



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

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



We've been waiting a while for a new model from Mike O'Keefe, and he finally delivered with this neat 1/35 scale setting of a GMC CCKW353 with 40mm Bofors mount. The model was built OOB, painted with various acrylics, and weathered with MIG pigments and artist's oils. Added items include brass shell casings, bag and canteens. Markings, from the kit, are for the Free French 3rd Armored Division. See Page 5 for more pictures showing Mike's excellent work with the hedgerow and other vegetation.

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Minutes from the May Meeting

CHAPTER President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8 pm. About 15 members were present.

Dave began with an update on Patcon. The floor plan is taking shape, the awards are on order and should be in next week, and overall things are going well.

Dave announced that the club has uncovered some 2005 Patcon leftover trophies, he encouraged members to take some home.

He also again requested that all members continue to push on trophy pack sales. Trophy pack purchase can be done online through the chapter website, or by check payable to IPMS Patriot Chapter, via John Touloupis.

Pip Moss asked for a clarification of club purchases of trophy packs for upcoming contests. It was determined that the E-board had agreed to purchase a trophy pack for NoreastCon, but as of yet there had been no decision on a purchase of a trophy pack for the Nationals. No action was taken at the meeting.

That concluded the business portion of the meeting, and the proceedings moved directly to Show and Tell. After Show and Tell there was a brief break for the sale of raffle tickets. This was followed by the raffle, and after the raffle the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

Show and Tell

Tony D'Anjou 1/48 T-28A (Monogram)
Matt Fleury..... 1/48 Me 262 (Hobbyboss)
Mike O'Keefe 1/35 GMC with 40mm Bofors (Hobbyboss)
Pip Moss..... 1/48 MiG-3 early version (Trumpeter)

Raffle Report

May winners:

Bill Michaels, 1/48 Accurate Miniatures TBM-3 Avenger
Alan Beeber, 1/35 Alan Marder IID
Mike Hirsch, Revell 1/35 BMW R-12 with sidecar

We sold \$54 in tickets, and we only paid \$35 for the prizes, so we made \$19, taking our year to date total to \$86.

The Patcon Raffle Committee is open for business. We'll happily take hobby-related donations anytime, but we can only take kits that are complete and unstarted. The raffle will be an important part of the cash flow for the show—the more stuff we have, the more tickets we'll sell. Just contact Alan Beeber or Bill Michaels to donate.

—Bill Michaels, Vice President

IPMS Region 1 Update

Greetings sports fans and welcome to spring (finally).

We had another successful NoreastCon hosted by Rochester Historic Modelers. Preliminary numbers are 107 exhibitors and 470 entries. The level of work on the tables was awesome. My thanks and congratulations to Rocon Boys for a job well done. I would also like to congratulate Tom Faith of Niagara Frontier for his Judges Best In Show-winning LCM. The level of detail and workmanship on Tom's piece was phenomenal.

In other awards, the Chapter of the Year for 2012 is Long Island Scale Modelers Society, and Member of the Year is Bob Demaio.

Next year we're heading back to Long Island and the American Airpower Museum on the first weekend of May. I have been assured that this will be a Friday- Saturday format. Details will be sent out as they become available.

Until next time,
Happy Modeling

—Doc Wiseman, LC-1

Show and Tell Gallery



Two views of Tony D'Anjou's 1/48 scale T-28A, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. Decals are from the kit. Tony adds, "All the decals except one broke into multiple pieces. Lots of weight in the nose."



Junior modeler Matt Fleury's 1/48 scale Me 262A-1b, an experimental type powered by BMW 003 gas turbines (the same engine used on the Heinkel He 162), in markings of the only one known to have been built. Matt built the model OOB and painted it with Tamiya acrylics.

Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Another view of Matt Fleury's Me 282A-1b

Two views of Pip Moss's 1/48 scale MiG-3 early version. The cockpit was enhanced with photo-etched parts from an Eduard set. The exhaust areas were modified (the protruding lips above and below were removed and the forward fairings were reduced in size) to more closely approximate the early configuration. The grossly overdone rib detail in the control surfaces was filled and smoothed. The radio mast, almost exactly half the proper length, was replaced with a part from an ICM kit. Paints, mixed to replicate the slightly different shades used for wood and metal areas, were mixed from Model Master enamels. Kit decals were used for the stars; the tail numbers were computer drawn from profiles found online at sovietwarplanes.com and custom printed by Fireball Modelworks. The model replicates a plane flown by 401 IAP (Fighter Aviation Regiment), Moscow front, 1941. 401 IAP was an elite unit made up of test pilots, that went into action on 30 June 1941. It was formed on initiative of Hero of the Soviet Union Stepan Suprun, its first commander, who died in combat on 4 July 1941.



Show and Tell Gallery (concluded)



Three more views of Mike O'Keefe's 1/35 scale GMC CCKW353 with 40mm Bofors



Question of the Month

What's on your Shelf of Doom? What's been there the longest? Any particular tales of shame?

Shelf of Doom, Shelf of Shame, Shelf of Ignominy—great topic, here are mine:

1/48 Classic Airframe Meteor Mk.8, 1/48 Trumpeter F-100D, 1/48 Revell F-86D, 1/48 Tamiya F-84 Thunderjet, 1/48 Roden Bristol Fighter, 1/48 Hasegawa Rufe, 1/48 Hasegawa Val, 1/32 Revell P-47D

1/35 Tamiya King Tiger, 1/35 AFV Club M5 Stuart, 1/32 '39 Chevy

Revell Starwars Republic Star Destroyer, Revell Starwars X Wing, Scratchbuilt Space Tug, Scratchbuilt Sci-Fi motorbike

The F-86D is the oldest, started 1998. I am not into jets at present, hence the four, and not sci-fi, so that's those four. The Rufe and Val will be finished this year and possibly the King Tiger. And I will continue to build WW2 fighters for the foreseeable future.

—**Roger Brown** (UK, courtesy of Mike Hirsch)

Hello Chaps. What an excellent idea! This provides me with some welcome relief from the show admin and hassles (two traders haven't sent their insurance and have gone AWOL). My list is long and distinguished!

These ones are completely stopped—any help appreciated:

- Frog/Russian pressing 1/72 Shackleton AEW2—abandoned because of difficulties in mating up vacuform canopies which go brown very quickly
- Airfix 1/72 Sunderland—ditto, but will use Falcon canopies and hope to restart soon
- Airfix 1/72 B-29 Superfortress—wrecked by Marcus when he was under two, and will eventually be restored in an Olive Drab/Neutral Gray scheme
- HMS London—being converted from Airfix 1/600 HMS Suffolk, but stalled because of difficulty of scratchbuilding funnels/stacks
- Azur 1/72 Potez 630 (review kit)—vacuform canopy again
- KP MB-200 French bomber—canopy masking chore, worse than Roger's Lancaster!
- Tamiya 1/48 Jagdpanther—need to start this again: I recently painted 1/72 Armourfast ones for Marcus and enjoyed them
- Tamiya 1/35 Panther—wheels need masking and painting

Stuff that Marcus and I have assembled and awaits painting/spraying/masking: Revell Dornier 17Z, Hasegawa P-38, Italeri F-15E, PM Su-15 Flagon, Italeri P-51D, Heller Ju 87, Revell Sopwith Camel, Revell S.E.5a, Academy German refueling vehicles.

Stuff that has been started and is underway, but work stopped due to other commitments: Hasegawa 1/48 F4G, White Ensign 1/700 HMS Renown, Tamiya 1/700 HMS Nelson, Skywave 1/700 HMS Onslow, Airfix 1/600 HMS Hood (it's the brass railings that scare me!).

Stuff making very slow and intermittent progress: Frog Blenheim I, MPM Defiant NFII, metal model of Robert the Bruce, Hobbyboss

P-47D, ICM Spitfire VII, Airfix 1/72 Vickers Valiant, Eduard 1/32 Me 109E4, Hasegawa Ju 87D,

These ones are underway but progress is too slow owing to lack of modeling time: Airfix 1/72 Vulcan, Mosquito XVIII, Mosquito VI and Hurricane.

I am sure there are many more out there!

—**Jonathan Burns** (UK)

Well now, not too much shame here yet, but a few twinges of embarrassment ...

A couple of years ago I started full bore on the Monogram P-51B—stalled out due to distractions, pure and simple. I got caught up with the variety of theme builds ... so it goes. I have to get a new set of decals as the old ones are cracked; once I have a finish that grabs my limited attention span I will get it done.

I also have a 1/144 Catalina Black Cat that was to be in the Navy build, but it got caught up in minutiae—fixing the nose turret and wondering how to mask those side blisters! It'll get done soon, too, I hope. Famous last words.

There might be a couple more, but these will surface when I get my stash out of the storage sacks and back on the shelves. At least the project of overhauling the cave, model room and storage shelves did not end up as "Shelves of Doom" themselves!

—**Mike Hirsch**

Let's see, currently on the bench and being worked on are the Tamiya 1/48 scale SdKfz 251 ausf D "Stuka Zu Fuss," 1/35 scale B1 bis, Revell 1/72 scale M997 HMMWV Ambulance, Hobby Boss 1/700 scale USS Los Angeles and Typhoon, and the other Sky Wave 1/700 scale LST. I started the Dragon M2 (half-track) at the last meeting. So maybe these don't count, especially the Tamiya kits as they are very near to done.

On the actual Shelf of Doom are Revell 1/144 scale C-5 Galaxy, Italeri 1/72 scale Kfir, ESCI 1/72 F-4F Phantom II and Leopard I A1A1, Skyline 1/144 scale Boeing 737-300, Arii 1/144 scale CP-140 Aurora, Welsh Models 1/144 scale Saab 340B, and the most doomed of all: the Rare Planes IA-58 Pucará. I have been feeling the urge to continue on the Phantom despite the fact that I have much nicer kits of this bird in the stash. I want to strip the 737 and repaint it. Some of these models have been on the Shelf since the Bedford Library days.

—**Kurt Kunze**

My Shelf of Doom is extensive and spans back over 10 years. Some notable "inhabitants" of this shelf:

- Revell's 1/72 Blohm & Voss 222, a huge flying boat—75% done.
- Large number of 1/72 single-engined WW2 fighters—anywhere from 25% to 90% done.
- Broplan's 1/72 vacuform Hansa-Brandenburg W.33—50% done.

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- Frog's 1/72 Fokker F.VII single-engined conversion, lots of scratch-built components—75% done.
- Various, mostly civilian aircraft (e.g. Huma's 1/72 Klemm 25—50% done).

Oldest: Airfix 1/72 Fiat G.50, started in the late 1990s—about 50% done. —**Ora Lassila**

My oldest shelf-of-doom project is the Testors 1/48 C-130. I started it in 1985. Why the delay? Three big reasons. The first reason is that the kit features all of the errors of the 1/72 scale Testors C-130s, but bigger. I got bogged down trying to correct some of them. The second big reason is that we've moved twice since I started work on the kit, and it's in different boxes. The third reason? I have no idea where I'm going to put it when it's done.

My next-oldest shelf-of-doom is the Revell 1/32 Me-262. I started working on this back when Bill Koster was Chapter President: I remember doing bits of it over at his house when he had the Tuesday night group build sessions. Why the delay? I had some grandiose plans for detailing it, which I wasn't able to do at the time as it would have meant extensive scratchbuilding beyond my skill. In the intervening years, I've found a set of brass parts that do most everything I wanted to do, so there's hope. I'm going to try to get back at it this year. Really. —**Rick Lippincott**

The only unfinished kit that I have is my current build, which is a 1/32 scale Trumpeter F-14D Tomcat. For some reason, I always finish what I start, no matter how painful ... :-)

—**John McCormick**

I recently sold off a bunch of SoD kits that had been mocking me for a long while, taking my SoD from 21 down to seven. All I have left now are a trio of ships, a tank, and three planes:

- 1/48 Roden Gladiator: an unfinished cross dresser—paint problems require a strip and complete repaint.
- 1/72 Roden F2B Bristol Fighter: major construction error (forgot to install the engine before closing up the fuselage), may never finish it.
- 1/72 Minicraft B-24J: better kit is now available
- 1/35 Tamiya M10: old motorized kit, needs decals
- 1/48 Glencoe 36-ft. motor lifeboat: (Tom Babbins's estate)
- 1/64 Lindberg Schooner: started for the "New Author" contest at FineScale Modeler. Shelved when I realized how much work this was going to be.
- 1/350 Minicraft USCGC Eagle: rigging a sailing ship in 1/350 is best done in very small doses.

At 15+ years, the Tamiya 1/35 M10 Tank Destroyer is the oldest kit on the SoD. I built it in the late 90s before I had really gotten back into the hobby—my occasional plastic builds were in support of my RC boat projects. The model is built and painted. It only needed to be decaled when I set it aside in 1998 or so. I had recently started reading rec.models.scale and realized that I couldn't apply decals over flat paint, but had never gloss-coated a model. (It would be a few more years before I learned about Future.) The model has sat

in the box all these years, as the RC boat project never materialized, and I had learned how inaccurate that old kit was.

Another kit that is unlikely to be finished is the Minicraft 1/72 B-24J. I originally started this kit because it only cost \$30, versus the \$75 for the Hasegawa kit. But then I picked up a Hasegawa kit for \$30 at a show. Now I'm thinking that since I'm only likely to build one B-24, it should be the Hasegawa kit. —**Bill Michaels**

You mean, we're supposed to FINISH these things? How many is "too many" unfinished? My current projects are some (note, I did not admit 'six') ancient 1/72 Monogram Bf 110Es from 1967 that I fished from a box. One I've converted using spare parts left over from a new Eduard 110E that a friend finished. I also have a pair of the 1/72 Fujimi 110C/Ds going, and I'm ignoring, as usual, the new-vintage kits of the same subject (I own 1/48 Fujimi, Cyber Hobby, Eduard and Mono-vell Bf 110D/D/E/G, but feel compelled to build/paint the oldies first). This omits mention of a menagerie of tracked beasts, my USS Monitor & CSS Virginia pair, ancient Aurora Knights, U-boote, the Tamiya A6M2s I have built, puttied, sanded, painted—but no decals yet ... See? Two times too many.

—**George Morrison**

I've never had a great number of models on my Shelf, and last year I forced myself to complete the three projects that had sat there the longest time—an Accurate Miniatures Il-2, a Hasegawa 1/48 D3A1 Val, and an AMTA-20G Havoc—all of which had been started sometime in the 90s. Now there are just two residents, neither of which I'm likely to complete because I just can't disregard the major shape inaccuracies I now recognize.

One is a Hasegawa 1/48 Ki-43-II that I started as a companion build this past year with the Fine Molds kit. By the time I had the fuselages together, the strange, hump-backed shape of the Hasegawa fuselage and the misshapen engine cowl became apparent, so I set it aside and completed just the Fine Molds. I have a Fine Molds Ki-43-III in the stash and am unlikely to build any more Oscars after that. I'll throw away the Hasegawa kit. Soon. I mean it. Seriously.

The other is an Academy 1/48 F-14A which I'd had in the stash for years and finally decided to build even in the face of online criticisms of the nose shape. The cockpit and fuselage are completed with the wings painted and installed. A couple of weeks ago, after procrastinating for a few months, I started to try to correct the terrible panel lines (they're largely missing or fictitious) in the forward fuselage. I was in the LHS and found a Revell/Monogram F-14A kit for short money. I bought it, thinking it might be useful at least for reference. I got one side re-scribed with the help of the R/M kit and some profiles I found online; but then, as the two kits sat side by side, it finally came home to me just how bloated the Academy nose is, and a little voice started to whisper in my ear: "You're probably only going to build one Tomcat in your lifetime—is this the kit you really want to do?" Answer: I just won an eBay auction for a Hasegawa F-14A and will start it soon. Good night, Academy. The R/M kit? Who knows? —**Pip Moss**

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I have three (that I can remember) that have been truly relegated to the Shelf: A 1/32nd Revell Spitfire MK I / II. It has been on the Shelf for approximately 30 years. I did some extensive scratch and detailing, then got burned out. Same with the Revell 1/48 B-25B. I've put in a lot of work, then I've had it! The last is a Combat Models 1/32 scale Ta 152H: I scratchbuilt a cockpit, got all the parts cut out and sanded, and even re-scribed panel lines, and then—you got it—burned out!

I have every intention of finishing these kits before I head for the big workbench in the sky; I just don't know when. I definitely want to finish the Spit soon, as that one is definitely doable. I can put right next the awesome Revell 1/32 P-40E I'm building now. The other two? No clue. —**Dave Schmidt**

My oldest and saddest tale is the poor Frankenstein's monster I have made by attempting to produce a USS Taconic out of kitbashing/combining a USS Bogue escort carrier and a Bootes Liberty ship. Keep in mind that when I began I had never seen a Navy ship of any type up close and had no idea what all those little doodads on the main deck actually were or looked like in real life.

My good mates at steelnavy.com advised me that I would need a C2 hull, and that the closest thing would be a USS Bogue which had a C3 hull that is longer but similar in shape. So all I had to do was shorten the hull in the middle, scratchbuild the superstructure out of card stock, and outfit the guns and equipment etc. from Bootes. Easier said than done.

Once I took a hacksaw to Bogue, however, HP Models came out with an AGC flagship that was sister ship to Taconic, obviating my painful kitbash effort. Now the truncated Bogue sits in a cryonic state, relegated to a spares box of its own, like Snow White's glass coffin. And the excellent Bootes, cannibalized for naught, lies hidden away like forensic evidence in a murderer's closet. All I can say is, if you did to a dog what I did to those poor ships I would be building models from behind bars. Thank you for hearing my sad story. —**Ken Sullivan**

I used to have a Shelf of Doom, but that was before I bought a BB Gun. Now I have a box of mixed parts in various states of possible use. —**John Walker**

Upcoming Events

\\August 14–17**IPMS/USA National Convention**, IPMS Denver, Loveland, CO

Visit <http://www.ipmsusa2013.com/> or contact Chuck Holte: cholte@comcast.net or 719-590-6270.

September 15.....**Patcon 2013**, IPMS Patriot, Hudson Elks Lodge 959, Hudson, MA

Visit <http://www.ipmspatriot.org/patcon.htm> for information and contact links.

September 27–28.....**ArmorCon** (formerly AMPS East), NMMA, Crowne Plaza Danbury, 18 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, CT

Contact Bill Schmidt: bill.schmidt@ipmsnmma.org or 203-735-9014; or visit www.ipmsnmma.org

October 19.....**HVHMG Exhibition & Contest**, Elks Club Hall, 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY

Contact John Gallagher: jgallag@entergy.com or 845-462-4740.

October 20.....**GraniteCon XXI**, Granite State Modelers, Nashua Elks Club, 120 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH.

Contact Rodney Currier: nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876.

November 9.....**LIARS 2013**, Long Island Auto Replica Soc., Freeport Recreation Center, 130 East Merrick Rd, Freeport, NY.

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