



# THE PATRIOT

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## Meeting Info

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

**REMINDER: It's time to pay your 2009 dues. Please mail your \$15 membership renewal to John Touloupis, 58 Lawrence St., Fitchburg, MA 01420, or plan to bring it to the February meeting. Patriot Chapter needs your support!**



John Walker built this neat little scene featuring a 1/35 scale Bison from Alan. John replaced many details and scratchbuilt the jack and ammo baskets on the fenders. He used Tamiya paints and weathered the model with MMP powders. The decals, appropriately, are from Bison.

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## Minutes from the January Meeting

**C**HAPTER President Kurt Kunze called the meeting to order at 8:15. About 25 members, guests and visitors were present. A total of four people joined the club, including three new members and one returning member. Patriot Chapter welcomes new members Robert Leblanc of Waltham, Forrest Pailles of Acton, and Noah Zovolvas of Acton. And it was great to see returning member Chis Borden of Chelmsford after a number of years away.

The first order of business was the selection of a theme for the 2009 December meeting. Five ideas were put forward. Bill Michaels suggested that we delay a final theme decision until next month's meeting, so as to allow non-attending members an opportunity to vote on the theme. There was an informal consensus agreement to this suggestion. After some additional discussion, the members decided to hold a vote to narrow the five idea suggestions down to the top three. The five nominees and their votes were:

- Tigers (any vehicle, aircraft, or even feline which is called "Tiger")—13 votes
- "Top 10 Fighters" (that is, any fighter aircraft that was part of the club's "Top 10" list published in the January 2009 newsletter)—9 votes
- Cars (any automobile)—9 votes
- P-38s—5 votes
- M113s—5 votes

The final vote at the February meeting will be between Tigers, Top 10 Fighters, and cars.

Pip Moss had an announcement regarding discussions that he and Bob Butler had held on behalf of the club with the American Heritage Museum in Lexington regarding an exhibition. The museum would like to work with Patriot Chapter to hold a weekend-long display of scale models. The tentative date is September 12/13, 2009, and would include a series of promotional news releases prior to the event. Pip said that the museum officials have tentatively planned to have us use a 20' x 24' room for the weekend exhibit. Models would be exhibited on tables and in display cases.

The exhibit will require some volunteer activity from the chapter: members will need to be available to watch the models, to explain the subjects, explain the techniques used, and also to promote the hobby and the club. Bob said that he and Pip will draw up a short list of the types of help needed for the exhibit, and the list could be circulated either by e-mail or in the newsletter.

Pip and Bob explained that this exhibit will be a somewhat more formal than the types of displays the club has done at air shows, for example. We would need to provide some specific information about the models so that it can be written up as part of the exhibit, and plan in advance who would be willing to assist with presentations. The museum is also interested in having someone present who is actually working on a model, to show how the works are done.

Models exhibited could either be new builds or off-the-shelf works. However, due to the formal nature of the exhibit, we would need to know in advance what models are complete and ready to display. Pip asked members to look at their collections and consider what we each might be willing to bring to the museum. Pip and

Bob will collate the information and coordinate decisions regarding how the information will be displayed.

The immediate need is for subject matter. Pip has asked that any member who is interested in displaying models e-mail to him a list of the models and scales. Pip also asked that anyone who wished to volunteer should also contact him.

The next item of business concerned the meeting room. John Touloupis noted that of late we have been meeting in the downstairs room at the Unitarian Church. We had been paying \$25 per month for the upstairs room, the downstairs meeting room costs \$50. The move downstairs occurred several months ago when one member offered to pay the price differential, unfortunately that member hasn't been at every meeting. John suggested that in order to offset the increased price, we might have to consider a dues increase. As an informational question, Kurt asked how many members would accept a dues increase to \$20 per year. There was a show of hands vote that unanimously accepted the idea. Kurt also asked as an informational question how many members would like to continue meeting in the downstairs room, and again there was a unanimous vote in favor. A final vote on the proposed dues increase will be taken at the February meeting.

The final business item was a suggestion from Kurt Kunze that the club create and distribute business cards for members. The object of the cards is to use them as a recruitment/contact tool to bring in new members. There was a brief discussion regard regarding possible design and printing methods. Final decision was tabled for a later meeting.

Following the business items, the meeting moved on to Show and Tell. Following Show and Tell there was a brief break and then the monthly raffle, after which the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

## Show and Tell

Robert Butler..... 1/30 T-Rex (Saurian Studio)  
Kurt Kunze..... 1/72 Bf 109F-4 trop (Fine Molds)  
Grace Lassila..... 1/43 Renault 4CV (Heller)  
Pip Moss..... 1/48 Spitfire Mk.I (Tamiya)  
Mike O'Keefe..... Sd.Kfz.11/leFH 18 diorama (AFV Club)  
John Walker..... Bison I diorama (Alan)

## Show and Tell Gallery

Junior modeler Grace Lassila's Renault 4CB in 1/43 scale. The 4CB was Renault's answer to the VW Bug. Grace built the Heller kit and painted it with Model Master acrylics in the same colors as her grandfather's first car.

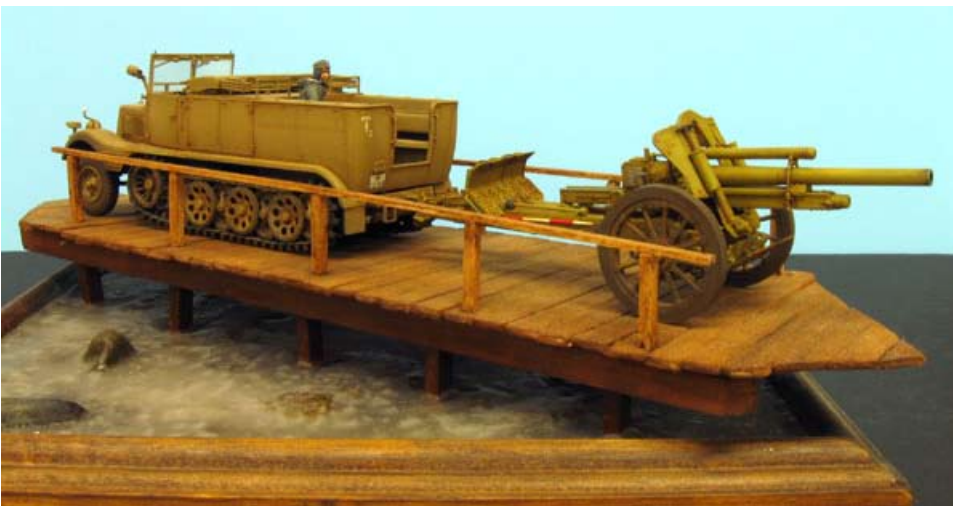


Kurt Kunze's 1/72 scale Bf 109F-4 trop, built OOB for the most part. Kurt added True Details photo-etched seatbelts. He used Model Master enamel paints and weathered the model with pastels for gun and exhaust stains. The markings are for a plane flown by Hauptman Hans-Joachim Marseille, Sta. Kap. of 3/JG 27.

Robert Butler's 1/30 scale T-Rex. This resin casting is a work in progress, but still quite impressive.



## Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Mike O'Keefe's 1/35 small diorama featuring a Sd.Kfz. 11 with leFH 18 105mm howitzer. The vehicle and gun were built OOB, painted with Polly Scale acrylics, and weathered with artist's oil wash, pastels and dried pigments. The base was constructed using a shadow box picture frame. Dirt, rocks and branches were applied to the glass, which was set 1 inch below the lip of the inside of the frame. The bridge was constructed from balsa wood. Wax was then poured over the river bed at about 1/4 inch thickness to represent ice.

Pip Moss's 1/48 scale Spitfire Mk.I. The kit seat, exhausts and elevators were replaced with resin items from Ultracast. The Dark Earth and Sky camouflage colors are Aeromaster enamels; all other colors are Model Master enamels. Decals for roundels and fin flashes are Eagle Strike; the codes, serials and gas patch are from Aeromaster. The markings depict a plane from 603 Sqn. as it appeared in early September 1940. The pilot, P.O. Richard Hillary, later wrote a memoir of his wartime experiences, "The Last Enemy."



## IPMS Region 1 Update

**H**OWDY everyone!  
I hope you're all dealing with the cold weather in a positive manner. The good part about it is that it gives us all more time at the modeling bench, which isn't a bad thing! I also hope everyone's holidays were great. My wife and I spent the time in Las Vegas, visiting with our children and grandson. The little guy is doing well, and I'm proud to say I handled my grandfatherly duties to perfection, passing him off very quickly when things got stinky! My son told me I should change him, however that's not what grandfathers do. We pass them off to the nearest set of hands, more readily equipped for such activities! But enough of this, let's get down to business here.

With the start of a new year, there are a number of things to pass along. First, I'd like to thank all Region 1 chapters for completing the rechartering activities before the deadline. It was questionable if one chapter was going to make the finish line in time, but they did. I hope next year those folks have their heads and backsides wired together a little better to get it done without the drama, and they know who they are! But I'm glad everything was worked out.

Attached is an updated 2009 Region 1 Event Calendar. [See Page 5 —ed.] You'll notice a few Region 2 dates included in this year's calendar. I've included them because they're so close to our

region, and could impact our events held close to these dates. Please be aware of them, and if possible, support our neighboring region's events. As always, these are the only dates I have in my book.

On a sad note, I have to inform everyone of the passing of Joe Turner. Joe was a longtime member of IPMS Brooklyn, a past RC, and great fellow. Joe was RC when I became associated with IPMS and was someone I looked up to in many ways. He had moved below the Mason Dixon line a few years ago, but always seemed to make it up this way for NoreastCon. In the past few years his health declined, and he didn't make it up here, but I heard from him regularly and kept him up to speed on the goings on here. He will be greatly missed by many.

And speaking of NoreastCon, now that we're past the first of the year, I'll be hawking sponsorships again! Every chapter in the Region should consider sponsoring a trophy package for our premier event. It's easy, and I know our hosts IPMS Niagara Frontier will appreciate it. These folks are working hard to put together another high quality event, and you can find all the latest info at the event web site, <http://www.noreastcon2009.com>

And while we're on the subject, it's again time to consider any nominations for Region 1 Chapter of the Year and Person of the

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## Region 1 Update (continued)

Year. Everyone should know the criteria for these two prestigious awards, but if anyone doesn't, please contact me for the whole skinny. The cut-off date for submitting nominations is 31 March, after which I'll go through all that have been received, with the winners announced at the NoreastCon banquet.

Also, we've had a few Region 1 members pass away during the past year. I'll be calling the roll of those departed members at the banquet. We haven't had to perform this tradition over the past few years, but we will this year. If your chapter has lost any members in the past year, please let me know so they can be included. It's important that we don't leave anyone off.

The IPMS Reviewers Corps is still seeking more members. This is a great program where the model manufacturers send IPMS samples of their latest products, and IPMS members get to work with the product, write a review based on their experiences with the product, then keep it! Depending on your level of involvement,

this benefit could value more than the cost of IPMS dues! Contact IPMS 1st VP Dave Morrissette for all the details of this program. I speak from experience when saying it's a great program, as I've received some fantastic items over the years.

I hear Robert Butler, a member of IPMS Patriot is starting a figure group here in Region 1 that's been meeting at the Hobby Bunker up in Malden MA. Some of the better figure painters in that area of the region have expressed interest in participating. Sounds like a great way to improve your figure painting skills. If you're interested in joining, contact Robert at gryffon8356@hotmail.com for further info.

With that, I'll end this. As always, please share this with the officers and members of your chapter. (One more week until racing season starts, with the 24 at Daytona!)

Semper Fi

Doug Hamilton, RC-1

## Upcoming Events

March 28 ..... **RepLlcon XXIV**, IPMS Long Island, Freeport Recreation Center, Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.

<http://www.lisms.org>

March 29 ..... **Valleycon 19**, IPMS Wings & Wheels, Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA.

<http://www.wvmodelclub.org>

April 4 ..... **Mosquitocon, IPMS New Jersey, Wayne PAL Hall, PAL Drive, Wayne, NY.**

<http://www.njipms.org>

April 13 ..... **BuffCon**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Knights of Columbus, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga (Buffalo), NY.

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

April 16-18 ..... **AMPS**, Havre de Grace, MD. <http://www.amps-armor.org>

April 24-25 ..... **NoreastCon**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, McKinley's/Clarion Inn, Blasdell, NY.

<http://www.noreastcon2009.com>

August 19-22 ..... **IPMS Nationals**, Columbus, OH. <http://www.ipmsusa2009.org>

September 20 ..... **RoCon**, IPMS Rochester, Radisson Inn, 175 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY. <http://www.ipmsrochester.org>

October 4 ..... **IPMS Stratford Annual Show**, Knights of Columbus, Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, CT.

<http://www.ipmsstratford.org>

October 16-17 ..... **JerseyCon (Region 2 Regional)**, NJIPMS, Runnemede, NJ. <http://www.njipms.org>

October 18 ..... **GraniteCom**, IPMS Granite State, Nashua, NH. <http://home.comcast.net/~vf17/>

October 24 ..... **HVHMG 2009**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Lodge, Overrocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.

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## What models did you complete in 2008?

Well, 2008 was the year of my return to the hobby of scale modeling! Apart from Games Workshop/Warhammer miniatures and the odd vehicle for the game, I hadn't built a scale model in about 20 years. After seeing all the cool stuff one could do with an airbrush online, I bought an Aztek A470 to paint up my Imperial Guard vehicles. I loved using it so much that I bought a couple OF scale model kits to use it on (airbrushes aren't so good for minis).

Well, now I'm hooked. I never played Warhammer all that much, and I love history, especially World War II history, so now Warhammer has taken a back seat and I'm looking forward to a new year of plastic glory!

Though not technically finished in 2008, over the past week or so I finished Eduard's Fw 190A-8 (probably not the best kit to get back into the hobby with!) and Hasegawa's Ju-87B-2 Stuka.

Making models is like riding a bike. In the short time I've been working on them I've learned a great deal, and my skills are getting better and better. Pretty soon I'll be ready to assemble that Tamiya Me 262 clear edition I have stashed away!

Best wishes to everyone for the new year! —**Tim Browning**

'08 for me was less about completing models and more about working on my model/sculpture painting technique. My painting abilities had leveled off and not improved for a long time, so I spent some months in research looking at a number of artists' approaches, tools and methods of working.

These included painters from all eras—canvas painters (yes Kurt, nudes were included), miniaturists, special effects painters and many more. I put in some hundreds of hours of practice as well, both on old techniques (airbrush) and with pastels, markers, colored pencil, watercolor, painting with sponges, masks—you name it. I believe this has paid off as I now see real improvement. I'll have a completed dinosaur bust for this season's shows, thus affording you military model guys a fresh chance to torment me!

I also stepped up my seminar work with a trip to the IPMS Nats. Through teaching others I've been able to improve my own skills. It pays to review techniques regularly no doubt.

Almost forgot, I rejoined Patriot Chapter after 10 years away from it (Friday night was in direct conflict with my family responsibilities). Lately as you know, I've been pouring time into promoting/organizing our miniatures show at the National Heritage Museum in September. It's going to be a good one.

—**Robert Butler**

Hahahahahahaha! Me. Complete a model. In a year. You make me laugh.

—**Rick Lippincott**

Uh ... none! I did build a P-47D-1, serial no. 42-7906, of the 353rd fighter group, "Chief Wahoo," but I have reason to believe the mission marks supplied on an aftermarket decal sheet are incorrect. Until I determine what is correct and apply it to the model, then

it's not considered complete. As a matter of fact, I have other kits in the cabinet that could be considered completed, but I continue to make corrections as information becomes available to me. I am a firm believer in quality vs. quantity. 2009 could be better as I will soon have an SU-2 of the VVS completed! —**Dave Hamel**

I finished a Fine Molds 1/72 scale Bf 109F-4 Trop, a Dragon 1/144 scale F/A-18F Super Hornet, an Aarii 1/700 scale HMS Trafalgar, and a Dragon 1/72 Sd.Kfz 251. It was a slow year. The high point had to be the Bf 109. That kit went together very well. The only problem was the mast—it kept on falling off.

The low point was the Sd.Kfz. 251. The first problem was one of the tracks melted at the connection point when glue was applied. As a result the track was a wee bit shorter than it should've been. The sprocket on that side angles out a little because of this. The framework for the rockets was very delicate, and I had problems there as well. I had to remove some handles just inside the vehicle, just so they would fit. Needless to say it never made it, nor will it ever make it to the contest table. —**Kurt Kunze**

1) Schneider SG-38 Schulgleiter, an elementary training glider in 1940s Finnish colors. The 1/72 scale Huma kit was quite decent.

2) Winter LF-1 Zaunkönig, an experimental slow-speed aircraft from the early 1940s. I described the LF Models 1/72 scale resin kit in my August 2008 article in the club newsletter.

3) Messerschmitt Bf 109B-1 in Legion Condor colors. I built the model from the old Heller kit, which turned out to be quite good despite being 40 years old.

4) On the last day of the year I finished the beaching gear for the Blohm & Voss Bv 222 flying boat. This is a trolley that was used to pull the aircraft ashore. I built the model from the Czech Master 1/72 scale resin kit. I will bring it to a club meeting once the actual flying boat is done (this hopefully happens soon).

—**Ora Lassila**

I'm embarrassed to say I only completed one model in 2008, that being the Dragon 251 halftrack. If you count the base and the four figures, then I completed a few more! I did spend a good deal of time on this one as I did some extensive weathering and figure modeling. I do have four other projects in various stages of completion. My relocation had a lot to do with my lack of modeling. We all know what it's like for a modeler to move his stash and workshop and get it all set up again—no easy task. Anyway, now that I am about 70% settled into my cellar workshop, which also caters to R/C aircraft modeling (which requires its own larger workspace)—and let's not forget the entertainment center—I expect to be a lot more productive in 2009.

—**Dave Schmidt**

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## Question of the Month (continued)

I had an unusually productive 2008: I completed about twice as many models as I do in a typical year—26 this year as opposed to the usual dozen or so. The main reason for this was that I made a real effort to clear out some of the many unfinished projects that had been back-burnered for one reason or another. Most of them had been set aside because of some problem or error on my part. I decided to just finish them OOB as best I could and move on. Also, I was doubling the size of my 1/72 WW1 mobile, so I did a number of OOB quick builds for that project. Built in 2008:

In 1/48 scale: Monogram SBD, Eduard Albatros D.V, and Monogram P-39.

In 1/72 scale: Hasegawa P-40E, Hobby Boss P-39, Dragon M4A3 Sherman, Roden Junkers J.1, Toko Pfalz D-XII, Roden Pfalz D.IIIa, Airfix Roland C.II, and Olimp Curtis Jenny.

In 1/144 scale: Sopwith Triplane (scratchbuild), and two 1/144 Fokker Triplanes (diecast, repainted as Von Richtofen brothers' aircrafts)

Old Projects finished off in 2008, all 1/72 scale: Academy Bf-109, Academy F4F-4, Academy P-39, Meikraft Albatros C.III, MAC Phonix D.IIa, Roden Fokker D.VIII, Revell Fokker D-VII, Airfix Sopwith Pup, Revell N.28, Eduard N.17, Airfix DH-4, and Revell Sopwith Camel.

—Bill Michaels

Man, if I ever build as many kits in a year as Bill did, it'll be the Apocalypse! Nevertheless, I had a pretty respectable year by my standards. I didn't quite reach my goal of a new model for every meeting—sailing season put paid to that. I did manage to finish eight planes, all in 1/48 scale, more than half of which were completions of old projects that had been on hold for a year or more:

Hasegawa Typhoon Mk.Ib, Tamiya Ki-46-III "Dinah," Academy P-47N, Accurate Miniatures P-51A, Italeri A-10, Trimaster Ta 152H-0, Hasegawa Bf 109F-2, and Tamiya Spitfire Mk.I.

I enjoyed just about all these projects, and I'm pretty happy with the way they all turned out. Still, I'd have to say the best thing about the year was the acquisition of a Paasche VJR gravity feed airbrush, which allowed me to achieve much tighter freehand camouflage patterns on the Typhoon and the 109. —Pip Moss

In 2008 I completed a 1/24 1991 Plymouth Club Coupe, a 1/25 Plymouth Barracuda, a 1/72 Boeing 727-200, a 1/12 Wright Whirlwind engine, a 1/48 V-22 Osprey, and a 1/48 F-82E Twin Mustang.

—Tony D'Anjou

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