



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



**McKinstry newsletter for July 3, 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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Agenda

- **Officer reports**
 - **President's notes**
 - Two new guys dropped in for the meeting. We welcomed them and hope that they'll return. Also, Ed Mate from the Will-Cook chapter joined us again for the meeting.
 - Frank dropped in on Will-Cook meeting last month, nice guys, met in a member's garage. One member showed a jig made using foam paintbrushes to support the model. Frank made one for himself and showed it to the group. (Paul- see attached picture.)
 - Lee Lygiros, club VP, will now be theme czar to manage themes for upcoming meetings. Direct ideas to Lee for TMIH and RS themes in the coming years
 - Frank has started scanning old newsletters and posting to the website. Not possible to convert to documents (I tried, results a

mess), so the newsletters will consist of images of each paper page. Vol. 1 (1971) is available now. New webpage has been created to hold the docs, called the 'Wayback Machine'. It can be reached from a link on the Newsletter Archive page or as a dropdown menu if you hover over the Newsletter Archive menu. Some newsletters will need to be censored because the content was pornographic, but these will be made available upon request after they're scanned.

- I've been club President for about a year now. I'd like to ask for feedback, positive or negative. After all, if you're not hacking someone off, you're not doing anything. Let me know what you think.
- **Dues – still just \$15, please pay up if you haven't already done so.**
 - Reminder that we're going to increase dues to \$20 in 2025.
- **Upcoming shows**
 - **IPMS Nationals July 17-20 in Madison**
 - **EAA Fly-In July 22-28 in Oshkosh**
 - **IPMS-GTR Auto Modelers NNL contest Aug. 4, Crystal Lake**
 - **See the latest McK newsletter for more events!**
- **Annual contest update (standings)**
 - **Possible contest rule changes for 2025**
 - We'll make changes to the rules (if any) in January.
 - Lee has suggested double points if a model fits both themes (RS and TMIH) at the same time.
- **Program**
 - **Upcoming programs** (August will be reports from club members who attended the Nats in Madison)
 - **Tonight's program**

- **From the floor**
 - Brian Gardner suggested making business cards, so members could carry a couple if they meet someone and have a place to write contact info (phone no, email, etc.). The hope was to have something for the Nats. The idea was met with general approval from the group, but President thought that might be ambitious. Nevertheless, Frank designed a card, circulated it among the officers for approval, and ordered 300 from an online printer. They'll be available for Nats attendees to pick up from Frank.
- **--- break ---**
- **Announcement of next month's themes (and call for more theme ideas)**
 - TMIH – Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Tonkin Gulf incident, Aug. 2, 1964 (anything Vietnam War related)
 - RS – Sword Nite (Sword models, Daggers, Sabres, Scimitars, etc.)
- **Member gallery**
- **Food and more gab (separate checks) 😊**

Program – Round Table; Seams and Joints. Filling and sanding materials and techniques. Please be prepared to discuss your tips, techniques, preferred tools and materials, thoughts, etc. regarding the best ways to fill joints and seams.

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

- **TMIH** - Commemorating the 110th anniversary of the start of WWI; Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia, July 28, 1914 (anything WWI)
- **RS** - Post-war Bomber Nite (any sub-sonic post-WWII bomber)

Meeting Notes

There were 13 people in attendance, of which 10 were club members, Jim B., Jerry M., Frank R., Gene S., Mike H., Brian G., Pat W., Lee L., Rick D., and Russ. Guests were Ed Mate from Will-Cook chapter, and guests/first time Bob K., and Barry S.

Models presented were F-111E Ardvard, Albatross D2 and Spad VI, B-52, Taura ATV Tank, F-4E Phantom and a HO scale train model.

Members Gallery

Mike Hanlon

Academy B-52H, 1/144

69th Bomber Squadron

Minot SFB 2018

MRP Paints

FS 36118 Gunship Gray



First flown in 1952, the current model, the B-52H first flew in 1961. The last aircraft was manufactured in 1963 and is expected to remain in service through the 2050's.

Academy's B-52H kit which was released in 2021. While assembly is very straight forward; the sheer size of the kit makes it challenging. The fuselage is 13 inches, and the wingspan is 16 inches. For ease of assembly, I left the wings off and painted and decaled them prior to be attached to the painted and decaled fuselage.

The only other issue is the instructions, the kit can be assembled with bomb bay open or closed and the landing gear down or retracted. You have to pay close attention to instructions, so you don't miss any steps.

The kit includes masks for the canopy which are a wonderful addition. The decals are a bit of a letdown as many of the stencils are illegible blobs. Caracal Decals make a sheet for the Minicraft B-52H but some of these decals are oversized for the Academy kit.

My kit was painted in overall Gunship Gray, using MRP FS 36118.



Jerry McManus

Albatross



Special Hobby SPAD VII



Jim Batchelder

F-111E Ardvarkk



Ed Mate

F-4E Phantom



Zoukei Mura 1/48 McDonnell-Douglas F-4E Phantom II

58th TFS, 432nd TRW Udorn RTAFB, Thailand July 1972

Capt. R. Steve Ritchie 5 victories & Capt. Charles B. DeBellevue 6 Victories

Kit has been enhanced using a Quinta interior set, Master Models pitot, KA Models exhaust nozzles, Mini Craft resin seats, ZM metal landing gear, and Eduard wheels. Sparrows and Sidewinders from the kit, AN/ALQ-71 ECM pod from Eduard and AN/ALQ 101 ECM pod from Reskit. Model is painted with Model Master and AeroMaster colors. Markings from Werner's Wings decals. Model is weathered with artist oil paints and pastel chalks. As Paula 01, on July 8, 1972, Capt. Steve Ritchie and Capt. Chuck DeBellevue downed two Mig-21s for Ritchie's 4th and DeBellevue's 3rd victories.



Lee Lygiros

1/35 Tauro ATV Tank



Points Program

Member	IPM-USA (10)	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						10	3	64
Gene Suida		3							3	31
Brian Gardner		3						3	0	28
Pat Westerrberg		3							3	63
Jim Batchelder		3			3				6	176181
Stu Helman		3								50
Paul Gasiorowski										122
Mike Hanlon		3	3	20		5			31	210
Lee Lygiros		3	3	20					31	136
John Koziol, Jr.									0	13
John Koziol, Sr.									0	24
Paul LaRock									0	23
Jerry McManus		3			7				10	22
Greg Wernisch									0	9
Pablo Perez									0	3
Duncan Sharp									0	87
Russ Jurco		3							3	41
Bob Key		3							36	3
Rick Denton		3							3	3
Barry Scheftel		3							3	9
Scott Olson		1							1	1
Kopielski		3	25						28	28