



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, December 7 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. Please see the Club Notices section on Page 2 for more details.



Here's another cool Bandai Gundam figure from George Caswell. This time it's a Zaku (ground-type) in 1/144 scale. Among the many neat features of the model is the lit eye powered by an LR44 lithium battery stashed in the torso. For more information about the model, see Page 6.

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Minutes from the November Meeting

CHAPTER President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:45. About 15 members were present.

The first order of business was to get a head count for the trip to the USS Constitution. Bill Michaels reported that he had been contacted by the USS Constitution Model Guild. Bill said that the Guild will be having a show in the February/March time frame, and Guild members suggested that we time our trip to coincide with the show. There was a consensus reached that this is a good idea. Dave said that he will contact the museum to work on arrangements.

Dave asked if there is continued interest in restarting Patcon in 2013. There was a brief discussion regarding logistics, but the membership continues to be in favor assuming that we can get an affordable venue. Dave said that if we can secure the venue, he will then call for the establishment of a committee to plan and organize the event. John Touloupis said that there are a number of leftover trophies from previous years, it may be possible to recycle some of them for this Patcon.

Bill Michaels reported on the meeting and exhibition held last month. He said that it went well. The meeting was attended by ten members, but there was a good turnout of visitors. The hall was nice, but traffic was terrible. Bill suggested that we might want to consider this as an alternate location a couple of times each year (particularly in the summer when we might want to meet in an air conditioned facility).

The next topic of discussion was planning for the December party meeting. John Touloupis noted that with just over \$400 in the bank account, we should reduce our expenditures. John suggested we cap it at \$150 for pizza and soda. After some discussion, Bill made a motion that Kurt Kunze will pick up the pizza, Rick Lippincott will get soda, and all members are encouraged to bring in desserts or snacks. The motion was seconded and passed. Additionally, there will be a requested donation for non-members. It was also agreed that there will be a yankee swap, and Bill will bring in the Wings of War combat desktop game.

Nominations for 2013 officers were held: all of the present officers agreed to run for re-election.

That concluded the club business, and the meeting moved 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

George Caswell 1/144 Ground-type Zaku (Bandai)
Mike Hirsch 1/72 Toyota Starter Truck (Hasegaw)
1/144 CP-140 Aurora (LS)
Bill Michaels 1/72 Panther Ausf. G (Revell)
Pip Moss 1/48 F-16C Block 25 (Tamiya)
Mike O'Keefe 1/35 KV-2 (Zvezda)

Club Notices

December Meeting Details

As mentioned on Page 1, the December meeting on the 7th will be our annual holiday party. The club will provide pizza and drinks, but everyone is encouraged to bring desserts or other snacks to round out the feast.

We will have a business meeting, one item of which will be the election of 2012 officers. As stated in the minutes, all of this year's officers are willing to serve another year; but we'll open the nominations again before voting in case anybody else is interested in helping us out as an E-board member.

Show-and-Tell will feature, but won't be restricted to, models built for this year's theme: **As Seen on TV**.

You won't want to miss our annual Yankee Swap. It's a lot of fun, and everybody who participates will end up with a present to take home. To take part in the Swap, you just need to bring a wrapped present to the meeting. Suggested price is \$20 or less, but it's really up to you. We'll explain how it all works at the meeting.

Finally, Bill Michaels will be bringing the ever popular Wings of War game for all you Red Baron wannabes. All in all, it'll be a fun evening; we hope to see all of you there!

Richard Rycroft's Passing

I'm sad to report that Richard Rycroft, a Patriot Chapter member for a number of years, passed away this past month after a protracted illness. A resident of Lexington, MA, Richard served as a firefighter in that town for 32 years. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Besides model building, Richard enjoyed cooking, watching sports, planning vacations, and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife Janet, his brother Donald, two sons, one daughter and five grandchildren. Richard was active with our club a few years ago and served as a vice president at one time, although his failing health kept him from participating recently. I'm sure the whole membership joins me in sending our condolences and best wishes to the Rycroft family.

Show and Tell Gallery



Two views of Mike O'Keefe's 1/35 scale KV-2. Mike used metal tracks from Friulmodel. He painted it with Model Master acrylics and weathered it with artist's oils and MIG pigments.



Mike Hirsch's 1/144 scale CP-140 Aurora, a Canadian version of the P-3 Orion, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. Markings are for 407 Squadron of the Canadian Armed Forces. Mike describes the decals as "a royal pain—very thick and reluctant to leave the paper." He adds, "The Aurora was the replacement for the Canadair CP-107 Argus and entered service in 1979."

Show and Tell Gallery (continued)

Another view of Mike Hirsch's CP-140



Two views of Bill Michaels' 1/72 scale PzKpfw V Panther Ausf. G. Bill added photo-etched air intake screens. He painted the model with Polly Scale acrylics and used decals from the kit. The base was made with model railroad supplies.



Show and Tell Gallery (concluded)

Two views of Pip Moss's 1/48 scale F-16C Block 25, built OOB, with the exception of Eduard photo-etched seat belts, ejection handles and instrument panel faces, and painted with Model Master enamels. The nozzle is various shades of Alclad. The model was weathered with washes, post-shading and a Tamiya weathering kit for the burnt metal. Markings, using kit, SuperScale, Afterburner and home-printed decals, are for "In the Mood," serial 84-1315, 496th TFS, 50th TFW, Hahn AB, Germany, 1987-89. Loadout is for a typical ATG training mission: AMA pod (reworked from a Hasegawa AIM-9B), SUU-20 practice bomblet dispensers (Hasegawa), 370-gallon wing tanks (kit), ALQ-131 ECM pod (Hasegawa), and captive AIM-9M (kit).



Mike Hirsch's 1/72 scale Toyota starter truck, built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. Mike adds, "these trucks were in service since 1938 to start aircraft engines: Fighters often had no electric starters or batteries in order to save weight. I did this model as a challenge: a one-day (rainy) build."

More about George Caswell's Zaku

George supplied the following information about this project, which was definitely not built OOB:

Xtramarket Items

- springs and beads for the power cables
- vinyl poly caps for hinges at ankles and other joints

Paint

- Testors Model Master enamels
- Mr. Color primer and topcoat

Markings

- "MS-06" is the Zaku; "06J" is the land type.
- The chevron identifies the pilot as a corporal.
- The color scheme is "as seen on TV" for S.E. Asia forces.

Decals

- Archer stencil dry transfers (backpack)
- Various Bandai sheets (insignia, numbers, cheesecake art)
- Generic stripes (hands)

Addition information

In trying to level out the decals, I sanded "Zaku Lady's" arm off. Replaced it with an arm from another marking design, having run out of Zaku Ladies.

"Zaku Lady" text is hand-painted—out of scale (first attempt on a model)? Who paints cheesecake art so well and captions it so sloppily?

The halftoned decals are awful.

Zakus' machine guns have pan magazines. This particular Zaku is the version designed in 1995; the magazine is offset from the centerline of the weapon. It doesn't really make sense, but this build is kind of an homage to the kit's vintage, so I kept it.

The shield was originally hollow-filled and detailed back side. I added an attachment point for the "tomahawk" melee weapon, but the attachment point broke after Granitecon.

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