want to hear about it. Discuss it with me at the next meeting or you can contact me by phone at (904) 743-6677 or by E-Mail: [Duane Hayes](mailto:Duane.Hayes@ipms.com)



2014 marks the fourth year that this newsletter has been published. It has been my genuine pleasure to serve as editor for the entire time of its existence. Besides, it gives me a chance to express my opinions and share my vast and incomparable knowledge to the other members of the club. Seriously though, one of my goals when I initially took on the task of newsletter editor was to entice some old members back into the fold and hopefully recruit some new members whenever possible. Despite the newsletter going out to both present and former members the club has not seen much growth over the past four years. This task being made all the more difficult by the closing down of two model shops in the Jacksonville area. I'm not sure why some of the old members don't show anymore. It can't be that the club shows bias towards any one genre of modelers, as our monthly Show-N-Tell sessions will confirm. We have a rich and varied subject matter base among our membership. I have seen some truly beautiful models displayed at our meetings. Some members have even tried to stretch their repertoire by building models other than their 'usual suspects'. Even the occasional member bashing and name calling is just a bit of fun. I seriously doubt that any member takes it too seriously even when they are the one on the receiving end. I have heard from some potential new members that they feel their work is not 'good enough' for a club, or that they can't make their models look like the pictures in the magazines or on the internet. Nothing could be further from the truth. You don't belong to a club to showcase that 'perfect' model, or rather you shouldn't belong to a club for that reason. The fact that you are showing some interest in scale modeling is all that is required. Your enthusiasm, not skills, is what matters most to the club. Now I will be the first to admit that there are people who think they are 'modeling gods' and don't hesitate to let you know that what they say is gospel. Fortunately, our club is relatively free of this type of 'expert'. Regardless of personal reasons why people choose not to join us, I know there are more modelers out there, otherwise JAXCON would not have 500+ entries every year. By the nature of our hobby, we're a detached bunch. The internet makes it easier for us to remain isolated because of the glut of forums and web sites that cater to every aspect of our hobby. With many ways to interact, such as group builds, we don't even have to leave the hobby room, should we choose. If for no other reason than to exercise your legs, it's good to brush the plastic dust off your shirt, clean the glue off your fingers and leave the hobby room at least once a month to give ourselves and our models some air not laced with paint fumes. I accept the fact that the size of our club is what it is. So I guess the trick now is just to hang on to the members we do have by trying to make the club experience an enjoyable and relaxing couple hours twice a month. And of course, give you something to read that may make you stop and think or even bring a smile to your dust covered face.

Until next month, Just Glue It.

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President's Corner by Kent Pruitt



Already a month into 2014! And we have our VP back, it's going to be a great year! Duane I believe I speak for everyone in saying it's great to have you back. While you were gone, at each meeting, "has anyone heard from Duane? is he coming back tonight?"

I hope we have a good turnout for our third meeting of January leading up to JAXCON for the final pre-inspection. JAXCON is not the place to find overlooked "ah sh#ts". So bring them in for one final look see. And everyone bring your magnifiers and bright flashlights.

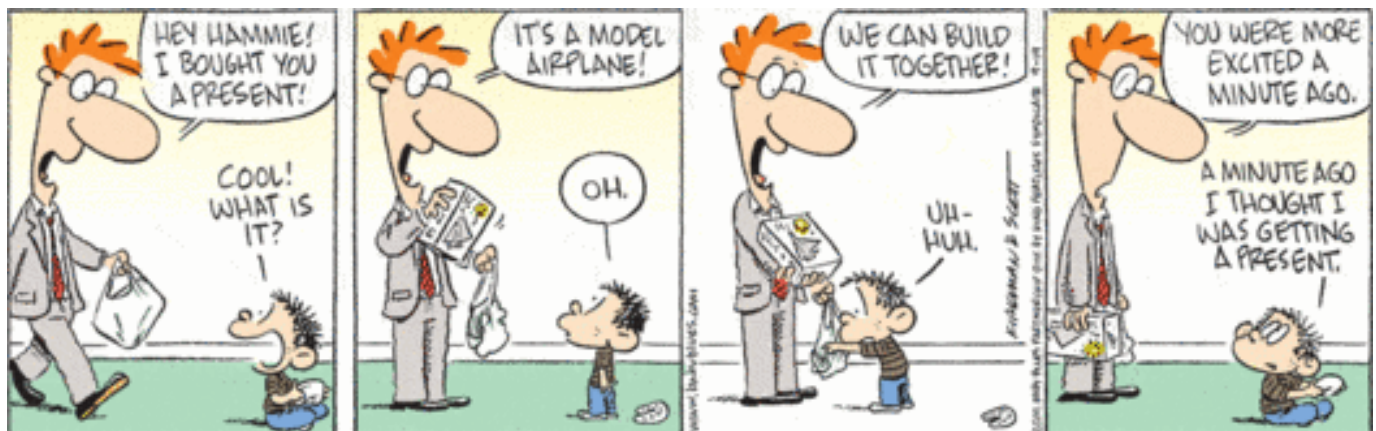
And lastly, to reiterate Duane's plea for inputs to this newsletter... how-to's, building tips, new model releases etc. All are welcome for our award winning newsletter.

By the way, Meng models is releasing a new Bradley, with a full interior, it looks awesome! Check it out on Meng's web site.

Happy modeling,

Kent

Just For Laughs



Jessie L. Brown Corsair Build by Don Alexander

Okay, I like a model building challenge and I think I have one. I thought I'd build a model in a week which is a challenge with my work schedule. First, here's some background on the model I chose. Jessie L. Brown was awarded his U.S. Navy Aviator's wings in Jacksonville, FL in 1948 and was assigned to VF-32 aboard the USS Leyte (CV-32) in 1949. He flew Hellcats and Corsairs off that carrier. In December 1950, he was flying a F4U-5 Corsair in support of troops in the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, and he already had 20 combat missions to his credit. He was shot down by ground fire and crash landed in the snow. The crash pinned his



leg in the plane and he was unable to free himself from the cockpit. Thomas Hudner, a fellow squadron pilot, crash landed his Corsair next to Brown and tried to get him out of the burning aircraft. A rescue helicopter landed near-by and that pilot also unsuccessfully tried to free Brown. They were also unable to put the fire out and Brown's last words were to tell his wife

he loved her. Brown received the DFC for his actions. Wow!! This man is worth building a model Corsair for Black History month, so, I began building one. I chose a Hobbycraft 1/48 F4U-1 so it's not perfect as Brown flew the F4U-5 off the Leyte, but it looks about right to me and only Bob Tano will know the difference between them. I decided to make this a quick build and my goal is to have it done in a week. This will have to be done around my work schedule as I have no days off between now (Thursday) and next Wednesday. I also had to finish laying tile in my man cave. Thursday night I assembled the engine, painted and installed it inside its



cowling and got the cockpit done and installed in the fuselage before gluing them together. The fuel tank and wing flaps were glued together and set aside and then it was time for bed so everything was put away for Friday night. Okay, it's Friday and I have work to do on this Corsair. I sanded the seams invisible on just about the whole model but there were some stubborn areas which needed filling. That done, I masked the canopy and stuffed a paper towel in the cockpit and engine areas to make them ready for painting. I sprayed on a coat of Patra Extra Dark Gloss Sea Blue but it went flat for some reason....not good. I put the plane up for the night. Wouldn't you know it, Jack sold me a ProModeller Revell F4U-5 and I thought I should start all over with this build so I could present a Corsair that was the proper type for Ensign Brown's ship. Jack even included an after market decal sheet with the correct VF-32 markings for a Corsair. After some thought, I



Jessie L. Brown Corsair Build by Don Alexander



decided to continue the Hobbycraft build as again, no one except Bob Tano and you readers will know the difference between an F4U-1 and an F4U-5 (bigger engine with chin air scoops and longer chord cowling, rocket launcher hard points and rails, 4 bladed propeller, different antennas and external fuel tanks, 20mm cannons). Getting home Saturday I checked the Corsair, and the Patra paint was still dull and not dry yet, even after 24 hours of drying time. So I sprayed the whole thing with a coat of Tamiya primer and put it away. Sunday morning I checked the plane and observed it was smooth and dry to the touch! Yeah!! I had to put it away so I could attend the monthly business meeting of RCCJ

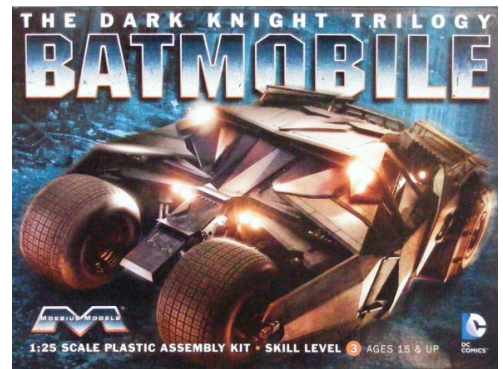
(Radio Control Club of Jacksonville) where I am a Club Officer and Secretary and then go to work all day long on an off-duty job (Davis Cup at the Arena). I got home from work and painted the Corsair with Testors Insignia Blue which went on okay, not great, but okay. After that dried, I put on three coats of Testors Clear which also looked okay but, again, not great. On Monday morning before going to work, with the paint dry, I put on a coat of Future which looked better. Monday evening after work, it was time to apply the decals which I robbed from a Monogram F-9 Panther kit. After getting the tail codes and one national insignia on the kit, the rest of the decals shattered!! Okay, don't panic! I stole the decals from the Pro-Modeler kit that I bought from Jack which included an after-market decal sheet which I will save for a later build. They took a long time to release from the backing paper and made me think they would break apart too. After letting them soak for 30 minutes, they finally came off the paper and went down on the kit okay. I attached the front gear door decals, and OMG they were upside down and they were too dry to remove. I didn't have another set of numbers so they are there to stay.



After attaching the fiddly parts and another coat of Future, the plane was done one day early! I have never done a 1/48 scale plane in five days before. Is it perfect or contest quality? NO it is not. Was it fun to do? YES it was. Is the plane accurate? NO it's not. Is it ready to display to honor Ensign Jessie Brown? YES it is.

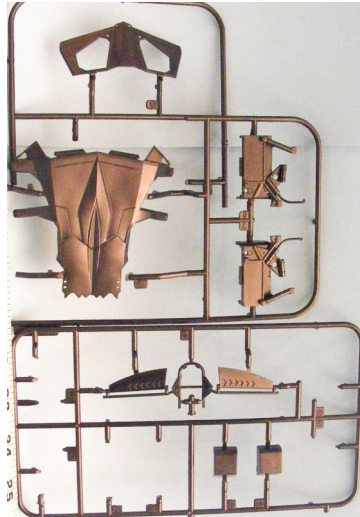
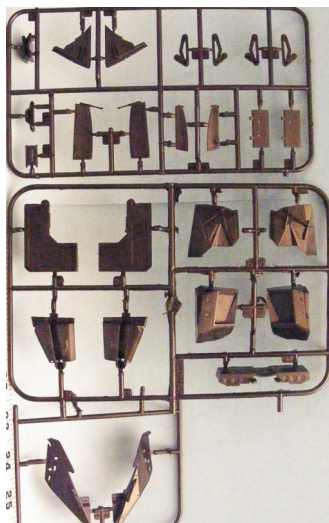
Batmobile Kit Review by The Phantom Modeler

Batmobile! The word conjures up many visions for many fans of the Dark Knight. This isn't your father's or even his father's Batmobile. This one has a 500 HP Chevy engine plus a vector-controlled jet engine for jumping over any big obstacles. This one is wrapped in a body that is a mix of a Lamborghini and an F-117 stealth fighter with glass cockpit instrumentation and heavily armed and armored.

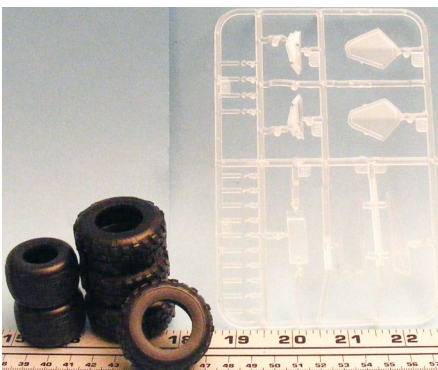


From the first look this is an impressive kit. The box alone weighs over a pound. The kit comes in a two part sturdy box with Color graphics on all six sides. Upon opening the box one is impressed by the sheer volume of plastic bags neatly packed inside. The parts are

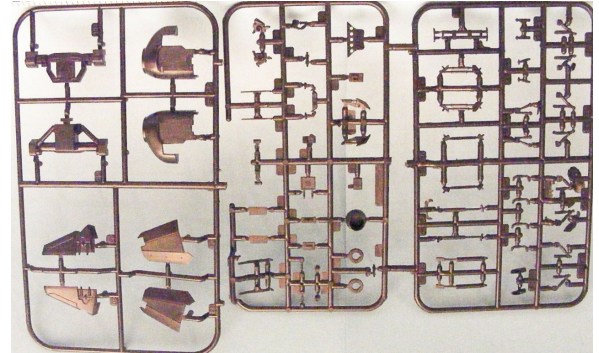
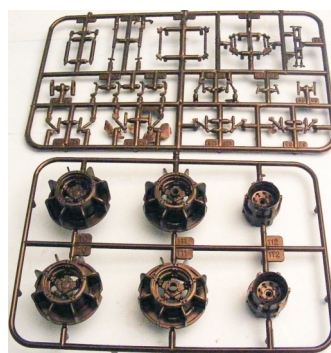
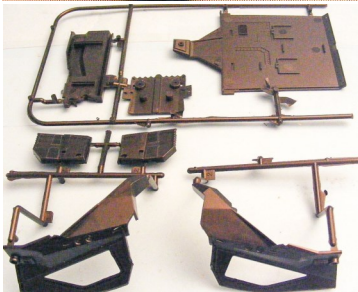
all in shiny, crisply molded black plastic, with subtle but well-defined detail. Very little flash is evident. The clear sprue is very transparent, and the parts show almost no damage, two parts had light scratches (a quick dip in future will solve any problems). The kit includes a full cockpit, and the details seem very well done, though not much will be seen through the dark windows. But, it should be easy to open up the roof access panel for a better view of the highly detailed interior. The vinyl tires look great and will look even better with the well defined tread sanded down a little (the back end of the car is very cool looking with a jet



exhaust and dual truck tires). The kit has a highly detailed suspension and running gear. Along with all the struts and flaps that give this version of the Batmobile such a distinctive look. The instructions are in a full color 11"x 8.5", 14-page, 19-step booklet. Moebius has come a long way in the instruction department, and this booklet is a great example. It has



color pictures, but with Tamiya like graphics. One bad point is that all color callouts are at the back of the booklet, but most modelers will read the entire booklet several times before starting assembly. RIGHT! If the fit is anything like the Moebius kits released in the last several years, this kit will go together well. I can't wait to see this one all finished and crouching on its six huge tires!



Florida Theme Build

Our theme build "Florida" officially concludes at the March 5th meeting. Models must depict something that has a history in common with Florida. You will justify your Florida Theme by writing a brief article about how your model has a connection to Florida.

The rules are simple:

Build anything you want as long as it has a common bond with Florida..

A brief written description of the model used and how it is connected with Florida.

Model size should be 18" x 12" or less.

You can build more than one model to display.

This will NOT be a judged contest, just a display show 'n tell.

Each member who enters a model will be given a ticket for a drawing of two \$20.00 awards.

Out Of The Box (What If?) Theme Build

Our next theme build is "Out Of The Box (What If?)". It will end at the June 4th meeting. Models must be built using only the parts in the box. You will justify your OOB by displaying the kit instructions with the model. The rules are simple:

Build any type of subject you want, but only use the parts supplied with the kit. You can paint the model any way you choose, hence the "What If" portion of the build..

Display the kit instructions with the finished model.

Model size should be 18" x 12" or less.

You can build more than one model to display.

Tip of the Month by Steve Betts

Here is a tip I just got from a Clint Dodd in the JAXRC club who also builds plastic models. When trying to glue tiny pieces of photo-etch to a model use a wax pencil. The pencil is soft enough to pick up the part. Use the pencil to dip the part in a drop of C/A glue. C/A cement will not stick to wax so that when the part is pressed against the model it will stick to the model. They are really designed for placing Rhinestones on projects. Here is a link to one on Amazon. [Wax Pencils](#)



Alternative Aircraft Markings by Jack Ratterman

Have you ever wanted to build an aircraft model with non-conventional markings? How about an F-22A Raptor with Soviet Air Force markings, or a Battlestar Galactica Viper with 111th Squadron of the US Air Force, or an F-35A Lightning in RAF Red Arrow colors, or maybe a Russian Su-27 painted in the Navy Blue Angels paint scheme, or even an F-117A in Chinese Air Force markings? Well, I found this website that shows those ideas and many, many more. If you need inspiration this is the place to get those "What If" juices flowing. Perfect for our new "Out Of The Box" Theme build.

Website link: [Beyond The Sprues](#)

Show n' Tell Models



USS Mason
By Bob Collado



WIP M4A3-E8 Sherman
By Kent Pruitt



Opel Astra V8 German Touring Car
By Steve Betts



PZL-37A
By Dan Smigaj



Mud Duster Kit Bash
By Duane Hayes



MIG 17 in Cuban Markings
By Don Alexander



Ferrari 612
By Don Alexander



BM-13 Katyusha ML
By Steve Betts



'64 Petty Plymouth
By Alan Zawacki



Sauber-Mercedes C9
By Steve Betts



US Army Aggressor Trainer
By Joe Hanner



'66 Olds Rust Bucket
By Don Alexander

Upcoming Events

January 29, 2014 - Extra Build Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

February 1, 2014 - JAXCON 2014 - UNF University Center - Info: [Gil Hodges](#)

February 5, 2014 - Business Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

February 19, 2014 - Club Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

March 5, 2014 - Business Meeting & FINAL Wrap Up of "Florida" Theme Build- 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

March 15, 2014 - Blue Angel Modelfest Scale Model and Miniature Figure Expo - University of West Florida Conference Center, Building 22, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL- Info: <http://www.pensacolamodelers.com/>

March 19, 2014 - Club Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

April 2, 2014 - Business Meeting - 6:00- 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

April 16, 2014 - Club Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

April 30, 2014 - Extra Build Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

May 7, 2014 - Business Meeting - 6:00- 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

May 21, 2014 - Club Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

May 24, 2014 - Annual Model Kit Auction - 12:00- 5:00 PM - Regency Square Library.

June 4, 2014 - Business Meeting - 6:00- 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

June 7, 2014 - The General Robert L. Scott Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society and the Museum of Aviation, will hold its annual scale model contest at the Museum of Aviation - Warner Robbins, GA - Info: [Bill Paul](#)

June 18, 2014 - Club Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

July 2, 2014 - Business Meeting - 6:00- 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

July 16, 2014 - Club Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

July 30, 2014 - Extra Build Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

August 6, 2014 - Business Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

August 6-9, 2014 - IPMS National Convention, Hampton, Virginia- For more information: <http://www.ipmsusa2014.com/>

August 20, 2014 - Club Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

September 3, 2014 - Business Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

September 17, 2014 - Club Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

October 1, 2014 - Business Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

October 15, 2014 - Club Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

October 29, 2014 - Extra Build Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

November 5, 2014 - Business Meeting - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Regency Square Library.

This Month's Featured Website

This website was submitted by Jack Ratterman. This is a 360 panorama of the flight engineers station on a B-36

<http://www.nmusafvirtualtour.com/media/062/B-36J%20Engineer.html>

Modeling Websites

IPMS Website: - www.ipmsusa.org

Freetime Hobbies:- www.freetimehobbies.com

Hobbylinc: Discounted Plastic Models - www.hobbylinc.com

Hyperscale: Discussion forums and resource Guides - www.hyperscale.com

Modeling Madness: Reviews and Forums - www.modelingmadness.com

Rare Plane Detective: - www.rare-planedetective.com

Real Space Models: - www.realspacemodels.com

Round2 Models: - www.round2models.com

Scale Model Guide: Building basics and how-to demonstrations - www.scalemodelguide.com

Squadron: Your online Hobby Shop - www.squadron.com

Local Hobby Shops

Hobby World: A full line hobby shop carrying all types of model kits, building supplies & paints with two locations; 103rd Street in Jacksonville and on Blanding Blvd in Orange Park. - www.hobbyworld.biz - (904) 772-9022 (Jax Store) (904) 272-6315 (Orange Park)

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Thanks to everyone who has contributed articles to this newsletter, but I'm always in need of more member articles. Some examples would be:

- ◆ Short, pictorial 'in-box' reviews of kits
- ◆ Work bench pictures
- ◆ Book reviews
- ◆ Pics of your latest project, etc.

Anything else you think might find to be of interest to your fellow modelers. Submit articles by e-mail at: [Duane Hayes](mailto:Duane.Hayes) Please send me stuff. I use a Windows machine with MS Word and the other usual suspects loaded. This means I can take almost anything you want to send - but for the sake of my limited sanity, PLEASE don't make me use the universal translator to decode your esoteric files. Send your story/article as a text file in the eMail or a Word document. Send your pictures separately as JPGs, PNGs or GIFs (JPG is my preferred format). **Do not**, under any circumstances, submit your article with pictures embedded in a Word file. That's just asking for trouble. And by trouble I mean shredding the article while drawing cartoon mustaches on all your pictures.

IPMS Information

Support The Troops Initiative

This IPMS/USA initiative was established to provide model kits, supplies, tools and reference materials to our servicemen and women serving in combat zones, recovering in hospitals, and in specialized rehabilitating facilities. The "Support the Troops" program is expanding into other areas as well. Some local programs take place in USO facilities and some are centered around active duty personnel or are scattered at bases across the country. Each local program is organized and administered by an individual or IPMS Chapter that is ready, willing, and able to put your donated items to good use.

To view information describing any of the local programs, and to view images provided by the administrator, please visit:

<http://www.ipmsusa3.org/gallery/v/stt/>

Join IPMS/USA

IPMS/USA is an organization dedicated to the fun of Scale Modeling. Your membership includes the IPMS Journal six times a year. In it you will find stories of interest on modeling subjects such as aircraft, armor, automotive, ships and figures. There are listings of IPMS contests and swap meets, hints and tips, and reviews. Being a member also qualifies you to participate in IPMS/USA sanctioned Regional Contests, and of course the world-famous National Convention, held every summer. You'll also be able to access the online Member's Forum where a wide variety of society and modeling topics are discussed. In addition, many hobby shops offer discounts to IPMS/USA members.

To join IPMS/USA, simply mail in the form below or go to www.ipmsusa.org and click on the Join IPMS/USA button on the left side of the page.

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Family (Adult dues + \$5, one set magazines, # of membership cards required: _____)

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