



THE PATRIOT

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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, February 4, 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 February meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show- and-Tell, and a raffle.



Bill Michaels helps us get 2011 off to a good start with this fine looking 1/35 scale Matilda Mk. IIa, which he built OOB and finished with Tamiya paints in the three-tone "Caunter Scheme," named for a colonel of the 4th Armoured Brigade who reputedly developed it. The model is weathered with oil washes and pastels. Markings are for the 42nd Royal Tank Regiment, 1st Army Tank Brigade, North Africa, 1941.

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Minutes from the January Meeting

FIRST Vice President Pip Moss called the meeting to order at 8:15. About 15 members were present.

Pip reminded the membership that 2011 dues are now due: \$20 for adults and \$10 for juniors.

Pip turned the meeting over to Bill Michaels for a discussion on the 2011 group build. One idea was for an “Amnesty Day” at the June meeting: Members would bring in kits that weren’t finished on time for previous years group builds. Also mentioned for the meeting was ice cream. There was a motion to move forward with this idea, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

It was decided to come up with a short list of theme ideas for the Group Build themes for a final vote next month. After some discussion and voting, the list was narrowed to the following:

- 100 years of Naval Aviation
- Space/Science fiction
- Stars and Stripes (anything that has stripes in its markings, stars in its markings, or words related to stars or heavenly bodies in its name)
- “And now for something completely different” (build something you normally don’t build)

Robert Butler then addressed the group about putting on another exhibit at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington. This would again be a two-day exhibit, tentatively in September and would involve IPMS Patriot and the New England Figure Artists. Robert noted that there are other clubs in the area who are also interested in participating, but that would be contingent on available space and specific needs for exhibit items.

This ended the business portion of the meeting. There was a brief break followed by Show and Tell. After Show and Tell, Harry Vig did a brief demonstration about resin casting using Lego railroad tracks as an example.

Following Harry’s demo 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

Bill Michaels 1/35 Matilda Mk. IIa (Tamiya)
1/48 SAAB J-35Ö Draken (Hasegawa)
1/48 P-26A (Hobbycraft)
Ben Vig 1/72 Star Wars LAAT (Revell)

New Feature

Raffle Report

Going forward, I will make an effort to get a short update in the newsletter on our monthly club raffle. Our raffle table currently has about \$350 worth of kits—we have some real quality stuff—so be sure to bring a few extra dollars along to buy your tickets! At most meetings, we sell enough tickets to do two or three drawings. We typically pull one ticket for a prize from the “Premium” table, with the rest drawn for the “Standard” table.

As Second Vice President, it is my job to manage the raffle—that is, to buy the prizes. I could use your help, though, in the form of feedback. I try to acquire a variety of subject matter, something for everyone. However, if you think the raffle is lacking in a particular

area, please let me know. For example, I think the Standard table is a bit light in items that would appeal to the armor builders. The problem is that the budget for standard items is \$10–\$15. What sorts of items would you like to see? Send your comments and ideas to me at webmaster@ipmspatriot.org.

January Winners:

Due to the low turnout at the meeting, we only sold enough tickets for a single pull. The winner was Mike Hirsch, who selected the Dragon 1/350 USS Laffey DD-459 kit—a \$50 prize!

—Bill Michaels, 2nd Vice President

IPMS Region 1 Update

Greetings, and welcome to another fun filled modeling year. I trust this finds everyone well.

First I’d like to thank all the chapter contacts who toiled tirelessly during the marathon of pain known as Re-Charter Season. It was down to the proverbial wire again, but you got it done.

I have the sad duty to report that we lost a chapter this year. Cape Cod Scale Modelers were unable to meet the membership requirements this year and have gone to the inactive list. I hope that Mr. Rowley and his folks out on the Cape can find the requisite members and rejoin us soon.

Next up, it is that time of year again: I need Chapter-, Member-, Webmaster-, and Newsletter-of-the-Year nominations in my grubby

lacquer stained hands no later than the first week of April. I have to forward them up the chain before mid April and I need to read them and attach my endorsements. I have attached the nomination guidelines from DLC Darrah; follow them carefully please.

I have attached the approved events list as of tonight if you sent me a request and it’s not here, please resend it to me. [See Upcoming Events, Page 5. —ed.]

Finally, I need bids for the 2012 NoreastCon. I have the bid guidelines, so if you are interested shoot me an email requesting them.

Happy Modeling,

—Doc Wiseman, RC-1

Show and Tell Gallery

Bill Michaels' 1/48 scale Boeing P-26A, built OOB and painted with Polly Scale acrylics. Bill chose the project to try out the new StarFighter P-26 decal sheets. Markings are for the 95th Pursuit Squadron, March Field, CA.



Junior modeler Ben Vig's 1/72 scale Star Wars LAAT (Low Altitude Assault Transport), Ben adds, "The LAAT is a low-flying gunship used by the Galactic Republic. LAATs were first used in the Battle of Geonosis during the Clone Wars."

Bill Michaels' 1/48 scale SAAB J35 Draken, built OOB and painted with Model Master acrylics. Markings, using the kit decals, are for the Austrian Dragon Knights' special 45th anniversary scheme as seen in 2005.



What are your modeling projects and/or New Year's resolutions for 2011?

1. Finish something. 2. Learn to weld. No, I'm not explaining that.
—Alan Beeber

In 2011, I'll dedicate as much time and energy as it takes to put together our club's second museum exhibition, Fantastic Model Miniatures. Showcasing the fine work of club members in a museum setting is an excellent way of introducing our hobby to people who might never attend a model show.

On my bench, as always, I'm pressing to improve my painting on figures and subjects from the animal world. This involves not only the long hours of research and practice, but also visiting museums and attending many model club meetings and shows to meet with the amazing model artists out there from whom I have learned so much.
— Robert Butler

1. Organize my shop.
 2. Finish the Hasegawa Ferrari Testa Rosa car.
 3. Become more proficient in the use of my airbrush.
 4. Try not to be lured into buying more kits!
 5. Work on some of my WWI aircraft models.
- Bob Hale

The 1/72 scale Special Hobby C-33 (a military cargo/passenger version of the Douglas DC-2) is my current project. I expect to bond the fuselage halves together within the next few days after I add curtains to the cabin windows. I will use model ship "sail cloth" for curtains. I have no other builds in progress at the moment.

New Year's resolutions!?! None.
—David Hamel

First and foremost, I am going to redo the modeling part of my basement. New paint on the walls, nice shelves, work desk and a paint area with an extraction fan. I aim to have a corner to build, read, research, and have a comfy chair and beer fridge ... a clubhouse so to speak.

I got, at the show in Nashua, a Hasagawa Spitfire V with the resin float conversion. I plan to really upgrade this kit with resin interior stuff and some aftermarket goodies. If we do "floaters" as the theme build, I aim to have this one ready. I do need some marking reference information!

I also would like to keep my production rate approaching two per month! The 1/144 scale kits are really quite a bit of fun, and it is impossible to get caught up with little interior bits. That streamlines the process and gives lots of occasion to hone finishing skills.

I plan to branch out a bit, too, into ships and some armor.
—Mike Hirsch

My modeling-related New Year's resolution for 2011 is to actually get downstairs and use the modeling work area that I went to all the trouble to set up in 2010. It's a great spot, and I was using it extensively in November of last year to complete the Iraqi C-130E; but alas, since the holidays, it's been neglected.

—Rick Lippincott

To begin to model again and make my pile of un-built kits smaller.
—Bob Maxwell

I'm currently working on a 1/32 scale Hasegawa F-5N Aggressor from the "Sundowners" squadron. Nice kit, but somewhat devoid of detail. I'm in the process of re-scribing all of the raised panel lines. My resolution is to never buy a kit with raised panel lines again!

After the F-5N, I have a Trumpeter 1/32 F-14D Tomcat on deck (no pun intended). Nice kit! Should be a long, heavenly build!

—John McCormick

As I like to say, "It's a hobby, not a character test," so I don't make "resolutions." But I will continue in 2011 to work on my general goal/guideline/philosophy that I adopted a couple of years ago: to reduce the size of the stash. There's a good chance we'll be moving in a few years, and I don't want to have to deal with all these kits. I'm attacking this in three ways:

- Sell the stuff I know I'm unlikely to build in the next several years.
 - Be very selective on kits I buy—if I'm not going to build it now, I don't need to buy it now.
 - Build more, have more fun. I've discovered I can build three "good" models in the time it would take me to build one "contest perfect" model.
- Bill Michaels

Resolution: Don't make resolutions. One year ago I had no interest in Civil War monuments and memorials. Beginning the first Monday in March I embarked on tracking down those in NH (the state didn't have a list, which surprised me), the number of which turned out to be nearly 200! I'm now embarked on a related "hunt," and while I managed to airbrush a few times in the past year, and still occasionally glue one part to another, many of the daylight hours have been devoted to this unexpected project. In the tank modeling world, I've heard the unfinished kits referred to as "shelf queens." I have entire royal households that await varying amounts of attention, but finishing a couple of the old Monogram Typhoons seems most likely.
—George Morrison

My current modeling projects are a 1/32 scale Bf 109F and a 1/48 Hurricane. My resolutions for this year are to finish my Tiger I and to build a trailer-mounted quad 50 for my golfing pal. Also, a 1/72 B-24J for my "lady friend" (her dad's), and I definitely want to do one or two WWI bi-planes!

It will be interesting to see how close I come to meeting my goals. If I can stay in the building mode I'm in, it's doable.

—Dave Schmidt

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Question of the Month (continued)

Most of my modeling projects are somewhere off in Shangri-La, but I did have some time this past week to gaze wistfully at my latest acquisitions, a Dragon Ju 88G-1/G-10 and an Eduard Grumman F6F-5N Hellcat flown by Maj. Bruce Porter, CO of VMF 542, Okinawa, June, 1945. This was one of the few cannon-armed, night flying Hellcats actually used in combat.

The Junkers 88 has been on my want list for a number of years; and even though it is a 18-year-old kit, it has a real fascination for me. The nice thing about this kit is that it has an alternative set of Junkers Jumo 213 in-line engines that I can use for kit bashing a Dragon Junkers 188E-1 bomber into a Ju 188D-2 maritime reconnaissance aircraft. I have several sets of photo-etch that I got from Bill Koster for his Ju 188 and Focke Wulf 200 kits that also include FuG 200 search radar antenna that I can use on the Junkers.

My wildest fantasy is to take the 8-foot fuselage extension plug that comes with the kit and replicate it in polyester resin to make a Ju 88H-4, carrying a Fw 190A-8. When if ever I get to do all of this is anybody's guess, but hope springs eternal.

—Art Silen

Modeling projects: I have eight to finish before starting a new one: one plastic airplane, one balsa airplane, one rocket, one tank, one engine house, one steam engine, one steam powered wrecking crane and one articulated trolley

New Year's resolution: get off my ass and get some exercise. My shirts keep getting tighter.

—Harry Vig

My modeling year is starting off with two projects for others and two for myself. I'm building a Trumpeter 1/48 F-100D for Mike O'Keefe to give to his father, and a Collect-Aire 1/48 (resin) F-86H for a gentleman who used to fly them and is currently part of the group planning the aviation museum at Hanscom, where the model will presumably be displayed. Both projects have been less than smooth sailing. On the F-100D, I used Krylon gloss black as a primer for a metal finish, but it reacted strangely with the plastic and had to be stripped. The F-86H kit is just plain terrible—large amounts of re-shaping, filing, filling and re-scribing—and it too will be NMF.

The two projects for myself are side-by-side builds of an ICM 1/48 Spitfire Mk. VIII and a Hasegawa Spitfire Mk. IX using an Aeroclub corrected fuselage (the kit fuselage is about 5 mm too short). Neither kit has exactly fallen together—the ICM kit is notoriously fiddly and the Aeroclub fuselage is somewhat crudely molded and a poor fit with the kit wings—but I've finally made it to the painting stage with both.

As I look ahead to other projects for the year, I'll probably be influenced in choosing subjects by the (hopefully) upcoming National Heritage Museum exhibition, trying to fill some gaps in the last show. Possibilities include an early version P-38, a WW1 subject (Fokker D.VII? S.E.5a? SPAD?), and a Korean War era jet (F9F? F-84?). So many kits, so little time!

—Pip Moss

2011 Dues Reminder

We're now at the midpoint of membership renewal for 2011. The annual fee is \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for juniors. Please try to submit your 2011 dues payment promptly, and no later than the March meeting. If you wish to mail in your payment (checks made out to Patriot Chapter), please send it to our treasurer:

John Touloupis
58 Lawrence Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Upcoming Events

- March 12 **DowneastCon 2011**, IPMS Southern Maine Scale Modelers, Thornton Academy, 438 Maine Street, Saco, ME.
Contact George Bangs: brokenyokefarm@gmail.com or 207-625-8007.
- March 20 **MASSCAR 23**, MassCar Model Club, Holiday Inn, 700 Myles Standish Boulevard, Taunton, MA.
Contact Stuart Marcus: marcus_stuart@yahoo.com or 603-382-9724
- March 26 **"Flight School" Aircraft Modeling Seminar**, IPMS/Hudson Valley, East Fishkill Community Library,
348 New York Rt 376, Hopewell Junction, NY
- March 27 **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.wvmodelclub.org/
- April 10..... **BuffCon 28**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Knights of Columbus Club, 2735 Union Road at William Street,
Cheektowaga (Buffalo), NY. Contact Dick Schulenberg: dick.schulenberg@excelco.net or 716-964-2161,
or log onto www.ipmsniagarafontier.com.
- May 13-14..... **NoreastCon 40**, Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, 160 Holiday Way, Schoharie, NY.
Contact Nick Filippone: bpbittern@frontiernet.net or 518-736-2434.
- June 11-12..... **RepLiCon 2011**, Long Island Scale Model Society, American Air Power Museum, 1230 New Highway,
Farmingdale, NY. Contact Robert DeMaio: taurleo@optonline.net or 631-707-3442
- September 23-24..... **AMPS East**, Northeast Military Modelers Association, Danbury Plaza Hotel, 14 Old Ridgebury Road,
Danbury, CT. Contact John Gazzola: john.gazzola@ipmsmma.org or 860-617-1413.
- October 9..... **Model Festival 2011**, IPMS Igor Sikorsky, Milford Knights of Columbus, 625 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, CT.
Contact Raymond Prokoski: modeleray@snet.net or 203 315-8630
- October 16..... **GraniteCon XIX**, Granite State Modelers, Nashua Elks Club, 120 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH.
Contact Rodney Currier: nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876.
- October 22..... **HVHMG 25**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Lodge, 29 Overrocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.
Contact John Gallagher: showchair@hvhm.com or 845-462-4740.

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