



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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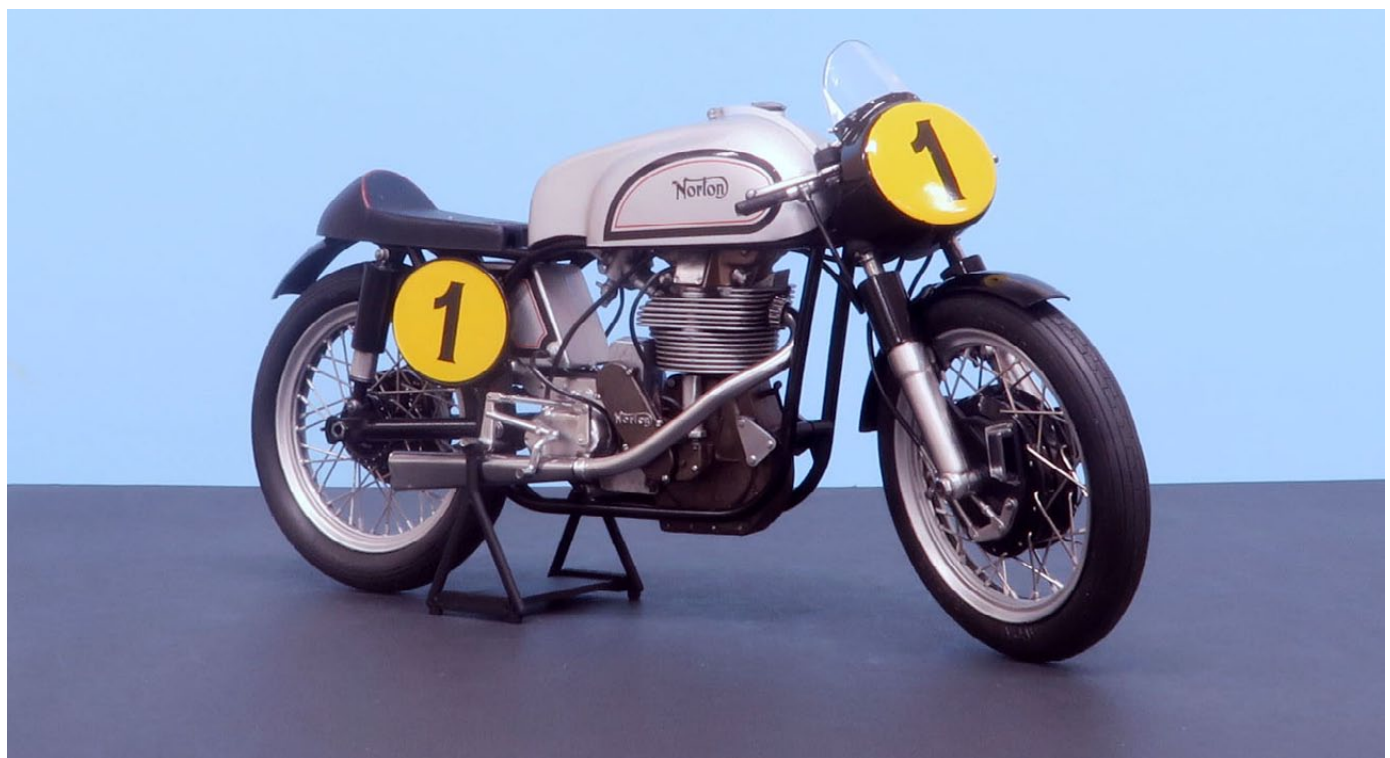
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, February 7, 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.



Daniel Lovering, our newest member, joined the club at the January meeting and brought along this beautiful build of a 1/9 scale 1951 Norton Manx motorcycle (Italeri). Daniel scratchbuilt the wire wheels using dressmaking pins for the spokes and lengths of aluminum tubing for the nipples. Paints are Tamiya and Alclad; decals are from the kit. The model depicts the mount of British rider Geoff Duke, who won the motorcycle Grand Prix road racing world championship three years running in 1951, -52 and -53.

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Here's a cliché to start this month's newsletter, one that immediately jumped to mind given the time of year: "Change is inevitable." We've left the cozy holiday season behind and dived right into the long stretches of cold months. Some will love this time to enjoy skiing and winter sports, while others will seek heat and hibernate until spring. I'm most definitely in the latter camp.

Reaction to the winter season is no different from reaction to any other change that comes our way. Some will be embraced while others will not, sometimes vehemently so. That's understandable; for many of us, we prefer things to remain as they are, such as having autumn's crisp but pleasant weather right about now. But that's not how the world works and we have to face the reality that things change.

For IPMS Patriot Chapter, we've recently had our fair share of changes and I'd like to think most were easy to accept. We had the excellent fortune of relocating to a new Patcon venue, the American Heritage Museum, after circumstances with our previous hall made it near-impossible to continue there. We also needed to change our name to IPMS Patriot Scale Modelers in order to better reflect who we are and what we do: Let's face it, "IPMS Patriot Chapter" means little to the outside world, especially to a younger crowd. And we updated our website, mandated by the need to have easier and broader management by the E-Board as well as to modernize our "look." A quick note of thanks to Dan Costa for his many years of service in managing the previous website singlehandedly, a daunting task indeed. Thank you, Dan!

But some changes are harder to face and deal with. The consideration to use open judging at competitions versus IPMS's traditional 1-2-3 format. Newer genres like Gundam and Warhammer are gaining popularity and how—or better put, the necessity—to include in a traditionally-based organization. And we saw some fairly extreme opinions and reactions to rule changes made by the IPMS/USA E-Board following the 2023 Nationals, ones deemed necessary to benefit the convention and organization as a whole.

Though preference by an existing membership may be to "not upset the apple cart"—or more candidly "we like things the way they are, thank you very much"—this is not typically the way forward. We, at the local through to the national level, need to adapt to change not for the present but for the well-being of the group going forward and for the next generation of members. This is where change becomes progress, and it too is inevitable.

Patriot has always met change well, tempering our response with respect for our history and traditions, and thought to our future. It truly is one of the hallmarks of our chapter and a reason for our continued success.

Signing off until next month (and heading back into my very warm basement to complete a model before February's meeting),

George

Minutes from the January Meeting

The meeting was chaired by club president George Lellios.

1. Dan Costa is retiring as our web master so the website is being transferred to a new domain with new technology that should make maintenance much simpler. Dan is to be awarded a lifelong club membership in recognition of all the work he has done for us.

2. A motion was requested from the floor to change the official club name to "IPMS Patriot Scale Modelers." The motion was voted on and passed.

3. It's membership dues time again. Standard membership is \$20 per year. We will repeat the "early bird" offer whereby membership renewals received before the 1st of March this year will be discounted to \$15. Membership for those who joined at Patcon 2024 or after does not need to be renewed until 2026; their existing membership will be extended to include 2025.

4. The meeting dates for the first half of 2025 have been set and will all be on the first Friday of each month. July is expected to be on the second Friday, and the outlook is that all meetings beyond that will also be on the first Friday.

5. Our new interim treasurer continues to make the switch to a new bank and is currently finalizing IRS requirements. The Old Dominion Open model show in Richmond VA will take place on Saturday, February 22. The show was heartily endorsed by a member who attended last year.

—Richard Price, Secretary

Show-and-Tell

George Caswell28mm Shifter Ranger "Ardred" (WotC)
28mm Human Sorcerer "Claudia" (WotC)
Mason Fitch 1/144 Zaku II the Origin Type C6 (Bandai)
Peter Foti 1/35 Flying Truck (Scratchbuilt)
Bill Michaels 1/72 Humber Mk. II A.C. (Hasegawa)
Jamie Michaels28mm Magnus/Unstoppable (Steamforge)
Jamie Michaels28mm Invictus (Steamforge)
Pip Moss 1/72 Westland Wessex HAS.3 (Italeri)
Richard Price 1/48 J2M3 Raiden (Hasegawa)
Tim Sistare 1/35 BMP-2 (Zvezda)
1/35 Sd.Kfz. 222 (Tamiya)
John Walker 1/72 Bf 109 E-1 (Hobby Boss)
1/72 Bf 109 E-3 (AZ Models)
1/72 Bf 109 E-4/B (Hasegawa)

Raffle Report

January winners:

Austin Clark, Revell 1/72 B-17F
Ruane Crummett, Fujimi 1/24 Nissan Fairlady 240Z
Cade Harris, Trumpeter 1/35 10.5cm/Geschutzwagen
Mike Hirsch, Atlantis 1/48 White-Fruehauf Gas Truck
Jamie Michaels, Bandai Zuku I Sniper Type
Bill Michaels, Eduard 1/72 Fokker D.VII Dual Combo
Spencer Talmage, Jumbo modeling supply kit
John Walker, Tamiya 1/35 Panzer II Ausf. A/B/C

It's time to pay your dues!

Please help us out by remitting your 2025 membership fee promptly. If you pay before March 1, you'll receive the Early Bird Special of \$15.00. On or after March 1, the fee reverts to the normal \$20.00.

The easiest way to pay is electronically via our web page (you can use Paypal or a credit/debit card). Click the link at the top of this newsletter, then click JOIN US top right on the web home page. On the next page, click the DONATE button for Returning Members. On the following screen, click DONATE WITH PAYPAL. You'll be then be taken to the Paypal log-in screen where you'll have the option to continue with Paypal or use a credit/debit card instead.

Alternatively, you may pay with a check: either bring it to an upcoming club meeting or mail it to our treasurer:

Spencer Talmage
15 Daley Avenue
Methuen, MA 01844

THANK YOU!

Show-and-Tell Gallery



George Caswell: 28mm Shifter Ranger "Ardred" and Sorcerer "Claudia" (Wizards of the Coast)

George modified both these DnD figures: The original female figure was a waitress. George removed the tray and drinks and replaced them with a sculpted "faery ball," which necessitated changing the arm pose. For the shifter ranger, George scratchbuilt the sword, added crossbow wire, and re-sculpted the hair and chest.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



John Walker: 1/72 Bf 109 E-1 (Hobby Boss)

John built the model OOB and painted it with AK Interactive acrylics with weathering using pastels and pencil lead. Decals are from a Super-scale sheet (72-671); markings are for 5./JG 77 "Herz As" (Ace of Hearts), Western Front, September 1939. The pilot of this plane was credited with shooting down the first British aircraft of WW2 on September 4, 1939.



Bill Michaels
1/72 Humber Mk. II
Armoured Car (Hasegawa)

Bill built the vehicle OOB. Primary exterior color is Tamiya Desert Yellow with Vallejo acrylics for various details, and weathering using AK Interactive Dust Effects. Decals are from the kit; markings are for the UK 12th Royal Lancers, First Armoured Division, El Alamein, Egypt, July 1942.

Bill writes, "This is an old kit- it was first released in 1975. Judging by the box art, my kit was from Hasegawa's latest re-release in 1991. I built this because I like to have smaller vehicles to display with my 1/72 aircraft models. The kit was used as a simple base to try out the new AK Interactive "Dust Effects" weathering product. I found the enamel-based wash easy to use over my acrylic paint base."





Richard Price

**1/48 Mitsubishi J2M3 Raiden
(Hasegawa)**

Richard built the model mostly OOB, but added an Eduard photo-etch set. Paints are Mr. Color acrylic lacquers. Decals are from the kit; markings are for the 381st Naval Flying Group, Malaya, 1946. Richard adds, "Just a quick build."

ATAIU-SEA (Allied Technical Air Intelligence Unit-South East Asia) was formed during 1943 at Maidan, India, to recover Japanese aircraft. ATAIU-SEA operated as a combined RAF/USAAF unit before the USAAF personnel were transferred to the United States. By early 1946 ATAIU-SEA in Singapore had collected 64 Japanese Army and Navy aircraft, most in flyable condition, for shipment to the UK. However, lack of shipping space prevented this operation from being completed, and only four planes eventually arrived in England to be put on display in museums. A good quality b&w photo exists of two Raidens, marked B1-01 and B1-02, flying in formation over Malaya.

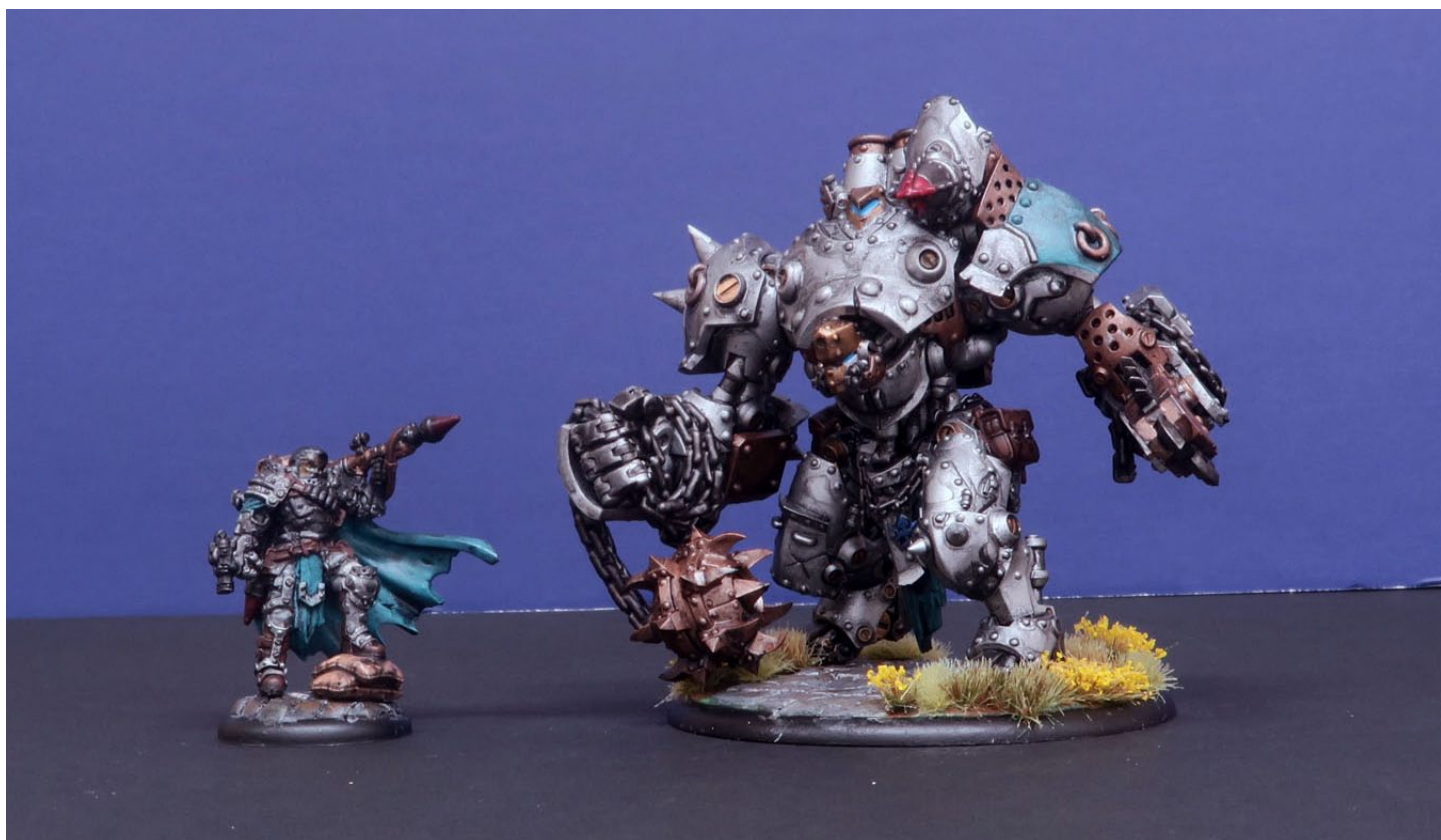
Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Tim Sistare: 1/35 Ukrainian-captured BMP-2 (Zvezda)

Tim built the model OOB and painted it with Tamiya acrylics and Vallejo matte clear coat. For weathering he applied sponge chipping and enamel wash. Earth effects were achieved using pigment powder and earth paste from Vallejo. Tim also added minor battle damage to the fenders. Decals (a few) are from the kit. Tim writes, "This is an interpretation of a captured Russian BMP-2 used during the initial stages of the 2020 invasion of Ukraine (signified by "Z" markings). After being captured the vehicle was re-marked with Ukrainian flags. All the stowage and even the ditching log come from a mix of other kits. Rope was made from strands of thread twisted together and saturated in super glue. Kit fit was pretty poor, which is evident in the build, but is acceptable given the battle damaged state of the vehicle. This was the cheapest BMP-2 I could find and it shows."

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Jamie Michaels: 28mm Magnus the Unstoppable & Invictus (Steamforge Games)

Jamie built the figures OOB and painted them with Vallejo metallics and P3 Arcane Blue. Jamie writes, "Basing was made with hand-carved green stuff for the cobblestones. Gamer Grass brand adhesive grasses. Grout was made from model putty."

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Pip Moss: 1/72 Westland Wessex HAS.3 (Italeri)

The kit was built mostly OOB, but I relocated the upper fuselage antenna masts and added fuselage and tail grab handles fashioned from brass wire. In addition, the kit has the tail rotor turning the wrong way, so I cut off the blades and reattached them rotated 180 degrees. The primary paints are Hataka acrylic lacquers for the RAF Golden Yellow and Blue-Grey. It was my first experience with them; they behaved quite well. Based on online photos, I added a small amount of Mr. Color Cobalt Blue to the Blue-Grey. The unaltered hue can be seen on the radome. Per references, the rotors were painted RAF Dark Green on tops and flat black on the bottoms with thin strips of gloss black at the leading edges to simulate neoprene protective tape. I applied a wash of Model Master Burnt Umber to dirty the airframe up a bit. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for an ASW aircraft during the Falklands War, 1982.

The Wessex is a British-built, gas turbine-powered version of the American Sikorsky H-34. It was developed and produced under licence by Westland Aircraft (later Westland Helicopters). One of the main changes from Sikorsky's H-34 was the replacement of the piston-engine power plant with a turboshaft engine. Early models were powered by a single Napier Gazelle, while later builds used a pair of de Havilland Gnomes. The Wessex was initially produced for the Royal Navy and later for the RAF. It operated as an anti-submarine warfare and utility helicopter and is perhaps best recognized for its use as a search and rescue (SAR) aircraft. The type entered operational service in 1961 and had a service life in excess of 40 years before being retired in the UK in 2003.



John Walker: 1/72 Bf 109 E-3a (AZ Models)

John built the model mostly OOB, but added his own cockpit interior. Paints are Vallejo Model Air acrylics with weathering using pastels and pencil lead. Decals are from the kit; markings are for 3/6 FS, Bulgarian Air Force, Karlovo-Marino Airfield, October 1941. The "a" in the aircraft designation was used to denote an export version, identical to a normal E-3.



Mason Fitch
1/144 Zaku II Type C-6
"The Origin" (Bandai)

Mason built the Gundam OOB and added a clear coat of Tamiya Matte.





Peter Foti

1:35 Flying Truck (Scratchbuilt)

The model is based on a drawing by concept artist and illustrator Ian McQue. Peter built it using styrene sheet with added details from various 1/35 and 1/72 kit parts. The truck cab is from an Italeri M977 HEMTT; the resin driver figure is from Legend Productions. Peter painted the model with Mission Model acrylics and weathered it with oils and enamels (streaks, rust, dust etc.) as well as chipping using hair spray.





Tim Sistare: 1/35 Afrika Korps Sd.Kfz. 222 (Tamiya)

Tim built the vehicle OOB and painted it with Tamiya acrylics and Vallejo matte clear coat. For weathering he applied sponge chipping and enamel wash as well as some rust effects particularly on the exhaust. Decals are a mix from the kit. Tim writes, "The model is roughly meant to represent a vehicle in the German Afrika Korps mid-1941. The soldier is painted in theater-appropriate colors and includes an approximation of the DAK cuff band to denote his being a member of the Korps. Jerry cans containing water are mounted on the vehicle and are denoted by white crosses so as not to be confused with cans containing gasoline. Eventually I want to replace the rope since it looks kinda weird to me."

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



John Walker: 1/72 Bf 109 E-4/B (Hasegawa)

John built the model OOB. Paints are Vallejo Model Air acrylics with weathering using pastels and pencil lead. Decals are from the kit; markings are for 8./ZG 1, Western Europe, 1940. The E-4/B was a fighter-bomber version fitted with an ETC 500 bomb rack, carrying either one 250 kg bomb or four 50 kg bombs. Of the 561 E-4s produced, 211 were configured as E-4Bs.

Upcoming Events

- March 15 **Model Sale & Swap/Build Day**, IPMS Central CT, Buckingham Church, 16 Cricket Land, Glastonbury, CT.
Contact Boyd Brown III: bbrowniii0369@yahoo.com or 860-942-4231.
- March 22 **RepLICon 32**, IPMS Long Island, Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.
Contact James Boulukos: jnboul19@yahoo.com or 516-316-4895
- March 30 **Valleycon 34**, IPMS Wings & Wheels, Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA.
Contact Al LaFleche: wings.wheels.modelers@gmail.com or 413-306-1270.
- April 5 **MosquitoCon 33**, IPMS New Jersey, Wayne PAL, Wayne, NJ
Contact Bill Schwarz: bigbillschwarz53@gmail.com or <http://njipms.org/>
- April 6 **BuffCon 40**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Justin & Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY.
Contact Mike Butry: falcon42177@yahoo.com or 716-940-5624
- April 6 **Downeastcon 2024**, IPMS Southern Maine, Sanford Memorial Gym, 863 Main St., Sanford, ME.
Contact Grace Leavitt: graceee1222@aol.com or 207-252-8566
- April 12 **Can/Am Con '24**, IPMS Champlain Valley, National Guard Armory, Winooski, VT.
Contact Ron Hogue: badchek75@hotmail.com or 802-399-8866.
- July 26–29 **IPMS National Convention**, Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA
Log on to <https://ipmsnationals.org/>
- September 28 **Patcon 2025**, IPMS Patriot Scale Modelers, American Heritage Museum, Hudson/Stow, MA
Go to ipmspatriot.org
- October 19 **GraniteCon 32**, Granite State Modelers, Weare Middle School, Weare, NH.
Contact Rodney Currier: nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876
- October 25 **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.

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