



# THE PATRIOT

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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, April 6, 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 April meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



You might think this is the product of somebody's depraved imagination, but in fact it's Ora Lassila's 1/72 representation of the one prototype Hafner Rotabuggy, first test flown in 1943. Designed by Raul Hafner, built by R. Malcolm Ltd., and formally known as the Malcolm Rotaplane or the M. L. 10/42 Flying Jeep, the Rotabuggy was conceived as a way of airdropping vehicles. It was to be towed by an airplane (tests utilized an Armstrong Whitley) and released. Although test results were deemed satisfactory, the Rotabuggy was exhausting and dangerous to fly; it was quickly supplanted by more conventional gliders as they began to appear late in the war.

Ora started with a Hasegawa Willys Jeep and scratchbuilt the tail and rotor using sheet styrene. The model was painted with Humbrol enamels (airbrushed); the markings came from the scrap box. Ora adds, "I built this model when I was about 15 years old, around 1977-78. My parents had kept it, but recently when they moved to a smaller apartment, they wanted to get rid of my old models; I brought several back with me on my last trip to Finland."

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## Minutes from the March Meeting

**C**HAPTER President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. About 20 members were present.

As the first order of business, Dave called for ideas to improve the chapter financial picture. Several ideas were introduced. As an example, Mike Hirsch noted that the London IPMS chapter has a member fee of \$1 per meeting in addition to the annual dues.

Ora Lasilla asked when the chapter last raised dues; Treasurer John Toulupis said it took place three years ago.

John said that the largest expense of the year is the Christmas party, and if we can control the costs of that event we would go a long way towards resolving the chapter's financial issues. Dave suggested that we may want to consider transitioning from the current system of paid take-out food back to a pot luck theme. General consensus was that this is a good idea. The topic was tabled for discussion and decision at a later meeting.

Dave also announced that he is looking into alternative meeting sites, in an effort to save costs.

Bill Michaels announced that he had brought in some old Floquil paints, free for the taking.

Dave moved on to the topic of the December group build. He reviewed the previously suggested topics, and there were some additions. The final list was narrowed to four possibilities:

- Build a pre-1980 kit
- 70th Anniversary of Guadalcanal
- "As Seen on TV"
- "Common Color"

After two rounds of voting, "**As Seen on TV**" was selected as the winner. Theme models should represent subjects that appeared in TV series or movies. These could include specific fictional vehicles

(such as the Batmobile, or spacecraft from Star Trek) or military vehicles/aircraft that appeared in TV series or movies (P-51s marked to represent airplanes shown in "Red Tails" or Corsairs from "Black Sheep Squadron"). Appearances in documentaries or TV news does not qualify.

Following the vote, several visitors introduced themselves to the membership. Two of them joined the chapter at the meeting. We welcome back longtime member and onetime officer Stephan Cardoos, and we welcome our newest member, junior modeler Matthew Fleury.

There was a break to sell raffle tickets, followed by Show and Tell. After Show and Tell the raffle drawing was held, and then the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

## Show and Tell

Dave Hamel .....1/72 DC-2/C-33 (Special Hobby)  
Mike Hirsch ..... 1/144 Boeing Stratocruiser (Minicraft)  
Ora Lassila .....1/72 Hafner "Rotabuggy" (Hasegawa)  
Pip Moss..... 1/48 Fokker Dr.I (Eduard)  
Bart Navarro..... 1/72 Nakajima B5N2 "Kate" (Fujimi)  
1/25 NASCAR Monte Carlo (AMT)

## Raffle Report

March meeting winners:

John Toulupis, Revell 1/72 B-17G  
Matt Fleury, 1/35 Tamiya SdKfz 251/1  
Mike Hirsch, 1/48 Tamiya F4D-1 Skyray.

—Bill Michaels, 2nd Vice President

## Club Announcement

# Chelmsford Senior Center Exhibition

We have been invited to do a model exhibition at the Town of Chelmsford's senior Center.

This invitation is a result of an ongoing attempt to find possible low-cost meeting places. I have recently reached out to the staffs at the Senior Centers in Billerica, Bedford and Chelmsford. A secondary goal was to get the club connected with possible new members. I asked the staffs if they'd be interested in hosting an exhibition, positing a notice about our club meetings, and/or adding our club website to their activities link pages.

We've gotten a great response from the Town of Chelmsford: they are very interested in having us do an exhibition. They are normally closed on weekdays, but are occasionally open on Saturday mornings for special events. They are willing to move their May Veteran's Breakfast, which was going to be on a Thursday, to Saturday Morning on May 19, Armed Forces Day. The breakfast goes from 8:30 to 11:30.

We're looking at this as a low-key affair—not a big effort like what we've done for the National Heritage Museum shows.

The Senior Center will provide us with tables in their main hall, which is described as a "spacious, well-lit space." All we need to do is show up with a variety of models and be ready to chat with the visitors. (Bringing along something to work on would be a good idea, too.)

The Center had originally suggested Saturday, May 19 (Armed Forces Day) as a date. A quick survey of the membership via email determined that a number of us have conflicts on that day, so the Center is going to look at another date. June and July are unavailable, so we're looking at August or later. I will stay in contact with the Center to make sure they don't forget about us.

When the time comes, we will need to get enough members who are willing to commit to bringing a selection of models for display and spending Saturday morning manning the exhibition.

Thanks to everyone who responded to our email poll!

—Bill Michaels, 2nd Vice President

## Show and Tell Gallery



Two views of Dave Hamel's 1/72 scale DC-2/C-33. Dave did a huge amount of extra work on the Specail Hobby kit including major reshaping in the tail area, adding/deleting windows, modifying the cargo hatch area, and scratchbuilding the nose floodlights. He finished the model with Alclad metalizers and used kit decals for a C-33 with the 4th Air Base Squadron, USSAAC, September 1938.



Bart Navarro's 1/25 scale NASCAR Monte Carlo, built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. Bart used the kit decals for Tony Stewart's 2003 Home Depot no. 20.

## Show and Tell Gallery (continued)

Pip Moss's 1/48 scale Fokker Dr. I, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels (black and white) and Mr. Color (RLM 02 for the gray-green areas). The streaked camouflage is MicroSculpt's excellent decals. Other markings are from the Pheon sheet for JGII. Rigging (what there is of it) is .004 inch fishing monofilament for the bracing wires, invisible thread for the control cables, and ceramic rigging material for the inner aileron lines. The model represents a plane flown by Ulrich Neckel of Jasta 12.



Mike Hirsch's 1/144 Boeing 337 Stratocruiser, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamel Gloss White and Alclad metalizers (Aluminum base coat with White Aluminum and Dark Aluminum for contrast).

Bart Navarro's 1/72 scale Nakajima B5N2, built OOB and painted with Gunze acrylics over Alclad metalizer. The plane was weathered using liquid mask. Markings, from the kit, are for a Pearl Harbor attacker based on the carrier Hiryu.



## Upcoming Events

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dick.schulenburg@excelco.net) or 716-934-2161, or go to [www.ipmsniagarafrontier.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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