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It's All About Fun!

Random Thoughts & Musings

By Joe Caputo

Hi Guys and Gals,

Let me get the sad news out of the way first. We have lost John Sadler, on Sept. 8th. He was the friendly guy, with the cigar, and charming wife, CJ. John was a great armor builder, and had the awards to prove it. He was also an ideal club member, participating in all our activities. Both he and CJ will be missed. This has not been a good year for us, losing three IPMS club members in less than six months.

Now on to more cheerful news, our participation in the Ocala Flying Model Club's recent "fly-in", Saturday, Sept. 13th, was not only a success, but a lot of fun too (at least for me). We had three tables full of models, and spent the day answering questions and generally in conversation with the crowd and amongst ourselves. In addition to admiring some fine flying, we were treated to lunch by the host club, a pleasant surprise. We had the promised shady spot, and the weather was great, all in all, a very nice way to spend a Saturday afternoon. We've been invited back Saturday, November 8th, for their "Salute to Veterans" warbird fly-in. It should be a fantastic show, and I'm hoping that we can show up with more guys, tables, and models, than last week's show, to add to the fun.

More good news, I've been told by Mr. Murtz, that if all goes according to plan, we should be back in the "old" room at the church. Keep your fingers crossed. We sure could use that "shot in the arm" to get us rolling again.

The theme for September's meeting is, "something that floats". Let's see shows up on the "Show N Tell" table. On the other side of the coin, how about something that sinks?

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**We will be
meeting at 4001
NE 25th Ave. this
month**

On April 10th, 1963, America lost a nuclear-powered fast attack submarine off the coast of Cape Cod in 8400 feet of black, icy water. It was the lead ship of the newest, quietest, fastest submarine class in the U.S. Navy's Cold War covert weapons arsenal. What happened? Was it sabotage?



Was it 'pay-back' by the Russians? What happened afterwards?? Was the truth really ever known?? Come to the IPMS Ocala Modelers meeting this Thursday for the answers. Geoff Warnock, a retired Navy submariner will present the story of 'The loss of the USS Thresher – what really happened'.

Geoff's 45–60 minute program includes questions and answers, so here's an unusual opportunity to learn something about our "Silent Service?" (It should be interesting to see if Geoff can keep Mark awake this time)

Jake's question of the month, in this issue, was interesting; we've also invited anyone who cares to, to respond. The object, I believe, is to create some interest in the goings on of our national organization. I guess we'll find out how many members are interested enough to share their thoughts and ideas.

Last Saturday was Modelpalooza, in Orlando. As usual, IPMS Orlando did a great job. The new location was nice, with easy access, and plenty of parking. There was a \$5 "walk-in" fee, and it was probably the best five bucks I've spent in a long time.

Once inside the door, I joined the crowd. The huge room was split into contest and vendors.



Always to the vendors first, to give the contest tables time to fill up. I was not disappointed. There were plenty of vendors, and good deals to be had. It seemed there were more kits for sale, than aftermarket, and/or tools & supplies.

Meeting OLD friends, George, Don, Jack, from out of town, as well as our club members, Dan, Duane, Jake, Mark, Jack, Ed & Bill, and others from the Gatormodelers (sorry if I missed anyone), is what really made this fun for me, and the only real reason I return year after year. Sure, the models are great, and, yes, the vendors beat any hobby shop for quantity, but it's a few hours with my friends that mean the most to me.

I took a few pictures, which most of you have by now, and my wife, Carol took the other 90% while I visited, etc.. Thanks, Carol much appreciated. I was surprised at what I perceived as a decrease in entrants. Not taking away from the quality of what was there; it appeared there was a lot of open table space (My opinion). Perhaps it was just the way the tables/categories were laid out.

Overall, it was a very pleasant way to spend a Saturday afternoon. I would recommend it to anyone interested in our hobby.

See you all at our next meeting. Remember, if you miss it, we'll miss you, but you'll miss out.

Newsletter Poll Question.

Septembers Newsletter Poll Question: **Given the current financial situation that IPMS is in what are your ideas to correct the current trend and turn it around?**

Sam Morgan:

I don't belong to your club, but unfortunately, I know Joe Caputo and his arch nemesis, Bruce Lewerenz (who happens to be a member of my chapter, IPMS Arm/Air). So, since I'm on your mailing list, I thought I'd offer up my two-cent worth. Just so you'll know up front, this ain't gonna be too positive.

This past Saturday, the regional convention for Region XII was held in Simpsonville, South Carolina, and what you have brought up was indeed one of the hot topics of our business meeting as well. Things have definitely changed within the membership and goings-on of our dearly beloved IPMS. The consensus of our group was this -- we think it's probably way past time to stick a fork in the Make-N-Take program and (God forgive us) our dearly beloved publication.

First thing's first -- the Make-N-Take program is one of those touchy-feely things that has finally run its course. Unfortunately, it's become as prevalent as bicycle helmets, knee pads, shin guards and jock straps. What started out as a neat idea to get kids involved in the hobby has turned into a logistical nightmare, not only for the national office but for the IPMS chapters that try to host these events. It may give you this warm fuzzy feeling in the evening, but by the time the sun rises, you've got one helluva headache, if you catch my drift, "or am I being obtuse?" It's my personal opinion that

IPMS and the hobby of scale modeling as a whole don't receive nearly the benefits nor return on investment that one would think we should from the good intentions of this stillborn attempt at creating a new generation of modelers. That's borne out by several items mentioned in those business meeting minutes.

I, and many others, feel like the industry as a whole has done a really shitty job since day one of marketing their products. Who has ever seen a commercial on TV promoting the latest Hasegawa kit, much less scale modeling in general? If Tamiya, Trumpeter, Revell, et al pooled their resources and promoted the hobby the way the Milk Council promotes the positive aspects of drinking milk, we wouldn't have to worry about the future of scale modeling. But, they don't, and probably will never do anything like that.

Let's get right to it. Back in the day, the IPMS "Quarterly" and "Update" were some of the very few ways information about our beloved hobby got out to the masses. And, there wasn't a whole lot of cost involved in getting out black and white publications. Things have changed. Our full-color Journal is nice, but it costs an arm-and-a-leg to produce and distribute. Furthermore, with the advent of e-mail, the Internet (with its vast ability to find never-before published images and access to all kinds of Web sites and tutorials devoted to our hobby), and the plethora of scale modeling magazines and published reference material now available, there really seems little need for The Journal any longer. We feel it's high time that more effort and monies should be spent on bringing our IPMS Web site up to date, along with providing a webmaster that is more responsive to the membership and their requests in a much timelier manner. We're sick to death of reading re-hashed

reviews and looking at pictures of some modelers damn cluttered workbench or half-assed attempts at building the latest kit. Give us a modern, up-to-date, and highly functional Web site that is the hub of the scale modeling community. Put The Journal out to pasture.

Here's one more thing. For decades there have been guys who have literally been sandbaggers, guys who show up at IPMS chapter meetings, but don't belong to IPMS (and probably never will). That's sad. However, when it comes down to it, when you think about it, a person cannot belong to any type of national service organization without becoming a member of that particular organization, Period. And most of us feel that IPMS should do all it can to promote 100% membership in the organization. Notice I said promote -- NOT mandate. Let's face facts, shall we? Scale modeling as a hobby would probably not even exist today had it not been for IPMS and its competitive spirit that made modelers want to push the envelope in terms of detailing, scratch building, et al. If anything, we owe the IPMS organization a debt of gratitude and giving back to the national organization should really be a no-brainer!

And that's the way it is. Until next time, flog that plastic. Make some dust.

Jim "Crazy" Stepanek:

Looking at their financials, I see IPMS has a trend of losing money every year. IPMS needs to tighten their belt and reduce expenses. Do they really need to pay and office person \$25K+ annually? Membership is going down – do you really want to raise dues and/or chapter fees? I wouldn't think so. How do we increase membership? IPMS Ocala gave a presentation at the 2013 nationals about a membership package they had but I haven't seen

or heard an update.

After we started FAST, there was much discussion about joining IPMS or not. The members decided to join IPMS for the insurance. We had planned to put on model contests from the beginning but the cost of liability insurance was prohibitive. Insurance is covered if you're an IPMS chapter so we went with IMPS.

One of the benefits that I've found with IPMS is the Reviewer Corps. Get a free model. Put it together. Take pics and write a review. It's a no brainer for me.

Al Hoffman IPMS #33225:

After reading the convention business report it looks to me like the basic problem is that growth is stagnant both in new chapters & new members. Personally I'd like to see an increase in chapter & membership dues but that could be counterproductive to attracting new blood.

There are a lot of model car clubs out there that shy away from IPMS due to the negative attitude that has been projected by past & some current Chapters. This is an untapped source of growth if acceptance is promoted.

I know the "Make & Take" program is popular but if you look at it as a way to bring youngsters into modeling it doesn't appear to be cost effective. I feel like it is used more by current members & vendors as something to do to keep their kids occupied for a while at the shows. Assuming the manufacturer supplying the kits is doing it at cost (whose is the question) they appear to be the ones benefitting.

That's OK if you accept it as such. I think we are seeing some wishful thinking in both income & expense for 2014. I always thought IPMS positions were voluntary. Not sure why we have a

\$25,000.00 office manager. I think that needs to be justified. Bottom line is controlled expenses will increase every year & if growth & income don't increase correspondingly you can't win. The knee jerk response to this is to lower expense but possibly making a concentrated effort to get individual Chapter members to join IPMS/USA & encourage non-aligned clubs to join up could help offset the expenses. This gets not only creates direct membership dues but you now have a new customer base for your products & services.

Ed Ingersoll:

OK, I'll take the bait!

Everyone wants to complain about IMPS and the way things are being run but they don't bother to become an **active** member, **participate** at any or all levels available to them.

At the General Body meeting at IPMS Nationals only a small number of members participated in the meeting. I must admit I didn't attend because I got side tracked in the Vendor room but that was my fault and not IPMS. I also understand that not all are able to attend but there are other ways to have your voice heard.

At the regional Coordinators meeting only one attended the meeting; luckily it was Region-11. There were many others at the conference but they didn't both to attend the meeting.

The next National conference is in Columbus, Ohio and that is a bit far to travel but if you really want to go work out a plan with others to help cut down expenses. The 2016 conference is in South Carolina and that is within easy reach, attend and have your voice heard. You can also voice your opinions on the IPMS Web site.

Become more active at all levels or just sit back and complain, that's your prerogative. When you

receive a voting notice don't just ignore it, complete it and forward it to IPMS HQ.

Venting is good for the mind but participation is good for the heart, mind and soul!! (I just made that up)

Bill Winter:

I would recommend that IPMS members with a background in business or accounting, or members with the desire to improve operations get involved with IPMS "central." The problems should be clearly identified, solutions considered, developed and implemented. Including all stakeholders in the process is vital. Once a plan is enacted, the success of the plan should be assessed and the plan modified in an iterative fashion to achieve advancement. A SWOT analysis can be helpful: S = strengths; W = weaknesses; O = Opportunities; T = threats.

Jack Muga:

It's simple.....live within your budget. Determine what you absolutely have to do; what is your overhead? Whatever remains is then used for things like Make and Take. Before they use the usual political solution of just raising dues and charter fees, we need to see how the current money is being spent. Does the Journal make or lose money, if it is losing money....why? Do we absolutely have to have a printed journal when many of the chapters have dropped printed newsletters and replaced them with electronic newsletters?

Is there another solution to the Office Manager issue worth exploring? Can we come up with fund raising ideas such as those used by the chapters when there is a reason to cover the cost of an event or short fall in club expenses? I am not against raising dues; I just want to know how well the current money is being managed.

Part of the problem, in my opinion, is that the National organization is too focused on the contests, and not enough on the chapters and membership, domestic and international. Communication from the national organization is virtually nonexistent. There is a infrastructure in place but is really underutilized, which is very frustrating. There is a lot of talent and ideas out in the chapters that can be tapped into, and the national organization needs to figure out how to take advantage of that fact.

Dan Murtz – Sec./Treas.Ocala IPMS:

Great Question!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

First off, this question should be asked by the national organization. I can't help but think that they feel that they have all the answers and do not need the input of the membership. I thought that I.P.M.S. was a club for modelers run by modelers. Now to my thoughts.....

1. With expenses being what they are, in regards to putting on a national convention and planning a family vacation, some thought should be given to planning the Nationals every two years. This would give the host club two years to plan, and give vendors a longer period of time to plan and schedule attending local and regional shows.

2. Another benefit of the two year plan, would be the extra time members would have to build more models to enter.

3. When planning a family vacation, along with attending a I.P.M.S. National Convention, the total cost is a big factor. There are only a limited amount of funds in most family budgets, and what they choose it to be used for.

4. Now about The Journal expense issue; Yes, The Journal is a nice looking publication, but do we

really need to print it on the expensive paper? Where are the ads from other manufactures that do not currently advertise in the Journal? With an increase in advertising revenue, and using less expensive paper we should be on budget with The Journal.

5. And I feel there is very little real "club" information and news in The Journal. If we are trying to grow our local and national organizations, I for one would like to know what other clubs are doing to gain new members.

6. Make and Take; I have often heard that "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." A couple of years ago at the National Convention in Orlando Fl., I presented a plan to revamp the Make and Take program. This program was presented to the National board at the business meeting, and to most of the major manufactures in attendance. The feedback that I received from all the manufactures was very positive. The feedback from the National board was basically" not interested. "Make and Take needs a "Make Over" if is going to succeed and continue to exist. This is another question that needs input and ideas from the membership. Again, are we not a club of "modelers run by modelers"?

7. Office Managers salary; I would hate to think of what would happen to the organization without M.J. in that position. If we need to charge \$1.00 admission to the National Convention to cover the Office Managers salary, so be it. Most of the time it is a thankless job of a lot of behind the scenes work, but very necessary to run a successful organization.

Joe Caputo – President Ocala IPMS:

I think "the powers that be" need to take a long, subjective look at all three major expenses. Which, of them are yielding the biggest return for the society?

I would hope that the advertising in the Journal would cover the major part of publishing cost. If not, why not? Admittedly, I know nothing of publishing expenses, but apparently costs are too high, and need to be reduced somehow. Our office manager is beyond reproach, but would there be a way to supplant some of the duties with volunteers. Reduce workload = reduce salary = reduced expense? I don't know if it's possible.

Lastly, Make N Take. Without a doubt, in my opinion, the least (proved) "bang for the buck". I know this is a very unpopular view, and that we're "sowing seeds" for the future, but if it ends up burying our organization, what difference will it make (maybe 20 years from now, if a few of these kids come back to the hobby. I wish I could be more positive about it, but where is the proof of ANY success rate. I know it puts our name out in front of the public, but so does any display.

I read talk on the IPMS Nat. forum about the rising costs of attending the National Convention. I've heard all kinds of ideas on where cuts can be made, and rebuttal to each. Is anyone really looking for an answer? You can't get something without giving something up. One distasteful idea I haven't seen mentioned at all, is having the party every other year, until we get back on our feet. Even if it didn't cut costs, it would give you two years to save for it, just a thought.

Jacob Duryea #48075:

Well first off all budgets are very simple, money in vs. money out. We all do this every month. If you are going to make \$10,000 dollars in a month and your expenses are \$12,000 a month you have two options, either increase your income by \$2,000 or cut your cost by \$2,000 dollars. IPMS thinks that by raising the dues they can cover the shortfall. I don't think they are taking into account lost members I know this is a topic I don't like to bring up but most IPMS members are old. Our club lost three members this year. Sure new members join but I think you will start to see the loss of members out stepping new member signups.

Now everyone will say the "Make N Take" Is what brings new members into the hobby. First off there are no numbers on how effective this program has been. I have seen the Make N Take models and they are more a frustration then they are anything else. I think the money that is spent on the Make N Take program does not produce a sufficient return and would be better spent in other ways to attract new members. In short the Make N Take program is the kind of program you do when you have excess money. If you want to keep the Make N Take then you have to let something else go.

Which brings us to the "Journal", the cost is way too high. When you add up printing and postage this thing is a financial pig. I know there is advertising in the Journal and the ads should be paying for most if not all of the cost. In reality the ads should be paying for the printing of the magazine why else would you have ads. The Journal is Huge as well I looked at the April 2013 Volume 25 number 02 issue and its 70 pages. And this is a top quality magazine. At the very least the quality should be dropped as well as most of the color pages. That's if you really want to keep

it and not go digital. Maybe you could give the option to either get the Journal in the mail or have it E-mailed to you. If you opted for a physical copy you would have to pay a little more. Also the layout is not efficient at all. Here is something for you to do Take a Journal and a marker and scribble in all the empty spaces in the Journal. By rearranging the layout and reducing the font size you could get more on a page and in turn reduce the size. I'm sure a high school yearbook staff could do a better job then what is being done now. The Journal is a mess and if it were to be kept would need a major overhaul. Just pull a "Scale Aviation Modeller" magazine and compare the pages to those of the Journal and you will see what I mean.

Now to the Office Manager, yes I am going to be mean to a nice old lady right? No, In fact I think that the Office manager is probably the most justified expense keeping everything in order in an institution of this size takes work and the person doing the work should be paid. Now weather she is over paid would take further investigation.

I think the financial problem IPMS is in will only be solved by a cutting of cost and a slight increase in revenue. One thing I do know is the changes need to be made and given time to see the results. This will probably take a year or two and at that time more tweaking may be required. The easy and fastest way to solve the problem is to look at the big expenses. If look further into the costs we may find that it's the nickel and dime stuff that is costing us more money than the big stuff. Also I think it might help to talk to a financial adviser because I'm pretty sure that putting IPMS's money into CD's will not give us the best return.

Gaston Bernal #430:

Gentlemen:

My name is Gaston Bernal and I am IPMS # 430. Yes, I go back from the early days of IPMS and Jim Sage. He was our guest of honor during our 1990 Nationals in Miami, our real 25 anniversary!!!!!!!

To your point:

Office Manager; why can't any of our e-board members hold this position???? Perhaps sharing the workload between two or three of them???? Being an e-board member doesn't mean that they just show up at the Nationals and walk around.

The magazine; although Chris Buckolz has done a wonderful job with our publication, ask yourself, does it really help you and your modeling???? In the old days, information was available to only some individuals and a few of them passed it on to us. Today, everything you wanted to know and more is available commercially in the form of 12/15 publications of different themes, allowing you to choose what you want or not to buy with much more depth in the desired subject. . I believe that a small pamphlet as the one we used to get, just informing us of the health of the Organization and upcoming events would be more than acceptable.

The make and take program; this program should be financed completely by the manufacturers, who at the end, are the ultimate beneficiaries of such programs. We need to bargain with them in a more aggressive way. I personally don't see the return in our investment, several clubs in our area have tried it and I still see the same old timers in every meeting.

Exposing IPMS to the public at large; Exhibitions

at State Fairs, Museums, Libraries, theaters, etc places where people walk by will bring, in my humble opinion, interest in parents that are tired of seeing their kits idiotized with electronic games and texting, etc. Most kids cannot use their hands today, as we did 30-40 years ago.

We should have a co-op advertising with the mfgs and advertise in publications such as Good Housekeeping, Home and garden, Hunting, etc, magazines that Mommy and Daddy read, After all they are the ones that buy the first plastic kit to the junior. At least that's the way it was. Invest some of the Society savings in little trophies for the kids that participate. Something they can show their other friends.

Did you know that most of the Astronauts, CEOs of the Hi-tech Industries, Engineering firm's technicians, famous engineers, began their life's building model airplanes, cars, tanks, etc. How about some interviews with these people and putting them in print in the above mentioned publications?? These people have always been available and like to talk about it if you ask them. That's what the e-board should be doing!!!!!!

I promised myself that this was going to be a two three paragraphs reply note, but I can help it when I start with IPMS, an Organization that I really love. Thanks for the opportunity!!!!!!



Show and Tell



A Tamiya 1:12 Scale Suzuki OOB
By Jack Mugan



An Italeri 1:72 scale Pak 40 with the barrel drilled out by Ed Ingersoll



A Monogram M10 Greyhound built 55 years ago
By Dan Murtz



An Edward 1:48 weekend edition F6F-3 Hellcat in "Little Nugget" decals by Joe Caputo



A Metal Masters all metal Tiger II
by Geoff Warnock



by

On My Workbench

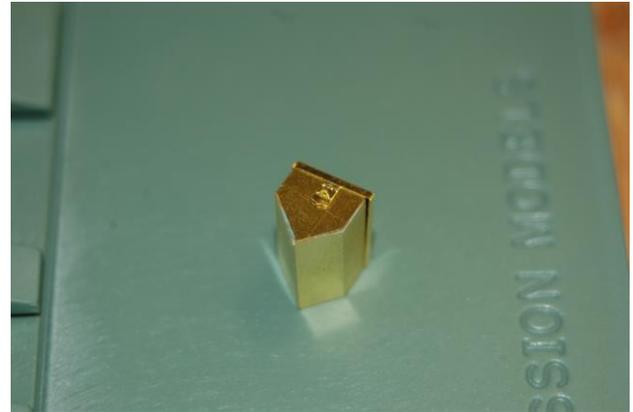
By Jacob Duryea

Well I don't have much to report on this month as far as what I have accomplished on my work bench. I have been rather busy as of late which always seems to be the case. My birthday was the beginning of the month and I have been working my tail off and just don't seem to have the gumption to work on my models. I don't know if it was the passing of another birthday or just the daily grind but I was stuck in a modeling rut it seems.

I did get some more accomplished on the photo-etch for my 35T. I folded and glued some stowage boxes that sit behind the return sprocket. They even include tiny pad locks as you can see in the photos. The kit that the photo-etch was made for had the boxes as a separate piece. Unfortunately these are molded into the side hull on my kit. My next hurdle will be to remove the molded box and replace it with the photo-etch one.

These stowage boxes were a little complex to fold. I started by folding the sides, after that I continued to fold the rest of the box. There was a slight gap between the bottoms and the sides so I took the poster tack and used it to hold the sides and bottom as close together as I could get them. I then ran a toothpick with gorilla glue along the seam and let them dry. I then folded the lids for the boxes as well as the latch that the pad lock would go through along with the padlocks. After the box was dried I put all the parts together into the finished box you see.

After I put the boxes together and saw I had to remove the old plastic boxes that are molded into the tanks hull I got a little discouraged. This is when I started to get into my rut. A week passed and I just didn't feel like doing anything. I then



pulled out a small three ship Star Trek set. They are simple snap together kits and I put all three together in one night. I sanded and painted the Enterprise and primed the Reliant model which had many more seams that needed to be filled. These kits have very little painting and are mostly decaled over the entire ship. I didn't get a chance to finish them before I went on vacation to Cocoa Beach for a week. But now that I am back I hope to get at least one done for the meeting.

While I was on vacation at the resort in Cocoa which is just across the road from port Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center. I usually get to see cruise ships and freighter of all kinds coming and going and if I am lucky a launch. This week was a very lucky week I had the fortune to see two launches the first was the Atlas V with the top secret CLIO payload. The second was a SpaceX cargo launch which just happened to have a 3-D printer bond for the International Space Station. Two launches in one week was a truly lucky thing to see but that wasn't even the best part. The second day we were there the wife and I took our son for a walk and we decided to walk jetty park and

then the beach, As we get to the Jetty the wife had to use the ladies room so I took my son to the water so he could see the small boats coming and going. As we got closer I noticed two small coast guard speed boats zipping up and down the channel. I looked around for the warship that usually warrants the coast guard zipping around with their 50 cal. machine guns. I didn't see any ships just two tugs coming out of the submarine base at the Cape. That's when I noticed the conning tower sticking up between the two tugs. Yep there slipping out of port in the dusk was a submarine as quite as a shadow that's why they call it the silent service. I'm sure she was heading out to sea so she could keep an eye out in case the top secret CLIO crashed into the ocean. She looked like an older sub and I'm sure our resident submariner will be able to tell us more about her.

Well enough about my vacation I'm off to try and finish my models.



Thank you

This is just a small "Thank You" to Danny Mayer for fixing the A/C at the church. We all started to feel the heat and I think the meeting would have been unbearable had he not fixed it. So next time you see him be sure to thank him.

Another Loss

As you may have heard we have lost yet another fellow club member, on September 8th John Sadler passed away. He was a top notch armor builder and I know I will miss him and his models very much. This has been a hard year for our club and I for one will be happy to see it end.

Scale Aviation Art

My name is David Tipps and I am a long time IPMS member within the Flight 19, Ft. Lauderdale Chapter. I wanted to invite your members to visit my web site (davidtipps.com) or google David Tipps Aviation Art, so I can share my passion for model creating (I think we do more than build), aviation photography and graphic illustration thru adobe Photoshop. I've been doing this stuff since the 1980's and you might have seen some of my pictures in Fine Scale Modeler. But I was never happy with the results until Photoshop came out in 1991. Since then it's been the answer to my dreams of creating great moments in real or hypothetical history. I'm looking to connect with others in the hobby who may have tried creating pictures themselves. My goal is to create an on-line magazine dedicated to tri-medium model artist representations. I would appreciate your considering placing this and my latest picture in your fine newsletter. Thank you and Best Wishes.



We will be meeting
at 4001 NE 25th
Ave. this month
back at the church

Websites of Interest

<http://www.ipmsusa.org/>

<http://www.scalemates.com/>

<http://imodeler.com/2012/10/how-to-paint-figure-faces-with-an-airbrush-a-video-tutorial/>

[HyperScale – An Online Magazine for Aircraft and Armour Modellers](#)

[imodeler](#)

[Tony Matteliano's Scale Model Index](#)

[Swanny's Models](#)

[IPMS Ocala Plastic Modelers Facebook Page](#)

Do you have a website you would like other to know about? Let us know and we will share it with everyone.

Club News & Events

- Next meeting is September 25th at Trinity Lutheran Church at 7:00 P.M.
- October's meeting will be the 23rd at 7:00 P.M.
- September's theme will be something that floats.

Letter from the Editor

Hello Again everyone.

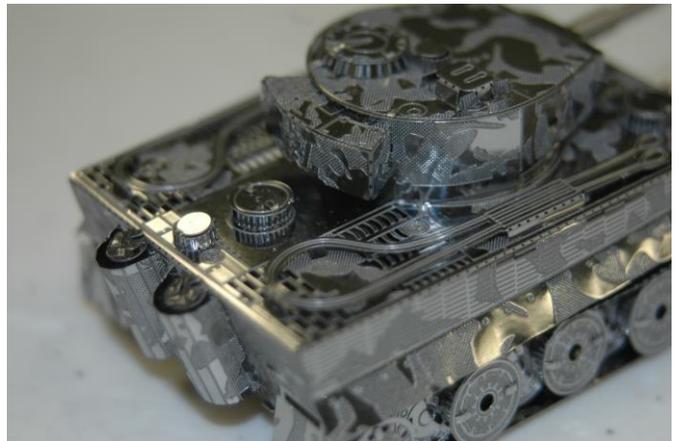
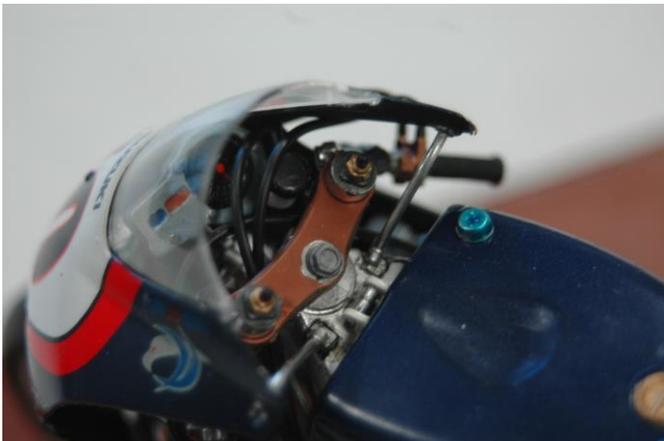
Well looks like we are back in our old room at the church. I have been trying to keep you up to date on what I am working on. I do not have to be the only one. If you want to share what you are working on feel free to write something up. This is not limited to just the Ocala IPMS club members.

This issue has a large section devoted to the current financial situation of IPMS. I am sure we will be seeing and hearing more on this subject in the next few months.

We just lost a third member this year and it seems that Mark Fidler is in the Hospital with his foot. Luckily he is not a horse so he should be out soon.

On another note Joe our President might be getting back into Armor models. Yes that's right you heard it here first. It seems he has a rather large collection of smashed armor that he needs to repair. I overheard him talking about building a tank kit at Modelpalooza. I can't wait to see the result, I'm sure his will be the first ever racing tank.

Details



2014 Meeting Themes for the Year

Month	Theme	Program
• January	TBA	TBA
• February	TBA	TBA
• March	TBA	TBA
• April	TBA	TBA
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