



THE PATRIOT

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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Billerica, MA. Please note that this is the second Friday of the month due to Independence Day falling on the first Friday. The First Parish church is located on Concord Road, just as it meets Route 3A (Boston Road) at the Billerica Town Common. The July meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show- and-Tell, and a raffle.



Kurt Kunze built this model of HMS Trafalgar in 1/700 scale from the Arii kit. Kurt used Testors Model Master enamels for the paint job. He also used wood and clear rod to make a display base, which, as you can see, is invisible underwater.

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Minutes from the June Meeting

WELL, actually, there aren't any proper minutes since our esteemed Treasurer, Rick Lippincott, was unable to attend the meeting. Chapter President Kurt Kunze informs me that there was no business, just two announcements:

1. The club store is up and running on Cafe Press.

cafepress.com/ipmspatriot

[Incidentally, if you feel like it, you should be able to click on the above link and the ones in the Upcoming Events section (Page 7) and go to the corresponding websites, thanks to my new computer and layout program.]

2. The RAF Red Arrows will be flying at the Quonset Point Airshow on the 28th & 29th of June.

Beyond that, the meeting was lively and quite well attended. Several of the Show and Tell models had been chosen for their D-Day connections. I'll leave it to you to figure out which ones from the photos in the Gallery.

I just want to add how pleased I am that longtime member Bob Hale has been able to make it to meetings lately. Thanks go to his son, Tony, for monthly transportation.

—Pip Moss

Show and Tell

Bob Hale 1/48 Hurricane Mk. IIA (Hobbycraft)
1/48 Spitfire Mk. IIA (Revell-Monogram)
Kurt Kunze 1/700 HMS Trafalgar (Arii)
1/144 Wildcat Mk.I VI (Sweet)
1/144 C-47 Skytrain (Welsh)
Bill Michaels 1/72 LCM-3 (Trumpeter)
1/72 DUKW (Italeri)
1/72 Airco DH-4 (Airfix)
1/72 Albatros C.III (Meikraft)
Dave Schmidt 1/32 P-47D-25-RE (Revell)

IPMS Region 1 Update

Hi and Howdy everyone.

I'm recently back from a trip to Vegas, where I met my grandson for the first time; I'm happy to say he's a healthy and happy little guy. He said he's ready to build some models with grandpa, but wants to wait until his motor skills are a little more developed. His logic was impeccable at such a young age! (He's just about a month old now.) But I won't bore y'all with any more of this, let's get right down to the skinny.

The main topic for this update is the link between submitting an Event Registration Form (ERF), and IPMS Insurance. I've been asked by DLCDick Montgomery to reinforce the correct procedures for obtaining a CI for an event. Nothing's changed—there are no surprises! Before you apply for a CI from MJ, our esteemed IPMS Office Manager, please take the time to submit an ERF, found on the IPMS web site. This needs to be filled out for each instance where a CI will be needed, IE coverage for chapter meeting sites, contests, mall shows—you get the idea: any event where you need insurance! Then plan your timing accordingly. Give the process 60 days from the time of initial request to certificate arrival. In some cases it may be less than that, but don't forget things take time, and this is an item that should appear very early in your event planning.

Getting the ERF in early also gives you more event advertising by having your event listed on the web site's coming events page, and insertion in the Journal for a longer period of time. And while we're on the subject of event advertising, remember, each chapter may obtain a ¼ page event ad in the Journal. You'll need to submit camera-ready artwork, and to get more information contact the Journal staff at the address found in the latest Journal. It's all part of the benefits of being an affiliated chapter of IPMS. As my old Gunny used to say, "Get some, Oo-Ra!"

The nationals are coming in about two months, 6–9 August in Virginia Beach, VA. I hope the current gas prices don't discourage anyone from making the trip. It's going to be an awesome event from what I've been hearing. I understand Cobra Company has dropped out as a vendor. The tables have already been sold to

another vendor, and the vendor room is still full! There are many things to do in that part of Virginia, so I'm going a few days early to check out some battlefields, the USS Wisconsin, and the Mariners Museum, among other things. The tours are starting to fill in quickly, so if you haven't made up your minds about which ones to do, don't delay much longer.

Now that we're about half way though the year, it may be a good time for everyone to review their fact sheets and make any corrects needed. If you make any changes, send it along either to Dick or myself for updating. If it's done now, you'll be that much further along the rechartering curve. I have copies if you can't find them, so ask if you need them.

I'll send along an updated show schedule in the next update. I'm waiting for one to be confirmed before being added. Speaking of shows, I hear the Region 2 regional will be held close to us and hosted by our friends NJIPMS in 2009. This is going to be a must attend event in 09, so I'll pass along more info shortly and add it to our next event calendar. There are many chapters in Region 2 that support our regional, so I hope we as a region reciprocate when the sponsorship request arrives. I'll be sponsoring one as RC1, so at least consider it.

The Buffalo folks are working on the 2009 Noreastcon with their usual abandon!! Here's the link to the show page. Check it early and often for the latest, greatest show info. www.noreastcon2009.com

I understand some of the Region 5 chapters and their members have been taking a beating during the recent flooding. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers while they undertake the difficult road to recovery in so many communities.

That's the closing bell I hear in the background, so will end this mercifully! As always, please share this with the officers and members of your chapter.

Semper Fi

—Doug Hamilton, RC-1

Show and Tell Gallery



Dave Schmidt's 1/32 scale P-47D-25-RE, built about 30 years ago. Dave added photo-etch seat-belt buckles and wire brake lines. He scratchbuilt the belly tank, sway braces for tank and bombs, gun sight and dorsal support; and he shortened the main gear struts. For paint he used spray cans from Testors (Aluminum, Yellow, Red, Blue) and Pactra (Chromate Green). The plane was painted and marked based on photos. Kit decals provided national insignia; codes and serial were made from scratch. The markings represent a plane from the 406th FG, 513th FS, flown by Capt. Ken Knowles, a former co-worker and good friend.

Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale DUKW, built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. Bill used artist's pencils for weathering. The kit decals portray a vehicle used by the British Army on D-Day.



Kurt Kunze's 1/144 scale Wildcat Mk. VI, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. The kit decals portray a Royal Navy bird in D-Day markings.

Show and Tell Gallery (continued)

Bob Hale's 1/48 scale Spitfire Mk. IIa, built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. The kit decals were used to portray PO Alec Lumsden's "Bette" (NK+K) from 118 Squadron, 1941. Bob adds, "... a fun kit to do."



Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale LCM-3 (Landing Craft, Mechanized), built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. Markings are from the kit decals. For weathering Bill used drybrushing, pastels and artist's pencils. Markings are for a USCG-manned LCM on or about June 6, 1944.

Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale Albatros C.III, built "sorta" OOB from the limited-run Meikraft kit—struts and other details had to be foraged from the parts box. Paint is Polly Scale acrylics. Markings are for an unknown unit, Western Front, 1916.



Show and Tell Gallery (concluded)



Bob Hale's Hurricane Mk. IIA, built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. The kit decals were used for a plane from RAF 257 Squadron. Bob adds, "The kit went together well; I enjoyed building it."

Kurt Kunze's 1/144 scale C-47 Skytrain, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. The markings are for the 439th Troop Carrier Group, 94th TCS, which carried the 506th PIR (made famous by "Band of Brothers") into Normandy.



Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale Airco DH-4, built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. Decals, from the scrap box, portray a generic RAC unit.

Question of the Month

What's on the bench—what model project(s) are you working on?

A Tamiya 1/48 scale Bf 109E which I'm building for the Christmas meeting. It is a beautiful kit, and I'm almost afraid that I will not do it justice. —**Bob Hale**

The Dragon F/A-18F in 1/144 scale. It will be a VF-103 "Jolly Rogers" aircraft. Hoping to have it done before the Nationals. Also the Hobby Boss 1/72 P-40E. This was supposed to be a quick build, but canopy issues have made it any thing but. —**Kurt Kunze**

I have always multiple projects underway at the same time:

1) Schneider SG-38: This is a 1930s German elementary glider ("Schulgleiter"), typically launched from a hilltop with a bungeecord. Several of these were in use in Finland in the 1930s and 1940s, and this is similar to the planes my dad flew as a teenager. I am building this from the Huma 1/72 scale kit; the kit is very nice, simple and accurate.

2) Saab 17: Swedish dive bomber used as a target tug by the Finnish Air Force in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Marivox 1/72 scale kit, quite decent albeit a bit over-engineered since one is supposed to be able to build all variants from the same kit.

3) Bell P-39Q Airacobra: I am building the Academy 1/72 scale kit which is very nice and quite accurate. I am still waiting to get the Thrust Decals sheet for "Cobra II," a late 1940s, all-yellow racer.

4) LF-1 Zaunkönig: This is a German prototype V/STOL aircraft from the 1940s. The kit I am using is the LF Models 1/72 scale resin kit, perfect as such but a pain to build since many of the small details have to be scratch-built.

5) Morane-Saulnier M.S.225: a French 1930s fighter (high-wing, open cockpit). I am using the old Heller kit. It is accurate and detailed, and does not require all that much work. The color scheme I am planning is for the unit that later became the "Patrouille de France" demonstration team.

In addition, I have started maybe 4 or 5 other models, but the ones above are getting most of my attention. I have been gathering 1/72 scale airliners, but it remains to be seen when I get around to building them. —**Ora Lassila**

I previously mentioned an Me 262 that I'm trying to finish, but in addition I'm trying to complete a Monogram 1/48 F-117A as the first YF-117A. There are some photos of this aircraft (call sign "Scorpion 1"), and it turns out I've got a connection to one of the test pilots of this aircraft. When I complete it, I'll tell the story at a meeting. Sadly, at my rate, that won't be until about 2027. —**Rick Lippincott**

I'm currently working on a 1/32 scale Revell/Monogram RF-4C Phantom II. I've made a few modifications to it, and I've been posting pics online at Aircraft Resource Center. Here's the link: <http://www.arcforums.com/forums/air/index.php?showtopic=146331> I hope to have it done around July 4th. —**John McCormick**

For the last 3+ months, I've been working on finishing up old projects that have been languishing on the back burner, and I've cleaned out a number of them. Recently, I've been working on a mix of old and new kits at the same time.

I've got seven 1/72 scale kits underway currently. I like to work on several kits at once—I'll work on them in a rotating fashion, so I always have something to do while glue or paint is drying.

Old builds that I'm trying to finish:

Academy 1/72 F4F-4 wildcat: Building this one OOB, with gear up and the included pilot figure.

Academy 1/72 P-39 Airacobra: I started three of these a year ago, with the intention of using three of the schemes on the neat Eagle Strike "Venomous Cobras" decal sheet. (One was finished about 4 months ago.) I found that construction of three of the same kits at once worked early on, but bogged down when I got to the tedious job of masking the canopy. I'm trying to finish number two now.

New builds that are also underway:

Roden Pfalz D.IIIa. This is number 31 of 32 planes planned for my big mobile of 1/72 WW1 aircraft. Like all the others, I'm building it OOB, with the addition of a pilot figure.

Olimp Curtis JN-4 Jenny. This is number 32 of 32 planned for the mobile project. This one has taken a while, as every strut on this plane is a separate piece.

Hobby Boss P-39: Picked this one up recently to try it out and to use up another scheme on the Eagle Strike decal sheet. Assembly is fast, but there are big seams to fill, and masking the canopy is a pain.

Hasegawa Hurricane Mk.1: Building this fairly simple kit OOB, wheels-up, to go with a six other Battle of Britain models, in a BoB mobile. Going to have to scratchbuild the gear doors, as the kit parts aren't designed for a wheels-up installation.

Hasegawa P-40E: Started this one at last month's meeting. Another simple OOB project, to be built wheels-up, to hang over the workbench.

The down side of working on so many kits at once is that I may not have much finished by the next meeting—the Pfalz D.IIIa and the Wildcat have the best chance of being finished in time. —**Bill Michaels**

Several ancient, awful Aurora WW1 birds: their dreadful old Fokker D.VII, under-scale Dr.I and the "reconditioned" Albatross D.V. The bigger question, since life's too short to deal with crappy kits, is WHY am I bothering doing this when I own much better Eduard versions of two of these? I assume it's the challenge of making them presentable. Sort of a "fixing/filling/sanding & painting project rather than 'art'" illness. Help! Find a cure! —**George Morrison**

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Question of the Month (continued)

Right now I have a Sherman lend lease for Russia and another Sherman in the PTO operations. Hope to get them done this summer.
—**Robert Maxwell**

Besides finishing up my half-track and Fw 190, I'm working on finishing a 1/72 scale Minicraft Ventura, and a 1/48 scale UH-60. I'm also starting a P-51 and Bf 109 for the club builds. Even though I have been chomping at the bit to do some WW1 stuff, I may be starting a B-24J for a friend, but that depends on how "nice" she is to me! I don't know—the wind in the wires thing is really getting to me, so maybe the B-24 will have to take a back seat.
—**Dave Schmidt**

For the past couple of months, I've been working concurrently on two 1/48 scale A-10 Thunderbolts, one Monogram, the other Italeri. I'd had the Monogram in my stash for years, but had held off building it because of its reputation for poor fit, the raised panel lines (okay, I know, I know!), and the open dive brakes. When the Italeri kit was released recently, positive reviews at a couple of websites prompted me to buy it. Then I started reading accuracy criticisms at HyperScale. I decided to build both kits and make up my own mind. There's a lot more to say about the project and the kits in question, but I'll save it for an article I'm planning to write once they're finished. The only thing I'll add is, these things are enormous!

I've got several models more than halfway completed that have been moved to the back burner by the A-10s: a Hasegawa Bf 109F-2 in markings for Mölders, a Tamiya BoB Spitfire Mk. I, a Trimaster Ta 152H, a Hasegawa Hurricane Mk. I, and an Eduard/Gavia La-7, all 1/48 scale.
—**Pip Moss**

I just started Tamiya's Lockheed Martin F16-C Block 25/32. I will most likely build it straight out of the box. but I might scratch-build some wires. From the looks of it, it is very well done, three planes to choose from with LOTS of weapon options, nice deep intake, and pilot.
—**Scott Baldelli**

Currently I'm working on the BM13 Katisha from Revell (postwar), and the BM13 Katyusha from Alan (wartime) models. Both are almost complete; a little more weathering on the Revell model needs to be done. For the Alan model, the missile rack on the back needs to be painted and installed, all the rockets need to be made, and most of the weathering needs to be done. These two are both for a group project for the Nationals, and they both have not been fun for various reasons; looking forward to moving on to something else.
—**Mike O'Keefe**

I'm still puttering away on that miserable Italeri F4U-5N that I started last year. I'm to the point where I can start to think about painting it and detailing the exterior. Last week I boxed in the wheel wells, reshaped the clear canopy, and completed the navigation lights (red, left; green, right, VIEWED FROM THE TOP!). We're hitting the summer here in California, which means temperatures at or over 100 degrees, so I'm planning on airbrushing this little monster in the early morning hours. Maybe, just maybe, I'll have this done by the end of the month.
—**Art Silen**

Upcoming Events

August 6–9.....**IPMS National Convention**, Virginia Beach, VA. www.ipmsusa2008.org

September 21.....**RoCon 29**, IPMS Rochester, 175 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623.
Contact Jim Elam: jelam54@yahoo.com or 585-334-3860.

October 19.....**GraniteCom**, IPMS Granite State, Nashua, NH. <http://home.comcast.net/~vf17/Entry.htm>

October 25.....**HVHMG 2008**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Lodge, Overrocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.
Email docf225@msn.com

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