



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, May 7, 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 May meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show- and-Tell, and a raffle.



Patriot Chapter welcomes our newest member, Harry Vig, who brought this neat HO scale railroad yard office to the April meeting. Harry built it OOB and painted it with Createx Airbrush Paints. He weathered it with Bragdon weathering powders. Decals for the signs on the building came with the kit; the Boston & Maine logo is from Microscale. Harry adds, "The Revell tooling was later bought by Con-Cor, which specializes in model railroad items. This was my first heavily weathered plastic kit, done to represent an out-of-revenue service boxcar turned into a yard office."

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Minutes from the April Meeting

CHAPTER President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:05. About 12 members were present. Dave reviewed the list of memberships up for renewal, and called for expired members to renew.

Dave reported that he'd gotten a message from John Touloupis. John has sent the check for trophy packs at NoreastCon to be held on Long Island. Patriot Chapter is purchasing three trophy packs.

Bill Michaels announced that he is looking into additional guest speakers for future meetings, and Dave added that he also is trying to line up some speakers. The potential topics include modeling techniques as well as persons who could share historical events of interest to modelers.

Dave announced that the members will soon get a list of possible locations for club field trips. He asked that members take a

look at the list and be prepared to discuss possible destinations at the May meeting.

Dave then concluded the business portion of the meeting and moved into Show and Tell. Following Show and Tell there was a brief break and raffle ticket sales. The raffle was held after the break, and then the meeting broke up for the night.

Show and Tell

Tony D'Anjou 1/72 Curtiss C-46 Commando (Williams Bros.)
Bill Michaels..... 1/48 Nieuport 17 (Eduard)
Pip Moss.....1/48 Bf 109E-4 trop (Revell Germany)
Harry Vig..... 1/87 RR Yard Office (Revell)

Club Announcements

Bill Michaels will do a short demonstration on one of his WW1 modeling techniques: **simulating wood grain on plastic parts using acrylic and oil paints.**

Bill will also bring his **Wings of War** game materials next Friday in case anyone wants to play after the meeting.

Tom Babbin sent me the following message to pass along:

I am currently rebuilding the Spare Time Shop website, which was down for a while. I am trying to expand it from what it was previously with a lot more pictures and, I hope, more timely information about new items, sales and other news. I welcome comments from the club, as well as suggestions and feature requests.

One feature I want to add is a gallery of photos of completed models that were purchased from the shop as kits (or scratch-building materials, etc.). If any club members would like to get a little publicity for their builds, and maybe help out Paul and the shop, they can send photos (digital preferred, but I can scan if need be) to me and I'll post them with the members' names, club affiliation, and any short comments they might have about the models.

I'd also especially like to post some pictures of models made by younger modelers, so if any members' kids have built models, I'd love to include pictures of them, with names and ages.

I'd also like to include some general model-building tips, so those would be welcome also.

—Thanks, Tom

Field Trip Ideas

Here's the list of possible destinations mentioned above in the Minutes. Again, please look them over, maybe follow the links, and be prepared to discuss them at Friday's meeting.

Battleship Cove, Fall River

<http://www.battleshipcove.org/>

Boston Navy Yard, Charlestown

<http://boston-navy-yard.visit-boston-massachusetts.com/>

Higgins Armory Museum, Worcester

<http://www.higgins.org/>

Museum of World War II, Natick

<http://www.museumofworldwarii.com/visiting.htm>

National Guard Museum, Worcester

<http://states.ng.mil/sites/MA/resources/museum/default.aspx>

Springfield Armory Museum, Springfield

<http://www.nps.gov/spar>

US Naval Shipbuilding Museum, Quincy

<http://www.uss-salem.org/>

IPMS Region 1 Update

Greetings fellow plastic fans.

It's springtime, we've had our first two shows of the year, and my beloved Padres have not yet been mathematically eliminated from the play-offs.

I didn't hear an After Action Report from our first show, Southern Maine's DowneastCon, but I hope they had a good show. I attended Wings & Wheels 20th anniversary ValleyCon this past weekend. There were a number of great pieces on display, but what was more heartening was the vendor room. It was full and busy all day, and

that bodes well for our hobby. My congrats to Al LaFleche and his crew for a fine show, and I wish them another 20 shows.

I love attending these first few shows after the long cold winter. It gives me a chance to meet up with old friends I haven't seen all winter. I think I spent most of Saturday catching up with folks I haven't seen since November. It also gives me a chance to see what everybody worked on over our forced hibernation.

Until next time,
Happy Modeling

—Doc Wiseman, RC-1

Show and Tell Gallery

Bill Michaels' 1/48 scale Nieuport 17. Bill added Eduard seatbelts to the Weekend Edition kit and painted it with Polly Scale acrylics. He used pastels for weathering. Markings are for an unknown Russian unit in 1927. Bill also points out this one is eligible as a "cross-dresser."



Tony D'Anjou's 1/72 scale Curtiss C-46 Commando, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. The decals are part kit, part SuperScale. Tony adds, "Since the landing gear doors didn't have attachment points, I fabricated some wire to attach the doors to, drilled holes in the gear housing, and glued them in place. I used Micro Krystal Klear to do the cabin windows."

Pip Moss's 1/48 scale Bf 109E-4 trop in the markings of the well known plane flown by Franz Elles of 2./JG27 in Libya, 1941. The kit cockpit was replaced by a True Details resin set. The under-surface light blue is Aeromaster enamel RLM 65; the tan is a 1-to-1 mix of Model Master enamel British Mid Stone and Italian Tan; the green is a 1-to-1 mix of Model Master enamel Italian Green and Floquil Military Colors RLM 80. The "8" and the rudder victory marks were home designed and printed on an inkjet and a laser printer. The other markings are Aeromaster.



Tell us about your dream modeling project.

Well, my dream is to have enough time, money and space to be able to build what I already have in my stash. It remains a dream at the moment. If they were all done, my fantasy project would be building the Revell 1/144 Shuttle Launch Tower, with complete shuttle stack. A couple of guys have done the model with a scratch-built launch pad under it, and it's a very impressive model. http://spacemodels.nuxit.net/Pad_McVeigh/photo.htm <http://spacemodels.nuxit.net/pad.htm>

—Tom Babbitt

No question about it. Large R/C ships. A 1945 battleship and WWI or WWII German sub (not necessarily at the same scale), with lotsa working stuff. Maybe a carrier and a cruiser to go with the battleship. A converted canoe trailer to haul them all. No time to do it, on top of the large pile of unfinished kits, etc.

—Alan Beeber

As I see it, in a way they are all dream projects. A chance to step back from the busy work world, and at times from challenging family responsibilities, to focus on my art/miniatures. Every artist/modeler can relate to what I'm saying. I guess the dream gig would be to bring the joy and satisfaction of this hobby to school aged young people in a time when the joy stick has replaced the glue stick.

—Robert Butler

I flew several C-47s, both in Europe and Brazil, from old veterans of Africa still in desert camouflage to brand new ones. My favorite was a newer one I flew in Europe designated "W" William. It is the one I dream of modeling in 1/48 scale. I would build a full interior according to the plans, plus scratchbuild parts as I remember them, even though most of those details would not be seen, but I would know they are there! After the C-47, I would build a WACO CG-4 glider to complete the set, both with the markings for the 61st Troop Carrier Group, 14th Squadron.

—Bob Hale

I'd like to use the Monogram 1/48 scale B-17G kit to create a diorama of the Sentimental Journey crash damage repair effort that I took part in, back in the winter of 1989 in Burbank, CA. I cannot for the life of me imagine where I'd put it when I was done.

—Rick Lippincott

A scratchbuilt Curtiss NC-4 with flawless alignment and proper translucent wing covering and with rib work showing from underneath. In 72 scale.

—Roy Medina

Impossible question to answer. All my "real" answers lie strictly in the realm of fantasy, e.g. build every model kit I own. Or, 1/72 scale diorama of AMARC (aka the boneyard) circa 1969 AND another circa 1989, or, ALL the individual aircraft of the Vietnam War in 1/72, or the US Pacific Fleet in August, 1945 in 1/350 scale. Well, you get the picture.

—Jim Qualey

I like projects that combine my hobbies of RC scale boats and static modeling. My dream project is to build a large scale WW2 aircraft carrier as an RC model. The model would feature a flight deck full of aircraft, of course. I'd like to do it in the common RC warship scale of 1/96, but there aren't any aircraft kits in that scale. Since this is the "Dream Project," I guess that means doing it in 1/72 scale: An escort carrier in 1/72 would be 6.5 to 7 feet long, while a Yorktown class would be about 13 feet long ...

—Bill Michaels

When I got back into the hobby as an adult in the 80s, my dream was to make a comprehensive collection of all the important aircraft of World War 2 in 1/48 scale. Although I've been able to build a good number of different types from the period, I'm sure it's going to remain an impossible dream. Even if there were kits of all the necessary planes, and even if I were able to build them all in my lifetime, where in the world would I put them all?

—Pip Moss

Was planning, and even have both kits, to do the German Br52 Kreislocomotive (which has been started) pulling the Leopold rail gun. They were going to be displayed running on the rail next to a farm with some kids running to see it. Not sure if I have the time or the space (over six feet when both are put together) to complete it. Will probably be displayed individually when I get around to finishing/starting them.

—Mike O'Keefe

There are a number of Scale R/C projects I could name, but from an IPMS standpoint, a scale modeling project I have always thought would be fun and challenging would be an early war Yorktown class carrier circa Coral Sea/Midway/Doolittle Raid in 1/72 scale. I guess space would be the main concern. Time and money could be as required. It would definitely be a long term project!

—Dave Schmidt

Upcoming Events

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: johnng@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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