



The Plastic Whittler



Our Next Meeting:

Our next meetings will be on **May 19th 6:00 pm "ish"** And **June 16th. Same Time**

DO NOT FORGET OUR MEETING PLACE - Squadron Mail Order! See Page 2 & 3 for a map.

BRANDON HAS CHAIRS! -

No need to bring a chair anymore!!!!

AND AFTER THE MEETING EATS - And while you are at it look at **Page 4** for where we will eat afterwards.

This May Meeting UPCOMING What else we will do!! - We will have our usual meeting plus spend time reviewing and preparing for our show in June.

Last Meetings - Page 5.

Jack Bruno Passing - It is with regret I must report the passing of John "Jack" Bruno. Though not a member of our club his influence was felt deeply. He had a profound effect on us hosting the 2019 National Convention. I will not say more but let the stories begin on Page 16.

Emanuel's Roving Lens - Emanuel caught the Coulson C-130 fighting a wildfire in North Carolina. See Page 20.

Coming Book Report - See Page 26.

Funnies! - Just as I was going to send this Teddy Ladd sent a bunch of funnies so I added them to what I had from Gary and it is quit the selection. CHECK IT OUT!! See Page 23.

More ... In the pages that follow

The Semi-Monthly Newsletter of:
IPMS/AMPS/Chattanooga Scale Modelers
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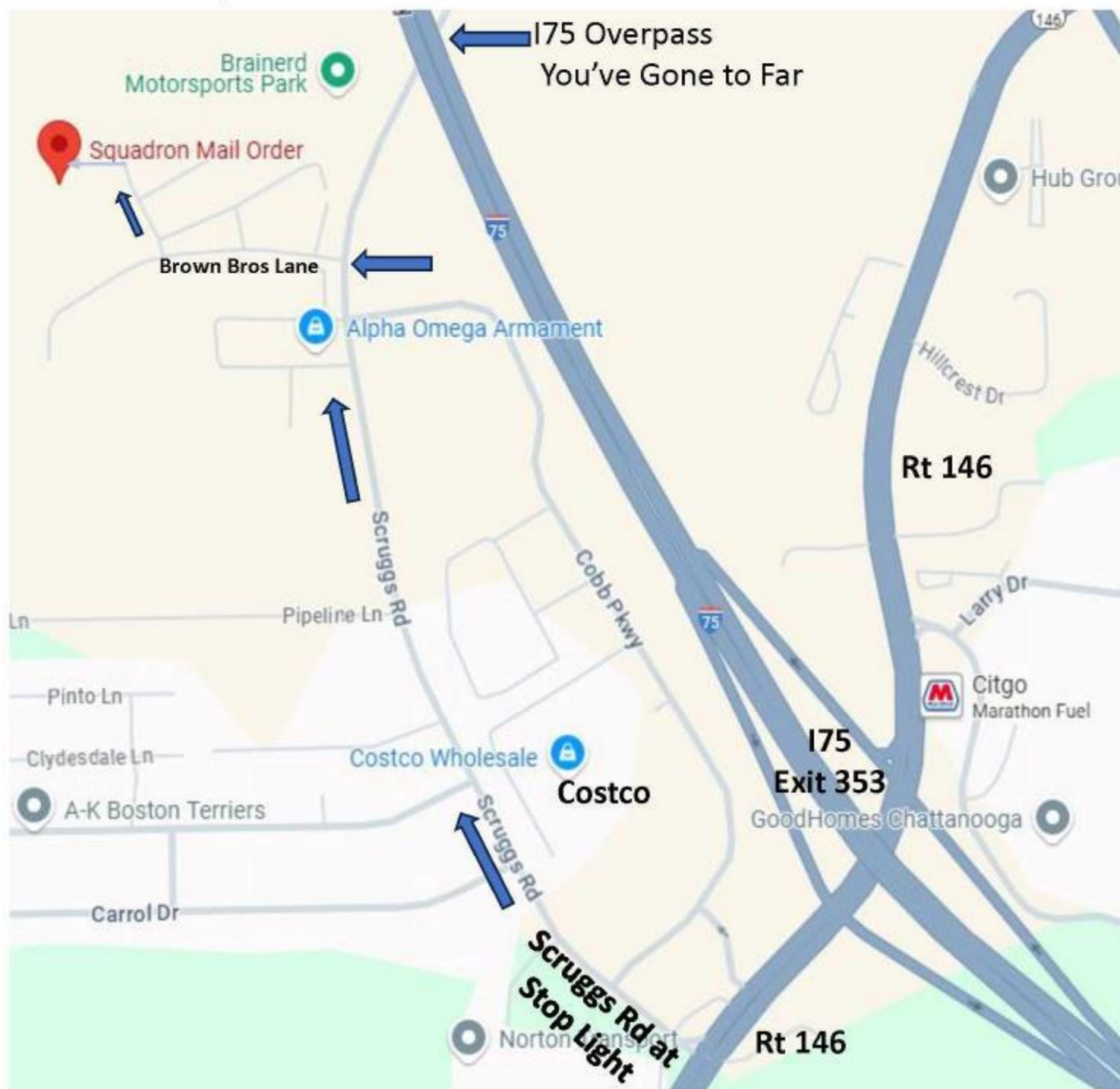


UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE
IPMS Chattanooga Meeting	5/19/2025
ScottCon	6/7/2025
IPMS Chattanooga Meeting	6/16/2025
IPMS/Knoxville	5/31/2025
ModelCon 2025	6/13-14 /2025
R/C Airshow Summit Field	8/3/2025
IPMS/MiddleTN	11/15/2025



We're moving to:
Squadron MMD
25 Southcross Lane
Ringgold, GA 30736

Starting with our January meeting, we will be in a new location close to Costco in Ringgold GA. Meetings will still be held on the 3rd Monday of the month except for December when there is no meeting. Meetings start at 6 pm and end around 8 pm.





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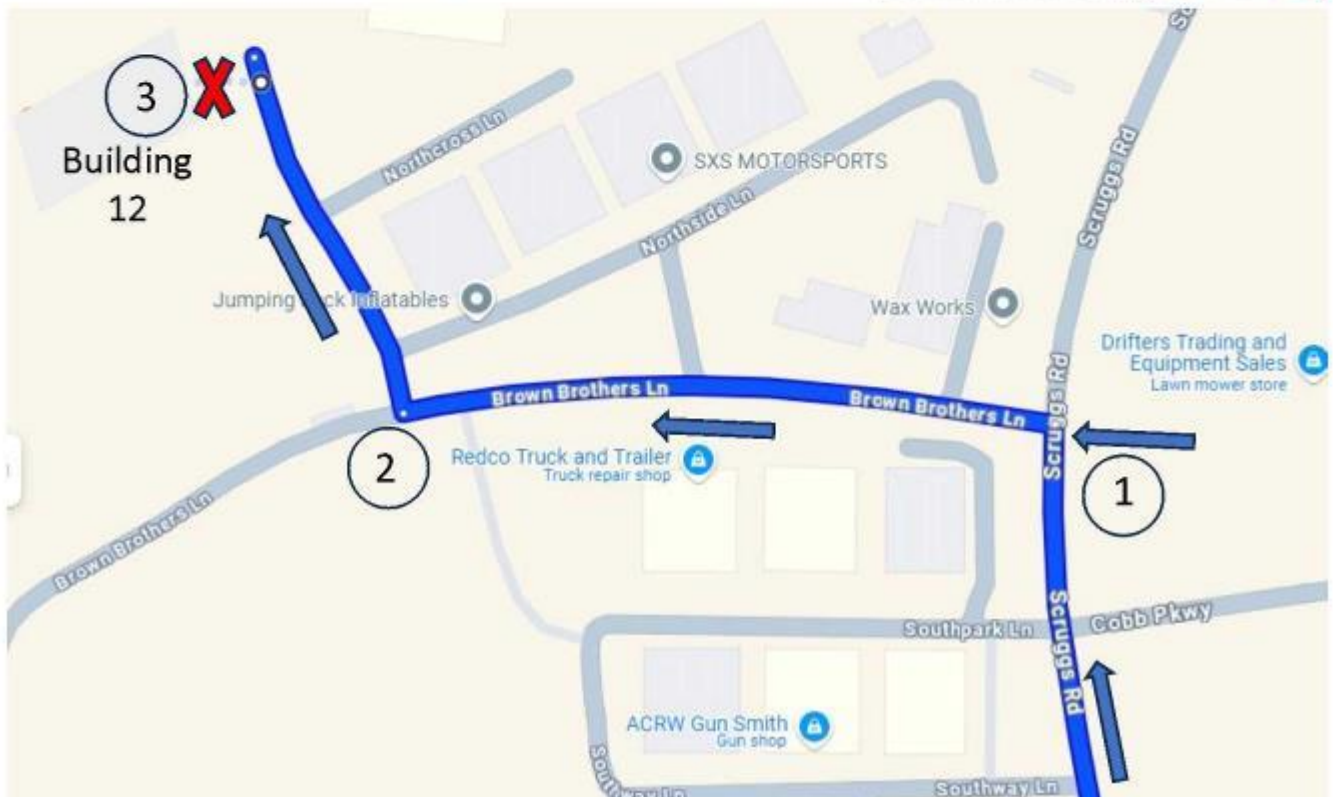
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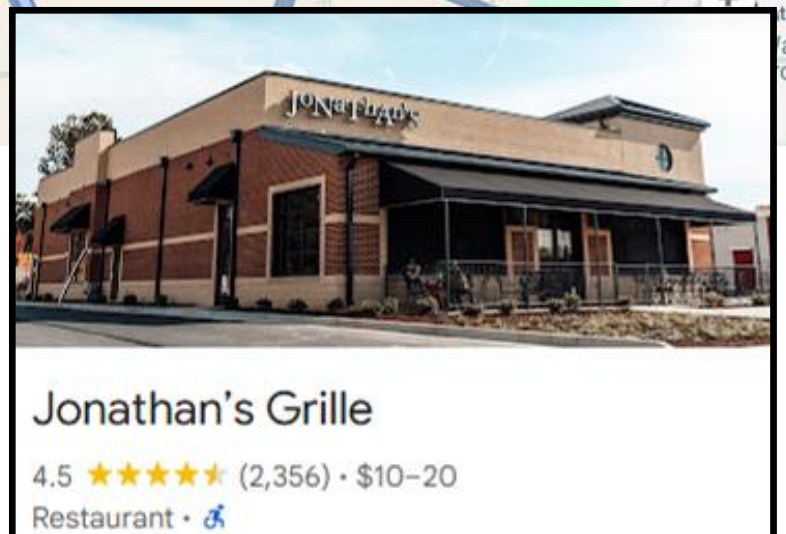
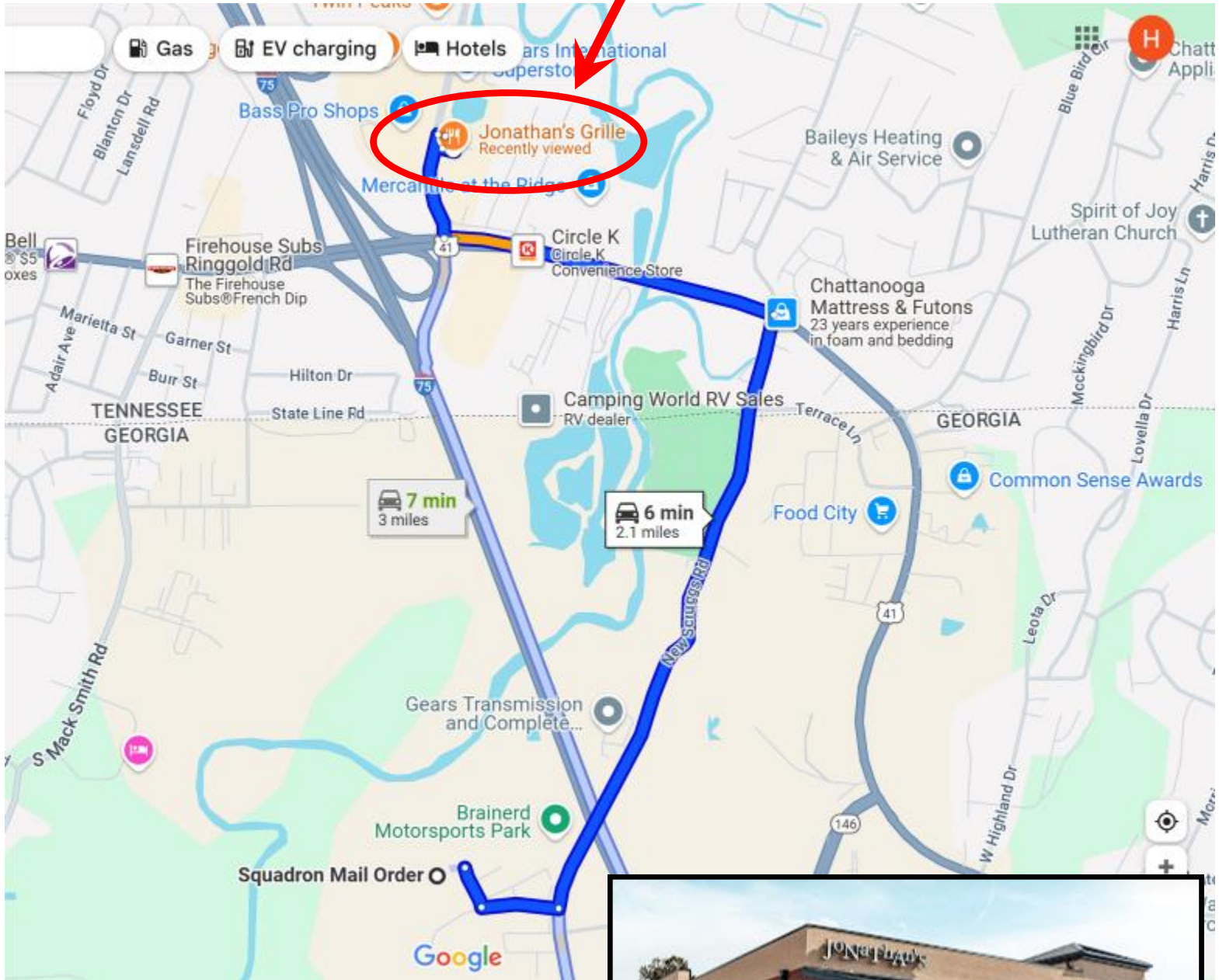
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And for eating after the meeting:

Johnathon's

One exit north of Squadrons Exit



Jonathan's Grille

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Restaurant •

IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: ME 262 HG III - Hypothetical "V Tail" Scale: 1/48
 Kit Used: Amazing Hobby
 Add-Ons: Seat Belts, Gauges/Dials for Instrument Panel
 Special Notes: _____
 Modeler's Name: Gary Haars 03/17/2025

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: P-39D Scale: 1/48
 Kit Used: Monogram
 Add-Ons: _____
 Special Notes: 1st Focke Wulf aircraft Sub
 Modeler's Name: Walter E. Young Jr

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: BF 104 K4 Scale: 1/48
 Kit Used: Hasegawa
 Add-Ons: True 1st Lt rocket
 Special Notes: _____
 Modeler's Name: [Signature]

IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: WEASEL A-1 (30MM GUN) Scale: 1:35
 Kit Used: AFV CLUB
 Add-Ons: TANK COMMANDER + GUNNER (TAMIYA FIGURES)
 Special Notes: GERMANY IS ONLY NATO COUNTRY TO USE A TANKETTE
 Modeler's Name: GEORGE FUGETT

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: F-86F-30 Scale: 1/32
 Kit Used: Hasegawa
 Add-Ons: REPAIRIST PAINT WORK FROM 1 FILE
 Special Notes: LEFT AILERON ATTACHMENT (WING)
 Modeler's Name: GARY HANITZ

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: F-6D Scale: 1/32
P-51D 1/32
 Kit Used: DRAGON
 Add-Ons: REIN PLASTIC FOR
 Special Notes: REIN EXTENSION
 Modeler's Name: GARY HANITZ

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: F-86F-40 Scale: 1/48
 Kit Used: AIRFIX
 Add-Ons: _____
 Special Notes: WINGS PAINTED AND AIRFRAME 1/2'S
 Modeler's Name: GARY HANITZ

IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: WEASEL A-2 (TOW MINE) Scale: 1:35
 Kit Used: AFV CLUB
 Add-Ons: TANK COMMANDER FIGURE FROM TAMIYA
 Special Notes: GERMANY IS ONLY NATO COUNTRY TO USE A TANKETTE
 Modeler's Name: GEORGE FUGETT

IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: PEALZ D III-A Scale: 1:48
 Kit Used: EDUARD (CZECH REPUBLIC)
 Add-Ons: SEAT BELTS
 Special Notes: _____
 Modeler's Name: GEORGE FUGETT

IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: 1/35 Dora Rail Gun Scale: _____
 Kit Used: Scarf Art
 Add-Ons: Turned Metal gun Barrel
 Special Notes: W.I.P
 Modeler's Name: Brandon Lowe

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: P.40F Scale: 1/48
 Kit Used: ERTL
 Add-Ons: OOB
 Special Notes: Group Build Masked the wings when Fed
 Modeler's Name: Mark Young

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: SAMURAI 16th CENTURY Scale: 1:16
 Kit Used: Mini-ART
 Add-Ons: BASE
 Special Notes: _____
 Modeler's Name: GEORGE FUGETT

IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: CRAFT SMART Scale: _____
 Kit Used: PAINT ORGANIZER
SMS LAQUER PAINT → 3 OZ
 Add-Ons: ALLIAD LAQUER PAINT BOTTLES
 Special Notes: AMAZON, SMS FROM GUNDAM, ALLIAD FROM FURIN
 Modeler's Name: Gray HEINZ

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: ROMAN LEGIONARY 2nd CENTURY Scale: 1:16
 Kit Used: Mini-ART
 Add-Ons: BASE
 Special Notes: _____
 Modeler's Name: GEORGE FUGETT

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: Atlantis Drag Car Scale: 1:25
 Kit Used: Atlantis Jungle Jim FUNNY Car
 Add-Ons: Goodies Tire Decals from Salvo Jr Models
 Special Notes: Turned the Rear Tires to give them the Racer look
 Modeler's Name: Christopher Lawrence

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More on the next page.....

IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: BF-109 G6 Scale: 1/48
 Kit Used: Edvard
 Add-Ons: Edvard Gunbolls (Romania decals)
 Special Notes: _____
 Modeler's Name: [Signature]

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: M26 Pershing Scale: 1/35
 Kit Used: Tamiya
 Add-Ons: _____
 Special Notes: _____
 Modeler's Name: [Signature]

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: M26 (M26A1 conversion) "Future" Scale: 1/35
 Kit Used: Tamiya
 Add-Ons: HB Barrel
 Special Notes: Scratch built ventilator fan for nose
 Modeler's Name: [Signature]

IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: B-17G (Early) Scale: 1/72
 Kit Used: Airfix
 Add-Ons: Revell parts
 Special Notes: _____
 Modeler's Name: [Signature]

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: EF3F Magellan battleship Scale: 1/200
 Kit Used: Bandai
 Add-Ons: Scratch built add-ons
 Special Notes: still WIP After 8 years
 Modeler's Name: [Signature]

IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: Rick-Don Scale: 1/44
 Kit Used: Bandai
 Add-Ons: _____
 Special Notes: _____
 Modeler's Name: [Signature]

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: Tiger 1 P (Porsche) Prototype - WIP Scale: 1/35
 Kit Used: Amusing Hobby
 Add-Ons: None So Far
 Special Notes: Powered By Gas & Electric Engines
 Modeler's Name: Gary Haars 04/21/2025

A Few Photos from the Last Meetings



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John "Jack" Bruno Obituary

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Jack Bruno, 67, of Munster, Indiana passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 30, 2025, at St Anthony Majestic Nursing Home, in Crown Point, Indiana.

Jack was born on September 28, 1957, in Chicago Heights, Illinois to James F. and Phyllis (Voytina) Bruno. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother James H. Bruno. Jack was a loving father to sons James (Caroline), Dominick (Alexis), Vincent, and Michael, and adoring grandpa to Emilia Bruno. He will be missed by nieces Christina (Anthony) Cable, and Julie (Brian) Sacket; former spouse Shari (Koenig) Bruno, sisters-in-law Janice Carter and Lisa Owsiany (fiancé Bob Koenes), many cousins, close friends, and his multitude of Facebook fans. Jack left a lasting impact on those who knew and loved him.

Jack was a graduate of Highland High School Class of 1975, and a member of Teamsters Local 142 Gary, Indiana. He worked for Pepsi-Cola in Munster, Indiana and retired in July 2012 after 35 years of service as a Route Salesman and Merchandiser.

Jack was an avid and talented plastic modeler and a member of the Will-Cook and Duneland chapters of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS). He enjoyed building World War II land war vehicles and fantasy figures and won many local and national awards; his talent would blow you away. He held various leadership positions in local IPMS groups, served as one of the IPMS Region 5 Coordinators, and was co-chair of the 2001 IPMS National Convention in Rosemont, Illinois.

Jack had an irreverent sense of humor and enjoyed entertaining people with tales from his life. He was a fan of guitar greats Ritchie Blackmore, Jimi Hendrix, Rory Gallagher, and Eddie Van Halen, a walking encyclopedia of history facts and baseball stats, and a voracious reader. He enjoyed all movies, was especially fond of the classics and anything with John Wayne and had an uncanny ability to watch the same movies over and over without getting bored. He was a rabid fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Los Angeles Rams – even when they were in St. Louis – but would watch anything sports-related with the same enthusiasm for all...except for golf, it had to be a lean sports day for him to watch golf.

Visitation will be at Hillside Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8941 Kleinman Rd (one block south of Ridge Rd) Highland, IN, 46322 on Saturday April 5, 2025, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, service immediately following. If desired, donations can be made in Jack's name to Fried's Cat Shelter, Michigan City, Indiana, or the Marian Catholic High School Band, Chicago Heights, Illinois.



This Tribute from Tom Gaston

Found this picture of Jack Bruno Mike Moore and another modeler judging one of my models at a contest a few years back. I've known Jack for 20 years. He was part of what we called the Chicago mafia along with Ron. Jack was a very astute guy and a great modeler. Always enjoyed talking to him. I wish I could make the services. So I make this tribute in his honor. Rest in peace Jack you were a good guy and great modeler, you will be missed



My friend Jack Bruno... Mike Moore

Apologies, this is long...

Like many, my earliest exposure to Jack was internet forums, mostly Hyperscale and IPMS USA. He always had a point of view and would argue it most vociferously, and often in colorful language! I first met him in Warner Robins GA when he came down to their show and he and Gil Hodges held a meeting the morning of the show to promote the idea of open judging, something that became one of my passions. Needless to say, given the audience, they didn't win a lot of converts, but I cemented a friendship that would last for years.



Somewhere around 2009 or 2010 Jack listed a book on the Red Barron for sale on

Hyperscale, and I bought it. Rather than shipping it, Jack suggested I pick it up from some guy named Ron Thorne at the coming Knoxville show if I was going to be there, which I was. Enter Ronbo! Picking that book up from Ron that Saturday changed a lot of things. It was Ron's encouragement that convinced those of us in Chattanooga that it was time to start hosting a show. Ron promised that if we pulled it off, he and Jack would make the trip. The next January we held our first show, Jack and Ron wandered into the hall the Friday night we were setting up...and the "Chicago Mafia" was born. True, it was just Jack and Ron, but we were just some impressionable boys from Chattanooga. I'm not sure when they laughed harder, when they first saw how we were planning on judging our newly birthed open judging show, or when we were running nearly 2 hours late on Saturday afternoon. But despite all the laughter, they had their sleeves rolled up and were helping all along. From there on, it seemed like the two of them made 3-4 trips a year into Region 3 for various shows and the fun and laughter never stopped.

One of those years his youngest son, Mike, made the trip to the Chattanooga show along with Jack and Ron. At the time Ron was, to his everlasting glee, being called "Big Pussy". Jack was more than a little disappointed that we wouldn't get them club shirts with "Big Pussy" for Ron, "No Pussy" for him, and "What's Pussy" for Mike. Honestly, I thought it would have been hilarious...but...it was Chattanooga...it wasn't going to play well with everyone! In that vein, I also remember a Chattanooga show that Jack entered one of his pieces, though I can't remember the model. But at one point a guy I know found me and asked me if I was familiar with most of the armor modelers. Yeah, I know a lot of them, I said. Do you know who this Ron Jeremy guy is? I want to ask him about his model. I told Jack

he needed to go back to Tor Johnson as his modeling alias...at least in Chattanooga!

Another memory is from 2013, again centered around the Warner Robbins show, which I didn't make, as my wife and I were going to New Orleans for a family reunion trip. Somewhere along the drive, my phone chimes with a text from Jack. If I remember right, he was asking if a particular part of my anatomy was tingling as he and Ron had just crossed the state line into Georgia. I don't remember now all the messages, nor do I remember how long they bounced back and forth. What I do remember is that they were typically NSFW, irreverent, and colorful, as Jack always was. And he was texting back and forth with my wife as I was driving! I would have paid money to see Jack's face when a mutual friend, Jeff Mattheiss, told Jack in Warner Robbins that it had to be my wife texting him as he was sure I was driving. The ONLY time I've ever seen Jack embarrassed was the next January when he was in Chattanooga and I told him my wife was going to show up to meet the guy she was texting with that afternoon. Spoiler alert, she didn't show up...

Then there was the trip Lynn Petty and I made up to Chicago for the Butch O'Hare show. It was a great show and an example of how another club did open judging. It was the post show dinner that was the truly special part of the trip. I'm honestly surprised we didn't get asked to leave the restaurant...in fact at one point we were reminded by the management that it was a family friendly venue and we needed to watch it a bit. But oh hell, did we laugh. Gut busting, my abs hurt the next day laugh. After Bruno told the waitress it was my birthday to get me a free piece of cake, it took another 5 minutes and 3 different side stories to get out of showing her my driver's license because of course, it wasn't my birthday. And that was after he sunk about 10 minutes into trying to set her up with one of his sons.

Somewhere along the line Jack decided that misery loves company and in his capacity as a past Convention Chair for the IPMS USA National Convention, he started to whisper in my ear that the Chattanooga boys could pull one off too. I'm pretty sure I raised a middle finger. But after another couple nudges, we started thinking about it...DAMN YOU BRUNO!!!!!! The seed had been planted, leading to Chattanooga's first bid in 2012.

I can say with absolute certainty that without Jack, there never would have been a Chattanooga Nationals. Without that damn Red Baron book, we probably never would have really connected with Ronbo, and they probably wouldn't have become fixtures in Chattanooga, and the talk of a Nationals there wouldn't have started. One of my biggest disappointments from 2019 is that Jack's health didn't allow him to attend, but he was definitely there in spirit. It was his voice encouraging me to stick to my guns over the show theme "Was it Over When the German's Bombed Pearl Harbor" when others didn't think it would play well. And anytime I doubted we'd pull it off, he was one of a few voices pushing me along. Of course there were many, many others who contributed to the success of that convention, but without Jack, it never even would have been a thought. The picture here is the last time I saw Jack. It was in Indy at the 2019 Roscoe Turner show as I was on my promotional tour for the Nats.

Good bye my friend. I hope all the kits are Tamiya, all the posters are of Valerie, and you can look over your family with all the Love and Pride you have. I'm gonna miss you, Ya Stuttering Hump!

Emanuel & His Roving Lens









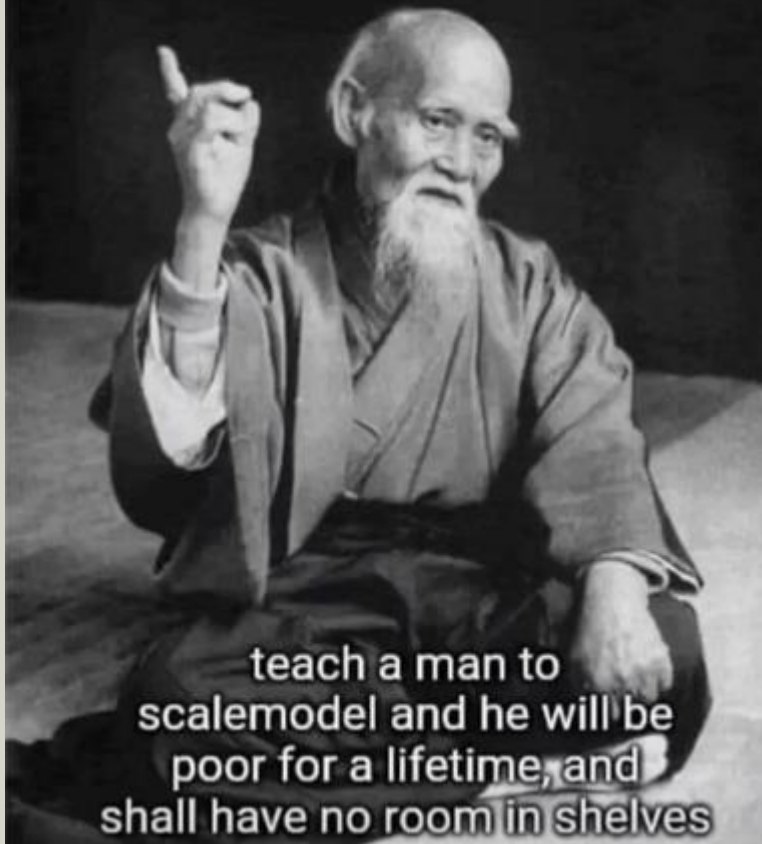
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sometimes they don't make it to the model



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teach a man to
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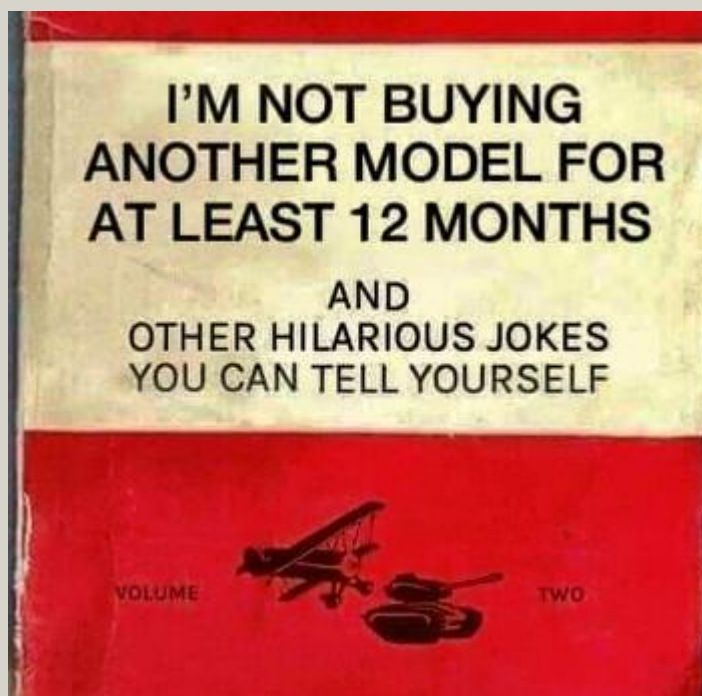


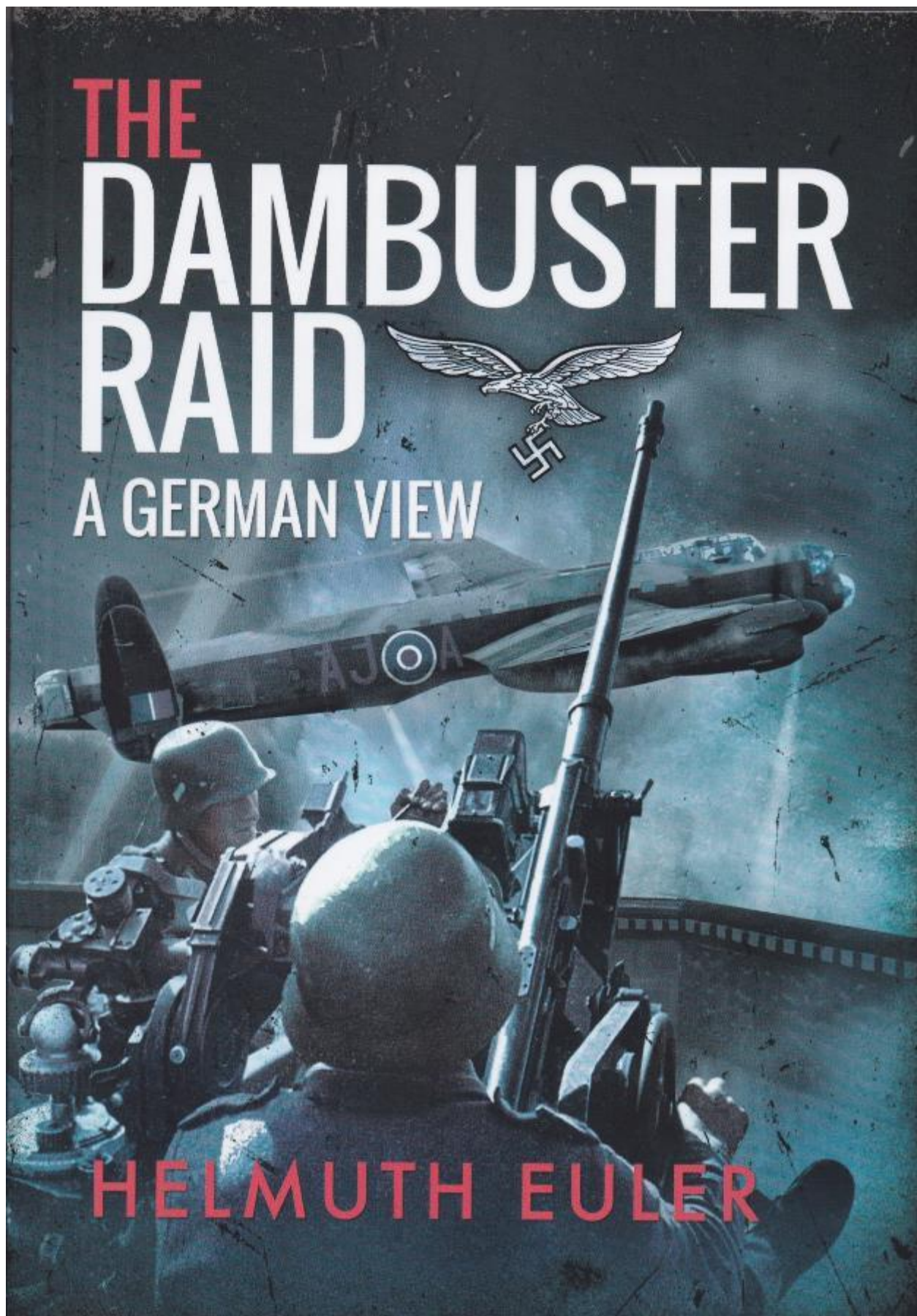
Will you stop
buying models and
start building them?



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ANOTHER MODEL FOR
AT LEAST 12 MONTHS

AND
OTHER HILARIOUS JOKES
YOU CAN TELL YOURSELF





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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: _____ Scale: _____

Kit Used: _____

Add-Ons: _____

Special Notes: _____

Modeler's Name: _____

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IPMS Chattanooga - Bragg Sheet



Model Subject: _____ Scale: _____

Kit Used: _____

Add-Ons: _____

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Modeler's Name: _____

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- AMPS chapters give you an opportunity to hang out with your fellow modelers, to learn more and have fun. If there is no chapter in your area- start one!
- AMPS members have access to member-only discounts at many hobby vendors. Your membership will pay for itself.
- AMPS members get a voice in the society. You can participate as much as you want.
- AMPS is all-volunteer. Guys just like you make AMPS happen. Be a good modeling citizen—join AMPS.





The Robert L. Scott Chapter IPMS/USA presents:

SCOTTCON 2025

- The International Plastic Modeler Society (IPMS) Brigadier General Robert L. Scott Chapter/USA presents Scottcon 2025 on June 7, 2025.
- The modeling contest will be held in the Century of Flight Hangar at The Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, GA.
- The contest hours are from 9 am to 4 pm.
- IPMS/USA contest categories and rules will apply.
- Entries: Adults \$15.00 (including 5 model entries)
- Additional Models: \$1.00.
- Juniors (under 17): \$5.00 (unlimited model entries).
- Check out our website for details and entry forms. ipmswr.org
- Vendors: For more information contact us at: sm236@bellsouth.net





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- Once again in a ballroom with carpet and good lighting
- **This year’s theme: SCI-FI**

For additional information, entry forms,
show rules, etc. go to

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Vendor Contact – Jeff Mattheiss jeffmattheissfamily@gmail.com



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