



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

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



This hearty fellow is the work of Mike O'Keefe. It's titled "Private, 79th New York State Militia 1860" in 120mm scale. Mike built it OOB and painted it with Humbrol enamels, Vallejo acrylics, and artist's oils.

LAST CALL: 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 March meeting. Don't let this be your last newsletter!

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Minutes from the February Meeting

CHAPTER President Kurt Kunze called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. About 15 members were present.

The first order of business was raising club dues starting in 2010. This issue had been introduced at the January meeting and was tabled for a vote this month. Kurt called for discussion; there was none. The motion to raise club dues to \$20 per year starting in 2010 was passed by a majority vote.

The next issue was the final vote on the subject for the group build. The three final options were

- Tigers (any aircraft, vehicle, or other equipment named “tiger” or using a “tiger” theme)
- Top 10 fighters (any selection from the club’s “Top 10 Fighters” list in the December issue)
- Cars

The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of **Tigers**.

This ended the business portion of the meeting. Informal model building continued until Show and Tell, which was followed by a brief break, during which John Walker volunteered to do a demonstration on 1/35 scale scratchbuilding cigarettes at the March meeting. After the break the club held the monthly raffle, and after the raffle the meeting broke up for the night.

Show and Tell

Rick Lippincott 1/72 Ju 52 (Airfix)
 Bill Michaels.....Two 1/72 P-39s (Academy)
 1/48 Typhoon Mk.I (Monogram)
 Mike O’Keefe.... Private, 79th NY State Militia (Michael Roberts)
 John Walker..... 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 251/9 Ausf C (DML/Tamiya)



IPMS Region 1 Update

Greetings and Salutations.

I hope everyone is taking advantage of the warm weather the past few days to shake off the winter blahs and get outside, if only for a short while! But let’s get down to business.

Attached is an updated Region 1 Events listing. You’ll note a few additions that have come in since the last update. Syracuse and our latest chapter addition, IPMS Northeast Military Modelers Association, also known as AMPS East, have been added to the list. Please note the dates of these fine events.

We’re right smack in the middle of the window for submitting nominations for Region 1 Chapter of the Year and Person of the Year. The deadline is still 31 March for getting your nominations to me, with the presentations to be made at Noreastcon.

Speaking of Noreastcon, I won’t be attending this year due to a scheduling conflict. I hate missing it, as I’ve attended every one for 24 years. I have to be in Florida during the same period, and logistically I can’t make it work to be in both places at the same time. With that in mind, I’m canceling the business meeting and have asked my good friend Doc Wiseman to stand in for me at the banquet. Doc has graciously agreed to make the presentations for Chapter and Person of the Year, award the Noreastcon Cup, and the other things I’ve normally done at the banquet.

But just because I won’t be at Noreastcon doesn’t mean I’ll pass on an opportunity to hawk sponsorships for the event! (Here it comes, wait for it!) Our hosts IPMS Niagara Frontier are still looking for sponsorships of both regular and special categories. Please consider sponsoring a category at the premier regional held in the USA! Our hosts are working their collective behinds off to present another great event, and we all need to do our part by sponsoring a trophy package. Please help them out!

If anyone wants to know why it’s important to remain a chartered IPMS chapter, here’s some news that will underscore that fact. Beginning in April, any event you want to list in Finescale Modeler magazine will cost \$25.00 per month. As Scale Auto Enthusiast is also published by Kalmbach, I’ll assume the pricing will be the same for that publication as well. These ads have always been free; now you’ll pay for them. Listing on the IPMS web site and in the Journal will still be free, free, free! And don’t forget, your chapter also receives a 1/4 page ad for the same price—free!

With that, I’ll close this. Please support your brother chapters’ events by sponsoring an award package, attending, and helping judge. They’ll appreciate it, and you’ll be happy you did!

Semper Fi

—Doug Hamilton, RC-1

Show and Tell Gallery

Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale P-39, one of two he brought to the meeting. Bill writes, "This was built OOB from the Russian Aces boxing of the kit. I used the kit decals because they included the neat yellow snake decal. Both P-39s are painted with a mix of Polly Scale and Model Master acrylics. In both cases the left door is posed open, because it doesn't fit well in the closed position—but P-39 pilots generally used the right door.



Rick Lippincott's 1/72 scale Ju 52, built basically OOB and painted with Testors enamels. Markings are in keeping with the 1941 invasion of Crete. Rick adds, "I built this in the spring of 1975 while at college. The original build took about a day, and the paint colors were terribly inaccurate. A few years later, following a shelf crash, I rebuilt it, using more accurate colors, and applied some leftover decals. At the December meeting, someone suggested we should bring in our oldest model. This is my second oldest intact model."

Bill Michaels' 1/48 scale Hawker Typhoon Mk. I (late), built OOB from an old Monogram kit he won in the raffle at GraniteCon. Paint is Polly Scale acrylics; markings are from a SuperScale sheet for an RAF aircraft in 1945.



Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Two views of John Walker's 1/35 scale Sd.Kfz. 251/9 ausf C



Bill Michaels' other 1/72 scale P-39. This one uses markings, from the Eagle Strike Venomous Cobras sheet, for RAF 601 Sqn. in 1941. Bill adds, "The Eagle Strike sheet has markings for nine colorful P-39s, so I decided to use several of them. I now have P-39s in Australian, British, Free French and Soviet markings.



ICM's 1/72 Scale SU-2 M88

by David Hamel,
Patriot Chapter



THIS was my first ICM build, and I am pleased with the overall experience. The kit was completed mostly OOB, except for Russian stars (Eagle Strike), seat belts (Extra Tech), and navigational lights (CMK). I used the one piece kit canopy as a master to vacuform a replacement using the Mattel VAC-U-Form machine. I also vacuformed the turret and wing leading edge lights. The kit features much surface detail on the wings which is mostly lost in the process of fitting and shaping, so much scribing was needed. The numbers were hand made on decal paper. The wheel wells and open bomb bay required some boxing in using sheet and strips of styrene. Enough parts are included in the kit to provide a decent interior. Also, the engine, cowling bracing, wheels, gear struts, prop, spinner, etc. are well represented. If you don't mind doing some additional detailing and allowing plenty of time to build this kit, the end results should be satisfactory.



The images are somewhat distorted: for instance the cowling is not as long as it appears in the photos.



Close to 900 SU-2/4's were manufactured from 1940 to 1942. This particular machine, White 4, was discovered shortly after the beginning of Operation Barbarossa, in June 1941, southern area.

Upcoming Events

- March 28 **RepLIcon 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>
- September 26..... **AMPS East**, IPMS Northeast Military Modelers Association, Danbury, CT. docf225@msn.com
- 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 18..... **Syrcon**, IPMS Syracuse, Syracuse, NY. www.ipmssyracuse.org
- October 24..... **HVHMG 2009**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Lodge, Overrocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.
 Email docf225@msn.com

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More Meeting Pictures



**THANK YOU, Karen Lippincott,
for all the meeting photography!**