

Announcements:

Next General Meeting Fairport at “The Church of the Assumption” 20 East Avenue, Fairport, 14450.

7:00 pm: April 1st, 2024, Second Monday. Meet and greet starts 6:30 pm.

Build Nights: Thursdays Seabreeze Bill Gray’s 5:00 to 8:30 pm

Upcoming Contest and Shows [Check for events <https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/all-events>]:

March

- **TRIcon 2024** [<https://threeriversipms.blogspot.com/>], March 9, 2024, hosted by IPMS Three Rivers Chapter, A.W. Beattie Career Center 9600 Babcock Blvd, Allison Park, PA, 15101.
- **WrightCon 2024** – Region IV Convention [<https://www.ipmsdayton.com/>], March 23, 2024, hosted by IPMS - Wright Field Scale Modelers Chapter, University of Dayton - Daniel J. Curran Plance, 1700 S. Patterson Blvd, Dayton, OH 45479
- **Noreastcon52** [<https://www.lisms-ipms.org/noreastcon-52-march-23-2024/>], March 23, 2024, hosted by IPMS Long Island Scale Modelers Society, Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Road, Freeport, NY, 11520.
- **Heritagecon 16** [<https://www.heritagecon.com/index.html>], March 24, 2024, hosted by IPMS Hamilton Modellers Club, Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, 9280 Airport Rd, Mount Hope, Ontario LOR 1W0, Canada.

April

- **MosquitoCon** [<http://www.njipms.org/>], April 6, 2024, hosted by IPMS New Jersey Chapter, Wayne PAL, 1 PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ, 07470.
- **BuffCon 38** [<http://ipmsniagarafrontier.com/Buffcon2023/index.html>], April 7, 2024, hosted by IPMS Niagara Frontier Chapter, Justin & Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY, 14227.
- **Valleycon 33** [<http://www.wvmodelclub.org/>], April 7, 2024, hosted by IPMS Wings & Wheels Modelers Chapter, Knights of Columbus 460 Granby Rd, Chicopee, MA, 01020.
- **AMPS 2024 International Convention** [<https://www.amps-armor.org/SiteMain/Main.aspx>], April 11 – 13, 2024, Century Center, 120 Doctor M.L.K. Jr Blvd, South Bend, IN 46601.
- **DowneastCon 2024** [<https://ipmsusa.org/chapter/ipmssouthern-maine-scale-modelers>], April 14, 2024, hosted by IPMS Southern Maine Scale Modelers Chapter Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main Street, Sanford, ME 04106.
- **Model Con 419** [<https://markathy.wixsite.com/model-con-419>], April 20, 2024, hosted by IPMS Fremont Kitbashers Chapter, Quality Inn Perrysburg, 10621 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, OH 43551
- **CAN/AM Con '24** [<https://ipmsusa.org/chapter/ipmschamplain-valley>], April 20, 2024, hosted by IPMS Champlain Valley Chapter, Williston Armory, 7846 Williston Road, Williston, VT 05445.

May

- **NorthshoreCon 2024** [<https://northshorescalemodelers.org/>], May 18, 2024, hosted by IPMS Northshore Scale Modelers Chapter, Knights of Columbus 96 Main Street, Peabody, MA, 01960.

Upcoming Club Events

2024 Space and Sci-Fi Group Build: for April 1st meeting (Grant DeRue)

August 4, 2024: NY Museum of Transportation interactive display with build tables for patrons on tours. Time is 10-4. Bring lunch, fan, and light as some areas have different lighting due to window tinting.

General Meeting:

Attendance: 19 Voting: 19.

Guest: Eric [friend of Scott Baroody]. Eric does primarily model railroading, HO Scale. For static models he does 1/35 armor and model cars in 1/24th and 1/25th scale.

New Members: None

Topics/Agenda for Next Meeting: 2024 Space and Sci-Fi Group Build for April (Grant DeRue). More on Judging (Ken Brent)

President Comments – Ken Brent:



See Contest Space and Rocon 42 discussions.

Vice Presidents Comments – Cliff Wiley:



Heritage Con in Hamilton Ontario, Canada requires on-line pre-registration.

Treasurer Comments – Dave Schwab:



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Yearly audit by Phil Pucher. Everything in order.

Motion: Approve yearly audit. Yes: Unanimous.**General Discussion:****Contest Space for Rocon and Noreastcon [Ken Brent]:**

- Roberts Wesleyan College: difficult to get to and would require explicit directions. Food is located 15 minutes away from the venue and would require explicit directions. No visit yet.
- Batavia: for Noreastcon: Not good. Still in-work on renovation, expensive, and no on-site food.
- Auburn: Fingerlakes Mall has had half the mall converted into a convention center with three rooms, good lighting, and plenty of square footage. Food is nearby. Could be a one-day Noreastcon teamed with Syracuse chapter. May be a problem being in the middle of New York for Toronto and Buffalo attendance. However, might pick up more eastern areas.
- Victor: Comfort Inn is being investigated to determine space and tables. Close to food.
- Henrietta: The Church of the Good Shepard, purchased from the Rush Henrietta School district in 2019, converting to a Community Theater, possible polling space, and an event rental space. Trying to contact.
- Henrietta: Southtown Plaza has many empty store fronts and food nearby. Armand Miale will investigate.
- Henrietta: Moose Lodge I still viable if the food situation can be remedied this year and the elevator is fixed. Still an issue with outside vendor location and the weather impacting that area.

**ROCON 42 [Ken Brent]:**

There is a conflict with the Torcan contest in Toronto on September 14th as Peel Scale Modelers has a venue conflict for what their venue earlier in the year. We are set up to be the third Sunday of the month which puts us on September 15th, the day after Torcan. Ken is assessing the impact and

options to eliminate the conflict. <https://www.facebook.com/TorcanModelShow/>



Pete Leas has been investigating Atlantis Models as a show sponsor. They will also promote the event. This can be a big help for either Rocon or Noreastcon.

Contest and Show Report: None.

Judging – What are judges looking for? This month’s discussion on armor judging by Grant DeRue will be included in a separate write-up of all the judging topics.

Member News: None.

Public Display Opportunities:

August 4, 2024: NY Museum of Transportation interactive display with build tables for patrons on tours. Time is 10-4. Bring lunch, fan, and light as some areas have different lighting due to window tinting. Contact Pete Leas for more information.

Club Challenges and Group Builds:



2024 Space and Sci-Fi Group Build for April and Buffcon suggested by Grant DeRue.

Rules:

- It must be able to travel through space. Think Star Trek, Star Wars, Gunpla, Real Space, and other space related subjects (Space Balls?).
- Gunpla builds must be able to travel in space.
- For popular series like Star Wars, Star Trek, and others, we will accept figures from these series that travel in the ships (think Barfolomew).

- For now, the deadline is the April ROC City business meeting (to populate Buffcon tables), but we can push the date to later - we're flexible.
- The kit must be started after 1/1/2023.

If you are going to do this, Grant has stated in a comment: "If you want to be all official, post your build subjects here [Facebook] to start your projects." For those not using Facebook, send an email.

Editor Note:

Many thanks to Phil Pucher, Marty Snow, and Chris Boss, as well as others in the past. Phil sent me a write up on his Jagdpanther to add to the notes I took. Chris and Marty had nice, yet simple, labels for their models that I could photograph to help my notes. In the past others that I did not recognize have included box tops or sheet instructions that I photograph to help with the notes. It gives me more time to capture the details of the build since I have the photo with company and kit name.

SHOW AND TELL – Photos by Neil Farukhi.**Phil Pucher**

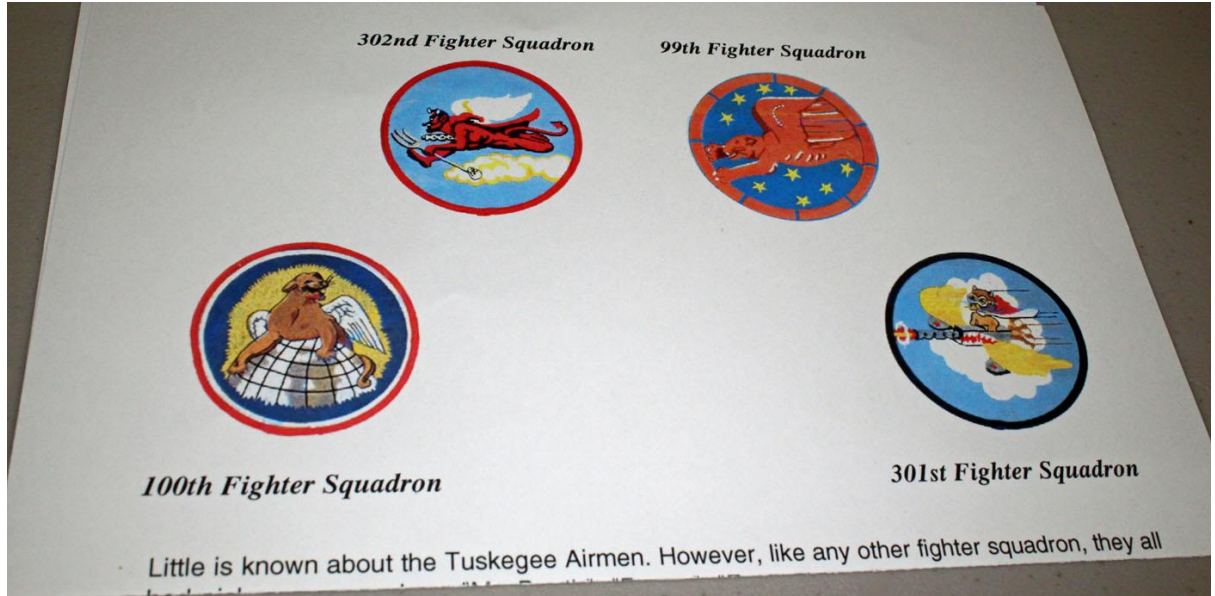
Phil has never built a Meng kit before so decided to try one. The model is a Jagdpanther Ausf G1. Construction differs from other tank kits by having an underbody to which the various hull plates are attached. The instructions are clear, and the parts fit is excellent except for the polycaps, which are too tight. Phil ended up sanding the axle shafts to get an easier fit. Phil substituted Fruil metal tracks which then required the idler wheel axle shaft to be modified so he could adjust the tension of the track. The original tracks are labor intensive as 2 guide horns need to be glued to each track link making each link a 3-piece affair. There are options for 4 different vehicles [gun, gun mantle, and tools contributing to these variants], so the instructions must be followed carefully once a variant is chosen. Phil liked building the kit as it had good instructions and fit together well. It even has scale gaps that the prototype has, which might look like gaps in building the model but are not, so he learned the structure of the tank. He recommends this model.



Ken Brent



A 1/48th P-51 Mustang from Monogram. Ken has wanted to do a Red Tail Mustang for some time. Jerry Rinaldi had some decals in six different aircraft for the Red Tails so Ken could finally do the build. The kit was partially built as Ken’s brother found it at a sale. Ken removed the silver and black paint and started over. The original decals were shattered. Ken was able to save the stars and bars and numbers with decal saver although there was still a little separation. Bae paint is Tamiya rattle can silver. Red acrylic was used on the tail. Ken discovered his flat coat was bad and had to get more to finish the propeller. Finally, he had to scratch build lander gear covers. The aerial was made from E-Z wire.



The four Tuskegee Squadrons which were all part of the 332nd Fighter Group.

Ken Brent



Marty Snow



This was Marty's first build after 38 years during the COVID period so were experimental. The tank is an M6 Heavy Croco Resin Kit in 1/72nd scale. It looked good in photos but was really war game quality. Marty 3D printed tools and reshaped the body. It was a fun build.



Marty Snow



The halftrack is an SU76 on its way to Pusan [now Busan]. The kit is from Plastic Soldier, at 1/72nd scale, and was single piece of hull and tracks. Marty detailed the interior for a fighting compartment and added scale foliage based on what he had learned from YouTube. He also added an Academy Jeep as an abandoned jeep since it had a full engine.

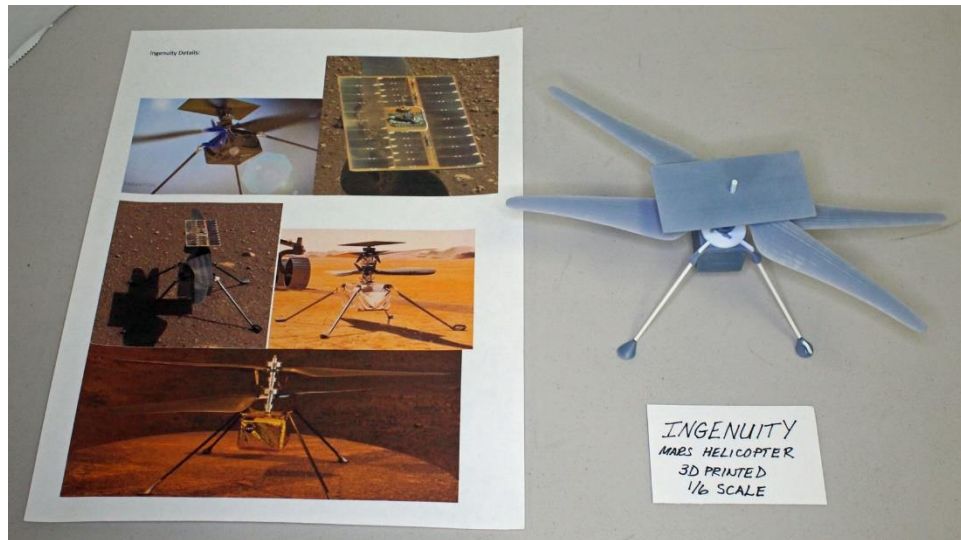


Marty Snow



Marty has a 3D printer and has started exploring what can be done with it and how to best get it to work. Marty acquired the 3D files, free STK file, for the NASA/JPL Ingenuity Mars Helicopter in 2019 on the Perseverance Rover. This small helicopter had to function in atmosphere with a density equivalent to 100,000 feet on earth. Ingenuity was designed for five flights and performed 72 flights, 67 above design life, and is the first aircraft to conduct a powered and controlled extra-terrestrial flight. Marty printed at 1/6th scale.

Marty found the solar panel hard to print because it would warp. He also has wire reinforced pieces and made styrene landing gear. Microscale has solar panel decals that he will add in the future. So far Marty has 2.5 to 3 hours on this build.



Jerry Rinaldi

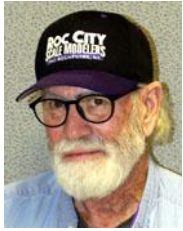


New kit for Jerry in 1/8th scale and metal of the 1955 Mercedes 300 SLR [super light racing] coupe. Only two were built for racing, with one with red and one with blue interiors and both with silver exteriors. One is in a museum in Germany, and another sold for \$135M two years ago.

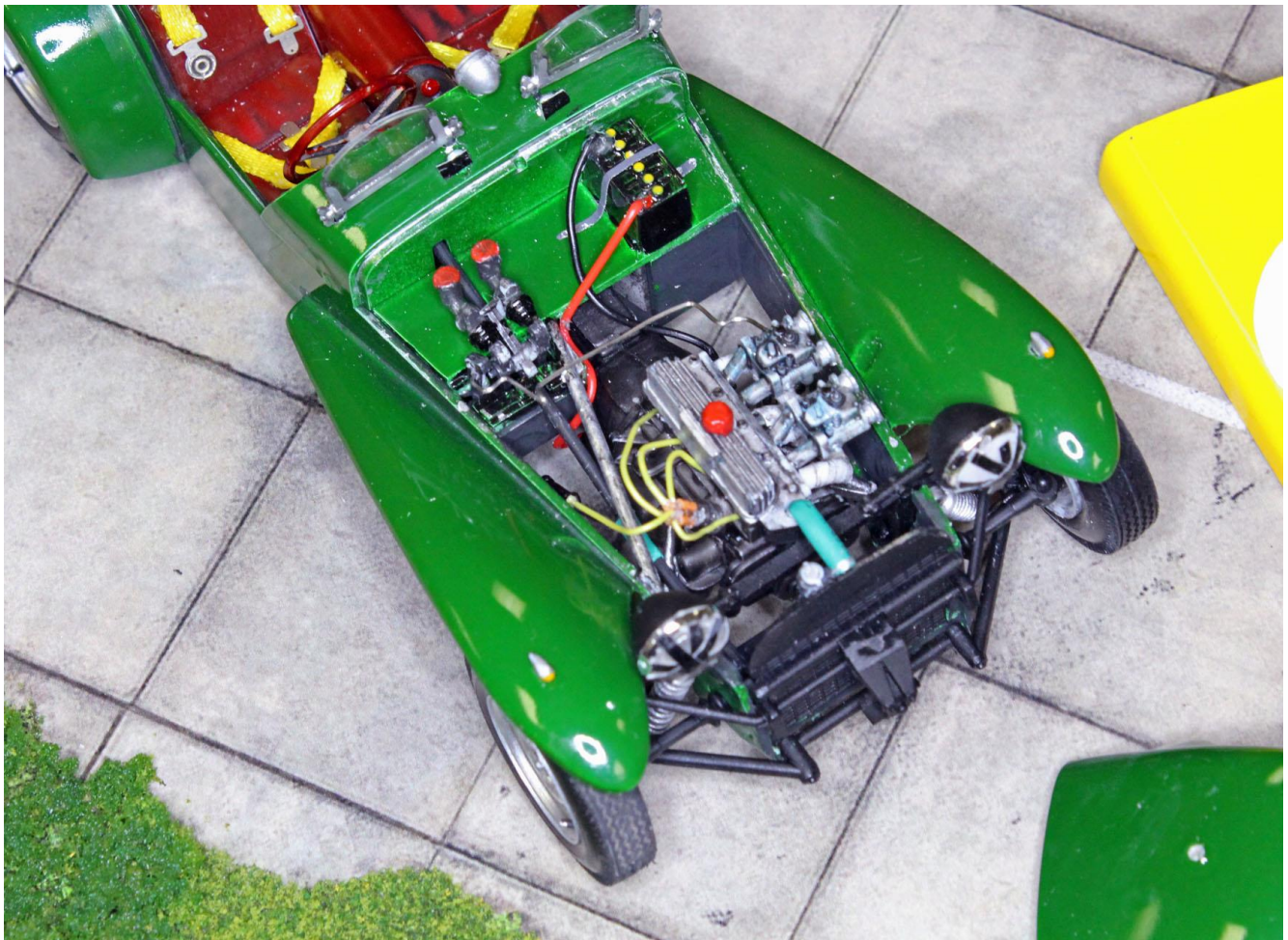
This kit was designed from the original cars and is all metal. The engine is a 3 liter straight eight, making 302HP. The kit has wire wheels that need assembly starting with the individual spokes. They also offer pre-built versions of which Jerry will probably purchase some and only build one or two wheels from the kit. Everything in the kit is functional and it includes details down to the pistons, crankshaft, and valves. The kit is pre-painted/colored and is like the old Pocher automobile kits. Jerry pre-ordered the kit which is from LeGrand.



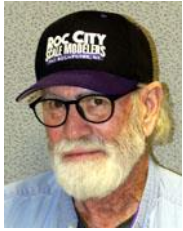
John Trippe



For a change of pace John built a Tamiya Lotus Super 7 in 1/24th scale. John always liked this car but could not fit into a full-size version. John detailed the engine bay to make it a very accurate build which unfortunately made his weekend project go for six weeks 😊. He painted in British Racing Green. Ken Brent helped him with seat belts. John added valve stems to the wheels. The base is from England and started at airline tarmacs which John improved upon. This is a good kit.



John Trippe



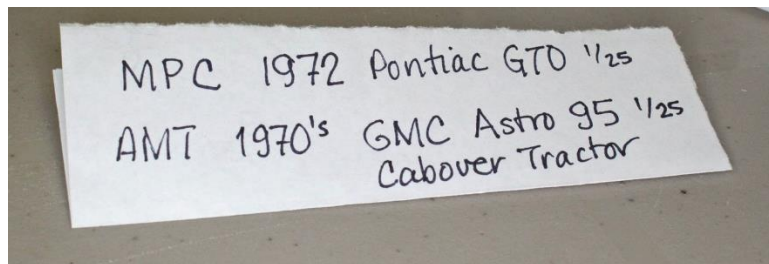
John likes a challenge and took on the ESCI/ERTL 50 year old 1/48th scale kit of the Stinson Reliant in 1938 Braniff livery. This was an awful kit, hence the challenge. John added a detailed interior. The scallops on the wings were hand done using graphic arts paper. The only decals are the Braniff on the top of the wing as all others were hand done. Chrome was done with a Molotow pen. No gloss coat is applied over the Molotow chrome as it will dull it down. This was a fun build that John has targeted for Heritage Con and Buff Con.



Chris Boss



This is Chris's second MPC 1/25th scale 1972 Pontiac GTO. The first one was trashed. Chris added hood decals and side lights since last month. He does not recommend the kit as it was warped making the body to chassis attachment difficult.



Chris Boss



Chris is going bigger on trucks. This is an AMT 1/25th GMC Astro 95 Cab over. These trucks were built from 1969 to 1987. Chris is targeting a 1976 used truck. He tried a couple of years ago to build the truck as new, but it did not go well. Now he will weather with grays and rust washes as he had fun weathering his pickup previously. The kit fits well and does not require cutting of pieces. The cab rides high if following the instructions so needs lowering. The rear wheel well has 4 or 5 parts. One of the wheel spiders was short shot and needed some work. A hub on one of the axles is crooked and will need some adjustment which others in the club made some suggestions.

