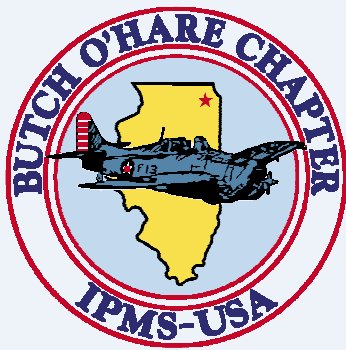




# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & *Current Events*

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## From the President's Desk

The meeting was attended by 23 members and we also had 2 visitors to our meeting. With Frank's absence, Hector brought the meeting to order with an update as to the preparations for our show in November. The show committee met recently and are working at preparing the layout for the contest area, vendor tables and seminar rooms. We are currently at 50+ vendor tables and due to space limitations, we will be capping the vendor tables at 70. He also stated that the hotel will be handling all of the table set up and take down for the show. However, we will still need volunteers for judging, security, raffle, check in etc. Also, a call was made for everyone to review their model collections for donations to the show raffle.

Hector also made the announcement that Draxtar Games in Batavia will be closing at the end of the month. The store has fallen victim to the internet. As many of you know, Draxtar was the sponsor of our Best Gaming Award as well as a vendor at our show. So, an inventory clearance sale is currently ongoing. Draxtar joins the casualty list that includes Al's Hobby in Elmhurst and Timeless Hobbies in Wheaton as well others. They will be missed.

The MMSI show is coming up in October. Although MMSI is primarily a figure club they have added categories for "ordnance" – armour, aircraft and ships. If you haven't attended their show in the past, You should try and make it to their show. It will be held the weekend of October 19-23 at the Marriot Hotel in Schaumburg.

<http://www.military-miniature-society-of-illinois.com/2018-chicago-show/>

The highlight of the evening was the return of our very own Steve Day. A couple of months ago, Steve suffered a mild stroke but he is on the road to recovery. It was good to see him back at the club.

Hector

Vice President



## Inside This Month

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Quick Link Newsletters

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| Date         | Theme                                     | Demo/Guest |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| January 12   | An old Model                              |            |
| February 9   | Mustang Night                             |            |
| March 9      | Track Night (Armor Related)               |            |
| April 13     | Four Wheels on the Ground                 |            |
| May 11       | Sail away (any ship related subject)      |            |
| June 8       | Sci-Fi Madness / Movie /TV Characters     |            |
| July 13      | Model Build & Bull Night                  |            |
| August 10    | Vietnam Remembered (any subject)          |            |
| September 14 | Club Auction Night                        |            |
| October 12   | Build a Model With Your Eyes Closed!      |            |
| November 9   | BOH Show Set Up                           |            |
| December 14  | BOH Annual Christmas Party and Show Recap |            |

## Drop in to the Next Meeting:

October 12, 2018 at:  
 St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
 5739 Dunham Road  
 Downers Grove, IL

**Start: 7:30 PM**

Theme: Auction Night



## SIGNUP SHEET

Bill Vinikour- Dragon 1/57 CMON Resin figure

Mike Kinowski – PLHW4 & PZ 2 in 1/35, FW190 Eduard in 1/72

Dick Beemer – Rmeintuchter R-2 AA missile in 1/35

John Bishop – RPD Astray Gundum by Perfect grade kit

Carl Knable – RB-57A & RB-57G 1/87 by Revell

Jim Pinc - B-29 1/72 by Revell & 1/142 Milirary Veci

Joe Kozak – Dragon Wagon 1/35 by Tamiya

Steve Day – Two N Scale buildings & X Wing fighter and Transport

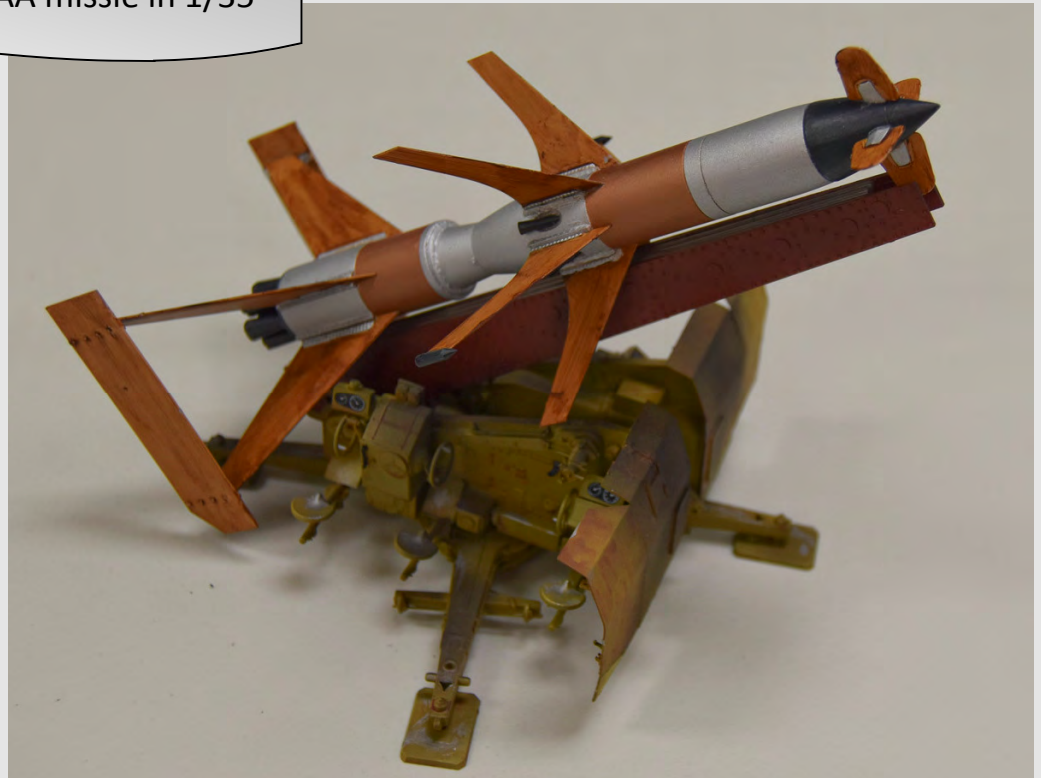
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**Carl Knable**—RB-57A & RB-57G 1/87 by Revell



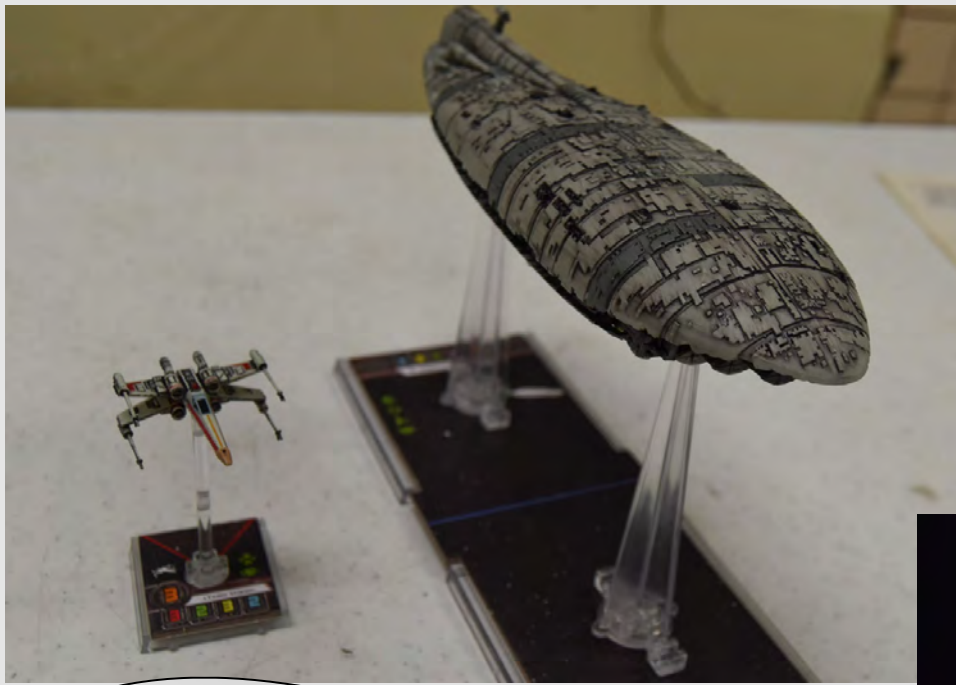




Jim Pine— B-29



Joe Kozak – Dragon Wagon 1/35 by Tamiya



WELCOME BACK Steve !

Two N Scale buildings & X Wing fighter and Transport.



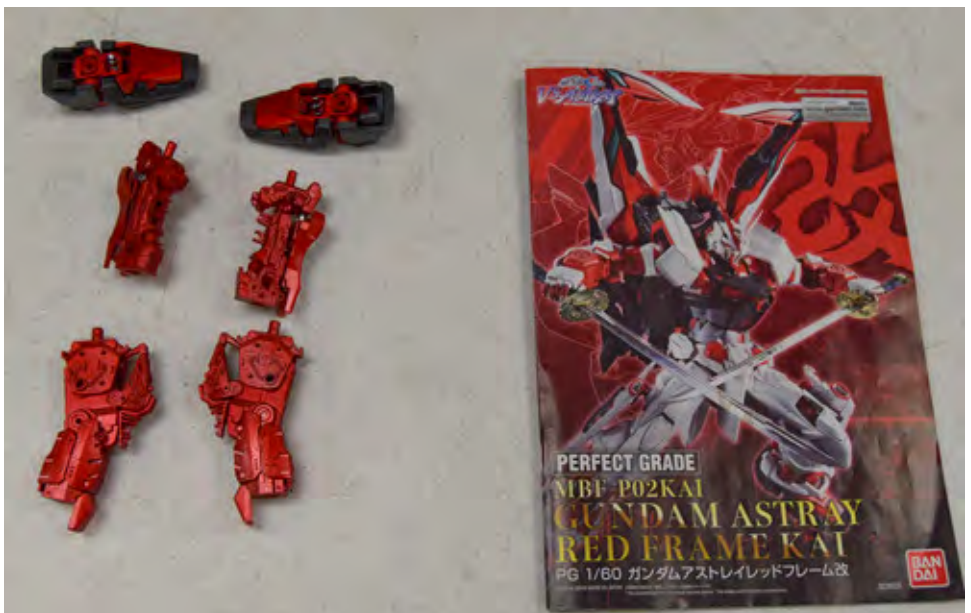




Don Grajek— 1/72 Russian aircraft



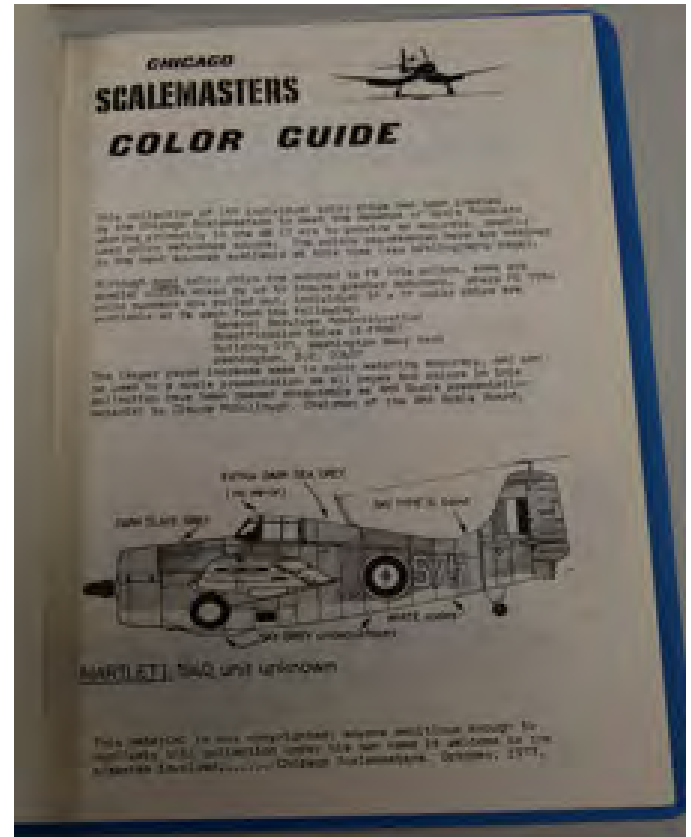
John Bishop — RPD ASTRAY Gundam





Carl Knable brought perhaps the last surviving copies of a color guide

It was developed many years ago by a group of modelers led by Keith Ward. The guide used actual paint chips for the color samples. So far attempts to scan the publication for general use have been disappointing. We will keep you all updated on the effort.





At the meeting we had two new visitors. Ryan Colt and Mike Kinowski who brought in 4 of his models. We thank them for coming and hope they will join us as regulars!

**Ryan Colt**



**Mike Kinowski**—Brought in a PLHW4 & PZ 2 in 1/35, FW190 Eduard in 1/72





# Upcoming Events

10/6—Chicago Model Engineers Assoc. show—10am-3pm

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 203 S Kensington Ave, Chicago, ILL

10/19-21—MMSI Show in Schaumburg, IL (Mariott Schaumburg)

11/3- Tiger Con, Columbia MO

***11/10—BOH 36th Annual Contest—Make sure you see the flyer for our November contest on the next page!***

IPMS Calendar <https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/all-events>

## IPMS Region 5 News

1) The annual Butch O'Hare IPMS Chapter open model contest will be held on November 10, 2018. The show will be held at the Holiday Inn, Itasca and this show is one of the Midwest's largest shows. Attracting modelers and vendors from throughout the region, the Butch O'Hare show has some of the best modelers displaying their work, and some of the best vendor tables available. We are asking for your support of our show by sponsoring a category. Attached is a form for those clubs and/or individuals wishing to sponsor a category.

2) Please send me your nominations for 2018 Region 5 Chapter of the Year, Newsletter of the Year, and Webmaster of the Year. Nominations will be considered and winners chosen early in 2019.

3) The 2019 Region 5 Contest is coming soon(ish): Saturday March 2, hosted by the Mad City Modelers in Madison, WI

4) I will be sending out Charter Renewal notices to each club over the next two days. If you don't see an email from me regarding this by the end of next week, please let me know.

That's it for now.

Happy Modeling!

Jim Coatney

IPMS/USA Region 5

## IPMS / USA

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 boards, 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.

### **Memberships are available in several ways:**

Junior- 17 years or younger, \$17 per year

Adult - \$30 for 1 year, \$58 for 2 years, \$86 for 3 years.

Family - \$35 Adult membership 1 year plus \$5 for multiple cards.

Download the application from IPMS/USA and mail today! <http://www.shopipmsusa.org/category-s/100.htm>

The **Butch O'Hare Chicago Chapter** of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) was inspired by the accomplishments and **heroism of Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare**, the U.S. Navy's first flying ace and Medal of Honor recipient in World War II. The original members of the organization therefore decided to take his name in memoriam. We welcome all those who have any level of interest in modeling to explore our web site and visit us at our monthly meeting.



### **BOH Annual Membership**

Regular \$20  
Family \$25  
Senior \$15 over 65  
Junior \$15 under 18

### **Meeting Location**

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

### **Meeting Times**

7 PM  
2nd Friday of every month

### **Website**

[www.butchoharemodelers.com](http://www.butchoharemodelers.com)



# 36TH ANNUAL– IPMS BUTCH O'HARE CHAPTER OPEN MODEL CONTEST

## SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 10, 2018

**Holiday Inn, Itasca**

860 W. Irving Park Road, Itasca, IL 60143

**SCALE MODELERS – BRING OUT YOUR BEST!**

COMPETE FOR SPECIAL AWARDS WITH MODELERS FROM

CHICAGOLAND AND THE ENTIRE CENTRAL REGION

FACT: ONE OF THE BEST TRADER ROOMS AT A LOCAL SHOW IN THE MIDWEST!

**Featuring:  
50+ Loaded**

**VENDOR  
TABLES!!**



### TIMETABLE:

7:00 AM — VENDORS SETUP

9:00 AM — DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

11:00 AM – 1ST RAFFLE

NOON — REGISTRATION CLOSES

4:00 PM – AWARDS ANNOUNCED

5:00 PM – END OF CONTEST FOR 2018

CONTEST ENTRY FEES: \$10 ADULT (over 17 YRS old) FIRST 4  
MODELS, \$3 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MODEL

### Event INFORMATION:

REGISTRATION FORMS & INTEL

Go to Our Website:

[www.butchoharemodelers.com](http://www.butchoharemodelers.com)

Or contact our chapter contact

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### Judged by "CHICAGO RULES"

UNLIMITED CLASS AWARDS IN **GOLD**,  
**SILVER** & **BRONZE** MEDALLIONS!  
RECOGNIZING YOUR MODELING  
SKILLS, PLUS: SPECIAL AWARDS For  
DISTINGUISHED MODELING  
EXCELLENCE:

Best in Show – Best Aircraft – Best Armor – Best  
Nautical – Best Auto – Best Figure – Best Sci-Fi –  
Fantasy/Comic – Best Diorama – Best Junior and  
Many More!!!! New Categories for Sci-Fi,  
Fantasy, Gaming, and Real Space

Three new seminars to attend this year!

Check our web site for more information!

### WALK THRU

(SPECTATOR FEES)

\$5 ADULT (OVER 17 YRS OLD)

\$1 JUNIOR (OVER 12 to 17 YRS)

\$ **FREE** FOR KIDS UNDER 12 YRS

**EARLY BIRD ENTRANCE  
TO THE VENDORS ROOM  
FOR \$10**

**(8 AM START TIME)**

RAFFLE TICKETS DRAWN  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY

\$1 each/6 for \$5

## TIPS & TRICKS

Here is a tip sent in by Carl Knable on making Decals.

I am using Tango Papa decal film ([tangopapadecals.com](http://tangopapadecals.com)). The process starts with putting together the lettering/numbers and graphics (nose art, etc.) at double the size needed for the model using my PC and Word. The data is then printed at the double size on my ink jet printer using the best print setting and quality white paper. Then, I take the print and decal paper to my local print shop (Alpha Graphics) and have them do a 50 percent reduction of my original and print it on the decal paper using their color laser printer at \$1.00 per sheet. When I get home, the printed decal sheet gets a coat of clear lacquer to "set" the decals.

## MAILBAG

With the announcement that Draxtar Games is closing, I really started to think about the future of our hobby. I ask myself, "Are we our own worst enemy?" So how can we expect local hobby shops to survive if we spend all our time shopping for kits on the internet? The internet is a wonderful thing. It has brought the world closer together and has allowed the hobbyist an avenue to locate those hard to find kits. I am just as guilty as the next guy. Recently, I found a Hasegawa 1/48 scale F-2 on Amazon at a reasonable price (about half of the usual price of \$40). Although the seller was in Japan, all it took was a few clicks of my mouse, prime shipping and the kit was sitting on my doorstep in less than two weeks. A few years ago, I purchased the Academy T-50 in the South Korean Air Force *Black Eagles* markings. Again, just a few clicks of my mouse and I had the kit in no time at all. On the other hand, if I purchase something from our northern neighbour, Canada, I usually wait close to a month for the item to arrive. So go figure, I buy something on the other side of the world and it arrives quickly but a few hundred miles north....and I have to wait over a month. But that's a topic for another time.

I clearly recall as a kid walking into *Satellite Hobbies* in Alhambra, CA with my brother. We would go there any time we had money burning holes in our pockets and when one of our parents could take us. The store was always filled with everything two boys would want – plastic models, balsa wood planes, matchbox cars, paint, brushes, model rockets etc. A recent internet search showed the store to be gone. Last year I was in Groton. CT and found *Lee's Toys and Hobbies*. I remember the first time I walked through that door I was transported back to my childhood. All that was missing was my brother telling me to hurry up and pick something out. I picked out a few items and when I was checking out, I struck up a conversation with the owner, who I believe was either the second or third generation owner of the store. I saw a newspaper clipping that spoke about the long-time business in Groton and mentioned that due to declining sales; he wasn't sure how much longer the doors would remain open.

Is all this nothing more than memories from a bygone era? Am I just living in the past? Where do we draw the line of supporting our local hobby shop (if there are any left) and getting that bargain? Let's face it, online shopping is no longer the wave of the future it is now ingrained in our society. Folks are even buying their groceries online. Yes I have seen kits in the store for \$40 and online for less than \$35. So it is hard not to simply click my mouse and order it.

Hector Colón

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My 2 cents

I was mulling over Hectors comments at the meeting and this is my take on it.

Growing up, (60 years ago) plastic model kits were everywhere. Hobby shops, dime stores, corner groceries, even the hardware store stocked models. The market, along with the customers, then began to shrink to specialty “hobby” stores, eventually leading to “mail” order and finally to Online retailing.

Some of that was caused by more options for play such as sports, RC toys, model RR, and computer gaming.

Another factor was cost. In 1959 I swooned over a monogram 1/48 kit of the F4F wildcat (with folding wings!). I bought it or I badgered my Mom into it, for \$1. I could barely afford it then. That would amount to \$8.52 today. At hobby lobby the cheapest kits starts at \$12 with most upwards of \$18. Even with the 40% off coupon that’s more than the “good old days”. If you look at the full range of kits, were talking much, much more, not to mention, paints, materials, and add-on components.

These kits are expensive to buy and to stock, so a local store will always be limited in inventory compared to an online shop not to mention pricing. I think there will always be hobby shops around, but there will be far fewer, and they will be based around dedicated local interest groups, like model RR, RC and with plastic as a much smaller subset.

Perhaps the future really lies with a shop that evolves out of the Maker movement. A “Hobby” shop where you can not only go to buy a kit, but also to MAKE your model or parts, using, laser cutters, 3D printers, and printing your custom decals. Technology is increasingly lowering the cost of the machines so that small shops can now afford them (look at your local library). With classes for how to design and run the machines or simply providing the service, I it would be a way to get young “modellers”, of any persuasion, involved.

Whatever the future holds, we need to embrace it and make it work to our advantage. There no going back!

Stan Kurcz



Some eye candy from this years

## Chicago Toy Soldier Show



## **Local Hobby Shops**

|                           |                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chicago Land Hobbies      | 6017 N NW Hwy, Chicago IL, 773-775-4848                                                                                                |
| Forever Timeless          | 4438 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago IL 773-545-6959                                                                                           |
| Des Plaines Hobbies       | 1524 Lee Street, Des Plains, IL 847-297-2118<br><a href="http://www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/">www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/</a> |
| Americas Best Hobby       | 865 Maplewood, Itasca, IL 630-467-1102<br><a href="http://www.americasbesttrain.com/">www.americasbesttrain.com/</a>                   |
| Ron's Mundeleine Hobbies  | 431 N. Lake Street, Mundelein, IL 847-949-8680                                                                                         |
| M&Models                  | 9329 S. Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn, IL 708-423-7202<br><a href="http://www.mmodelstore.com">www.mmodelstore.com</a>                          |
| Past Time Hobbies         | 9311 Ogden Ave, Brookfield, IL 708-485-4544<br><a href="http://www.pthinc.com">www.pthinc.com</a>                                      |
| Berwyn's Toys & Trains    | 7025 Ogden Ave, Berwyn, IL 708-484-4384<br><a href="mailto:berwynstoytrains@comcast.net">berwynstoytrains@comcast.net</a>              |
| Walt's Hobby & Model Shop | 2207 Plainfield Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403<br><a href="http://www.waltshobbyonline.com">www.waltshobbyonline.com</a>                   |





*That's all Folks!*