



# THE PATRIOT

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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, April 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 April meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show- and-Tell, and a raffle.



Pip Moss built this 1/48 scale P-47N from the Academy kit plus a bunch of aftermarket replacements: Cutting Edge cockpit, Ultracast seat, Aires engine, Techniks propeller, and Ultracast wheels. The natural metal finish is Alclad II; the other colors are Model Master enamels. Using a mix of CAM, SuperScale and Aeromaster decals, the model represents "Li'l Meaties Meat Chopper" of the 464th FS, 507th FG, based at Ie Shima in 1945 and piloted by Oscar Perdomo, a Mexican-American who was also the last American ace-in-a-day of WW2.

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## Show and Tell Gallery



Bill Michaels's 1/72 scale Sopwith Camel, built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. Markings are for a plane flown by Capt. Arthur "Roy" Brown, the Canadian pilot credited by the RAF with shooting the bullet that killed Manfred von Richtofen, the "Red Baron."

John Walker's 1/35 scale Sherman III (M4A2), built almost OOB and finished with Tamiya paints. For weathering John used an oil wash, post-shading, and MMP powder. The decals, from Echelon, are for a vehicle of the Royal Scots Greys, Italy 1943. The figure is from Tamiya.



Bill Michaels's 1/72 scale Nieuport XVII, built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. Decals are from the kit, which is the "Flyboys" movie boxing, and represent Royce's plane. Bill also comments, "A new mold—very nice."

## Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Tony D'Anjou's 1/25 scale Plymouth Barracuda, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. Tony used Bare Metal Foil for the chrome details.

Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale Nieuport 28 from another Revell kit from 1965. Bill replaced the wheels, gun and prop with items from the scrap parts box. Paint is Polly Scale; decals are Aeromaster. Markings are for Douglas Campbell, 94th Sqn, USAAS, 1918.



Kurt Kunze's 1/72 scale Sd.Kfz. 251/2 Ausf. C, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. Kurt used pastels to weather the wheels and tracks.

## Show and Tell Gallery (concluded)



Bill Michaels' Fokker D.VII, built OOB from the 1960s-vintage Revell kit and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. Bill used the kit decals, with lozenge areas from Eagle Strike since the kit didn't supply them. The markings are for a plane flown by Rudolph Berthold of Jasta II.

John Walker's 1/35 scale Jagdpanzer 38 Hetzer with 105mm StuH 42/2 L/28 gun. John used a metal barrel to convert the DML Hetzer kit. Paint is Tamiya; weathering is oil paint wash and MMP powder. Decals are Tamiya (from their new Hetzer kit). The figure is from a Tamiya tank crew set.



Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale Sopwith Pup, built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. Decals are from Blue Rider.

## Question of the Month

### What subject, in what scale, would you most like to see produced as a kit?

You wouldn't think this would be a tough question, would you? Five or ten years ago, I could have thought of plenty of subjects. The only one I am waiting for now has been announced by both Hobbycraft and Special Hobby, and that is a 1/32 scale P-51A Allison engine Mustang. I have all the drawings, pictures and data on the XP-51 that I received from North American/Rockwell back in the 70s. I always wanted to do that plane in 1/32 scale. I even started to do a conversion on the old Revell P-51B. I'm glad I got lazy on that one!

—**Dave Schmidt**

I would really get a kick out of building any of the following in any scale except 1/72:

1. ANY U.S. Navy cruiser-based, biplane aircraft, especially anything by Vought and possibly also having been deployed on embassy duty in China during the Yangtze River Patrol era or with the USMC anywhere during the 1920s–40s.

2. A Curtiss JN Jenny buildable as the U.S. Navy "N"? model float plane. The same goes for the OSU Corsair biplane series. 1/144 would be neat/cute. But think of the detail and wiring one could build into a 1/32 or 1/24 scale kit. It could really be used as a canary cage!

3. Any U.S. Navy CVE escort or CVL light WW2 aircraft carrier or cruiser, in any media with same scale aircraft to grace its decks. The kit could even be sold in sections and used as shelving to display similar scale aircraft, machinery, things in transit, and people.

4. ANY non-vac model of the Yellow Pearl (?) N3N-2 trainer as flown from biplane days all the way up to being the last biplane and/or float-plane used by the USN.

5. Any modern Boeing/Stearman military biplane PT-17 (et al) to replace what may have been the first mass-produced injected kit (first by Varney, then O-Lin, then old Lindberg and on the shelves in a new box even today). If you come across one, please let me know. It probably was part of my collection. I have seen no other in the past 30-plus years.

6. The spiffy little "Gregor" biplane fighter aircraft designed by the Canadian Car and Foundry.

7. Any affordable PT boat to compete with the ancient Revell kits of Elco and Higgins craft.

8. Any pre-WW2, U.S. tracked, armored vehicle. Especially the M2A2 with two turrets. (It would be fun to have a few horse cavalry included :-)

Now let's see—If I spit in one hand and wish in the other, which will fill up first?

—**Bart Cusick (and Rikki)**

I honestly can't think of any subjects I'd like to see kitted in 1/48 scale that haven't already been done, but I can think of a number of subjects whose existing 1/48 kits are ancient, unavailable, inaccurate, poorly engineered, or some combination of the above. High on my wish list for good, new 1/48 kits would be an F2H Banshee and a P-40B/C Tomahawk.

—**Pip Moss**

My wish list is rather esoteric, with unusual subjects in unusual scales. At the top of my wish list are some 1/96 or 1/100 scale aircraft, to go with my RC scale ship models in that scale. More than any other subject, I'd love to see a Fairey Swordfish in 1/96. I'd buy 6–10 of them and use them as the airgroup on a 1/96 scale RC Escort Carrier.

Other 1/96 scale aircraft I'd like to see: USCG HH-52 or HH-65 helicopters; OS2U Kingfisher float planes; Grumman F4F or FM-2 Wildcats

Other, more mainstream subjects—things that might have a chance of actually getting done: a USCG HH-52 helicopter in either 1/72 or 1/48 scale; a Fairey Swordfish in 1/72—to replace the ancient Frog and Airfix kits; a 1/72 scale USS Buckley-class Destroyer Escort in 1/72, to go with the 1/72 U-boats.

—**Bill Michaels**

That is easy: the M29 Weasel tracked vehicle in 1/35.

—**Bob Maxwell**

I would like to see more contemporary airliner models in 1/72 scale. The few that have ever been produced are hard to come by (Aurora had some, as did Heller, and then of course there is the excellent Kendall multimedia kit of the 727). The specific airliner I would be most interested in seeing is the ubiquitous DC-9. Boeing 737 and the Airbus 320 series would be nice too. And while we are on this topic, why are there no kits of modern business jets (Learjets, Citations, Gulfstreams, etc.)? The only ones I can think of are the old Airfix and Matchbox kits of the Hawker-Siddeley 125 (now known as Raytheon 800).

—**Ora Lassila**

I'd like to see a 1/72 Israeli M51 Isherman, some decent World War I tanks in 1/72, and an M3 half-track with the 75mm gun in the back, in either 1/35 or 1/72.

—**Al Denton**

My answer is based upon my lack of experience, but I prefer 1/48. It is big enough to cover up mistakes and not too small to have presence as a "finished piece." I have noticed this scale is also used by a lot of the members. Subjects: armor, and First and Second WW aircraft.

—**Thomas Brady**

The Douglas C-54 in 1/72 by a mainstream manufacturer like Hasegawa or Italeri.

—**Jim Qualey**

I would like to see a 1/32 scale F-111, any variant, or a 1/32 scale F-101 Voodoo.

—**John McCormick**

The kit I would most like to see produced is a 1/72 scale C-5. I'd elaborate, but geez—everybody can already figure out what I'd say.

—**Rick Lippincott**

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## Question of the Month (continued)

I would like to see, for 1/48 scale armor: M2 half-track, Sd.Kfz. 251, Panzer I, Panzer 38(t), Churchill, T-55, T-72, and M113. For 1/144 scale aircraft: MiG-21MF/bis, Su-24, Mi-8/17, Pe-2, Lancaster, Wellington, Super Entendard, MB 339, G. 91, F4U Corsair, A-4M Skyhawk, A-7D/E Corsair II, A-1 Skyraider, Spitfire, and T-45 Goshawk. In 1/72 we could use a new MiG-25.

—Kurt Kunze

First of all, let's remember that while "Golden Ages" are set in the past, we're IN one when it comes to kit releases. Who would have believed a 1/72 Felixstowe flying boat, or a 1/48 Junkers Ju 52, or a Focke Wulf Fw 200 Condor, or a small French Renault carrier/tractor in 1/35? In so many categories, first-rate injection-

molded kits are available of obscure, unusual subjects. While the adventurous used to hope for a vacuform— maybe—today we're confronted by "multiple choice" tests of our skillset or interests. But here is a question I have no answer for: Why can one not find a 1/24, 1/25 or 1/35 modern civilian ambulance? They're seen on our streets daily, but when I looked for one for my daughter: nada. Not even a van that I could transform into an ambulance?

Although Revell-Germany has recently produced several WW2-era submarines in 1/72, I'd also like to see some WW1 subjects in the same or even smaller scale. Few realize that the U-boats of the First World War actually sank more ships than those of the Second. And surely I can't be the only one who would buy a re-issue of Revell's Seadler?

—George Morrison

## IPMS Region 1 Update (continued)

The spring show schedule is starting to heat up, at last! We start this coming weekend, 29–30 March, with two events. IPMS Long Island is hosting RepLIcon on the 29th, and the following day Wings and Wheels are hosting Valleycon up in Chicopee. NJIPMS is hosting Mosquitocon the following weekend, 5 April, in Wayne, NJ, then back up the Ho Chi Minh Trail to Schoharie, NY for NoreastCon on 25 April. I'm looking forward to these shows, as they're all good ones!

Speaking of NoreastCon, Art Loder is saying the hotel is quickly running out of rooms. If you still haven't made your reservation yet, you might want to kick it into gear. Time, like the available rooms, is running out! Art also tells me that there are a few chapters out there that haven't stepped up and sponsored a category yet. I realize it's probably just an oversight, so please take a few minutes at your next meeting to consider which category you'd like to see your chapter's name next to.

I'd also like to thank all those that submitted nominations for Region 1 Chapter of the Year and Person of the Year. I received some really good nominations this year and had very difficult decisions to make. The up side to such a hard decision is I reviewed what I

would consider one of the strongest yet for Person of the Year. It really is a shame I can only award one, as all candidates possessed very high qualifications. These two awards will be presented at the NoreastCon banquet, as always.

And a quick reminder. I'm planning the agenda for the Official Region 1 Annual Business Meeting, held at...Noreastcon (!), so if anyone has any topics they'd like to cover, drop me a line. I'll be happy to add it and make sure you have plenty of floor time to speak. I'll also be taking any names of recently departed members to announce at the banquet. You can send those to me, or let me know at the business meeting. If you remember, we decided two years ago that a fitting way to honor our departed members would be to call the last roll at the banquet. Last year we didn't have need for such a reading, but I will be prepared should we need to this year. All I'll need are the names.

That brings us to another ending. Please support our brother chapter's shows and events by attending, sponsoring, helping judge!

Semper Fi

—Doug Hamilton, RC-1

## Upcoming Events

- March 29 ..... **RepLIcon**, IPMS Long Island, Freeport Recreation Center, 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport, NY. [www.longislandscalemodel.tripod.com](http://www.longislandscalemodel.tripod.com)
- March 30 ..... **Valleycon**, IPMS Wings & Wheels, Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA. Contact Al LaFleche [ajlafleche@comcast.net](mailto:ajlafleche@comcast.net) or 413-733-9247. [www.wvmodelclub.org](http://www.wvmodelclub.org)
- April 5 ..... **Mosquitocon**, IPMS New Jersey, Wayne, NY. [www.njipms.org](http://www.njipms.org) or call David Schwartz, 973-628-1377
- April 12 ..... **Can-Amcon**, IPMS Champlain Valley, Best Western Inn at Smithfield, 446 Rt. 3 & I-87, Plattsburg, NY. Email [frankandsandyb@westelcom.com](mailto:frankandsandyb@westelcom.com)
- April 13 ..... **Buffcon**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Knights of Columbus, 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (Buffalo), NY. [www.ipmsniagarafrontier.com/](http://www.ipmsniagarafrontier.com/)
- April 19–20 ..... **20th Annual Model Car Exhibition**, Masscar Model Club, Holiday Inn, 700 Myles Standish Blvd, Taunton, MA. email [marcus\\_stuart@yahoo.com](mailto:marcus_stuart@yahoo.com).
- April 25–26 ..... **NorestCon**, IPMS Northeast New York, Holiday Inn Express, 160 Holiday Way, Schoharie, NY. [www.aloder.freeyellow.com/nec08/index.html](http://www.aloder.freeyellow.com/nec08/index.html)
- August 6–9 ..... **IPMS National Convention**, Virginia Beach, VA. [www.ipmsusa2008.org](http://www.ipmsusa2008.org)
- October 19 ..... **GraniteCom**, IPMS Granite State, Nashua, NH. [www.dougerienze.com/gsmc/index.htm](http://www.dougerienze.com/gsmc/index.htm)
- October 25 ..... **HVHMG 2008**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Lodge, Overrocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY. Email [docf225@msn.com](mailto:docf225@msn.com)