



THE PATRIOT

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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on **Friday, May 9**, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Billerica, MA. Please note that, due to a scheduling conflict with the First Parish, this is the **2nd Friday of the month**. The church is located on Concord Road, just as it meets Route 3A (Boston Road) at the Billerica Town Common. The May meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



Don't adjust your monitor—that off-white is the correct color. Tony D'Anjou built this neat 1/25 scale rendition of Tim Flock's 1955 Chrysler 300 stock car OOB from the Moebius kit. Tony found the needed off-white in a Tamiya spray can; he used Bare Metal Foil for the chrome. Decals came from the kit. Tim Flock stands as one of stock car racing's greatest drivers, and 1955 was a record setting year for him. Scoring his second Grand National Championship title, Flock won 19 poles and 18 victories including the Daytona 500, which in those days was run half on US Rte. 1 and half on the beach. His 18 victories in 38 starts stood as a record until broken in 1967. Tim drove the powerful new Chrysler 300 as part of a team of cars for owner Carl Kiekhaefer, who used racing to promote his Mercury outboard motor company.

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Show and Tell Gallery

Two views of Pip Moss's 1/48 scale P-38H (Hasegawa). The following aftermarket replacement parts were used: portions of a True Details cockpit set; Quickboost props/spinners, gun barrels, and supercharger air intakes (the H had the larger intakes as found on the J/L); Ultracast wheels. The incorrect windscreen scribing was sanded off and the correct panel shapes established by masking. The outer wing fuel ports were filled. The canopy was modified to pose open by cutting down the side panels and reworking the central hinge. Grooves were added to the main gear bays to accept the door mounts, which yielded better fit and stronger joints. Paint is Model Master enamel except for the top surface Olive Drab 41, which is Mr. Color No. 12. Decals, from Print Scale and Aeromaster, are for "Skylark IV" flown by Maj. Mark Shipman, 38th FS, 55th FG, 8th AF, based at Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire in 1943.



We neglected to take pictures of this 1/32 scale 1930 Packard (Lindberg) that Bart Navarro built and brought to the April meeting.

Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Bill Michaels' 1/100 scale Panzer IIC (Zvezda snap kit), built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. Decals, from the scrap drawer, are for a vehicle in 1941. Along with all the rest of Bill's models in this issue, it is from a set designed for wargaming.

Bill Michaels' 1/100 scale Sd.Kfz. 222 armored car (Zvezda snap kit), built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. Decals, from Flames of War, are for the Eastern Front, 1941



Bill Michaels' 1/100 scale Panzer IIIF (Plastic Soldier Co.), built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. Decals, from Flames of War, are for the Eastern Front, 1941.

Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Richard Price's 1/350 scale Royal Navy 45-foot Fast Motor Boat (Trumpeter). Richard added many photo-etched details including rails, ladders and windcreens. Paint is White Ensign and Humbrol. The model is fitted out as it looked in 1943 aboard HMS Queen Elizabeth. Richard adds, "Part of the HMS QE kit, but treated as a model in itself. More than 50 detail parts added to a 3-part basic item."



Bart Navarro's 1/48 scale Mitsubishi J2M3 Raiden ("Jack"), built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. Decals, from the kit, are for a plane flown by Yoshihiro Aoki of 352 Naval Air Group, Kanoya Air Base, in early 1945.



Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)

Bill Michaels' 1/100 scale BA-10 armored car (Zvezda snap kit), built OOB and painted with Model Master acrylics.



Bill Michaels' 1/100 scale KV-1 ((Zvezda snap kit), built OOB and painted with Model Master acrylics, Decals, from Flames of War, are for 1941.

Bill Michaels' 1/100 scale BT-7 (Flames of War resin and metal wargaming set), one of a platoon he brought to the meeting, built OOB and painted with Model Master acrylics. Decals are generic Soviet, 1941.



“Turning the Tide” Western Desert 1942

by John Walker, Jr.,
Patriot Chapter

In this article, John describes how he rescued a damaged kit and used it to try out a new technique for heavy weathering.



THE Italeri 1/35 scale Panzer Ib is a kit from Rich Rycroft's stash that I picked up at the Patriot Chapter Holiday Party in December. I wanted the tracks from the kit to replace a set I had sent to Bob Lynch. The kit had been started and was not in very good shape. At first I considered just throwing the model into a spares bin, but then I thought, "Why not use this to experiment with the Hair Spray technique?"

I modified the kit a bit from what Rich had done by removing some of the parts that would have been salvaged from a wreck. I then painted the model with dark grey, put on the kit decals (which were still in the box and in good shape), and added some rusted areas here and there where I wanted the final results to show extreme wear. Next, AK Chipping Fluid (a substitute for hair spray) was

applied, and then, after a drying time of about 15 minutes, Tamiya Desert Yellow thinned with just plain water (very important!) was sprayed on heavy in some places, less in others.

After about 10 minutes I went to work on the desert yellow with a somewhat stiff brush dampened with warm water to remove the paint in areas that would have seen wear from both use and the effect of blowing sand. I found that as the upper surface started to chip off, it also tended to dissolve the desert yellow which acted as sort of a filter that helped to blend in and fade out the dark grey below. If this filter effect is not desired, then the brush should be cleaned more frequently. I also used a toothpick to show scratches that cannot be done with the brush.

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Special Feature (continued)

Finally, I went back with the desert yellow and added a few spots, shapes, lines, etc. around the model to sort of highlight areas that would have worn less because they had had a heavier coat of paint (you can observe this on an old abandoned car, truck, or piece of equipment, where the surface has worn down to the primer, but there is still paint showing in places where the spraying overlapped to create a thicker coat that will lag behind the wearing of the thinner single coats on either side). These spots etc. also help to tie the various densities of desert yellow together to give a continuity. After this I applied a flat finish, some metallic wear and tear, and weathering powders. A final note about the hair spray and chip sizing: if you want bigger chips, use a heavier coat of hair spray—maybe two coats.

The figure is from Tamiya's 8th Army set painted with Life Color's flesh set for the flesh and craft paint for the uniform. This is an old set that is showing its age, but it does the part (and I had it kicking around).

The base is just sand mixed with wood glue and contoured onto the base. To show the fact that the vehicle had been there for a while, the sand on the base was built up against the leeward side of the tank in drifts and hollows where the vehicle's wheels would have blocked or channeled the wind.

All in all, the model turned out okay. I'm glad that I didn't throw the kit away, and I learned a few new techniques. Now what am I going to do with that Zvezda T-34 that I grabbed?

—John Walker, Jr.



Upcoming Events

- 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.
- May 18.....**NorthShoreCon 2014**, IPMS North Shore, Gloucester High School, 34 Leslie O. Johnson Rd, Gloucester, MA.
Contact Dave Reardon: 978-325-0049 or nsscalemodeler@gmail.com.
- 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.
- September 21.....**Rocon 34**, IPMS Rochester, Webster Recreation Center, 1350 Chiyoda Drive, Webster, NY.
Contact Cliff Wiley: cwileyone1946@yahoo.com or 558-317-2702.
- October 18.....**HVHMG Exhibition & Contest**, IPMS Mid-Hudson, Elks Club Hall, 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY.
Contact John Gallagher: jgallag@entergy.com or 845-462-4740.
- October 19.....**GraniteCon XXII**, Granite State Modelers, Nashua Elks Club, 120 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH.
Contact Rodney Currier: nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876.

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