



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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From the President's Desk

Greetings from the bunker!

I don't know about you guys, but this lockdown was starting to feel more like house arrest to me. So, when my daughter wanted to visit a friend in Door County, we tagged along and made a family road trip out of it. It's quite liberating to get away from all the BS, turn off the TV and phone, and just enjoy the warmth and hospitality and basic human decency that exists everywhere but on the news, on social media, and in big cities. One problem though - immersing myself in the serenity of nature and country life also meant that Ihor's reminders to write this piece fell on deaf ears. So, I take full responsibility for the tardiness of this newsletter, but it was worth it!

This month we have many impressive submissions yet again. It's good to see Don adding to his fleet again -- which reminds me, there are some newer members that probably have not seen his full IJN carrier lineup. We'll have to encourage him to bring them in a few months. Also, good to see Frank building another utility vehicle, which I hope to see this fall at our show. And Frank can come too.

There's something interesting about each submission this month, and that's just from my solitary point of view. What I really miss is the opportunity to hear about each build and share each other's points of view interactively. The photos and writeups here are great, but I can't wait until we can get back to in-person meetings so we can dig deeper into what we've been looking at the last few months.

On that subject, there is nothing yet to report on whether we can meet in July. We may be able to, while following state guidelines, but it's possible the church will not be hosting indoor gatherings. We may be able to relocate temporarily, even to an outdoor location if needed. The officers have been meeting regularly to discuss options. If there is a way we can meet safely and legally, you can bet we will do so.

We have also been considering options for our show in November. As some of you are aware, the Holiday Inn has been sold and we are homeless for now. The timing was a problem, since we could not actively search for a replacement venue during the lockdown. But even if we had a venue, there is no guarantee we will be allowed to gather in groups of over 50 people. So, on the one hand we are panicking because we have no location locked in, while on the other hand we are fortunate to have the flexibility to proceed or cancel without repercussions. My personal opinion is that the show must go on, and if it were in July or August we'd be fine. By November though, coughing and sneezing will be on the rise. There may be a vaccine by then, there's certainly massive testing capacity now, possibly instantaneous testing by Fall, and definitely better treatment and knowledge than we had three months ago. We've come a long way in a very short time. And the point of all that is, we have no way to predict what the acceptable standard will be for large gatherings come November. But if we can pull it off safely, I promise that we will. Prediction: get used to wearing a mask.

Stay safe, stay sane, build stuff!

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Drop in to the Next Meeting:
June 12 – Cancelled!

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
5739 Dunham Road
Downers Grove, IL
Start: 7:30 PM

Date	Theme	Demo/Guest
January 10	Annual Membership	tbd
February 14	On the Bench/Unfinished	Rust (Steve Day) Masking Canopies (Ihor)
March 13	Anything with Figures	Figure Judging
April 10	Sci-Fi and Fantasy <u>CANCELLED</u>	Sci-fi/Fantasy/Real Space Judging
May 8 - Tentative	Anything 20's Related <u>CANCELLED</u>	Fighting Models (Bob Fryszak)
June 12	NATO <u>CANCELLED</u>	Bay of Pigs (George Garcia)
July 10	North Africa WW II	Scenery Techniques (Bill Vinikour)
August 14	Anything 1950s Related	TBD
September 11	Middle East	Aircraft Judging
October 9	WW II Pacific Island Hoping	Armor Judging
November 7	38 th Annual Show	Annual Show
December 11	What you got last Christmas/Hanukkah and BOH Annual Christmas Party and Show Recap	White Elephant Gift Exchange





In place of our normal monthly meeting, we would like everyone to submit the following for the next newsletter:

- **Take a selfie with your phone or submit a photo of yourself**
- **Take 1-3 pictures of a current model project, book, or kit, whatever state it's in**
- **Write a few words to describe it.**
- **And TELL US HOW YOU ARE DOING**

Send us an email by July 1st to 'ismpdf@gmail.com' and we will include it in the next newsletter.

May Show-and-Tell *Staying Home Builds*

Don Grajek	'Making the Most Out of Old Ship Models'
Ihor Hlohowskyj	1/35 LRDG Command Car and Breda 20 mm AA Gun, converted to a 'Scorpion.'
Frank Ciccarella	1/35 Husky TSV (Tactical Support Vehicle) by Meng
Hector/TJ Colon	Ghazghkull, Warhammer 40k Miniatures; Shokkjump Dragsta from Games Workshop
Mike Knowski	1/48 Eduard FW-190d and Hellcat; 1/48 Airfix Sea Hurricane; 1/72 Airfix Mosquito; Pegaso 54 mm Roman Cavalryman and French Drum Major, and 77mm Viking
John Kaufman	1/48 Promodeler/Monogram F-84G and F. Continued.
Bill Vinikour	1/2 Gorgon, Black Heart Enterprises. Continued.
John Bishop	1/35 V-2 with Hanomag/Meillerwagen Transport, TAKOM. Continued.
Stan Kurcz	1/72 Italeri F-104; 1/72 Hasegawa Russian Hind.

If you have any comments or questions about any of this issues "Show-and-Tell " entries, please email them to ismpdf@gmail.com and we will forward them to the appropriate builder.

MAKING THE MOST OUT OF OLD SHIP MODELS

DON GRAJEK

Back in July of 2005 I found a 1/540 scale Revell Kit of the USS Shangri- La CVA- 38 on which I spent two years of my life at sea, during 1958 and 1959. This was the only decent kit of my ship but with many flaws (in any scale). I built it with joy!

At last year's (2019 Nov.) Butch O'Hare IPMS group show at the Holiday Inn in Itasca, I found the reissue of this same kit as the "USS Oriskany CVA-34 with some new tooling included but some of the same old mistakes! But....I decided to redo the model. So, I started building it the next week. Just a few weeks before our show in November I found two discarded ship models of the same scale 1/540 at the "Best Trains and Hobby Shop" West of the hotel. Two CVB-41 Midway Class Aircraft Carrier models terribly built by a young kid and /or the second one a little more well done but thrown away as junk and never completed. Wow! Now I can build a whole fleet of 4 ships in the same scale!

I never knew that those models ever existed! Did you find yourself in the same position? Maybe! Not ships but what about planes, tanks and all those other distractions called "our hobby"? Well here I am, totally involved near the end of April 2020 with 3 "new" models of two classes of ships and I couldn't build them to look alike so I made them different.

All these kits are being built as follows:

1. These were full hulled models - I cut them down to waterline!
2. Different years of the real ships as built for different schemes.
3. By the way....none of the 3 new kits - none of the bridges are completed.
4. Added in hanger decks (even though it is almost impossible to see inside of them).
Sound familiar?
5. Opened up more Tambour doors to look inside of the hanger bay!

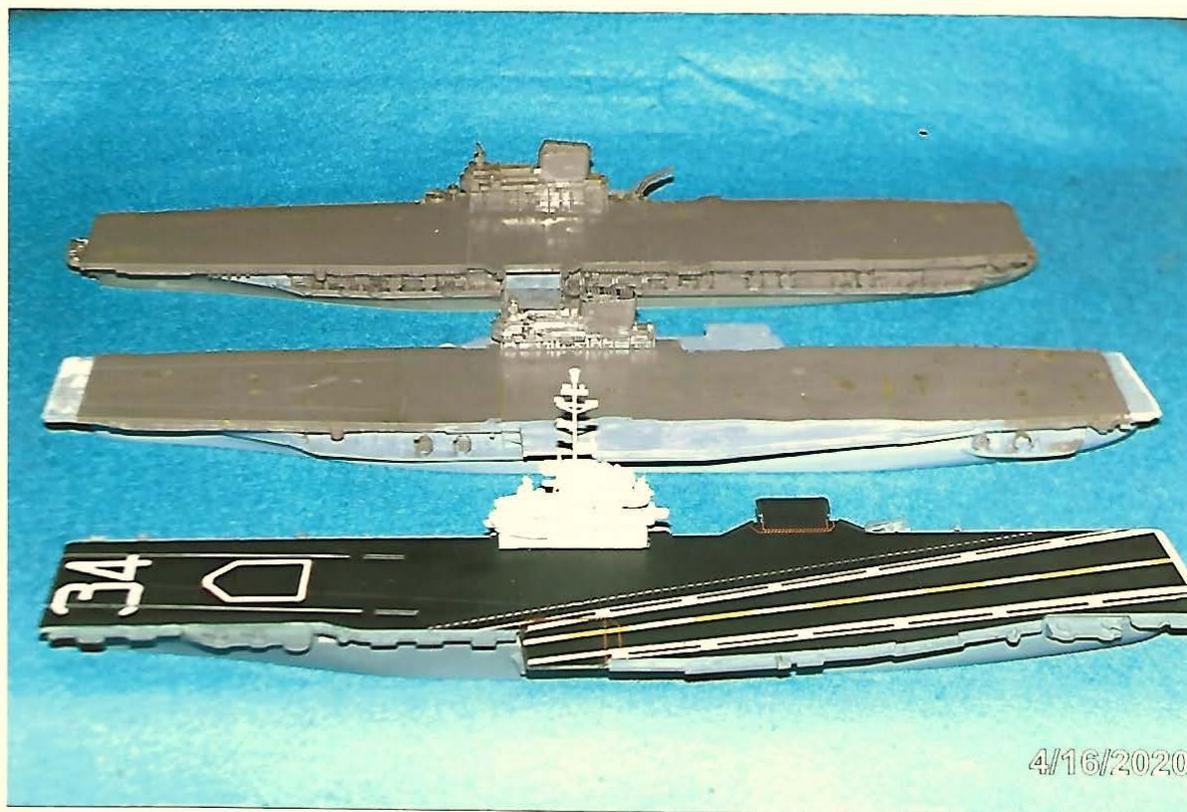
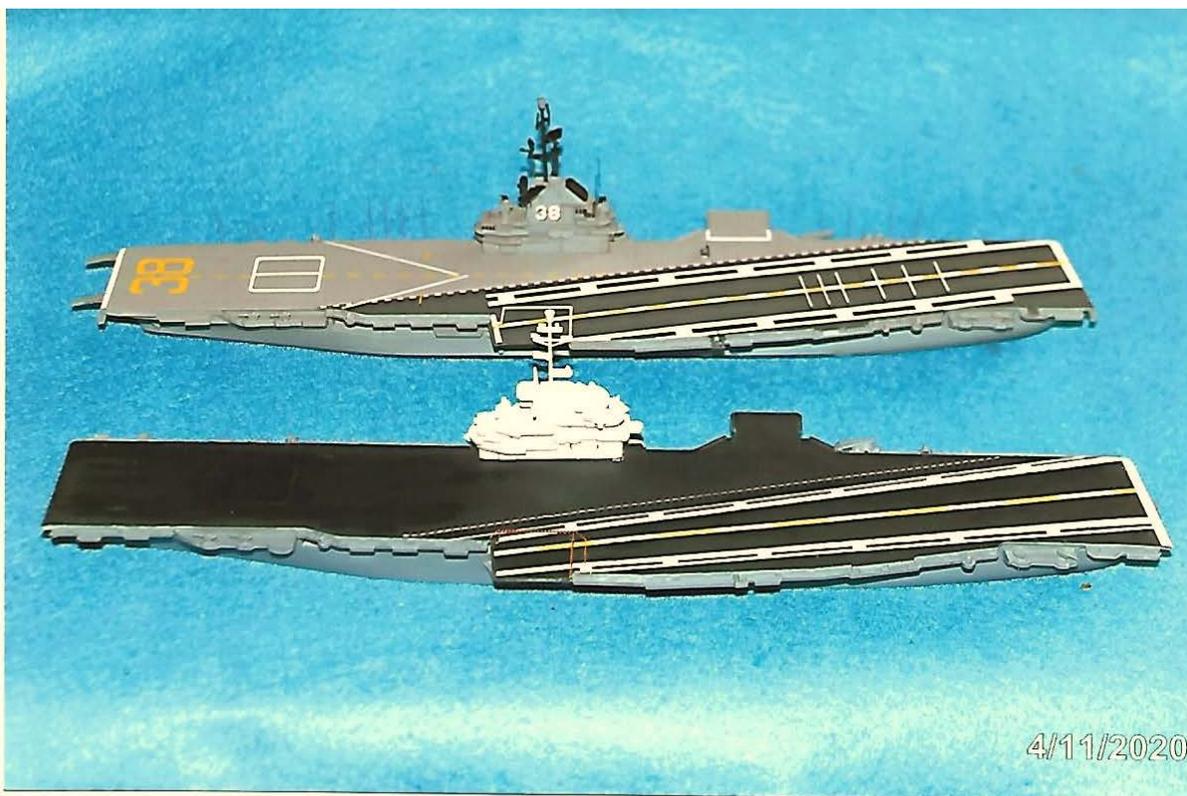
BEING BUILT AS.....

- A. Ship model of the U.S.S Midway CVB-41 was a straight deck carrier, so I left it that way but built it as it was in 1950 and it's color schemes as in the Korean War.
- B. My previous built USS Shangri-La 1958 ...So I will build and paint the second Midway class carrier converting it to an angled deck carrier with a similar scheme because we operated together. Good enough reason! Right?
- C. The last angled deck carrier, I chose to build is the last Essex class angled deck carrier CVA-34 the USS Oriskany to go into service in 1961 to 1976 and had so many major conversions to the real ship that it's not too certain which year is represented! Not enough photos in my collection.

Prove me wrong! Because I really want to know!

HAPPY MODELING IN WHATEVER YOUR MODELING SUBJECT INTERESTS ARE!

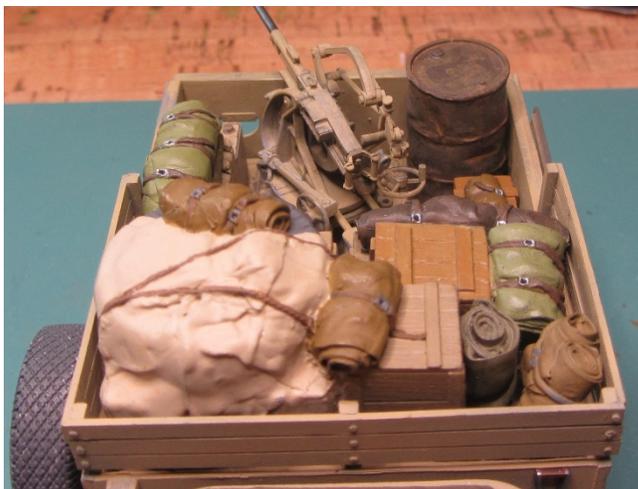
Don Grajek – continued.



Frank Ciccarella - The kit is a Husky TSV (Tactical Support Vehicle) by Meng. The scale is 1/35th. The vehicle has added radios, wiring in the cab, and wiring added to the antenna. Antenna is stretched sprue. The groundwork is made on a base I bought at Menards, using foam as a terrain, then using plaster cloth, covered the foam and painted. The roadway is just flat black paint. I also use Vallejo Sand Paste to create somewhat of a desert groundwork around the roadway. Enjoy!



Ihor Hlohowskyj – Still working on the Tamiya Long Range Desert Group command car modified to a ‘Scorpion.’ Mounted the Breda 20mm in the bed, added Value Gear stowage, scratch built the 3-slat extensions on the front of the bed, as well as the mounting hardware for the spare on the side and the front of the truck. Still finishing odds and ends, and then the weathering.



TJ Colon - My current project is the Ghazghkull from the Warhammer 40k line of miniatures. I am also working on the Shokkjump Dragsta also from Games workshop. Since returning from my deployment in March, I have come to realize that I miss modeling. I am still having the "discussion" with my dad over what is worse -- mold lines or the carpet monster. I will bring them with me next time I am home on leave so that I can battle my Dad's Blood Angels. He doesn't stand a chance.



Mike Knowski - Hi guys

Here's my latest models that I finished so far in May. We'll start with the Eduard Hellcat in 1/48th scale. All OOB and a fun kit to build. I'm not too happy with the intermediate blue on the fuselage. It was fine until I sprayed the dullcote and it darkened up on me. Next is a 54mm Roman calvaryman from Pegaso. Then we have a very happy 54mm drum major of the French Chausiers Velites. Next is a Viking in 77mm. I'm happy with the way he turned out. Next is a 1/72nd Airfix mosquito. I had an old resin and photoetch conversion kit from high tech. I grafted on the nose section and added new engine nacelles. A vacuum formed canopy covers the resin and etch metal cockpit. I tried pushing the envelope on this one, so I would like to hear what you think. Next we have the Eduard FW-190D in 48th scale. Another great kit. And finally the 1/48th scale Sea Hurricane from Hasegawa. I had to graft the arrest or hook to the bottom of the fuselage on this one.

Well I have been feeling good and building like crazy. I hope everyone is doing well and I can't wait to see everyone again.



Mike Knowski - Continued



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John Kaufman - Hi guys, I sure miss seeing you and your inspirational work. Anyway, me and my family are okay, no sickness to speak of. I've been working from home and only been to Wisconsin a couple of times. I go back to work with safety measures the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Model related, still working on the 2 F-84s. However, I also have been working on my dad's memorial and got the mortar and the loader built. Need to work on painting the figures more. Hope everyone is doing well and hope to see you soon. Stay well!



John Bishop - Here's some progress on my TAKOM 1/35 V-2 Meillerwagen transporter with Hanomag Cab. I've started weathering on the Hanomag - still a way to go but looking pretty good so far! I'm trying to weather the Meillerwagen and Hanomag relatively heavily while leaving the V-2 fairly clean. Take care, John.



The Gorgon – Update William Vinikour

Over the past month, I achieved about a 90% completion of the half-scale resin Gorgon bust (Black Heart Enterprises). Most snakes are finished, including adding the tongues and painting the opened mouths. Some touch up is needed and there are a few portions of snake bodies that still need to be painted. I revised my plans for the Gorgon herself. The mica flakes added to the unscaled portion of the Gorgon were not met with much approval by several critics (notably Ihor and the Mrs.). After scraping off the mica, I painted the unscaled portion with a crackle-type paint and then painted it with burnt umber and, mostly, sepia acrylic inks (like the scaled portion of the Gorgon). The underlying crackle paint gave a slight scaling effect. The lips were painted with purple acrylic ink and will be further detailed with purple metallic wax followed by a gloss finish. The eyes were painted with color shift green paints with black highlights. False eyelashes were added, as were micro glass beads which were washed with sepia acrylic ink (she has a flare for unusual makeup – when I “googled” gorgon photos I ran across a cosplay example of this). A larger glass bead, painted gold, was added to her nose. I did use the black mica flakes to simulate scaled eyebrows. Her dress has gone through several repaints (originally gold and then redone with color shift black), but I settled on using Rub ‘n Buff antique bronze followed by an over coat of bronze paint (the wife likes the dress – a small victory from my harshest critic [she now thinks the face is too dark, but she’ll have to live with it – she won’t let me have the model upstairs anyway!]). I plan on bringing the completed Gorgon bust to the first “in person” meeting we have.



Stan Kurcz - 1/72NAVY F-104 (Italeri): During the late 50s, the U.S Navy was testing the Sidewinder and since they had no supersonic jets they acquired 3 USAF Starfighters to use. You have to admit it's great looking in any livery. Very nice kit. The base is home insulation routed and painted to look like wood. Next up is a 1/72 Russian Hind (Hasegawa). Great kit. Only difficulty was removing the "droop" of the rotors, as I wanted mine flying.

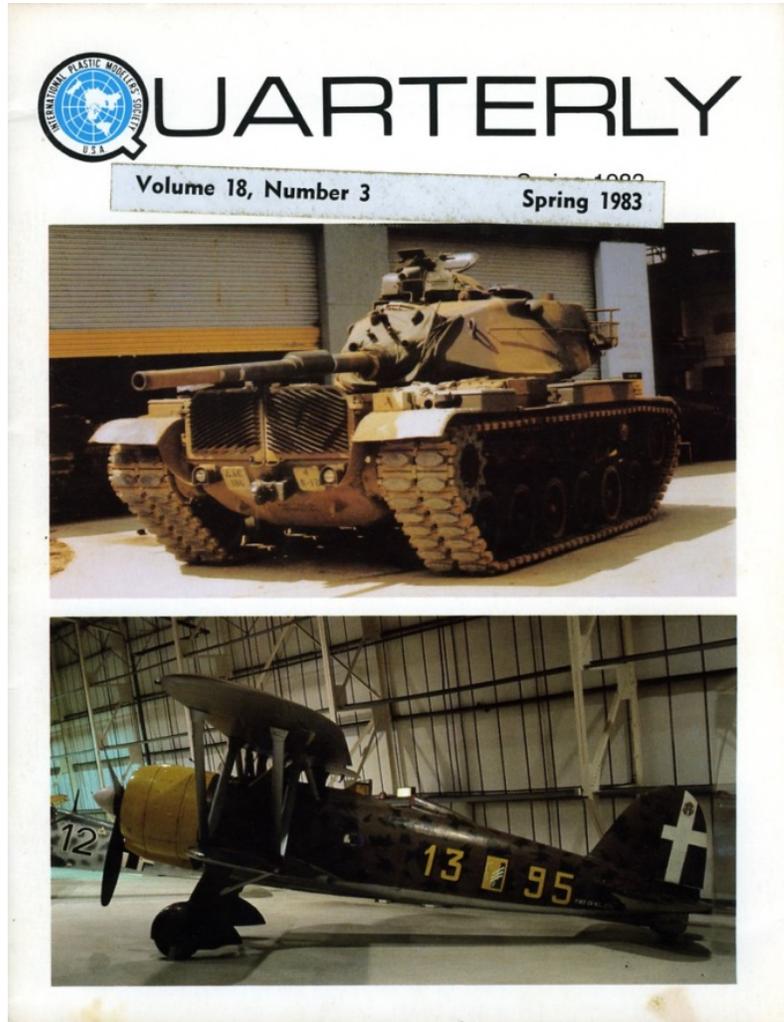


IPMS Gold

While continuing to clean out old resource material, I came across old IPMS Quarterly issues from the 70s to mid-80s. This was a great resource at a time before the many books, magazines and the Internet of today. Early issues were B&W or line drawings with a bit of history and explanations. Later issues had a good deal of color photos. It still is a very good resource and contains info on offbeat vehicles, AC, Autos & Ships.

What I have done is to make a scan of each issue's "contents" page and turn it into a pdf. If you are interested, send me an email and I will send them to you. If there is an article you are interested in write back, and I will email a scan of it.

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Upcoming Events: June - August 2020

Please Note: As of June 1st, all of the events listed below except NIMCON 9 are currently scheduled, but that may change. Please check the website for any show you are interested in attending before you go, as some may get cancelled or postponed.

July 29, IPMS/USA National Convention. San Marcos, TX. Host: IPMS/Alamo Squadron.
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/ipmsusa-national-convention-2>

August 2, Summer NNL. Crystal Lake, IL. Host: IPMS/GTR Auto Modelers.
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/summer-nnl>

IPMS / USA

IPMS / USA membership qualifies you to participate in IPMS/USA sanctioned contests, particularly our world-famous National Convention, held each summer. As a member, you'll also be able to access our online discussion boards, where a wide variety of modeling topics are discussed, and enjoy interaction with other serious modelers for help with questions about modeling techniques or IPMS in general. Many hobby shops and model vendors around the country offer discounts to IPMS/USA members.

Memberships are available in several ways:

Junior- 17 years or younger, \$17 per year

Adult - \$30 for 1 year, \$58 for 2 years, \$86 for 3 years.

Family - \$35 Adult membership 1 year plus \$5 for multiple cards.

Download the application from IPMS/USA and mail today!

<http://www.shopipmsusa.org/category-s/100.htm>



The IPMS/USA Executive Board and the 2020 National Convention Planning Committee are still moving forward with planning and on-time execution of the 2020 convention. We are well aware of the plethora of challenges ahead of us in the next 90 days. There are many more unknowns than "knowns" at the moment. However, with the facts on-hand we feel the convention can still be held.

The #1 consideration in planning is the health and well-being of all of our members. Some of you have reached out to me stating that since you are in a high-risk age or health group you are not willing to risk being exposed to COVID-19. We fully understand this and agree that if you are in a high-risk category, we feel that you are probably better off not coming even if all restrictions are lifted by late July.

I have read many opinions on public forums over the past several weeks regarding the status of this summer's convention. As a convention planner, the biggest item I pay attention to is the contract that IPMS/USA committed to with the hosting hotel, Embassy Suites, and their parent company, Atrium Hospitality. These contracts are generally written in favor of the hotel, i.e., the financial burden is on the guest (IPMS/USA) to produce the numbers expected for the hotel to make a profit. We could have balked at the contract when it was presented in 2018 but then the week we picked would have went to the next organization looking to host a convention. In other words, we have to play by the hospitality industry's rules. If IPMS/USA were to back out of the contract without cause the financial burden on our society would be very substantial. Luckily, Embassy Suites in San Marcos is fully aware of the current COVID-19 situation - and in fact they are taking it in the shorts like all other hotels around the country - and have verbally agreed to work with us to execute a successful convention regardless of the contract language. This is good news for IPMS/USA. I am committed to working with Embassy Suites since they have been so good in working with us during the past couple of years to make our show a success.

The biggest wild card that both the General Manager (of Embassy Suites) and I see at the moment are government-imposed restrictions on crowd sizes and public gatherings. This is the biggest factor we are keeping an eye on and is what will eventually dictate if we are FORCED to cancel. If there are public gathering restrictions or reductions in maximum occupancy rules in the local city and county, we will assess if we can still execute a convention based on the details of potential restrictions. AS OF RIGHT NOW THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS EXTENDING TO THE DATES OF THE CONVENTION. There may be many opinions and conjecture regarding restrictions in-place during the convention but as of today, they remain conjecture. I am not planning a convention based on conjecture and opinion...only facts.

A lot of what the committee will plan in the coming months will be based on the numbers we see for pre-registrations and other convention related purchases. If we see low numbers - like we are seeing so far - we will scale back what we are spending money on. I have no more details on this other than we are looking at options that may produce a smaller-size convention than others in the past. It pains me to plan this way because I think I am the most excited IPMS member regarding this convention but I have to face the reality of what is happening in the world today. It's not fair but it is happening. We will deal with it.

Refunds: If you have spent money so far or if you want to spend money registering in the short-term be assured that IPMS/USA will refund any money if we are FORCED to cancel due to the public gathering restrictions I mention above.

Unfortunately, there remain many more questions than we have answers for at the moment. I wish I had a crystal ball that could tell me/us exactly what the conditions on the ground will be this summer...but I don't...the team has to plan with the best information it has at the moment. This is what we will do.

I stand by to answer any questions any one of our members have regarding the 2020 convention. Please e-mail me at: director.nats2020@gmail.com

Best Regards

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The **Butch O'Hare Chicago Chapter** of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) was inspired by the accomplishments and **heroism of Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare**, the U.S. Navy's first flying ace and Medal of Honor recipient in World War II. The original members of the organization therefore decided to take his name in memoriam. We welcome all those who have any level of interest in modeling to explore our web site and visit us at our monthly meeting.

Meeting Location

St. Paul's United
 Church of Christ
 5739 Dunham Road
 Downers Grove, IL

Meeting Times

7:30 PM
 2nd Friday of every month

Website

www.butchoharemodelers.com



BOH Annual Membership

Regular \$20
 Family \$25
 Senior \$15 over 65
 Junior \$15 under 18

	Adults	Seniors (Over 65) and Juniors (under 18)
Jan-Mar	\$20	\$15
Apr-Jun	\$17	\$10
Jul-Sept	\$14	\$7
Oct-Dec	\$9	\$5
Family - \$25 annually		
Senior (over 65) = \$15		

**38TH ANNUAL BUTCH O'HARE CHAPTER OPEN MODEL CONTEST
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2020**



**THEME: CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE BATTLE FOR IWO JIMA!**

LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

Contest Entry Fee: \$10 Adult (over 17) for First 4 Models; \$2 for each Additional Model
 Spectator Fee: \$5 Adult (over 17); \$1 Junior (12 to 16); Under 12 FREE!
 EARLY BIRD ENTRANCE TO VENDOR\$ TABLES: \$10, 8:00 AM Start Time!
 RAFFLE TICKETS: \$1 Each, 6 for \$5. Drawn throughout the Day.



<p>EVENT INFORMATION:</p> <p>Registration Forms and Info: Please download our NEWLY UPDATED FORM available at: www.butchoharemodelers.com</p> <p>or Contact: Hector Colon hcolon@yahoo.com</p> <p>Vendor Table Reservations: Please Contact Hector Colon hcolon@yahoo.com 630-609-9072</p>	<p align="center">CONTEST JUDGED BY CHICAGO RULES:</p> <p>Unlimited Class Awards in GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE Medallions! Recognizing your modeling skills!</p> <p>SPECIAL AWARDS for distinguished modeling excellence given to:</p> <p>Best Aircraft, Best Armor, Best Nautical, Best Auto, Best Figure, Best Real Space, Best SciFi/Fantasy(Comic & Gundam), Best Gaming, Best Diorama, Best Junior, Best Battle of Iwo Jima, Best In Show!</p>	<p>CONTEST SCHEDULE:</p> <p>7:00 AM: Vendor Set-Up 8:00 AM: Early Bird Vendor Sales 9:00 AM: Doors Open to Public 11:00 AM: First Raffle (hourly) NOON: Contest Entry Closes Judging Begins 4:00 PM: Judging Ends and Awards Announced 5:00 PM: Vendor Sales End Vendor Clean-Out by 6:00 PM</p>
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Local Hobby Shops

Chicago Land Hobbies	6017 N NW Hwy, Chicago IL, 773-775-4848
Forever Timeless	4438 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago IL 773-545-6959
Des Plaines Hobbies	1524 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL 847-297-2118 www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/
Timberline Train Shop	5228 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL, 630-324-6136 www.timberlinetrainshop.com
Games Workshop	947 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove, IL, 630-515-1428
Americas Best Hobby	865 Maplewood, Itasca, IL 630-467-1102 www.americasbesttrain.com/
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Past Time Hobbies	9311 Ogden Ave, Brookfield, IL 708-485-4544 www.pthinc.com
Berwyn's Toys & Trains	7025 Ogden Ave, Berwyn, IL 708-484-4384 berwynstoytrains@comcast.net
Walt's Hobby & Model Shop	2207 Plainfield Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403 www.waltshobbyonline.com

