



## WARREN PIECE

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### THE 30<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

**Next Meeting:** February 21, 2018 at the Michigan Military Technical Museum in Eastpointe, Michigan. The address is 16600 Stephens (or 9 ½ and Gratiot). Meeting times are 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

#### Upcoming Events:

February 3, 2018: Bay City: 4M Mayhem

February 18, 2018: Columbus, OH: Blizzcon

**March 3, 2018: Warren, MI: SEMMEX 2018**

April 7, 2018: Dayton, OH: Wrightcon

April 8, 2018: Westlake, OH: spring Swap & Bull Toy and Model Show

April 27-28, 2018: Cleveland, OH: Region IV Convention

May 3, 2018: Dayton, OH: AMPS International Convention

June 16, 2018: Sharon, PA: SVASM Summer Free Swap Meet

October 6, 2018: Livonia, MI: Can Am Challenge

October 7, 2018: Westlake, OH: Fall Swap & Bull Toy and Model Show

October 20, 2018: Cincinnati, OH: Annual Fall Contest and Swap Meet

November 4, 2018: Kirtland, OH: Cleveland Model Show #22

## IPMS Warren Meeting Notes: January 17, 2018

1. **Meeting called to order:** 7:33 pm by President Ron Harris.
2. **Number of Members:** 16
3. **Reading of Previous Meeting Notes:** Minutes approved.
4. **Announcements (cumulative):**
  - a. 2018 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, known as IPMS Warren.
  - b. John R: Again announced that club dues are payable in January 2018. Some members paid their dues at the December meeting. More on this subject in the old business section.
  - c. Dave S: Asked for all *IPMS USA members* to let him know what their ID number is and renewal dates are to submit to the national chapter in November of each year.
  - d. John A: Told us that Great Lakes Hobby is now carrying Wing Nut Wings kits now from New Zealand.
  - e. John A: Told us that Tamiya tape is cheaper at Michaels but is called Washi masking tape in different colors. Use the Michael's coupon to get half-off.
  - f. Chris Causley's book on the Humvee is now available through the publisher.
  - g. Lloyd: Discovered that Verlinden closed their doors, now out of business.
  - h. Dave L shared the information on a website called Love Models. It is on the Face Book page as well.
  - i. John R would like to post pictures of your kits on the Facebook site: by whatever method you can get a picture to John of your kits.
  - j. The club "build night" is scheduled once a month on the **second Saturday** of each month from 1pm to 5pm at the museum.
  - k. Dave S – announced the newsletter will go out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month for members can better plan for upcoming events.

**The theme contest** within the club membership resumed in January. Event rules include: (1) one vote per person per contest (no longer voting for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places), and members only voting, (2) the item entered cannot have been entered in another club contest, (3) only club members can enter the contest. (4) Dave S and John A will jointly officiate this event. The subjects for this year are:

January 2018: Animals

March 2018: Two-Tone

May 2018: "4" or more

July 2018: 1950-1959 or the 50s

September 2018: Your oldest kit

November 2018: British, (and the conclusion for 2018)

1. **Non-contest months** include the following events:

**February 2018: show and tell**

April 2018: show and Tell

June 2018: show and tell

August 2018: show and tell

October 2018: show and tell

December 2018: *Christmas Party, show and tell*

## 5. Old Business:

a. **SEMMEX:** We are currently scheduled for March 3rd, 2018 for the SEMMEX event (Saturday). The contest committee changed the day to a much earlier date in the contest season to encourage heavier community-Warren membership-and vendor participation. The previous venue has been changed to a new location at a church in Clinton Township (on 16 mile). “Vietnam 1968”, and the TET Offensive are the theme of the contest for 2018.

b. **Officer Elections:** Ron H called for final officer nominations for 2018 club officer positions at the December meeting. Those elected for 2018 club officer positions are - President: Ron Harris, Vice-President: Jim Ashford, Secretary: Dave Snyder, and Treasurer John Robbins. John Aiello is the contest committee chairman (an appointed position).

c. **FLYER:** A flyer has been created to advertise the show, new venue, and date.

d. **SHIRTS:** Jim previously issued an email for ordering T-shirts with the new club logo on them and new colors (yellow/black). Shirts will be ordered after the December meeting and beyond if there is enough interest for a second order.

e. **CORSAIR:** John K: The Vought Corsair at Selfridge is currently being repaired with sheet metal. This is a FG1D version.

f. **Volunteers:** Chris C asked for volunteers to work at the museum to help with his labor issues and to offset the cost of our rent by trading hours worked for a rent decrease.

g. **DAM Show:** Ron rented a table at the DAM show in November 2017 to advertise IPMS Warren and the SEMMEX event. Reviews of the idea and the event were positive and drew a lot of attention from those who attended the show.

h. **DUES:** After a lengthy discussion on club finances, John A made a motion to increase club membership dues after several years without any increases. The motion passed to raise club dues from \$20/year to \$30/ year starting in 2018.

i. **Theme Contest:** Ron Harris **Won the Modeler of the Year Award** (Trophy and Prize Money) for the 2017 season in November. Ron is now a 3-time champion. Second place went to Chris Causley, and third place to Bob Taylor. Honorable mention for a very close 4<sup>th</sup> place goes to Victor Scott.

j. **Christmas Party:** The Christmas party was a great success at the December meeting. Everyone brought a dish to pass and there was way more good food than the group could possibly eat. John A spent \$400 on model kits whose cost was covered by the purchase of raffle tickets prior to the raffle drawing. The event was a win-win for everybody in the club. Thank you for your commitment and participation to the event and to our club.

## 6. New Business:

a. President Ron Harris announced that the Mad Hacker Competition would continue for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in February (2018). There is an award for the winner of the event.

- b. Contest Committee Chairman John Aiello asked for kits and modeling supplies to be donated to this year's SEMMEX event for the raffle table.
- c. Chris Causley announced that the Museum's used book sale would take place on February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.
- d. John Aiello asked the membership if the club website should continue due to cost of it each year. Members agreed that the website should stay in place and to continue to pay for it.

#### **7. Request for Information (cumulative):**

- a. Dave S asked about clear canopy glue that does not leave residue behind or damage painted surfaces. John A suggested using Gator Glue or RC 56.
- b. Dave S-asked how to accomplish putting pre-shaded panel lines on a model. Chris N told us that a sharpie may bleed through the paint; John A suggested Micron Markers in different thicknesses or Steve B stated to use an artist number 1 pencil lead.
- c. Lloyd/Dave S-asked about which putty was better on kits. John A suggested Tamiya Gray Putty and AVES putty (2 part putty) or Velio. John F uses automotive putty. Testor's putty seemed to shrink.
- d. Lloyd needs ideas on how to store and keep CA for a longer amount of time. John A recommended buying other types of CA as they tend to keep longer. Dave S said to keep it in the fridge and out of the light.
- e. Mark S wanted to know how to use any type or combination of filler on clear parts. Suggestions were white glue, or use canopy glue, or to use a clear sprue cut up and mixed with Testors glue into a liquid state-then fill and sand.

#### **c. Hints and Tips (cumulative):**

- a. John R uses non-stick shelf paper from the Dollar Store to spray paint through to give the piece a digital camouflage look.
- b. Dan H suggested using Elmer's wood putty as it dries like sand for dioramas.
- c. Dave S asked who makes a kit of the Porsche 917 Le Mans racer.
- d. Bob T told about Michael's selling pre-made squares of ground cover for diorama or types of use.
- e. John A suggested using Tamiya Panel Line Wash for panel lines as well.
- f. Bob T: Uses an air brush to spray light coats of thinner which dries quickly and locks in chalked surfaces. It also does not dull the finish on the kit or ruin clear parts.
- g. John K: Uses powdered graphite on gun barrels to weather them. This can be found in the hardware section of the hardware store or pinewood derby section of the hobby shop.
- h. John A: suggested using Excel brand blades as they last longer.
- i. Ron H: Uses 2 different color primers, then applies one color of paint over them to get two different shades on the subject. He uses textured paints for interiors to simulate leather surfaces.
- j. Tim W: applies car wax to his finished car bodies to make them shine.

- k. Bob T: soaks vinyl tank tracks in oven cleaner to soften them up before assembly, then clean with soap and water, rinse, and use matt black base primer on them.

**d. Show and Tell:**

1. Chris C: Otaki 1/48 Curtis P36 Hawk aircraft
2. Charlie: Russian 1/35 T34, Dragon 1/35 Sherman E28
3. Victor: Revell 1/48 North American P51D Warhawk
4. Dave: Monogram 1/48 Consolidated B24 Liberator with AMT Grumman F7F Tigercat on top
5. John R: 34mm War Machine figures (3) on bases, aka steam robots
6. Dan: AMT 1/24 1926 Mack Bull Dog truck modified to include a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel
7. Ron: 1/24 351 Shelby Mustang with a truck box installed, monogram 1/48 North American Mustang Miss America racing aircraft
8. Bob T: 1/35 Staghound American made military armored car British version

**e. Theme Contest: Animals**

1. Chris: P36 Hawk
2. Victor: P51D Mustang
3. Dan: 1926 Mack Truck
4. Bob: Staghound
5. Ron: Miss America P51
6. Dave: B34 & Tigercat

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Dan: 1926 Mack    **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Chris: P36, Dave: B24 & Tigercat  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Victor: P51D, Ron: P51D