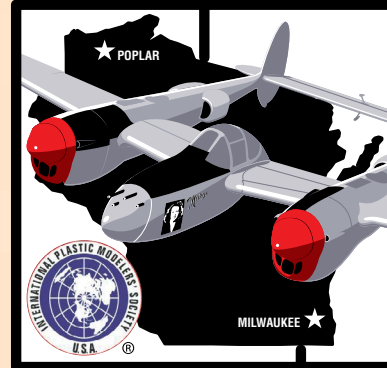


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Deadline for submissions is 10 days  
prior to the next "General meeting".

General Meeting **Friday, May 9** Water Stone Bank 6560 S. 27th Street  
Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Business Meeting **Wednesday, May 14** at Baker's Square 4900 S. 76th St.,  
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. • All members are welcome!

## Get yer rebate here!

By all accounts, the April meeting, with swap night and otherwise loose agenda, was a big hit. I think everyone had plenty of time to chat, gaze at some super models, and do a little shopping. So for the May meeting, we have the previously planned and announced "rebate" program as the central part of the agenda. This is a chance to enjoy the benefits of your membership in the R.I. Bong Chapter, and the club's chance to enjoy the benefits of having you as members. We've gone over the requisites before, but I'll boil it down with just a few days to go. Bring your (at least started) model to the meeting with your receipt from a local hobby shop, and the club will rebate you up to \$25. This is for the May meeting only; can't help you if you bring the model in June, and won't distribute funds if you don't have the receipt. No pre-built or pre-finished models. And we'll ask you to briefly discuss why you chose the model you did and tell us all how it went together.

Looking down the pike a bit, for June we'll have a build-it-at-the-meeting night. July will feature Jeff Neal's special awards to models of your own interpretation of Blue Angel and Thunderbird designs - a chance to show your creativity. August will have a World War I theme, and September comes around with the semi-annual kit auction. And in the fall, get ready for "Metal Night" in October; any kind of metal be it highly-polished aluminum jet or rust-bucket roadster. Be your own alchemist - changing plastic into metal!

— Paul Boyer

## *Upcoming Events* Compiled by Al Jones

### **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 10 • Indianapolis, IN**

Grand Prix--Indy Cars

### **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)

### **June 7 • West Allis, WI**

ARCA Fest being held at the Milwaukee Mile, State Fair Park. Hot Rod Show & Shine will be held at Turn 3, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### **June 7-8 • Overland Park, KS**

Heartland Model Car Nationals, Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College Blvd. For more info, contact Robert Perillo at 816-729-6159

### **June 14 • Ashland, NE**

OMACON 2014, Strategic Air & Space Museum, 28210 West Park Highway. For more info, contact Scott Hackney at 402-861-1999

### **June 14-15 • LeMans, France**

24 Hours of LeMans

### **June 21 • Eagle River, WI**

"Spring in the Pines" Model Contest sponsored by the Northwoods Scale Model Phanatics and being held at the Eagle River Snowmobile Derby Track. For more info, contact James W. Unger at 715-420-0072

### **June 21 • Branson, MO**

MOSS CON 2014, the White House Theater, 2255 Gretna Road. For more info, contact Nate Jones at 417-230-6220

### **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, DuPage County Fairgrounds. Contact: Past Time Hobbies at 630-969-1847.

### **October 1-4 • Schaumburg, IL**

iHobby Expo, Schaumburg Convention Center

### **October 10-12 • Schaumburg, IL**

40th Annual MMSI Chicago Show being held at the Schaumburg Hyatt Regency Hotel

### **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

Saturday, April 26, high cirrus near us, outside temp is 44° at 3 p.m. I have had to go to war with gray squirrels that have been ripping the new branches each year off my cedar trees which leaves the tops denuded. A humane trap, with the assistance of Jiff Peanut Butter, has made it possible to transport 3 of the little devils out to the boonies. And the war continues.

I was gratified to see the number of members who attended the April Business Meeting after hearing of complaints that the club leadership is a closed society. Members were able to voice opinions, make suggestions, and vote on actions taken to benefit the club. Gordy, your suggestions were well received. You will see the results shortly.

AMG's NNL brought out 826 model cars and trucks. Many congrats to these guys. Awesome turnout.

The Model Car Swap on the following Sunday out at Waukesha Expo was crowded. I found two car kits and one aircraft kit at good prices to bring home.

Our April SWAP/TALK club meeting seems to have been a huge success. I sure don't know about model builders who 90% of the time seem to be closet people; but, when the opportunity presents itself . . . yak, yak, yak! Lot's of fun! Ya! Marko knows!

There have been some incidents . . . ah, I mean activities added to the Event Calendar. Check it out.

The new Squadron Flyer is out and will be displayed on my table at the May meeting. Subscription price is now \$15 per year with 2014 marked down to \$10. You can subscribe online at [www.squadron.com](http://www.squadron.com) Type SQFLYER into the search engine, OR you can call 1-877-414-0434 to subscribe. I cannot imagine that sending a check or money order via Pony Express to their Texas address would not work just as well.

Exchange newsletters have arrived from IPMS/GTR, IPMS/Butch O'Hare, the WAM, the AMG, the Waukesha 4-H Modelers, and from IPMS/Lakes Region. The 4-M newsletter comes in print via the USPS. It was fun to see my F-9F Panther in the photos of the Mad City Show that were shot by members of IPMS/O'Hare. Nice, guys! Bong members might like to know that there is a detailed seminar on seam filling in the LRSM newsletter. Any member can have these newsletters emailed to their homes with a simple request.

Down in the catacombs of my house, I found a half-built 30 year old Matchbox 32nd scale Me 109E. More info to follow.

—AJ

## Secretary's Notes by John Plzak

There were six members at the April business meeting. We spent most of the evening discussing plans for future meetings. The May meeting will feature our rebate program. The rules for this have been announced in several issues of the Wingman as well as at the meetings, but in case you have been out of touch, here they are again. If a member presents a model kit at the May meeting that has been recently purchased at a local hobby shop (receipt required) and shows significant progress in building the kit, they will receive up to a \$25.00 rebate from the club. Only one kit per member and no diecast models allowed. The idea behind this program is to get the members working on a model. Let's see a big turn out for this one.

At the June meeting we will have a build it at the meeting event. This has been a popular feature and is a real chance for the members to see how other people work and their projects in progress. Bring your latest project to the club and spend a couple of hours working on it.

That does it for this month. See you at the meeting.

—JP

### 2014 Events schedule

|      |                                  |
|------|----------------------------------|
| May  | Rebate Model event Show and Tell |
| June | Build it at the meeting          |
| July | Jeff Neal's Designer Challenge   |
| Aug  | WWI theme display                |
| Sept | Auction                          |
| Oct  | Natural Metal Theme Display      |
| Nov  | Annual Club Contest              |
| Dec  | Christmas party                  |

## On Display photos by Ethan Smith

There were 21 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.*

**Pat Hahn** Panther Airfix 1/76

**Larry Schramm** F-104G Italeri 1/32, Fokker D VII Wing Nuts 1/32 WIP

**Don Cosentine** F4 Fury Grand Phoenix 1/48

**Jeff LaMott** Pin UP ? 1/8

**John Plzak** USS Enterprise Revell of Germany 1/500

**Jim Zeske** J2M2 JACK ZM 1/32

**John Clancy** 18lb Vanval Cannon TCF Gaming 1/35, Moonliner Disney 1/35

**Bruce Szewczuga** IAR 80 LTD 1/48

**Jay Wichmann** AWA MARU Disaster Hasegawa 1/700

**Chuck Davis** Salmson 2-A2 Wing Nuts 1/32

**Randy Dieck** P-47 Tamiya 1/48

**Mike Scharf** 1.5 Ton Opel Blitz ICM 1/35

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

**Al Jones** F4F-4 Wildcat Trumpeter 1/32

**Walt Fink** Boeing 720 Roden 1/144

**Paul Boyer** B-34 Minicraft 1/72

**Art Giovannoni** F4F-4 Wildcat Tamiya 1/48

**Phil Kirchmeier** D8 Marcos Miniatures 1/24, 54mm USN Sailor ? 54mm

**Steve Cook** A6M2 Hasegawa 1/48

**Dale Strong** M60 A1 Tamiya 1/35, M60 A2 Tamiya 1/35, M60 A3 Tamiya 1/35,



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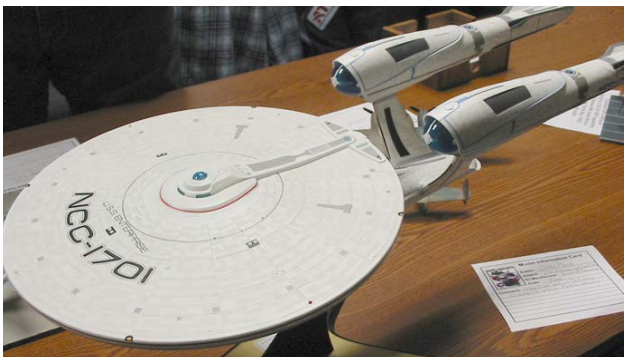
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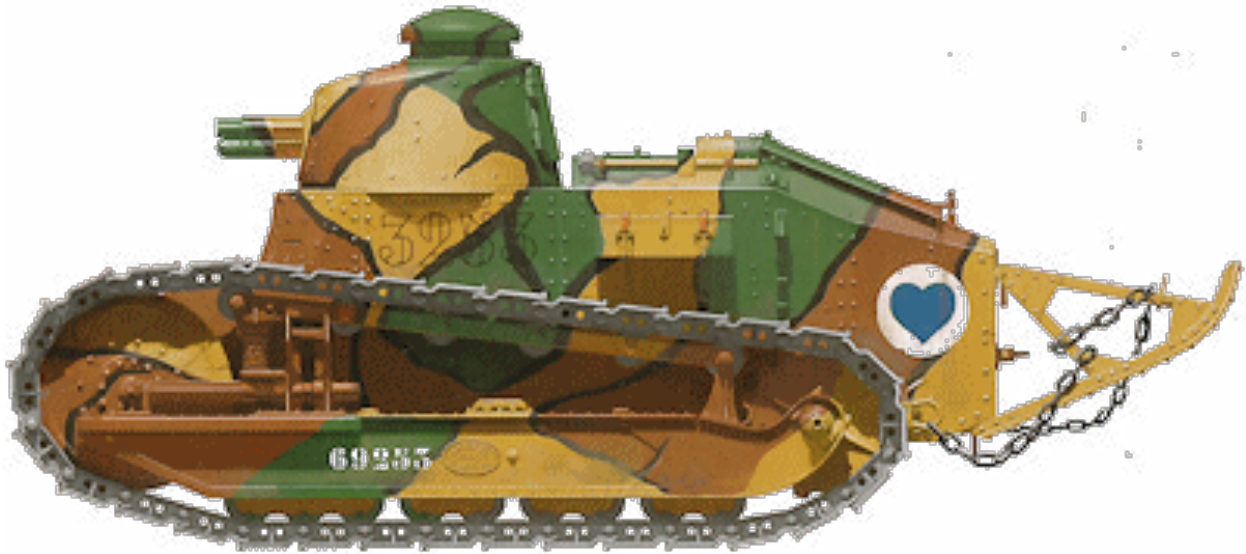
**Design the graphics for either the  
Thunderbirds or Blue Angels for  
YOUR version of these iconic aircraft.**

**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.