



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

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



Another fine piece of work from John Walker, who sent the following: "This is a rare Sherman in that it has the most up to date hull with the older 75mm turret. It is an M4A3E8 75mm (W). That is, it has the Easy Eight suspension with a 75mm armed turret. It has long been known that this version existed with a photo of about 50 lined up in the Phillipines awaiting the invasion of Japan, but there was no photographic evidence that they were used in Europe. Then about two years ago, a couple of photos surfaced showing this variant in use with the HQ company of the 878 TB, 16 AD in Czechoslovakia. My model is based on 'Hardboiled.' The model uses the hull from a DML M4A3E8 105mm with a turret from DML's M4 Composite PTO kit and various odds and ends from the spares box. The paint is Tamiya with pastels and weathering powders. The figure is from a new set from Miniart."

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Minutes from the January Meeting

SECOND Vice President Bill Michaels called the meeting to order at 7:35. About 15 members were present.

Bill reopened the idea of a group outing and noted that at the December meeting we had considered a trip to see the upcoming movie "Redtails." Bill suggested we gather opening weekend at one of the movie theaters in the metro Lowell area.

Bill also briefly discussed ideas for the year-end build. Possible themes included the 60th anniversary of the battle of Guadalcanal, the 100th anniversary of the Titanic, and "As Seen On TV." The latter category would be representations of aircraft, ships, or vehicles as they appeared in TV shows or movies even though they may not have been accurate representations of how they appeared in real life. Examples would be a Northrop F-5 in "Soviet MiG-28" markings from the movie "Top Gun," or an M48 tank painted in WW2 German markings for the movie "Patton." After a few minutes of discussion, the topic was tabled to the next meeting.

Bill and John Touloupis opened a discussion of club finances. In summary, the club is spending money faster than it is coming in, and we face a critical situation by the end of 2012. The members spent several minutes discussing ideas to cut expenses or raise funds. It was noted that the two biggest club expenses are the room rental and the annual December party.

Following the financial discussion, the business portion of the meeting concluded and meeting moved on to Show and Tell. After show and tell 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

Ora Lassila	1/72 Hurricane Mk. I (Hasegawa)
Sonny Levine	1/35 Vietnam War Jeep (Tamiya)
	1/35 M113 (DML)
Bill Michaels	1/24 WWII Jeep (Hasegawa)
	1/72 Nieuport 24 bis (Roden)
John Walker	1/35 M4A3E8 75mm (W) (DML)

Raffle Report

January Winners

Mike Hirsch: 1/48 Cessna T-50 Bobcat
Ken Sullivan: Hasegawa 1/72 F-18 Hornet
Mike O'Keefe: Trumpeter 1/35 AS-90.

We took in \$77 in ticket sales, and thanks to some donations, the prizes we gave out only cost us \$40, so we're starting out the year with a profit of \$37.
—Bill Michaels, 2nd VP

It's Dues Time Again

Well, we're nearly a month into the New Year, which means it's time to renew your Patriot Chapter membership if you haven't already done so. If you've read the minutes above, you know that our current financial situation is pretty tight. I'm confident that we all value our great organization enough to do whatever's necessary to keep it alive and healthy. One way we can all help is to be prompt with our dues payments. Please remember that since we're not presently putting on an annual show/contest, dues payments are the only revenues we generate besides the relatively small proceeds from the raffle. Please plan to have your dues payment ready to present at the upcoming February meeting, or get it in the mail to our treasurer ASAP:

John Touloupis
58 Lawrence Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420

**Thank You, Karen Lippincott
for all the photography in this issue.**

Show and Tell Gallery

Bill Michaels' 1/24 scale WW2 Jeep, built OOB, painted with Tamiya, and weathered with acrylic washes and pastels. Generic USMC markings are a mix of kit decals and spares from the decal stash. Bill adds, "I built this as an accessory to park on a dock I'm building for my 1/24 scale RC PT boat."



Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale Nieuport 24 bis, built mostly OOB but with an added pilot figure from the scrap box and rigging from nylon monofilament. Paint is Polly Scale with a light application of pastels for "taxiing mud." Markings are for a US Air Service gunnery trainer based at Issoudon Training Center, France, summer 1917. Bill adds, "This will eventually be added to my WWI aircraft mobile."

Ora Lassila's 1/72 Hurricane Mk. I.



Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Two views of Sonny Levine's Vietnam War era Jeep diorama.



This photo, taken in Vietnam during the war, shows Sonny with his Jeep, "Outstanding."

Show and Tell Gallery (concluded)

Sonny Levine's 1/35 APC113 diorama. Sonny wanted it to look as if the crew was stopping close to a rice paddy for a rest. The vehicle was built OOB and painted with Tamiya paints. The figures, which came with the kit, were also painted with Tamiya paints except for the girl: since he couldn't find the colors he wanted, Tony primed her first and then painted her with acrylic watercolors. The water was made from acrylic paint mixed with epoxy. The tall grass was made from hemp inserted into pre-drilled holes and cut to size.



Two more views of John Walker's 1/35 M4A3E8 75mm (W) Sherman.



Upcoming Events

- March 18 **MASSCAR 24**, MassCar Model Club, Holiday Inn, 700 Myles Standish Boulevard, Taunton, MA.
Contact Stuart Marcus: marcus_stuart@yahoo.com or 603-382-9724
- March 25 **Valleycon 22**, 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/
- March 31 **Fleet Ops**, model ship building symposium, IPMS Mid-Hudson/HVHMG, East Fishkill Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY
- April 1 **DowneastCon 2012**, IPMS Southern Maine Scale Modelers, Thornton Academy, 438 Maine Street, Saco, ME.
Contact George Bangs: brokenyokefarm@gmail.com or 207-625-8007.
- April 7 **MosquitoCon**, IPMS New Jersey, Wayne PAL, 1 PAL Drive, Wayne, NJ.
Contact Martin Quinn: martinquinn@aol.com or 973-304-0380
- April 15 **BuffCon 29**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Knights of Columbus Club, 2735 Union Road at William Street, Cheektowaga (Buffalo), NY. Contact Dick Schulenburg: dick.schulenburg@excelco.net or 716-934-2161, or go to www.ipmsniagarafrontier.com.
- April 21 **CAN/AM Con 10**, IPMS Champlain Valley, Holiday Inn, 412 State Route 3, Plattsburgh, NY.
Contact Frank Baehre: frankandsandyb@verizon.net or 518-561-4265.
- May 5-6 **NoreastCon 2012**, American Air Power Museum, 1230 New Highway, Farmingdale, NY
For information, go to <http://www.lisms.org>
- August 8-11 **IPMS National Convention**, IPMS IPMS Pelikan, Orlando FL
For information, go to <http://www.ipms2012.org/>
- September 28-29 **AMPSEAST**, IPMS Northeast Military Modelers Association.
For Information, go to <http://www.ipmsmma.org/ampseast/ampseast-future.htm>
- October 7 **Model Festival**, IPMS Stratford, Milford, CT.
- October 20 **HVHMG 2012**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Club Lodge, Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.
For Information, go to <http://www.hvhmg.com/expo.html>
- October 21 **GraniteCon XX**, Granite State Modelers, Nashua Elks Club, 120 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH.
Contact Rodney Currier: nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876.
- November 10 **L.I.A.R.S. Model Car Challenge**, Long Island Auto Replica Society, Freeport, NY
For information, go to <http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars>

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Type of Membership Adult, 1 Year: \$25 Adult, 2 Years: \$49 Adult, 3 Years: \$73

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