



THE PATRIOT

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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, September 5, 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 September meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



Junior modeler Jeff Reiner did this very nice build of DML's 1/350 scale Soviet Alfa Class submarine. Jeff used Model Master paints and kit decals. He weathered it with a basic oil wash. This model was awarded a 2nd Place at the recent IPMS National Convention. Congratulations, Jeff!

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Minutes from the August Meeting

FIRST VP Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:10. There were about 12 members present. Chapter President Kurt Kunze was present, but due to illness he turned the meeting over to Dave. Kurt announced that there would not be a raffle held during this meeting.

The first order of business concerned the possibility of a window fan. After some discussions concerning the air temperature and seasonal fluctuations, there was a motion to buy a window fan. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. Members were dispatched immediately to the local hardware store to purchase a window fan. This ended the business portion of the meeting.

After a continued build session, Dave called for Show and Tell. Following Show and Tell, the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

Show and Tell

Tony D'Anjou 1/12 Wright Whirlwind (Williams Bros.)
Pip Moss..... 1/48 A-10 Thunderbolt II (Italeri)
Jeff Reiner..... 1/350 Alfa Class submarine (Dragon)
John Walker..... 1/35 2.0 cm. auf Steyr 1500 (Tamiya)

IPMS National Convention Report

I just got back from the IPMS/USA National Convention in Virginia Beach. There were seven members of IPMS Patriot in attendance: John Walker Jr., John Walker III, Jeff Reiner, Dave Hamil, Mike O'Keefe, Robert Butler, and myself. We have brought some trophies home with us. Jeff received two second places for his Alfa class submarine and AAV-7. I received two third places for my A-37 Dragonfly and Sea King Mk. 41. I also received a premiere

for my HMS Trafalgar. The show was the second largest National, according to IPMS President Jack Kennedy. The show included the normal things such as the contest, raffle, and vendors' room. This year it also included the Dragon Expo, military reenactments, antique military vehicles, and even a display by NORAD. Most of us attended Robert Butler's seminar about painting dinosaurs. Good job, Bob!

—Kurt Kunze, Chapter President

IPMS Region 1 Update

Hi everyone.

This update will review the recently completed IPMS Nationals held in Virginia Beach VA.

It was nice to see so many Region 1 faces at the show. Given the closeness, it was a great opportunity for many to see a fine event. The Tidewater and Newport News chapters did an excellent job in hosting one of the biggest Nationals in recent history. There were close to 2500 individual entries on the contest tables, with high quality workmanship the norm. Add in the models on display, and the numbers of multi-model entries, and I believe the total number of models on display came close to the 2800 mark. I know a number of Region 1 folks brought home awards, and I offer congratulations to those that did. With that many high quality models on the table, winning an award is more of an achievement, so congratulations are certainly in order!

I attended a number of meetings at the show and offer the following reports on them. The IPMS Business meeting was held Saturday morning. President Jack Kennedy gave a report of the health of the Society. More chapters are gaining charters than are dropping them, and membership numbers have moved forward slightly. Financially, the Society is doing fine; and as most everyone knows, the problems with the web site have been repaired, and a new updated forum is back on line. Further upgrades are in the works and should be active in the near future.

There was big news to come out of the Judges meeting this year, that being IPMS Head Judge Arris Pappas has retired effective at the close of the show. Arris has done an amazing job as Head Judge during his tenure, never afraid to make the hard decision, but always

being fair and consistent in his application of judging standards. I learned a lot from him and wish him well in his retirement. I hope he finds more time at his modeling bench. I'm also happy to pass along our new Head Judge is Nick Fillipone, from IPMS Northeast New York. Nick is also a man of integrity, and I feel he's perfectly suited to have been asked to step into this position. Congratulations Nick, and good luck moving forward!

The RC meeting was held Friday morning, and was attended by seven of my brother RCs, IPMS President Jack Kennedy, and DLC Dick Montgomery. The big topic discussed was the insurance coverage. Dick gave specific ideas on how the coverage will be applied in the future, and how coverage will be requested in the very near future. We'll all receive written specifications on the coverage which I'll pass along as soon as I get it. There may be a form or written verification from you guys that it has been received, understand it, and will comply with it going forward. All this comes from a few folks that can't seem to get their heads and rear ends screwed together on this. It's a simple concept, and thankfully, all our chapters get it right.

I also related the way we honor our departed modeling brothers at Noreastcon each year. Thankfully, we haven't had the need to render such honors the past two years, but I do have appropriate words prepared and ready, should the need arise. Another region has a chapter that is experiencing some internal issues with memorializing departed members, and as I think we have a nice way of handling it, I passed along our method. It was well received and may be looked at at the National level in the future.

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Show and Tell Gallery

Pip Moss's 1/48 scale A-10 in markings of the Michigan ANG, Battle Creek. Engine intake fans from a Revell/Monogram kit were grafted into the Italeri nacelles to replace the inaccurate Italeri items. The cockpit was greatly improved with Eduard pre-painted photo-etch parts. Paints are Model Master enamels, with the Light Ghost Gray lightened somewhat to achieve the desired contrast. Decals are mainly from the kit, with a few coming from SuperScale and the Revell reissue kit.



John Walker's 1/35 scale 2.0cm KwK38 auf Steyr 1500A/02. John took the 2.0cm. from a Tamiya Sd.Kfz. 222 and made a pedestal from plastic rod. Rifles are from AFV Club. Ammo cans are from Tamiya. John used Tamiya paints and kit decals. He weathered the model with oil paint, pastels and weathering powders. Note the cigarette in the gunner's right hand.

Tony D'Anou's 1/12 scale Wright Whirlwind radial engine, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. Decals are from the kit. The only weathering is the rusty exhaust pipes. Tony adds, "The kit was difficult to build because of poor moldings."



Question of the Month

What kit did you buy most recently, why did you choose to buy it, and how do you intend to build it (OOB, conversion, special markings, etc.)?

I purchased the Ocio Creativo 1:15 scale gamella Carmina, a single-sail Spanish fishing boat, with laser-cut parts and plank-on-frame hull; bow, stern and bottom laser-cut thin plywood. I wanted to do a wooden boat model, and so far this is going well. I am using a new a new superglue that is working very, very well: Kroxx brush touch. I am also using small nails to put on planks and upper deck. Mistakes are few and working in IS metric system fits in nicely with Chem and Physics at UML. Metric makes more sense in this work. The English instructions are sparse but okay, but the visual step-by-step plates are excellent. FYI, while on vacation I've been glued to the Military Channel, and the neutral gear was first used on the Panzer and was put on every tank of any nation thereafter.

—**Thomas Brady**

I recently bought a 1999 Chevy Impala. I am going to make it into a cop car.

—**Mike Button**

My most recently purchased kit is the Tamiya 1/48 scale F16-CJ. I also bought some after-market parts from Isradecal to make this bird into an IDF F-16. Also got Fujimi's 1/144 scale UH-1N Twin Huey and Lynx, Platz's 1/144 scale Mitsubishi F-2, and a bunch of other cool stuff.

—**Kurt Kunze**

I bought a re-release of the Airfix 1/72 scale Halifax. This is not the best kit of the type, but the only one with radial engines (alternatives would be the old Matchbox kit re-released by Revell, or the old Frog kit re-released by Modelcraft, but they both have inline engines). I also bought (from Hannants in London) the Magna Models resin conversion for Halton (civilian transport version of the Halifax). I plan to do the conversion and finish the model in a color scheme used during the Berlin airlift. The Magna Models kit comes with truly great decal sheets (yes, many sheets).

—**Ora Lassila**

I have just purchased several of the Mini Art buildings with the idea of making a background to photograph one of my unfinished tank projects with more incentive to finish one of my sherman tanks. (lol)

—**Robert Maxwell**

My most recent kit purchase is the Trumpeter 1/48 scale Westland Wyvern S.4 early version. This is the first Trumpeter kit I've ever bought—they're generally too rich for my blood. However, some online outfit (I can't remember which) was selling it at a big discount a month or so ago, so I bought it, mainly because I think the Wyvern is a neat looking airplane (in a weird way). From the reviews I've read, and looking in the box, it appears to be a very well engineered kit with good decals and even some photo-etched cockpit details. I plan to build it totally OOB. The most difficult decision will be whether or not to have the wings folded.

—**Pip Moss**

I just bought Eduard's Weekend version (no PE, 1 simple decal) of their 1/48 Fokker D.VII. While marketed as a late-model version in Fatso Goering's all-white scheme, the kit also includes fuselage parts for an earlier model, which is my intended scheme. Rather than an all white, this one will be used to depict one of Josef Jacobs' machines, similar to one of his Triplanes: overall black with his 'God of the North Wind' winged devil emblem on the fuselage sides. Now if it'll stop raining, I can use my airbrush!

—**George Morrison**

The most recent kit I have purchased is the AFV Club Sd.Kfz. 11 + leFH18 value pack. The kit contains the Sd.Kfz. 11 3-ton halftrack and the leFH18 105mm howitzer in 1/35 scale. I bought it because I had wanted to do a diorama of a halftrack pulling a piece of artillery over a bridge over a frozen river. I had started it using the DML 88mm and the Tamiya Sd.Kfz. 8 ton half track. Did not like the Tamiya kit at all, so I used the DML 88mm for another project. From what I have seen so far of the value pack I just got, it looks like it will be a nice kit. It will be done most likely out of the box.

—**Mike O'Keefe**

This was a tough one for me due to the fact that I work at the Spare Time Shop! Yesterday, I bought the Hobby Boss F4F-3 (late) kit. I bought it because I wanted to see what the Hobby Boss kits are like for detail, engineering and fit. I intend to build it OOB, but that could change anytime during the build. I think I will do it in the markings of either USMC ace James Swett or Jeff De Blanc, both Medal of Honor recipients while flying with the "Cactus Air Force" over Guadalcanal.

—**Dave Schmidt**

While not exactly a "kit," my most recent purchase is a 1/24 scale RC PT-109. My plan is to convert the 40 inch long model to a late war weapons fit, which means scratchbuilding Mk. 13 torpedos, and 20mm, 37mm, and 40mm mounts.

My most recent plastic model kit purchase was the Eduard 1/48 scale Red Baron Special Edition Fokker Dr.I and Albatros D.V. Normally, I'm not one to buy the latest release—I generally wait until the kit has been around a while and prices fall. But in this case, I bought the kit because of the special stuff that comes with it: the figures of Manfred von Richtofen, his brother Lothar, the dog, and the miniature "Blue Max" medal. Now I've got a dilemma: I want to build the kit, but I also want to keep it as a collectable. At \$75, I can't see buying another one, so I'll need to make a decision!

—**Bill Michaels**

The Revell-Monogram Dodge RST 8 Magnum. I chose it because it's a MOPAR. It'll be built stock.

—**Tony D'Anjou**

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Question of the Month (continued)

Yup, I bought the new Eduard F6F-3 at the Yuba City contest last month. I have no excuses. I walked into the adjoining hobby shop before I even entered the contest room. Somewhere between the front door, “Check six” became “Czech kits!” Right then and there the Kit Demon grabbed me, spun my head around, turned my pockets inside-out, and the next thing I could recall was my credit card in my sweaty hand, and absolutely panting to get a look inside that lovely box. Besides, I was getting a Contest Discount.

On the way home, I felt a certain regret over letting my passion get the better part of me, but I knew that I would have hated myself afterward had I let this one go by. And the family finances didn’t suffer too much, either. At my age, model building compensates for the diminishing physical joys of life ...

Seriously, SAM and SAMI have loudly sung this kit’s praises, and I wanted something I could compare with the Hasegawa F6F-3 in my stash. The difference is that I will most likely build the Eduard kit, if not completely OOB, then close to it. From what I’ve heard and read, Eduard’s injection moldings are good enough that after-market detailing would make only a marginal difference in the final result. Well, we’ll see.

The Hasegawa kit, on the other hand, will mostly be a back-drop for the Aires detail set that sits atop of it, and the Dangerboy folding wing set, also waiting patiently nearby. I have a corrected cowl from Chris Bucholtz’s garage shop, even if I use only the Cheshire Cat grin.

I also have as reference material for both kits AJ Press’s new monograph on the Hellcat, which is almost (but not quite) as good as their book on the Corsair, plus a lot of other good material that I’ve been hoarding over the years.

So, here I am at our local 12-step program for compulsive kit buyers. “Hi, I’m Art, and I buy more model kits than I could ever build ...”
—Art Silen

The model kit I bought most recently is “Mesozoic Creatures” by Tamiya (1/35 scale, item #60107.) It is a collection of creatures, including some dinosaurs, designed to help make up a diorama. I am going to make it right out of the box.
—Fred Surowiec

IPMS Region 1 Update (Continued)

Also announced at the RC meeting, and to you all here for the first time, I’ve been asked to run for Director of Local Chapters (DLC) in the next election, and I’ve accepted the challenge. What that means is that if elected to that post, I’ll be stepping down from my current billet of RC-1. I’ve enjoyed being your RC for the past 8 years, and that’s not why I’m considering this change. I was asked to consider it not having any larger political ambitions other than being the best RC I could for our region. I’m honored that someone would think so highly of the job I do for you to ask me to do it on a larger scale. I hope I can count on the support of everyone in Region 1 in the next election, and will go on record as saying it doesn’t matter whom you vote for. Just vote early and often! I don’t plan on stepping down until after the election; and if I don’t gain the post, I’ll be happy to remain as your RC.

In the meantime, it isn’t too early to begin looking for someone to take my current chair. If you may be interested in becoming an RC, contact me, and I’ll fill you in on the job and how the process works.

All in all, it was a very nice event. The vendor room took way too much of my money, but in return I brought home some really cool stuff. I thought it was a fair trade! I managed to buy the most expensive model I could never imagine myself buying! And grinned when I didn’t get a ration of you know what from my wife when I got home! Sometimes you slide!

This just in from DLC Dick. It seems the Region 1 chapters weren’t the only ones having problems getting Make ’n’ Take items. “If anyone is still having issues with this, let me know ASAP. We’ll get you squared away. There is a new point of contact email address for the Make ’n’ Take program. Please address your emails to manager@ipmsusa.org
Thanks and good luck with your program!”

And this in from our NoreastCon hosts. The web site for the event is now active and looks great:

<http://www.noreastcon2009.com/>

That is all! We now return you to your regulary scheduled programming!

Semper Fi

Doug Hamilton, RC-1

Upcoming Events

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.
Contact Robert Magina: treadhead@comcast.net or 508-695-7754.

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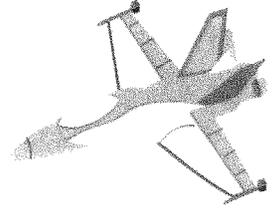
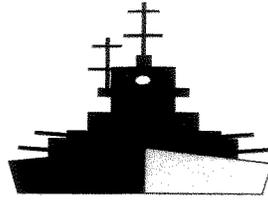
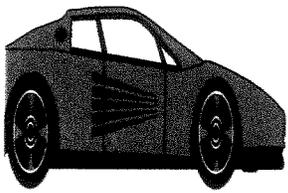
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