



# THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter  
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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on the **second Friday of the month**, September 11, 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 September meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.

## Minutes from the August Meeting

CHAPTER President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:30. About 15 members were present.

Dave presented an update on Patcon preparations. The committee has come up with a floor plan, and has ordered extra tables. Three seminars are scheduled for the course of the day. Dave put out an early call for volunteers, and said that an "official" call for volunteers will be forthcoming. Volunteers are needed for registration, setup, take-down, and judging.

Dave gave a brief report on the trip to the IPMS Nationals in Columbus. He said that the quality of the models was good, and also spoke highly of a German restaurant that he and some others had walked to from the hotel.

There was further discussion about the preparation for Patcon. Pip Moss displayed a sample award medallion and briefed the members on the open judging system to be used in some of the categories.

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

Bill Michaels gave a report on the sale of trophy packs for Patcon. There have been additional sales, but at this time a number of trophies remain open for sponsorship.

That concluded the business portion of the meeting. There was no Show-and-Tell as no members brought in any completed kits this month. Instead, some members talked about kits currently in progress, and kits slated for release in the near future.

## Raffle Report

### August winners:

John Touloupis, Dragon 1/72 Apollo 17  
Dave Schmidt, Airfix 1/72 Gladiator Mk.I  
Mike Hirsch, Aeromaster 1/72 Hawker Typhoon

We sold \$52 worth of tickets, and the prizes cost us \$47, so we made \$5, bringing our year-to-date total to \$80.

—Bill Michaels, Vice President

Following the modeling talk, there was a last call for raffle tickets, followed by the raffle. After the raffle, the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

## Patcon Volunteers Needed

As Patcon 2015 approaches, we're hoping many of our members will once again support the club by contributing some of their time as volunteers. There are many jobs for which we'll need help, including set-up, sign in/registration, make-n-take, judging and break-down. See Page 2 for a full schedule of events.

We're hoping enough of you volunteer that no-one has to be on any job more than an hour or so. We hope you'll be generous with your time.

If you will be available to help on September 13th, please reply directly to Rick Lippincott, who's coordinating show volunteers. His address:

[rjl6955@yahoo.com](mailto:rjl6955@yahoo.com)

Thanks from all the Patcon Committee.

## Patcon 2015 Schedule & Open Judging Rules

Here is the finalized schedule for Patcon 2015 on September 13th. Please note the three seminars to be presented by Joe Farina, Pete Spampanato and Bill Grigg, all highly regarded artists in the fields of figures and dioramas:

8:00 am .. Hall set-up  
8:00 ..... Vendor set-up  
9:00 ..... Doors open  
11:00 ..... Make-n-Take starts  
            First seminar: **Diorama design and construction**—Joe Farina  
12:00 ..... Registration closes  
            Judges' meeting; judging begins  
            Second seminar: **Mold making and casting for modelers**—Pete Spampanato  
1:15 pm .. First raffle draw  
2:15 ..... Second raffle draw  
2:30 ..... Third seminar: **Award winning ground work; Paints, A to Z; Choosing paint brushes**—Bill Grigg  
3:00 ..... Make-n-Take ends  
3:50 ..... Grand raffle draw  
4:00 ..... Awards Ceremony  
5:00 (+) .. Hall break-down

This year, the six contest categories comprising figures, dioramas and vignettes will be judged using an open system, similar to, but less complicated than, the one employed by the Armor Modeling & Preservation Society at its contests. This system is also being used for some categories by at least one other area chapter. Here are the rules as they will be applied at Patcon 2015:

One entry from each contestant in each category will be judged on its own merits of workmanship and modeling skills (not against other entries in the category) by a three-person judging team.

The three judges as a team will decide which of the contestant's entries (if there are more than one) is the best piece and thus the one to be judged.

Each of the three judges will now score this single entry on a scale of 0–4 for a maximum combined score of 12.

Medals will be awarded as determined by combined scores:

11–12 points will receive a Gold Medal,

8–10 points will receive a Silver Medal,

5–7 points will receive a Bronze Medal.

## Upcoming Events

September 13.....**Patcon 2013**, Leominster Elks Lodge, 134 North Main Street, Leominster, MA.

September 20.....**Rocon 34**, IPMS Rochester, Webster Recreation Center, 1350 Chiyoda Drive, Webster, NY.  
Contact Cliff Wiley: [cwileyone1946@yahoo.com](mailto:cwileyone1946@yahoo.com) or 558-317-2702.

October 17.....**HVHMG Exhibition & Contest**, IPMS Mid-Hudson, Elks Club Hall, 29 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.  
Contact John Gallagher: [jgallag@entergy.com](mailto: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](mailto:touchettekr@gmail.com) or 603-578-9231.

November 1 .....**Bayon 2015**, IPMS Bay Colony, Smithfield Elks Lodge, 326 Farnum Pike, Smithfield, RI.  
Contact Robert Magina: [treadhead@comcast.net](mailto:treadhead@comcast.net) or 508-695-7754.