



THE PATRIOT

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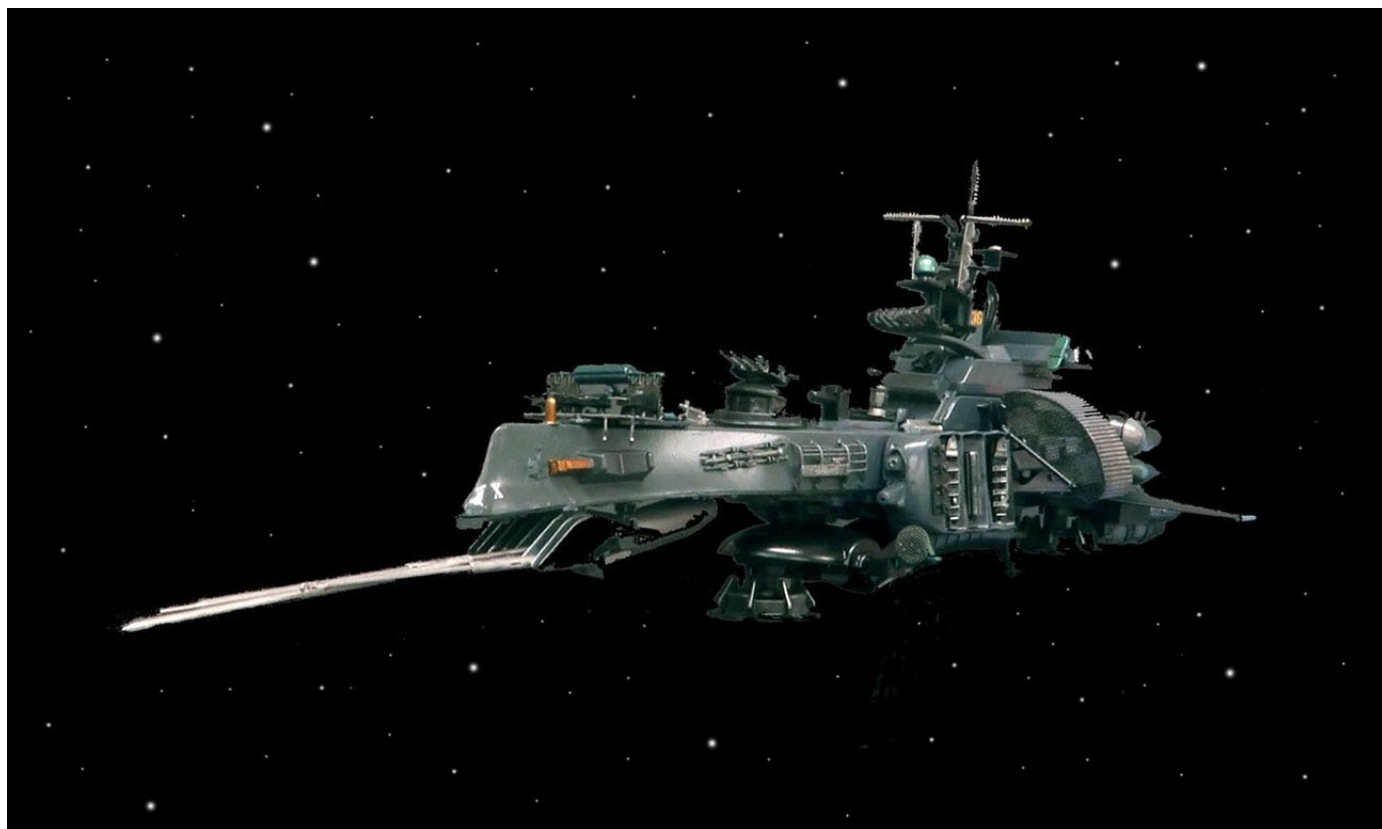
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, October 2, 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.



This 1/525 scale spaceship is one of two that Miguel Villega brought to the September meeting. It's his own design, inspired by the anime sci-fi series *Star Blazers*, an American adaptation of the Japanese *Space Battleship Yamato* from the 1970s. Miguel built both models by piecing together parts from various kits (Lindberg and Revell for two) and household items.

We still need volunteers for Patcon! See Special Notice on Page 2.

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Minutes from the September Meeting

The meeting was chaired by club president George Lellios.

1. Patcon

- Saturday setup starts at 10AM.
- Please stay to help clean up Sunday after the show.
- Please respond to George's email or fill out the Google survey within George's email if you can volunteer.
- Please bring a model for the club table.
- Thank you to everyone for the raffle donations.

2. October brewery meeting will be on October 17. Chris Kizik will be sending out a flyer.

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

—Austin Clark, Secretary

Special Patcon Notice

Hi everyone. Hard to believe it, but we're just days away from Patcon 2026!

Last Friday at our monthly in-person meeting, we had a good number of people sign up to help set up on Saturday, break down on Sunday, and assist during the show. But we do need more members to help!

Sunday showtime volunteering is one of our biggest needs and is extremely important to make sure the show runs smoothly for our guests, so please take a moment to sign up! If you've already signed up, no need to do so again, and a big Thank You from the Patcon Committee.

Here's the link to the sign-up form:
<https://forms.gle/vKkpYdAx6TU3wVst8>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at president@ipmspatriot.org.

—George Lellios, President

Show-and-Tell

Larry Berk..... 1/144 C-97G (Minicraft)
Pedro Estrada..... 1/32 MiG-15bis (Trumpeter)
Mason Fitch 1:144 RGZ Gok (Bandai)
Doug Hamm 1/35 M24 Chaffee (Tamiya)
1/48 P-40N (Eduard)
Andy Kitt 30mm Spiratia Commando (Bandai)
Chris Kizik 1/35 Mk. VIII Tank (Gobricks)
Kurt Kunze 1/48 Sea Fury FB.11 (Airfix)
Mike Lents 1/48 XF5F-1 Skyrocket (Minicraft)
Autumn Michaels 28mm Shield-Captain (Games Wkshp)
Bill Michaels 1/72 US Army Gas Truck (Hasegawa)
Pip Moss 1/48 He 219 A-2 Uhu (Tamiya)
Bart Navarro 1/25 Ford F100 Pickup (Revell)
Dave Ruete 1/72 Legioss AFC-011 (Imai)
Peter Ryan..... 3 Warships (Metal Earth)
Tim Sistare..... 1/35 T-72 (Tamiya)
Spencer Talmage 1/72 F4U-1A Corsair (Tamiya)
Miguel Villega 2 Space Ships (scratchbuilt/kitbash)
John Walker 1/72 Swordfish Mk. I (Revell)
Leon Wlodyka..... 1/10 Bilbo Baggins
Eric Xu 1/700 USS Enterprise (Trumpeter)
1/72 AH-1S Cobra (Hobby Boss)

Raffle Report

September winners:

Alan Beeber, Metal Earth with tools
Tom Boisvert, Tool kit
Austin Clark, Dragon 1/35 M4 Sherman
Linda Crummett, Tamiya 1/24 Mini Cooper
Mason Fitch, Bandai 1/144 Zaku II F2
Autumn Michaels, Hasegawa 1/35 Mechatro WeGo
Peter Ryan, Revell 1/32 P-51D
Tim Sistare, Academy 1/35 M3
Miguel Villega, Tool kit
Amelia Wolfe, Eduard 1/72 Bf 110 G-4



Larry Berk: 1/144 Boeing C-97G (Minicraft)

Larry added home-3D-printed Wasp Major R-4360 engines. Paints are Vallejo acrylics with weathering using Tamiya powders and artist's pastels. Markings are for the 109th Air Transport Squadron, Minnesota ANG circa 1960.

Larry writes, "The kit, a Transocean Airlines Boeing 377 Stratocruiser, looked boring. I drilled out the nacelles for the 3D-printed engines and detailed the otherwise empty gear bays. The Caracal sheet doesn't have "Minnesota" lettering or the tail number, so I masked and painted them. I also had to (try to) match the color across the nose with the stylized nose wings the sheet provides. The props got a lot of attention: Thinned and reshaped, the blade boots are Kirk Collection decal stripes, and hubs were fashioned from ballpoint pen nibs. Despite my adding weight, it's still a tail sitter. I fashioned a pogo stick because many parked C-97 photos show them. The 109th ATS, still based at the MN airport, is the oldest in the 133rd Airlift Wing and in the ANG. I went to college in MN and work for a company there. The base photo is enlarged from one I took from a gate flying home."

This model came from the **Kirk Collection**.



Pedro Estrada: 1/32 MiG-15bis (Trumpeter)

Pedro added Eduard cockpit details and aftermarket cannons. Camouflage paints are Tamiya acrylics Pedro achieved the heat stain effects using MRP metallics. He applied Tamiya Panel Line Accent for weathering. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for the Chinese PLAAF, Korea, 1951.



Mason Fitch: 1/144 MSM-07 Z'Gok (Bandai)

Mason built the figure OOB. He used Ochre Yellow and Gundam Orange oil paints and weathered with Vallejo sponge chipping and Mr. Weathering Light Gray. Decals are waterslides. The Z'Gok is a mass-production amphibious mobile suit introduced in the anime *Mobile Suit Gundam*.



Doug Hamm: 1/35 M24 Chaffee (Tamiya)

Doug built the model mostly OOB, but scratchbuilt the air ID panel using tissue paper, white glue and craft paint with corner eyelets fashioned from flattened lead wire. Paints are Tamiya acrylics with artist's oils for dirt and weathering. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for the 43rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Germany, 1945.



Doug Hamm

1/48 P-40N (Eduard Profipack)

Doug built the model OOB. Paints are Tamiya acrylics with panel line accents and light dusting on the underside. Decals are from the kit; markings are for the 45th FS, 15th FG, Baker Atoll, 1943.

Baker Island is a tiny, uninhabited atoll about 2000 miles southwest of Honolulu. The 45th FS was stationed there for three months starting in September 1943, during which time the island served as a crucial staging base for the Seventh Air Force, allowing B-24 Liberator bombers to launch attacks on Japanese positions including Mili Atoll in the Marshall Islands.



Andy Kitt: 1/144 Spinatia Commando (Bandai)

Andy built this 30 Minute Missions kit OOB and added nothing to it. He writes, "A deliberate attempt of no glue, no paint, no coat surface control."



Chris Kizik: 1/35 Mk. VIII Tank (Gobricks)

Chris assembled this prepainted blocks model OOB. He writes, "Purchased cheap from a Buy/Sell app. Looked cool to build a block "model." It's set F-A0689 Indiana Jones Last Crusade. 1020 pieces."



Kurt Kunze: 1/48 Sea Fury FB.11 (Airfix)

Kurt built the model mostly OOB, but added True Details photo-etched seat belts. Paints are Tamiya and Vallejo acrylics. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for No. 724 Squadron, Royal Australian Fleet Air Arm based at HMAS Albatross, Nowra, NSW, Australia, 1961.



Mike Lents: 1/48 Grumman XF5F-1 Skyrocket (Minicraft)

Mike added thin copper engine ignition wires and a resin cockpit from Lone Star Models. Paints are Tamiya Primer, Alclad II Duraluminum (air-frame) and Polished Aluminum (props), and Model Master Insignia Yellow. Weathering was kept to a minimum: some light pastel chalks and water colors. Decals are from the kit ("printed by MicroScale and lay down perfectly with Micro Set and Sol"). Markings are for the single prototype.

Mike writes, "One of my favorite and most interesting looking models; a plane that was designed in response to the Navy requesting a high-performance carrier plane. It first flew in April 1940 and according to all reports was an excellent design that outclassed its competitors including the XF4U Corsair and the F4F Wildcat. However, as time marched on and further mods were required, the Navy decided to accept the Wildcat instead.

"I decided to paint the model in the original prototype colors. The prototype didn't carry machine guns, therefore the smooth nose. I couldn't decide whether to have the canopy open or closed, but finally opted for closed. It's a big canopy, so the interior can still be seen relatively easily, and it accentuates the lines better. I just really like the lines of this plane."



Autumn Michaels: 28mm Adeptus Custodes Shield-Captain (Games Workshop)

Autumn modified the kit with a 3D-printed cat-ear head. Paints are Vallejo, P3, and Army Painter gold point pen. The figure was hand-lettered/ marked. In the Warhammer 40K fantasy universe, Shield-Captain is a senior rank held by a veteran of the Adeptus Custodes, the elite, genetically enhanced personal bodyguards and chosen guardians of the Emperor of Mankind. The rank of Shield-Captain is a generalization used when referring to one of the senior officers within the Adeptus Custodes, as the upper command of this elite paramilitary organization is far from transparent to outsiders, containing a great many different titles for Custodians of renown.



Bill Michaels: 1/72 GMC CCKW-353 Gasoline Tank Truck (Hasegawa)

Bill built the model mostly OOB, but used some fine electrical wire scraps to fashion fuel hoses for the racks. Paints are Tamiya and Vallejo acrylics with Flory washes for some weathering. The kit's decals were in bad shape, so Bill used generic markings from his decal collection. He writes, the kit replicates a WW2-era airfield fuel truck, at least according to the box art. It's a relatively simple build – no fine details, but the parts are well molded. The kit was first released in 1974, but the box art looks to be from the 1991 re-release."

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



Pip Moss
1/48 Heinkel He 219 A-2
(Tamiya)

Aftermarket items: Quinta Studio 3D decal cockpit set and Eduard Brassin resin wheels. Paints are Mr. Color. Upper surfaces were first painted solid RLM 75 Gray-Violet. A tight squiggle of RLM 76 Light Blue was then applied using a Paasche Raptor airbrush freehand. Spinner spirals were masked/painted using Eduard masks. Radio antenna wires are invisible mending thread with polyimide micro tubing for insulators. Decals are from Eagle Editions; Markings are for WNr. 290126 D5-BL, 3./NJG 3, Denmark, late 1944.



Bart Navarro

**1/25 1956 Ford F100 Pickup
(Revell)**

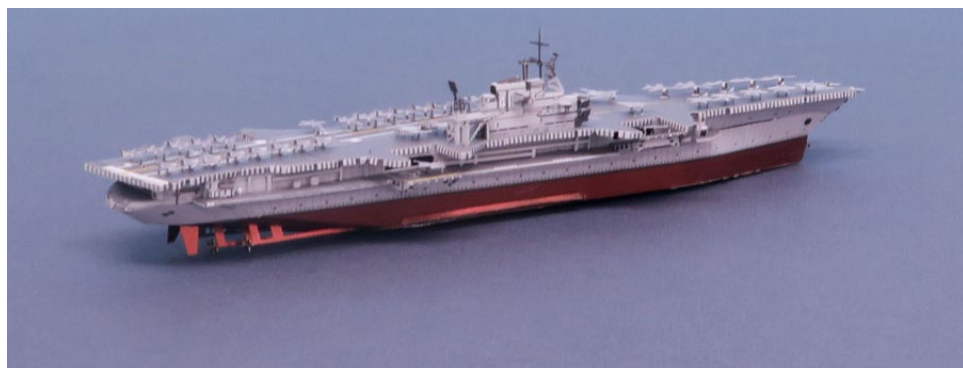
Bart built the model mostly OOB, but added sparkplug wires to the engine. He used Kaleido water based products exclusively: primer, silver base, clear blue and gloss varnish.



Dave Ruete
1/72 AFC-011 Legioss
Iota variant
Armo-Fighter mode
(Imai)

Dave built this three-form transformable mecha OOB. Paints for primary surfaces are Tamiya and Lifecolor acrylics. The model was basecoated with Tamiya Flat Black, then marbled with Flat White. The yellow-green is a 3-2 mix of Tamiya Yellow Green and Olive Green. The light gray wing/fuselage areas are Lifecolor FS 36622. The interior color is Tamiya Neutral Gray. Dave used VMC and Citadel paints for red details, and DecoColor ultrafine pens for red markings and running/landing lights. For weathering he used Tamiya Panel Line Accent Black. Decals are from the kit. The model depicts one of the primary mecha featured in the anime science-fiction series *Genesis Climber MOSPEADA*. The 25-episode television series ran from late 1983 to early 1984 in Japan.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Peter Ryan

Three warships, various scales (Metal Earth)

These metal models are produced on pre-colored sheets. Parts must be clipped from the sheets, folded, and then joined using provided tabs and slots. The three models shown here include the USS Missouri (modern configuration), the IJN Yamato, and the USS Midway.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Tim Sistare: 1/35 T-72M1 (Tamiya)

Tim built the model mostly OOB, but added scratchbuilt details. Paints are Tamiya acrylics. Tim did extensive drybrushing with a slightly brighter green for subtle tonal variation. Decals, from the kit, were slightly yellowed, so Tim taped them to a sunny window for a few days to brighten them up. Markings are generic Czechoslovak in the 1980s.

Tim writes, "This one was a doozy with many mistakes made. The good: I'm particularly proud of the scratchbuilt details, especially the smoke discharger wiring. The bad: I used three different types of flat coats to horrible effect in a dozen layers. I also left it in the sun to dry and melted it requiring extensive reworking to make it look kinda normal again. It came with DML tracks which didn't fit, so I used the kit rubber bands. The base is my first attempt at a diorama of sorts. I used generic spares and Russian bits to replicate a field repair station. Real dirt, paint brush hairs, and lots of white glue. Of course the cardstock warped, duh!"



Spencer Talmage
1/72 F4U-1A Corsair
(Tamiya)

Spencer added an Eduard photo-etch detail set. The model was primed with Monument Hobbies ProAcryl and painted with Vallejo Air and Tamiya acrylics. The only weathering was done with Tamiya Panel Line Accent: black for the blues, gray for the whites, and light brown for zinc chromate surfaces. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for Lt. JG Ira Kepford of USN VF-17.

Spencer writes, "Built for Hammerhead Model Making Navy group build. I struggled with my choice of primer as it was extremely fragile. Very careful masking was required on the undersides of the wings; otherwise everything was freehand airbrushed. The Tamiya decals were thick; I didn't manage to avoid silvering. In general this was an enjoyable, quick build."



Migel Villega: 1/350 Spaceship (scratchbuilt/kitbashed)



John Walker

**1/72 Fairey Swordfish Mk. I
(Revell, ex-Matchbox)**

John modified the kit from a 2-seater to a 3-seater by opening up the center cockpit section and adding a navigator's seat. The cockpit was detailed by adding internal stiffeners, control panels, seat belts, extra MG ammo drums, and a radio. The exhaust was backdated to the original by removing the flame damper. Paints are Vallejo Model Air FAA set with weathering using tube watercolor, pastels and pencil lead. The aircraft was rigged with EZLine. The torpedo was detailed by adding the fuse on the nose, propellers, and modifying the mounting brackets. Decals are from the kit; markings are for No. 825 Sqn. aboard HMS Victorious during the Bismarck attack on May 24-25, 1941.



Leon Wlodyka

1/10 Bilbo Baggins

(sculpted by MikeCusanelli)

Leon built the figure OOB and painted it with acrylic craft paints. The base is scrap 3/4 inch pine with molding trim. The groundwork is Celluclay and a branch.



Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Eric Xu: 1/700 USS Enterprise CV-6 (Trumpeter)

Eric used a Fivestar photo-etch upgrade set and added resin F4Fs, TBDs and SBDs. He used Squadron USN Deck Gray for the flight and hangar decks, and Vallejo Sea Gray for the hull and superstructure. Decals are from the kit; Eric used the flight deck markings and faded them with airbrushing. The model depicts the 1943 retrofit equipment with vintage 1942 aircraft.



Eric Xu
1/72 AH-1S Cobra
(Hobby Boss)

Eric built the kit mostly OOB, but added after-market gun barrels. Paints are Vallejo US Forest Green and Tamiya JSDF Dark Brown. Decals are from the kit; markings are for the JSDF. Japan procured 89 AH-1S Cobras manufactured under license by Fuji Heavy Industries from 1984 to 2000. They are Step 3 models, roughly equivalent to the U.S. Army's AH-1Fs.

Upcoming Events

- 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
- November 1 **Baycon 2026**, IPMS Bay Colony, Franklin Elks Lodge, 1077 Pond Street, Franklin, MA.
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