



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, March 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. Our guest speaker will be Bill Partridge of Piel Craftsmen. See Page 2 for more details. The March meeting will also be a build session with a business meeting, Show- and-Tell, and a raffle.



Pip Moss built this 1/48 scale Westland Wyvern S.4 from the Trumpeter kit of the early version, which can be recognized by the rounded windscreen and clear aft end of the sliding canopy. The model was built OOB, but with modified rocket launchers and red-painted tank tips to match photos of the aircraft aboard HMS Eagle in 1955.

2010 Dues Last Call

In order to stay on our emailing list, you need to remit your \$20 membership fee by March 15. If you wish to mail in your payment (checks made out to Patriot Chapter), please send it to our treasurer:

John Touloupis
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Minutes from the February Meeting

Chapter President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:55. About 20 members were present. Dave introduced Arthur Giles and Arthur Ellis, who joined the chapter at the beginning of the meeting. Arthur Giles was a previous member back when the club met in Lawrence.

Dave reopened the discussion of the 2010 group build. Potential new subjects were introduced, including

- Ghosts of Themes Past (bring in your unfinished project from previous years)
- Things Russian
- Cross-Dressers (subjects in markings of a different country from the one where they were built)

The three suggestions from the January meeting were combined with the new suggestion, and the members voted on all six. The winning suggestion was **Cross-Dressers**. There was some post-vote discussion and clarification of what the topic encompasses. Possibilities include the following:

- Items manufactured for foreign service sale (e.g. MiG-21 in North Vietnamese markings, or Boeing 747 in Lufthansa markings)
- Items captured during wartime and remarked (e.g. Me 262 in Soviet or US markings)

- Ex-military items converted to civilian use, so long as the civilian users are in a country other than the item manufacture (e.g. a US-built Deuce-and-a-half truck converted for use as a French fire truck would qualify, but an M3 halftrack converted to the Newburyport MA brush truck would not qualify.)

It is understood that the subject's markings should be different enough that the casual observer would know that the item is marked differently from the country of origin. For example, a Spitfire in WW2 Canadian markings would not qualify because the markings were virtually identical to the RAF. On the other hand, a Spitfire in New Zealand markings would qualify.

Following the vote, there was a brief break for the sale of raffle tickets and renewals of memberships. After the break, the club held the Show and Tell and the raffle. After the raffle, the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Chapter Secretary

Show and Tell

Tom Boisvert..... 1/35 M163A2 Vulcan SPAAG (Academy)
Bob Hale 1/24 Lotus Seven (Tamiya)
Pip Moss..... 1/48 Westland Wyvern S.4 (Trumpeter)

Club Notices

Guest Speaker at the March Meeting

Bill Partridge, owner of Piel Craftsmen, will give a presentation about the company and the models they sell. He will bring along some finished models, as well an unfinished hull.

Piel Craftsmen is based in Newburyport, and builds and sells a collection of 14 wooden models of famous ships (finished models, not kits). During the past 50 years the Piel Craftsmen have produced over 20,000 ship models and have also restored thousands of ship model wrecks to their original condition. You can find out more about them at their website: www.pielcraftsmen.com.

Bill will be presenting at 8 p.m. Please leave the Minister's parking space open for him to use.

– For Sale – \$20 Each!

Revell Germany 1/48 scale C-47 "Berlin Airlift."

Open box, sealed inner bags. While this is the Airlift version of the kit, it also includes the parts for the WW2 Paratroop version. Kit retails for \$50.

Revell 1/48 scale B-17F "Memphis Belle."

Open box. Kit retails for \$43.

Contact Bill Michaels at webmaster@ipmspatriot.org
or call 978-760-0343.

Show and Tell Gallery



Two views of Tom Boisvert's 1/35 scale M164A2 Vulcan SPAAG (self-propelled anti-aircraft gun), built OOB, painted with Tamiya acrylics, and weathered with pastels and enamels. The markings, from an Italeri M163 kit, are for the 3rd Armor Division, Germany, 1980.



Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Two views of Bob Hale's 1/24 scale Lotus Seven, built mostly OOB. Bob didn't paint the body, which was molded in white, one of the standard colors of the real car. Other parts were painted with Polly Scale acrylics. Bob adds, "I always admired the Lotus Seven owned by my neighbor in Bedford. Surprisingly for a Tamiya kit, I had some fit problems. I also found that car models are more difficult to build than planes—too many tiny parts and too big arthritic fingers!"



Another view of Pip Moss's 1/48 scale Westland Wyvern. The Trumpeter kit is quite well done (if you don't mind the masses of indented "rivets") and provides prepainted photo-etch for seat belts and instrument panel. The decals are excellent, but the sheet contains a few puzzling glitches including reversed fuselage/wing roundel sizes and provision for only four propeller markings.



How do you display/store your models after they're completed?

I have a small display case that houses some of my models. The rest get put into stackable plastic "shoe boxes." Sterlite (of Townsend, MA) makes them, and you can find them at WalMart for really short money. I find they're a good size for most 1/35 and 1/72 armor models—not so great for those winged things. They're also handy for storing all those half-built projects.

—**Devon Terpening**

I have a Hutch type cabinet with glass doors that I picked up at a consignment shop. Plus I keep some in individual display cases. I'm always on the lookout for any cabinets with glass doors at consignment shops, flea markets and yard sales that I can pick up cheap. I paid \$40.00 for the one I have now. There are a couple of large planes out in the open that I have to dust occasionally.

—**Dave Schmidt**

I have several glass cabinets, including one for my 1/72 WW1 subjects, wall-mounted with a mirror background, in the living room. Visitors young and old are attracted, and the subjects are colorful and varied enough that they spend some time looking. But many others sleep entombed in boxes. Dust-free, but unseen.

—**George Morrison**



This is an easy one—I hang them from the ceiling. I've got 32 1/72 scale planes in my giant mobile, hanging over my desk at work. I have a couple of copier paper boxes with foam trays to store and transport the models. I took 3-inch thick cushion foam and cut custom pockets for the different planes. I'm working on a couple of other themed mobiles so I can have some variety to look at. The aircraft not on display will be safely stored in their respective boxes.

I have also donated some models: I've got a dozen 1/72 planes hanging in the Children's Department at the Acton Library, models I donated as part of the 100 Years of Flight anniversary. I also built a Los Angeles class sub for an ex-Navy co-worker.

I've got a couple of open bookcases in my basement workshop area. Several shelves are devoted to model display, with about 60 models of all types and scales, from a 1/144 scale Wildcat to a 1/24 scale PT Boat.

—**Bill Michaels**

I put them on a shelf. They collect dust (which is difficult to thoroughly clean off and thus degrades the appearance of the model). I'm not happy about that and need a better solution.

—**Jim Qualey**

"After they're completed?" I don't understand that part of the question ...

—**Rick Lippincott**

(who was really hoping the "Ghosts of Builds Past" theme had won, because he's almost finished the "Anything That Floats" model)

My models are beautifully displayed in dusty, ripped cardboard boxes in my workshop in the unfinished side of the basement. Occasionally, if I'm feeling daring, I take a few out to look at them!

However, once the kids move out (or should I say, IF they move out), I plan on building a display cabinet in the finished side of the basement. Something to look forward to!

—**John McCormick**

I don't—they are all in card board or Rubbermaid boxes. I do hope when the museum opens at Hascom they will have place for some of them.

—**Kurt Kunze**

I use the individual display cases for die-cast car replicas mostly. They are about the right size for 1/72 scale aircraft or 1/35 scale armor vignettes and are easy to stack and store. I have one large display cabinet (originally made for curios) where I can display larger 1/72 aircraft.

—**John Hanavan**

My aircraft models, when completed and while under construction, are stored in a built-in living-room wall cabinet constructed during summer/autumn 1905. That is about two years after the Wright brothers' first powered flight.

—**David Hamel**

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Question of the Month (continued)

Some are in a display case, others are in plastic ex-food boxes, and still others are on open shelving. These I dust off and clean with Q-Tips every so often.

—**Bob Hale**

I have four display cases for completed models. Many of them have also spent much time in some hobby shops. Some were donated to the New England Museum and Pease AFB. Others are just passed on to my nine-year-old grandson. Once in a while someone will buy one. Those that have an accident leave by way of the landfill.

—**Tony D'Anjou**

My completed miniatures are displayed not at my home but where I can interact with others: museums, model/miniature shows, our club meetings, with online groups and at the school where I teach. Beyond the process of completing the work, sharing insights on painting, sculpting, research and all that goes into putting a first class piece together is really what I am in this for. Inspiring people to take up the hobby is just as strong a motivation for me as well.

—**Robert Butler**

I display my finished models all over the house wherever they'll fit and wherever they don't bother my wife too much! Keeping them dust free is a problem, and at some point I'm going to have to get a bit more professional about displaying them.

—**Tim Browning**

Storage, both before and after completion, is a problem for me. We have a small house, and serious TMS (Too Much S***) syndrome, so it's a constant struggle to find room. Many models end up in my very cramped cubicle at work, along with abandoned house plants and obsolete computers. I've managed to squeeze a few into the decor at home also. It's a good thing I don't build quickly.

Whenever possible, I like to put models into cases. I have a couple of ship models that sit out in the open, and I find that every so often I have to put the crews to work shoveling out the accumulated dust. The watches are also kept busy replacing broken spars and parted rigging. So now, as I finish them, I try to get some kind of case.

I've been very happy with cases from Specialty Plastics in Ohio, <http://casesforcollectibles.com>. The cases are good quality acrylic, available in almost any conceivable size, shipped quickly, and fairly reasonably priced. They usually cost more than the models themselves, but aren't bad if you value the time you put into building.

—**Tom Babbitt**



Upcoming Events

- March 20 **DownEastCon**, IPMS Southern Maine Scale Modelers, Thornton Academy Linnell Gymnasium, 438 Main Street, Saco, ME. Contact Ron Garland: high52@metrocast.net or 207-324-3117.
- March 28 **ValleyCon 20**, IPMS Wings & Wheels, Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA. <http://www.wvmodelclub.org/> or contact Al LaFleche: ajlafleche@comcast.net or 413-306-1270.
- April 11 **BuffCon**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Knights of Columbus Club, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY. Contact Bob Collignon, bobdave@bobdave.com or 716-510-3813
- April 30–May 1 **NortheastCon, Region I Convention/Contest**, sponsored by IPMS Long Island, American Airpower Museum, 1230 New Highway, Farmingdale, NY. <http://www.lisms.org/northeastcon2010.html>
- September 19 **Rocon 31**, IPMS Rochester, Radisson Inn, 175 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY. Contact James Elam: jelam54@yahoo.com or 585-334-3860.
- September 24–25 **AMPS East**, IPMS Northeast Military Modelers, Danbury Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 18 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, CT. Contact John Gazzola: johng@ampseast.org or 860-617-1413.
- October 10 **ModelFest '10**, IPMS Igor Sikorsky, Knights of Columbus, 625 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, CT. Contact J. L. Grant: jlg-design@juno.com or 203-876-2095.
- October 17 **GraniteCon**, IPMS Granite State, Nashua Elks Club, 120 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH. Contact Rodney Currier: nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876.
- October 23 **HVHMG 2010**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge, 29 Overocker Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY. Contact John Gallagher: ggallagherjoh@optonline.net or 845-462-4740.

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