



**Capt. James J. McKinstry
Memorial Chapter
of the
International Plastic
Modelers' Society, USA**



McKinstry newsletter for April 10, 2024

The KETCHUP is NOT Quite KAUGHT UP

BUT WHAT the hell, it might be someday!!

IPMS McKinstry - The 1st IPMS chapter in Illinois, celebrating our 53rd year.

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[Meetings | IPMS – Capt. James J. McKinstry Chapter \(ipms-mckinstry.org\)](http://ipms-mckinstry.org)

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Notes April 10,2024

The meeting started on time. Members in attendance were Frank Ress, Stu Hillman, Jim Batchelder, Jerry McManus, Pat Westerberg, Greg Wernisch, Eugene Suida, Paul Gasiorowski, Ross Jurco, Scott Olson, Lee Lygiros and Mike Hanlon.

New Business

- **Officer reports**
 - **Expenses (prize packages, website renewal, display holders for flyers)**
- **Dues – still just \$15, please pay up if you haven't already done so**
- **Jim Batchelder has volunteered to be our Program Director**
- **Upcoming shows**
 - **McK sponsoring 2 prize packages for National Contest**
 - **Volunteer opportunities at Nationals**
 - **Prize packages for Region 5 contest**
 - **Butch O'Hare contest returns to Darien**
- **Annual contest update (standings)**
- **NAS Glenview Museum work**
 - **Glenview Museum visit, pictures, model repairs, flyers**
 - **Website updates coming**
- **Program**
- **--- break ---**
- **Member gallery**
- **Food and more gab (separate checks) **

Program – Removing canopy seams and blemishes. Jim Batchelder explained how he cleans up seams and blemishes on canopies.

Member gallery - tonight's themes (TMIH is This Month In History, RS is Random Subjects, for those still struggling with the concept)

- **TMIH & RS*** - Norris Nite; (combo of TMIH and RS this month - all Norris, all the way) Commemorating the first anniversary of the loss of our former King, Norris Graser, April 16, 2023. Norris faves; anything Norris had a passion for - so dinos, movie monsters, F-16's, P-47's... (if you can make the case your model was one the Tick would have liked, we'll take it)

IF you have a program or demo that you would like to present to the club, contact Jim at batchelder.jim@gmail.com

Visit McWeb for meeting dates, programs, and themes: <https://ipms-mckinstry.org/upcoming-meetings/>

Members Gallery

Lee Lygiros

Brontosaurus, Mfg. Unknown, Scale ??

Sinclair Dinosaur, used Testors Green rattle can. Decals were homemade from the truck and enlarged.

Sinclair Gas Truck, Atlantis, scale = Box.

Built OOB. Added windows and used Testors Green rattle can. Bought the kit for the decals.



Lee Lygiros (cont.)

Lindbergh, Stegosaurus (Loading the Thagomizer), 1/48.

A parody take on Hitler's final effort to use whatever he could. LOL. DML Luftwaffe bomb loading crew. Decals out of spares box.



Jim Batchelder

Tamiya, F-16C Block 2S, 1/48

I used Gunze paints, FS36375, FS 36270 and FS36118. Tamiya paints for other parts. Eduard Photo Etch for the cockpit and Quinta Photo-etch for cockpit details. Elite decals, "Hooters" stencils and "Eat my Shorts Hussien". Used AK & Vallejo weathering products. Model master Aluminum and Eduard CBU-87.



Mike Hanlon

Tamiya, P-47D Razorback, 1/48

Name of aircraft was "Slick Chick", Alclad metallics and Thundercals decals.



Mike Hanlon (cont.)

Tamiya, P-47D Razorback, 1/48

Aircraft name, "San Antonio Rose". Olive Drab over grey. Used Tamiya acrylics, Thundercal decals.



Mike Hanlon (cont.)

Tamiya, P-47 Bubbletop, 1/48

“Balls Out” 405th Fighter Group. Tamiya LP-11 aluminum, Aeromaster decals



Mike Hanlon (cont.)

Tamiya, P-47 Razorback, 1/48

“Fiery Ginger: Tamia Acrylics, Thundercals Decals



Ed Mate

Tamiya, P-47-D Bubble Top, 1/48

**Tamiya 1/48 Republic P-47D-25-RE Thunderbolt
356th FG, 361st FS Martlesham Heath, England August 1944**

Major James H. Thorne – 2 Confirmed Victories

Kit has been enhanced using a Yahu instrument panel, Ultracast seat, and Obscureco wheels. Ignition wires were added to the engine. Model is painted with Tamiya, Alclad, MRP and Model Master colors. Markings are from AMDG and Thundercal decals. Model is weathered with artist oil paints and pastel chalks. Major Thorne was Group Operations Officer from March to August 1944.



Ed Mate (cont.)

Kinetic, F-16A ADF, 1/48

5° Stormo Cervia AB, Italy April, 2010

Col. Cianfanelli Paolo

Kit has been enhanced with a Quinta cockpit set, Quickboost ejection seat, KA Models resin exhaust nozzle, Master Models pitot, AOA, & static dischargers, and Eduard resin wheels. Model is painted with MRP paints and weathered with artist oils. Markings are from Two Bobs decals. Diana (MM 7236) was painted to celebrate 5° Wing before disbandment in October 2010 – she only carried the markings from April 16 to August 31, 2010.



Ed Mate (cont.)

Revell, McDonell-Douglas F-15E Strike Eagle, 1/48

Kit has been enhanced with a Quinta cockpit set, Quickboost ejection seats, Aires resin exhaust nozzles, Master Models AOA, Phase Hangar Resin pylons, G-Factor landing gear, and Royale Resin wheels. "Tank Plinking" load from Meng GBU-12s, Zoukei Mura Sidewinders, Kinetic AMRAAMs, and sensor pods from the kit. Model is painted with MRP paints and weathered with artist oils. Markings are from Two Bobs decals. Artwork was painted by Staff Sargent Jason Henton during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.



Russ Jurco

P-47D Bubbletop 1/48

56th FG Thunderbolt flown by Maj. Michael Jackson



Upcoming Events

Airshows

May 18,19, 2024, Duluth, Minnesota, Duluth Air & Aviation Expo. Attending Aircraft TBA.
www.duluthairshow.com.

June 1, 2, 2024. Terra Haute, Ind. Terra Haute Air Show. Attending Aircraft, Blue Angels Demo Team, A-10 Warthog. <https://www.terrehauteairshow.com/>

June 8,9, 2024. St. Louis, Missouri. Spirit of St. Louis Air Show. Attending Aircraft Blue Angels Demo Team, F-22 Raptor, F-35 Lightning II. <https://spirit-airshow.com/>

June 8-9, 2024. Selfridge ANGB, Selfridge Michigan. Air Force Thunderbirds Demo Team.
<https://teamselfridge.com/>.

June 8-9, 2024. Grand Haven, Michigan. <https://www.airshowcenter.com/2024-airshows/us-mi/617/michigan-lakeshores-elemental-experience-2024>

June 14-16, 2024. Columbus, Ohio. Columbus Air show 2024. Aircraft attending, Air Force Thunderbirds, KC-135R, FA-18 Demo team, Lockheed P-38L "Tangerine", B-17 Flying Fortress "Yankee Lady", B-25 Mitchell "Rosie's Reply", P-51 Demo Team, etc. <https://columbusairshow.com/>

June 21-22, 2024. Wausau, Wisc. Wings Over Wausau Air Show.
<https://www.wausauevents.org/planes.html>

June 22-23, 2024. Dayton, Ohio. Dayton Air Show. Navy Blue Angels Demo team, F-16, US army Golden Knights. <https://daytonairshow.com/>

June 22-23. Davenport, Iowa. Quad City Air Show. F-22 Raptor, Military and Warbird static displays.
<https://www.quadcityairshow.com/>

IPMS SHOWS

April 13, 2024. Monticello, Iowa. Alexander Lippisch Chapter presents Fleacon 20.
<https://www.lippischmodelclub.org/>

April 20, 2024. Perrysburg, Ohio. Freemont Kitbashers presents Modelcon2024. Visit the club website at facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000000000000.

April 27, 2024. St. Clair Shores, Mich. IPMS/Warren presents SEMMEX 2024. Contact <https://www.ipmswarren.com/semmex>

May 18, 2024. Eagle River, Wisc. Northwest Scale Model Phanatics presents "Spring in the Pines" Annual Contest and Swap meet. <http://nsmpmodelclub.org/>

May 18, 2024. Springfield, Mo. IPMS/MOSS presents MOSS CON2024. <http://nsmpmodelclub.org/>

Contest point standings

Annual participation contest standings for club members (through April)

Member	Attendance (1/3)	Program (3/25/40)	New Build (15/20)	Old Build (3/7)	Write -up? (5)	Kit Review (15)	Misc.	Month Points	Running Total
Frank Ress	3							3	45
Gene Suida	3							3	22
Brian Gardner								0	19
Pat Westerrberg	3							3	44
Jim Batchelder	3	25	20		5			53	114
Stu Helman	1							1	24
Paul Gasiorowski	3			7	5			15	74
Mike Hanlon	3		20		5			28	100
Lee Lygiros	3		20		5			28	82
John Koziol, Jr.								0	10
John Koziol, Sr.								0	6
Paul LaRock								0	23
Jerry McManus	3							3	9
Greg Wernisch	3							3	9
Pablo Perez								0	3
Duncan Sharp								0	59
Russ Jurco	3		20					23	33
Barry Scheftel	3							3	3
Scott Olson	1							1	1

A pilot's fateful, career-altering flight under Michigan's Mackinac Bridge

65 years ago, on **April 24, 1959**, an aviation stunt that defies belief took place in the Mackinaw Straits between the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan. Legend has it that a U.S. Air Force RB47E Stratojet reconnaissance aircraft piloted by Strategic Air Command Captain John Stanley Lappo, flew underneath the Mackinac Bridge where Lake Michigan and Lake Huron converge. The Mackinac Bridge, also known as the "Mighty Mac," is an impressive suspension bridge connecting Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas. The highest point between the water surface in the Mackinaw Strait and the bottom of the bridge is approximately **155 feet** at the center. The tail of the RB-47E stands at **27 feet, 11 inches** off the ground. If we do the math, that leaves about **127 feet** of space between the water and the bottom of the bridge to maneuver. Considering the RB-47E's stall speed in these conditions (which may have been as slow as 150-190MPH), the plane would cover that distance in just over a second or two. According to reports, Capt. Lappo was reported to higher authorities after the bridge fly-under. He was allegedly charged with violating a regulation prohibiting flying an aircraft below **500 feet**. The story goes that Capt. Lappo was permanently removed from flight status by the Commanding General of the Eight Air Force, Lieutenant General Walter Campbell.

Whether fact or fiction, the daring feat of flying a nuclear-capable bomber under the Mighty Mac remains an intriguing piece of aviation history. It's a reminder of the audacity and skill of those who push the boundaries of what's possible in the skies above us.