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Gator Modelers Heading Over to IPMS Region 11 Space Coast Contest in Melbourne, FL

Prez Sez



The unmistakable signs of summer are all around. Heat, humidity and love bugs in the air mean that the long, hot season has begun. I don't know how summer affects your modeling, but for me it makes everything slow down. The kids are home from school, my wife wants to travel, the grass grows at a frantic pace. It all conspires to make it difficult to build anything. That's my excuse and I'm sticking to it.

I hope you have had better success than I with the bi-annual club contest build on the theme – anything that floats. My adventurous spirit got the best of me and I embarked on an attempt to build the USS Constitution, the navy's first warship, which still sits on active duty in Boston Harbor. For me, a confirmed airplane modeler, to build "Old Ironsides" is a little like beginning the Tour de France in the Alps. Let's just say it hasn't gone quite as quickly as I hoped. I'll bring in what I have done, and will welcome any advice you have on rigging.

We'll also discuss the possibility of staging another Make-n-Take at the Tower Rd. Library this summer. I think it's important to continue to do community outreach whenever we can. We have a great hobby, but if the new generation isn't exposed to it, it will disappear.

Look forward to seeing you on May 20th when we judge the club contest. The winner gets a gift card to HobbyTown and gets to pick the next contest theme (here's a hint: *Century Series Jets*). Happy modeling!

IPMS Region 11 Contest at Space Coast Event in Melbourne

On Friday, May 16th through Sunday, May 19th the IPMS Region 11 Contest will be held in conjunction with the IPMS Space Coast Contest at the Hilton Rialto Hotel in Melbourne, Florida. The event opens its doors to the public starting at 6 PM on Friday. The contest will wrap up at 12:00 PM on Sunday with the Awards Ceremony. Tony Ivone will also present the IPMS Region 11 Chapter of the Year Awards during the Awards Ceremony. Tony will also select a model from the entries that represents the year 1964 in honor of the 50th Anniversary of IPMS USA. Several of the Gator Modelers are making plans to attend the event.

Thoughts About Modeling

By Duane Hayes; forwarded by Jack Mugan

Duane is a member of Model Creations IPMS Unlimited in Jacksonville

A couple of our members over the last few months have told me that they were taking a 'break' from model building because the stress in their lives was causing problems and they didn't want the stress of model building to add to it. Stress from model building!! This is supposed to be a hobby, and a hobby is what you do to RELIEVE stress and take your mind off of your troubles. If model building is causing you stress, then you are certainly not doing it correctly. Here are a few suggestions that I believe, will make your modeling time more enjoyable and help to relieve the stress and not add to it.

1.) As I often say don't try to build the 'perfect' model. It doesn't exist. There is nothing wrong with striving to do your best, but don't freak out if it doesn't meet "show standards".

Remember, there is always the next one and the result might be more to your satisfaction.

Nobody is perfect and we ALL make mistakes. A little secret that I learned from Joe is, don't tell anyone where the mistakes are and probably no one will even notice.

2.) Another thing to remember is that model building can sometimes be frustrating, but so are most hobbies at one time or another. No model just falls together, even when you're building it right out of the box. If you want to build a nice model it takes time, patience and effort, with time and patience being the major factors. The pitfall a lot of modelers fall into is falling short of building that contest winning model. Do not, I repeat DO NOT fret about not placing in a contest you've entered. If you don't place it doesn't mean you didn't build a great model. I've seen contest classes containing 15 or more entries, where 5 models were really worthy of 1st place, but there were only three awards given for that class. That means a lot of modelers went home empty handed. Go to a contest to have fun, enjoy yourself, look at nice models and meet some new people. If you place, then hey, it's a bonus.

3.) Sometimes we (yeah, even me) find ourselves in what some call a 'funk' and we just can't seem to get out of it because we can't decide what to build next. My theory on this is that most

of us have too many models and therefore too many choices. (ROTFL) If you're in this situation, and you probably will sometime, one solution is to build a 'memory model'. Most of us involved in the hobby today built models when we were kids. You had that favorite model you built back then but it just didn't come out as well as you hoped, or didn't get finished at all due to your skill level at that time. Well, build that model, only do it using your present day skills, techniques and materials. You can usually find it at a show, on Ebay, or with all of today's re-issues you might even find it at the local hobby shop. Yeah, you may even have one in your stash (sound familiar). But, I think you'll find the reward well worth it. I've built a couple of these in the past 10 years and not only was it great fun but it brought back a lot of very fond memories. After all...memories are the most precious things we have of our youth.

4.) Last but not at all least, HAVE FUN!!!! That's the most important thing. It's a 'hobby'. Webster defines 'hobby' as something a person likes to work at in his/her spare time. Only sit down at the modeling bench when you feel like it. Don't fret about getting one project done before starting another and only build what you like. And never, ever let a TSA agent touch your model case at the airport while traveling to a show.

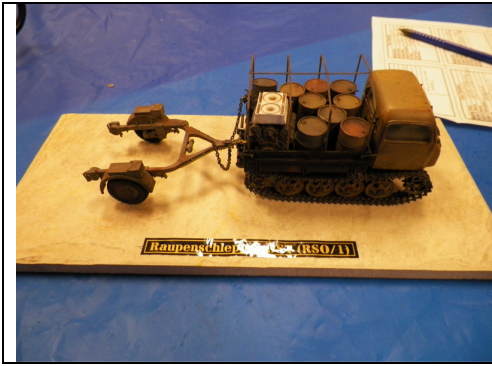
Until next month . . . Just Glue It.

Gator Modelers March Meeting Hi-lights

14 club members and 1 visitor attended the Gator Modelers Club meeting on April 15th. Club President, Frank Ahern opened the meeting with introductions and welcomed our visitor. Frank gave a quick re-cap about the Club Auction that was held on March 22nd. He also reminded everyone about the upcoming Club Contest. Frank lead a discussion about Mike Knowles passing. Frank also mentioned a possible day trip down to the IPMS Ocala Club Meeting to be held on April 25th. Bill Winters asked if the club wanted to change the meeting start time to 6:00 PM but the general consensus was to stay with 6:30. Frank closed the business portion of the meeting and moved on to Show and Tell which "sharing Your Favorite Tool or Technique" Several Modelers brought in their favorite tools and Frank gave a technique demonstration on 'Doing a Pin Wash" which is described in this newsletter.

Gator Modelers March Meeting Models

Bill: 1/35 RSO/1 and Trailer
Paul: S.A.M. Nike Herc Missile
Bob: 1/48 Cessna 172 on floats
Frank: 1/48 B-25 Doolittle Raider
Nate: 1/48 Ta.152C-0
Ed: 1/72 German PAK-40 Gun
Arron: 1/48 F4U-Corsair
Geoff: USS Constitution Cross Section



Gator Modelers Annual Dues are PAST DUE

Bill started collecting Gator Modeler Annual Dues at the November meeting. The dues are \$20.00 per year. Please remember that the dues are an important part of the club and allow the club to participate in many things

like annual registration with the IPMS National Organization. The dues also provide funds to support trophy packages for national and regional events. The funds also fund costs associated with maintaining our Web site. **Please pay your dues promptly.**

Next Gator Modeler Club Contest Reminder

Bill Winter won the November Club Contest and he has selected “Any That Floats” as the theme for the next club contest which will be held during the May 20th meeting. **THAT’S THIS UPCOMING MEETING!!!**

May Business Meeting

The Gator Modeler Executive Officers held a lunch meeting on April 9th at Steak-n-Shake. Four executive committee members attended the meeting. The topics discussed were:

- Club Contest
- Space Coast Region 11 Contest
- AMPS Contest Recap
- Web Site Status
- May Meeting Presentation- Club Contest and Maybe Century Fighters if we have time

May Meeting Presentation

The May Meeting presentation will be the Club Contest with a theme of “Anything That Floats”. Be sure to bring in your model for the club contest and you might win a HobbyTown \$25.00 Gift Certificate if you win. If we have time we may be able to show pictures from Space Coast Meet or a presentation on Century Fighters by Frank Ahern.

IPMS Update

IPMS Region-11 Regional Coordinator, Tony Ivone will be presenting the IPMS Region Chapter of the Year Awards at the Space Coast Region 11 event on May 18th. Tony will also select a model that best represents the year 1964 to receive a special IPMS 50th Anniversary Plaque. Be sure to enter something from 1964, lots of themes to select from. Remember that the James Bond movie “Goldfinger” can out in 64! Please check your IPMS Membership to insure that you are current.

Links, Reads, and Views

Tribute to the Blue Angels

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=RnMZQATbenM>

Airbrush cleaning video

[? How To Clean An Airbrush - Airbrush.TV - YouTube](#)

Modeling Technique

By Frank Ahern

Doing a Pin Wash.....by Frank Ahern



After experimenting with many different methods this is my favorite way to enhance recessed panel lines and other details on an airplane model. After you build and paint the model shoot a coat or two of Future to seal the paint and provide a smooth surface for the decals. Let it dry at least a day before applying decals, then it's time for a pin wash – so called because we are washing specific features rather than a broad area.

I use acrylic inks, which are available in most craft/art supply stores. I have several colors – black, brown, white

– I mix to get a color that contrasts with the model. For each drop of ink I add 5-6 drops of water. It's also important to add a drop or two of dishwashing detergent to the batch. This improves its ability to flow and makes it easier to remove.



The wash is applied with a small, long-bristle brush. Dip the brush in the wash and run it along the panel line. Wash should flow easily into the recessed lines and rivet heads, exposing all the great detail that would be invisible otherwise. Let it dry for at least an hour before starting the removal process.

For removal I use something called a cosmetic applicator. It looks a little like a Q-tip but it's not fuzzy, so it gives

more control over the process. You can find them in the eye makeup section of beauty supply stores. Buy as big a package as you can because you'll use a bunch of them. The sharp end also makes a great airbrush cleaner.



Dip the flat end into water and run it along the panel line to remove the excess wash, then go back and wipe across the line, always in the direction of air flow over the panel. Now comes the tricky part, deciding how much to remove. I look at two factors – the type of plane and the history of the specific plane you are building.

Using the Doolittle B-25 as an example, normally a WW2 combat plane would be pretty dirty, but the

Doolittle planes were painted just before being loaded on the carrier, so I had to remove most of the wash except around the engines, which were always dirty.

The beauty of this technique is that you have complete control over how



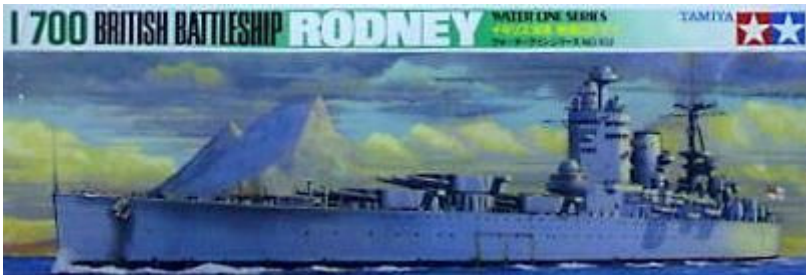
much wash is removed and how much detail is revealed. When you are done you can spray a coat of clear flat to seal it down. Its good to remember that the flat coat will tend to diminish the effect of the wash, so factor that in when you are deciding how much wash to remove.

Winter Wants

By Bill Winter

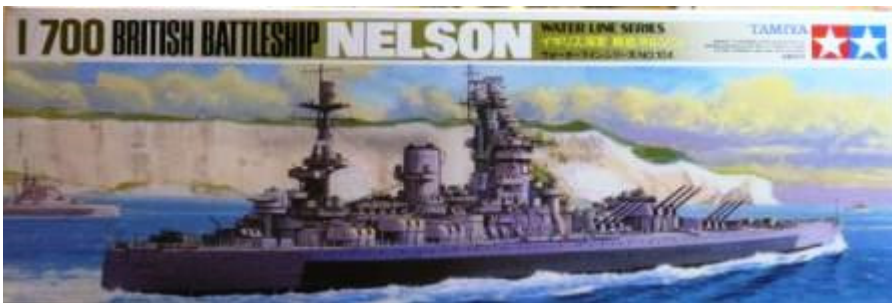
What do you want Winter?

This "column" deals with a rather odd looking battleship that I purchased at the Club Auction this past March. My thanks to Bruce Doyle for donating the kit. While "odd," I think the battleship HMS Rodney is really quite interesting. The kit that I got at the auction is the 1:700 scale HMS Rodney produced by Tamiya.



The section below was heavily "lifted" from the internet.

The Nelson class was a class of two battleships (Nelson and Rodney) of the British Royal Navy, built shortly after, and under the terms of, the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922. They were the only British battleships built between the Revenge class (ordered in 1913) and the King George V class, ordered in 1936. Below is the box art for Tamiya's 1:700 scale HMS Nelson.



The ships were named after famous British admirals: George Brydges Rodney, 1st Baron Rodney of the Battle of Cape St. Vincent and Horatio Nelson, 1st Viscount Nelson of the Battles of the Nile and Trafalgar.

To comply with the limitations of the Washington treaty, these ships were of an unusual design with many novel features. They are often referred to as the "first treaty battleships." The Nelsons were unique in British battleship construction, being the only ships to carry a main armament of nine 16-inch (406 mm) guns. These guns were all carried forward.

Commissioned in 1927-29, the Nelsons served extensively in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Indian oceans during World War II. Rodney was made famous by her very important role in the sinking of the German battleship Bismarck in May 1941. During that Battle, Rodney's nine guns were credited with an estimated 100 to 130 hits on the German battleship, so being largely responsible for the total dismantlement of the Bismarck's four gun-turrets and her superstructure, prior to her sinking.

Nelson participated in the bombardment of targets in northern France during and after the Normandy attack. In particular, during the Caen campaign she was credited with the destruction of a group of five Tiger tanks which ventured well into the red zone defined by the German command, which was located at the line of maximum range of the allied battleships (40 km. from the Coast)

The two ships of the class survived the War, but were scrapped in 1948-49.

The Nelson class was a compromise design, and unsurprisingly there were shortcomings. The rear location of the superstructure caused maneuverability problems in high winds, with the superstructure acting as something of a sail, causing the ships to "weathervane" when steaming at low speeds or at anchor. This was a potentially dangerous problem in crowded harbors, and the ships were sometimes difficult to dock and embark, though no record of any major incidents exist.

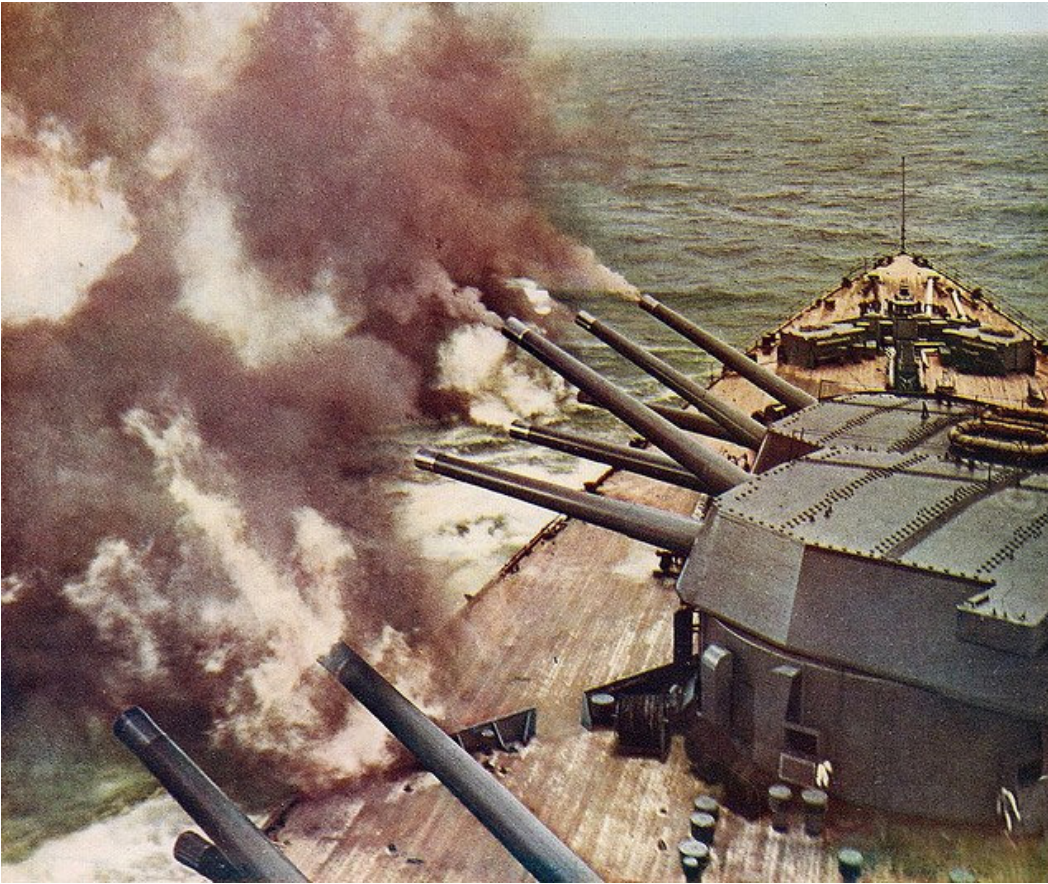
Their main armament consisted of nine 16-inch (406 mm) guns were mounted in triple turrets, the only RN battleships with this feature. The guns themselves were a step away from standard British designs. Where previous RN weapons fired heavy shells at a moderate velocity, the Nelson's weapons followed the German practice of a lighter shell at a higher velocity. This change in policy was due to British post World War I testing of German equipment, although subsequent testing proved contradictory, nevertheless these weapons were never considered (by the RN) to be as successful as the previous BL 15 inch Mark I. The guns suffered considerable barrel wear and had a large dispersion pattern. As a result their muzzle velocities were lowered which reduced their penetrative power. A heavier shell was needed to offset this, but the cost of producing new shells, and modifying shell handling and storage equipment, had come at a time when RN funding had been heavily reduced. The need to reduce weight and the use of triple mount turrets led to problems with the ammunition handling and loading machinery. The incorporation of many safety features achieved with lighter materials meant that the complex but relatively fragile equipment had to be worked on constantly over the ships' lifetime.

The photo below shows the ship and parts of its three turrets looking forward.



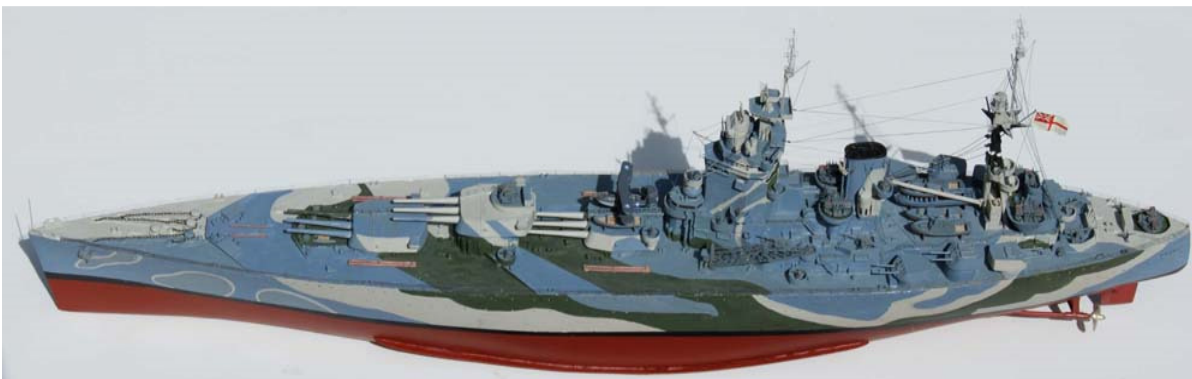
Finally, the blast of the guns disrupted officers on the bridge to such an extent that the guns of 'X' turret were usually prohibited from firing abaft of the beam at high elevations. Fitting tempered glass in the bridge windows was tried, but gun blast shattered them and filled the bridge with flying debris. A great deal of effort was expended in correcting this problem, and fitting of protective ledges below the bridge windows proved successful. Blast was also a problem elsewhere; D.K. Brown tells of a firing test that was suspended when DNC observers beneath the foredeck reported a bright red flash after firing. This was later discovered to be caused by concussion of the observers' eyeballs.

There was a long-standing rumor that the ships could not fire a full broadside without risk of structural damage. This was disproved in Rodney's action with the German battleship Bismarck, where upwards of 40 broadsides (380 shells) were fired without major structural damage except to deck planking and upper deck fittings, although damage to sickbay fittings, partition bulkheads, toilet bowls and plumbing in the forecastle were extensive.



Rodney also held the distinction of being the only battleship to have ever successfully torpedoed another battleship when one of its 12, 24" torpedoes hit Bismarck amidships. Despite the derisive criticism directed at this class of battleship by some of the media and 'old salts' of the navy upon their debut, well respected Naval Historian, Antony Preston declares that they were 'Soundly conceived ships reflecting all the hard-won experience of WW1' and 'they proved to be very well-protected and well-designed ships'.

Okay, back to my writing (and not wiki-wacki): There are no plastic 1:350 scale models of the Rodney. There are resin models (see below).



Another approach is to scratch build a 1:350 scale HMS Rodney. The photo below shows an excellent example of such handcraft starting with another 1:350 kit and reducing the hull by 2 cm.



As I've read more, based on the use of nine 16" guns, these 2 battleships were the largest British battleships of all time. For comparison, the U.S.'s Iowa class (Iowa, Missouri, New Jersey and Wisconsin) also had nine 16" guns but in a more traditional 2 turrets ahead of the superstructure and one turret behind the super structure.

The biggest battleships of all time were the Japanese Yamato and Musashi which had nine 18" guns. The U.S. planned to build battleships with 18" guns (the Montana class) but these were never built (and rightly so as the aircraft carrier had eclipsed the battleship even before WW2 started).

Enough for now. - Bill

A Little Humor

Abbott and Costello; Buying a Computer

If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their infamous sketch, 'Who's on First?' might have turned out something like this:

COSTELLO CALLS TO BUY A COMPUTER FROM ABBOTT

ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: Thanks I'm setting up an office in my den and I'm thinking about buying a computer.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.

ABBOTT: Your computer?

COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou.

ABBOTT: What about Windows?

COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?

ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with Windows?

COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look at the windows?

ABBOTT: Wallpaper.

COSTELLO: Never mind the windows.. I need a computer and software.

ABBOTT: Software for Windows?

COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?

ABBOTT: I just did.

COSTELLO: You just did what?

ABBOTT: Recommend something.

COSTELLO: You recommended something?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: For my office?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!

ABBOTT: I recommend Office with Windows..

COSTELLO: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?

ABBOTT: Word.

COSTELLO: What word?

ABBOTT: Word in Office.

COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.

ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.

COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?

ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue 'W'.

COSTELLO: I'm going to click your blue 'w' if you don't start with some straight answers. What about financial bookkeeping? You have anything I can track my money with?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?

ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.

COSTELLO: What's bundled with my computer?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer?

ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.

COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?

ABBOTT: One copy.

COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?

ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.

COSTELLO: *They can give you a license to copy money?*

ABBOTT: *Why not? THEY OWN IT!*

(A few days later)

ABBOTT: *Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?*

COSTELLO: *How do I turn my computer off?*

ABBOTT: *Click on 'START'.....*
(Author unknown)

Events Calendar

This list contains modeling events with the **IPMS Region-11 Events listings** in bold.

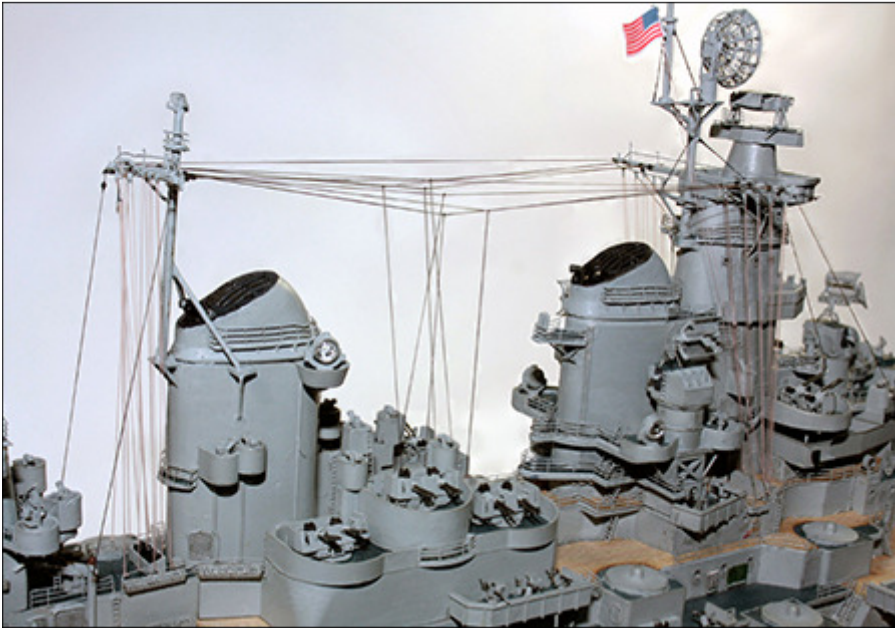
May 16-18	IPMS Space Coast Regional Contest / Show	Melbourne, FL
May 20	Gator Modelers Regular Meeting & Club Contest	
Jun. 7	ScottCon 2014	Warner Robins, GA
Jun. 17	Gator Modelers Regular Meeting	
Jun. 19-21	EagleQuest (Squadron) Show	Grapevine, TX
Jul. 15	Gator Modelers Regular Meeting	
Aug. 6-9	IPMS 2014 National Convention	Hampton, VA
Aug. 19	Gator Modelers Regular Meeting	
Aug. 30	AMPS All American "Clear Your Mine" Contest	Fayetteville, NC
Sept. 16	Gator Modelers Regular Meeting	
Sept. 19-21	IPMS Orlando Modelpalooza	Orlando, FL
Oct. 21	Gator Modelers Regular Meeting	
Oct. 25	IPMS FAST	Ocala, FL
Nov. 18	Gator Modelers Regular Meeting & Club Contest	

Modeler's Tip of the Month

Courtesy of the Fine Scale Modeling Newsletter

Myles Marcovitch, Louisville, Kentucky, submitted this helpful modeling tip:

Free modeling tip!



Myles Marcovitch, Louisville, Kentucky, submitted this helpful modeling tip:

In an effort to create realistic and complicated rigging on my Tamiya 1/350 scale USS Missouri, I first tried stretched sprue. The results were subpar in all measures: Diameter and shape were inconsistent, it was hard to attach to the brass masts I had created, and it was difficult to get the proper tension. Then I thought of EZ Line. It's chiefly sold for stringing telephone poles on model railroad layouts, but aircraft modelers use it, too. It's an elastic polymer that stretches many times its length, so it doesn't break if you bump it. Even more importantly, it adheres instantly with super glues. You can make beautiful 90-degree connections and, once it's glued, the joint is stronger than the polymer. And if you accidentally bump the rigging (as I always do), it just stretches out of the way and bounces back perfectly. I chose .003", which is very fine for 1/350 scale ships: black for radio wires, "rope" for halyards. It looks great and makes rigging very enjoyable.

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