



# IPMS SYRACUSE JANUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER

**IPMS Syracuse Business meeting: 7 PM to 9 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.**

**IPMS Syracuse Builders meeting: 7 PM to 9 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 12: Syracuse IPMS Meeting** at Walt's Hobby from 7-9 pm.
- **January 26: Syracuse IPMS Builder's Night** at Walt's Hobby 7-9 pm.
- **April 22: Can / Am Con 7** at Comfort Inn Banquet and Conference Center, 411 Route 3, Plattsburgh, NY. For more information contact Frank Baehre at (518)-561-4265.
- **April 28 and 29: AMPS International Show 2006** at the **WW II Vehicle Museum** located in Hubbard, Ohio (about fifteen minutes from Youngstown). For more information go to <http://www.amps-armor.org>

### **Agenda for the January Meeting**

Old Business

New Business

Show and Tell

Voting for Across the Pond Challenge

Working with Photo-Etch: a Demo by John Goodacre and Chuck Wise

### **The December Meeting and Christmas Party**

- The photos for the Across the Pond Challenge are here from England, and John Kesler will bring them to the January meeting. We will view them then and select the winners.
- Walt has moved us to the back meeting room from the track room. The track room is being used on Thursday nights by an RC Helicopter Club (which is considerably quieter than the RC cars that used to be whining and roaring in the background). There seems to be plenty of room for us back there and we don't have to shout to be heard. There is also a back door we can open for cross ventilation during hot weather (remember that, those are the three or four months when we don't have snow). He will be turning up the heat ahead of the meetings so we should do ok back there. We will need to put up a sign on the door so new people and our more bewildered members (myself included) can find us.
- There wasn't a lot of show and tell at the meeting (I think there was a general fear of pizza greasy fingers on the models). Chuck Wise did an impromptu demo on assembly, filling seams and sanding for the benefit of our newer members. Some of our more experienced modelers helped to answer questions and suggest ideas about assembly and building that proved to be useful to everyone. This is the kind of give and take that makes meetings with

other modelers so much better than trying to go it alone. (And the pizza was really great, too!)



### **Baby T-Rex by Gary Haven**

- Our Yankee Gift Exchange went well as always with some great items flying around the room, especially in the second round. When the dust settled everyone was smiling... I'm sure I'll have that helicopter built sometime this year... *you can stop laughing now.*
- On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we had our Build and Bull meeting and we had around eight members in attendance. I think we had all had enough Christmas shopping (either that or the wives and girlfriends were sick of the whining). It was a great time and I hope that we'll have many more coming in on the fourth Thursday of the month to build or just catch up on the latest modeling news.
- It's time to get going on those projects for the spring contest season! Buffcon starts the local show calendar in early April with Noreastcon (this year in Massachusetts in early May and AMPS running a little later than normal and in a new venue (a little closer, too) in Ohio. We will keep you informed as more show dates come in.

- What about another collection of models and supplies to send off to the troops? Start thinking about it and we can discuss it at the January meeting.
- Dues are due (though some may think they are doo doo). They are \$12 per year for adults and something less for juniors (don't ask me, ask Gary!). All you need to do is contact our erstwhile treasurer, Gary Haven, and he will gladly fleece... er... I mean, collect your dues.
- Let's all try to bring something to show and tell this month. Something you've done, something you're working on, something you've bought, something you'd like to work on but you've run into a snag.

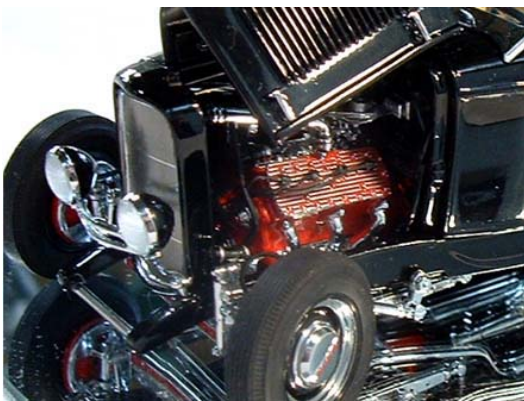


**M-26A1 Pershing by John King**

## ***Some Great Auto Modeling from Salt City Modelers***

Jack Grosso and Chuck Jorgensen had some beautiful car models on display at the Train Show this year and I thought it would be nice to feature one here. Jack built a Revell '32 Roadster and opened up all the doors and trunk, he fully detailed the engine, and interior, and finished it with a flawless gloss black paint job.

This photo below doesn't do justice to the engine, but it looked like you could fire this up and drive it away!



The photo above is slightly blurred, but check out the chrome pipes showing in the mirror



At left you can see everything opened up. Beautiful work, Jack!

## A Quick Photo Stop in Palmyra- By Joe Dillman

I was traveling through Palmyra this week and I ran into a tank! Boy did that hurt! Anyway, it's an M-60 parked in front of the Palmyra VFW Hall. If you think you may build one, now you know where to get great reference material!



**Seen on Cyprus in 2005**  
**Marmon-Herrington Ford**  
**South African Armoured Reconnaissance Car Mark IV**

The new design was developed in 1941-42 and was to be based around the 2-pdr gun. After the conclusion of WWII many of these vehicles stayed in the Middle East being used by various nations including Greece. The vehicles shown in the pictures below are from units which were attached to the Greek Cypriot National Guard. These were captured during the 'liberation / invasion' of Northern Cyprus during 1974.





Michael Gossage  
IPMS Birmingham UK  
November 2005

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*The photos and information above were graciously submitted to me by our good friend from across the pond back in November and I am happy to share them with all of you now. I hope Michael and any of our other “mates” from the other side who feel so inclined will send more photos, articles, letters, or whatever when they can. We will be delighted to post them. Again, a hearty thank you, Michael, for getting the ball rolling!*

*Chuck Wise*

# PRINTING YOUR OWN DECALS

*By John Goodacre*

I have seen over the past few months on message boards the question “How to make your own decals?” One of our members was looking for help and this got me thinking. About a year or so ago, I decided to look into printing my own decals. After some research and many test runs, I got it down (I think). So here goes.

The image can be made using any graphics program, or the image may be imported from a scanner. There are three types of printer one can use: inkjet, laser or an Alps printer. Most of us have inkjet or laser printers. (Professionals use a silk screening process.)

Inkjet printers are inexpensive and can produce a good quality decal. They print using transparent colors. Keep this in mind, if the decal is going to go over a dark surface color. Some inkjets use special inks for “photo quality” that do not fade and are somewhat water resistant.

There are two types of decal paper: clear or white. If your image has white in it or is going over a dark color, use the white decal paper. The problem with using the white paper is that you need to trim around the image carefully so that it will not have a white border. (This is a real PITA in 1/700th) White lettering can be achieved as well. Clear paper can be used with less trimming, but you will not be able to see the white in the image and the colors will be a bit transparent.

Once you have decided on what paper to use, setup your printer as follows: Resolution = Best, Paper = Photo Gloss. Then print on the glossy side of the ink jet decal paper. Next, spray your printed sheet evenly with Krylon Acrylic Crystal Clear High Gloss spray until the sheet has a shine (2-3 coats). This product is available at any craft or hardware store such as Loews, Home Depot, Ace Hardware, Walmart, etc. Any acrylic clear coat spray will work. Allow 30 to 60 minutes for the clear coat to dry and set.

The laser printing process uses toners to apply color, so laser images are more opaque than inkjet images. Like inkjet printers, laser printers cannot print the color white. Follow the same directions for the inkjet prints, except for the last step of spraying the paper. Laser toner seems to be water resistant, so just let the print set for about 15 minutes. Laser printers are more expensive than inkjets but they produce higher quality results with less work. You can take the image to a printing center and use a color copier to copy it to Laser Decal Paper. Some libraries have them now as well.

Alps printers are a special breed. This printer can print the color white. Alps printers can be found on eBay, but prepare to pay some big bucks for a used, out-of-production printer. They use a layering technique in printing. This takes some work in graphic programs and can be tricky. *(As I recall, there was an article in **Fine Scale Modeler** a number of years ago that dealt with using an ALPS printer for printing decals. CW)*

After your decals are dried and trimmed, use them just as if you were going to use the manufacture’s decals. For some great tips on applying decals, take a look at “Decaling 101” by Pierre Salazar at our web site: [www.ipmssyracuse.org/decaling101](http://www.ipmssyracuse.org/decaling101). JG

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**A NEW MODELING VENTURE FOR GARY HAVEN-**

Gary has sold this mug of The Creature from the Black Lagoon. It is his first commissioned work!



**FOR THE MAN WHO HAS EVERYTHING-**

**A GREAT GIFT FOR YOUR BOSS,**

**OR YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW**



*All kidding aside, great work Gary and congratulations on your crossing over to the pros.*