



Long Island Scale Modelers Society

March 2024 Newsletter

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From the Driver's Seat - Jim Boulukos



Hi all! It is hard to believe that it is March and the Noreastcon show is days away as I am writing this.

Our next meeting will be Monday March 18, 2024, at the Levittown Public Library in meeting room A, at 7:30 PM. There will be a discussion of the upcoming show and what needs to be

done. Then it is time to talk about all the new model kits that we received over the holidays along with the normal “show and tell” of completed and WIP models on the back table.

Doug Tantillo, our intrepid club treasurer/secretary will be collecting dues for the 2024 year which are still \$25. The dues have been the same amount for the last several years. Doug will be collecting them. If you haven’t paid up, please do so at the March meeting! Doug is going to be very busy the day of the show and would rather not be collecting dues at the show.

Our Noreastcon 52 show is coming up on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024, at the Freeport Recreational Center. The date, show flyer, and categories/rules are listed in the IPMS Journal, and a quarter page ad will be in the Jan/Feb Journal. Now, I just need to gather a list of volunteers to help with the set-up, get the vendors in, security, working the raffle table, judging and finally the breakdown at the end of the day. As always, I’ll have tables for the club members to sell their modeling merchandise. Details will be discussed at the upcoming meetings.

As of this day all the vendor tables are sold out, the show award packages have been ordered and IPMS sent me our club show insurance certificate.

The next club contest will be on April 15, 2024, meeting. The theme is anything with an animal/fish name. This covers several modeling categories to give you a wide choice of subject matters.

Our Region 1 Coordinator, Mark Norman Submitted an article about his current builds and this is part 2 of 2.

Best regards

Jim Boulukos

News Flash on the IPMS Nationals



Dear Long Island Scale Modelers R1C6, You

are invited to the following event:

2024 IPMS/USA National Convention

When: 07/17/2024-07/20/2024

Where: Monona Terrace Convention Center

Registration is now open for the 2024 IPMS National Convention!

Greetings fellow IPMS/USA members. We are about 4 months away from the 2024 IPMS/USA National Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. Pre-registration along with a number of other items are now on sale in the IPMS/USA online convention registration web site.

Details can be found on our website: Nats2024.com. When visiting the website click on the Registration option on the main page and you will be taken to IPMS/USA's convention registration page.

Pre-registration, along with many items, will be on sale through June 30th of this year. Once this deadline passes, you will have the option to register at the convention in-person, at a slightly higher cost. Avoid the lines and register now!

If you have any questions about registration, please contact Nancy Kennedy-Hackney at member.event.admin@ipmsusa.org. If you have questions about the convention, you can contact our public affairs coordinator Alan Zais at nats.publicaffairs2024@gmail.com

Best Regards,

Jeff Herne

Chair, IPMS/USA National Convention 2024

I've just received the flyers for the IPMS Nationals and will bring them to our March club meeting and to the Noreastcon 52 show.

The USAF Museum's Restoration Hanger was damaged on Feb 28, 2024.

Wright-Patterson AFB sustains damage from suspected tornado. The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force's Restoration Hangar 4, Gate 22B (I-675 Gate) and several other buildings on WPAFB's Area B sustained damage after a suspected early-morning tornado touched down today, Feb 28.

The 88th Civil Engineer Group, first responders and base safety personnel are assessing damage throughout the base.

"Our initial assessment from this morning's storm is the damage is isolated to the southern side of Area B. Our initial focus right now is on safety and damage assessment. I can't speak highly

enough about our security forces, Fire Department and civil engineer Airmen for their quick response and hard work to assess damage and determine a path forward for restoring operations as quickly as possible.”

-- Col. Travis Pond, 88th Air Base Wing and installation commander

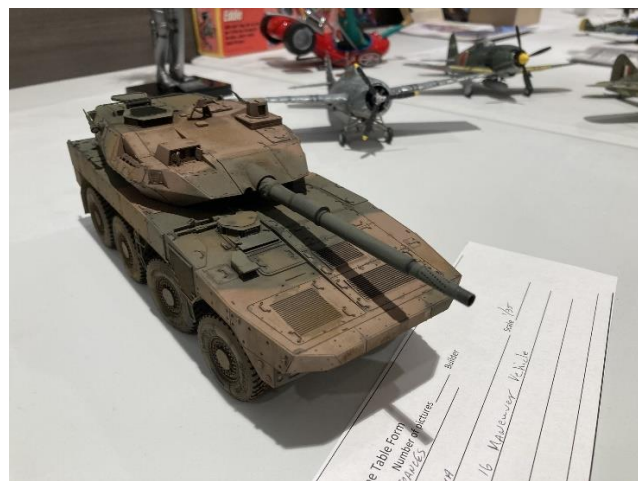
📷 Damage photos can be viewed on the 88 ABW Flickr page:
www.flickr.com/photos/wrightpattafb/albums/72177720315118225.

The USAF National Museum which is a few miles away is fine and untouched.



The LISMS February Meeting Pics

By Greg Hunt, Peter Rottas and Tom Urban







On My Workbench Part 2/2

By Mark Norman (IPMS Region 1 Coordinator)



Another self-queen that is getting some newfound attention is a Tamiya P-47D Razorback in 1/48. I was making good progress on this project when I overdid the chipping around the wing roots. Looking back on my work I must have seen something worth saving for completion later. I'm glad I did. In the meantime, one of the landing flaps was lost. I have two more Tamiya kits of this aircraft, so I borrowed a new set of flap parts from one of the other kits



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I called Tamiya product support in California to order a new sprue with the flaps to make the cannibalized kit compete again. Tamiya product support is excellent and a new sprue, costing \$5 was in the mail. One risk with trying to revive an unfinished project is that over time parts get lost. So far, I am ok and was able to and everything I needed to finish the Thunderbolt. If not, it will be time to call Tamiya again. Or if the MIA parts list is long, just buy another kit.



I was listening to a modeling podcast and learned some useful advice I can borrow from. He said that some modelers progress a build wanting the project to be perfect. But perfect means it cannot be any better. If we are chasing the goal of becoming better at this hobby each model should be part of a learning process that gets better with every model. Learn something new with each build so that the next project can take advantage of the new skills learned in the prior build. This is good advice because it gives you a feeling of confidence that helps you get through the difficult "uh ohs" that occur. You are not trying to be perfect, just getting better. Maybe this means you tell yourself "The next model will be my best." "Sharing the finished models with you will have to wait until next time. I feel good about pushing these across the line. One motivation is to have something to share at Noreastcon on Long Island, March 23 at the Freeport Recreation Center. The Long Island Scale Modeler chapter promises to host an event packed with competition models and a full vendor room. The fact that this will be the regional convention promises to turn out the region's best modelers and their work.



At the 2024 Abu Dhabi 24 Hours this Ferrari 296 GT3 car raced with Revell sponsorship. Is Revell teasing us with a future model kit of this car? One can only hope. (Info. from IPMS GTR Newsletter - March 2024)

New from MiniArt - M3 STUART INITIAL PRODUCTION Kit # 35401

This a full interior kit with hatches in either the open or close position, and PE parts. Plus, they released a repair crew including a engine to complement this model and go to the next level. This looks like a must have kit for all the armor fans out there.



KIT CONTAINS HIGHLY DETAILED PLASTIC MODEL OF LIGHT TANK
PHOTO-ETCHED PARTS ARE INCLUDED

FULL INTERIOR ACCURATELEY REPRESENTED

CLEAR PLASTIC PARTS INCLUDED

ALL HATCHES CAN BE ASSEMBLED
IN OPEN OR CLOSED POSITION

METAL SURFACES AND WELD LINES
ACCURATELY REPRESENTED IN THE MODEL

4 DECAL SHEETS OPTIONS

U.S. TANK REPAIR CREW

WITH CONTINENTAL
W-670 ENGINE

WW II MILITARY MINIATURES SERIES

PLASTIC MODEL KIT
BOX CONTAINS MODELS OF
2 FIGURES WITH ENGINE
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Click here for: <https://miniart-models.com/> for more pictures of the M3 Stuart and other products.

Weird-Ohs Model Kits

By Dick Engar

In 1963, a different type of model kit arrived on the scene, which immediately struck my fancy. These were more humorous than scary. Issued by the Hawk Model Company, they were called "Weird-ohs." They came with names such as "Davey," "Daddy," and "Digger" and boy, did they look cool; at least the box art did. The subtitle to these Weird-ohs listed on each box promised "Car-icky-tures."



The initial Weird-oh kits featured strange and unusually oversized and over-the-top parodies of sorry-looking humanoid creatures driving and shifting gears on an incredible hot rod type vehicle. The Weird-ohs were molded in plain white plastic and when finished ended up being about six inches tall and eight or nine inches long.

What about Hawk Models? I had to dig to find some history since historian Tom Graham has yet to write a book about that company. But I did discover through various online sources that the Hawk Model Company was founded in 1928 and was one of the first American manufacturers to produce injection molded polystyrene kits. The company was started by the Mates brothers in Chicago, Illinois and molded various aircraft and vehicles.

How did Hawk come up with the Weird-ohs concept? The genesis lies with a talented artist responsible for much of their box art, Bill Campbell. According to the artist himself, he thought model builders were becoming weary of having "just another car or plane kit." So, he designed and built five hand-made prototypes, including Davey, Daddy, and Digger.

He showed his unique sculptures to the Mates brothers who told him, "These are interesting, Bill. We'll think about them." He assumed this reaction indicated the customary "friendly kiss of death" for his idea, according to Campbell, but later that same week a group of distributors

happened to meet in the Mates' conference room after a plant tour. They raved over the "crazy, funky little models" serendipitously left there and encouraged Hawk to produce kits.

So, the Hawk Model Company took a chance and rushed these "Weird-ohs," based on an offhand remark made by Campbell as to what they should be called, into production. Because Hawk wanted the initial Weird-ohs models to be produced before the next Chicago Hobby Convention in 1963, Campbell refined the box art while the dies were being finished up which means the dies were not cut by referencing the final box art. This explains why Davey, Daddy and Digger look a bit different from their pictures on the boxes.

Of course, this little quirk did not matter to the convention folks who, after their initial disbelief, talked these models up as the next big thing and overwhelmed the Hawk salespeople with a virtual plethora of orders. The numbers reached hundreds of thousands and the factory had to go into overtime to produce enough kits!

Here's a picture of the Huey's Hut Rod model build by Dick Enger.



Weird-Ohs – Endsville Eddie Build

By Jim Boulukos

Sometime in mid-1960's, I completed the Huey's Hut Rod model kit from the Weird Ohs series by Hawk. This was an unusual model; you usually don't see cars built out of wood with an outhouse, and front wheels cut from a wood cable spool. I recall brush painting my model with 15 cents Testor's bottle paints over 55 years ago. This childhood model has been long lost, most likely a victim to our fireworks that we've used to blow up our models as kids back in the day. Nor did it ever look like the model that Mr. Dick Enger's built in the picture above!

Now to today, February 2024.

My first completed model build for 2024 is the Testor's version of the Endsville Eddie to get my modeling Mojo back. Testor's purchased the kit molds from Hawk, and reissued the Weird Ohs series kits back in the early 1970's. My kit is a later reissue from 1993 using the original instruction sheet. There's a hand full of parts to glue together, putty, and paint. The paints used

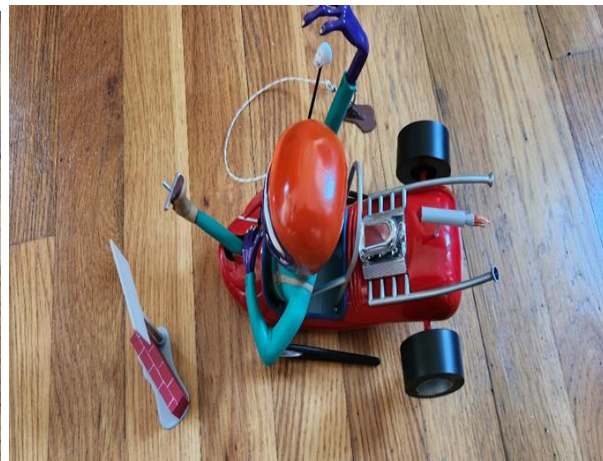
were a mix of Tamiya gray spray primer, Tamiya red spray paint, Revell chrome spray paint, Mr. Hobbies black primer, and several Vallejo game color paints for the figure. This was a quick and therapeutic model build that was done over the course of a few days. Most of the time was spent waiting for either the putty or the paint to dry. A few parts were modified to fit better, and rear exhaust tips were drilled out and painted black.



Endsville Eddie: Is he gonna lay off that brake?

All I can say is my modeling skills have improved over the last 60-plus years. I built this just to have both fun and to relax, which is what the hobby is all about.

Here's a few pictures of the Endsville Eddie.



March's Modeling Humor



Judging by the size of some of the collections in this club, some of you plan on living to be 177 years old! 😊 Disclaimer - this isn't my basement stash, it's someone else's.

LISMS Meeting Dates for 2024

March 18, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

April 15, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A (Contest Meeting)

May 20, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

June 17, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

July to December TBA

2024 IPMS Show Dates

March 23, 2024, Noreastcon 52, Region 1 Convention will be hosted by IPMS Long Island Scale Modelers Society at the Freeport Rec. Center, NY.

April 6, 2024, MosquitoCon, Region 2 show at PAL Wayne, 1 PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ.

April 7, 2024, BuffCon, Region 1 show at The Knights Event Center (Justin & Columbus Hall), 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY.

April 14, 2024, Downeastcon 2024, Region 1 show at Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main Street, Sanford, ME.

July 17-20, 2024, IMPS/USA National Convention at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center Madison, WI.

AMPS Shows

April 11 – 13, 2024, AMPS 2024 International Convention, South Bend, ID

The Final Word

We would like to encourage club members to join the national IPMS. Help support the hobby on a national level. IPMS provides the insurance that allows us to have our RepLIcon events, and membership includes a Bi-monthly IPMS Journal magazine. Join IPMS/USA just click the link: <https://ipmsusa.org/> and just click the blue tab section "Join IPMS/USA."

Please support our local Hobby Shops.

Atlantis Toys & Hobbies – Deer Park (Online order store)

Bay Shore Hobbies and Toys - Bayshore

Baseline Hobbies - West Babylon

Men at Arms – Middle Island

Nassau Hobby Center – Freeport

Willis Hobbies – Mineola

Our own LISMS club member Gary Weickart

BTW – I need articles, kit reviews, pictures, model show information, and stories from the club for the monthly newsletter. It can be anything hobby related. All submissions to the Long Island Scale Modelers Society Newsletter must be received by the Monday of the week before our scheduled meeting night.

Email your articles and/or pictures to www.jnboul19@yahoo.com

Jim Boulukos, LISMS President

