



THE PATRIOT

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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, January 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Billerica, MA. The church is located on Concord Road, just as it meets Route 3A (Boston Road) at the Billerica Town Common. The January meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show- and-Tell, and a raffle. In addition, our president, Kurt Kunze, will present a demo on applying decals. Hope to see many of you at the meeting. Best wishes for a very happy New Year!



This is Ora Lassila's Sd.Kfz. 251/I Ausf. C in 1/72 scale, the smallest Sd.Kfz. 251 model displayed in this year's Group Build. Ora modified the Italeri kit with various items from Hasegawa's Diorama Accessories set and some scratchbuilding. Markings are for a German unit at Stalingrad, circa 1942.

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Minutes from the December Meeting

THE festivities began at about 7:00 with food, drink and desserts. Informal socializing continued until Chapter President Kurt Kunze called the meeting to order at 9:00. About twenty members were present.

Kurt called for a moment of silence in honor of longtime member Jim Masterson, who passed away recently. Kurt also passed on the regrets of longtime member Bob Hale who was unable to attend this evening.

With no official business to discuss, the meeting moved on to Show and Tell. It was one of the year's largest, with members presenting both regular Show and Tell kits and the Group Build subjects.

Following Show and Tell, there was a brief break, followed by the raffle. During the raffle, Kurt moved to extend the drawing by two pulls in recognition of the holiday. The motion was passed by a majority vote, and a total of five raffle drawings were made.

Following the raffle, the festivities moved on to the Yankee Swap. After the Yankee Swap, the meeting broke up for the night and for the year.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

Show and Tell

Tony D'Anjou 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/9 in progress (DML)
..... Waterfall painting, Bob Ross style
Ora Lassila 1/72 Sd.Kfz. 251/1 Ausf. C (Italeri)
Rick Lippincott 1/12 Captain America (Polar Lights)
..... 1/12 Star Wars storm trooper speeder bike (MPC?)
Bill Michaels Godzilla (Aurora?)
Pip Moss 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/21 Ausf. D (DML)
Mike O'Keefe 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/1 C mit wurfrahmen (DML)
..... 1/12 German SS soldier with ZB26 MG (Fine Molds)
Jim Qualey 1/48 SBD Dauntless (Monogram)
Richard Rycroft 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/1 (Tamiya)
..... 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/7 (Tamiya)
..... 1/35 Sd.Kfz 251/10 mit 3.7 cm Pak (Tamiya)
..... 1/35 M3 halftrack (captured) (Tamiya)
..... 1/35 Chevrolet LRDG medical truck (Tamiya)
Dave Schmidt 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/9 in progress (DML)
..... 1/48 F-84G pilot (ProModeler)
John Walker 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/1 with rockets (DML)

IPMS Region 1 Update

Hi everyone.

Sorry for the delay in getting this out, but it's been the normally hectic fall season around here. It's hard to believe the year is winding down and a new one getting ready on deck. Let's hope the new year is better than the current one has been. But enough of that, let's get to the news!!

First off, I'd like to thank IPMS Mid Hudson and IPMS Bay Colony for hosting this year's mini-meetings at their events. Both went well, and the minutes are attached to this document. I'd also like to thank the chapters and individuals that sacrificed some of their show time to attend. It was good to see everyone, and once again I would call the meetings successful. If anyone would like to comment, receive a clarification, or has any questions regarding what we talked about, don't hesitate to contact me. I'll be happy to speak with you.

The IPMS Nationals in 2008 will be back on the east coast in Virginia Beach. I've heard from Charles Landrum, Event Chairman, who says plans are well underway for the event; and everyone should have a wonderful time. The facility, while at the same location as in years past, is completely new. They'll be setting aside some table space for club displays; so if anyone is interested, contact Charles at CLandrum@earthlink.com for more information about that. Charles sent me the following note regarding special displays:

I am trying to determine how interest there is in display tables and how much space I will need to allocate. Displays are strongly encouraged, the more the merrier. My feeling is that one of the reasons that we have this convention is so that we can admire the workmanship of others. So I am happy to sweat the space issue and want the challenge. Some display ideas:

- Theme collections—remember the 109 Bf 109s in Atlanta!
- Club displays—the representative work of clubs from around the country

- Personal collections—great models no longer eligible for competition
- Group builds

So please talk it up in your regions - one-upsmanship over the number of tables a particular region has is authorized! Any and all feedback is welcome as to whether there is interest in displays and what the committee can do to help.

Many thanks,
Charles Landrum, Chairman

The vendor room looks promising with 84 vendors already signed on. 300 of the 344 available tables have been reserved, so it looks like the world's largest hobby shop will again have some of the coolest stuff available! A BBQ at the Fighter Factory is being offered for a chance to have some good ole' southern cooking and some very cool warbirds. The hosts are looking for volunteers to help with everything from manning the registration table to security. An event of this magnitude always takes a good many hands for everything to go smoothly. Please consider giving up a few hours to help out our hosts. Check out the event web site at <http://www.ipmsusa2008.org> for up-to-the-minute information, event forms, or hotel info you'll need to get the most enjoyment out of your trip.

The next update will contain the latest Region 1 Event Calendar, and will go out before the close of the year. I'm waiting to hear back from someone about one event and want to include it on the calendar, so I ask your patience.

It's not too early to start thinking about nominations for Region 1 Chapter of the Year, and Person of the Year. Nominations will open 1 January and close 31 March for awards in the traditional manner at the NoreastCon banquet. As always, I know we have many worthy recipients out there. Why don't you honor a spark plug in your chapter, and nominate him or her for Person of the

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Show and Tell Gallery



John Walker's 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251 I/1 with rockets, built almost OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. The revetted hull is from another DML 251 kit. The name "Tilsit" is hand-painted. John used oils, pastels and powders for weathering.

Rick Lippincott's Star Wars speeder bike, as seen in "Return of the Jedi," built OOB circa 1983 and weathered with the gradual application of 20 years worth of dust and grime.



Richard Rycroft's 1/35 M3 half track, built OOB and hand-painted with Polly Scale acrylics. The body cover came from another kit. Richard used the kit decals plus Luftwaffe white crosses, which denoted a captured vehicle in North Africa, early 1943.

Show and Tell Gallery (continued)

Mike O'Keefe's 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/1 Ausf. C mit wurfrahmen 40, built OOB and painted with Model Master acrylics. Mike used the kit decals and weathered the model with an artist's oil wash and pastels. Markings are for the 11th Panzer Division, Eastern front 1942.



Jim Qualey's 1/48 scale SBD-3 from the ancient Monogram kit. Jim substituted propeller and bombs from the Accurate Miniatures kit. Paint is Polly Scale acrylics; decals are SuperScale. Markings are for VB-6 aboard the USS Enterprise, February 1942.

Dave Schmidt's 1/48 scale F-84 pilot as supplied with the ProModeler kit. Dave painted the figure with Model Master colors and weathered it with oils, pastels and pencil lead.



Show and Tell Gallery (continued)

Richard Rycroft's 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/1 Schützenpanzerwagen, built OOB and hand-painted with Polly Scale acrylics. The kit-supplied decals represent a machine of the 15th Panzer Division, DAK.



Rick Lippincott's 1/12 Captain America, built OOB and painted with Model Master spray paint and Tamiya acrylics. Rick built up the base with potting soil and back yard pebbles. Mortar for the stone wall was made from Elmer's Glue and drywall gypsom. Rick adds, "I spent more time working on the base than on the figure. Elmer's Glue "water" leaked out after application. I BUILT A MODEL THIS YEAR!!

Pip Moss's 1/35 scale Sd.Kfz. 251/21 Ausf. D "Drilling," built OOB. The Dark Yellow is Model Master enamel, the Red-Brown is Tamiya, and the Olive Green is Gunze. The model was weathered with earth-tone pastels and Polly Scale Mud.



Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Richard Rycroft's 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/7 Pionierpanzerwagen, kitbashed using spare parts from a 251/1 kit, and hand-painted with Polly Scale acrylics. The kit-supplied decals show a machine from a DAK engineering unit.

Bill Michaels's Godzilla, built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. Bill used pastels for dust in the debris field. He won the kit bagged in a raffle, so he isn't sure if it's the Aurora or the Polar Lights repop.



Richard Rycroft's 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/10 mit 3.7cm PAK gun, built OOB and hand-painted with Polly Scale acrylics. The kit-supplied decals represent a machine of the 21st Panzer Division, DAK.

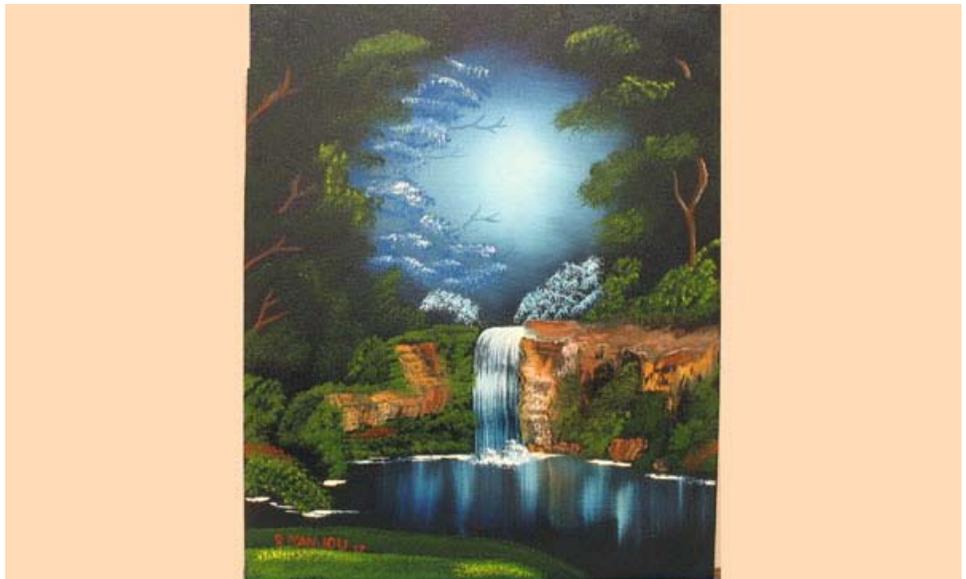
Show and Tell Gallery (concluded)

Richard Rycroft's 1/35 Chevrolet LRDG medical truck, built OOB and hand-painted with Polly Scale acrylics using Italian Desert color (as would have been taken from captured stores in North Africa). Richard notes that the medical trucks were the only LRDGs with covers, which ensured that they were recognized and not shot at by the enemy.



Mike O'Keefe's 1/12 scale German SS soldier with ZB26 MG. Mike built it OOB and painted it with Model Master acrylics.

Tony D'Anjou's original oil painting of a waterfall. Tony used the "Bob Ross method," a wet-on-wet technique demonstrated by Bob Ross, painter, teacher, paint producer and host of the public television series "The Joy of Painting" before his death in 1995.



Question of the Month

What models have you completed in 2007, which one are you most pleased with, and why?

I finished nine models this year: P-51H (Classic Airframes), P-51D “Double Trouble” (Monogram), P-51D “Big Beautiful Doll” (Monogram), P-51 (Accurate Miniatures), P-51A (A.M.), 1/2 scale see-through Harley-Davidson engine, C-118 in AF1 markings, Airbus Beluga, and C-130 in Delta Airlines markings.

“Big Beautiful Doll” worked out real well. The SnJ aluminum finish came out fine. The kit decals worked beautifully and gave me a P-51 that I think is really nice. —**Tony D’Anjou**

[I have to add that Tony has been far and away the biggest contributor to Show and Tell this past year. Here are models that he brought to meetings during 2007 that he didn’t mention in his list above: 1/32 Spitfire Mk. I, two 1/100 pre-painted P-51Ds from A.M., and 1/12 scale Wright Cyclone engine. —ed.]

The only models I completed were the snap/glue-together 1/144 scale WW2 fighters that I gave away to two of our younger members. That was the first time in many years; I enjoy that work/play. As I said here (I think), I would’ve become an artist, but for “the speech” from Dad. —**Thomas Brady**

Sadly I have only finished four models this year, most in 1/144 scale: the Sweet Wildcat Mk. VI, the Sweet Sea King Mk. 41 (which I heavily modified), and the Trumpeter LVTP-7. The only one that wasn’t in this scale was the Monogram 1/48 scale UH-1C, which I converted from a gunship configuration to a search & rescue configuration.

As to which one I am most pleased with, I guess it has to be the Sea King. I built it in response to the Huey, which I can say is the least favorite amongst the bunch. (It went together horribly and I had trouble with the green glazing over the cockpit.) The Sea King was a bit of a challenge. The kit as it came out of the box was configured as an ASW platform, yet the decals that came with it were for SAR aircraft. So there was a bit of modification that had to be done. You know, remove this, replace that. I had to reshape the tail and tail rotor blades. All in all it came out very nice.

I have also worked on other models that have yet to be finished. The first one is the 1/144 scale Aii F-111E which has been converted to an F-111C. This meant it got a new pair of wings and jet intakes. It also received a new cockpit and main gear well. What stopped this project was canopy problems, which I have yet to resolve. The second is the Dragon 1/72 scale Sd.Kfz. 251 halftrack. I guess I’m just dragging my feet on this one. I do have a good chunk of it done—just got to sit down and pound it out. —**Kurt Kunze**

So far, I have completed three models, but the year is not over yet. I have not completed this many models in one year since high school. I also completed my Ph.D. this year, so I have a lot to be proud of. The completed models are

1) Tamiya 1/35 scale Tyrannosaurus Rex, painted in Finnish Air Force “Continuation War” colors (circa 1942), complete with

national markings, tail numbers (decals I made myself) and “Eastern Front” markings (yellow stripes around tail and nose).

2) Italeri 1/72 scale Sd.Kfz. 251/1 Ausf. C, built for the club Group Build event. I have not completed any armor for about 30 years, so this was quite an achievement.

3) Toko (Roden) 1/72 scale Lavochkin LaGG-3 type 35 in Finnish Air Force markings, 1943.

I am pleased with each of these models. The LaGG-3, however, as a modeling subject, is closest to my interest, and I would put that as number one.

I will still probably complete one more model this year. I have several in the pipeline, but the one that’s most likely to be finished is the Marivox 1/72 scale Saab 17 target tug (in Finnish Air Force markings, all yellow, circa 1960). —**Ora Lassila**

Of all the models I have completed this year, without a doubt my favorite was the 1/12 scale Captain America. It is an example of extremes—both the most challenging kit of the year and yet also the simplest. I spent more time on this than any other kit in 2007, and yet it went together more quickly than anything else I built all year. It has the most mistakes and yet is also the most accurate. Yes, you can truly say this was the best of kits and the worst of kits. I’ll try to build two in 2008. —**Rick Lippincott**

I’ve been so busy that I haven’t had much time to do anything worth mentioning but I’m still looking for the USS Antietam. My wife’s dad served on that ship in WW2, and I’d like to do it for her. If anyone has an idea as to where I can find a model of it, please let me know. Thanks. —**Sonny Levine**

I’m not entirely sure, as I don’t keep records, so I’m a little unsure as to which ones may have been completed last winter. I think the number is nine:

1/72 Italeri DC-3 “Air France,” 1/48 Tamiya Brewster Buffalo, 1/48 Tamiya F4F-4 Wildcat, 1/48 Monogram Spitfire Mk. IX, 1/76 Airfix M3 Halftrack, 1/72 Hasegawa M3 Halftrack, 1/72 Eduard Fokker Dr.1 “Flyboys,” 1/72 Academy P-39 Airacobra, 1/?? Monogram Godzilla

I am most pleased with the 1/72 DC-3: the white-over-silver finish was a real challenge, and I’m very happy with the way it came out. Inspired by some of last year’s MiGs, I did a multi-hued metal finish, and it came out very nice. —**Bill Michaels**

I only finished two models this year: a 1/32 Tamiya F-15E Strike Eagle and a 1/72 Revell/Monogram F-104C Starfighter. I think both came out okay, and I’m very pleased with the Starfighter. It’s a much smaller scale than I usually build, and I was pleased with the natural metal finish. —**John McCormick**

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Question of the Month (continued)

The model I'm most pleased with this year is a modern submarine, a 1/144 scale German U-Boat, Type 206A. It's an older Revell/Germany kit that I cannot recommend for a number of reasons. I just wanted to take a break from all the armor and artillery kits and try something different. It had been almost forty-five years since I built a ship kit, but I was very pleased with the way it turned out.

—Kevin Campagna

I completed six models this year: 1/48 Fokker D. VII (Alb) late (Roden), 1/72 Tornado GR. I (Revel Germany), 1/48 OA-4M (Monogram), 1/48 F3F-1 (A.M.), 1/48 Hawker Typhoon Mk.Ib (Hasegawa), and 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/21 "Drilling" (DML).

While I enjoyed all the projects and am generally pleased with the results, I am most happy with the Typhoon. It was initially a frustrating build. As reviewers have all stated, the cockpit insert section was a terrible fit, and there was a huge gap at the starboard wing joint. This all necessitated seemingly endless filling and re-scribing. With that part mostly done, I put the model aside and didn't pick it up again for nearly two years. When I got back to it this fall and applied a coat of primer, I was pleasantly surprised at how well the body work had turned out, so I determined to get it finished. Having just bought a Paasche VJR gravity feed airbrush, I decided to freehand spray the camouflage rather than going through the tedious process of cutting masks. The Paasche performed really well and yielded tight demarcations with just a bit of overspray. I'm very pleased with the result.

—Pip Moss

This year I have completed the following models: Sd.Kfz. 9 Famo, Sd.Kfz. 251/1 Ausf. C mit wurfrahmen, Sd.Kfz. 251/10 Ausf. C mit 3.7-cm Pak, Sd.Kfz. 186 Jagdtiger, and Sd.Kfz. 234/2 Puma, all in 1/35 scale. I also did two German machine gunners, one in 120mm, the other in 1/12 scale. As far as the one I am most pleased with, it would be a tie between the Jagdtiger and the 120mm German machine gunner figure. With the Jagdtiger, this was the first kit where I used aftermarket items to complete—very happy with the results. With the 120mm figure, it was the first figure I had done greater than 1/35 scale.

—Mike O'Keefe

I completed, or will have by New years eve, the following: Pro Modeler F84-G Thunderjet, In-Air Fokker D.VII, Accurate Miniatures Prepainted Spitfire and Bf 109F, Hawk/Testers P47D Razorback, Tamiya Fw190-A7 (converted from F8), and DML Sd.kfz. 251 D halftrack.

I'm actually pleased with a few of them for different reasons, but if I have to choose one, it would be the Fw190-A7, I guess because it's the first time I have built a model of a specific airplane found in a reference book. I had to do a little scorchbuilding and converting, and I chose to add flaps and photo-etch cockpit detail. I did a significant amount of detail work on this bird and am generally happy with the outcome. I'm in the painting stage now and hope to finish it by the next meeting, along with the halftrack (painting stage also).

—Dave Schmidt

Region 1 Update (continued)

Year? It's easy, and I guarantee if he or she wins, the look on his or her face will be priceless! What are you waiting for?

Finally, here's another note to pass along, this time from a foreign correspondent seeking assistance:

Hi IPMS/USA.

I'm a aviation artist who specializes in US Navy aviation. I do drawings for Tailhook Association's member magazine The Hook, which you might know. I'm currently in the process of updating my drawings, and thereby adding details to them. Most of all I want to add and correct the stencils. My problem, however, is that it's really hard to find reference to what stencils go where on the aircraft that I'm drawing. I know that plastic models have building instructions that show exactly what the individual stencils say and where they are located, but I have only managed to find a few decal sheets suitable as references. I would like to avoid buying an entire plastic scale model only to use the decal sheet as reference for my drawings. Therefore my question is: Do you know where to find a reference for what stencils go where on US Navy aircraft (or just some of them), or do you know anyone who might be able to help?

I would be very happy to send you an example of the drawings that I do. If you are into US naval aviation (in the post war era) I'm quite sure that you'll like them. Any help will be very much appreciated!

Thanks and kind regards,

Mads Bangsø

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With that, I'll close by wishing everyone and their families a very happy and healthy holiday season. Please remember our troops who are in far off places defending our freedoms with sacrifice and honor during this season. These fine men and women deserve far more than the measly check they get from our government each month for going in harm's way, and our prayers for a safe return to their loved ones is a small offering in payment.

Happy Holidays!

Semper Fi

—Doug Hamilton, RC-1