



# THE PATRIOT

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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, September 11, 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. Please note that this is the second Friday of the month due to the Labor Day holiday weekend. The September meeting, as usual, will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



John Walker built this good looking 1/35 scale M4A1 Sherman with wading trunk. John added the scratch-built wading trunk to the DML kit, based on some drawings in one of Steve Zaloga's books. The jerrycans came from Italeri, the decals from a different DML Sherman kit. For weathering, John used an oil wash, and MMP powders mixed with gray paint to simulate sand clinging to the wet hull and tracks. The model depicts a vehicle of the 3rd Battalion HQ, 67th A.R., 2nd A.D., Sicily, July 1943.

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## August Meeting Minutes

**C**HAPTER President Kurt Kunze called the meeting to order at 8:25 PM. There were 13 members and guests present. Kurt briefly discussed staffing changes at the IPMS, and vacant positions.

Pip Moss talked about the planned September 12 & 13 exhibition at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington. He reported that the museum staff has already determined the setup for the room. There will be 14 tables in a rectangular array. Patriot chapter members will be inside the rectangle to provide security and information.

Pip reported that the models cannot be set up until the morning of the exhibit, starting at 7:30, and there is about a three hour window for setup until the display begins at about 11:00. The exhibit will run from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, and then noon to 3:00 PM on Sunday. While most of the exhibit will be broken down on Sunday between 3:00 and 4:30, there will also be additional break-down time on Monday morning, if necessary.

Pip noted that Bob Butler is lining up some people to do presentations during the exhibit. Pip also talked about the number of tables that will be available, and there was a group discussion on how the models should be arranged.

Following the discussion on the exhibit, the business portion of the meeting came to an end, and the meeting moved on to Show and Tell. After Show and Tell there was a brief break, followed by the raffle. After the raffle, the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

## Show and Tell

Tom Babbins..... Wall-E paper model (scratchbuilt)  
Tim Browning ..... 1/48 SBD-3 Dauntless (Accurate Miniatures)  
Pip Moss..... 1/48 Hawker Hurricane Mk.I (Hasegawa)  
John Walker..... 1/35 M4A1 Sherman with wading trunk (DML)

## Press Release

### Fantastic Model Miniatures at the National Heritage Museum Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13, 2009

Join us for an exciting weekend as the Patriot Chapter of the International Plastic Model Society and The East Coast Figure Artists present “Fantastic Model Miniatures” at the National Heritage Museum Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13, 2009.

More than 150 miniatures on view will include figures and dioramas from history and popular culture, aircraft, armor, vehicles, and dinosaurs. Hours for the show are Saturday, September 12 from 11am-4:30, and Sunday, September 13, from noon-3:pm. Admission is free.

The art of miniatures allows us to see the people, machines, and places lost in time past. The models take us to places we could never visit from the inside of a WWII British Fighter Ace’s plane to the surface of the moon. Visitors can examine the interior of a deep diving submarine, walk among prehistoric creatures, and look into the fantasy world of the *Lord of the Rings*. The historical figures presented, like Sir Edmond Hillary atop Mount Everest, are superb examples of the exacting work done by miniature portraitists.

The organizers of the event, local residents Robert Butler and Pip Moss are both teachers, artists and long time miniaturists. Butler, who will present a number of miniature dinosaurs that he created for the Discovery Channel’s Paleo World, says “Miniature sculptures serve as blueprints in the creation of the life size sculptures of extinct animals such as the dinosaurs that are seen in museums worldwide. Models are irreplaceable tools used in the design of the planes, tanks and vehicles, much relied on by

the military throughout the history of our country. The displays are intriguing to look at, yet teach a great deal about art, history, craftsmanship and science.”

The National Heritage Museum is dedicated to presenting exhibitions and programs on a wide variety of topics in American history and popular culture. The Museum is supported by the Scottish Rite Freemasons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. The National Heritage Museum is located at 33 Marrett Road in Lexington, at the corner of Route 2A and Massachusetts Avenue. Closed Monday, except on selected holidays. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am–4:30 pm, and Sunday, noon–4:30 pm. Admission and parking are free. Heritage Shop and Courtyard Café on site. For further information, contact the Museum at (781) 861-6559 or visit the web site at [www.nationalheritagemuseum.org](http://www.nationalheritagemuseum.org).

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## Show and Tell Gallery

Tim Browning's 1/48 scale Douglas SBD-3 Dauntless, built OOB and painted with (mostly) Polly Scale acrylics. Tim used artist's oils for weathering. The kit decals provided the markings for the plane piloted by Lt. Richard Best, Flight Leader of Bombing-6 off the USS Enterprise during the Battle of Midway on June 4, 1942. He and his two wingmen bombed and sank Adm. Nagumo's flagship, the Akagi. Tim adds, "The kit is detailed and accurate, but can be aggravating—best built by someone with good basic modeling skills."



Tom Babbins' paper model of "Wall-E." The model's 100 or so pieces were downloaded from the internet and printed on photo paper using an H-P color inkjet printer. The pieces were cut out with scissors and scalpel, and glued. The base is printed from a movie still frame.

Pip Moss's 1/48 scale Hawker Hurricane Mk. I in Battle of Britain markings. The well detailed cockpit was enhanced with Eduard etched metal seat belts and a rear cockpit plug from Ultracast, which also furnished replacement wheels and exhausts. In order to pose the canopy open, the one-piece kit part was cut apart and the sliding portion replaced with a Squadron vacuform. The markings, from Aeromaster, depict "Bébé," flown by Belgian pilot Victor Ortmans of 229 Squadron based at RAF Northolt, September 1940,



## Region One Update

Hi Folks,

Here we are, the end of August, and just a week past the most recent IPMS National Convention. It's hard to believe the summer is nearly over, but the calendar doesn't lie! Lets get right to it!

The Nationals were held this year in Columbus Ohio, at the Hyatt Hotel. Our hosts worked very hard to provide a nice setting and an enjoyable event for all us modeling types. I'd say they did a very good job at planning and carrying off the event. Distance-wise, it was a ten hour drive from right here in Stamford CT, most of which was spent driving through the wilds of Pennsylv-tuckey. Boy, did that get old fast!

Some of the interesting data to come from the event looks like this: over 1000 entrants displaying 2525 model entries which totaled about 3000 individual models counting display and multi-piece entries. It was the second largest Nationals on record in terms of models and people. We had a very good showing by Region 1 folks at the event, both attending and entering the contest. I heard many familiar names being called out during the awards presentation and offer hearty congratulations to all that managed to bring home some hardware. The big winner in Region 1 was Mike Gondor, who won a first place and Best Figure with his Queen Elizabeth bust. With that many models on the tables of such high quality, anyone who brought something home did an exceptional job and earned his awards! Good job, everyone!

The vendor rooms were heavily populated with many vendors and good deals. This was the first Nationals that Verlinden attended, and they brought at least one of every offering from their catalog. I saw lots of merchandise flying out of the rooms, and it was a good thing we drove out in my truck. We made good use the large cargo capacity, and I wound up bringing stuff back east for a few guys that flew out. I probably could have made some extra cash on that deal, but was happy to help some buddies!

There were a few side trips offered such as a trip to the Columbus Zoo, which I didn't participate in. Also offered was a trip to the Air Force Museum over at Wright-Patterson Air Force base in Dayton. I've wanted to get there for quite a while and wasn't disappointed! This is a very impressive facility with more aircraft and memorabilia on display than you can shake a stick at. (Why anyone would want to shake a stick at this stuff is beyond me!) The Gift Shop had some cool stuff and the snack bar wasn't bad either! I was impressed with the Memorial Garden and the monuments to the various AF units. With all the historic aircraft on display, the one gripe I have with the museum was the poor lighting when it came to photography. Many of the pictures I took didn't come out due to low light levels. I especially wanted to see the P-61 Black Widow and take some pictures of it for a future project. Unfortunately they had the black aircraft in the darkest corner of the facility, and picture taking was impossible.

Some of the other winners announced were my friend and counterpart in Region 12, Tim Darrah winning RC of the Year, and The Georgia Mountain Modelers winning Chapter of the Year. I didn't catch the Web Master and Newsletter Editor of the year winners, and will look for their names on the IPMS web site shortly, along with a complete winners list.

All in all it was a good time. My hat's off to the Columbus crew for putting together a nice event that was well attended. I met many new friends saw many old ones, and enjoyed the fellowship of getting together with those who share our hobby. Next year's event will be held in Phoenix AZ, and we all need to remember, it's a dry heat! The 2011 Nats, which is supposed to be an East Coast event, will be held in Omaha Nebraska, 3-6 August. No east coast chapter put in a bid, and the bidding was opened to the entire country, so we're going to Omaha. (Think beef!)

Closer to home, the action will be heating up to find my replacement as RC-1. We have three great candidates, who up to this time haven't been announced. (Drum roll please professor!) With much pleasure I'm happy to thank, in no order, Dr. Nick Fillipone of IPMS NENY, Al Le Fleche of IPMS Wings and Wheels, and Doc Wiseman of IPMS Mid Hudson as the three gentlemen who have said they would like to be our next RC. I know all three of these guys and count them all as friends, and will go out on a limb here and say any one of them will make a very good RC. Each one holds good skills sets that will be beneficial to our region. So what's next? Our esteemed DLC, Dick Montgomery, will be moving the selection process forward, ultimately offering one of the candidates to the E Board for certification. At that point I'll begin training the FNG (RC-speak for a freshly minted RC) with the intent of getting him ready to assume the position as rapidly as possible. I'll stand down as your RC at about the same time to allow the FNG time to acclimate and get prepared for the upcoming rechartering period. I'll continue my own training as DLC and take the seat on or about 1 February with the rest of the next E Board.

The fall contest season is almost upon us. I'll have an updated list of events with my next update, which will be in about a week or so. I know there are some nice events coming including a return of the Stratford show, and the Region 2 Regional which will be close this year. I'm hoping to be able to attend a good number of them, but I'm anticipating my kids and grandkids coming home for a visit sometime this fall, and will have to wait and see when they're coming before committing to anything.

And that, as they say, brings us to the end of this update! Until next time ...

Semper Fi

—Doug Hamilton, RC-1

## Upcoming Events

- 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](mailto: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](http://www.ipmssyracuse.org)
- October 24.....**HVHMG 2009**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Lodge, Overrocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.  
Email [docf225@msn.com](mailto:docf225@msn.com)
- November 1.....**Baycon 2009**, IPMS Bay Colony, Knights of Columbus Hall, 304 Highland Avenue South Attleboro, MA. Show information: Robert Magina [theadhead@comcast.net](mailto:theadhead@comcast.net), or [www.ipmsbaycolony.com](http://www.ipmsbaycolony.com).

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