



THE PATRIOT

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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, April 3, 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 April meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show- and-Tell, and a raffle.



This 1/10 scale Nanotyrannus head gives some idea of Robert Butler's skill as a painter of paleolithic fauna. Robert's own company, Natural History Collection, casted the piece from a sculpture by Jerry Finney. Working from patterns and colors of existing reptiles, birds and predators, Robert used acrylic paints, pastels, inks, markers, colored pencils and even blood to color this impressive bust.

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Minutes from the March Meeting

CHAPTER President Kurt Kunze called the meeting to order at 8:30. Approximately 20 members were present. Kurt announced that there was no business to discuss at this meeting.

Treasurer John Touloupis announced that 2009 membership cards were available for members in good standing, and passed out cards to those members that were present.

Kurt turned the meeting over to Pip Moss, who reminded club members to submit lists of models for consideration as part of this autumn's display at the Museum of American Heritage in Lexington. Pip said that he would like to have the lists by next month so that the committee could begin considering what models will be included as part of the exhibit.

Pip also said that he'd like to submit another survey in the newsletter, and solicited the club for opinions.

Kurt then reminded the members of upcoming model contests in the metro Boston area and also some more distant locations. This ended the business portion of the meeting, and Kurt moved the program directly into Show and Tell.

Following Show and Tell there was a brief break, followed by the raffle. After the raffle the meeting broke up for the night.

Show and Tell

Robert Butler..... 1/10 Nanotyrannus (Butler)
Tony DiAnjou 1/35 Dodge M6 anti-tank gun (Italeri)
David Hamel 1/72 Su-2 88M (ICM)
Mike Hirsch 1/48 Hawker Typhoon Mk.Ib late (Monogram)
Bill Michaels..... 1/72 Mosquito FB Mk.VI iBOACi (Hasegawa)
Pip Moss..... 1/48 Yak-7B (ICM)
Forrest Pailes..... 1/24ñ1/18 Willys Jeep (scratchbuilt)
John Walker..... 1/35 Pz.Kfw. II ausf A/B/C (Tamiya)

IPMS Region 1 Update

Hi everyone.

Well, now that all the snow's behind us we can start looking forward to spring! And we all know what that means: the spring show season! I've attached the Approved Event Calendar again, as we have some additions [*see Upcoming Events, Page 6 —ed.*]. As always, I urge you to support your brother chapters events with sponsorship, attendance, and judging help!

While we're on the subject of upcoming events, let me mention a few things regarding this year's Noreastcon. First off is my standard message hawking sponsorships. I know there are a few chapters out there that haven't committed to sponsoring a category yet. Please consider this, as it's our region's premiere event, and it benefits all of us. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. We've all heard of the untimely passing of one of IPMS Niagara Frontier's sparkplugs, Mike Miodonski. As a way of honoring their passed comrade, everyone attending the banquet is asked to wear a gaudy Hawaiian shirt in Mike's memory. I'm sorry I'll miss this one, but I have to be elsewhere this time around.

The deadline for submitting nominations for Region 1 Chapter of the Year and Person of the Year close at the end of the month. Please take the time to write up your chapter's achievements in the past year and send them to me. Please, make my decision hard his year. I see every newsletter and know y'all have done many things that make you uniquely qualified for Chapter of the Year. I want to name your chapter, but can't do it unless you submit a nomination. So write it up and send it, already!

I see that IPMS CT Marine Modelers have a new web site. You can check out this fine groups activities at www.ctshipmodels.org. The site is very good and shows off some of the great work these guys do. They work not only in plastic, but wood as well. They're one of the quietest groups we have in Region 1 in terms of letting the rest of us in on their activities, but hopefully that will change with the addition of a nice web site. Check it out!

I've heard from my counterpart down in Region 12, Tim Darrah. Tim mentioned our troops in Diego Garcia are hurting for model kits and related supplies as part of the Hobbies for Heroes Program. Many of you have supported this in the past, and we're asking you to kindly help the troops on this tiny island. Contact info is as follows:

www.ipmsdiegogarcia.page.tl

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As a reminder, this year will see the National IPMS elections. Everyone knows I'm running for the position of Director of Local Chapters—that certainly isn't a secret. There will be a few positions that see candidates running unopposed, and a few where there will be real competition for the office in question. I can't say this strongly enough, VOTE! It doesn't matter whom you vote for—well it does but I won't do any campaigning here—but it's important to the Society that all members take part in this election and cast a ballot. Ballots will be going out shortly, and you'll be able to cast a vote via the IPMS web site. In order to vote, you need to be a member in good standing, which means you must be paid up membership-wise. Now would be a good time to check your membership and those of your chapter mates, and renew if necessary. Act now to avoid the rush!

One other thing related to the election. IF I'm elected DLC, we'll need to find someone to step into my current position of Regional Coordinator. If anyone out there may be interested in a new job, let me know. I'll fill you in on what's required, and how much fun it's been to be your RC these past years. I've enjoyed working for our region and want to leave it in good hands.

With all that out of the way, I'll close this. Be safe out there!

Semper Fi

—Doug Hamilton, RC-1

Show and Tell Gallery

Mike Hirsch's 1/48 scale late model Hawker Typhoon Ib, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. The markings, from Aeromaster, depict a plane from RAF Sqn 245, August 1945. This was Mike's first completed model in about 20 years!



John Walker's 1/35 scale PzKfw. II ausf. A/B/C, built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. John added a tarp on the engine deck and an unditching roll on the right fender. Pastels, He weathered the model with pastels, paint and MMP weathering powders. The figure and decals are from the kit and depict a vehicle with 4th P.D., France 1940.

Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale D.H. Mosquito FB Mk.VI, built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. The decals, from Aeromaster, depict an "airlier" flown by Norwegian pilots for BOAC and used to ferry intelligence agents and other operatives, riding in the engine nacelles, from Britain to Sweden over German-held Norway.



Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Pip Moss's 1/48 scale Yak-7b. This boxing of the ICM kits claims to be a Yak-7DI (a single plane testbed) or early Yak-9, but it provides Yak-7 wings, so it was built as a late 7b by replacing the 1-MG cowling cover with a 2-MG piece from another version of the kit. The poor propeller and radio mast were replaced with parts from an Accurate Miniatures Yak-1b kit; the front and center canopy sections were replaced with vacuform parts from Squadron. Rear landing gear doors and inner main gear door actuators were scratchbuilt from sheet plastic. Camouflage colors are AMT-4 Olive Green and AMT-7 Underside Blue (White Ensign Colourcoats) and AMT-6 Black (Model Master). Decals from Aeromaster depict a plane flown by Sen. Sgt. Pavel Petrovitch Karavay, 897 IAP, 2 AE Flight Commander, in late 1942/early 1943.

Junior modeler Forrest Pailles' Willys Jeep, scratchbuilt from wood and various found objects for the Pinewood Derby, and raced in February 2009. In order to conform with Derby rules, the model scales to 1/18 in length and 1/24 in width. It won the Acton Pack 1 Most Realistic Award for 2009.



David Hamel's 1/72 Su-2 88M. For information about the considerable extra work David expended on the model, see the article in last month's newsletter.

Show and Tell Gallery (concluded)

Tony D'Anjou's 1/35 scale 3/4 ton Dodge M6 anti-tank gun, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. Tony installed valve stems on the tires and weathered the model with a little dust and dirt. Markings are from the kit.



March Meeting Pics



What kinds of aftermarket modeling items do you tend to buy, and why?

I usually buy just Eduard photo-etch kits, because I am familiar with the products and they generally do a pretty good job of dressing up a kit. I am not one to go overboard most of the time.

That said, I just bought a large number of aftermarket decals in preparation for the Tiger group build. I also foresee a couple of resin engines soon. We will see if they actually get used.

—Alan Beeber

I like the Verlinden kits. They usually come with an engine, a cockpit upgrade, and a few other odds and ends that the model kit is lacking in. They're not the best on the market, but for the money they can't be beat.

Other than that—seatbelts! I've tried using lead foil and masking tape, but just don't seem to have the knack for scratchbuilding seatbelts. A nice set of photo-etched seatbelts makes any cockpit look a lot better

—Tim Browning

I use various decals, cockpit interiors of cast resin, along with cast resin wheels. Other items include bits of wire, modeling clay and a bunch of other odds and ends.

—Tony D'Anjou

I usually buy photo-etch and resin detail sets, as well as resin stowage sets for armor. Even if a kit's details are really nice, I like to add something. I also find that kit decal sheets are often inaccurate or incomplete, so I usually replace them with aftermarket sheets.

—Alan Denton

Decals—because usually the kit decals do not cover the unit I want to depict. Interior details—because the kits I usually have do not include good interiors.

—Bob Hale

Decals—I like to have a large collection of decal sheets so that when I am choosing a modeling subject I have lots of choices. When building an aircraft, I like to have as many photographs of the specific individual aircraft as possible; this typically limits my choices, so I would not want to be limited by decal choices as well. Despite a fairly large collection of decal sheets, I now frequently make my own decals anyway.

My favorite decal manufacturers are InScale72 (Finnish) and GAL Decal (British); both have extensive product lines of Finnish Air Force markings. Other good choices in this regard are AML and Tally-ho.

—Ora Lassila

Mostly photo-etch and some resin aftermarket detail parts, i.e. turrets, metal tank barrels, etc.

—Bob Maxwell

I always buy at least a cockpit set, preferably Aires or Black Box (depending on what's available). I also like Eduard sets, as they add that extra bit of detail that can make such a big difference on a model.

—John McCormick

The main thing I buy are decals—I like to look at all the markings possibilities that a nice decal sheet provides. There have been several times where I bought a neat decal sheet first, and then went looking for a kit to use it on. My purchases of other aftermarket items are fairly limited—I generally don't buy resin or photo-etch sets for most of my kits. I will sometimes make an exception for seatbelts on a large scale model, or railings for a ship model.

—Bill Michaels

Judging by the size of the stack(s), it would have to be decals. It's so much easier to fantasize that you're going to build two, three or four of a kit if there are supplemental decals. And when a well-researched sheet comes along, I always at least consider buying another. I have bought a couple of supplemental resin cockpits for old kits, such as Fujimi's 1/49 Bf 110C/D—much more affordable than springing for the nice new Eduard versions—but for the most part I find these unnecessary for my enjoyment of the build. Some of my subjects need the kit-supplied wheels replaced, though the bulged tires often on offer are not particularly realistic.

—George Morrison

Like many others, I've got a large stash of aftermarket decal sets. It's hard to resist the good quality and all the markings choices, especially when one considers that the kit decals are likely to be much less well-behaved.

I used to buy a lot of resin cockpit sets, and I still do buy some; but lately, as I've been trying to get more models actually finished each year, I've been using more kit cockpit parts with the addition, when possible, of a resin seat.

I am now a total Ultracast junkie. Their 1/48 seats are excellent, with great detail and beautiful cast seatbelts that look terrific when painted up. Ultracast also makes wheels (much less bulging than True Details items), exhausts, propellers, moveable control surfaces, etc. for a good number of WW2 aircraft. Basically, if they make parts for a plane I'm modeling, the model will probably have at least one of their parts.

I've also got a couple of boxes full of photo-etch and vacuform canopies. A lot of the photo-etch was purchased before resin sets became so prevalent. I suspect a lot of it will never be used, but it's good to have seatbelts if there's no resin available. As for the canopies, I mainly use the sliding portion if the kit's piece is too thick to lie properly when posed open. Trying to make vacuform canopies fit is *not* my favorite task!

—Pip Moss

The primary aftermarket modeling items I use are photo-etch and decals. I do use some resin items once in a while and will probably use more when building older kits. I also like to use specialty wire and thread for rigging bi-planes, and plywood (.015-.031 thick) for detailing WW I aircraft interiors, etc.

—Dave Schmidt

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Question of the Month (continued)

Far and away, I tend to spend most on resin upgrades. The quality of detail is generally much better, and the result is much more satisfying. Each month, SAM and SAMI arrive; I gaze longingly at the review articles of the new stuff from CMK, Aires, Quickboost, Eduard, and others. Unfortunately, anything I see and want to buy is at least a month away.

Even some of the really good (and expensive) stuff requires a bit of tweaking. My current project is the CMK Supermarine Spiteful F Mk.14, which itself is a superlative kit. My only real complaint would be that the cockpit is pretty threadbare, so I go in my cache and retrieve a Cooper Details Spitfire cockpit set that has just been waiting for an occasion like this. And with shaping and fitting, the end result looks fabulous.

Basically I'm a scratchbuilder at heart. When I was a kid, plastic models were just then becoming available in the mass market. For me, the models of choice were Monogram's Superkits, which some of you may remember as pre-carved balsa with plastic parts, or the Speedibuilt balsa and tissue semi-scale models. For a long time I

disdained plastic models as something that could be thrown together in an afternoon without much thought or work involved.

Even today, the thought of simply building a kit straight out of the box is anathema. Two weeks ago I went to a show in Petaluma, California, and I was asked if I would like to participate in a speed-building contest. No thank you, I said, that is not the way I build models. I never will, either. —Art Silen

When it comes to armor models, I find that I buy photo-etch sets more than any other item, closely followed by Friul individual track link sets. I also own four or five copies of the Tamiya Pz.IV on-vehicle equipment set. If you're into WW2 German armor, these sets can accessorize a variety of vehicles, and they're cheap (approximately \$5). As for aircraft, the most common aftermarket items I purchase are resin cockpit sets. The 1/72 scale sets are relatively inexpensive and do a nice job of dressing up a model.

—Devon Terpening

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.ipmsyracuse.org
- October 24 **HVHMG 2009**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Lodge, Overrocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY. Email docf225@msn.com