

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



# **McKinstry newsletter for Sept. 4, 2024 The KETCHUP is NOT Quite KAUGHT UP BUT WHAT the hell, it might be someday!!**

**IPMS McKinstry - The 1<sup>st</sup> IPMS chapter in Illinois, celebrating our 53<sup>rd</sup> year.**

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### **President's notes:**

- *This note was missing from the August newsletter (because I forgot to send notes to our newsletter editor).*

The 'Tiger Meet' area at the Madison Nationals - a place for non-judged, display-only models - included an extensive display of paper models. The gentleman who built them has displayed them at a number of contests that I have attended. He's from the Wisconsin north area somewhere.

FWIW, IPMS-USA is considering adding paper models and Warhammer categories to the National contest in coming years.

The variety of subjects was noteworthy - every sort of vehicle, buildings, animals, etc. The thought occurred to me that this is an extremely basic and low-cost kind of modeling that no one in our club has ever pursued, to the best of my knowledge. I was thinking that we might organize a club event where everyone builds one of these. Models are freely available as downloadable documents, and they just require a color inkjet to produce. Then cut them out and assemble them. No paint or decals - something that should be with the abilities of any member of the group and each can pick whatever subject they wish. Just things to consider.

- We had one new person attend the meeting tonight. He is primarily a car builder, but he also has built some aircraft, warships, etc. He heard about the club from one of our flyers at Des Plaines Hobbies, and he has been building models since 1961.

- We discussed holding the holiday party in December. The only substantive comments received in reply to the email I sent on the subject were a suggestion to return to Hitz for pizza and to schedule the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday to space our dinner out from Thanksgiving. I mentioned these comments and gave my personal thoughts on not doing either. (Given that the Continental has given us free use of their banquet room for our meetings, I do not think it would be fair to take our business elsewhere for the party. And I do not think proximity to Thanksgiving would present much of a problem for anyone - I would be inclined to just stick with our standard week-of-month).

FWIW, I did ask the Continental if a Friday in December is even an option. It is not, since they are already booked. So, I booked the Continental for the party on the first Wednesday in December. We may as well start a bit later than our normal time (7pm, instead of 6:30) to give folks a little more driving time since we will be going right into the meal. The menu and cost will be similar to last year (\$40 for buffet style), but we'll work that out with Pete as we get closer to November.

- Anyone paying dues through the end of the year will have it credited toward 2025 (but you will need to pay the new rate of \$20)

## Agenda

- **Officer reports**
  - Apologies for not putting anything in the newsletter regarding our discussion about doing a paper model 'event'.
- **Dues – still just \$15, please pay up if you have not already done it.**
- **Holiday Party Plans (December)**
- **Upcoming shows**
  - Midwest Scale Madness - Sept. 14, (Atkinson, WI)
  - Gateway West Contest - Sept. 14, (St. Louis, MO)
  - Butch O'Hare Contest - Nov. 2 (Naperville, IL)
  - See the latest McK newsletter or the website for more events!
- **Annual contest update (standings)**
  - Remember to send notes about your Member Gallery models to Paul!
  - Possible contest rule changes for 2025 (soliciting ideas for changes next year)
- **Program**
  - Upcoming programs
    - Dave Kopielski - Lighting your model.
  - Tonight's program
    - Round table - Metallic finishes, finishes and techniques.
- **--- break ---**
- **Announcement of next month's themes**
  - **TMIH - 80th anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf**
  - **RS - Bipes and Tripes Nite**

- Member Gallery
- Food and more gab (separate checks) 😊

**Program – Round Table; Finishing Natural Metals and Rust.** Materials and techniques. If you have any preferred finishing supplies or techniques, please share them with the group.

**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 100th anniversary of the completion of the first 'round-the-world flight, Sept. 28, 1924 (anything related to record flights)
- **RS** - North American Nite (anything NAA corporation)
- In attendance for this meeting were the following: Frank Ress, Jim Batchelder., Jerry McManus., Brian Gardner., Bob Key., Paul Ihlen., Stu Hellman., Mike Hanlon., Gene Suida., Greg Wernisch., and Paul McClay.

#### **Member Gallery**

**Jim Batchelder**

**Tamiya 1/48 P-51D**



The Tamiya 1/48 P-51D Mustang is a new very good kit. As you would expect from Tamiya and there no fit issues. This allowed me to for the first time use an aftermarket resin set. I used the Aries P-51 detail set. The entire set includes the engine, cockpit, and gun bays. For this build I only used the gun bay. Inserting the gun bay involved cutting holes in the top of the wings where a the gun bay is located. Once this was done I had to sand down the resting parts to fit. This involved a lot of test fitting sanding until the parts fit.

Once this was done it was a mater of painting. I used Gunner and Tamiya paints. The decals were Bullyeye Decals "Yoxford Boys #2" the plane is "Bite Me! " flown by Alva Murphy in October 1944.



## Frank Ress

### Italeri, 1/72 Bell 97

I have a lot of helicopters in my stash, but the Bell 47 has always been my favorite subject. I remember seeing one somewhere when I was a kid, and I was just fascinated. I am not alone – the Museum of Modern Art in New York has one hanging from the ceiling, in a hall highlighting other iconic designs like a Bang & Olafsen turntable.

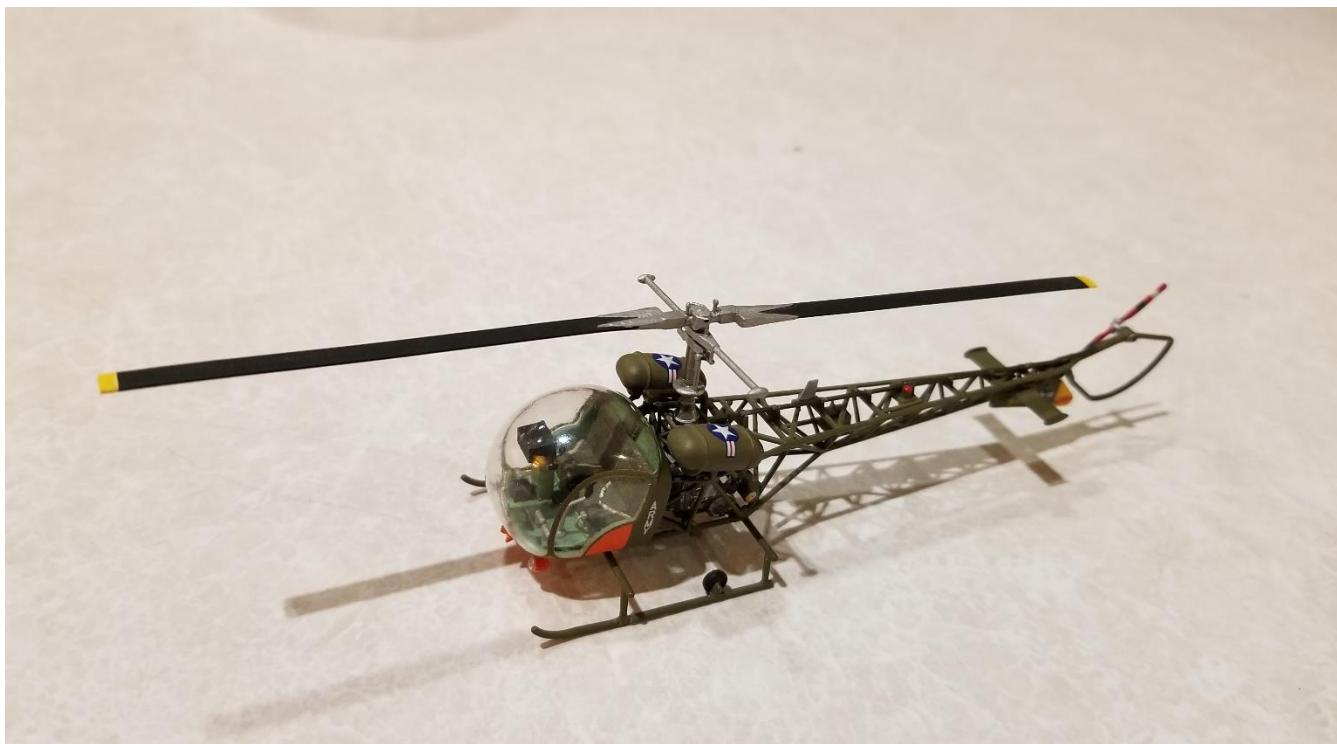
I bought a couple of the earliest 1/72nd offerings for the helo, the Esoteric Models kits that were all photoetched brass and a vacuform canopy. They did not really satisfy my interest in accuracy because the brass lacked the tubular shape that makes up the bulk of the helicopter framing. I started to build the tail boom from soldered brass rod, but did not make much headway. Then the Italeri kit became available.

This kit – the one that I built – is a nice offering for the scale. The tubular elements that make up the framing are delicate and detailed. I built the kit mostly out of the box, with the exception of a canopy that I vacuum formed, using the kit canopy as a mold.

The only significant modification that I made to the kit was to cut the rotor blades from the hub (these are molded as a single part) and reattached them, so the rotation was reversed. I don't recall how I decided that the blades were molded to rotate in the wrong direction. I probably compared the kit to reference photos of US Army Sioux helos (the Army gave this model the nickname Sioux). The kit was marketed as an 'AB-47' and comes from a European manufacturer. My suspicion was that this particular model 47 used as a reference for the kit was made under license in Europe, where the direction of rotation was the opposite of US-made examples.

In any case, aside from the mods just mentioned, my model uses kit parts and decals. I painted it according to kit direction for a US Army version. I used Model Master paints – olive drab and international orange.

I took this model for the club display at the Waukegan air show last September but dropped it before it got to the table. So it had been stored in a box since then. I decided it was time to patch it up, so I re-glued several breaks in the sk. and reattached a broken rotor blade. I decided to bring it to the meeting – it did not fit with the themes, but I figured that getting it repaired warranted some kind of celebration.



**Mike Hanlon**

**Tamiya, P-51, 1/48**



355<sup>th</sup> FS, 354<sup>th</sup> FG 1944

Aeromaster Decals 48-225 Ninth AF Mustangs

Hataka Early War Olive Drab over Neutral Gray

The P-51B Mustang first entered combat with the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force in December 1943 and was quickly adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force. The first Merlin powered Mustang it was vital in flying bomber escort missions over Europe and the Mediterranean theaters. It also replaced the P-40's used by the Flying Tigers in China.

First released in 1995, the Tamiya P-51B Mustang remains a pleasure to build, offering the modeler a simple, easy build. The kit is only let down by the Invisiclear decals included in the kit. Fortunately, the aftermarket has a multitude of sheets offering a wide variety of schemes.

The Tamiya kit makes an excellent for the beginner or experienced modeler.



### Points List

Member	Attendance (1/3)	Program (3/25/40)	NEW BUILD (15/20)	WRITE-		MONTH POINTS	RUNNING TOTAL
				OLD BUILD (3/7)	UP (5)		
Frank Ress	3			3	5	11	81
Eugene Suida	3					3	40
Brain Gardner	3	3				6	40
Pat Westerberg						0	84
Jim Batchelder	3	3	20			26	223
Stu Hellman	3				5	8	81
Paul Gasiorowski						0	128
Mike Hanlon	3	3	20		5	31	272
Lee Lygiros						0	131
Charlie Scardon						0	3
John Koziol Jr.						0	19
John Koziol Sr.						0	42
Paul LaRock						0	23
Jerry McManus	3					3	28
Greg Wernisch	3					3	12
Pablo Perez						0	3
Duncan Sharp						0	87
Russ Jurco						0	41
Bob Key	3	3				6	9
Rick Denton						0	3
Barry Scheftel						0	9
Scott Olsen						0	1
Dave Kopielski						0	28
Paul Ihlen	3					3	3