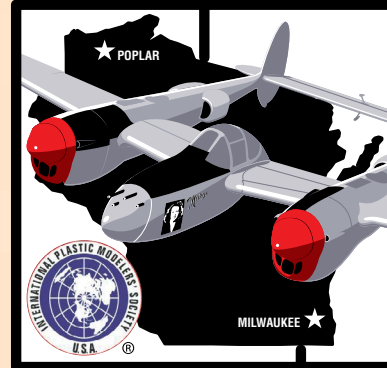


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General Meeting **Friday, April 11** Water Stone Bank 6560 S. 27th Street  
Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Business Meeting **Wednesday, April 16** at Baker's Square 4900 S. 76th St.,  
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. • All members are welcome!

## How we do business

I was informed at the last business meeting that an unknown local modeler (apparently not a Bong member) was overheard at a local hobby shop saying that he thought our club seemed to be run by dictatorship, and that the overall membership had no say in the running of the club. Man, is he gonna regret that when I'm King! But that got me thinking about how our club does business. For decades (and long before I became princ . . . er, president), business meetings have been held separately from the general meetings to streamline the doing of business and to make the general meeting more attractive to those who don't wish to sit through motions, and seconds, and discussions, and votes, and such. What this fellow (and maybe many members) doesn't know is that ANY member of the club can participate in the business meeting, and anyone attending has a vote in any decision, and input in any discussion – you don't have to be an officer to have a say. So ANYONE who feels he doesn't have enough say in the way the club is managed is ALWAYS invited to attend the monthly open business meeting, held on the Wednesday evening after the general meeting (notification for EVERYONE is always on the cover page of the Wingman) at the Baker's Square near Southridge – they even have free pie on Wednesdays! Can it be more attractive?

If you feel that you have too many kits, books, decals, and accessories (or feel that you don't have enough), bring your disposals – and your wallets – to the April 11 general meeting for SWAP NIGHT! We'll have a loose meeting that night with no set program giving you plenty of time to shop, deal, and chat with your club friends. Keep working on that special model to take advantage of the club's Rebate program set for the May meeting. So, now, if anyone objects to these programs, prepare for a visit from my legions of Storm Troopers and flying monkeys!

— Paul Boyer

## *Upcoming Events* Compiled by Al Jones

### **April 12 • Des Moines, IA**

IPMS/Plastic Surgeons Surgicon 20, The Euclid Room, 2540 E Euclid Avenue. Contact: Aimee Wright at 515-291-3395.

### **April 12 • Waukesha, WI**

Auto Modelers Group Milwaukee NNL 22, Excellence Center, N4W22000 Bluemound Road. Contact: Scott Koch at scottiek1@charter.net

### **April 13 • Waukesha, WI**

Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show, Waukesha County Expo Center. Call 262-646-4114 (Voicemail) or email jdunn07@centurytel.net Website: <http://www.milwaukee-miniaturemotors.com>

### **April 26 • Cedar Rapids, IA**

IPMS/Alexander Lippisch Fleacon 10, Landmark Aviation, Eastern Iowa Airport, 3411 Beech Way. Contact: Charles Kucera at 319-389-0877.

### **May 9-10 • Warren MI**

2014 R4 Convention, Theme: "More For '64". Madison Place Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive. For more info, contact Jim Ashford at 248-399-2386. See website at <http://www.ipmswarren.org/>

### **May 16-17 • Wichita, KS**

"Prairie Wind 2014" IPMS/ Region VI Convention sponsored by Air Capital IPMS Modelers of Wichita being held at the Marriott Hotel & Event Center. Adult IPMS Pre-Registration before May 1: \$20. Friday evening Social. Saturday Evening Awards Banquet. For more info, see website at [www.aircapitalipms.org](http://www.aircapitalipms.org) or email Mark Vittorini at [mark.vittorini@spiritaero.com](mailto:mark.vittorini@spiritaero.com)

### **May 16-18 • Manitowoc, WI**

38th Annual Midwestern Model Ships & Boats Contest & Display. For more info, see website at <http://www.wisconsin-maritime.org/special-events/>

### **May 17 • Milwaukee, WI**

7th Annual Bob Palmer Classic Free Model Contest & Show, Zablocki VA Medical Center, Matousek Auditorium (1st Floor), 5000 W. National Avenue. Registration: 9 a.m. till Noon. Judging: 1 p.m. till 3 p.m. Awards at 3 p.m. Sponsored by Wisconsin 4-H ModelClub. For more info, email Michael Luedke at [highlanderforensic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:highlanderforensic@sbcglobal.net)

### **May 18 • Bloomington MN**

NNL North Show & Swap being held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. For more info, contact Bod Maderich at 612-4232-2985 or see website

### **July 13 • Delavan, WI**

Attack of the Plastic Model Car Show & Contest, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lake Lawn Lodge Resort, 2400 E Geneva Street. Vendor tables \$30 up to May 31. Show access: \$2. Model Entry Fee: \$1 each model. Entries accepted till Noon. For more info, contact Rick Allen at 262-728-5003.

### **July 12 • Crystal Lake, IL**

IPMS/Lakes Region NIMCON III, McHenry County College

### **August 3 • Crystal Lake, IL**

IPMS/GTR SUMMER NNL 7, Theme: 50 years of Pony Cars, Algonquin Township Building.

### **August 6-9 • Hampton VA**

50th Anniversary IPMS/USA National Convention. Website: [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org)

### **September 28 • Wheaton, IL**

Past Time Hobbies 63rd Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show, Du- Page County Fairgrounds. Contact: Past Time Hobbies at 630-969-1847.

### **October 18 • Kansas City, MO**

IPMS/West Central Missouri IPMS Region 5 Convention.

### **November 8 • Oshkosh, WI**

Hobbytown USA/WAM Model Contest. Email: Don Molitor at [dm4nuh@gmail.com](mailto:dm4nuh@gmail.com)

### **December 7 \* Tinley Park, IL**

Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show being held at the Tinley Park High School. See website at [www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Flyers w/maps for these events are sometimes available at the general meetings or by calling me. Please take copies only if you plan to attend. The IPMS/USA website has info on most of these events. Check it out.

**METAL NIGHT IS COMING**

## Chapter Contact News by Al Jones

Sunday, March 30, perhaps our first real Spring day in 2014. Blue skies, temps up into the 50s today. The robins and mourning doves are back in my yard beginning yesterday. And here I sit at the computer. Oh, well! Work on my 32nd scale Hasegawa P-51D is about done. I'm looking forward to, perhaps, the Academy 48th scale F4B Phantom in the colors of VF111, The Sundowners.

The club auction at the March meeting went well. Congrats to Paul for preserving his voice for the entire evening. Treasurer Jim Zeske has the numbers. We'll pay our club bills once again this year. I love these \$1 membership dues. I don't think any other chapter in IPMS can do this. High praises to all the purchasers. Many thanks to Matt, Aaron, and Mark for all their assistance. More info on left over aftermarket products will be forthcoming.

Squadron continues to work on their Flyer. So, there will be no new notes about them again this month. I did receive a Spring catalog from an outfit called Military Issue. Lots of military diecast models, T-shirts, caps, and other collectibles in this one. See it on my table at the April meeting.

Rumor has it that there are two 1/24th scale WW2 fighter aircraft kits coming out. The first is from Airfix and will be a what . . . a Tempest or Typhoon ??? . . . being retailed at around \$115. The second might be from Kinetic?????, a Republic P-47D bubbletop Thunderbolt that will retail somewhere around \$130. Now, remember, these are rumors I've heard while out and about. Don't go making any cash withdrawals yet. One other thought on these forecasted kits: Many of us are having problems with how to store our completed large scale models. I used to store my models in cardboard boxes that seem to appear on a regular basis in the mail and sometimes even in the aisles of the grocery store. Their cost to me was nothing. Recently I find myself going to TARGET for commercially produced plastic containers with lids that I have to pay for. Also, space in the house or garage to store these large models is becoming more and more a problem. For me, it's the process of building the models that is most interesting. After the model is completed, it may be displayed once or twice at a meeting or a contest. After that, it goes on a pile of boxes somewhere in my dwindling available space for storage. In the future, what are we going to do with more and more of these large scale models?

Long time IPMS member, Fred Horky, has made available a lot of monthly club newsletters that are sent to him. He's acting as a clearing house for these newsletters to which I now subscribe. The list now arriving by email is extensive and includes: Dimensions

from IPMS/Ocala FL, The Glue from IPMS/El Paso TX, Alamo Squadron from IPMS/San Antonio, The Plastic Whittler from IPMS/Chattanooga Scale Modelers Association, Flyby from IPMS/Columbus (OH)/Eddie Rickenbacker, The Flak Sheet from IPMS/North Central Texas, Sprue from IPMS/Roanoke Valley, Pylon II from IPMS/Western Reserve, The Scribed Line from IPMS/Oregon Historical Modelers Society, The Instruction Sheet from IPMS/Granite State Modelers of Nashua NH, The Patriot from IPMS/Patriot Chapter of Billerica MA, Scale-Mail from IPMS/Auckland NZ, The Sprue Examiner from IPMS/Austin Scale Modelers, Technical Notes from IPMS/Military Modelers of Louisville, Spare Parts from IPMS/Saskatoon, the newsletter of IPMS/Orange County CA, Deadeyes, Davits, & Duff-isms from IPMS/Connecticut Marine Model Society, and The Corsair from IPMS/Phoenix/Craig Hewitt Chapter. I expect this list will expand in the coming months. Fred writes a few paragraphs and includes some of his personal photos with each newsletter. I am currently sending these newsletters to two of our members as they arrive. The newsletters are full of kit reviews, historical info, and model photos. If you would like to be added to the loop, let me know, and I will include you in the mailings.

Regular exchange newsletters received via email have come in during the month of March. These include the newsletters from IPMS/Lakes Region, IPMS/GTR, the Winnebago Auto Modelers, the Auto Modelers Group, IPMS/"Butch" O'Hare, and from Kelly Quirk, our IPMS/R-5 Coordinator. IPMS/McKinstry Chapter news can be found online at <http://ipms-mckinstry.org/> The 4-M (the Milwaukee Military Miniature Modelers) newsletter arrives each month via Pony Express, and, as usual, is entertaining. It can be seen on my table at the regular club meetings. Once again, if you would like to see any or all of the email newsletters, let me know and I will send them as they come in.

Finally, the showing of World of Wheels produced and directed by Ben Hanser of MATC and shown on Milwaukee PBS Channel 36.1 or Channel 16, has been well received. If you didn't see it and have an online computer, see this website for the half hour show: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhm\\_fJ7FwE0&list=PLeE\\_He\\_mERRVNOsfEJTXgYhIZ4VQ3pC5H&index=10x](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhm_fJ7FwE0&list=PLeE_He_mERRVNOsfEJTXgYhIZ4VQ3pC5H&index=10x)

That's it for March. See you all in April. Please! No more snow!!

—AJ

## Secretary's Notes by John Plzak

Six members attended the March business meeting. A discussion was held on how to distribute fairly the large stock of aftermarket and decal sheets the club has on hand. We want to make sure that ALL of the members have a fair and equal chance at getting something they can use in as orderly method as possible. A few ideas were discussed but if any member has any ideas how best to handle this please discuss it with Paul

With the fast approaching 100th anniversary of the start of World War One, we decided that the August meeting will feature a WWI theme display. Please bring any models you have that fit the theme and put them on the table for all to enjoy.

The April meeting will feature a swap night. Bring your unwanted modeling items to the meeting for swap or sale. The May meeting we will have our rebate night. Models that are eligible for the rebate must have been purchased at a local hobby shop after January 1, 2014 (receipt required). While you don't need to have the kit finished, you do need to show that

you have done some substantial work on the kit to get the rebate. Do this and receive a rebate up to \$25.00 (or the total price of the kit if it cost less than \$25.00). You will only get a rebate for the cost of the kit. Aftermarket parts and supplies are not included and only one rebate per member please.

— JP

### 2014 Events schedule

April	Swap meet
May	Rebate Model event Show and Tell
June	
July	Jeff Neal's Designer Challenge
Aug	WWI theme display
Sept	Auction
Oct	Natural Metal Theme Display

## Meet the Club photos by Don Cosentine



John Werwie



Jim Zeske



Ray Ziebell

This now completes all members that we have photos for. If any member would like a photo roster, please reach out to me and I will send to you. Thanks to all members who participated.

## GNe&H and Us by Dave Scemel

Saturday's Make and Take went well. Thanks go out to Joe Frishmann, Dale the Strongman and Al but they have live steam at the Domes Jones. We will plan on another one in a few months.

"Guys", I will be looking to transfer ownership on some models at the next meeting. Mostly aircraft some tanks and books. Lets be honest here, I really don't want to bring home any of these kits so I will accept any reasonable offer. Heck, I may even accept unreasonable offers. If you give me some sort of insulting offer I may even accept it but mutter under my breath about you. Bring cash, checks or IOUs to the next meeting.

Speaking of not wanting something, I had been saving a Ariens paddle type snowblower for my daughter but she got Grandpa's big ol' Huskevana snow blower instead. If you can use a smaller snowblower at a reasonable price, call me at (262)497-7974 and I will bring that to the meeting too.

There were 34 model Information cards filled out. Please make sure you fill out the Model Information cards. **Please fill them out clearly.** I enter what I can read and my eyes aren't what they used to be. **Also please leave them on the display table.** The format of this list is: Modelers name, Item being displayed, Kit Manufacturer and Scale.

*Editors Note: In an effort to show more club models I have added more pages of finished models. If you do not see your model it is because I could not see the name card associated with the model in the photo.*

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**Al Jones** F9F-2 Panther Trumpeter 1/48

**Pat Hahn** M5777 Tamiya 1/35, 2.5 Ton Truck Monogram 1/35

**Dale Strong** LAV-R Trumpeter 1/35, M 48 A3 Mod. B Dragon 1/35, Me 109-G6 Revell 1/32, FW-190A-8 Hasegawa 1/32

**Mike Klessig** Zakspeed Capri Turbo Tamiya 1/24, P-39Q Airacobra Academy 1/72

**Paul Johnston** F4U-5N Italeri 1/72

**Art Giovannoni** F8F-1 Bearcat Hobby Boss 1/48

**Matthew Walker** Aggressor F-16 Tamiya 1/48

**Bill Cook** F-86 Airfix 1/72

**Dave Hansen** T-38A Talon Hasegawa 1/72, Beechcraft T-34A Mentor Hasegawa 1/72, F-33A Shooting Star Hasegawa 1/72, T-6G Texan Hawk 1/72

**John Clancy** Monkey Drummer ? 1/1, Sand Crawler ? ??

**Paul Boyer** U.S. Carrier Attack 1/72 (Multiple Kits)

**Bill Wedeward** P-40 Warhawk Hasegawa 1/48, He 219

Tamiya 1/48

**Joe Frischmann** Panther V Tamiya 1/35

**Tom Foti** T-90 Revell of Germany 1/72

**Jeff LaMott** Gee Bee Hawk 1/48

**Chris Gibson** F4U-4 Corsair Hasegawa 1/48, P-400 Airacobra Acc. Min. 1/48

**Jon Hergenrother** KC-135E Minicraft 1/144

**Jay Wichmann** WWII Artillery Shells Scratch 1/48

**Chris Vesel** WWII German, Heer Tamiya 1/35, German Calvary Dragon 1/16 WIP

**Aaron Skinner** Gloster Javelin Airfix 1/48

**Boris Ilchenko** Me-210 Revell 1/72



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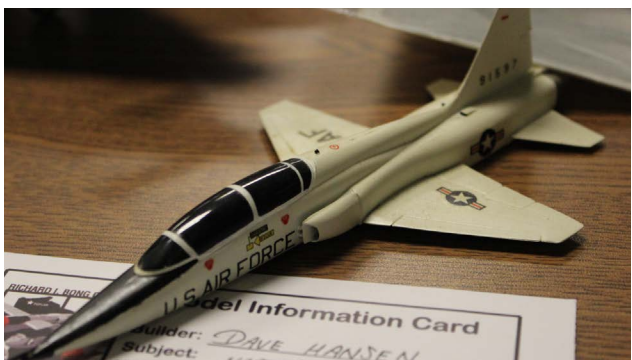
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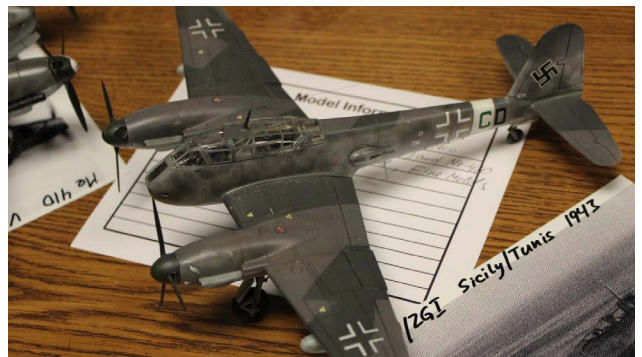
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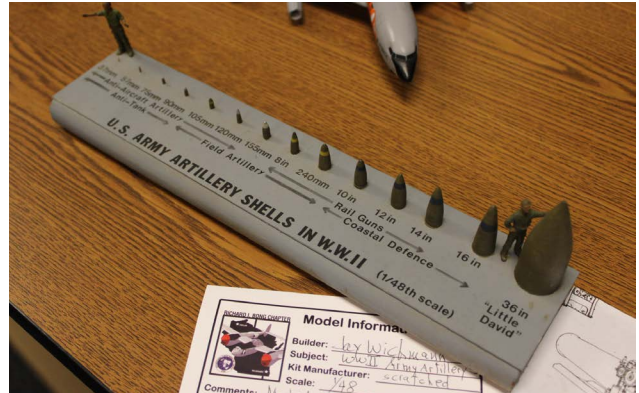
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## Word of Passing

An old friend and past member of IPMS/Bong Chapter, Dennis Moore, passed away on March 29-30, 2013. Dennis began his model building doing real warbird models (those with propellers) and switched later to warships. With many national IPMS awards, he became the IPMS Head Ship Judge back in the '90s. He was an avid arms collector preserving both military fire arms and blades of the 20th Century. Dennis and I have belonged to Viking Bow and Gun club up in Manitowoc County for right around 30 years; and have enjoyed many warm summer days at the range with our old military long guns. We would shoot on the 100 yard range at plastic bottles full of water that made a spectacular site when hit with 8mm of steel. Recently, Dennis suffered from failing eyesight due to cataracts. He was operated on a month ago to have his lenses replaced; and was overjoyed with his improved eyesight. I will miss my shooting buddy. Should any of his relatives chance to view these words, I would like to offer them my sincerest condolences.

— Al Jones



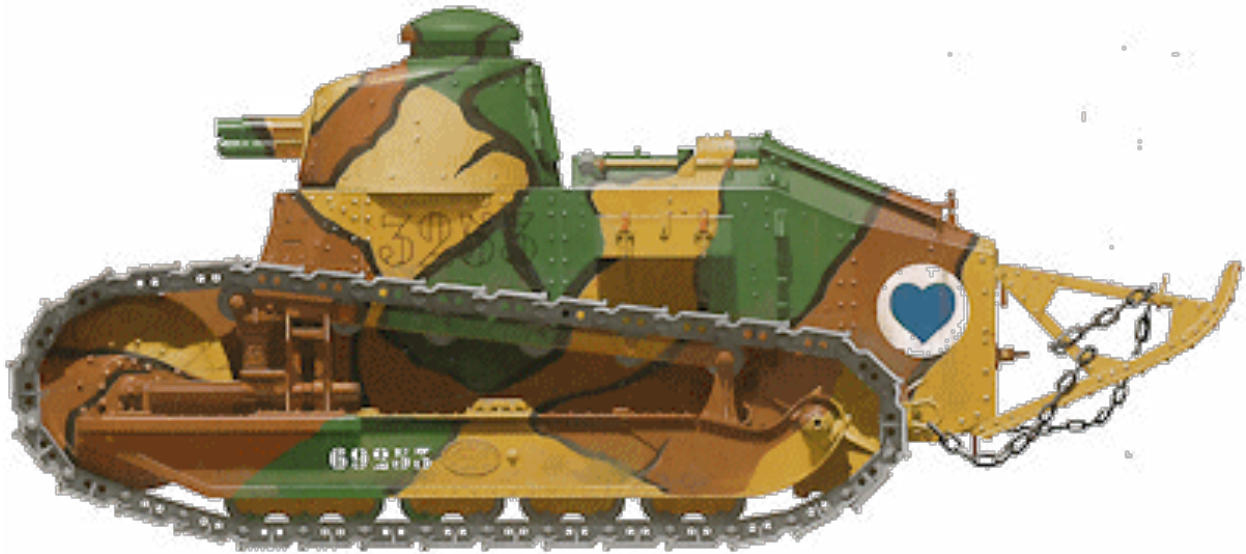
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**DESIGNER**  
CHALLENGE

**Design the graphics for either the  
Thunderbirds or Blue Angels for  
YOUR version of these iconic aircraft.**

**This challenge is not just for aircraft, apply your graphics to  
anything you feel like building. This is a challenge in creativity -  
so show off those masking and painting skills.**

**Entries will be due for our July meeting and judged by attending members.  
Winners determined by popular vote.**

**Cash prizes will be awarded  
Sponsored by your WINGMAN Editor - Jeff Neal**



Artwork stolen from Takom, placed on the internet, and borrowed by me.

# Tom and Dave Shootout

February 13, 2015

And now for something completely different, two buttocks\* will bring you an armor contest featuring a WWI tank. Yes, we couldn't resist featuring the new FT-17 kits.

Meng and Takom have released new tool kits of the FT-17, Meng in the conventional scale of 1/35<sup>th</sup> and Takom has supersized it into 1/16<sup>th</sup> scale. Both kits are state of the art and include full interiors. RPM has released the kit in both, 1/35<sup>th</sup> and 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scales in various versions. The RPM kits were never state of the art but you are welcome to build them if you choose. Why you would choose I don't know but you can. There are even paper models out there. Hint, hint, hint.

As always build your kit as you like. Add what you want, paint it like you want, convert it, or make a single vehicle diorama. Several 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale accessories and crew figures have been released for the Meng kit, including photo etch tracks (you gotta be kidding me). The Takom kit has been getting some love from the aftermarket boys to albeit at a slower pace. There are many aftermarket parts available for the 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale RPM kits (there is not enough Prozac in the world to get me to build that kit now that the new kits are out there, heck I would rather fold paper than build that thing).

Go to PMMS for kit reviews of both the Takom and Meng kits. Squadron has an Walkaround on the FT-17.

\*With apologies to the fine folks at Monty Python's Flying Circus and the youngsters who didn't spend their teenage years watching them.