



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, March 1, 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 March meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show- and-Tell, and a raffle.



Tony D'Anjou took this 1/24 diecast 1936 Dodge pickup truck and repainted it using Model Master enamels. The result: a real eyecatcher!

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Minutes from the February Meeting

CHAPTER President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:45. About 20 members were present.

The first order of business was Patcon. Dave noted that the club had not yet named a chairman for the organizing committee, but acknowledged that he has been acting in that role. He volunteered to formally accept the position. There was a motion to make Dave the chairman, it was seconded, and there were no objections.

Dave noted that the Elks club has offered, as part of the rental, to do the table set-up and take-down. This was welcome news to those who remember the process of taking down/setting up chairs at the Lowell VFW.

Further discussion of Patcon details was deferred until they had been resolved at the next meeting of the Patcon organizing committee.

The next item of business was the planned March 9 field trip to the USS Constitution. Dave said that there will be further details forthcoming. About eight to ten members present expressed an intent to go on the trip.

The discussion then moved on to the topic of the December group build. Bill Michaels suggested we come up with as many ideas of possible, with the intent of narrowing them down and voting at the March club meeting.

Ideas presented include the following (note that the ideas are open to refinement and adjustment if needed):

Evolution. This theme would require building two kits, representing an advance in technology. Each would represent two versions of a similar subject, but with an advance in technology. For example, USS Enterprise CV-6 and USS Enterprise CVN-65, P-38 Lightning and F-35 Lightning II,

Fabulous 50s: Anything that was built in the 1950s.

Korean War (2013 is the 60th anniversary of the end of the war)

What If ... Speculative models of subjects that never reached production, for example Luftwaffe 1946

Fabulous Flops: Ideas that made it into production but just didn't quite succeed as well as hoped. Ford Edsel, B-36 Peacemaker, C-5A Galaxy, Brewster Buffalo.

NATO (to include present day NATO members): NATO members or US equipment based in NATO nations

Cold War (1947-1990)

Unlucky 13: Items using the number 13, or ill-fated subjects such as the Comet, Titanic, or both such as Apollo 13

Photo Finnish: All Finish subjects

First and Last: First production item in a series, and the last.

After ten items, there was a motion to close suggestions. It was seconded, and there were no objections. As stated above, the list will be discussed and narrowed down for a final decision at the March club meeting.

This completed the business portion of the meeting. There was a brief break for the sale of raffle tickets, followed by Show-and-Tell. The raffle followed Show-and-Tell, and then the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

Show and Tell

Tony D'Anjou1/24 1936 Dodge Pickup (Spec. Cast.)
Pip Moss.....1/48 Bf 109G-2 (Hasegawa)
Dave Schmidt..... 1/32 P-40E and 1940 Ford parts (Revell/Lin.)

Raffle Report

February winners

Mike O'Keefe: 1/35 Tamiya Cromwell
Alan Beeber: 1/48 Tamiya Fw 190D-9
Pip Moss: 1/48 Eduard Mirage IIIC
Mike Hirsch: 1/72 DML Churchill Mk. IV

We sold \$74 in tickets, and we only paid \$63 for the prizes, so we made \$11, bringing our year-to-date total to \$29.

—Bill Michaels, Vice President

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN

It's time to renew your Patriot Chapter membership if you haven't already done so. Please plan to have your dues payment of \$20 ready to present at the upcoming March meeting, or get it in the mail to our treasurer ASAP:

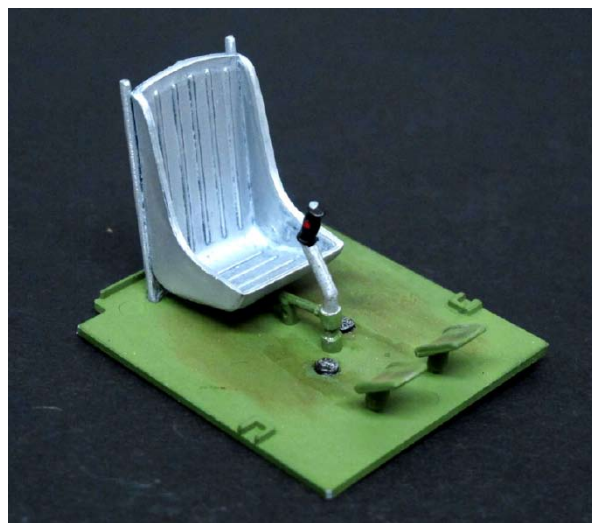
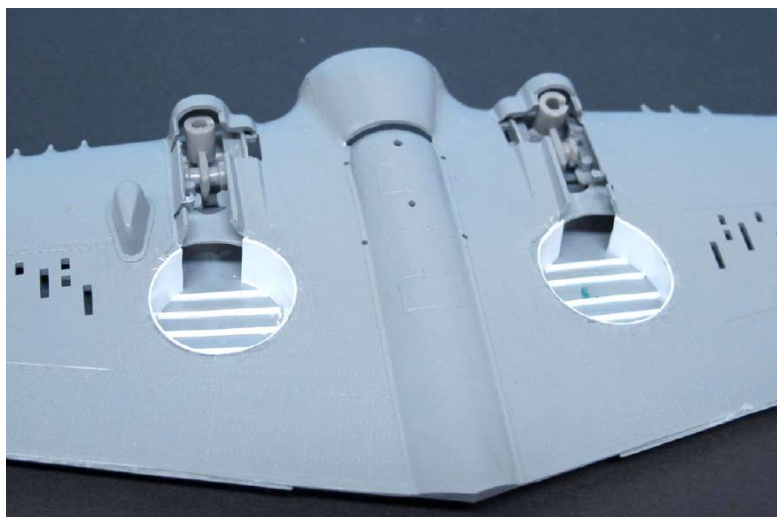
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Show and Tell Gallery



Three views of Pip Moss's 1/48 scale Bf 109G2. The kit cockpit was replaced with a resin set from Model Design Construction, and the spinner was replaced with a resin item from Eagle Editions. Paint is Model Master, Floquil and Aeromaster enamels. Markings, from Eagle Strike and Aeromaster, are for the plane flown in Russia by Johannes "Macky" Steinhoff, group commander of II/JG 52 from March 1942 to February 1943. Special thanks to George Morrison for a lot of helpful information and photos. Of note are the heavy mottling of RLM 74 on the rear fuselage, the dense mottle on the cowling (achieved by dabbing with a small Microbrush), and the upper wing crosses without black outlines.

Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



These are WIP shots of Dave Schmidt's current project, a 1/32 diorama which will feature a P-40E and a 1940 Ford roadster. Hopefully we'll be seeing the finished product before too long!

Show and Tell Gallery (concluded)



Two more views of Tony D'Anjou's 1/24 scale 1936 Dodge pickup truck.



IPMS Region 1 Update

Greetings from the man cave (it's warmer down here next to the boiler). Just a few items this month.

First of all, we are now **fully** rechartered—everybody has completed the necessary steps. Thanks to everybody who made the effort to get this done.

Second, I have made a few corrections to the Calendar . I have attached it for your reference.

Third, I have received a couple of nomination packages for Chapter, Newsletter, and Webmaster of the year. If you plan to nominate somebody or your chapter, I need to forward my endorsements

up to National by mid-March. Please please please don't wait until the last minute, so I have time to review the nominations fully.

Finally, I have the show flyer from NJIPMS for MosquitoCon. If any of you in the Southern portion of the region want a copy let me know. The show is April 6 in Wayne, NJ.

Doc's Modeling Top Tip: Try not to use CA glue while you have an itchy nose ...

Until next time, Happy Modeling.

That is All.

Semper FI.

—Doc Wiseman, LC-1

Question of the Month

Winter Check-In and Look Ahead: Tell us about your current projects — what you're working on and how it's (they're) going. Also, what are your plans for other projects you hope to get to this year?

My goal is to finish the pile of "As Seen on TV" kits sitting in the corner, plus something to enter into the contest at Patcon. I am at a point where I have to pick up the airbrush, but it's still too cold to go into the garage.

—Alan Beeber

For the better part of 2012 I've been focused on teaching painting and sculpting classes and seminars at the school and college levels, so my model building time has been less than what I would choose. These classes do allow me to introduce our hobby to the public, which has been rewarding. I've got a life-sized bust sculpt of Smilodon, the extinct saber tooth cat, that is a work-in-progress along with two scale dioramas. 2013 should see me with a bit more time.

—Robert Butler

In final stages of completion is the Tamiya 1/48 P-47D razorback that I converted to C-5 #41-6347 using the Lone Star resin belly keel and fuel tank. The subject is O'Neil's "Lil Abner" of the 56th FG as it appeared during during August/September 1943. I am very excited about the build and hope folks will learn something about the P-47C model and the first combat usage of drop tanks.

—David Hamel

I have a few things on the bench at the moment: a 1/72 P-51 in Israeli markings and a 1/48 Supermarine Spitfire in 1/48. The Mustang is up to paint, and the Spitfire is not far behind. A few plans for the upcoming year: I have a 1/48 Supermarine S.6B that is migrating upwards in the build column, as is a conversion of the Spitfire Vb to one with floats. I would like to get a few Seafires done, too ... perhaps the new 1/48 Seafang as well.

For some reason, I feel like doing something big—perhaps an air/sea rescue version of the B-17 in 1/72 or an RAF bomber. The 1/48 Beaufighter is casting "come hither" looks at me, too.

I have plans for the shop, too! The ceiling and floor need paint—might as well make the "Mike Cave" brighter and more comfortable. I also feel the need to construct another couple of cases for beer. I will keep everyone posted about the ensuing spring grilling session.

—Mike Hirsch

I'm currently working on a 1/32 Tamiya F-4J Phantom II that I'm converting to an F-4S. It will be finished in a Ferris-Heater camouflage scheme with VF-301 markings. It should be going into the paint shop in the next 2-to-3 weeks, and I'm hoping to have it done by the end of March.

Next up should be a 1/32 Trumpeter F-14D Tomcat, provided that I can coax myself into building another Trumpeter kit!

—John McCormick

Here's my latest: Bf-110G-4 (started about 1984). Hope to finish my He 111P-2 (started about 1995) sometime in 2013.

—Ol' Modeler Bill Koster



I am currently working on the Tamiya 1/48 scale SdKfz 251/1 Ausf D "Stuka Zu Fuss." Also on the bench and painted are the Hobby Boss 1/700 scale USS Los Angeles and Typhoon. I started the Tamiya 1/35 scale B1 bis at the February meeting.

—Kurt Kunze

Several projects are nearing completion, all in 1/72 scale: NASA's Ikhana drone (modified MQ-9 Reaper, Italeri kit), Heinkel He 162 (Dragon), P-39Q ("Cobra II" conversion, Academy), Hurricane Mk. I (Hasegawa), and Klemm L.25 (Huma). Also, I am debating what to do with a nearly completed Airfix Spitfire PR.XIX; panel lines on this new Airfix kit are far too heavy, something I didn't really understand until after airbrushing the entire aircraft with PRU Blue.

Currently, my only humble hope is to complete more models than last year. Probably not unrealistic, since I only managed to finish one.

—Ora Lassila

I had two other ideas for the December group build, one (Bain's C-130 from the most recent Batman movie) is nearly complete. The other is an old kit of the "Blue Thunder" helicopter. I am also going to try tackling my first resin kit, a Lockheed JetStar.

—Rick Lippincott

Not a particularly active club member, but I am working on a Hasegawa 1/72 F-14A. I'm going to try to paint it in the low-visibility paint scheme which involves three barely different shades of grey and not-as-prominent ID numbers and letters. Given my lack of experience with airbrushing, etc., this will probably keep me busy for a while, but I'm looking forward to it.

—Chris Tolley

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Question of the Month (continued)

I'm trying to finish a pair of models that I originally thought I'd be bringing to the January meeting. (!) Progress has been greatly slowed because it has been quite cold in the basement, so I haven't spent much time down there lately. But that didn't keep me from starting two others!

All told, I've got four projects underway simultaneously. The main one is the Tamiya 1/48 scale Il-2 Sturmovik—a fabulous kit. I've started painting and hope to have it ready for March. As a side project, I have the Tamiya 1/48 Soviet Gaz (jeep-like) vehicle. It is decalced and waiting to be flat coated—I'll do it when the airbrush is loaded to do another model. My goal is to display the two Soviet subjects together.

I'm also working on the Tamiya 1/48 US Army 2 1/2 ton truck. It is painted and in the decaling stage. Finally, I'm plugging away on the Italeri "American Aces" Spitfire Mk XIX. This is the Occidental mold, reboxed by Italeri with a deluxe decal sheet. I'm building it OOB—a "slammer"—just something to do while I wait for for stuff to dry on the other projects. —**Bill Michaels**

I plan on completing at least one kit this year to get back into building. —**Bob Maxwell**

I've extracted several Fw 190s in "nearly-done" state from the piles, with the intention of finishing them as Spring arrives. Repairing a broken undercarriage leg has slowed down Buchholz's A-3 from 5./JG 1, and warmer weather is a requisite for my airbrushing. Given my dismal completion rate, I've sworn off buying anything new until some of the oldest ones are finis—and two of them include ancient Monogram and Fujimi dogs. Some claim life is too short to deal with crappy kits, so I wonder about this self-imposed policy. But so far, I've successfully resisted temptation(s). —**George Morrison**

Working on a 1933 Fleetwood, Italeri kit. Hope to be done by next meeting. —**Bart Navarro**

I'm currently working (mostly) on the following in 1/72: 2 Hasegawa F9F-2s, 1 Academy F6F Hellcat, 1 Hasegawa F6F Hellcat, 1 Heller F-84G, 1 Airfix F2H Banshee.

These are all fairly decent kits, I think. On all except the Banshee, the fuselages are together and the wings are on, and I'm doing the final filling and sanding prior to priming. The Banshee's fuselage is together, and I'm working out how to best do the wings.

I also started working on a Monogram F7F again. I'm figuring out how to do the exhaust pipes. I've also many others in various stages of completion (too many to list here). I hope to finish some of them this year! —**Jim Qualey**

Currently I'm working on completing two dioramas: the P-40E /Ford convertible, and the H-16 Floatplane. The H-16 needs rigging completed, figures reworked and painted, and base fabricated. The P-40 needs assembly, paint, etc., and a base.

My goal after that is to finish all models in various states of completion. An Fw 190 needs to be decalced and final bits added, two planes (Bf 109F and Hurricane) are built and primed and need paint and decals, and a P51-B needs final assembly, paint, etc.

I won't start anything new until I complete these projects. At least this is my plan. Although ... a ship would be nice ...

—**Dave Schmidt**

I have declared 2013 to be The Year of the Carrier! WIPs:

1/700 USS Hornet CV-8, Doolittle raid—75%, needs paint, 20mm aa, aircraft. I believe I will dress up the hanger deck with Wildcats, since the flight deck will have bombers.

1/700 USS Wasp LHD-1 (modern attack carrier)—approx 75%, needs paint and aircraft.

On deck unstarted: 1/700 USS Princeton LPH-5; 1/700 USS Wasp CV-18 (Dragon kit I am dying to get at).

Back Burner WIP: 1/700 USS Mass—tedious PE work going on; 1/72 DeHavilland Mosquito—75%, needs paint rescue and decals; 1/72 Hawker Tempes—needs paint rescue and decals.

Facilities WIP: Building a hobby room in the basement, which only needs some constructive organization and shelving. The walls are pink, which is not manly and must be painted as soon as it's warm out. Also building a spray booth out of a stove-top exhaust fan. —**Ken Sullivan**

My current modeling goal is to make time to build. My first project this year is a 5 unit spine car used by railroads to transport 40 ft. trailers or 28/40 ft. containers. This kit is a little different from most in that the bulk of the railroad car frame is die cast, so that no hidden weights need to be used for accurate tracking. I used a flexible "grabby" adhesive to glue the styrene parts to the painted die cast part—Canopy Glue. This glue will not fail once cured—the paint sticks to the glue, but pulls away from the metal frame.

The five railroad cars went together well in five 2-hour evening sessions. They are ready for weathering. With any luck I'll be able to get them ready for the March meeting.

Then I have to get on the M113A1 that Benjamin won last month. I need to fix the external exhaust vent for the paint booth first. —**Harry Vig**

Upcoming Events

- March 2 **Hands-On Seminar**, IPMS Central Connecticut, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Buckingham Congregational Church, 16 Cricket Lane, Glastonbury, CT. Contact Boyd Brown: bbrowniii0369@yahoo.com or 860-942-4231
- March 17 **MASSCAR 25**, MassCar Model Club, Holiday Inn, 700 Myles Standish Boulevard, Taunton, MA.
Contact Stuart Marcus: marcus_stuart@yahoo.com or 603-382-9724
- March 23 **Driver's Ed (Seminar Day)**, IPMS Mid Hudson Valley, East Fishkill Community Library, Hopewell Jct., NY
- March 24 **Valleycon 23**, 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 6 **MosquitoCon 23**, IPMS New Jersey, Wayne PAL, Wayne, NJ
- April 7 **DowneastCon 2013**, IPMS Southern Maine Scale Modelers, Thornton Academy, 438 Maine Street, Saco, ME.
Contact George Bangs: brokenyokefarm@gmail.com or 207-625-8007.
- April 13 **CAN/AM Con II**, IPMS Champlain Valley, Camel's Hump Middle School, 173 School St., Richmond, VT.
- April 13 **RepLIcon XXVI**, Long Island Scale Modelers, Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Rd., Freeport, NY
- April 14 **BuffCon 30**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Amherst, NY
- May 3-4 **NoreastCon 2013**, IPMS Rochester, Radisson Inn, 175 Jefferson Rd., Rochester, NY
Contact Ken Brent: kenneth.brent@kodak.com or 585-342-7098.
- August 14-17 **IPMS/USA National Convention**, IPMS Denver, Loveland, CO
- September 15 **Patcon 2013**, IPMS Patriot, Hudson Elks Lodge 959, Hudson, MA
- September 26-27 **ArmorCon**, NMMA, Danbury, CT
- October 19 **HVHMG Exhibition & Contest**, Elks Club Hall, 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY
- October 20 **GraniteCon XXI**, Granite State Modelers, Nashua Elks Club, 120 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH.
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