



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, October 3, 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 October meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



Another of Ken Fields's pleasing D&D figure is this unicorn that he built and painted as a gift for one of his friends. For colors Ken used Vallejo Sacred Pink, Sky blue and Glorious Gold, and Army Painter Azure Magic.

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THANK YOU!!

We were quite sure Patcon 2025 was going to be bigger than last year, but we were not banking on the unprecedented number of attendees and models that appeared last Sunday:

132 contestants, including 26 Juniors, with 661 entries (15 more contestants and 162 more entries than last year) plus an estimated 150 models on the Display Only tables.

288 walk-in adults and 32 walk-in children.

In a phone conversation I had yesterday with Mark Norman, the IPMS Region 1 coordinator, he repeatedly stated how impressed he was with the show — the location, the many attractions, the vendors, the Make-and-Take, but especially how well organized we were and what a great job was done by the many volunteers during the day. We couldn't agree more.

We'll hopefully have a more comprehensive report for the November edition, but for now, another huge THANK YOU to all the members of Patriot Scale Modelers who pitched in to plan and carry off the wonderful success we achieved on Sunday.

—Pip Moss, Editor & Head Judge

Minutes from the September Meeting

The meeting was chaired by club president George Lellios.

1. Patcon is close!!

- There are still a few spots available for the pre-show reception being held in the Museum on Saturday between 5 and 8 p.m. Attendance is by RSVP only so members should respond soon if they wish to attend.

- Members are encouraged to sign up for Judging as we cannot have enough judges. Those that have never judged before are encouraged to try as they would be working alongside experienced modelers who can provide great insight as to what makes a good model.

- We also need volunteers to sign up as we have two entry desks to man and a cart transport to operate all day.

- We still have plenty of show award sponsorships to sell.

2. Spencer Talmage delivered the monthly treasurer's report.

3. Another Brewery meet up was held at the Epigram Brewery in Tyngsboro. About 9 to 10 people turned up, an improvement over the previous meeting. The next will be in October at the Spyglass brewery in Nashua, and one is planned in November back at Epigram.

4. There will be a temporary pause on the special prizes for the club raffle around Patcon.

5. Nominations for the EBoard will be taken during the October meeting and the election is to take place during the November meeting. Please submit nominations soon.

6. The December meeting will be held on 5th, and the January meeting will be on the 9th since January 1 is New Years Day.

7. Round-the-room intros were given for new members in attendance.

—Richard Price, Secretary

Show-and-Tell

Eric Xu 1/48 JAGDF Type 10 MBT (Tamiya)
1/48 Bf 109 G-14 (Eduard)
John Walker 1/35 Ersatz Befehlpanzer (kitbash)
1/35 Bergepanther/2.0cm Flak (kitbash)
Spencer Talmage 1/72 MiG-15UTI (Eduard)
Dave Ruete 1/48 Shadowhawk (Revell ex-Tacom/Tomy)
Richard Price 1/72 Macchi C.200 (AML)
Rich Petrie 1/144 RGM-79(G) Slave Wraith (Bandai)
Pip Moss 1/48 P-38J Lightning (Tamiya)
Jamie Michaels ... 28mm Ashlynn of Liberty (Privateer Press)
28mm Morayne (Steamforge Gamres)
Bill Michaels 1/100 M3 Stuart ()
Daniel Lovering Two FM-1 Wildcats (Hasegawa)
Chris Kizik 1/35 German Train Station (unknown)
Peter Fotie WIP 1/24 Hover Racer (kitbash)
Mason Fitch 1/550 Neue Ziel (Bandai)
Ken Fields 1/32 D&D Unicorn (Wizkids)

Raffle Report

September winners:

Austin Clark, Tamiya 1/48 P-38J
Tim Sistare, 3D-printed tool kit
Spencer Talmage, Tamiya 1/48 Ki-46 & 4X4 Kuro Gane
Joyce Wilson, Mecha 8-pack
Pete Legge, hasegawa 1/32 F6F-3/5 package
Alan Beeber, Tamiya 1/35 Jagdpanther
Rich Petrie, AMT 1/25 Gremlin Modified Stocker
Robert Burns, Tamiya 1/48 Spitfire Mk. Vb
Ken Fields, Tamiya 1/35 Panzer IV Ausf. F
Tom Boisvert, Tamiya 1/24 VW Beetle
Jerry Kuzlotsky, Tamiya 1/35 T-55A



Eric Xu: 1/48 JGSDF Type 10 Main Battle Tank (Tamiya)

Eric built the model OOB and painted it with Tamiya acrylics: NATO Black, JGSDF Brown and Dark Green, Orange and Red. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for the Armored Division, JGSDF Fuji School.

The Type 10 (Hitomaru-shiki sensha) is a Japanese fourth generation main battle tank produced by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries for the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force. It entered service in 2012. Compared with other currently-serving main battle tanks in the JGSDF, the Type 10 is better equipped to deal with anti-tank weapons. The Type 10 started as the TK-X (MBT-X) project, intended to complement and eventually replace the Type 74 and Type 90 tanks in service with the JGSDF.[5] Development began in the 1990s, and production started in 2010-2011.



Eric Xu: 1/48 Bf 109 G-14 (Eduard)

Eric added an Eduard PE cockpit set and Infini lycra for the antenna wire. Paints are Squadron Scale Colors acrylics (RLM 71, 75 and 76). Decals are from the kit. Markings are for a plane flown by Germany's greatest ace, Erick Hartmann, 4./JG 52, Csór, Hungary, November 1944. Hartmann ended his career with 352 victories. Eric's model is done in the same paint scheme as the Bf 109 G-10 at the American Heritage Museum.



John Walker: 1/35 Ersatz Befehlspanzer (Italeri/Academy)

John mounted an Academy Panzer IV turret on an Italeri Bergepanther hull to replicate this one-off vehicle fabricated by the unit maintenance company. The wheels are home-cast. Decals are from the spares box. Paints are Tamiya acrylics with weathering using pastels, powders and pencil lead. Markings are for 653 s.Pz.JGD.Abt., Russia, 1944.



John Walker: 1/35 2.0cm Flakvierling on Bergepanther Ausf. D (Italeri/Tamiya)

John mounted a Tamiya Flakvierling on an Italeri Bergepanther hull. Paints are Tamiya acrylics weathered with pastels, weathering and pencil lead. Decals are from the spares box. Markings are for 653 s.Pz.Jgd. Abt, Russia, 1944. John writes, "This model represents a one-off vehicle fabricated by the unit maintenance company. However, it is not certain that this vehicle actually existed as no photo has ever been found."



Spencer Talmage: 1/72 MiG 15 UTI (Eduard)

Spencer added AK stretch rigging for 1/72 scale. Paints are a mix of Vallejo and Tamiya acrylics including Vallejo metal color for the exterior NMF. For weathering he used Tamiya Panel Line Accent (Brown) and Winsor & Newton oils. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for the Finnish Air Force Fighter Unit 31, late 1960s, one of four MiG-15 UTIs purchased by Finland in 1962. It served until it crashed and was written off in November 1970. It was notable for escorting Czech president Ludvik Svoboda's Il-18 during a state visit to Finland.

Spencer writes, "I originally started this kit to participate in a Cold War group build online, but had issues with decals at the later stages of the build that delayed me until after the deadline. The cockpit interior included ample PE as Eduard kits typically do, and I think this is probably the best cockpit I've done thus far. I'm less happy with the external finish: the oil weathering worked really well to add subtle dirt/grime, but I was a bit clumsy around the canopy, and the paint is much less refined than I'd like. This was a really nice kit, recommended!"



Dave Ruete: 1/48 SHD=2H Shadowhawk (Revell, ex-Takara Tomy)

Dave built the figure mostly OOB, but fabricated the radio antenna from a large paint brush bristle. Camouflage paint is Tamiya NATO Green, NATO Brown and Black, with various other acrylics for details. For weathering Dave used AK NATO tanks filter and wash. Chipping is still in process; powders to be applied after diorama is completed. OOB decals are from the original Fang of the Sun Dougram anime.

Dave writes, "This is the personal BattleMech of Commander Miranda "Needlenose" Sinclair of the Serpent Strike mercenary company, contracted to the Lyran Commonwealth to garrison the planet Stantisya in the year 3028.

"The Shadowhawk, which featured on the cover of the 2nd edition BattleTech rules manual from the boxed set, was one of the original "unseen" mechs in the Battletech Universe. The -2H variant of the Shadowhawk is a 55 ton medium mech, armed with an autocannon, a medium laser, and a 2-cylinder short range missile launcher, as well as a 5-tube long range missile launcher. The Shadowhawk is a venerable design, dating back several hundred years when it was produced by the Star League."



Richard Price: 1/72 Macchi C.200 (AML, from the Kirk collection)

Richard built the model "OOB as much as possible." He writes, "The kit comes with PE, resin parts and a vacuform canopy. I had to rebuild areas at the front/rear wing roots as it was not possible to fit the wings to the fuselage and have the entire cross-section line up. I added a pitot tube and undercarriage hydraulics from Albion telescopic brass tubing; I scratchbuilt bits for the interior of the wheel wells to cover a gaping void.

"For paints, the kit instructions call out specific Humbrol numbers: 140 Italian Camouflage Grey, 141 Light Blue-Grey No. 1, 91 Dark Olive Green No. 2. I don't own any dedicated Italian Air Force paint, so I went with these. Decals are from the kit. Markings: 356a Squadriglia, 21st Gruppo Autonomo CT, Kantemirovka airfield, Russia, November 1942.

"I picked this kit up as it looked like a quick build with only a single sprue and the PE/resin, as well as a few paint/markings schemes in plain green rather than the commonly seen yellow/mottled ones. Simply the worst kit I have ever built. Terrible fit, no locating pins anywhere. As a limited run kit this is to be expected, but this was really much worse than I have encountered elsewhere. The PE/resin/markings are very nice though; I would recommend buying this kit solely for those and using them on someone else's plastic."



Rich Petrie

1/144 RGM-79(G) Slave Wraith
(Bandai)

Rich color corrected various parts using Vallejo Mecha Color paints. Decals are from Bandai, G-Rework and SnowFlame.



The RGM-799G) Slave Wraith is a heavily modified RGM-79[G] GM Ground Type mobile suit piloted by Captain Travis Kirkland in the video game *Mobile Suit Gundam Side Story: Missing Link*. The mobile suit served as the commander's unit for the Slave Wraith special forces team, a secret Earth Federation black ops unit composed of five members, all criminals who were given a choice to have their records wiped clean in exchange for joining the team.



Pip Moss
Lockheed P-38J-20-LO
(Tamiya)

Aftermarket items include an Ultracast resin seat and Eduard Brassin 500 lb. bombs. The NMF was done using Alclad Aluminum, Duraluminum, White Aluminum, Dark Aluminum and Stainless Steel. Anti-glare OD is Tru-Color acrylic lacquer. Cockpit colors are Mr. Color Interior Green, AK Real Colors Bronze Green, and Tru-Color OD. Brushed pastels were used for weathering and staining. The model depicts "Arkansas Traveler" of the 392nd FS, 367th FG based in northern France during the Fall of 1944. This is another superlative kit with brilliant engineering and near-perfect fit. The only flaws were long sink marks in the tops of both ailerons that had to be filled.





Jamie Michaels: 28mm Ashlynn of Liberty (Privateer Press)

Jamie replaced the Statue of Liberty base with a wooden block to serve as a statue plinth. Paints are P3 Copper and Vallejo Rust Patina. Jamie writes, "The model is a promotional alternate sculpt of the Statue of Liberty for the *Monsterpocalypse* game featuring the Warmachine character."



Jamie Michaels

28mm Dusk Ghosts of Ios
Morayne, the Blade of Twilight
(Steamforged Games)

Jamie built the figure OOB and painted it with a mix of P3 and Vallejo acrylics for the snow camouflage. The figure depicts a living ensouled Iosan elf, one of the last survivors of the now defunct Retribution of Scyrah.





Bill Michaels: 1/100 M3 Stuart (Zvezda)

Bill built this gaming model mostly OOB, but added some lead shot inside the hull to give it more weight so it doesn't float on top of landscaping on the gaming table. Bill writes, "This is a kit from a few years ago, brought in to keep the string of "someone brought an M3 Stuart to show at the meeting" string going for another month. The Zvezda gaming kits are pretty nice little builds. They go together fast, with decent fit, and have enough detail to look the part without being fragile."



Daniel Lovering
1/72 GM FM-1 Wildcat
(Hasegawa,
from the Kirk collection)

[This information pertains to both Daniel's models on this and the next page.]

Daniel built the kits mostly OOB. He used AK Hyper-Thin Elastic Rigging for the radio antenna wires and replaced the tail antenna posts with sections of D'Addario guitar string. Both models were primed with Mr. Surfacer 1500 and painted with Mr. Color acrylic lacquers, and Vallejo Model Air and Tamiya acrylics. Weathering consists of Tamiya Panel Line Accent, and pastels for exhaust stains. Decals are from the kits. Markings for plane no. 3 (this page) are for VC-12 aboard USS Core (Atlantic theatre color scheme). Markings for plane S31 (Page 17) are for VC-33 aboard USS Nassau (Pacific theatre 4-color scheme).

Daniel writes, "These were the first aircraft models I had built since childhood, and I made a lot of mistakes, perhaps the most egregious of which was using the kit decals, which had wrinkled with age and should have been discarded. But I was unable to find third party replacements, so, following the advice of a few club members, I decided to try the kit decals with Micro Liquid Decal Film. That worked well at first, but unfortunately the decals cracked and peeled as they dried. The wing code on S31 was so bad that I removed it and painted it using a homemade stencil instead. Despite these difficulties, I enjoyed the process and look forward to building more aircraft models in the future."



Daniel Lovering: 1/72 GM FM-1 Wildcat (Hasegawa, from the Kirk collection)
[See Page 16 for build information]



Chris Kizik
1/35 German Train Station
(unknown manufacturer)

Chris added roof shingles and Miniart train accessories. Paints the are Vallejo acrylics with MIG Ammo Earth weathering. The propaganda posters on the wall are aftermarket decals. The unit could serve as a diorama base for either American or German vehicles.



Mason Fitch: 1/550 Neue Ziel (Bandai)

Maston built the figure OOB and painted it with Mr. Color acrylic lacquer (sprayed) and Vallejo acrylics hand painted for details.

The AMX-002 Neue Ziel is a space-use prototype mobile armor featured in OVA (Original Video Animation) *Mobile Suit Gundam 0083: Stardust Memory*. It was piloted by the "Nightmare of Solomon," Anavel Gato, a Zeon ace pilot and the series' main antagonist.

Upcoming Events

- October 3.....**Armorcon**, Northeast Military Modelers Asso., Windham Southbury Hotel, Southbury, CT.
Contact Matthew Toms: ssgtoms@sbcglobal.net
- October 11.....**HVSM Show 2025**, IPMS Hudson Valley Scale Modelers, Elks Club Lodge, Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.
Contact John Gallagher: ggallagherjoh@gmail.com or 845-462-4740. Website: <https://hvhmg.org/>
- October 19.....**GraniteCon 32**, Granite State Modelers, Weare Middle School, Weare, NH.
Contact Rodney Currier: nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876.
Website: www.granitestatemodelersclub.org
- October 19.....**SyrCon 37**, IPMS Syracuse, American Legion Post, 5575 Legionnaire Drive, Cicero, NY
Pierre Salazar: pierre.g.salazar@gmail.com or 315-314-0042. Website: www.ipmssyracuse.com
- November 2.....**Baycon 2025**, IPMS Bay Colony, Franklin Elks Lodge, 1077 Pond Street, Franklin, MA.
Contact Robert Magina: treadhead@comcast.net or 508-695-7754.
Website: www.facebook.com/groups/113718167016
- November 8.....**Model Car Challenge, LIARS**, Freeport Recreation Center, 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.
Contact Dominick Gerace: superbird440@fotki.com or 631-834-4223.
- November 14-15.....**Model Show 2025, Long Island Miniature Collectors**, 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.
Contact John Jefferies: birchtreejohn@aol.com or 516-662-5281. Website: www.liminiaturecollectors.com

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