



WARREN PIECE

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THE 29TH YEAR

Next Meeting: September 20, 2017 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:

September 9, 2017: Toledo, OH: Tolcon

September 16, 2017: Dayton, OH: Dayton Area Plastic Modelers

October 8, 2017: Lorain County, OH: Lorain County Swap Meet

October 21, 2017: Cincinnati, OH: Cincinnati Scale Modelers

November 5, 2017: Cleveland, OH: Cleveland Model Show

February 3, 2018: Bay City: Mid Michigan Model Show

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

IPMS Warren Meeting Notes: August 16, 2017

1. **Meeting called to order:** 7:36 pm by President Ron Harris.
2. **Number of Members:** 16
3. **Reading of Previous Meeting Notes:** Minutes approved.
4. **Announcements:**

5. Old Business: (priority-please read this section)

a. We are currently scheduled for March 3rd, 2018 for the SEMMEX event (Saturday). The contest committee changed the date to a much earlier date in the contest season to encourage heavier community-Warren membership-and vendor participation. The current venue has become a question mark for the 2018 date due to cost. Considerable time and discussion has now gone into the re-organization and flow of SEMMEX, to include valid concerns about a lack of man power for the event.

There will be a vote at the September club meeting to determine if SEMMEX 2018 will take place or if it will be postponed until 2019. That means possibly taking a year off from SEMMEX. Manpower and participation are the primary issue. A minimum of 15 committed members are needed to run the contest, with a plus factor of 2 more needed to be on hand. The club will not sponsor SEMMEX 2018 without this commitment. You have every opportunity to be a part of the decision making process at the September meeting. Please be there if possible. **Update:** Ron booked a new location for the contest in Harper Woods (and 16 mile) for the 2018 contest.

A contest committee meeting is not needed until at least October of this year until the labor issue is resolved.

b. Jim A decided on new club **T-shirt** colors and lettering since a majority could not be reasonably determined. Yellow shirts with black lettering will be ordered for those interested in them with our new logo attached. A sign-up sheet was posted at the June meeting offering t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, and a bowling style of shirt. The sign-up sheet was at at the July meeting as well.

6. New Business:

- a. Ron: Made a motion to renew the rental agreement with the museum for 2017. The motion was approved.
- b. IPMS Livonia will not have a show this year.
- c. 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.
- d. The 2017 club officers 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). A big thank you goes out to John Karpiej for his many years of service as club treasurer.
- e. President Ron Harris awarded club member Mike D the *Mad Hacker Trophy* for the most ingenious creation type model kit at the December Christmas Party. Kits were not out of the box, but instead someone's own creation from various parts, with Mikes F-8 Crusader featuring eagle's wings winning the prize.
- f. John A made a request to have club flyers and business cards made.
- g. **A new club logo was voted upon and approved by the membership. We can now go ahead and put in our awards, T-shirts, flyers, etc.**

Thank you to Dave Lay for his time in designing the logo that everyone likes and represents our club.

- h. John K: The Vought Corsair at Selfridge is being repaired with sheet metal. This is a FG1D version.

c. Request for Information:

- a. Dave S-asked 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.
- b. Dave S also asked about which putty was better on kits. John A suggested Tamiya Gray Putty and AVES putty (2 part putty). John F uses automotive putty. Testor's putty seemed to shrink.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.

d. Hints and Tips:

- a. Dan H suggested using Elmer's wood putty as it dries like sand for dioramas.
- b. John R: John A suggested using a Keurig coffee mix rack for holding 2 ounce paint bottles.
- c. Bob T told about Michael's selling pre-made squares of ground cover for diorama or types of use.
- d. John A suggested using Tamiya Panel Line Wash for panel lines as well.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. John A: suggested using Excel brand blades as they last longer.
- h. 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.
- i. Tim W: applies car wax to his finished car bodies to make them shine.
- j. 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.
- h. Dave S found that a black coat of paint on a canopy frame followed by the true exterior color of paint over that decreased light showing through the painted surfaces.

e. Show and Tell:

- a. Dan H: Premier Grand Prix race car, Revell 1/25 Deal funny car gasser, AMT 1/25 1969 Ford Falcon race car stock
- b. Jim A: 1/48 JZoukei Mura F4J Phantom
- c. Ron H: Revell 1/25 Revell 1970 GTX, 2015 Charge 1/25 cut down to a 2 door pick-up truck
- d. Bob T: Gloncoe Coast Guard rescue launch
- e. Bob T: Tamiya 1/35 Bristol Dingo scout car
- f. Trevor B: 40K Warhammer figures in a trench (7 figures)
- g. Dan D: 1/7 Star Trek figures of Picard and Borg Picard
- h. Charlie: Monster car with giant arm