



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

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



Junior modeler Matt Fleury did a very nice job with this small vignette of World War I German Storm Troopers using figures from the ICM 1/35 scale German Assault Troops (1917-1918). Matt used Vallejo acrylics, MIG washes, and landscape elements from Woodland Scenics.

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Minutes from the January Meeting

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

Dave received a communication from the family of James Weisberg (who had been a guest speaker at a meeting in 2014). Mr. Weisberg has a number of kits that he does not have time to build, and is asking for volunteers to build them.

Bill Michaels announced that the Charles River RC club is looking to do joint meetings with other local clubs that are in the same approximate line. They are interested in a joint meeting with the Patriot Chapter on January 21, in Sudbury, and Bill was looking for people interested in attending. [See related story below. —ed.]

Dave announced that we have sent in a check to hold the Hudson Elks for Patcon 2015.

Dave also initiated discussion on the annual group trip. He listed four runner-up ideas from last year: Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (Londonderry, NH), Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome (Rhinebeck, NY), Submarine Force Library & Museum (Groton, CT), Museum of World War 2 (Natick, MA). No new ideas were submitted at this meeting.

Pip Moss re-submitted the suggestion that we have a small series of seminars on contest judging. It was decided that the first one will take place at the March meeting and will focus on the overall IPMS judging philosophy.

Dave next brought up topics for the December group build. He reviewed a list of runner-up ideas from last year and opened up the floor to new ideas. New suggestions included World War 1 and multi-function systems (aircraft, ships, vehicles that had more than one function such as “flying boat”). A final decision on the group build theme(s) will be made at the March meeting.

John Touloupis presented the treasurer’s report. There was a motion to accept the report as read; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting. There was a brief break for the sale of raffle tickets, followed by Show-and-Tell. After Show-and-Tell there was a final sale of raffle tickets, followed by the raffle. After the raffle, the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

Show-and-Tell

Mathew Fleury 1/35 German Stormtroopers (ICM)
Ora Lassila 1/72 Hafner Rotachute (Fly)
Frank Moore..... 1/48 P-40F (AMTech)
1/48 Seversky P-35 (Aero Form)
1/48 Fw 190 (Aurora)
Ken Myers..... 1/72 F-101B Voodoo (Revell)
Bart Navarro..... 1/72 Nakajima Ki-43 (Hasegawa)
Richard Price..... 1/48 TBM-3 Avenger (Accurate Miniatures)
John Walker..... 1/35 Skoda 30.5cm M1916 Howitzer (Takom)

Raffle Report

January winners:

Dave Schmidt, AMT 1/24 1957 Chevy Bel Air
John Walker, Dragon 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 7 20mm Flak
Pip Moss, Revell 1/48 Kingfisher.

We sold \$75 in tickets, and we paid \$60 for the prizes, so we’re starting off the year with a profit of \$15.

Alan Beeber and I are making some changes to the raffle for 2015: we are going to focus more on “premium,” and less on “standard,” prizes. Instead of giving out one premium and two standard prizes, for example, we will just give two premium prizes. We are making this decision based on two main factors: (1) an informal survey of members tells us people prefer fewer, better quality prizes, and (2) hauling three large boxes of prizes to and from every meeting is a real hassle.

Our goal therefore is to get rid of the numerous, less expensive standard prizes. To do that, starting in February, we will implement the following policy: a winner of a premium prize will have the option of taking TWO standard prizes instead. We will also give away a standard prize as an additional draw, when the ticket sales volume supports it. We probably won’t be able to get rid of the standard prizes completely (due to donations, etc.), but we are going to try to reduce significantly the number that we have to haul to and from meetings.

I expect this will be a break-even proposition, cost-wise. The goal of the raffle is to avoid costing the club money—a goal we have always exceeded. In 2014 we did much better than that—we made \$183.

—Bill Michaels, Vice-President

Special Report

Patriot Chapter Members at CRRC

On Wednesday, January 21, several Patriot members attended the Charles River Radio Controllers meeting at the Goodnow Library in Sudbury, MA. Participating in the presentation were Alan Beeber, Mike Hirsch, Bill Michaels, Mike O’Keefe and Pip Moss. We brought a selection of completed models from our collections as well as unbuilt kits and various samples of aftermarket items.

The meeting came to order at 8:00 with the CRRC’s agenda of financial report, field reports, Show-and-Tell, and their monthly raffle. The floor was then turned over to us.

Bill Michaels, who is active in both scale and RC modeling, and who had made the initial contact with CRRC, led off with some general comments about the current scale modeling scene and how it compares and contrasts with RC modeling. After Bill spoke, each of us gave a brief description of his own individual specialization and approach to the hobby. This was followed by some questions and answers and finally by members of CRRC taking closer looks

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Show-and-Tell Gallery

Ora Lassila's 1/72 Hafner H.8 Rotachute Mk. IV (Fly Models), an experimental glider autogyro developed by Raoul Hafner for precision landing combat troops. Much of the model's airframe was scratchbuilt from steel and brass wire as well as styrene rod. Paints are Tamiya acrylics and Floquil enamels. Decals are from the kit. The mechanic figure, from Preiser, was added to balance the model correctly. The model represents prototype P-5 in its final Mk. IV configuration, as flown in the summer of 1943 at the Airborne Forces Experimental Establishment, based at RAF Ringway.



Frank Moore's 1/48 scale Seversky P-35, built from the Aeroform vacuform kit. Frank used an aftermarket canopy. Paints are Tamiya acrylics; decals are from SuperScale. Frank adds, "Poor detail and fit; good subject."

John Walker's 1/35 scale Skoda 30.5 cm M1916 siege howitzer (Takom), built OOB, painted with Tamiya acrylics, and weathered with AK Interactive filters and wash as well as pastels and weathering powders. The figure is from DML.



Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Bart Navarro's 1/72 scale Nakajima Ki-43-II "Oscar" (Hasegawa), built OOB and painted with Mr. Color acrylic lacquers.

Richard Price's 1/48 scale Grumman TBM-3 Avenger (Accurate Miniatures), enhanced with a Verlinden detail set. For more pictures and build details, see Page 6.



Ken Myers' 1/72 scale F-101B Voodoo (Revell), built mostly OOB. Ken used True Details ejection seats and also added the Q intake to the tail. Paints are Testors enamels and Alclad metallics. Decals, from Caracal, are for the 132nd FIS, Maine ANG ("MAINEIacs").

Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)



Frank Moore's 1/48 scale P-40F (AMTech), built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for Col. Robert Scott's "Old Exterminator."

Frank Moore's in-progress restoration of an Aurora 1/48 scale Fw 190. Paints are Tamiya acrylics. Some parts were taken from a Monogram 190 kit.



Richard Price's TBM-3 Avenger



The Accurate Miniatures Avenger is widely regarded as one of the finest 1/48 scale prop airplane kits ever produced, and Richard kicked it up a notch with a Verlinden set that included engine and bay details, pilot seat, flap detail and machine gun barrels. Richard also reworked the wheels to have bulges, added blister lights made from clear sprue, cut the flaps from the wings, and thinned the cowling extensively to accept the resin engine.

For paint, Richard started with Model Master Sea Blue, then overcoated it with paint from K4, a new company in Chile. The final finish was achieved with Humbrol Gloss Cote applied in gradual layers to limit the shine.

The large national insignia were painted using hand-cut masks made from scans of the decal sheet. Small stencils are from the kit's sheet.



*All model photos
by
Pip Moss*

Special Report (continued)

at what we had brought to display as well as a good deal of informal conversation. I think I speak for all the others when I say that it was a highly worthwhile experience. We all received a lot of gratifying admiration of our work, we gave many of the RC-ers a better idea of what our branch of the hobby is all about, and we (or at least I) learned quite a bit about theirs.

I'm grateful to Bill for setting up the event, and I hope we may have the opportunity for more such exchanges. It was affirming for us, and it certainly gave members of both clubs a better understanding of how we all fit into the greater hobby.

—Pip Moss, Vice-President

Upcoming Events

- March 15 **MassCar 27th Annual Model Exhibition**, Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA.
Contact Stu Marcus: marcus_stuart@yahoo.com or 603-382-9724.
- March 29 **Valleycon XXV**, IPMS Wings & Wheels, Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA.
Contact Al LaFleche: ajlafleche@comcast.net or 413-306-1270.
- April 11 **RepLIcon 27**, Long Island Scale Model Society, Freeport Recreation Center, 130 Merrick Ave., Freeport, NY
Contact Robert DeMaio: taurleo@optonline.net or 631-707-3442.
- April 12 **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 12 **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 25 **Can Am Con 13**, IPMS Champlain Valley, VT National Guard Armory., 255 LaFountain Street, Winooski, VT.
Contact Chris Graeter: cgrae4906@aol.com or 802-878-1275.
- May 2 **NoreastCon 2015**, IPMS Northeastern NY, Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY.
Contact Nick Phillipone: bpbittern@frontiernet.net or 518 736-2434.
- July 22–25 **IPMS National Convention/Contest**, Hyatt Regency, Columbus, OH.
Log on to <http://www.ipmsusa2015.com/>
- September 13 **Patcon 2013**, Hudson Elks Lodge, 90 Park Street, Hudson, MA.
- October 17 **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 18 **GraniteCon XXIII**, Granite State Modelers, Nashua Elks Club, 120 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH.
Contact Keith Touchette: touchettekr@gmail.com or 603-578-9231.

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