



THE PATRIOT

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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, June 5, 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 June meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.

ALSO: Don't forget to bring any Kirk collection models you've built for a group photo to send to the Kirk family.



Mike Lents joined Patriot Scale Modelers in December. This was the first meeting he was able to attend, and he brought this very nicely done 1/48 P-39 built from the Eduard kit. For more pictures and build description, see page 9.

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I had the pleasure of meeting Mike Lents, a new Patriot member who signed up at the end of last year and was finally able to attend our May in-person meeting. I very much appreciated hearing his professional and personal history such as his leaving sunny Southern California recently to relocate to the tundra that is New England, specifically my home town of Holden. I enjoyed his very pleasant affect and listening in on his scale model interests. He even brought an Edouard 1/48 P-39F Airacobra for Show-and-Tell, featured on this month's newsletter cover.

During his time to present at Show-and-Tell, Mike made two very interesting comments. The first was that he was less interested in accuracy and much preferred a subject and paint finish that "spoke" to him. He enjoyed the painting process, colors, and overall design. One could see that interest come through clearly: the paint work and decals were beautifully done and popped. To my eye, as someone who rarely builds anything historical, it looked like something right out of the pages of WW2, but as Mike said that wasn't his primary driver.

The second point was that he was not into constructing a model. To paraphrase, "if I could buy a model already built and just do the painting and finish work, I would." This, of course, flew in the face of my own interest in scale modeling; I'm a construction guy. Give me something to modify, kitbash, scratchbuild, etc., and I'm in my happy place. Though I like painting, decaling and weathering, they take a back seat. It seems that I like working "in" the plastic, while Mike "on".

Our hobby, like nearly every hobby out there—at least all those I've ever participated in—has its gatekeepers, people who think there's only one way to enjoy it. A tank must have the right paint for the era and theater it fought in; you're not a "real" Gundam builder unless you add your own panel lines, change proportions, etc.; and of course only brand A paint/model/tool should be used, never brand B or any other. But a hobby is about personal enjoyment, doing what you want how you want, whatever makes it enjoyable for you. This is especially true for scale modeling, where we let the artist and craftsman in each of us out, even if for just a short while, to be creative. No bounds, no rules, just fun.

To everyone who shows us their creativity, their vision of what scale modeling means to them, during our monthly Show and Tell, photos and blurbs presented in this and every newsletter, a heartfelt thank you. And to Mike, an additional thank you for reminding me that no matter how similarly or differently we do our thing in the hobby, it's all about making some really cool and awesome s#!t.

Happy modeling,
George

Minutes from the May Meeting

The meeting was chaired by club president George Lellios.

1. June meeting: We will have the Kirk Collection display. Please bring the model(s) from the collection that you've completed.

2. June is the last meeting Kirk Collection kits will be available.

3. August meeting: Bring in any Kirk Collection kits that you don't think you'll build to donate to the Patcon raffle.

4. Chairman Bill Michaels will create a schedule of meetings for the Patcon Committee.

5. Noreastcon is June 13th in Rochester NY.

6. TreeHouse Brewery Build Day May 16th at 11:30. This will be the final BBD for the year. RSVP to Chris Kizik. See distributed flyer for contact info.

The meeting then adjourned and was followed by Show-and-Tell and the monthly raffle.

—Austin Clark, Secretary

Show-and-Tell

Elise Williamson..... 1/144 Acerby Type E (Bandai)
John Walker 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 222 (Tamiya)
Tim Sistare..... 1/72 B-17C (Academy)
Pip Moss1/48 Nakajima B5N2 (Hasegawa)
Jamie Michaels ... "Dropfleet Commander" spaceships (TTC)
Mike Lents1/48 P-39F (Eduard)
Kurt Kunze 1/48 Leopard 2A7V MBT (Tamiya)
Chris Kizik..... 1/25 2021 Ford Bronco vignette (AMT)
Mason Fitch 1/12 Cdr. Kai Clone Trooper (Bandai)
Austin Clark..... 1/144 Spinatio Knight (Bandai)

Raffle Report

May winners:

Tom Boisvert - Hasegawa 1/35 Hitachi Wheel Loader
Spencer Talmage - Trumpeter 1/144 USS Gato
Austin Clark - Bandai 1/144 RX-77D Guncannon
Linda Cromett - Tamiya 1/35 M26 Pershing
Bart Navaro - Revell 1/25 '67 Plymouth GTX
Tom Warschal - Roden 1/35 Opel Blitzbus
Mike Lents - Eduard 1/48 Spitfire Mk. VIII

DON'T FORGET!
KIRK COLLECTION GROUP PHOTO
Bring any completed models
to the June meeting.



Elise Williamson: 1/144 EXM-H15 Acerby Type-E (Bandai)

Elise built this 30 Minute Missions figure OOB. ExAMACS (Extended Armament & Module Assemble & Combine System) are machines used in the three-way conflict between the Earth Alliance, Byron, and Maxion. As the name implies, ExAMACS are built around being heavily modular and compatible with alternate parts.



John Walker

1/35 Le. Panzerspähwagen
Sd.Kfz. 222 Ausf. B 5th series
(Tamiya)

John built the model "more or less" OOB. Paints are Tamiya acrylics with weather using tube water colors and powders. Decals are from the kit; markings are for Russia, Summer 1941.

John writes, "This is an old kit that I built back around 1978. I took it apart and rebuilt it using some more recent parts such as the jack and the fire extinguisher. Some parts were missing and had to be fabricated such as the two hooks and width indicators. The kit didn't have an antenna mount, so I added one from my spares box. The antenna is stretched sprue. The figure is from the kit, but with a Hornet head. It was painted with Vallejo acrylics.

The vehicle represents one from the early invasion of the soviet Union when "Grossdeutschland" was still a regiment before becoming a division in 1942."



Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Tim Sistare: 1/72 B-17C (Academy)

Tim built the model OOB and painted it with Tamiya acrylics. For weathering he did some pre-shading under the aluminum and applied an enamel wash. He also added some exhaust streaking drybrushed. Decals are from the kit; markings are generic early/pre-war.

Tim writes, "A very small number of these planes were produced, making it an interesting look at the early development of the B-17. I wasn't going for perfection on this one, so the outcome is a little sloppy, but it was a good way to experiment with a bare metal finish and aircraft building techniques. The kit had some fit issues and a poorly detailed cockpit, but that's forgivable given its age. Overall it was a fun build, and since it was a Kirk kit, I'll perhaps be making another one or two in the future. There are decals in the box for a British Lend-Lease version, which is what I may try."

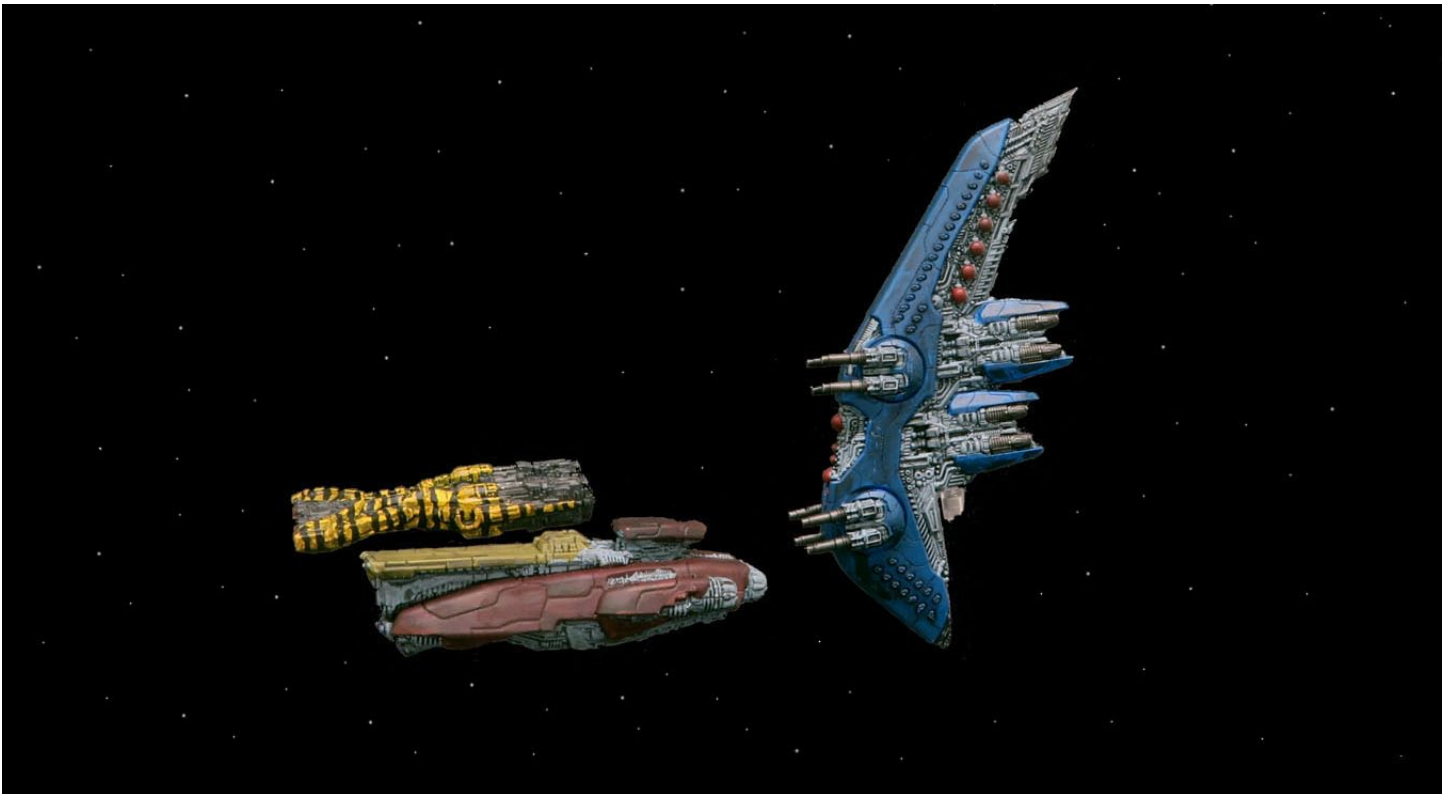
This kit came from the **Kirk collection**.



Pip Moss
1/48 Nakajima B5N2
(Hasegawa)

The model was built mostly OOB. I added Eduard PE seat belts and wired the engine using .2mm lead wire. Hasegawa failed to provide lenses for the four navigation lights on the wings upper surfaces, so I fashioned them using Micro Krystal Klear painted with Tamiya Clear Red and Blue. Paints are AK Real Colors J3 SP Amber Grey and D2 Dark Green for the camouflage colors, AK RC J3 Grey-Green for the fabric control surfaces underneath, Mr. Color Flat Black for the cowling, Mr. Color Nakajima and Mitsubishi interior greens mixed 2-to-1 for the cockpit, and Mr. Color Hinomaru Red and Insignia Yellow. All Hinomarus and stripes were masked and painted: the only decals visible in the photos are the tail codes and the red propeller warning stripes. The tail code decals came from an Aeromaster sheet; the propeller stripes and plane numbers ("1") on the wing and cowling lower surfaces came from the kit. The model depicts the plane carrying Mitsuo Fuchida, who led the first wave of air attacks on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Working under the overall fleet commander, Vice Admiral Chūichi Nagumo, Fuchida was responsible for the coordination of the entire aerial attack. A1-301 flew from the carrier Akagi and was also the leader the high level bomber force, carrying an 800kg deck-piercing bomb. Other B5N2s mounted torpedoes in the attack.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Jamie Michaels: YC Shimarín, LSDF Yellowjacket & KAN Colle (Tabletop Combat)

Jamie built the spaceships OOB and painted them with P3 paints, intentionally mismatched to represent a rag-tag fleet. The group carries markings of "The Ghosts of a Million Worlds," survivors of worlds and navies lost to The Scourge. Shimarín (big blue) is a Palatine Command Barge. Yellowjacket (yellow and black) is a Beleares Pocket Carrier. Colle is a Collins Support Carrier. All the ships are taken from the game Dropfleet Commander.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Mike Lents: 1/48 P-39F (Eduard)

Mike added resin exhausts and a seat with molded-in seat belts from Ultracast (Mike: "I absolutely abhor PE"). Paints are a mix of Mr. Color acrylic lacquers and good old Model Master enamels. Mike did light weathering with paint, pastel chalk powders and watercolor. Decals are from Cutting Edge. Markings are for "Air A Cutie" from the 34th FS, 8th FG, New Guinea, 1943.

Mike writes, "Back in 1980 when the Squadron In Action series was first being released, I was buying them as fast as they came out. I bought this issue and upon looking at the back dust jacket was enthralled to find Don Greer's illustration of one of the most exciting aircraft markings I had seen up to that point. At the time, although I had been painting on markings, I didn't have the skill to festoon one of my P-39s with this artwork; but, interestingly, decal manufacturers of the time used a lot of Mr. Greer's paintings to create some beautiful decals. And it was because of this that I actually started forgoing painted markings and buying way more decal sheets than any normal human being ought to have.

"I'm not an anal modeler when it comes to exact correctness. Not to say I don't research a bit into colors and such, but I never let that research get in the way of a good looking model build. I model because I like to paint, and I love to use colorful and interesting markings. For me the airplane, regardless of which airplane it is, serves only as the canvas for the markings that I want to display and enjoy."

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Kurt Kunze: 1/48 Leopard 2A7V

Kurt built the model OOB and painted it with Tamiya acrylics. Decals are from the kit; markings are for 2nd Company, 393rd Panzer Battalion.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Chris Kizik: 1/25 2021 Ford Bronco (AMT)

Chris added a bunch of 1/24 scale accessories. The interior is painted with Vallejo Gray-White with black accents; the exterior is Vallejo Olive Drab with Vallejo Dust/Mud Effects. Chris used 1/24 scale automotive- and 1/35 scale US Army decals. Chris writes, "This Bronco was made to depict a post-apocalyptic medic aid. It's fun to turn a normal kit into something else."



Mason Fitch: 1/12 Commander Kai Clone Trooper (Bandai)

Mason built the figure OOB and painted it with Mr. Color white and black and Vallejo red and gray. He applied hair spray chipping effects to the red areas. Mason writes, "I made this Clone Trooper for my son Kai and named it after him."



Austin Clark: 1/144 Spinatio Knight (Bandai)

Austin built the figure OOB and painted it with Createx Bloodlines Coagulated Blood, Tamiya acrylic White, and Proacryl Steel and Gold. He writes, "This is from Bandai's 30 Minute Missions line; lots of fun to build, hardly any seam lines. For pre-shading, black base with white highlights prior to applying the red."

Upcoming Events

- June 13.....**NoreastCon 53**, The Dome Arena, 2695 East Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY
Log on to <https://ipmsrochester.org/noreastcon-53>
- August 5–8.....**IPMS National Convention**, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Log on to <https://ipmsnationals.org/>
- September 27.....**Patcon 2026**, IPMS Patriot Scale Modelers, American Heritage Museum, Hudson/Stow, MA
Go to ipmspatriot.org
- October 2.....**Armorcon**, Northeast Military Modelers Asso., Wyndham Southbury Hotel, Southbury, CT.
Contact Matt Toms: ssgtoms@sbcglobal.net
- October 18.....**GraniteCon 33**, Granite State Modelers, Weare Middle School, Weare, NH.
Contact Rodney Currier: nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876

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