



# THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter  
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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, June 6, 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 June meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show- and-Tell, and a raffle. Since the meeting date coincides with the Allied invasion of Normandy in World War 2, everyone is encouraged to bring a D-Day related subject for Show and Tell.



Black is beautiful, especially when it's built by David Hamel. This is his 1/48 scale Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIC, modified from the Hobbycraft kit by the hand-painted nose art and the addition of many photo-etched and scratchbuilt parts. Paint is Floquil Engine Black. Decals are from various sources and represent an aircraft of No. 1 Squadron, used on intruder operations. JX-Q, no. BD983, was flown by Squadron Leader James MacLachan. David adds, "After many years I finally applied the correct serial number."

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## Minutes from the May Meeting

**F**OLLOWING an extended build session, Chapter President Kurt Kunze called the meeting to order at 8:20. About 25 members and visitors were present.

Kurt asked about the status of the artwork for the Cafe Press shirts and other items. Kurt and Pip agreed on a method of sending the artwork to Bill Michaels for upload to the Cafe Press website.

Bill Michaels reported on further contact with the Billerica Council on Aging. the COA is interested in having the Patriot Chapter meet there on a one-time basis to provide a demonstration and discussion on scale models. Friday evenings are not a good night for the COA, so this would require a one-time special meeting night. Kurt suggested that the weekend of the Yankee Doodle festival in September might be good.

Kurt reminded members that the June meeting will have a Show and Tell theme of "D-Day." He encouraged everyone to bring in either new build or existing models that are representative of either

Allied or Axis equipment used during the June 6, 1944 invasion.

There was no further business. The build session continued on until a brief break, followed by Show and Tell. After Show and Tell there was a second break, followed by the monthly raffle. After the raffle, the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

## Show and Tell

Robert Butler..... 1/12 Styracosaur (Mike Tricic)  
David Hamel ..... 1/48 Hawker Hurricane Mk. IIc (Hobbycraft)  
Rick Lippincott ..... 1/24 Willys MB Jeep (Testors)  
Bill Michaels..... 1/72 Fokker E.V/D.VIII (Roden)  
1/72 Pfalz D.XII (Toko)  
Pip Moss..... 1/48 P-51A Mustang (Accurate Miniatures)  
Mike O'Keefe ..... 1/35 StuG III (DML)

## IPMS Region 1 Update

# Post-NoreastCon Debrief

Let me begin by thanking our hosts, IPMS Northeast New York, for another fine event. They've done it so many times it almost seems it runs itself. But we know better! Art, Nick, and the rest of the NENY gang get an everlasting tip of my cap for their efforts.

The base numbers show 110 Registrants and 343 models on the tables. 112 walk-ins and 30 families also came through the doors. What those numbers don't tell is the high quality of the models on the tables. Best in Show went to Keith Bender for a very nice battleship, USS Connecticut. Congratulations to all that went home with an award!

The business meeting was well attended this year, with 21 people representing nine Region 1 Chapters. I began by welcoming Region 1's newest chapter, IPMS Penobscot Valley Modelers. Unfortunately, no one from this chapter showed up. I had been hoping they would have a rep attend, but I guess we'll have to wait until next year!

I mentioned that the IPMS Reviewers Corps is still looking for new members, and anyone interested should contact IPMS 1st VP Dave Morrissette for more information.

The fall mini-meetings were also covered briefly. I'm not sure yet if they'll be held this fall, and if so, where. I'll have more on this topic as the year progresses.

The IPMS Nationals will be held in Virginia Beach 6-9 August this year. All Region 1 members are urged to attend, as this will be about as close to our area as we can hope for it to be held. The main hotel is sold out, but there are plenty of other lodgings available. Check the event website, which can be accessed through the IPMS home page for more details.

Everyone is urged to check the links to their chapters' web sites on the IPMS home page. It's been reported that some of the links don't work due to chapters changing sites and not passing along

an update to the IPMS/USA office. Some have updated their info on the fact sheets, but that doesn't always ensure that the links will be updated. Let me know if the link to your chapter's site doesn't work, and we'll get it working again.

We talked a little about the Make and Take program, and some have indicated no response to requests made to the IPMS Make and Take Coordinator. I've heard back from Steve recently, who tells me he's been behind the curve lately due to some personal issues, but is close to being back on track.

Finally, the banquet saw the awarding for the 2007 Region 1 Chapter of the Year award to IPMS Mid Hudson, the 2007 Region 1 Person of the Year award to Howie Belkin of IPMS Long Island, and the NoreastCon Cup awarded to our hosts, IPMS NENY, for the second year in a row!! It was a great pleasure to award Howie the Person of the Year award. Howie has been at this hobby a very long time, and he'll be the first to tell you he has IPMS no. 16! He's been an instrumental part of so many things here in Region 1, and he's a really good guy on top of it all. Congratulations again Howie!

Next year, NoreastCon will again travel west, when we once again shuffle on off to Buffalo. That's right, IPMS Niagara Frontier will again be our hosts. And we all know the great job they do in hosting. With our event being so far west, we can enjoy a good turnout from Regions 4 and 2, as well as our Canadian brothers coming in force. I'm looking forward to it! While I won't announce where we'll be going after that, I will say we have a very cool host lined up, and I know we'll have a great time with them.

That brings us to the close of the NoreastCon debriefing for another year. Again, I'd like to thank our hosts, IPMS Northeast New York, for a fine event, and remind everyone to model on!

—Doug Hamilton, RC-1

## Show and Tell Gallery

Rick Lippincott's 1/24 scale Jeep. Rick adds the following: "I've indicated that the model is a Willys MB version of the US Army 1/4 ton scout car used during WWII. How do I know? Both Willys and Ford made identical versions of this vehicle (Ford's was designated GP). The Army did not permit either manufacturer to put its company name on the vehicles. However, Henry Ford ordered that all parts for the GP be stamped with the letter 'F' in front of their part numbers. While building this kit, I carefully inspected every part, and the letter 'F' appears nowhere on it. Therefore I conclude this kit must be a Willys."



Bill Michaels' 1/72 Pfalz D.XII, built OOB with the addition of the pilot figure. Paints are Polly Scale acrylics. The kit decals are for an unknown Bavarian squadron in 1918.

Mike O'Keefe's 1/35 scale Sturmgeschütz III Ausf. G, built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. Mike used oil wash and pastels for weathering. The kit decals provided markings for an unidentified unit, Eastern Front, 1944.



## Show and Tell Gallery (continued)

Robert Butler's 1/7 scale Styracosaur. This 29-inch model was built from a casting by Mike Tricic. Robert used airbrushed Liquitex acrylic colors. Stains were applied using Liquitex gel medium and paint, followed by dull coat. Robert says he'll redo the eyes sometime, but they look pretty cool to me.



Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale Fokker D.VIII/E.V, built OOB with the addition of the pilot figure. Paint is Polly Scale acrylics. The kit decals were used for an unknown unit, Western Front, 1918.

## Show and Tell Gallery (concluded)

Pip Moss's 1/48 scale P-51A. Various Ultracast items replace the kit parts, including seat, main wheels, propeller blades and exhausts. The central canopy pieces were cut out and replaced with sections from a Squadron vacuform set. The pilot's armor plate and medical kit (missing in the kit) were scratchbuilt, as was the taller, thinner radio mast seen on early Mustangs. Paint is Model Master enamels. Panel lines were emphasized by pre-shading and application of black wash. The extensive exhaust staining was attained by spraying highly diluted gray paint. A mix of kit and aftermarket decals were used for "Jackie," the mount of Capt. J. J. England, 311th FG, 530th FS, Burma, 1944.



## IPMS/USA Nats Update

Less than 3 Months to go! Now is the time to sign up, while those rebate checks are coming in! We have a newly activated on-line registration process—take advantage of it. A reminder that pre-registration rises to \$40 on July 1st and closes on August 1st, so now is the time to strike. Tickets for the banquet and Fighter Factory BBQ will close out as well on August 1st, so don't delay!

Tamiya is going to donate kit no. 56022, 1/16 Panther Type G (retail value \$1226) to the raffle. You must be a ticket holder at the banquet to be eligible to win this or a Model Airways 1/8 Albatros D.V. Two premium incentives to enjoy a nice meal with your IPMS family! Plenty of seats left!

Other things of note:

- The NORAD anniversary award - a nice package of stuff from NORAD goes to the winner of this award, so finish or dust off your NORAD related models!
- The Best of the Past award: a chance to re-compete medal winners; we want to see some of the eye-watering work from past conventions!
- Displays: room left for club and individual displays!

My biggest concern is increasing trophy sponsorship. We have sold only 50 of 142 regular categories/splits. Here is the breakdown so far:

- Junior: 8 of 16
- Aircraft: 25 of 39
- Mil Vehicles: 5 of 20
- Figures: 1 of 9
- Ships: 6 of 11
- Automotive: 0 of 19
- Space/Sci Fi: 3 of 5
- Dioramas: 0 of 12
- Miscellaneous: 2 of 11

There are plenty of high-visibility categories to sponsor. We need businesses, clubs and individuals to help.

As time slips away, IPMS Tidewater is heads down working on the details to make this a pleasant occasion including an event program and the details of the awards slide show. We welcome questions and are trying to get satisfactory answers.

All the best, and may your modeling projects go smoothly and finish in time!

—Charles Landrum, Chairman

### Which part of a building project is usually the most worrisome for you, and why?

The most worrisome part for me used to be the paint prep and painting. Just making sure ALL the imperfections were addressed. But lately, it seems to have switched to the decaling process, which used to be very enjoyable. I think mainly it has to do with the quality of the decals I have been using. Age of the decals has also come into play a little, but it seems that the adhesive used by some companies really sucks! Anyway, I guess I'll just have to iron things out and try to get decaling back to being fun.

—**Dave Schmidt**

Painting is my nightmare. I can't get started, because I want to make the perfect model and then freeze to inaction. That is why I haven't showed up with anything that was glued and painted. I am sure this bespeaks of many psychological problems, but it's true. I tried the M3 tank by Academy: one of our members suggested OD, but it was configured to North Africa and British. Now I have to dream up an M3 in the South Pacific and maybe try to "get over the wall." And this from a kid who was free-hand oil painting at four years of age and building models at six! —**Thomas Brady**

Painting and finish are most difficult for me, more so now that I live in an apartment and had to get rid of my spray booth. Fortunately I learned brush painting technique from Ralph Hayes, so I'll be using that method from now on with water-based paints

—**Bob Hales**

Plain and simple, it's the canopy or any clear parts. They are so easily screwed up and not so easily fixed. At least with other parts you can cover up defects with paint.

—**Kurt Kunze**

There's no part of a model building project that's the least bit "worrisome" for me because it really is only a hobby.

—**Jim Qualey**

Everything after removing the shrink wrap from the box. Well, to narrow it down a bit, I'd say painting because it's the part I have the least confidence about ... and a bad paint job can ruin an otherwise good model.

—**Rick Lippincott**

Since I am now, as some people say, a track head, I find the most tedious and worrisome to be preparation of the suspension and making sure it is level, unless I am going to use some log or wall with the tank going over it.

—**Bob Maxwell**

It's usually the cockpit. They take a lot of finesse painting and detailing, and oftentimes the parts are very difficult to paint accurately. Applying the decals can worry me as well, as I have a uncanny ability to silver every decal I apply!

—**John McCormick**

decaling techniques, but it's hard to know how any given decal is going to behave, especially large roundels applied to curved surfaces.

In second place, cutting canopy masks. Sometimes, no matter how careful I am, the knife takes a sidetrip, which means a bunch of lost time sanding, polishing, buffing and re-masking.

And the winner is ... wing alignment. Unlike decals or canopies, if wing dihedral is off or uneven, there's no straightforward procedure to fix it, and it's often difficult to see the problem until after the wings and tail pieces have been glued to the fuselage. When I built the Accurate Miniatures Dauntless, the wing/tail alignment was so poor that I ripped it apart, necessitating buying a new kit to replace the wings, which were damaged in the process. The second time around, I was super careful to get all mating surfaces properly prepared and glued. DOH! The alignment was still off. I concluded that it was simply an engineering flaw in the kit. I got the wings and stabilizers close to lining up visually by fudging the stabilizer angles as much as I dared, but it's still not quite there.

—**Pip Moss**

Rigging biplanes, as well as anything that has to do with detailed painting and masking. Cockpit canopies are a constant source of worry. An ideal subject would be a modern jet with no cockpit glazing ... Hmm, maybe I should build UAVs.

—**Ora Lassila**

For me, the biggest headache is getting the warp out of cast plastic or resin parts. All too often the moment of truth comes when I discover that a fuselage has a twist that throws the vertical tail out of alignment; and by then, the opportunity to take corrective action has long gone. The next worst moment is what to do about spindly landing gear struts that sag under the weight of the completed model.

—**Art Silen**

Not being a very patient person, I sometimes get sloppy masking canopies. Getting them to come out of Future floor finish without spots and specks can also be a pain. After that everything else seems easy.

—**Tony D'Anjou**

For me, the most worrisome part is determining the building vs. painting sequence, especially for vehicles with open or exposed interiors. I will sometimes use project management software to map out all the building, painting, and finishing tasks so I can easily see what needs to be done in what order. The software also helps me get back up to speed quickly on those projects that I've shelved for a few months (or years)!

—**Devon Terpening**

In third place, decals. I'm generally pretty confident in my

## Club Notice

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt, mother of Dave Schmidt, who succumbed to congestive heart failure and pneumonia on May 13 at the age of 89. Mrs. Schmidt had been living in a nursing home for several years and had been suffering from severely failing health for the past few months. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Dave and his family.

## Upcoming Events

August 6–9.....**IPMS National Convention**, Virginia Beach, VA. [www.ipmsusa2008.org](http://www.ipmsusa2008.org)

September 21.....**RoCon 29**, IPMS Rochester, 175 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623.  
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October 19.....**GraniteCom**, IPMS Granite State, Nashua, NH. [www.dougdierenze.com/gsmc/index.htm](http://www.dougdierenze.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)

November 2.....**BayCon 2008**, IPMS Bay Colony, Knights of Columbus Hall, 304 Highland Avenue, South Attleboro, MA.  
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