

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



**McKinstry newsletter for May 1, 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 May 1, 2024

Agenda

- Officer reports
- Dues – still just \$15, please pay up if you haven't already done so
- Upcoming shows
 - Check the website for IPMS contests and upcoming airshows
 - McK sponsoring 2 prize packages for Region 5 contest
 - Volunteer opportunities at Nationals (update with contact info)
- Annual contest update (standings)

- **Club build**
 - **Still on the table, but in a bit of limbo. Your opportunity to voice opinions.**
- **Program**
 - **Upcoming programs**
 - **Tonight's program**
- **--- break ---**
- **Announcement of next month's themes (and call for more theme ideas)**
- **Member gallery**
- **Food and more gab (separate checks) 😊**

Program – Making custom decals. Dave Kopielski will explain how he makes custom decals (which he has made for several members, for his own models, and for sets that he sells mail order).

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

- **TMIH** - Sub Nite; Commemorating the launch of the first US submarine, USS Holland, SS-1, May 17, 1897 (anything submarines)
- **RS** - 60's Fighters Nite; (any fighter that was flying in the 1960's)

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/>

Meeting Notes

In addition to McK sponsoring 2 prizes at the National contest in Madison in July, we're also sponsoring a pair of prizes at the Region 5 contest in June. The prizes at the Nationals will cost us \$60 each, and the Region 5 prizes \$35 each. The club treasury is in good shape, but we should support

the National contests and the contest for our region, which will entail some expenditures for these prize packages.

Aside from that, we've invested in printing posters, flyers, and supporting materials for our membership drive for the last couple of years. We've cut the cost of materials this year over last, but even so, this project isn't free.

We'll likely raise dues from \$15 to \$20 next year. Dues have been \$15 for nearly (if not more than) 20 years. And our treasurer won't have to fiddle with \$5s, since everyone seems to pay with a \$20.

Check the website for info on upcoming model contests, airshows, and other events that might be of interest to members.

The folks running the Nationals can always use more volunteer help, so if you're going, you're encouraged to give them a few hours of your time. Putting on this event takes a lot of work, so consider pitching in. Work registration or be a door monitor. You'll have the opportunity to meet some of your fellow modelers, and they've given volunteers a free t-shirt for the help, if you need another incentive. Check out the following link for more info.

<https://nats2024.com/volunteers>

There's a new page on the McK website to display the current point totals for the member participation contest. It's a sub-page under the 'Members' menu item. Hover over 'Members' and it should appear, and there's a link from the Members page itself if you have trouble finding that. The direct link is below.

<https://ipms-mckinstry.org/members/annual-member-participation-contest/>

Next month's themes are the 80th anniversary of D-Day (This Month in History) and Sub night (Random Subjects). We're always interested in suggestions for upcoming themes (particularly for TMIH ideas). If you have any suggestions, please send them to Frank. We have themes for meetings for the rest of the year, and we've started filling in the schedules for the next 2 years.

President's Message

There was a fair amount of discussion at the May meeting of the club build proposal that we've been kicking around since last fall. It doesn't appear that there's a groundswell of interest in this sort of project at this point. Unless that changes, I don't see us pursuing this project.

My observation of the club builds that I'd seen at the Nats (and the McK build that was entered in 2001 - see the website for info on that) was that they generally involve individual members building models to a theme. The builds would seem to have no purpose beyond the contest. Some of the McK entries from 2001 were donated to pilots or crews on the AC depicted, but other than that the models scattered. Also, this approach had modelers working in isolation from one another; it doesn't inherently encourage members to exchange skills and techniques. It doesn't lend itself as a learning opportunity.

When this project was suggested, I offered the idea of building a model of the Sable or Wolverine aircraft carriers. I think we could find a museum that would want such a model, so there'd be some purpose beyond merely entering an IPMS contest. Also, there would have to be some level of collaboration in this project (and much would be scratch-building), so there'd be ample need for everyone involved to learn new skills. I wrote and distributed a couple-page proposal document for this idea, and I can forward a copy to any members who would like one.

A couple months ago, Lee offered another idea, to build a cross-section model of a modern carrier, basically to include the portion of the ship that includes the island. His thought was that it would be a less complicated project (because the Lake Michigan carriers had substantial exposed trusses that held up the flight deck).

At the May meeting, Duncan suggested a traditional 'build models to a theme' project. He didn't have the benefit of the prior discussions regarding long-term purpose and knowledge transfer, which I pointed out.

The Glenview NAS Museum really has no space for additional exhibits, even if they'd want something we might build. Lee and I visited the Museum of the American Sailor at Great Lakes earlier this year. That museum would have ample space if they were interested. I got the contact info for the Deputy Director and sent her an email inquiring whether that museum would have an interest in a model and have yet to hear back.

At the end of the day, I'd support any project that had the support of a majority of club members. Perhaps a traditional 'build to a theme' approach has merit, particularly as the club hasn't done this sort of project for 20 years or so. I also feel it should be noted that our members have pretty diverse interests as to subject; we have at least one member who builds primarily balsa, one who builds HO railroad, and many who build a

variety of things. That doesn't mean anyone would be unable to participate in a model outside their usual interest, but...

So, this idea is still on the table, but it hasn't jelled so far. Until we have some sort of consensus, I don't see us moving forward.

Members Gallery

Mike Hanlon

Monogram, F-84F, 1/48





The F-84F was a swept wing improvement on the F-84G. It entered service in 1954 and was widely used by many NATO countries through the 1970's. 3,428 were built.

The Monogram F-84F was released in 1984 and was released in 2023. My kit was an original release from 1984.

The kit was a rather simple build although the detail and fit were average for that time, for 2024 they were not great. My kit was built as a Royal Netherlands Air Force jet in 1965. The camouflage was Dark Sea Grey and RAF Dark Green over PRU Blue.

I used AK Interactive Real Colors for my kit and while an excellent paint when the Pro Blue was a little too gray and almost matched the Extra Dark Sea Grey. The RNAF markings came from a decal sheet from Dutch Decals. While beautifully printed, they did not conform well and were very fragile. A frustrating combination.

Both Kinetic and Hobby Boss make F-84F's. If I were to build another one, I would go with one of those kits.

I would recommend it only as a nostalgia build.

Jim Batchelder

Zouke Mura, F-4C, 1/48



The model was built using a Quinte Cockpit detail set. Paints used were Gunze paints with the proper FS colors for the fuselage. Tamiya paints were used for the other parts and Alclad paints used for the metallic parts. The build was good, except for the canopies. Funcals decals representing “Operation Bolo”

This next Paragraph was added by the newsletter editor

This kit is representative of an F-4C Col. Robin Olds flew in the Vietnam War. He was responsible for the change of tactics of the way airstrikes were handled. He was responsible for “Operation Bolo” where RF-4C’s accompanied regular F-4 helping jam radar sights and the change of rules of engagement. Which was always a big issue with the airmen of the Navy, Air Force and Marines, because it was dictated by the White House and number crunchers.

Duncan Sharp

Tarangus, JA 37 Viggen, 1/72





The kit was built out of the box. The paints used were Vallejo. A shop bought mask was used for the splinter camouflage. An oil wash was used followed by a Vallejo Ultra matte varnish to seal everything.

Trumpeter, F-105G "Wild Weasel", 1/72

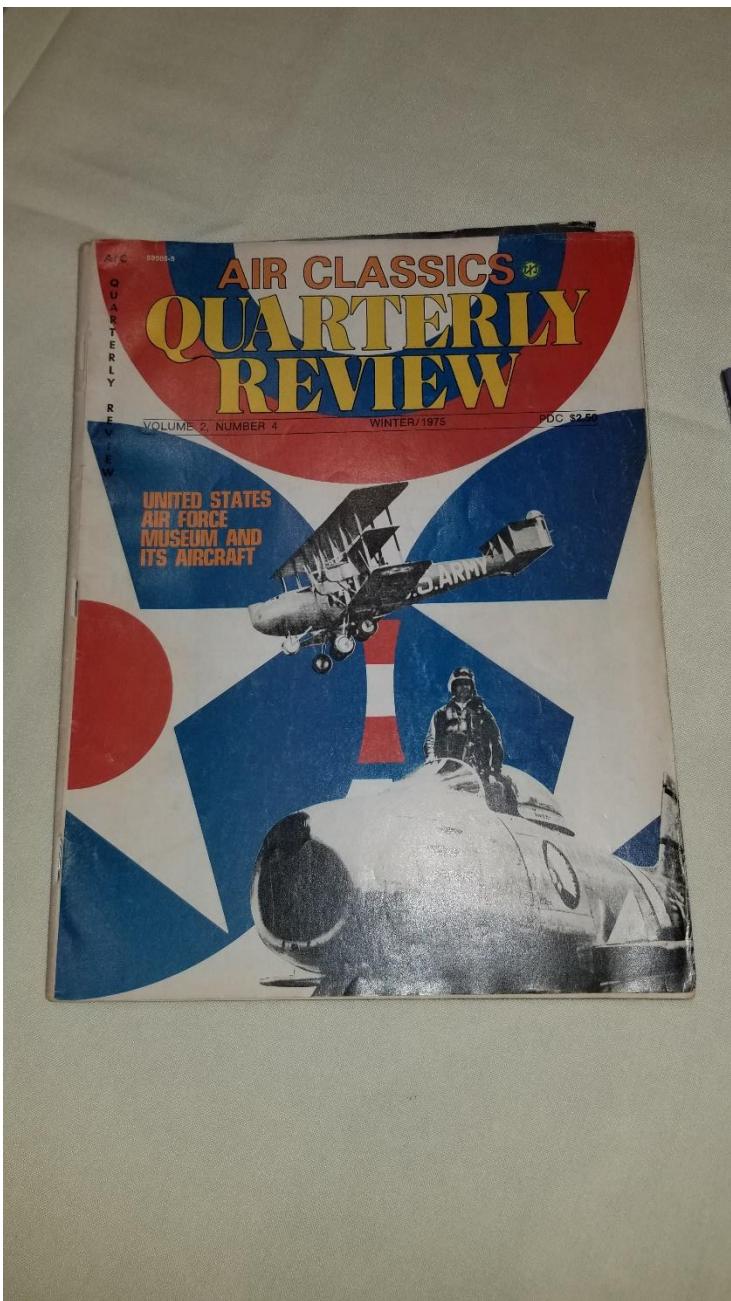




This kit was an out of the box build. The paints used were Vallejo, followed by an oil wash and sealed with Vallejo Ultra Matte varnish.

Brian Gardner

Brian two books that he found interesting.





Misc. 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 Angles 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.quadcyclairshow.com/>

IPMS SHOWS

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

June 10. 2024, McHenry, Illinois. NIMCOM 12. Website IPMS, Lakes Region Scale Modelers.

July 17-20, 2024, Madison, Wisconsin. IPMS USA Nationals, Website: IPMS USA Nationals, <https://www.ipmsusa.org>.

Current Points Result

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							3	48
Gene Suida		3							3	25
Brian Gardner		3						3	0	25
Pat Westerberg		3							3	57
Jim Batchelder		3		20		5			28	142
Stu Helman		3							3	27
Paul Gasiorowski									0	74
Mike Hanlon		1		20		5			26	126
Lee Lygiros									0	82
John Koziol, Jr.									0	10
John Koziol, Sr.									0	6
Paul LaRock									0	23
Jerry McManus									0	9
Greg Wernisch									0	9
Pablo Perez									0	3
Duncan Sharp		3		20		5			28	87
Russ Jurco									0	33
Barry Scheftel		3							3	6
Scott Olson		1							1	1
Kopielski		3	25						28	28

Aviation Trivia

35 years ago this May F-117A stealth fighter.



The U.S. Air Force acknowledged the existence of the F117-a- a stealthy attack aircraft, that was designated a fighter, despite its lack of air-to-air weapons in November 1988, five years after the Lockheed built aircraft became operational. The released photograph showed the Nighthawk's unique shape from an oblique angle, revealing its faceted stealth design. The first photograph was published in May 1989 by Aviation Week & Space Technology. The first photograph was so grainy, that some of the editors did not want to run it. But the Editor-in-Chief Donald E. Fink overruled them and ran it on the cover of the May1, 1989 edition.

50 Years ago In Aviation Week



NASA's Mariner 10 spacecraft had reached Mercury's vicinity when a composite image of Mercury was posted on the cover of the April 8, 1974. Mariner 10 was launched by NASA in November 1973 and was the last of the Mariner missions. It was the first spacecraft to visit Mercury and the first to explore the planets of Venus and Mercury. It was the first to use a gravity assist to change its flightpath and the first to use solar wind as a major means of spacecraft orientation.

Miscellaneous Modelling Tips from other sources

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Alternate to Future

One of their members found this as an alternative for gloss finish base for decals or just a plain old gloss finish. It is called Quick Shine by Holloway House. It is available on Amazon or at Home Depot for \$8.97.

