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## TONY'S TIDBITS

Tony Gliszczynski

Happy Holidays Everyone!

It's Santa Prez Tony G here and it's that wonderful merry time of the year again! Happy holiday time, Christmas and Hanukah, time for lots of modeling presents and super great modeling tools. Ha Ha or should I say Ho Ho Ho?:)

Well. Let's talk about what's up at our last regular meeting of 2008. First, don't forget about the food (never ever forget the food) ; pizza, wings and soda supplied by the club. If you would like, please bring a "sweet treat" for the Holiday club larder. Next up is our most important Toys for Tots club donation. Guys, things are tight, really tight, for folks this year so your generosity will be most appreciated by many, many children this Christmas season. There will be a section in this DIZPATCH about what the kids need, might want and a little idea on what to buy. Big thanks in advance.

Our around the room QUESTIONS (yes, two of them) are: "How can we bring the enjoyment of modeling to a new generation?" and "What model kit would you like to see come out within the next year?"

On to more club business, club dues are due starting in January. As many of you know we run a January to December fiscal year, so if you have your \$10 at the Holiday party, you can get a jump start on the year and give Dave Schwab your dues.

A sign-up sheet will be on the table for our annual (over 15 years straight now) "Kids Class", so please sign up. Bob Conshafter is ramroding our class and hopefully he'll be at the meeting to answer any questions. We've been getting 30-35 kids for the class for several years now and we truly need the help. We've been bringing kids to modeling for years now and it's a truly fulfilling endeavor. In addition, by organizing and mentoring the classes, half of our meeting room rental is forgiven. Without that savings we would have to raise our modest club dues. So by showing up to mentor you're possibly introducing a child to a great hobby, you're helping our club and you're walking away with a great sense of fulfillment!!! Now that's what I call a win-win-win Ho Ho Ho!!!:) We still could use a few more new, still wrapped is great, kits, any subject that would be appropriate for 5-13 year olds.

Just a couple more things...

Our two shows are FAST approaching, BuffCon and NOREASTCON 2009 ([www.noreastcon2009.com](http://www.noreastcon2009.com)) we only have 3 more meetings before BuffCon and 4 meeting before NOREASTCON. We ask that you start thinking about what you want to do to help to make these two shows the best ever! The show committee will open a bit of the meeting up to any show questions and comments anyone might have.

On a bit of a sad note, our buddy Mike Mio is back in the hospital, He's at Strong Memorial in Rochester, because of his chronic bum ticker. Please say a prayer for our buddy. Bob Collignon is in contact with Katie Miodonski and will pass Mike's progress onto the club. Get better Buddy, we all miss you. You know who to call for help!!!

Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays to all and to all a good "see you Monday."

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## Notes From The November Meeting

Bob Conshafter

Dick couldn't make this meeting so I, Bob Conshafter, will try to fill his shoes as Scribe.

1st Vice President Andre Thierault started us off with a reminder of our upcoming December U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots toy drive. Please contribute a new, unwrapped toy. The Target store chain has a list of suggestions that appeared at the end of last month's Dizpatch to help. Consider older children as well. We will be having our annual pizza and wings and everyone is welcome to bring a dessert. Anything left over will be offered to the Community Center staff so please, no doggie bags.

BuffCon 2009 and NOREASTCON 2009 are coming up soon and we are looking for sponsors for show categories. Please see Justen Hanna for details.

As for E-Board Meetings, Andre would like everyone to know that club members are welcome to attend any meeting. Meetings usually occur the 3rd Monday of every month at 7pm and locations do vary so ask any E-Board member for time and place.

Ron Shatzel's grand-daughter sent us a thank you card in appreciation for last month's donations.

Work continues on the picket fence modeling for the Fort Niagara Diorama. Volunteers are always welcome. Work sessions have been on the Monday evenings when there are no club or board meetings at Bob Collignon's Studio. Contact Bob for future work session dates and times.

I made my pitch for model kit donations and mentors for the upcoming 2009 Kids' Kit Building Class. The class occurs on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm from January 17th to February 21st, 2009. A sign up sheet will be going around again at the next meeting. Please consider volunteering only if you're sure you can make the meetings. This greatly helps planning. More on Mentor and Kit appeals in this Dizpatch.

As for Kids' Class supplies, my Buck Up for a Buck fundraising pitch brought in \$73! I would like to say thank you to all who contributed. Last year, we reached a point with our hobby tote supplies where pretty much everything needed to be replenished and the cost ran around \$150. Your support really put a dent into that expense that the club incurs. I'll run the hat around one more time at the December meeting for those who didn't get a chance to participate at the last meeting. Thanks for Buck'n Up!

As for Kids' Class Kit donations, special thanks to Jim Wolfe, Bob Collignon, and Frank DelRusso for their generosity.

The Model Display Tables

Frank Blonski brought in his work in progress, a highly modified 1950 Chevy pick up using the 1/25 scale AMT kit. It has an 8 cylinder small block Chevy Injector motor and 57' Chevy quarter panels and a highly modified dash.

Paul Kittel had a scratch built 72nd scale model of the Ontario, a pre-Revolutionary War sailing ship made mostly of bass wood with white metal fittings and beautifully sculpted trim made of white styrene.

I brought in a new release from Dragon, their 35th scale kit of the Brumbar (grizzly bear) mid production assault gun. This is a Smart Kit meaning that it's designed for easier assembly while still having great detail.

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I also had a hard cover re-release of The Modeler's Guide to modeling self-propelled guns. This book was out of print for many years and has some nice, rare, war time photos and some good color interior pics.



Dave Armitage brought in some neat paper locomotives offered by a cereal company back in the 1950's based on the movie, "The Great Locomotive Chase" which was a true story. Also on hand was a 1903 Ford Model A in 32nd scale from the Highway Pioneers kit and a 32nd scale red Mercer Toy Tonneau. Last but not least, he had a ghastly swinging blade pendulum from the Mobius kit.

Bob Raithel had two 72nd scale planes, a Japanese B2A1 Grace fighter bomber and a Tamiya Junker Ju 87B Stuka dive bomber in a desert scheme. Bob said he learned to put the small stuff on last during the build.



Larry Osolkowski had a beautiful Porsche 911 GT3 RSR997 kit made from resin by a French company called Profil24. Larry and his son actually saw this car at the 2007 LeMans. It sports a 3 color scheme with foil and decals to create a stunning look.

Tim Kastner brought in 3 Chevy Impalas and a Montecarlo. He had Jeff

Gordon's #24 Dupont in Navy blue, a black Impala SS #736 sponsored by Home Depot, and #11, a Pepsi Challenger driven by Darryl Waltrip, a modified NASCAR stock car. I hope I got this right Tim.

John Zachritz was happy to show off his internet find of a 1984 Revell release of a Japanese kit of the RoboTech Factory which is capable of making 200 different kits. He also had a 32nd scale model of the Junkers Ju-87B Stuka Dive Bomber in a nicely weathered desert scheme complete with cockpit crew by 21st Century.



Jeff Belling brought in a very old Revell model he finished as a kid of the M56 Scorpion self propelled anti-tank gun. We're not sure what scale it is, though.

Eric Hillebrand brought in his latest project, a conversion of the Monogram kit of the Mack AC Prime Mover. His plan is to make it a post- World War 1 flat bed made of Evergreen plastic sheet stock and a cloth cab roof.

I hope I got everyone.

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## November Meeting...

Our around the room question, "How do you explain your hobby to a non-modeler?" brought a myriad of responses. Many said that the subject of their hobby just didn't come up in conversation and more than one person mentioned that it was common for people to say something such as "I used to do that when I was a kid" or to see it as work and not a form of relaxation.

One member said that admitting you were a modeler was like confessing to a crime! Another member said that people are often surprised that there is competition in modeling and some saw models as toys. There was some agreement that lay people understand model railroading a little easier than scale modeling.

Common questions from lay people were: How much that cost? How much time did that take you? Does the prop spin? You must enjoy playing around with paints and glue! Why don't you just build the real thing? Are you going back to your childhood? Isn't that cute!

There was consensus in the room that there was a general sensitivity to the word cute. One member emphasized that many professionals, Artists, Engineers, Doctors, etc., model and that this takes time and talent and many people don't understand it because they don't have the time because life is too hectic for them. Another member thought that lay people needed to develop an appreciation for how far modeling has come along with the arrival of advanced computer aided design, manufacturing, resin, photo etch, etc., and that it was no longer just a kids hobby.

One member pointed out that we should emphasize that we belong to a club, an international organization while another pointed out that we are re-creating history and that movie director George Lucas used models in order to make his science fiction films. Some members simply explained what they got out of modeling. One, a teacher, said he used models as an instructional aid to teach Physics. Another member shared that he liked to work on a model of, say, a WW2 plane while listening to music or watching a video from that era to get him in the mood.

I hope I was able to accurately summarize the responses from our around the room question. As your scribe for this issue of the Dizpatch, I've developed an appreciation for what Dick Schulenberg does every month for the club. Thanks Dick.

## Your 2009 Dues Are Due In January!

For most of you, your club dues for the 2009 calendar year are due by the January 2000 meeting. If you receive a mailed Dizpatch, your renewal date is listed next to your name on the address label.

If you get Dizpatch by e-mail, your dues are probably due. Either check with Dave Schwab at the meeting, or e-mail him at [davidsp51stang@aol.com](mailto:davidsp51stang@aol.com) if you're not sure.

Everyone is now on the January to January schedule. Regular memberships are still \$10.00 per year and Juniors (under 18) are still \$5.00.

You can pay the Treasurer Dave Schwab at the meetings or by mailing a check to Dave at 28 Wanda Ave., Cheektowaga, NY 14211. Please make checks (or money orders) out to Niagara Frontier Chapter IPMS.

Make sure that you share any updated information like addresses and e-mail addresses with Dave as things change.

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## Kids' Class 2009 - Appeals, Special Requests and Tips for Mentors

Bob Conshafter

Hi everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to say hello and talk about our upcoming Kids Class. Our last Kids Class saw record attendance with no less than 35 eager builders. Fortunately for us, we also had record parental participation that really saved us as we were at minimums for club member Mentors. Even so, we all had a great time and I'm happy and proud to say that every builder completed their model and, as far as I could see, a positive modeling experience was had by all.

The club is very fortunate to have members who, every year, volunteer two hours of their time from ten to noon for six Saturdays in January and February. I've spoken with many past Mentors and they get a kick out of helping young people learn and enjoy the hobby of modeling. I believe Mentors have almost as much fun as the kids and find it personally rewarding. I think one ten-year old said it best when he said, "I couldn't have done it without you!"

To have a successful class, approximately 13 volunteer Mentors will be needed.

Please consider being a Mentor. It's okay if you can't make every session. Whatever time you can provide will be greatly appreciated by your fellow members and especially the kids. Every year we strive to make improvements to the Kids' Class and your involvement and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Our main goal is to have every child come away from the class with a finished kit and a positive experience with modeling. Remember, it would be great if you could volunteer for the whole class but it's okay if you can only attend a few sessions.

A sign up sheet with specific class dates will be passed out at the next club meeting. For new Mentor volunteers, I have an article entitled "Suggestions for Kids' Kit Building Mentors" which will appear after our model kit appeal below.

### 2009 Kids' Kit Building Class Model Kit Appeal

The 2009 Kids' Class will soon be upon us and the E-Board would like to request model kit donations from the club. Specifically, we are looking for new, un-built plastic model kits in the following categories: **1/35 scale Armor; 1/24 or 1/25 scale Cars; 1/48 scale Planes; 1/350 scale Warships/Aircraft Carriers (20th century).** No sailing ships please.

**PLEASE: NO BAGGED KITS WITHOUT BOXES OR INCORRECT BOXES.**

If the kit you are considering donating is not in new, sealed plastic, please take the time to make absolutely sure that all parts, decals, and instructions are present and remove anything that may not belong in the kit. Bagged parts are always preferable.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Please consider the level of complexity of the kit you are considering donating. Most of the children in the class will typically be in the 8-12 age range with a few exceptions. Try to avoid kits that require rigging or individual track links or may take more than six 2-hour building sessions with painting and decaling to complete. On the other hand, please avoid any snap-together kits or kits that are so easy that they could be completed in one day.

We will make every effort to make sure children are matched with a kit that is appropriate for their age range. Please consider donating a kit that you think a child might be interested in building. Think about what you would really be excited about building if you were a kid again. There is a very limited level of interest for Lancaster Bombers in 1/144 scale!

Donations will be accepted by me, Bob Conshafter, at every club meeting. If I am not available for some reason, please see Mike Miodonski or our President, Tony Gliszczynski as an alternate. Club members were very generous last year and I would like to thank the following people who donated kits to me this year: Justen Hanna, John Zachritz, Andre Thierault, Rich Bernecki and Peter Gajowka. I know a few of you have recently donated to Mike Miodonski and I thank you as well. You know who you are. I thank in advance those who will donate this year. continued...

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### Kids' Class Special Requests

I would like to request some specialized donations to help the Kids' Class address some simple needs while keeping expenses to a minimum. Perhaps you may have a few of the items below that are lying about and would come in handy for our class. For some reason, I'm afflicted with the need to use alliteration. Here goes:

#### **Buck Up for a Buck!**

Our last class reached the point where we needed to replenish our paint sets, glue applicators, and other supplies. Your donation of one dollar would greatly go toward off-setting those expenses. C'mon, buck up for a buck!

#### **Kindly Consider Collecting Condiment Cups for the Kids' Class**

Those little 2oz clear or black plastic bleu cheese or dressing cups you get from restaurants are perfect for holding paint and glue. This would be a great reason to order chicken wings right now! Remember, you're not doing it for you, you're doing it for the Kids' Class!

#### **Discarded Decals Are Definitely Desired**

Every now and then we will have some kits that have been donated that are very old and the decals are disintegrating. Perhaps you have some left over airplane, armor, or car decals that are lying about that you would like to donate. This also allows the kids to get a little creative with their model.

#### **Acrylic Paint**

I couldn't think of anything that worked using alliteration so I thought I would keep it simple and go with the obvious. Perhaps you have some acrylic paint lying about that's the wrong color or you know you'll never use. We would be glad to accept it. Wild colors are also greatly appreciated as the kids really like that too. Please, no enamel paints.

Mike Miodonski, Bob Conshafter, or our President, Tony Gliszczynski would be glad to accept your donation. Thanks.

### Suggestions For Kids' Kit Building Mentors

The following suggestions are offered in the hopes of achieving our goal of every child going home with a finished kit and a positive building experience:

1. Go over some ground rules: We should finish what we start. We should share supplies and ask for help if we're not sure about things. We should pick a table and stay there and not move around so that mentors can keep track of progress. We want to take our time and have fun by giving our best effort toward a quality job.
2. Before beginning assembly, go over the following things: Take out the kit instructions and show how to follow symbols and steps. You could do a "think aloud" and describe how you would go about assembling a kit by looking ahead at the instructions and box photos to see how things go together. Make children aware that some parts have optional positions or may be moveable. You may have to also do this on an individual basis.
3. Go over tools and techniques of assembly: Emphasize that only the mentor should be using a hobby knife. Show how a parts nipper can be used to remove parts and how to prevent parts from flying into the air. Show how to dry-fit parts first. Show what kind of glue to use on plastic and clear parts and ways of applying it. Show how to use various forms of sanding sticks and paper. Show what can be used to hold parts together. Show how to prepare, apply, and take care of paint and brushes. Clearly, not all these things may be covered in one session and it may be necessary to go over some things later as that stage in the process is reached.

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4. Before each building session: Use a hi-liter or marker and look over each child's instruction sheet, determine how many days will be needed for assembly while leaving a session or two for painting and decals and mark off what the child should try to accomplish for today. Now is also a good time to assess the experience level of your builders.

5. During each building session: If necessary, try to slow things down if children are rushing through assembly. Emphasize that we're here to do a good job and have fun. Remind everyone to ask for help if they have a problem or are not sure of something. You can offer insight or strategy by sometimes "thinking aloud". For example, "I think I would leave the ship's propellers off until last so they don't get damaged during assembly". Keep an eye out for younger or inexperienced children that will need more assistance with assembly. You may have to help by assembling smaller, more complex parts and that is okay as long as you both agree on what is to be done and you can show or describe how it came together. Try to find a balance between helping out and doing the whole thing which would defeat the purpose of the exercise. Remember, when you help and guide a child to do something that they cannot do by themselves but can do with your help, you are working in the Zone of Proximal Development. An educational psychologist by the name of Lev Vygotsky came up with that one. Try to balance painting with assembly to avoid long, tedious periods of doing one thing.

6. At the end of each session: Make sure children take responsibility for their part in cleaning brushes and table spaces. Whenever possible, consider bringing in books and photos on the subjects being modeled to add meaning and dimension to what the students are building. This may also give them additional ideas for painting etc. Make sure you have your name on these books and a policy on where and when they should be returned to you. Sometimes, our busy classes may prevent time to look at books.

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## IPMS Niagara Frontier

December 2008



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Dear Modeling Friends and Families,

My name is Bob Collignon and I'm the Show Chairman of the IPMS Region I Convention, **NOREASTCON 2009**. I'm writing to tell everyone about the great show that we, IPMS Niagara Frontier, is planning that we really want YOU, your family and friends to attend! IPMS Niagara Frontier is hoping to see faces from our own Region I and from our good friends in Region 2 and 4 plus our great modeling buddies from the North-Oh Canada !!!

Our show includes some great guests and seminars, a "Make and Take" for our Junior modelers, a "Blind Build" team competition during Happy Hour on Friday (many of us remember the hilarity of our 2003 "Blind Build"), hourly raffles starting Friday, a packed vendor room, lots of room for models, great looking awards and a family style NOREASTCON banquet! Don't miss it! We've added two additional special aspects of the show; a special "entrant only" raffle for a \$50 gift certificate to Niagara Hobby and Craft Mart and, most important, we will have donation bins, for new kits, modeling supplies or cash, for our Service Men and Women in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Please go to our constantly updated web site at [www.noreastcon2009.com](http://www.noreastcon2009.com). Lots of detailed info is on the web site including photos of the show location.

As all you experienced show planners surely know, a large model show needs lots of sponsorships and we still have some available. IPMS Niagara Frontier and the NOREASTCON 2009 show committee would appreciate all sponsorships that you and/or your club might be able to do! Sponsorship information is on the web site, as is a list of current Sponsors and available categories. A "hearty HUZZAH!!!" to all those clubs and individual members who have already sent us your generous sponsorship support!

Any questions please write me at [cjltd@roadrunner.com](mailto:cjltd@roadrunner.com) or [bobdave@bobdave.com](mailto:bobdave@bobdave.com) or phone (d) 716-875-0234 or (n) 716-837-2204.

I hope to see lots of old friends and lots of soon to be friends at NOREASTCON 2009!

My Best Regards to All,

*Bob Collignon*

NOREASTCON 2009 Show Chairman,  
IPMS Niagara Frontier, Chapter Contact

Ps. don't forget a new model or modeling supply for our troops. God bless them all!

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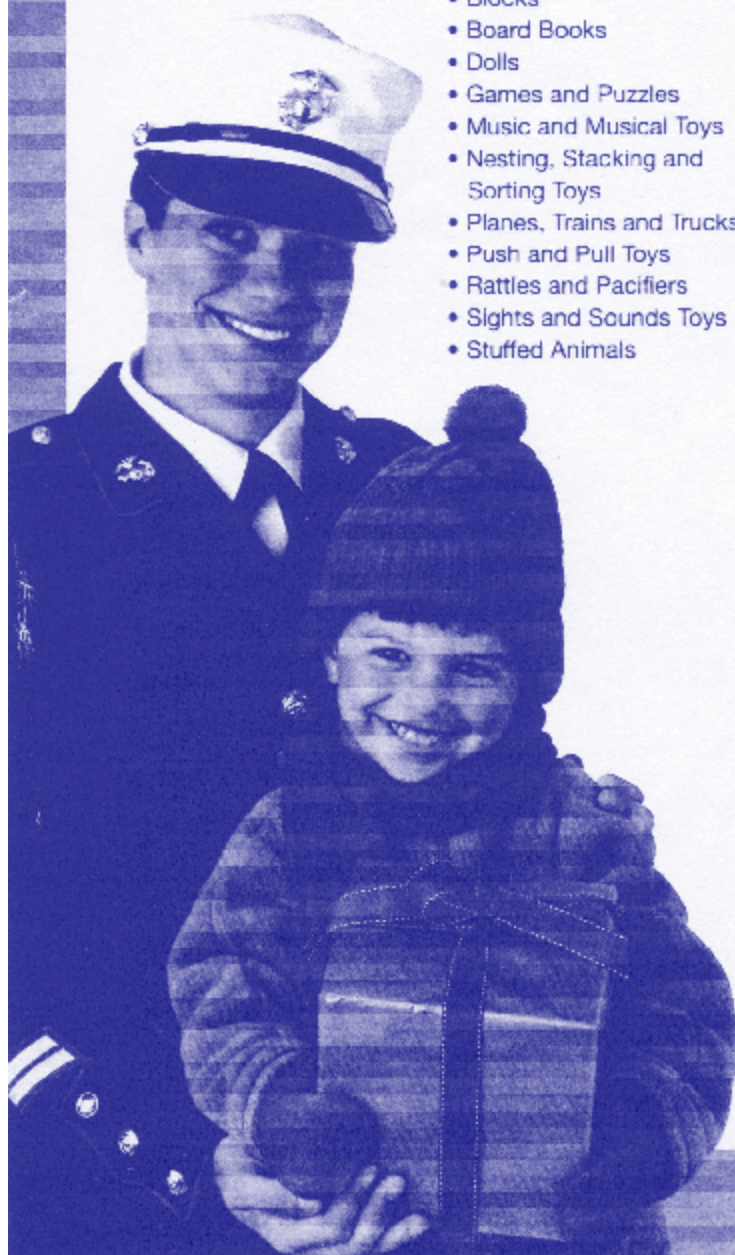
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- Musical Instruments
- Planes, Trains and Trucks
- Play Sets and Figures
- Pretend Play and Dress-Up Items
- Puzzles and Brain Teasers
- Sports and Outdoor Toys
- Stuffed Animals

### 8-11 Years

- Action Figures
- Arts and Crafts
- Books (Activity Books and Story Books)
- Building and Models
- Gadgets and Electronic Toys
- Dolls and Accessories
- Games (Board Games and Electronic Games)
- Musical Instruments and Karaoke Toys
- Planes, Trains and Trucks
- Play Sets and Figures
- Pretend Play and Dress-Up Items
- Puzzles and Brain Teasers
- Radio and Remote Control Vehicles
- Sports and Outdoor Toys
- Stuffed Animals

### Big Kids

- Arts and Crafts
- Books
- Building and Models
- Gadgets and Electronic Toys
- Collectible Action Figures
- Collectible Dolls
- Games (Board Games and Electronic Games)
- Musical Instruments and Karaoke Toys
- Puzzles and Brain Teasers
- Radio and Remote Control Vehicles
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### The Next Club Meeting:

The next meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter IPMS will be on Monday, December 15, 2008 at the Harlem Road Community Center, 4255 Harlem Road (near Main Street), Amherst, New York. We meet in the basement youth room from 7:00 P.M. to about 10:00 P.M. Please do not arrive before 6:45 P.M.

### Important: All submissions to e-DIZPATCH

must be received by the Monday one week after our scheduled meeting night.

Printed articles and pictures can be mailed to:

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