



WARREN PIECE

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THE 31st YEAR

Next Meeting: March 20, 2019 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:

March 9, 2019: Clinton Township, MI: IPMS Warren SEMMEX

April 5-6, 2019: Dayton, OH: WrightCon 2019 Region IV Convention

April 14, 2019: Westlake, OH: Spring Swap N Bull Model & Toy Show

June 15, 2019: Sharon, OH: Free Summer Swap Meet

August 7-10, 2019: Chattanooga, TN: IPMS USA Nationals

September 21, 2019: Sharon, PA: SVASMCON 35

October 19, 2019: Sharonville, OH: Cincinnati Scale Models Annual Show

November 3, 2019: Kirtland, OH: Cleveland Model Show 23

IPMS Warren Meeting Notes: February 20, 2019

1. **Meeting called to order:** 7:35 pm by President Ron Harris.
2. **Number of Members:** 21
3. **Reading of Previous Meeting Notes:** Minutes approved.
4. **Announcements (cumulative):**

- a. 2019 marks the 31st year of the club, known as IPMS Warren.
- b. John K reported that Selfridge ANG Base now has a new commanding officer who would like to have a model kit display of ANG aircraft and vehicles. Fred Swartz has updated the request from Selfridge to include 1/48 scale aircraft of the Supermarine Spitfire or North American Mustang representing the 107th ANG unit. Some kits will be furnished or to reimburse those providing a completed kit. Information on markings will be provided as well. Completed kits are due May 1st.
- c. John A reminded us that the theme of **SEMMEX 2019** is “The British are coming”.
- d. e. Dave L informed us that Atlantis bought some of the Monogram molds.
- e. 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.
- f. The club “build day” is scheduled once a month on the **second Saturday** of each month at the museum from 12 pm to 5 pm.
 - g. Dave S – announced the newsletter will go out on the 1st of each month so members can better plan for upcoming events.
 - h. Dave S: Asked for all *IPMS USA members* to let him know what their ID number and renewal dates are to submit to the national chapter in November of each year.

5. The Theme Contest within the club membership will resume in January 2019. Event rules include: (1) one vote per person per contest (no longer voting for 1st, 2nd, 3rd 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 2019: Water

March 2019: Russia

May 2019: TV 1980-1989

July 2019: Hot or Cold

September 2019: Emergency Vehicles

November 2019: Vignet (double points), conclusion of contest

Non-contest months include the following events:

February 2019: show and tell

April 2019: show and Tell

June 2019: show and tell

August 2019: show and tell

October 2019: show and tell

December 2019: *Christmas Party, abbreviated business meeting*

6. Old Business:

- a. **SEMMEX 2019:** President Ron Harris announced that SEMMEX is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019. The church was reserved again for this year's event. Chairman John Aiello noted several modifications to next year's SEMMEX to make it more cost effective and guest friendly based on last year's feedback.
- b. **CORSAIR:** John K: The Vought Corsair at Selfridge is currently being repaired with sheet metal. This is a FG1D version.
- d. **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 2019 and beyond.
- e. **Christmas Party:** The Christmas party was again successful at the December 2019 meeting. Everyone brought a dish to pass and there was way more good food than the group could possibly consume. John A spent \$400 on model kits whose cost was mostly 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. This event will stay listed to remind everyone of what we did and that is was successful.
- f. **Region IV:** The new Region IV coordinator is Paul Helfrich from IPMS Dayton. He replaces Dave Koukal.
- g. **Theme Contest:** Bob Taylor won the **Modeler of the Year Award** (Trophy and Prize Money) for the 2018 season at the November meeting. Second place went to three-time champion Ron Harris, and third place to Dan Hess. Honorable mention for a very close 4th and 5th place goes to Victor Scott and Chris Causley. Thank you to everyone who participated in the contest throughout the year.
- h. **Bench Contest:** John Robbins awarded a hobby prize to Victor Scott for winning the best bench contest for this year. Photos of members' work benches were posted on Facebook for everyone to see and to determine the best bench in the club.
- i. **Officer Elections:** The current officers were re-elected for 2019 by a unanimous vote at the December meeting. Returning officers are club President Ron Harris, Vice-President Jim Ashford, Treasurer John Robbins, and Secretary Dave Snyder. The Contest Committee Chairman position is an appointed position currently held by John Aiello.
- j. **PVC Tube Contest:** President Ron Harris challenged everyone to build something from the PVC tubing that formerly served as table risers at previous events. A prize (?) will be awarded at the April meeting for best tube entry....

7. New Business:

- a. President Ron Harris **awarded** the Third Annual Mad Hacker Award to Mike Deconnick for his Great White rubber Shark/Lindberg 1/240 GATO Class submarine entry. There were several impressive subjects in this year's contest. Well done everyone.
- b. **Discussion** was held on sponsoring a modeling category at the National Convention this year for \$85. A vote was passed and the motion approved. The

logic was Nationals have sponsored our Regional event in the past, so the courtesy was repaid.

c. Ron Harris asked for kit, tool, or modeling supply **donations** for SEMMEX in March. These will go on the raffle table at the event and serve as fund raiser (this subject repeated on purpose).

d. The Tru-Color Paints rep will be at SEMMEX this year to promote their product and give some **demonstrations** on the products (repeated on purpose).

8. Request for Information (cumulative):

- a. 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. Testors putty seemed to shrink.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.

9. Hints and Tips (cumulative):

- a. John R suggested using the salt/sand method for armored vehicle surfaces. Paint over either media, let it dry, then chip away the sand or salt. It gives the surface a weathered look.
- b. Dave L uses a liquid micro-mask for a weathered look to his vehicle finishes. Apply the mask to surface, let it dry, peel off the mask after the second color or coat of paint has been applied and is dry.
- c. Bob T recommended AK Flat Finnish varnish for an excellent dull coat to your kit.
- d. John A recommended using metal reamers for cleaning airbrushes
- e. Dave S discovered that using Pledge Floor Care over painted plastic parts allows for either acrylic or oil based paints to be used on the next coat of paint.
- f. 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.
- g. Dave S recommended buying a paint shaker as it prolongs the life of the bottled paint and keeps it from becoming sludge over time. He also writes the purchase date on the bottle cap to track its age.
- h. John R uses non-stick shelf paper from the Dollar Store to spray paint through to give the piece a digital camouflage look.
- i. Dan H suggested using Elmer's wood putty as it dries like sand for dioramas.
- j. 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.
- k. 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.

1. Tim W: applies car wax to his finished car bodies to make them shine.

10. Show and Tell (new):

1. John A: Testors F119 Hybrid aircraft modified with Monogram funny car parts
2. Jim A: Academy 1/48 F4C McDonnell Douglas Phantom II, Zuokie Mura F4J Phantom II
2. Bob T: Zveda T26 Italeri BT7 1/35 Spanish tanks
3. John R: 1/48 Grumman Hellcat combined with car parts from a 1949 Mercury on a wood base
4. Dan H: Freddy FlameOut flying a Russian jet on a turning mirrored stand
5. Victor S: Skyway 1/700 Gleason Binson Class destroyer USS Frankfort
6. Dave L: AMX 1/35 1375 French tank
7. Mike D: rubber Great White Shark combined with a 1/240 Lindeberg GATO Class submarine
8. Charlie: Takom 1/35 M47 tank on a base
9. Keith: Revell 1/48 Lockheed F104 Starfighter
10. Ron H: Revell 1/25 1939 Fords, one with a Ferrari engine, one made as a funny car