



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, December 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. This will be our annual holiday party. Please see Page 2 for more details.



Would you believe this is 1/700 scale? Richard Price, who originally hails from England, joined Patriot Chapter a few months ago. Many of us admired his beautiful ship modeling at Patcon, and we were all thrilled to see this model of the IJN cruiser *Takao* that he brought to the November meeting. For more photos and description of the ship and Richard's build, see the special feature on Page. 5.

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Minutes from the November Meeting

CHAPTER President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. About 15 members were present.

The first order of business was the election of officers for 2014. Dave reviewed the list of nominations, and no new names were added. Alan Beeber withdrew as a candidate for 1st Vice President, leaving all candidates unopposed. Alan moved that the slate of unopposed candidates be accepted as nominated. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. The 2014 officers will therefore be as follows:

President: Dave Schmidt
1st Vice President: Pip Moss
2nd Vice President: Bill Michaels
Secretary: Rick Lippincott
Treasurer: John Touloupis

Pip Moss announced that the chapter charter is up for renewal, but with all officers being currently active members of the IPMS we are in good shape for the renewal.

The discussion then shifted to dinner plans for the December meeting. Several options for takeout were discussed, but no firm decisions were made. Alan Beeber assumed responsibility for further action.

That ended the business portion of the meeting, and Dave 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

Tony D'Anjou 1/24 1955 Chrysler 300 (Moebus)
Jason Faulkner 1/25 2007 Ford Mustang (Revell)
Pip Moss..... 1/48 AT-6A Texan (Revell)
Richard Price..... 1/700 IJN Takao (Aoshima)
John Walker..... 1/35 Tiger I Hybrid (Ital-Drago-Miya)

Raffle Report

I wasn't able to make the meeting, so thanks to Alan Beeber for once again taking care of the raffle in my absence.

November Winners:

Alan Beeber, Dragon 1/35 Pz.Bef.Wg. I

John Walker, Tamiya 1/35 Marder III.

(There was a third prize won by someone, but I didn't get the info.)

We sold \$57 in tickets, but I'm not sure how much we made until I find out who the third winner was. (If you know who it was, please send me an email at bill_michaels@verizon.net.)

—Bill Michaels, Vice President

December Meeting Details

As mentioned on Page 1, the December meeting on the 6th will be our annual holiday party. The club will provide pizza, cold cuts and drinks, but everyone is encouraged to bring desserts or other snacks to round out the feast.

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

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.

Near the end of the meeting, before the Yankee swap, we'll have a special event: distributing some kits from Rich Rycroft's estate.

We have 2–3 dozen kits that were started and were too far along to sell at a show. They are mostly 1/35 armor kits and some 1/48 aircraft. While most of them are pretty far along, they can be

finished, or used for donor parts for other projects. There's a lot nice kits—Tamiya and other good stuff. Some of them also have aftermarket parts, too.

So, we're going to hold a special kit raffle/draft. Here's how it will work: Entry fee is \$3 Each entrant will draw a number from the hat, setting his/her order in the draft. Each person then picks a kit in order. The first round is picked in order from 1 to 20, and then the second round is run in reverse order from 20 to 1, the third from 1 to 20, etc. The proceeds from the signup fees will go to Janet Rycroft, Rich's widow.

Show and Tell Gallery

John Walker again blended parts from three different manufacturers to achieve this 1/35 scale Tiger I Hybrid. The hull is Italeri; wheels, tracks, turret, mantlet and gun are DML; various tools are Tamiya. The figure is a mix of Tamiya and DML. Other extramarket parts include Eduard photo-etched skirts and Tamiya air intake/outlet screens. Decals, from a DML Tiger I kit, are for Gruppe Hummel, Arndem, 1944. This unit was later incorporated into s.Pz.Abt. 506 for the Battle of the Bulge.



Two views of Jay Faulker's 1/25 scale 2007 Ford Shelby Mustang GT 500. Jay built the model OOB. To paint it, he started with a chrome silver base coat. The lower color was blended from four different Testors enamel purple shades; the top is Tamiya Gun Metal Black. Jay adds, "The front grill was not installed because I'm building one from scratch."

Show and Tell Gallery (continued)

Two views of Pip Moss's 1/48 scale AT-6A Texan, built OOB except for Eduard photo-etched seatbelts and a Squadron vacuform sliding canopy. The engine was wired with copper strands from stereo speaker cable. For the NMF, the model was primed with Mr. Surfacer 1000, then basecoated with Alclad Polished Aluminum, and finally topcoated with Model Master Metalizer Buffing Aluminum rubbed out with a soft cloth. The cowl was painted with Krylon Fusion Gloss White decanted and airbrushed. The Bronze Green for the antiglare panel is Model Master Euro Green darkened with black. Decals were sourced from Yellow Wings (insignia and prop stripes) and the kit (rudder stripes and data block). The plane numbers and serials were home laser printed on clear decal paper. The markings are for a plane seen in a 1943 photograph of a formation from Luke Field in Glendale, AZ. The rudder stripes and red insignia dots had been painted over by the time of the photo, so the model depicts the plane as it looked in 1942.



Tony D'Anjou's 1/24 scale 1955 Chrysler 300, built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. Tony used Bare Metal Foil for the chrome areas. Decals are from the kit. Tony adds, "The kit went together well until it was time to attach the body to the chassis. My sprue cutter made short work of that."



Richard Price's Amazing 1/700 Scale IJN Takao

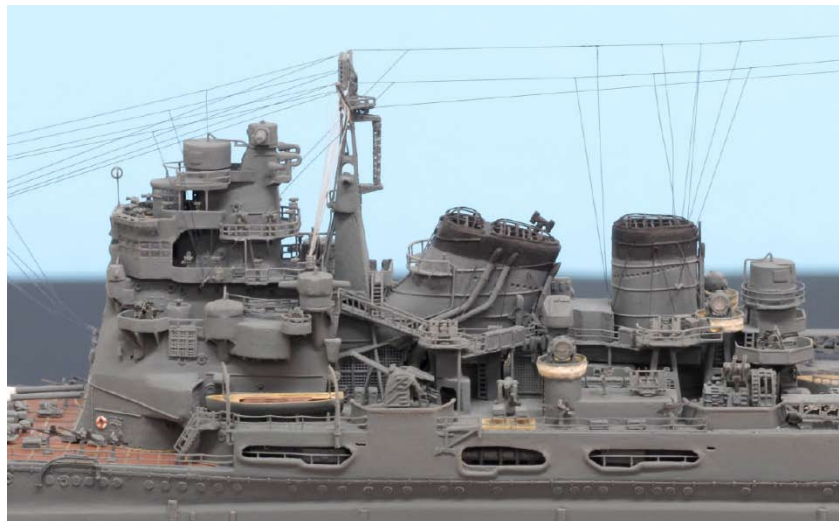
THE Imperial Japanese Navy warship *Takao* was the first of four *Takao*-class heavy cruisers, designed to be an improvement over the previous *Myoko*-class design. Launched in May 1930 at the Yokosuka Navy Yard and commissioned two years later, *Takao*, like her sister ships, was named after a mountain, Mt. Takao, located outside Tokyo.

During WW2 *Takao* operated in many parts of the globe including the Philippines, the Java Sea, the Aleutian Islands, Guadalcanal and the central Pacific. In October 1944, while on her way to take part in the Battle of Leyte Gulf, she was badly damaged by American submarines and spent the remainder of the war moored as an anti-aircraft battery for the defence of Singapore. At the end of the war she was scuttled by the British.

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Special Feature (continued)



Richard Price, who recently joined Patriot Chapter, poured about 1,250 hours into this amazing 1/700 scale build. As he said during the November meeting, very little of the original Aoshima kit remains. Aftermarket items include a Flyhawk superdetail set (no less than 10 sheets of photo-etch plus turned brass barrels), Veteran

Models resin binocular and range finder sets, linoleum strip, gun shields and other parts. In addition, Richard scratchbuilt the lower hull and reworked the kit extensively for refined detail and greater accuracy. Hopefully, these photos will speak for themselves to demonstrate Richard's impressive achievement.



Upcoming Events

- March 18, 2014 **MassCar 26th Annual Model Exhibition**, Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA.
- March 30 **Valleycon XXIV**, IPMS Wings & Wheels, Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA.
Contact Al LaFleche: ajlafleche@comcast.net or 413-306-1270.
- April 6 **Downeastcon 2014**, IPMS Southern Maine, Thornton Academy/Linnell Gymnasium, 438 Main St., Saco, ME.
Contact George Bangs: brokenyokefarm@gmail.com or 207-625-8007
- April 13 **BuffCon 31**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Knights of Columbus, 2735 Union Road at William St., Cheektowaga, NY.
Contact Tom Faith: tkebj5@roadrunner.com or 716-683-4897.
- April 26 **Can Am Con 12**, IPMS Champlain Valley, Plattsburgh Holiday Inn, 412 Route 3, Plattsburgh, NY.
Contact Frank Baehre: frankandsandyb@verizon.net or 518-561-4265.
- May 2-3 **NoreastCon 43**, Region I Convention, American Airpower Museum, 1230 New Highway, Farmingdale, NY.
Contact Robert DeMaio: taurleo@optonline.net or 631-707-3442.
- August 6-9 **IPMS National Convention/Contest**, Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA.
Log on to <http://www.ipmsusa2014.com/>
- September 14 **Patcon 2014**, Hudson Elks Lodge, 90 Park Street, Hudson, MA.

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