



THE PATRIOT

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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, December 2, 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. This will be our annual holiday party with refreshments provided by the club. The meeting will also feature the display of this year's group build theme projects—Double Plays and U.S. Naval Aviation. And, of course, we'll be holding our annual Yankee Swap. If you'd like to participate in the Swap, bring a wrapped present (suggested value: \$20 or less, but it's up to you). For those who don't know how it all works, we'll explain at the meeting. Hope to see you there!



Pip Moss built this 1/48 scale Bristol Bulldog Mk. IIA from the Lindberg incarnation of the excellent old Inpact/Pyro/LifeLike kit. The model is basically OOB except for some PE seat belts. The finish is Alclad Duraluminum for the fabric surfaces and Alclad Polished Aluminum for the metal areas, with Model Master 34096 for the NIVO anti-glare strip. Wheels and prop boss are Model Master Deep Yellow, while the prop front surfaces are Model Master Light Gull Gray. The rigging is monofilament fishing line: .006-inch for the flying/landing wires, .004-inch for the wing and landing gear strut braces, and invisible thread for the antennas. Small pieces of micro-tubing were used on each wire to simulate turnbuckles. Decals, from Model Alliance Wings of Silver Pt. I and Roundels/Fin Flashes sheets, are for Douglas Bader's plane from RAF No. 23 Sqn. in which he crashed and lost his legs in 1931.

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Minutes from the November Meeting

CHAPTER President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:50. About 18 members and guests were present. Ken Sullivan of Methuen introduced himself as a new member.

Dave introduced Michael N. Kalafatas, a friend of Patriot member Tony D’Anjou and the author of the book *Bird Strike: The Crash of the Boston Electra* which deals with an airplane crash at Logan Airport on October 4, 1960. Michael told us the story of how he came to write the book and gave a brief description of the crash.

Following Michael’s presentation, we had Show-and-Tell, after which Dave returned to business: the election of next year’s club officers. With all the incumbent officers running unopposed, Pip Moss made a motion for a vote to elect the ballot. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Our 2012 officers will therefore be as follows:

- Dave Schmidt, President
- Pip Moss, First Vice President
- Bill Michaels, Second Vice President
- Rick Lippincott, Secretary
- John Touloupis, Treasurer

Dave asked the members to consider what the club should do for its next trip and suggested that we open the discussion at the January 2012 meeting.

Kurt Kunze informed the club that for the December meeting, we won’t be able to use the same source for Chinese food as that restaurant has gone out of business. There was a brief discussion concerning what Chinese restaurant could be used as a source for Chinese food at that meeting.

After the business portion of the meeting concluded, the club held the monthly raffle, and then the meeting broke up for the night.
—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

Show and Tell

Tony D’Anjou 1/144 Boeing 707 (Revell)
 Pip Moss..... 1/48 Bristol Bulldog Mk. IIA (Lindberg)
 Mike O’Keefe 1/35 “Tiger Den” small diorama (mixed)
 Ken Sullivan..... 1/700 USS Taconic (HP)

Raffle Report

November winners:

Mike Hirsch: Eduard 1/48 MiG-21 Weekend Edition
 Pip Moss: Monogram 1/48 A-37 Dragonfly
 Dave Schmidt: Club tee-shirt (size information withheld).

Thanks to the donations in recent months, one of the prizes was free to the club, so we made \$19. That raised our year-to-date profit to \$104.50. (Note that the profits are re-invested in kits for the raffle.)

We also received a \$100 donation to be used for the raffle from former member Tom Brady (the CPA, not the quarterback). My plan is to use most of the money to add to the Premium Table.

—Bill Michaelaels, 2nd Vice President



Show and Tell Gallery

Two views of Tony D'Anjou's Boeing 707 in 1/144 scale, a gift commission for Michael Kalafatas. Tony built the ancient Revell kit OOB and painted it with Model Master Chrome Silver. Tony adds, "Being a 47-year-old kit, it was rather rough. The decals were terrible, but I overcame them."



Two views of new member Ken Sullivan's 1/700 scale flagship USS Rocky Mount, AGC-3 (1944) built up as the USS Taconic, GC-17 (1946). After-market items included Tom's PE railings, White Ensign PE boat davits, Pit Road WWII Navy equipment set (all guns and lights), a PE radio tower from a PE producer's test batch, and Evergreen styrene stock. Ken also scratchbuilt the Mk. 25 radar. For paint he used acrylic Haze Gray, Deck Blue and various primary colors. Markings came from model railroad stock letters and numbers. Ken adds, "My father served as radioman on this ship during its peacetime transition."

Welcome to Patriot Chapter, Ken!

Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Two views of Mike O'Keefe's 1/35 scale diorama entitled "Tiger Den." The tank is from DML, painted with Model Master acrylics, and weathered with oil and enamel washes, MIG dried pigments and pastels. The figures are from Verlinden, Warriors and Alpine, painted with Vallejo acrylics. The scratchbuilt barn structure was painted with enamels and artist's oils. Mike adds: "The barn was made out of basswood. Each board was first painted with a wash of burnt umber artist's oil and wiped "clean" after it was applied. A wash of aircraft French blue was then applied and also wiped "clean" before it dried; then the piece was put into place. The roof shingles were made by taking a 2-foot strips of 1/2-inch wide piece of basswood, applying the same washes that were used on the barn structure, then cutting the strips into pieces about 1 inch long. I then used a Dremel to thin each piece down. After that I applied a quick wash on the sanded side and then randomly split each of the pieces in half"

Editor's note: I apologize for not getting a shot that shows the roof, but believe me, it looks cool! Please go on to Page 5 for two more views.





Two more views of the "Tiger Den"

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!