



## WARREN PIECE

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

**Next Meeting:** June 20, 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:

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

August 1-4, 2018: Phoenix, AZ: IPMS National Convention

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

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

#### IPMS Warren Meeting Notes: May 16, 2018

1. **Meeting called to order:** 7:30 pm by President Ron Harris.
2. **Number of Members:** 20
3. **Reading of Previous Meeting Notes:** Minutes approved.
4. **Announcements (cumulative):**

- a. Jim A announced that Revell was sold to Revell of Germany in April.
- b. The passing of club members Tom von Meyer and Doug Nagel were announced in the March meeting.
- c. 2018 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, known as IPMS Warren.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. John A: Told us that Great Lakes Hobby is now carrying Wing Nut Wings kits now from New Zealand.
- g. 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.
- h. Chris Causley's book on the Humvee is now available through the publisher.
- i. Lloyd: Discovered that Verlinden closed their doors, now out of business.
- j. Dave L shared the information on a website called Love Models. It is on the Face Book page as well.
- k. 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.
- l. The club "build night" is scheduled once a month on the **second Saturday** of each month from 1pm to 5pm at the museum.
- m. 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.
- n. Dave Pilon announced that his collection of kits was involved in a basement flood and now he is ready to part with them once they are dried out and gone through. He asked for email requests for whatever you are interested in and will give pricing at that time.

**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>, 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 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)

- o. **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 2018:** The event was held on Saturday March 3rd, 2018 and was successful on several levels. The contest committee changed the day to a much earlier date in the contest season to encourage heavier community-Warren membership-and vendor participation. "Vietnam 1968" and the TET Offensive were the themes of the contest.

b. **SEMMEX 2019:** President Ron Harris announced that SEMMEX is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019. The church was reserved again for the next 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 this year's feedback.

c. **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).

d. **FLYER:** A flyer was created to advertise the show, new venue, and date.

e. **SHIRTS:** Jim previously issued an email for ordering T-shirts with the new club logo on them and new colors (yellow/black). Shirts were delivered at the February meeting and look awesome.

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

g. **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.

h. **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.

i. **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.

j. **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.

k. **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. This event will stay listed to remind everyone of what we did and that is was successful.

l. **Website:** 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.

m. **Award:** President Ron Harris announced that the Mad Hacker Competition would continue for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in February (2018). The award went to Mike D again for his reptile armored vehicle.

n. **Bench Contest:** John Robbins confirmed that the bench contest is on again this year. The winner will announce at the September meeting and there will likely be a prize. Please send a photo of your bench to John so he can post it on Facebook and everyone can vote on the best “bench”.

#### 6. **New Business:**

a. President Ron Harris made a motion to pay for a table at fall DAM show to advertise our club. The motion was passed.

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

- a. Keith is looking for a Hasagawa 1/48 Lear 35 aircraft kit.
- b. Chris C is looking for 1/35 727 Chrysler manual transmission.
- c. Ron H asked about how to cast a resin piece for a kit. The landing gear on a 1/48 scale B58 Hustler was broken. John K suggested scale aircraft conversion replacement pieces. Bob at Great Lakes Hobby can also help with some info as he does this on occasion as well.
- d. Keith is looking for 1/48 Lockheed T33 Shooting Star aircraft kit.
- e. 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.  
Update: RC 56 is a winner.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. 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. a. Dave asked the membership for their opinion on the quality of plastic today compared to that of what was produced in the 1960s and 1970s.

#### 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.
- l. John K uses plastic colored cocktail stirrers/swords to make lights on aircraft.
- m. Bob T noted that QVC is selling a make up kit that comes with a mini-compressor which could be used for painting model kits.
- n. John A: use a salsa container turned upside down to hold paint bottlers preventing them from tipping over.

**d. Show and Tell (new):**

- 1. Bob T: long range desert group of armor-1/35 Chevy gun truck, Ford F115, Tamiya SAS scout command jeep, pattern truck, on a base with 6 Tamiya and Academy figures
  - 2. John R: Nutz Planet 1/10 or 200 mm Viking girl figure, Tamiya 1/48 M4 Sherman on a round base with a tree
  - 3. Charlie: Polar Lights 33' Ohio George gasser snap kit
  - 4. Chris A: 1/25 Goon or Joker car or 1978 Monaco blue police car with tons of extras added to it
  - 5. Erik H: Eastern Express 1/35 KB85 on a wood base with 2 figures
  - 6. Jim A: Tamiya 1/48 Dornier DO-335B2 Pfiel or Arrow aircraft
  - 7. Dave L: 1/48 2001 A Space Odyssey space pod, Special Hobby 1/72 Pigia P108 4 engine torpedo bomber
  - 8. Ron H: AMT Pacific Princess semi truck highly converted into a elongated tanker truck using 2 of the same kit plus some parts, 4 live axles
  - 9. Blane Z: Tamiya 1/35 SAS Jeep with 2 figures, Young Miniatures 1/9 Norman knight with a shield on a base
  - 10. Victor S: Fujimi motorized 1/25 1976 Renault Alpine rally car
- e. Theme Contest: "4 or More"
- a. Bob T: Armor Group / LRDG
  - b. Ron H: Gas Tanker

- c. Chris A: DPD Fury
- d. Jim A: Dornier DO335B2
- e. Victor S: Alpine Renault
- f. John R: M4 Sherman
- g. Blane Z: SAS Command Jeep

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ron H-gas tanker

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Chris A: Fury, Jim A: DO335B2

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Bob T: LRDG