



THE PATRIOT

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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, July 10, 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. Please note that the meeting will occur on the second Friday of the month due to the Independence Day weekend. It will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



Tim Browning built this nice F4U-1 "birdcage" Corsair OOB from the excellent 1/48 scale Tamiya kit. Tim added copper electrical wire to make the engine's ignition harness. He painted the model with Model Master and Polly Scale acrylics and also used Citadel and Reaper acrylics for hand brushing. The final finish is Future. Decals for VF-17, aboard USS Bunker Hill, came from the kit.

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Minutes from the June Meeting

CHAPTER President Kurt Kunze called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM. About 15 members were present. One visitor introduced himself. Kurt announced that there was no business to discuss this month.

Bob Butler had a reminder of the need for models at the September exhibit in Lexington, and again talked up what the scope and activity will be. The exhibit will be slightly different from a conventional model contest/show, because the primary audience will not be model builders. It will be necessary for people to explain what they are doing, the process of model building, the techniques used. The exhibit will be Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13.

The meeting then progressed on to Show and Tell. After Show and Tell, there was a brief break followed by the monthly raffle. The raffle was followed by a game of Wings of War, which continued into the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

Show and Tell

Tim Browning 1/48 F4U-1 Corsair (Tamiya)
1/48 Hs 129B-2 (Revell A/G)
Tony D'Anjou 2 oil paintings
Ora Lassila 1/72 SAAB 17A (Marivox)
Pip Moss..... 1/48 Fw 190A-3 (Tamiya)

IPMS Region 1 Update

Hello everyone.

Can you believe it's June already? Halfway through the year, and summer is almost here. And not too soon, I'll tell you! A few tidbits to pass along this time, in no particular order.

First, it's election time in IPMS land. Election ballots are now live on the IPMS web site, and are included in the latest issue of the Journal. Please urge all IPMS members in your chapter to vote. Candidate bios are listed in both places, and those in the new Journal even have pictures of the candidates suitable for dart board mounting! And while casting a ballot, please be aware of one constitutional amendment up for vote. It's important that ALL members take a minute or two to vote.

We're in the middle of the usual summertime no-show period. I'll send out the fall schedule with the next update. The Nationals are just around the corner, in Columbus Ohio this time around. If you, or anyone you know, is planning to attend, hotel rooms are going fast. Our hosts are getting everything ready for what should be another high quality event. I'll be making the trip this year and look forward to seeing everyone out there. The Air Force Museum trip should be great, as it's the only place to see an XB-70, P-61 Black Widow, and a host of other aircraft.

I've heard from Bob Dimaio, Chairman for the 2010 edition of Noreastcon, a few times over the past week or so. Bob and the rest of the Long Island gang are planning the event to be one of the best ones ever. Bob has mentioned several veterans will be on hand to talk about their experiences, and the possibility of fly overs and other cool things associated with the museum will certainly be welcome additions to our event. I'm really proud of Bob and the guys for thinking outside the box during their planning. I know it'll be great, and you won't want to miss this one!

On a similar subject, I heard from Big Bill Schwarz regarding the Region 2 Regional, to be held in southern Jersey in October. As this event will be close for many of us Region 1 types, I would expect to see a large amount of us attending. Bill says hotel rooms will cost \$99.00 and are going fast, and should be booked as soon

as possible to ensure the cheap room rates. Please support these guys and their event! We always get nice support from NJIPMS and quite a number of Region 2 chapters, and we need to show our appreciation by supporting them. It's the right thing to do!

Now would be a great time to check your fact sheets for updates, or missing information. Why wait until rechartering to make any needed corrections?

We have two nominations for our new RC when I assume the position of DLC. I won't name names here, but will say I'm familiar with both gentlemen and that they're both high quality people. There's still time if you'd like to throw your name, or someone else's, in the ring for consideration. And remember, Dick can't be bought, but I can! Please send your contribution to the RC Replacement fund, in small unmarked bills directly to me for further considerations! (Just kidding, large bills would be perfectly OK too!)

One of the perks of being an RC is getting other RC's newsletters. This item comes from my friend and co-conspirator Kirk Ballash, out in Region 4. It's such a great idea I'll just steal it for here. Thanks Kirk!

Going on vacation this year? Going to visit a cool museum? Going to take pictures that only a reference minded modeler could appreciate? Why not share? The IPMS/USA web site has a Walkaround Gallery where you can post your pictures for the benefit and pleasure of the rest of us. What's the chance most of us are going to get to see the HMS Belfast? Vladimir Yakubov did and now you can feel like you were there too. It's easy to post—heck, I've even done it. [Yes it's easy, I also have a walkaround posted. —DH] Just go to the Walkaround page, click on the "Submitting Images" button, and follow the instructions. In order, not like most of us build.

That about wraps this one up. As always, please share this with the officers and members of your chapter! Enjoy your summer, and for heavens sake, build something!

Semper Fi

—Doug Hamilton, RC-1

Show and Tell Gallery

Pip Moss's 1/48 scale Fw 190A-3, built mainly OOB. The kit seat was replaced with a resin item from True Details, and the (undersized) kit main wheels were replaced with a pair from a DML A-4 kit. Camouflage paints are Floquil Military Colors; decals are from an excellent, early Aeromaster sheet. The markings are for Wr. No. 313 from III/JG2, which Oberleutnant Arnim Faber mistakenly flew to England in June 1942.



Ora Lassila's 1/72 scale SAAB 17A, painted with Model Master enamels and Testors Glosscote. Ora used the kit decals plus bits and pieces from some other sheets. Weathering is confined to some light exhaust stains and dust using Model Master enamels. The model represents "SH-2" of the Finnish Air Force circa 1960. See Ora's article in last month's newsletter for additional information.

Tim Browning's 1/48 scale Hs 129B-2. Paints are Model Master and Polly Scale acrylics, plus Citadel and Reaper for brushpainting. Tim used artist's oils for weathering. The kit decals are for Sch.G. 2, Castel Benito, Lybia, February 1943. Tim adds, "Rebox of Hasegawa—great kit, but get aftermarket decals!"



Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Two acrylic paintings by Tony D'Anjou. Tony had to leave early, so we didn't get the titles, but you'll certainly recognize the subject of at least one of them, even if the original item no longer exists.



Summer check-in: what models are you working on, and how are they going?

On the bench is the Tamiya Pz.II F/G. This is the ancient kit from 1971. I've actually got two kits going. One upper hull I'm going all out on, having removed all the molded-on details. The other upper hull is pretty much out-of-box. I figure which ever one looks better will go with the lower hull (no mods to the suspension—kit road wheels, with idlers from the Alan Pz.II c kit, Friul sprockets and tracks). For the turret, I've added photo-etched lift hooks, a Jordi Rubio main gun, and an Armorscale machine gun. A couple of rainy weekends and she'll be ready for paint.

—Devon Terpening

I've got about 30 on the bench, which probably explains why some of them have been "going" for multiple decades (LOL)

—Jim Qualey

I've actually gotten pretty close to the end of a number of projects that have been sitting around waiting for more than a year.

I've just completed the decals on an AMT 1/48 Douglas A-20G that I started probably three years ago. I had been putting off doing the paint job, but I found freehanding the Medium Green splotches on the edges of the flying surfaces was actually pretty fun.

Tamiya's 1/48 F4U-1 ("birdcage") Corsair is virtually complete. I wanted to replace the sliding canopy with a vacuform piece from Squadron (the kit part is too thick to sit properly), but it was out of production for a few weeks. Then I got one and butchered it trying to cut it out, so now I have two more (just in case). Once the canopy's done, all that's left is the radio antenna wires. A really nice kit!

I'm just putting the decals on Hasegawa's 1/48 Hurricane Mk.I. I got frustrated with the filling, sanding and rescribing of the ill-fitting wing inserts when I was working on it last year; but when I came back to it and put some paint on, it looked okay, so I'm pushing toward the finish line. The Aeromaster decals look good, but the clear areas in the code letters are refusing to lie down without silvering. Grr.

Once the above three models are done, it'll be back to work on Tamiya's gorgeous 1/48 P-47M, which'll be done up in the cool dark/light blue camouflage of the 63rd FS, 56th FG. I can't say enough about what a great this kit is.

Further into the future, I've got a Gavia 1/48 La-7, an A.M. 1/48 Il-2m3, a Monogram 1/48 A-10A, a Trumpeter Wyvern S.4, and an ICM 1/72 TB-3, all in various stages of completion.

—Pip Moss

Right now the workbench contains a 1969 Dodge L700 tractor, which is halfway into its paint job. Next to it sits a ¾ ton Dodge command car in front of a water tank, plus a jeep, all of which need decals, wheels and tires. There is a commando jeep almost ready for paint, followed by a DUKW in the beginning stages of assembly. Then there is a "TIGER."

—Tony D'Anjou

I have a number of 1/48 WWI aircraft that I tinker with when I have a few moments. To date, none of them has a finished cockpit. I am itching to do a ship as well. I have a 1/200 Russian WWII destroyer from Trumpeter. Detail is a bit soft, but it only cost me \$10, and I bought it to stuff RC into it.

—Alan Beeber

I've got three projects that are underway (which doesn't exactly mean that I'm working on them.) The work on my projects has been interrupted by a couple of factors: first there were unexpected trips to Vermont to deal with my ailing parents. Then, when I got that sorted out, I had a leaky pipe over my basement workbench. I'm still cleaning up that mess! Fortunately, all I've lost so far is several old magazines, the one decal sheet that wasn't in plastic, and several kit boxes. Here's what's on the (soggy) bench:

1. Revell 1/48 Ju 87B Stuka, a rebox of the Hasegawa kit. This is the (in)famous "Desert Snake" aircraft. I've just started the decaling stage—it's going slowly. Fortunately, the decals were far from the site of the leak.

2. Roden 1/48 Gladiator Mk.1. Most of the major components are assembled; next step is to do some painting. The model is going to be built as one of the Swedish "volunteers" that fought for the Finns in the 1939 Winter War against the Soviet Union. (You can guess to whom in the club I went for decal and color help!) It may be a while before I can resume work on this, as my painting station is currently full of flood refugees!

3. 1/24 Elco PT Boat. I'm converting a 40 inch long RC model from PT-109 to a later war boat, with the late war weapons fit. I've got a bunch of 1/24 scale weapons kits: 40mm, 37mm, 20mm, and .50 cal guns; Mk.13 torpedoes and launchers; and other deck fittings. Each unit is a kit in itself, with metal, resin and photo-etch parts. Most are started; few are very far along yet.

—Bill Michaels

I'm currently building a 1/32 scale Trumpeter F-100D Super Sabre. Not a bad kit—it has a few warts like all Trumpeter kits, but overall it's going together pretty well. I'm using the Aires cockpit and wheel well sets along with the Eduard slats set, and these are adding a nice bit of detail. Also bought a Zacto nose correction set. Still not sure if I'll be going NMF or SEA camo, but I'll have that hashed out by the end of the summer.

—John McCormick

Right now I've got Hasegawa's F-18E ready for decals and finishing up, I just primed Accurate Miniatures' SBD-3 Dauntless tonight, and I'm about to start on Revell-Germany's Hasegawa re-box of the Arado AR 234 B-2/N. (All the above are 1/48 scale.) I'm also kicking around some ideas for a diorama for the museum show. My Ju 87 Stuka model is finished with the Verlinden update set and has the engine exposed. This would look great with ICM's Luftwaffe aircrew and maybe some other airfield vehicles and equipment.

—Tim Browning

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Question of the Month (continued)

Lots of stuff nearing completion, with other projects in beginning stages. In the (descending) order of level of completion:

1. de Havilland Canada DHC-1 Chipmunk (Airfix 1/72), color scheme 1970s Finnish civilian glider tug. I already attempted the Model Master Buffing Metalizer aluminum on this, with bad results, stripped everything, and am now waiting to try some other method of natural metal.

2. Fokker F.VIIa (Frog 1/72), Finnish Air Force ambulance and liaison aircraft, early 1940s. I converted the old Frog F.VII-3m "Southern Cross" into the earlier single-engined version, shortened the wing, scratch-built a completely new engine mount (the new engine is going to come from the Airfix Bristol Bulldog), fixed fuselage problems, etc.; the model is now waiting to be airbrushed.

3. Cierva C.30A (Azur 1/72), Spanish Navy colors, 1930s. Ready to be airbrushed.

4. Bell P-39Q Airacobra (Academy 1/72), converted into "Cobra II," Thompson Trophy winner from late 1940s. I used parts from Eastern Express P-63 (just like in the original aircraft!), and I plan to use the Red Pegasus decal sheet; only one problem: the plane is completely yellow ...

5. Polikarpov I-16 type 27 (ICM 1/72), Finnish Air Force experimental color scheme from 1941. Almost all body work done; airbrushing soon.

6. Blohm & Voss Bv 222 (Revell 1/72), mostly done, but I got a bit burned out with all the detail work that ends up not being visible after all. This one will have to wait until I get more energy.

7. Cessna 172R (Arii 1/72), in colors of the Daniel Webster College (Nashua, NH). Started, but lots of work remains. Folks at the college were very friendly and gave me full access to take photographs of all the details I needed.

8. Cessna L-19 Bird Dog (Airfix 1/72), some civilian scheme which I have not yet decided on. Started, but some research remains to be done before proceeding.

9. Douglas DC-9 series 10 (Aurora 1/72), most likely in Finnair 1970s colors. I have started research, opened the box, but that's about it.

Of course, this list may change, grow, etc., depending on how I feel ...

—Ora Lassila

I've taken the advice of some of the best painters I know and will work on more than one piece this spring/summer. Three, in fact. I've always worked on one project at a time so this will be a new approach. I'm told that this will be "less stressful." We'll see! On the bench:

1. Finally, a figure! A resin "Tong Dynasty Standard Bearer" (a rare subject for me). I'll paint this one in oils, a medium that I am returning to after some years.

2. "Carnotaurus with Prey:" 1/20 scale resin predatory dinosaur scavenging diorama. Sculpted by Tony McVey, who worked with me at Saurian Studios. Tony is known for his animal sculptures at The London Museum of Natural History, and for his work on the Star Wars, 1960's Sinbad, and Jason and the Argonauts films.

3. Steve Wang's "The Gillman:" Steve Wang, a remarkable painter/sculptor, who with Tony McVey changed the way that sci-fi creatures were painted/sculpted in Hollywood movies. His work includes Lord of The Rings, Predator, Aliens and Underworld to name a handful. I don't normally paint fantasy pieces, but Steve's work forces me to re-think my position. I'll paint this 1/3 scale bust using my best taxidermy techniques. Most of it will be airbrushed with transparent paints, slowly building the paint job in layers. All of the patterns and color pallet will come directly from nature. And I thought you military builders picked on me about the dinosaurs. Just wait till you see this. Sharpen your barbs, gentlemen!

I'm also currently writing curriculum for a painting course that I will teach: "Painting Lifelike Animal Miniatures—Working with the Patterns and Color Pallet of the Natural World." This class will hold interest for modelers of mounted historical figures/horses and anyone interested in wildlife subjects in miniature. I hope to have it ready for the IPMS Nationals in August where I will handle the Badger Airbrush Co. demonstrations.

—Robert Butler

Upcoming Events

- August 19–22.....**IPMS Nationals**, Columbus, OH. <http://www.ipmsusa2009.org>
- September 20.....**RoCon**, IPMS Rochester, Radisson Inn, 175 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY. <http://www.ipmsrochester.org>
- September 26.....**AMPS East**, IPMS Northeast Military Modelers Association, Danbury, CT. docf225@msn.com
- October 4.....**IPMS Stratford Annual Show**, Knights of Columbus, Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, CT. <http://www.ipmsstratford.org>
- October 16–17.....**JerseyCon (Region 2 Regional)**, NJIPMS, Runnemede, NJ. <http://www.njipms.org>
- October 18.....**GraniteCom**, IPMS Granite State, Nashua, NH. <http://home.comcast.net/~vf17/>
- October 18.....**Syrcon**, IPMS Syracuse, Syracuse, NY. www.ipmssyracuse.org
- October 24.....**HVHMG 2009**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Lodge, Overrocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY. Email docf225@msn.com

Realistic Exhaust Color

What's the current rage for painting exhaust stacks these days. I've tried several different ways and they all look, how shall I say? ... painted. This is for an Allison.

—Woody Vondracek, IPMS 30182

I like to paint the stacks a mixture of brown and black as a base coat. Then I'll take two lighter colors of brown and tan and carefully drybrush to highlight the edges, etc. After the stacks are mounted to the plane, I'll take some dark brown/black pastels and create the exhaust stain on the plane as well as the stacks themselves. Another trick I like to do is hollow out the end of round stacks with a fine drill bit or just the tip of a sharp number 11 knife blade. For oval or square shaped stacks, I just simulate the opening with black paint—subtle but convincing.

—John Mancini Salt Lake City, Utah

I have found that some of the brownish shades of eye shadow (that's right, make-up, available at your local drug store) look pretty convincing on exhaust stacks and as exhaust stains. A lot of them now have a kind of pearly metallic finish (although for stains I'd use a flatter kind). They come with a nifty applicator, too.

—August Horvath

Okay, kinda along these lines, but a bit dangerous: What I do to simulate jet exhaust on an F-4 or something like that is I take a sprue, set it on fire, and let the smoke build up on the model. Then I lightly brush/smear it in the direction of windflow. CAUTION! Burning styrene is toxic. I usually do this outdoors and cover my mouth with something when I do it. Oh yeah, put a flat coat over it and it looks really great.

—Ken Koller, Fresno, CA

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