



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, September 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. Please note that this is the first Friday of the month, even though it is a holiday weekend. The September meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show- and-Tell, and a raffle.



Pip Moss built this 1/48 scale MiG-15bis. The kit cockpit was replaced by a resin set from Neomega. Otherwise the kit was built OOB. The natural metal finish is various shades of Alclad II with a final overcoating of Testors Metalizer Sealer to simulate the semigloss clear lacquer applied to the real planes. The markings are for the North Korean Peoples' Air Force. The tactical number was home designed and printed on clear decal paper using an inkjet printer.

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Minutes from the August Meeting

CHAPTER President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:05. About twelve members were present.

Dave said that he has been in some discussion with the North Shore IPMS club regarding a combined meeting. This originated from the realization that both clubs are planning a year-end group build with the “cross dressers” theme. Dave said that he would discuss this further with the North Shore club.

Dave also further discussed plans for the club trip. He will be writing an email for distribution to the club, which will contain a list of suggested destinations and a request that members select one from the list.

Alan Beeber said that there has been a schedule conflict regarding the September meeting, and another group is scheduled to use the downstairs meeting room on the second Friday. The members discussed options, and following the discussion decided to hold the meeting on the Friday of Labor Day weekend.

Pip reminded the members that there’s a significant number of books, from the collections of Bob Hale and Kevin Burk, that need good homes. Pip suggested that we consider offering some for sale

at an upcoming show such as GraniteCon. Bill Michaels volunteered to host a table at GraniteCon if the club decides to sell the books. The members also discussed donating some of them to the local VA hospital. The discussion ended with a decision to purchase a table at GraniteCon and offer the books for sale there.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting. There was a brief break followed by Show and Tell. After Show and Tell there was another short break followed by the raffle, and after the raffle the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Chapter Secretary

Show and Tell

Tony D’Anjou 1/72 B-47E (Hasegawa)
Bill Michaels..... 1/72 LVT-4 (Airfix)
1/72 Dodge WC-51 (Italeri)
Pip Moss..... 1/48 MiG-15bis (Tamiya)
Harry Vig..... 1/20.3 Old Tyme Tool Car (Ozark Miniatures)

Club Notice

Field Trip Short List

After discussing a club field trip over the past few meetings, we have narrowed the choices to six possible venues. We are planning to do this sometime in October, so we need to settle on a place to go at the September meeting in order make all the necessary arrangements in time. If you’re going to be at the September meeting, please look over the list below and come prepared to vote for your choice. If you’re not going to be at the meeting, but plan to go on the trip, please email or phone in your choice to me before the September 3rd meeting so we can get a headcount for transportation, etc.

Here is the list to choose from:

- USS Salem in Quincy
- Museum of WW II in Natick
- USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild in Charlestown
- Battleship Cove in Fall River
- New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, CT
- Quonset Point Air Museum

If you can’t make the next mtg., my e-mail is schmidtd@hotmail.com and my phone number is 508-736-8435.

—Dave Schmidt, Chapter President

Show and Tell Gallery

Tony D'Anjou's 1/72 scale B-47E, built OOB with the addition of resin wheels. The natural metal finish is SnJ Spray Aluminum, Model Master Chrome Silver, and Metalizer Steel, alone and in combination. Decals are kit and SuperScale



Harry Vig's 1/20.3 scale Old Tyme narrow gauge tool car, built OOB with the addition of the two painting figures, railroad ties and tie plates. Paint is Academy acrylics. For weathering, Harry used Inda ink and alcohol, superglue for making bench stains, sawdust, file card to raise wood grain, and chemical darkening. Harry adds, "The figures are resin. The rest of the railroad car is white metal castings and wood. Some members had demonstrated painting techniques to simulate wood. I thought I'd bring in some weathered wood."

Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale LVT-4 "Alligator." Bill added 30 and 50 cal. machine guns taken from an Academy kit. Paint is Model Master, weathered with wash, pastels and drybrushing. Decals, from the Decal Dungeon, are for a generic USMC vehicle circa 1944. The model was featured in the Modeling Madness group build, "Models from the Shelf of Doom."



Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Bill Michaels' 172 Dodge WC51, another Shelf of Doom contender, built OOB, painted with Model Master colors, and weathered with wash and drybrushing. The kit decals were used for the US Army, 1944.

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; or go to www.ipmsrochester.org/
- September 24–25.....**AMPS East**, IPMS Northeast Military Modelers, Danbury Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 18 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, CT. Contact John Gazzola: john@gampseast.org or 860-617-1413; or go to www.ipmsnmma.org/
- 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; or go to www.ipmsstratford.org/
- 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; or go to <http://home.comcast.net/~vf17/>
- 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; or go to www.hvhmg.com/
- November 7.....**Baycon 2010**, IPMS Bay Colony Historical Modelers, Knights of Columbus Hall, 304 Highland Avenue, South Attleboro, MA. Contact Robert Magina: treadhead@comcast.net or 508-695-7754; or go to www.ipmsbaycolony.com/mambo/index.php
- March 27, 2011.....**Valleycon 21**, IPMS Wings & Wheels Modelers, Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA.
Contact Al LaFleche: ajlafleche@comcast.net or 413-306-1270; or go to www.wmodelclub.org/

Question of the Month

What models in what scales would you most like to see produced as accurate, up-to-date kits?

As I collated the responses to this month's question, I was gratified at the number of people who sent something in, and I was struck by the fact that there is nearly no repetition of items on the various wishlists. Enjoy, and thanks. —ed.

There are quite a few kits that are out there that I'd like to see better options available. For this question, though, I'll stick with things where the only current option is scratchbuilding.

Skylab, 1/144: It's amazing to me that a kit of this has never been available. This is the first, and still only completely American space station; it's big and impressive, and would make a fascinating model either in the as-planned or as-actually-flown (i.e. damaged) version. Revell and Airfix both have molds for 1/144 Saturn Vs with Apollo capsules, so they'd only have to tool about half the parts. Go figure.

Boeing 307 Stratoliner, 1/72 or 1/144: I fell in love with this one when I visited Udvar-Hazy Center last year. It's a glorious natural-metal beastie with classic 30s styling, and is historically important as the first pressurized commercial airliner. There was an old, bad Maquette kit that used Frog B-17 parts, but there's never been a decent kit of this plane.

Apollo Lunar Module, 1/32: They can send a man to the moon in the Revell/Monogram Command Service Module, but he's stuck in orbit without a LM. Accurate Models (they of the resin F-1 rocket engine) has had one in development for years, but it's been stuck in 'hiatus' forever.

Northrop T-38 Talon, 1/72 or 1/48: OK, Sword (Czechoslovakia) had limited run kits of this beauty a few years ago, but why haven't Revell or Tamigawa put out a top quality kit of this trainer? It was the first, and remains the most-produced supersonic trainer in the world. There is a raft of choices for paint jobs, both US and around the world, and even NASA has painted them 4 or 5 different ways over the years. There's even an attractive Thunderbirds color scheme.

Honda Civic Hybrid, 1/24: Well, this is probably getting a little too personal, but the Civic Sedan/Hybrid is a very popular car, and I think it would be a great model. I just don't want to kitbash one from a hatchback. I guess next time I need to buy a car and I want a model of it, I'll have to buy a Ferrari. —**Tom Babbin**

My answer is for someone to produce the series of B&M open platform coaches in HO scale. —**Art Ellis**

First off, I'd like some re-issues. In 1/48 the Czech Model F3D Skyknight and MPM's Fw 189A. The 189A would be a good candidate for a new mainstream kit. As for new kits there's a whole host of 2- and 4-engine WW2 Russian and Japanese planes like the TB-3, SB-2, Tu-2, Il-4, Pe-8, Yak-4, Ki-48, Ki-49, Ki-67, Ki-102 & P1Y that would be great. Of course that'll never happen, but I'd be happy with the Yak-4, the Il-4 and the Ki-102. A couple of neat single engine planes are the Kawasaki Ki-32 and the Sukhoi Su-2. And there's about a million Russian jets that could be done in 1/48. —**Tim Browning**

New Tamiya grade 1/35 WWI tanks, British, French and German. The Emhar kits just don't cut it. I would put up with nice new 1/48 scale WWI tanks and trucks as well. —**Alan Beeber**

Aircraft: I'd vote for the Boeing-Stearman PT-17 Kadet and NAF N3N Yellow Peril/Pearl in 1/32 or 1/24 and 1/144 scales. Lord only know how many of them have been built and rebuilt or how many pilots of all types and many countries trained in them. To the best of my knowledge only the ancient Lindberg 1/48 plastic kit was ever injectioned. And no N3N, with or without floats.

Third choice would be any scale, but preferably larger, of any of the Vought OU-2 Corsair family of biplanes used by the USN and USMC etc. For that matter, any Vought biplane or other float equipped and catapult launched fighter, scout, bomber or observation biplane. Not a one has ever been released as an injection molded kit. Some of these airplanes were flown and built under license by other countries in S. America and the Orient. Even pre WW-II Japan.

Armor: I'd really like kits, larger than 1/72, of US pre-WWII tanks. Especially the twin turret Stuart forerunners.

An odd ball? I have always been captivated by the WWII Canadian Car and Foundry Gregor and its potential if the war had gone against us in the early years. The airframe is a cute little biplane fighter that strongly resembles the earliest F4F Wildcat as a biplane with upper wing gull shaped.

Ships: Any larger scale kit of a CVE escort carrier. Maybe even in 1/144 to accommodate my little WW-II airplanes. Most graced their decks at one time or another. The same goes for any CVL light carrier, but in 1/350 scale. —**Bart Cusick**

I'd like to see the British Mk. I tank and French St. Chamond and Schneider tanks (from WWI) in 1/35 and/or 1/72, any World War I trucks in 1/35, and accurate M3 Lee/Grant tanks in 1/35. —**Al Denton**

Beech AT-10 in 1/48 scale: Atwin-engine, all-wooden advanced trainer. Earned my wings and instrument rating, also instructor's rating in AT-10s.

Fairchild PT-23, 220 HP Continental Radial Engine, 1/48 scale. Soloed in a PT-23. —**Bob Hale**

I would like to see the Monogram and/or Airfix B-1 bomber kits in 1/72 scale updated to modern tooling standards. I would also like to see an update of Hasegawa's (AMT) 1/72 scale Convair F-106A Delta Dart. My list may be short, but I believe my wait will be long to see these two subjects updated. —**John Hanavan**

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Question of the Month (continued)

I would like to see some Canadian aircraft done in 1/48 scale. Of interest would be some of the de Havilland aircraft such as the Beaver, Otter, Twin Otter, Buffalo and Caribou. Many of these operated in military colors around the world, and the civil ones often operated with wheels, skis and floats. There could be options for a number of aftermarket modifications as some Beavers and Otters were upgraded to turbo-prop power; and the Otter had a mod with a 1,000 horsepower radial engine of Russian or Polish pedigree.

A good 1/48 Noorduyn Norseman with a choice of skis, floats or wheels would make it to my stash!

For those with an interest in solely civil aircraft, the Bombardier Dash 7 or Dash 8 would be impressive. These would be good in 1/72 and perhaps 1/144 too. For those who enjoy detailing interiors, there were a few Dash 7s made that had cargo doors forward of the wings.

I would also like to see a good kit of the Chipmunk: having been a trainer for several countries, there would be a good variety of markings and colors available.

I have to admit that I'm a bit partial, having flown the Norseman, Twin Otter and Dash 7 for many years!

If I left out some of the boreal animal kingdom, my apologies!
—Mike Hirsch

I used to think about this a lot, but lately I haven't been building much. So I haven't bought much. I think I have been in a hobby store only once in the past two years. So maybe I'm not the one to ask this question of. At one time, I did want to see a 1/48 scale Sd.Kfz. 251, and AFV Club and Tamiya have fulfilled this request. Just haven't picked one up yet. Other than that, I can't think of anything else. Even if I could come up with a wish list and the manufacturers fulfilled it, the prices would probably be unbelievably expensive.
—Kurt Kunze

Lockheed C-5 in 1/72. I wouldn't mind seeing a new 1/144 version of it as well, one that does a little better job of accurately reflecting the main landing gear and wheel wells.
—Rick Lippincott

I typically answer this question in two parts:

Fantasy: Subjects I'd like to see, but that I know will never, ever happen. On this list are things like a 1/96 scale USCG HH-52; a 1/16 scale landing craft LCM-6; 1/96 scale naval aircraft such as Wildcats, Swordfish, Kingfishers, Avengers, etc.; and a 1/144 scale WW2 Escort Carrier. I'd also like to see a 1/96 scale British 38-gun Frigate to go with the Revell Constitution. (That will NEVER happen—plastic sailing ships are a dead market.)

Reality: Some that aren't so far-fetched. I'd like to see modern replacements for some 1/72 scale subjects that are available as old Airfix, Matchbox and/or Revell kits, such as Fairey Swordfish, OS2U Kingfisher, Sopwith Triplane, Airco DH-4, Nieuport 28. I'd also like to see a Cleveland-class light cruiser in 1/350—they were the largest class of USN WW2 light cruisers. (There are rumors that Dragon may have one in the works.)
—Bill Michaels

I'm waiting for a number of kits, all in 1/48 scale. First, an F2H Banshee. Ever since reading Michener's *The Bridges of Toko-Ri*, I've wanted to build one, but the only kit (besides the ancient, crude, ill-fitting Testors item) is the Collect-Aire resin kit for about \$120. Ouch.

I'd also like to see an up-to-date, accurate Spitfire Mk. XIV, F4U-4 Corsair (Hobby Boss is reportedly coming out with one, which may or may not be good news considering their past accuracy performance), Yak-9, F-86A or E (with the early slatted wing, Korean War style), and P-40B/C.
—Pip Moss

All in 1/72: Douglas C-54, Fairchild C-123, Convair C-131, Grumman HU-16 Albatross, and Martin PBM Mariner. The old piston transports and seaplanes are severely neglected. No, the Mach 2 C-54, C-123 and PBM don't count. They are way too expensive and not very well done, from all I've read. Re the Albatross, the Monogram kit looks good shape-wise, but is way long in the tooth with "play value" features instead of detail (retractable landing gear, etc.). It's time for an update.

Also in 1/72, it would be great if Revell/Monogram would scale down their 1/48 F-102 and F-106. The Hasegawa kits are REALLY old.

In 1/48, a new T-28 would be interesting, especially a Southeast Asia variant. Also a good A-1E Skyraider to replace the antique Matchbox kit. A Hasegawa/Tamiya-class F11F Tiger would be nice, too. Oh yeah, and a good P-40B/C.
—Jim Qualey

I would like to see a 1/48 scale Gotha bomber, a 1/32 scale de Havilland DH4, and a Fokker Eindecker. A new or updated 1/48 scale B-26 Marauder and P-61 black widow. The B-26 marauder has always been one of my favorites, the lines are very sleek, and it just looks fast as hell. I'm sure there are others, but these are off the top of my head.
—Dave Schmidt

Messerschmitt Bf 109s are as common as fleas on a dog, but apart from the now-unavailable 1/32 scale Cutting Edge conversion kit for the so-called "110" cowling used on some Bf 109G-10 airframes, I have yet to see a kit of any sort that depicts that particular model. This version of the Bf 109 was produced by Erla, in Leipzig, which had significant responsibility for manufacturing the Bf 109G-10 airframes. The cowl panels were asymmetric, insofar as the port side of the aircraft lacked the scalloped transition panel forward of the cockpit to the bulged cowl panel; instead it had a smoothly tapering "square" panel on the left side, and a less pronounced, curved fairing on the right. It also lacked the bulged covers under the nose covering the enlarged oil return scavenger pumps. Some of these airframes have been referred to as Bf 109G-10AS, using the DB 605AS engine with the enlarged compressor when DB 605D engines were in short supply. No matter, perhaps a third or more of all Bf 109G-10 airframes were remanufactured G-6s that were returned to repair depots for major overhaul.

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Question of the Month (Concluded)

I purchased the Cutting Edge conversion kit probably about six years ago, and I would welcome a similar one in 1/48 scale, but preferably a completely new kit with those features. The Hasegawa so-called "Bf 109G-6/AS" kit that sells for over \$40 (if anyone wants one badly enough to pay that kind of price) is their generic Bf 109G-10 kit tarted up with new decals, and nothing more.

I purchased the Fujimi Bf 109G-6AS and Bf 109G-10 kits (there's no difference between them except for the decals) for \$10 each last year in Santa Barbara, and while they lack the fineness of detail of the Hasegawa kit, they are excellent value for the money. I had planned to do my own kit-bashed version of the Erla G-10 using one of the Fujimi kits I bought there, as the bulged fairings are molded as part of the cowl panels and not part of the main fuselage, and the smaller nose bulges come as optional parts. Maybe this year I'll have time to do it.

—Art Silen

M37 Dodge, 1/35; Dodge Power Wagon, 1/25; C-133, C-141, C-124, 1/72
—Tony D'Anjou

I would like to see more affordable kits on the shelves. As an example, I recently saw a Star Wars AT-AT walker priced at \$50. It felt like it should have been a \$20 based on the size and scale. I've got three kids that will go through many kits as they learn how to build them. I'd like to get the more modern kits with better fit, and computer technology should make the engineering costs lower than previously, not higher. Unfortunately, I think economies of scale (no pun intended) are forcing prices the wrong way, as many hobbyists have been replaced with video game players and internet junkies. The kids have to learn how to build with their hands, though.

—Harry Vig

Special Notice

In memory: George Hesketh

We were saddened to hear from Dave Hamel that longtime Patriot Chapter and IPMS member George Hesketh had passed away recently. To quote Dave's message, "George has not attended meetings for a while due to his health, but some of you may remember him from many contests, meetings at the Bedford Town Library, or the Worcester club meetings. His interest was in WWII aircraft. A special project to him was to model an RAF recon P-51 Mustang that was flown by a distant relative. George introduced me to the hobby of modeling."

The following obituary appeared in the Leominster Sentinel & Enterprise:

George H. Hesketh, age 77, of Leominster, MA died Thursday, July 8, 2010 at home after an illness, surrounded by his family.

He was born August 18, 1932 in New Bedford, MA, the son of George H. and Florence (Sequin) Hesketh. Mr. Hesketh lived in Bourne, MA from 1944 to 1956.

He was an Army veteran, serving from 1952 to 1956, and worked as a Department of the Army Civilian at Fort Devens, MA from 1956 to retirement in 1987.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jacqueline M. (Holt) Hesketh; four daughters, Cathy L. Hesketh of Merritt Island, FL, Shelly Guay and her husband, Larry Guay of Cocoa, FL, Wendy Hesketh, and Tammy Hesketh-Piermarini and her husband, Michael Piermarini of Leominster, MA; and six grandchildren, Derek Laviolette, Adam Laviolette, Gordon Hamel, Ryan Piermarini, Nicole Piermarini and Erin Piermarini.

He will be greatly missed.