



# Butch O'Hare

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## TEXAS'S LONE STAR FLIGHT MUSEUM

Recently while in Galveston, Texas and looking for things to do, I came across this pretty-hard-to-find gem of a flight museum. For those of you who don't know, Galveston is on a small island located on the coastline outside of Houston. If you remember Glen Campbell's great song "Galveston," you know what I'm talking about.

The museum itself attracted my eye because it was supposed to have one of the only B-58 Hustlers on display, up close without barriers and even better lit than the one in Wright-Patterson. So I dropped off my wife to do some shopping while I went to check it out.

At first I thought the place was closed since I was the only car in the parking lot at 11 a.m. To my surprise, it was open, but the three buildings were empty! All of a sudden I heard a Huey chopper sound real low over the first building. Walked to the rear, opened the door and there was a Huey Cobra landing about 80 feet away. It was out for a test spin as a flying display piece. What a great private airshow!

The rest of the museum was way cool. It had just about every WWII war bird in existence and some jets too, but no B-58. I was told that some general in Oklahoma wanted the B-58 back for his display and revoked the loan to the museum. Too bad, but I had a really great time. It took about an hour to walk through.

The museum in Galveston is closed now but has relocated to Houston at Ellington Airport, even bigger and better. Now I have to go back!



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**IPMS/USA** membership qualifies you to participate in **IPMS/USA** sanctioned contests, particularly our world-famous **National Convention**, held each summer. As a member, you'll also be able to access our online discussion board, where a wide variety of modeling topics are discussed, and enjoy interaction with other serious modelers for help with questions about modeling techniques or IPMS in general. Many hobby shops and model vendors around the country offer discounts to **IPMS/USA** members.

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<http://www.city-data.com/businesses/218387017-forever-timeless-hobby-shop-chicago-il.html>
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## Fireproof Underwear?



# WARD'S SWORKSHOP

Any competitive sport where you are required to wear Nomex fire-resistant clothes, gloves and shoes is bound to be interesting! And so it was with racing in the National Modified Midget Association.

What we have below is a chassis I welded up from steel tubing in my basement workshop in 1979, to see if I could build and race competitively. These are scaled-down sprint cars with sophisticated torsion bar and coil-over adjustable suspensions and an exciting power to weight ratio.

The weight restriction is that the combination of car and driver must be at least 450 pounds, meaning you have to build a 300-pound car to be competitive while conforming to all dimension and safety requirements in the NMMA rulebook. On the left side of my car is an 85hp Suzuki Super Cross water-cooled motorcycle engine brought up to factory race team spec, running 14 to 1 compression on methanal through a large Mikuni road race carburetor.

We made as many of the 22 race meets of the season each year as we could (afford!) on the three clay tracks in Illinois: Willowbowl (Dwight) day race, Arcola and Galesburg, night races. I drove for three years, winning 10-lap heat races but never a feature race. My best was finishing second in a 50-lap night race in Galesburg (20 cars started). I traded the driver's seat to my oldest son and I became the mechanic, able to tune the engine and set up the suspension and tires to the always changing clay track. We became a successful team, and in 1989, Mike won seven of the feature races of the 15 we made.

The season ended with Mike third place in the region, and we retired the car. I sold the car and trailer to a family in Lincoln for \$8,000 and went back to building models (way cheaper!), and Mike joined a World of Outlaws traveling sprint car team as a crew member, not as a driver (lasted only one season).

Picture taken at Willowbowl: Hot Lap during practice, old guy at the wheel.



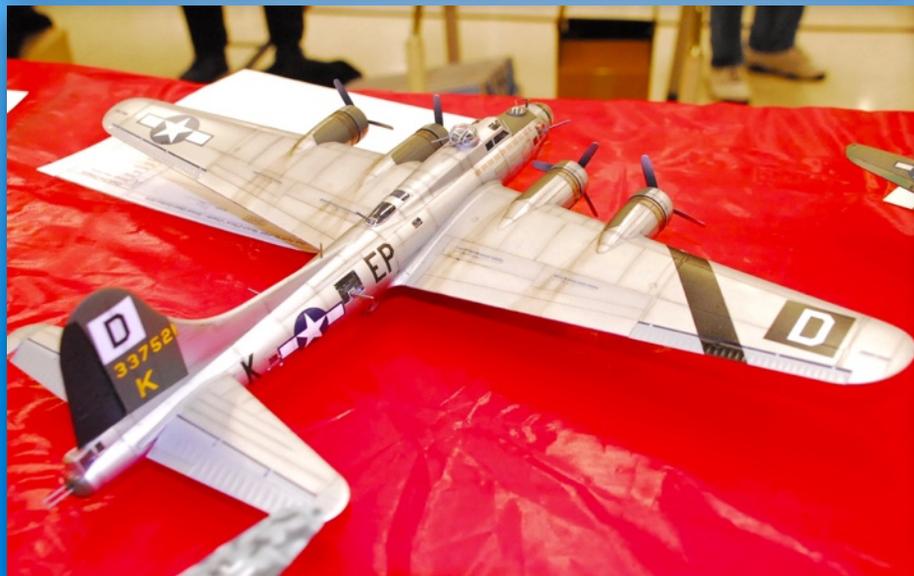
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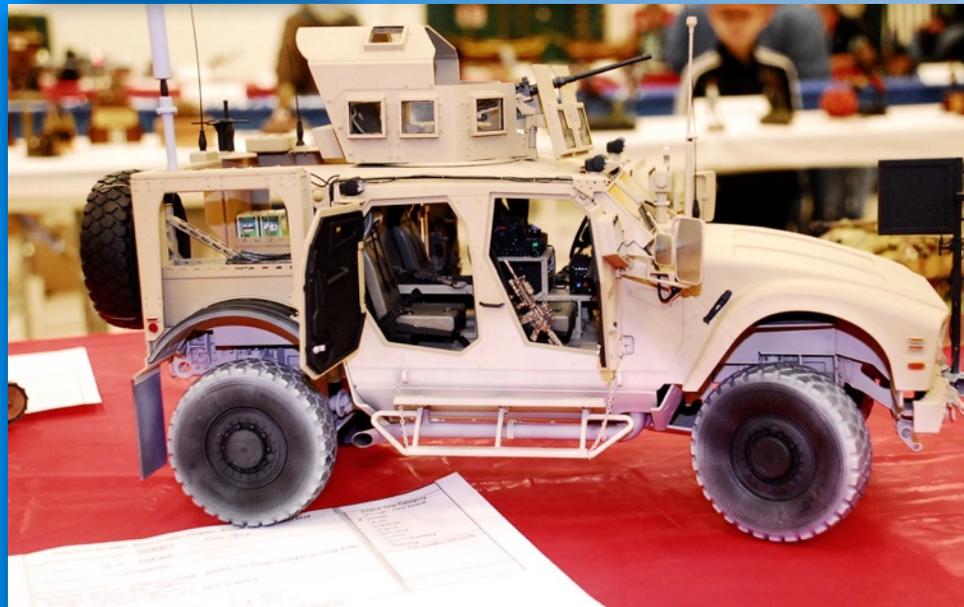
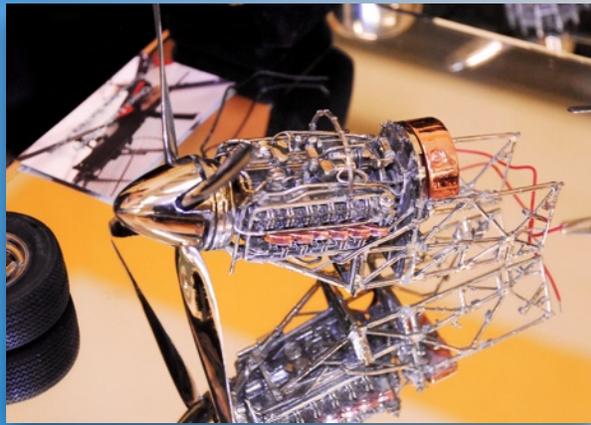
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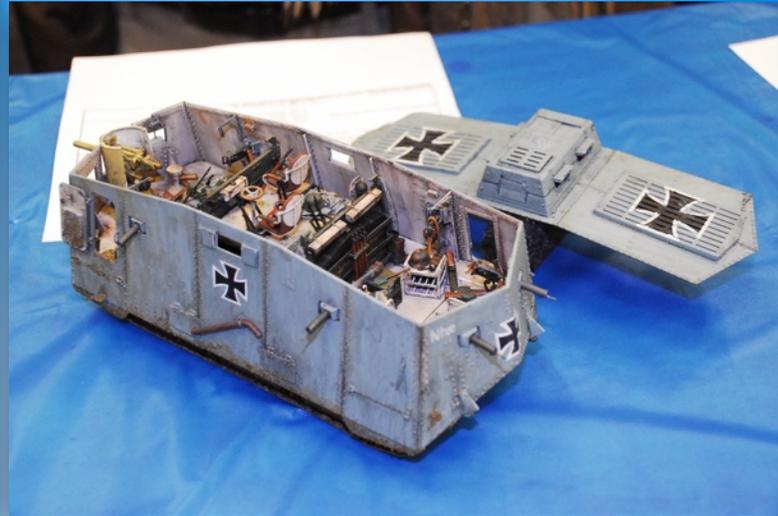
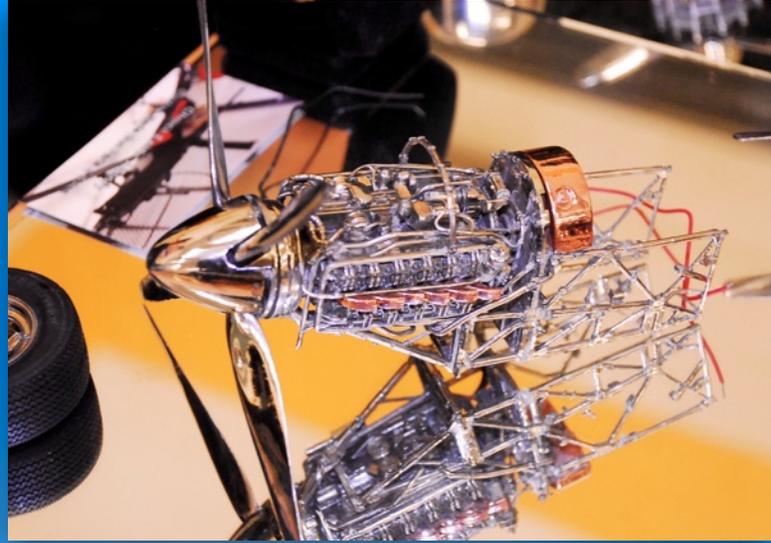
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## **SPECIAL AWARDS:**

**Best of Show: *Forgotten* - Roy W. Bergunder**

**Best Jet: *J-29 Tunnen* - Tom Reese**

**Silver Wings: *A-10A* - David Fussichem**

**Best Use of Creativity in Modeling: *ATFX-22* - Charles Haines**

**George S. Patton Award: *M13ACAV* - Aron Skinner**

**Shep Paine Award: *Tar Pit* - William Vinikour**

**Best Prop: *Fw 190A-8* - Robert Raver**

**Best Armor: *Daimler Dingo MK II* - Victor Hernandez**

**Best Nautical: *HMS Repulse* - Rob Taubert**

**Best Automotive: *68 Corvette* - John Obler**

**Best Sci-Fi: *AT-ST* - Karl Williams**

**Best Figure: *Klaus Schuh* - Rick Keasey**

**Best Fantasy: *Medusa* - William Vinikour**

**Best Gaming: *Shadow Spine Skeleton* - Dan Zedeau III**

**Best U.S. Navy: *Kingfisher* - Phil Kichmeier**

**Cross & Cockade: *Hanover* - Jack Taylor**

**Charlie Metz Award for German Aircraft: *JU--87* - Ihor Hlohowskyj**

**Best Club Display: *Magnificent 7s* - Lake Cook**

## **MEDALLIONS AWARDED:**

**33 Gold, 67 Silver and 87 Bronze for a total of 187 medallions (audited)**

## **TOTAL CONTEST AWARDS:**

**205 awards presented to 300 entries**



## How Much is a 10-Cent Glider?

By Walt Fink



Photo 1

Before the days of plastic models, those of us growing up with model aviation made do with balsa and/or pinewood kits. Display models started out as blocks of wood that you carved and sanded to shape until the Strombecker Corp. began giving us pre-shaped (to an extent) pine parts--but they still took lots of sanding. And cutting. I still have scars on my hands from razor blades and X-Acto knives.

The "action of aviation" spanned the gamut from flying models of all sizes and power to the humble balsa wood gliders. The most popular, best-flying bargain for one's money was the 74 glider made by the American Junior Aircraft Co. (Photo 1). I think when I was a kid, a 74 went for about 10 or 15 cents and was similar in looks to a Lockheed F-80 (well, P-80, at that time).

The American Junior Co. was headed by Neville E. "Jim" Walker, who started producing balsa gliders in his home in 1929 when he was about 12 years old. His expertise was evident in his designs, and the AJ Co. went on to produce several other equally iconic gliders aimed at the younger market. Me. That was my intro to things that I could build and actually fly.



Photo 3

monster prop that probably outweighed the model itself, pretty good thrust-to-weight ratio, and it could climb like stink. It was the first AJ "glider" I can remember that actually came in a box (Photo 4).

History lesson: In the United Kingdom, the Lines Brothers' company was doing similar models and their slogan was "Flies Right Off the Ground," giving rise to the moniker FROG. When they turned their attention to producing plastic kits, they kept that acronym, which is where the old FROG kits got their name. They didn't ROG, but I'm sure many took flight at the end of whip lines and met their demise at the hands of British modelers.



Photo 2

The 74 was produced in four different guises--same aircraft, just different color inks on the wood. One Christmas

season, AJ did a special green and red one, but it never caught on and was dropped (Photo 2).

AJ produced the Hornet, a rubber-powered model that would ROG....Rise Off the Ground (Photo 3). It had a

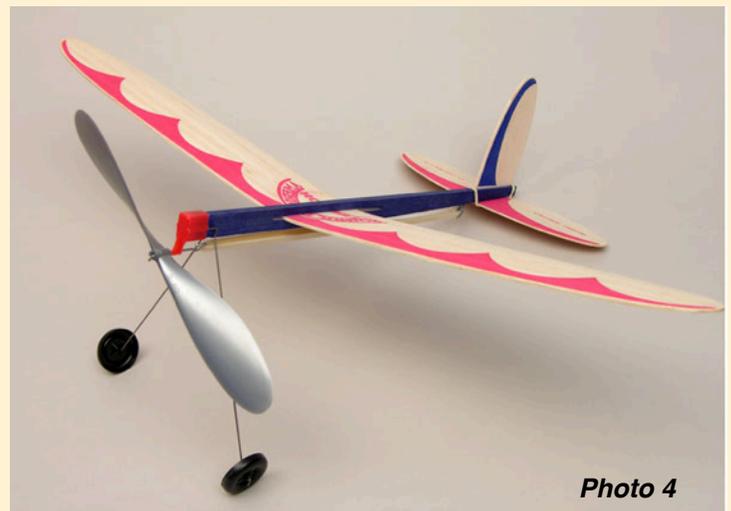
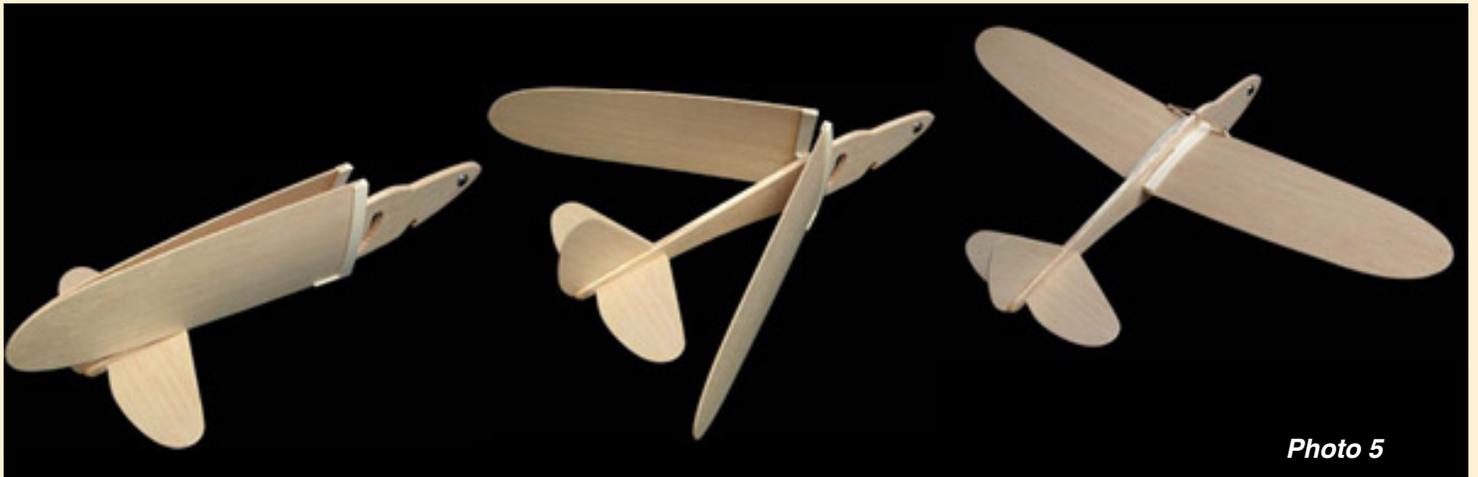


Photo 4



**Photo 5**

Another pretty cool AJ product was the 404 Interceptor--like the 74, named because that was the number on its wing. This bird had a unique double-folding wing mechanism (Photo 5), which allowed the wings to pivot back along the fuselage, somewhat like certain Grumman products (F4F, F6F, etc.). You held the wingtips and the end of its fuselage together (Photo 6) and launched this baby skyward with a rubber slingshot (Photo 7). It'd get to its apogee, and when the force of the wind was overcome by the wings' rubber band "extension" mechanism, they'd snap smartly into place and the aircraft would be gliding off into the distance. Usually into the woods or onto the roof--we lost a lot of 404s. By the way, the gent about to boost this one into orbit is Rick Macy, whose father, Frank, was one of AJ's biggest fans and their historian. I think he designed some of their aircraft.



**Photo 6**

Several companies tried to mimic AJ's expertise and even produced low-cost gliders that were cheaper than the 74, Hornet and 404. But as the saying goes, you get what you pay for. They did give rise to the iconic legend of the kid with some change in his pocket, asking the hobby shop counter guy, "How much is a 10-cent glider?" I never saw a Norman

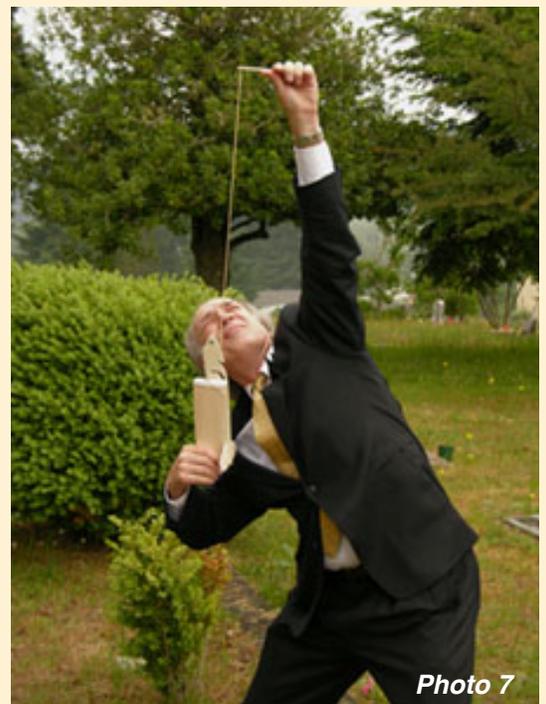
Rockwell painting of that, but it sounds like it would have been a good subject matter.

During its existence, the American Junior Aircraft Co. produced 232 million model aircraft. And get this: The American Junior Co. is still in business, though it's not the original one. The link is <http://www.americanjuniorclassics.com/ajstore/ajstoreindex2.htm>

Jim Walker passed away in 1952, but the revamped business with the similar name is producing those iconic gliders and Hornets today, in Oregon. They advertise their gliders to be as high in quality as the originals.

There's been a little change in things since I tossed these toys around in my youth, however. The 74 will now cost you \$12.95 and the Hornet \$24.95, unless you'd like an undecorated one, which is cheaper.

How much is a 10-cent glider? Now you know.



**Photo 7**



# FROM THE OVAL OFFICE



Dear Members,

I would like to start this article by saying thank you to the many individuals who helped put our show together. From table setting, to registration, to raffle and cleanup, we couldn't put the show on without your help! We will have a complete report at the next meeting and review all the numbers and the facts. I hope those who attended all had a great time. I know that I did, and I received a lot of good comments about our show.

I hope that you are finishing up your model choice for the December contest. Remember we will be giving out some gift cards for first-, second- and third-place choices of the group. My race car is almost done and is looking better than I thought it would. Anyway, it should be fun. Remember that December will be our annual Christmas dinner as well, so come hungry!

I want to thank Kevin Stover for all of his hard work on our newsletter. Kevin is going to be finishing up, and the December letter is his last one. A big thank you from the BOH crew for the effort put into this publication. I think we have a couple of folks interested in taking over the reins of the publication and will let everyone know more at the meeting.

I don't want to forget all the folks who have contributed on a regular basis to the newsletter this year. You guys have helped make it very successful. The articles have been great, and hopefully you will find the time to continue to contribute. To those who have never written anything or taken pictures, it is not that hard and your contribution will be helpful going forward.

Thanks everyone, and see you at the meeting!

*Frank C*

# THIS MONTH IN **MILITARY** HISTORY

**Dec. 11, 1972:** Challenger, the lunar lander for Apollo 17, touches down on the moon's surface. It was the last time that men visited the moon. The last two men to walk on the surface of the moon were Harrison Schmitt and Eugene Cernan. (tdmh)



**Dec. 26, 1971:** In the sharpest escalation of the Vietnam War since Operation Rolling Thunder ended in November 1968, U.S. fighter-bombers begin striking at North Vietnamese airfields, missile sites, anti-aircraft emplacements and supply facilities. (tdmh)



## UPCOMING REGION V EVENTS

**February 3, 2018 (all day)**

### **20th Annual Hope It Don't Snow Show**

**Kahler Apache Hotel & Conference Center**

**1517 16th St. NW**

**Rochester, MN**

Chris Krco [zvsm533@gmail.com](mailto:zvsm533@gmail.com)

**April 7, 2018 - 9am to 5pm**

### **Surgicon 22**

**2540 East Euclid Ave.**

**Des Moines, IA**

Joe Lotz 641-202-3579

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**March 3, 2018 - 9am to 4pm**

### **Mad City Modelers Model Show**

**Madison Labor Temple**

**1602 South Park St.**

**Madison, WI**

Bill Wedeward [53715williamwedeward@yahoo.com](mailto:53715williamwedeward@yahoo.com)

**April 21, 2018 - 8am to 4pm**

### **FleaCon 14**

**766 N. Maple St.**

**Monticello, IA**

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**March 10, 2018 - 9am to 5pm**

### **KCCON 2017**

**First Church of the Nazarene**

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Stuart Malone [stuartmalone@icloud.com](mailto:stuartmalone@icloud.com)

**May 5, 2018 (all day)**

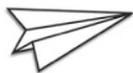
### **Spring in the Pines**

**Eagle River Masonic Lodge**

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# letters



to me

## Butch O' Hare members and followers around the world:

I cannot begin to tell you what it has meant for me to publish this newsletter since 2011. As most know, the newsletter position in any club is considered a lifetime sentence. I entered into this not knowing anything about constructing any kind of newsletter. I told then-president Steve Day that I'd give it a try, but he was to keep shut about it in case it didn't work out. Well, I guess it did.

With a lot of teething pains, I spent a whole lot of modeling time cranking out what I wanted to be the finest newsletter that I could produce. I wanted it to be different from the scores of newsletters out there, something that reflected the varied membership of our club with all of our individual likes and interests. My aim was something between a travel blog and a traditional modeling newsletter. Through the years, little by little, the Butch O' Hare Resinator was born and matured.

I would officially like to formally thank all of those who contributed regularly to keep their newsletter afloat. Without writers like **Steve Day, Butch Bejna, Keith Ward, Walt Fink, Carl Knable, Frank Ciccarella, Don Grajek, Ihor Hlohowskyj, John Kaufman, Kurt van Dahm, John Novak, Stan Kurcz, Don Smith, and John Bishop**, this newsletter would have closed shop very early. Instead we all put the Butch O' Hare modeling club on the world map. If you look on our masthead, you'll see seven other countries our newsletter is distributed to. (Japan was our eighth country, but we lost that contact when he moved back to the States.)

As fun as this project has been, it has unfortunately taken time away from model building. I will now have more time to build and just enjoy being a tourist at every club meeting instead of working and taking pictures of all the show and tell models. I do intend to keep writing for the newsletter in whatever form it's in--perhaps even folded into our website in a shorter, more abbreviated version. I'm sure I will look forward to opening each new edition as the years roll on. And for those who haven't yet contributed to the newsletter, what better time to give it a try than right now?

Thank you all around the world for your support. Keep in touch.

*Kevin Stover*

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## Upcoming Schedule 2017

Date	Theme	Demo/guest
January 13	****	****
February 10	****	****
March 10	****	****
April 14	****	****
May 12	****	****
June 9	****	****
July 14	****	****
August 11	****	****
September 8	****	****
October 13	****	****
November 10	****	****
December 8	<i>Club Builds</i>	<i>Party</i>

# WE'LL CALL YOU

## LOONEY TUNES



## That's all Folks

**All meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at:**

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
5739 Dunham Rd., Downers Grove, IL**

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