



# THE PATRIOT

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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, May 12, 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 May meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



This is the second 1:35 scale Tiger I that John Walker has brought to consecutive meetings; like last month's, it's really nicely done. This one is from Cyberhobby (DML) and was built mostly OOB with some added clamp handles. John used Tamiya acrylics and decals from the kit, Techmod and Echelon. Markings are for 13th Kompanie, 1st SS Division "Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler," Southern Front, Kursk, 1943. John adds, "Figure from Tamiya with Hornet head. This kit is based on DML's pre-built/pre-painted kit and has some shortcuts. All the pieces to build this version are in the box, and many of the parts are very well molded. The directions, however, leave a lot to be desired. They will have you use one part when there is a more appropriate part in the box. Then there are parts needed that are not called out, such as the idler swing arms. In short, DML missed the boat with this one—could have been a contender—not for a beginner."

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## IPMS Show Report

On Saturday, April 29, Mike Hirsch and I went to the IPMS Champlain Valley Chapter's CAN/AM Con. IPMS Champlain Valley comprises both the Vermont and New York side of the lake, so the show is held in the Plattsburg, NY and Burlington, VT areas on alternate years. This year it was on the Vermont side, so it was an easy three-hour drive from my house in Derry, NH.

The show wasn't as big as Patcon, but there were a lot of very nice models on the tables. The vendor room was small, with a few guys selling used kits. There were also a couple of retail vendors, one of which was Matt Bole from HobbyWorld USA. Matt has a lot of unique stuff, and Mike and I found several items we couldn't leave unpurchased! (Matt was at Patcon last year and plans to return again this year.)

Since we had never been to this show before, Mike and I each brought a bunch of models. Mike brought 17 models and took home 12 awards, while I brought 12 models and took home 7 awards. We also weren't the only ones from our area to make the drive: Mac Johnson from IPMS Granite State, and Bob Magina from Bay Colony were also there. They also did

well, especially Mac, who went home with the Judge's Best in Show award!

Overall, it was a well-run show, and Mike and I enjoyed the day.  
—Bill Michaels

## Show-and-Tell

Jeff Brown .... 1:32 (28 mm) Skaven weapon teams (Citadel)  
Dave Schmidt..... 1:48 Fw 109 A-8 (Tamiya)  
John Walker ..... 1:35 Tiger I

## Raffle Report

### April winners:

John Walker, Airfix 1:48 Ju 87B Stuka  
Ken Myers, Airfix 1:72 USAAF Bomber Supply Vehicles

We sold \$69 in tickets, and the prizes cost us \$61, so we made \$8. This brings our year-to-date total to \$41.

Special Note: The Patcon Raffle Committee is open for business! You don't have to wait until August or September to bring in your donations! We've got a small collection so far, but we need a bunch more.

—Bill Michaels, Vice President

## Special Report

The plastic modeling world was saddened by the death on April 4th of Hal Marshman Sr., a true institution among New England hobbyists and known worldwide as one of the most knowledgeable P-47 enthusiasts. Rather than reproduce the published obituary, here is Hal's own brief autobiography, written in 2005 and downloaded from his personal web page:

I was born in Northfield, NJ on July 24, 1936. At the age of 1 year, moved to Chester, PA, where I remained until 1942, when my family moved to Brockton, MA. Spring of 1948 had me moved back to Pleasantville, NJ, but left there for Middleboro, MA, after 3 months. Lived in Middleboro through my high school graduation, and a couple of years beyond. Married my first wife in 1955, and had 3 kids by her, Ruth, Karin, and David. Unfortunately, we were unable to get along, so we divorced. Next couple of years had me living in the South End of Boston. Met Alice Drysdale in late 1958, and we were married in June of 1960. We have 4 kids together, Hal Jr., Karl, Lorri and Amy. We now have a total of 16 grandkids.

From my earliest years, I loved airplanes, pilots, and aviation in general. That these early years took place during World War II ensured that military prop planes took first place. Once out of high school, I went into the local shoe factories, waiting for a chance to break into aviation work. Sept. of 57, I got my opportunity, and started with Eastern Air Lines as a reservations agent. Stayed with EAL until it shut down in Jan. 91. All but the first 5 years were spent as a freight agent, where I became well versed in international freight paperwork and finally computer



data entry and retrieval. Also did weight and balance forms for Lockheed Connie and Boeing 727 freighters. This stood me in good stead, because when EAL folded, I was immediately picked up by Air General Inc, an air freight sub-contractor. As an employee of AGI, I've done freight work for Japan Air Lines, Midwest Express, TAP, Icelandair, US Airways, and Alaska Airlines. I've been lucky to have watched the growth of commercial aviation from the days when less than 10% of the population flew to now, when just about everyone flies at one time or another. It's been a fascinating ride.

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## Special Report (continued)

At last, to model building. I did my first kit at about 10 yrs. old I remember it to have been a McDonnell Phantom (I). It was carved from solid balsa with a pen knife, the sheetwork cut out with a single edge razor blade. Paint was a kid's water color set. During the war years, I built several pre decorated paper airplanes from the cereal companies. By the time I moved to Middleboro, I was really rolling with Strombecker pre carved pine airplanes, and solid models carved from balsa. I also did stick and paper "flying" models. Notice, nothing said about plastic. Plastic models never really existed in Middleboro until the mid 50's when that infamous metallic red Aurora Me-109 showed up at the local Five and Dime Store. There had been a couple very basic plastic models before that, a Piper Super Cruiser and Republic Seabee, with windows cast into the fuselage, and painted black, light blue, or silver. Aurora broke the ice, and were followed by Monogram and Revell. I built everything, airplanes, tanks, cars, and if it was plastic, and came disassembled in a box, I built it. Won my first contest about 1952 or so, with a Monogram Speedee Built P-40. Marriage, kids, career, and modeling have filled the years, and

here I am at 68, still working part time, enjoying my family, and still building. More slowly, but building. The Lord and contest judges have done very well by me, and I've been lucky enough to multiply that first trophy many times over. I love to experiment with techniques, and never stand still, but keep developing my methods. I have managed to amass an incredible amount of reference material over the years, and continually refer to it. The Internet has opened up new and vast vistas for me as regards references. Google forever! I am a member of Bay Colony IPMS, Southern Maine IPMS, and Wings and Wheels IPMS. As an adjunct to the hobby, I now write kit reviews, how to's, and general info articles for the above club's newsletters, plus the Seattle IPMS Newsletter. I check out Hyperscale, Modeling Madness, Aircraft Resource Center.

My advice to newbies? Use your imagination, good references mean nothing without a good imagination. Experiment, don't wait for someone to tell you how, and be willing to screw up a good kit in order to develop a technique. Trying to repair your goofs is a good learning experience. Lastly, practice, Practice, and PRACTICE!! Finally, always remember that Jugs rule!

## Show-and-Tell Gallery



Two more views of John Walker's 1:35 scale Tiger I.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Dave Schmidt's 1:48 scale Fw 190 A-8 (Tamiya). Dave used photo-etch instrument panel, side consoles, seat belts and flaps from Eduard. He scratchbuilt the bottom outer gun blisters and ejection chutes, brake lines, antenna and pitot tube. Paints are Model Master enamels weathered with pastels and AK Interactive wash. Decals are from the kit and Aeromaster; markings are for 2./JG 1 based at Greifswald in northeastern Germany, November 1944. The camouflage scheme is the standard mid-war combination of RLM 74 and 75 over 76, but the extrapolation of the spinner spiral onto the propeller blades is quite unusual.

The Focke-Wolf Fw 190 hardly needs any introduction: it and its illustrious stablemate the Bf 109 formed the backbone of the German Luftwaffe's fighter force during most of World War 2. Powered by a Jumo double-row radial engine, the 190 could lift heavier loads than the 109, enabling it to serve as a day fighter, fighter-bomber, ground-attack aircraft, and even night fighter. Kurt Tank's ingenious design made its combat debut in the summer of 1941 and quickly proved superior in all but turning radius to the primary British fighter at the time, the Spitfire Mk. V. It maintained its supremacy until the advent of the Spitfire Mk. IX a year later. The A-8 was the last major production variant, and the most numerous, of the radial-powered A series. It first appeared in early 1944.



## Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)



Two 1:32 scale (28 mm) Skaven weapons teams from Citadel, built and painted by Jeff Brown. In the Warhammer universe, Skaven are a malevolent and diabolical race of large humanoid rat-creatures that inhabit a massive underground empire. Jeff sent us this description: "Two Skaven man the **Warpfire Thrower** (left), a weapon capable of hurling volatile warpstone-infused chemical gels that stick to and ignite any surface it touches. The warpfire cannot be doused by normal means and can seep into the crevices and weaknesses of armor. There is very little, short of magic, that can defend against it. With this subject, I made an attempt to paint a glowing effect on the side of the warpfire fuel tank. I painted it a dark green to base and then successively layered on lighter and lighter shades of green through until yellow, slowly shrinking the area that I covered as the paint got brighter. Two gas masked Clan Skryre Globadiers man the **Poisoned Wind Mortar** (right). These experts in chemical warfare can be seen on the battlefield throwing large glass orbs full of green, glowing gases into infantry formations. They occasionally will carry a mortar into combat, strapped on the back of one globadier and loaded by a second. This subject was painted primarily with Citadel paints. I've been enjoying the quality of the paint, though I feel it is a bit thick and doesn't seem to take to thinning agents very well, except for water. I wanted to paint their robes in a vibrant color that contrasted with the relatively drab brown colored fur and leather adornments. I also painted most of the metal parts in a heavily patinated bronze to give a little hint of age and corrosion. The base was my first attempt at using the Citadel texture paint. It was okay, but it's extremely expensive and can probably be duplicated by other materials."

## Upcoming Events

- May 14 ..... **North Shore Con IV**, IPMS North Shore, Gloucester H. S., 32 Leslie O. Johnson Rd., Gloucester, MA  
 Contact David Reardon: [dreardon03@northshore.edu](mailto:dreardon03@northshore.edu) or 978-325-0049.
- May 19 ..... **NoreastCon 46**, Quality Inn & Suites, 8250 Park Rd, Batavia, NY, 14020  
 Contact David Schwab: [davidsp51stang@aol.com](mailto:davidsp51stang@aol.com) or 585-865-8672.
- July 26–29..... **IPMS National Convention/Contest**, LaVista Conference Center, 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, NE.  
 Log on to <http://www.ipmsusa2017.com>
- September 17..... **Patcon 2017**, Hudson Elks Lodge, 90 Park Street, Hudson, MA.  
 Log on to [ipmspatriot.org](http://ipmspatriot.org)
- October 15..... **GraniteCon XXV**, Granite State Modelers, The Falls Event Center, Manchester, NH.  
 Contact Keith Touchette: [touchettekr@gmail.com](mailto:touchettekr@gmail.com) or 603-578-9231.
- October 21..... **HVHMG 2017**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Club, Lodge Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.  
 Contact John Gallagher: [ggallagher@optonline.net](mailto:ggallagher@optonline.net) or 845-462-4740.
- November 12..... **Baycon 2017**, 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.
- November 12..... **LIARS Model Car Challenge**, Long Island Auto Replica Society, 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.  
 Contact Rich Argus: [r.argus@juno.com](mailto:r.argus@juno.com) or 516-579-3379.

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