



# THE PATRIOT

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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on **Friday, January 9**, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Billerica, MA. Please note this is the **2nd Friday of the month** due to the New Years's Day weekend. The First Parish Church is located on Concord Road, just as it meets Route 3A (Boston Road) at the Billerica Town Common. The January meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



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Here we are, the last day of 2025. And what a year it's been. On the personal side, my older daughter scored her first professional position, my younger daughter graduated high school and started her college life, and my wife landed a new job near home so will be moving back to MA in early 2026. As for models, I worked on many, but managed to complete two, the Batman 1935 vignette and the Maschinen Krieger Raccoon (just in time for this year's Patriot theme build, Animal Kingdom).

Speaking of which, take a look at this month's newsletter and see all the fabulous models our members worked on for the annual theme build and which they presented at our December holiday party. I believe this may be close to if not the largest participation we've had, if measured by the 39 pages of this issue. What a way to cap 2025, a banner year for Patriot Scale Modelers. We've grown our membership significantly, and most meetings in Billerica are packed, including having our largest turnout at over 45 attendees earlier this fall. And let's not forget about Patcon 2025, our biggest and most successful show to date.

In these polarizing times, I believe there's one things we will all agree on: Patriot Scale Modelers had a mighty fine year. Why?

1. We had very well-attended monthly meetings. Friends came together to share in the love of the hobby and to impart wisdom especially to our very young members.
2. We had engaged members who actively volunteered to help the organization. How else would have Patcon or our holiday party been such a success? Let me take a moment to call out Chris Kizik for his extraordinary volunteerism. He made the monthly raffle exciting, coordinated the bar/restaurant events, and got our new polo shirts made. If we had a Member of the Year award, I'd nominate Chris in a heartbeat.
3. We have a leadership team that worked diligently to make the club experience the best it could be (a big thank you to my fellow E-board members for their efforts).

Here's to a terrific 2025 for Patriot. Can't wait to see what exciting things we see and do together in 2026!

Happy New Year, and happy modeling,  
George

## Minutes from the December Meeting

Meeting and Holiday Party chaired by club president George Lellior and 1st VP Bill Michaels

1. Club business: Nothing to address; no financial updates.
2. Alan Beeber confirmed dates for meetings through June 2026: The January meeting will be held on the second Friday of the month, January 9th. Meetings for February through June will all be held on the first Friday of the month.
3. Junior modeler and member Erik Xu was featured in the most recent issue of Fine Scale Modeler for his success at the IPMS Nationals. Congratulations Eric!
4. The Yankee Swap was a great success! Many swaps for almost every item.
5. The Animal Kingdom theme Show-and-Tell had many participants and some amazing quality pieces.

—Austin Clark, Secretary

## Raffle Report

### December winners:

#### Special Theme Raffle

Daniel Lovering, Revell 1/24 Jaguar XK-E

#### Regular Raffle

Alan Bieber, Bandai 1/35 Husky Mk.2

George Lellios, Bandai 1/100 MG RX-78-02

Ken Fields, Italeri 1/72 AV-8A Harrier

Tom Warchal, Bandai 1/100 MSA-003 Nemo

Bart Navarro, Revell 1/24 1970 Plymouth Road Runner

Declan Petrosky, Airfix 1/35 M10 Tank Destroyer

Mason Fitch, Bandai 1/144 Gundam GP01FB

Austin Clark, Dragon 1/35 StuG. IV

Dylan Search-Wells, Moebius 1/8 Batman

Ruane Crumett, Dragon 1/35 DAK Pz. Kpfw. IV Ausf. F-1

Tom Boisvert, Bandai 1/100 MG Gundam GAT-X105

Mike Hirsch, Italeri 1/72 A-26B Invader

## Show-and-Tell

Ken Fields .....	AD&D Tiamat (Nolzur's)
Mason Fitch .....	1:23 Scopelog (Bandai)
Mike Hirsch .....	1/144 Boulton Paul P.120 (144th.co.uk)
Kurt Kunze .....	1/72 King Tiger (Dragon) 1/72 TPz-1 Fuchs A4 (Revell) 1/72 Hunter F.60 (Revell)
George Lellios .....	1/20 MaK SAFS Type R Raccoon (Wave)
Daniel Lovering .....	1/25 1966 GTO Monkeymobile (MPC)
Phil Maiewski .....	1/144 Gundam Unicorn (Bandai)
Bill Michaels .....	1/28 DH-60 Gipsy Moth (Peck Polymers) 1/72 P-51D (Academy) 1/35 M10 Tank Destroyer (Tamiya) Walking Tiger (Tamiya)
Jamie Michaels ...	28mm Khudor Old Umbrey (Steamforged)
Pip Moss .....	1/72 Eurocopter Tiger (Revell Germany) 1/25 Mustang Mach 1 (Revell)
Bart Navarro .....	1/72 F-84E (Hobby Boss) 1/72 OV-10 Bronco (Minicraft/Hasegawa) 1/72 Bf 109 G-10 (Revell/Monogram) 1/25 1968 Shelby GT 500 (AMT)
Rich Petrie .....	1/144 Lah Gundam (Bandai)
Stan Phillips .....	1/48 P-40E (Hasegawa)
Richard Price .....	1/35 M3 Stuart (Academy) 1/72 Biber Minisub (Special Navy)
Tim Sistare .....	1/16 101st Airborne Trooper (Classy Hobby)
Dean Strom .....	1/35 Panther Ausf. A (Tamiya)
John Walker .....	1/72 F4F-4 Wildcat (Airfix) 1/35 Daimler Dingo (Tamiya) 1/35 Jagdpanther (DML) 1/35 Panther A (DML)
Tom Warchal .....	1/144 SDW Warhorse (Bandai)
Elise Williamson .....	F-Kunoichi Kai (Bandai)
Eric Xu .....	1/72 F-15DJ Eagle (Fine Molds)
Eric Xu .....	1/72 F-14D (Hobby Boss)



**Ken Fields:** AD&D Aspect of Tiamat (Nolzur's Marvelous Miniatures)

Ken painted the five-headed dragon figure with Vallejo acrylics.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Mason Fitch:** Getter Robo G (Bandai)

Mason built the figure OOB. He painted it with Mr. Color acrylic lacquers and applied Mr. Color Flat, Semigloss and Gloss to different parts. He also used AK weathering pencils.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Mike Hirsch**

1/144 Boulton Paul P.120  
(1/144th.co.uk)

Mike built the model OOB and painted it with Humbrol Enamel Black. Decals are from the kit.

The P.120 was a one-off research aircraft that made its first flight (then unpainted) from RAF Boscombe Down in August 1952. It was painted black between then and September, when it was due to appear at the Farnborough air show. However, the plane was lost prior to the show due to control flutter. The pilot ejected safely.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Kurt Kunze: 1/72 Hawker Hunter F.60 (Revell)**

Kurt built the model OOB. Paints are Tamiya and Vallejo acrylics for the interior and exterior respectively. Decals are from Cutting Edge; markings are for the Royal Saudi Air Force. Viewers with exceptionally sharp eyesight may note that the pitot tube is missing. It broke off on the way to the meeting when another driver pulled out in front of Kurt's car causing him to slam on the breaks, which sent his box of models flying off the back seat and onto the floor..

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Kurt Kunze:** 1/72 King Tiger (DML)

Kurt built the model OOB and painted it with Tamiya acrylics. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for Wehrmacht sPzAbt. 506, Germany, 1945.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Kurt Kunze:** 1/72 TPz-1A4 Fuchs (Revell)

Kurt built the model OOB and painted it with Tamiya acrylics. Decals are from the kit; markings are for the modern German Army.

In 1977, Rheinstahl Wehrtechnik (now Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles), under licence from Daimler-Benz, was awarded a contract by the German Army for 996 Transportpanzer Fuchs 1. The first production vehicle was handed over in December 1979, with deliveries running at 160 per year and concluding in late 1986.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**George Lellios:** 1/20 Maschinen Krieger Raccoon "CATP25" (Wave)

George replaced polycap hoses with Wave and HiQ springs for improved look, and added wire and additional springs for small hoses which were listed in drawings but not included in the kit. He used drilled Evergreen styrene rod for hose clamps.

The model was textured using Bondo Glaze and Spot Putty, primed with Mr. Surfacer 1500 Gray, base coated with Mr. Color acrylic lacquers, and detailed with Vallejo and AK acrylics. He also used Angelus acrylics for leather on polycap material. For weathering George used Winsor & Newton, Gamblin and Wilder oil paints: dark colors to enhance cast texture and create streaks; lighter colors to modulate large surfaces and also to streak. He used Mig AMMO fresh oil enamels around gas tank and hoses, and Citadel Nuln Oil for cat's texturing.

Decals are Original Wave Ma K, Bandai Gundam, HiQ, NewtypeHQ, and Mecha Decals. The "CATP25" was created by a friend: CAT is obvious, P is for his first name (Peter), and 25 is the year the model was created. Fishbone is stock Ma K marking, whodathunkit.

George adds, "First time using Bondo for casting and Angelus acrylic paint for sticking to polycap material. First time painting 'leather.' Calico paint is three layers masked with Blue Tack. Welds were made using Tamiya Quick Type epoxy, shaped with a hobby knife blade. Calf hose receptacles are new, made from Wave triangular styrene pieces."

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### **Daniel Lovering: 1/25 1966 GTO Monkeemobile (MPC)**

Daniel built the model OOB. He used the following finishing products: Tamiya TS spray paint decanted and airbrushed, Tamiya and Vallejo acrylics, Spaz-Stix Ultimate Mirror Chrome, and Bare Metal Foil. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for a vehicle manned by Micky Dolenz, Davy Jones, Michael Nesmith and Peter Tork.

Daniel writes, "I built this Monkeemobile for the Animal Kingdom theme. Some might take issue with the subject given that the car was named for a rock band that was named after an animal. Let's call it animal Kingdom once removed."

"This was a quick-and-dirty build of a 1968 kit reissued in 2022 with some minor improvements including new decals and tire, which are quite nice. Overall, it's a very basic kit with minimal detail and parts that didn't always fit together properly. Some body panels required shaving and sanding to fit into place. The instructions gave only rough guidance – mere suggestions, really – and no guidance at all on decal placement. I can't say "I'm a Believer" in the kit, but I'm happy enough with the results."



**Phil Maiewski:** 1/144 Gundam Unicorn Perfectability (Bandai)

Phil painted the green inner frame parts with Mr. Color GX Yellow-Green Metallic. He achieved color separation with AK Real Colors paint markers. Trying out the paint markers was an important aspect of the project.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### **Bill Michaels: 1/28 DH-60 GM Gipsy Moth (Peck Polymers)**

Bill built this late '70s-vintage balsa and paper model mostly OOB. Paint is Deluxe Materials "EZ-Dope" and a light coat of Vallejo Silver. The model wears the colors and markings of a Gipsy Moth featured at the Yanks Air Museum. The M suffix denotes a plane built in the US by the Moth Corporation under license from DeHavilland. These planes used a different engine with the exhaust on the right side of the fuselage. All DH-built planes have left side exhausts.

Bill writes, "I built this for a Britmodeller group build of "Lesser Known Kit Manufacturers." I chose the kit for three reasons: 1. Every 10 years or so I get the urge to build a "stick and tissue" model. This time, I wanted to try the new water based "EZ-Dope" as a replacement for the super-stinky lacquer-based stuff. I try to pick unusual subjects for these Group Builds – something no one else is likely to do. 3. It fits the "Animal Kingdom" theme.

"This is an old "printwood" balsa kit: sheets of balsa have the parts outlines printed on them, and you have to cut them out. The model is in the Peanut Scale class which comprises rubber-powered scale planes with a maximum wingspan of 13 inches. It therefore scales out to about 1/28. The kit-provided rubber strip is 45-plus years old, so I didn't bother to install it – I have no intention of trying to fly the plane."

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### **Bill Michaels: 1/72 P-51D (Academy)**

Bill converted the Academy kit to an air racer and used Vallejo paints and Draw Decals to depict Vicky Bensing's "Plum Crazy." Bill writes: "I chose the academy kit because it looked to be a little easier to convert than the Tamiya kit. Plus, it was about half the cost, so it would be less risk in case things went poorly!"

"Conversion of the stock P-51D kit was pretty simple: sanding away the gun bulges from the wing, and replacing the usual cockpit radio array with a second seat. The model was built wheels up. I added the pilot (Vicky) and cut a small hole to take an Airfix clear display stand. I primed the model with Stynlrez and then applied the Vallejo paint followed by a couple of coats of Future to give it a glossier finish."

"My primary reason for building the model was to try out Draw Decals. They have a wide variety of sheets for mostly commercial/civilian aircraft, including some warbirds on the airshow circuit. They provide very specific application instructions, but I found that the decals worked well just using Future as the setting agent."

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### **Bill Michaels: 1/35 M10 Tank Destroyer (Tamiya)**

Bill built the model OOB and painted it with Testors (?) rattle cans (applied 30 years ago), and Vallejo and AK acrylics for touch-up/detail work in October 2025. Decals are from the kit; markings are for a generic US Army vehicle in the European Theatre, 1944-45. Bill writes:

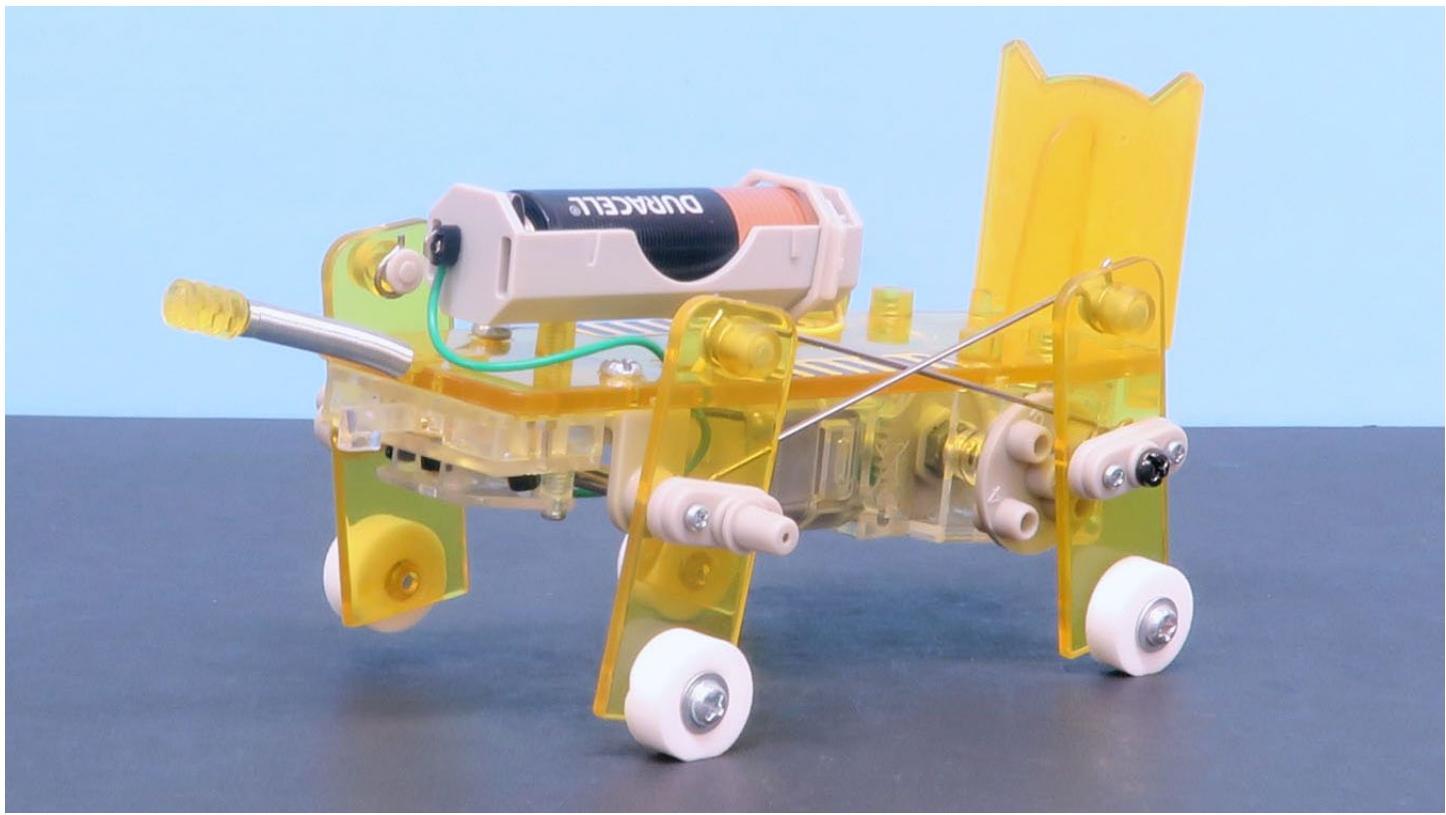
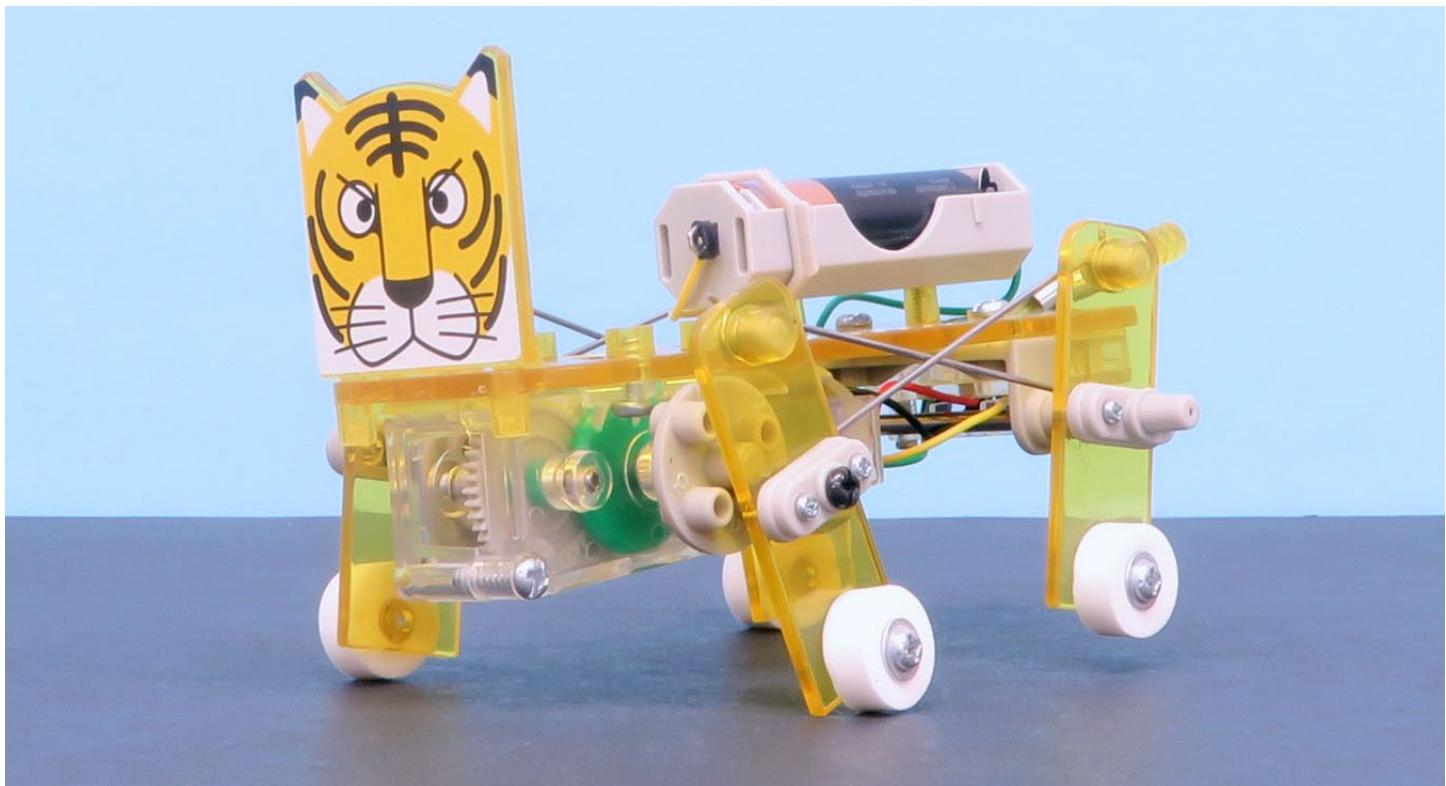
"This kit was started back in the mid-late 1990s, as a possible load for an R/C Landing Craft project. When the planned boat project was cancelled, the kit was put away, about 85% complete. I finished it in October as part of a Tamiya Tribute group build on Britmodeller memorializing Mr. Tamiya's death this past summer. As a kid, the Tamiya motorized tanks were my first introduction to Tamiya kits, so it seemed fitting to complete one for this GB.

"The kit is typical for the era: it has the standard Tamiya motor and gearbox and runs on a pair of C batteries. The floor of the fighting compartment was raised to make space for the batteries, resulting in a scale fidelity error that would be hard to fix. (The kit was sold for another 30 years or so as a display model with this defect; it was finally replaced by a much more accurate kit a few years ago.)

"Decals are from the kit. About half were applied about 30 years ago, the rest about 2 months ago.

"The manufacturer of the M10 (in Michigan) was promoting the name "Wolverine" for the vehicle, but the Army never adopted it. So it does have an 'Animal Kingdom' link!"

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### **Bill Michaels: Mechanical Walking Tiger (Tamiya)**

Bill built the model OOB and used no paint. Stickers are from the kit; markings are generic tiger stripes. Bill writes:

"Another Animal Kingdom build! One of Tamiya's motorized mechanical kits, assembled as part of a Tamiya Tribute group build on Britmodeller memorializing Mr. Tamiya's death this past summer.

It is not a simple kit – it takes some attention to detail to assemble the gearbox and requires manipulation of some very small nuts and bolts. Our cats found it to be mildly interesting and worth investigating.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)

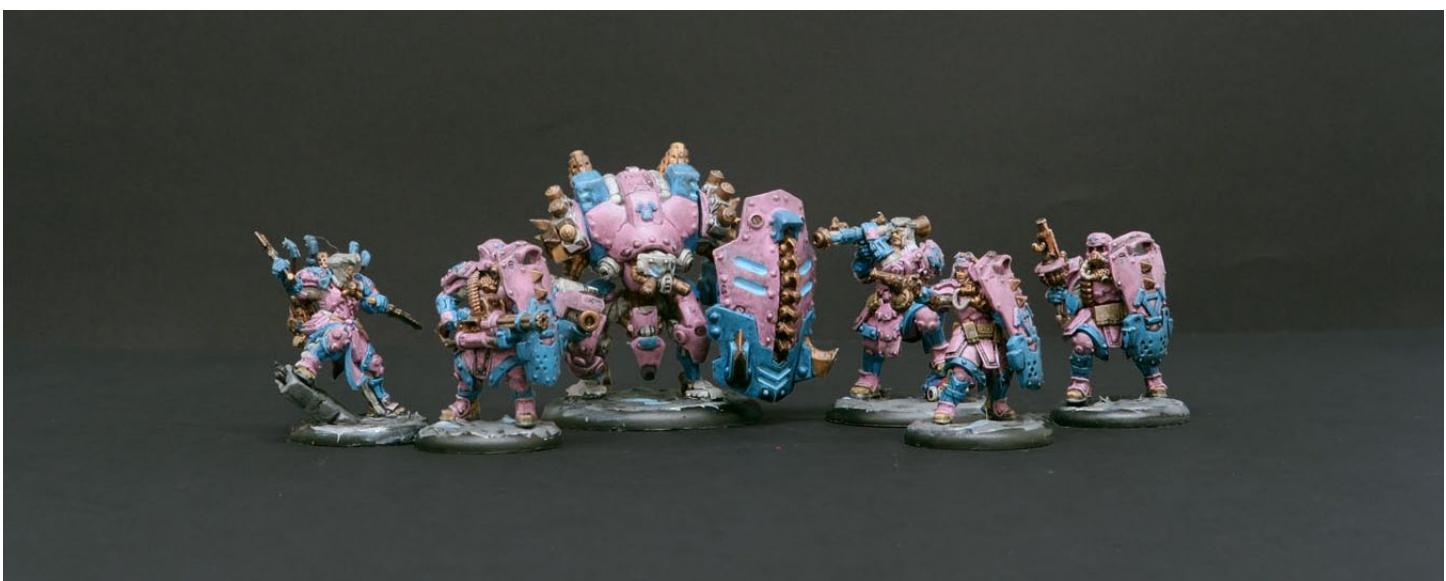


### **Jamie Michaels: 28mm Khador Old Umbrey (Steamforged Games)**

The five groups of figures featured here and on Page 18 are all units of an army forged under the guidance of Zevanna Agha, the Old Witch of Khador. No less patriotic than their brethren in the Winter Korps, but unwilling to put their faith in the Empress, the Umbreans seek the preservation of their homeland and the prophecies within. As new threats encroach upon their homes, these skin-shifting warriors step from the shadows of superstition onto the war-torn battlefields of Immoren. Sacrificing their humanity in hopes that the ends will justify the means, they risk both physical and spiritual destruction as they willingly martyr themselves for Khador.

The figures depicted include Bohdon Lenoi, Apostle of the Witch; Kapitan Kaimir Morozov; Kapitan Yana Koveskiy; Olesea Reznikowa, Mistress of Thorns; Strit; The Starved; Priveral; Feral; Kapitan Zahara Vilkul; Razur; Sergeant Goran La Zurendo, the Jackal; Liegeman Ursan Champion; Lord of the Hunt; Vorong; Witch-Morked Totem; The Hound; Chosen of the Witch; and Shearlings. The figures were all painted with Vallejo and P3 acrylics.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Jamie Michaels:** 28mm Khudor Old Umbrey (Steamforged Games)

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### Pip Moss: 1/72 Eurocopter Tiger 15 Jahre (Revell)

The kit was built OOB with the exception of a 3D cockpit detail set from the Ukrainian company Kelik. The three-color paint scheme consists of Mr. Color NATO Green RAL 6031, AK Real Colors Olive Green RAL 6003, and AK Real Colors Dark Gray RAL 7021, the latter of which needed to be darkened with some black to match photos. The kit decals (printed by Cartograf), are excellent. I was extremely apprehensive of the tiger markings, each of which was comprised of three separate pieces. They all went down beautifully over the compound curves and fitted together perfectly. This is the second Revell Tiger I've built, the first one in 2009 for our club's "Tiger" theme build. When I happened upon internet photos of the new box art and the real aircraft, I knew I had to do another one for this year's "Animal Kingdom."

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### **Pip Moss: 1/25 1971 Ford Mustang Mach 1 (Revell)**

The model was built OOB. Paints are Express Paint Ford Maroon touch-up paint (thinned with MCLT and airbrushed) and Mr. Color Semigloss Black. Chrome plated parts except for the mirrors were stripped using Purple Power degreaser and repainted with Spaz-Stix Ultimate Mirror Chrome, which was also used for the window/windshield trim. Front and rear panel chrome was done with an AK Real Colors paint marker. The body paint received several thinned coats of Mr. Color GX100 Gloss. It was then rubbed out and polished with Meguiar's automotive Ultimate Compound and Ultimate Polish respectively, using a Dspae motor tool and buffering sponges. Decals are from the kit and include the Mach 1 logos, side reflectors, lower body stripes and license plate. They worked very well.

The Mach 1 is a combination performance and appearance package offered as an option for the Ford Mustang. It first appeared in August 1968 for the 1969 model year, and ran through 1978. After a long hiatus it briefly returned in 2003-2004, and most recently between 2021 and 2023. The initial Revell Mach 1 kit dates from 2023 and has been re-boxed a couple of times with markings for the car featured in the James Bond movie "Diamonds Are Forever." Of the small number of car kits I've built, it's one of the best in terms of detail and fit.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Bart Navarro:** 1/72 Messerschmitt Bf 109 G-10 (Pro Modeler)

Bart built the model OOB and painted it with Mr. Color acrylic lacquers. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for a plane flown by Heinz "Esau" Ewald of II./JG 52 in Hungary, Spring 1945. Ewald was wingman to Major Gerhard Barkhorn, Kommandeur of II./JG 52 and second highest scoring Ace in history. Ewald himself flew a total of 396 missions and scored 84 victories. He was awarded the Knight's Cross in April 1945.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Bart Navarro:** 1/72 F-84E Thunderjet (Hobby Boss)

Bart built the model OOB and painted it with Mr. Color acrylic lacquers. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for the 9th Fighter Bomber Squadron, 49th Fighter Bomber Wing, Taegu AB, South Korea, 1951.

Superseded by the F-86 Sabre for air-to-air combat, the Thunderjet was the USAF's primary strike fighter during the Korean War, flying 86,408 missions and destroying 60% of all ground targets as well as downing eight Soviet-built MiG fighters.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Bart Navarro:** 1/25 1968 Shelby Mustang GT500 (AMT)

Bart built the model OOB and painted it with Gaahleri Kaleido water-based paint and Kaleido clear gloss varnish top coat. Decals are from the kit. Bart writes, "Five Shelby versions were produced in 1968, all with fiberglass hoods. The GT500 was equipped with the big block 420 cubic inch engine. Later in the year the KR (King of the Road) came out with the 428 engine."

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Bart Navarro:** 1/72 OV-10A Bronco (Minicraft/Hasegawa)

Bart built the model OOB and painted it with Mr. Color acrylic lacquers. Decals are from the kit. Bart writes, "The Bronco was the first fighter designed specifically for the counter-insurgency mission, its role being primarily ground attack and troop support. During my time in Vietnam I serviced the OV-10's TACAN (Tactical Air Navigation) systems. It was a FAC (Forward Air Control) squadron. The Bronco is highly maneuverable and equipped to carry two Sidewinders. It has retractable spoilers on the top of the wing and can pivot on one wing for a very tight turn."

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Rich Petrie:** 1/144 Lah Gundam (Bandai)

Rich built the Gundam OOB. He used Vallejo Mecha Color for detail painting and weathered with Vallejo Mecha Color Weathering Wash. Decals are a mix of Bandai and Delpi.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Stan Phillips:** 1/48 P-40E (Hasegawa)

Stan used an aftermarket cockpit set (identity forgotten). Paints are Mr. Color acrylic lacquers with weathering using Mr. Color washes, pigments and oils, and a silver pencil for chipping. Decals are from Sky. Markings are for Robert Lee Scott, CO of the 23rd Fighter group, China, 1942.

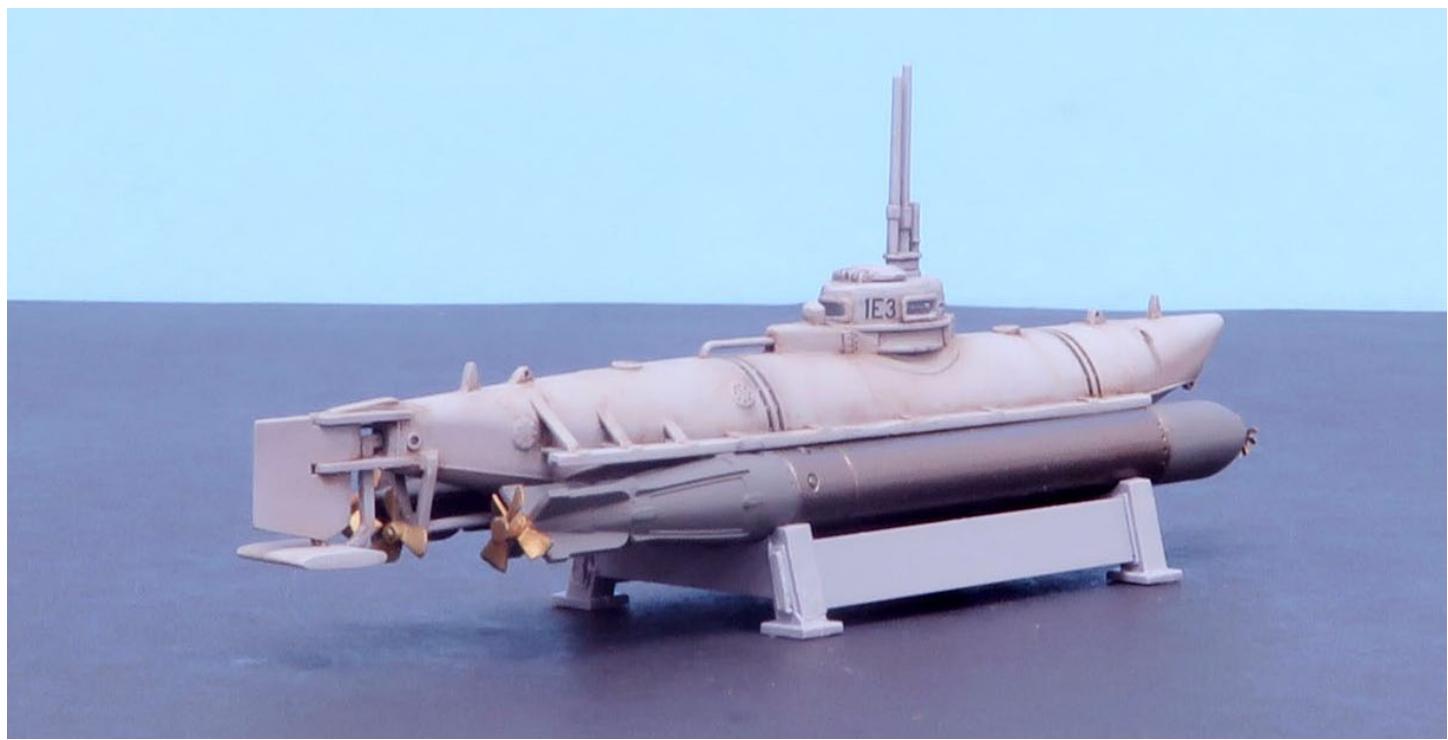
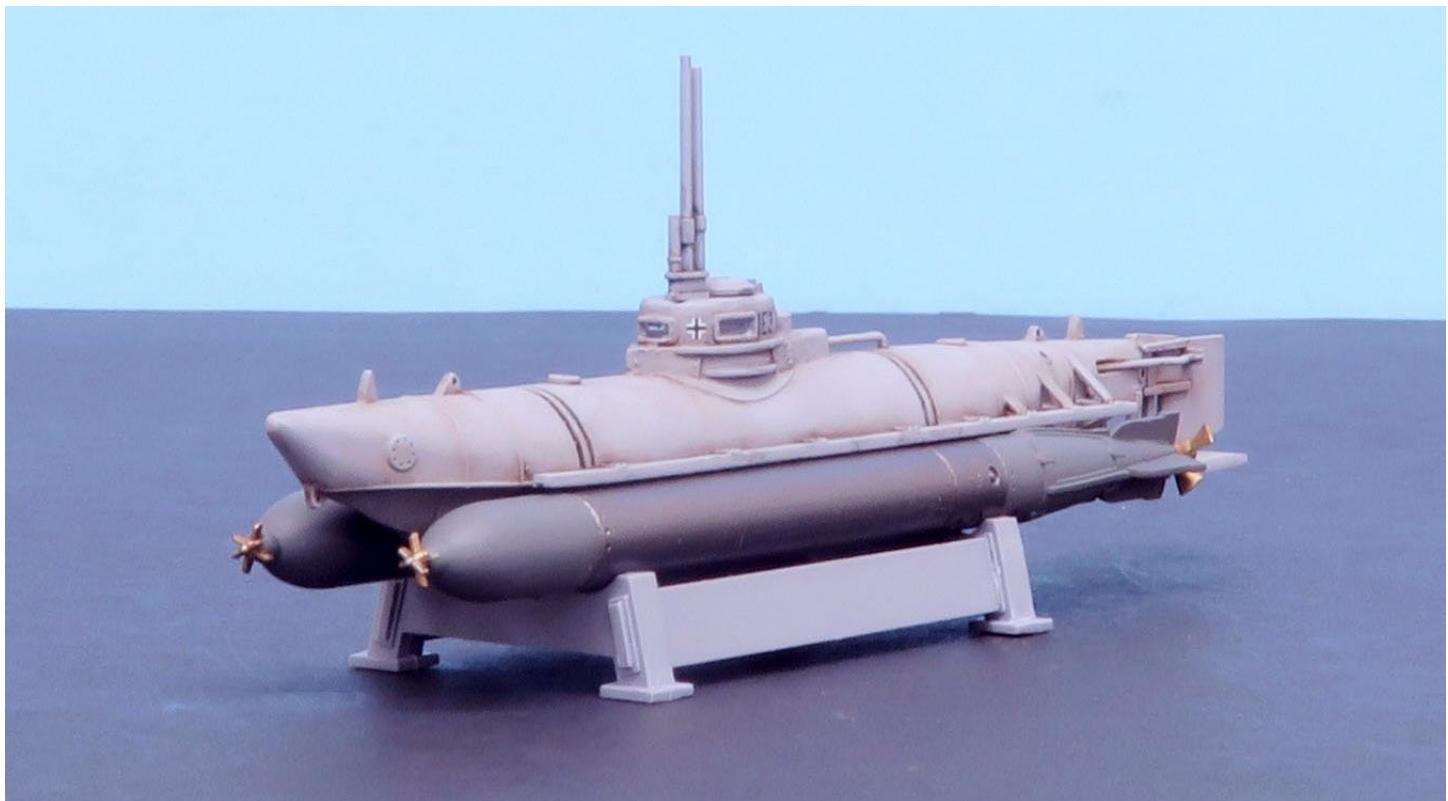
The American Volunteer Group (AVG), widely known as the Flying Tigers, was disbanded and replaced by the USAAF 23rd FG on July 4, 1942. All but five of the AVG pilots refused to remain with the unit as a result of the strong arm tactics by the USAAF general sent to negotiate with them. Scott, who was in the theatre flying supplies into Kunming over the Hump from India, had convinced AVG CO Claire Chennault to loan him a P-40 which he flew to protect the supply route. His aggressiveness led to Gen. Chang Kai-shek's request that he be recruited to command the 23rd FG. Scott took up the position and flew 388 combat missions in 925 hours from July 1942 to October 1943, shooting down 13 Japanese aircraft. He is noted as one of America's earliest flying aces of the war.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Richard Price:** 1/35 M3 Stuart "Honey" (Academy)

Richard built the model OOB and painted it with Vallejo acrylics. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for "Bellman" of the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars, 7th Armoured Division, Bir-Hakeim, Lybia, May 1942. Richard adds, "Keeping the M3 streak going!"



### **Richard Price:** 1/72 Biber midget submarine (Special Navy)

Richard built the model OOB and painted it with White Ensign enamels with simple oil weathering. He used Alclad for the torpedoes and propellers.

Hastily developed to help meet the threat of an Allied invasion of Europe in 1944, Biber mini-subs were intended to attack coastal shipping. Armed with two external torpedoes or mines, they were among the smallest submarines in the Kriegsmarine. Basic technical flaws, combined with the inadequate training of their operators, meant they never posed a real threat to Allied shipping, despite 324 submarines being delivered. One of the class's few successes was the sinking of the cargo ship Alan-A-Dale.

Richard adds, "Biber – German for Beaver ... Animal Kingdom!"

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Tim Sistare:** 1/16 101st Airborne Signal Co. Trooper (Classy Hobby)

Tim built the figure mostly OOB. He added various small details including a shoulder gas detection brassard, safety tape on the frag grenade, and a let-down rope. The set included photo-etched helmet netting which was a nice touch. Paints are mostly Tamiya acrylics plus first time use of Mr. Color Leveling Thinner ("worked great"). Tim adds, "There were some seam issues that required a lot of work, and some of the parts were misproportioned and misshapen."

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### **Dean Strom: 1/35 Panther Ausf. A (Tamiya)**

Dean built the model OOB. Finishing products include AK primer, pigments and washes, and Mig AMMO Atom paints. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for 2nd SS Panzer Division "Das Reich," late June 1944.

Although officially classified as a medium tank, at 44.8 metric tons the German Panther was closer in weight to contemporary foreign heavy tanks. Intended to counter the Soviet T-34 medium tank and to replace the Panzer III and Panzer IV, the Panther served in most European theatres of WW2 from mid-1943 until the final defeat in May 1945. While having essentially the same engine as the Tiger I, the Panther had better gun penetration, was lighter and faster, and could traverse rough terrain better. The trade-off was weaker side armor, which made it vulnerable to flanking fire, and a weaker high explosive shell. The Panther proved to be effective in open country and long-range engagements. Its combat introduction took place at the Battle of Kursk, where unresolved mechanical issues led to high losses. Most flaws had been corrected by the Ausf. A model, which entered service in August 1943, after the initial Ausf. D model.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### **John Walker: 1/35 Daimler Scout Car Mk. II "Dingo" (Tamiya)**

John built the model almost OOB and painted it with Tamiya acrylics. For weathering he used various products including a MIG dark brown wash, other acrylic washes, pastels, powders and pencil lead. Figures are from the kit and built OOB except for the infantryman's left arm. John also added a paper rifle sling, chin strap and maps. Decals are also from the kit; markings are for 5th Royal Tank Regiment, 7th Armored Division, North Africa 1942.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**John Walker:** 1/35 Panther Ausf. A (DML)

John added Zimmeritt using resin sheets from Cavalier. Paints are Tamiya acrylics. For weathering he used various products including a MIG dark brown wash, other acrylic washes, pastels, powders and pencil lead. The figure is from Tamiya, modified to fit and painted with Vallejo acrylics. Tow cables are embossed solder. Decals are from the kit; markings are for Panzer Regiment 12, Normandy, June 1944.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**John Walker:** 1/35 Panzer V Befehls-Jagdpanther (DML)

John built the model almost OOB, but added two cables fashioned from embossed solder. Paints are Tamiya acrylics. For weathering he used various products including a MIG dark brown wash, other acrylic washes, pastels, powders and pencil lead. The figure is from Tamiya, modified to fit and painted with Vallejo acrylics. Decals are from the kit; markings are for Stab, Schwerer Panzerjäger-Abteilung 559, Belgium, September 1944.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### John Walker: 1/72 F4F-4 Wildcat (Airfix)

John built the model OOB. Paints are Vallejo acrylics with weathering using a Mig AMMO dark brown wash, black felt tip pen, and pastels. Decals are from the kit; markings are for USN VF-41 aboard USS Ranger during Operation Torch, November 1942. The yellow surrounds were applied to the national insignia expressly for the Torch invasion of North Africa.

An extremely interesting article can be found here: <https://www.historynet.com/wildcats-battle-hawks-casablanca/>. It describes an air battle over Casablanca in which Wildcats from USS Ranger clashed with Vichy Curtiss H-75A fighters (export versions of the P-36A Hawk).

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### **Tom Warchal**

#### 1/144 SDW Heroes Gundam Warhorse (Bandai)

Tom built the Gundam OOB. Paints are Mr. Color acrylic lacquers over Modd primer with drybrushed effects using Vallejo acrylics followed by Mr. Color clear coats. Markings are for the EFSF (Earth Federation Space Force).

Tom writes, "Tried new liquid masking techniques; also did standard drybrushing for highlights and then drybrush to create full panel textures."

Super Deformed Gundam World (SDW) Heroes is a multimedia project and line of Super Deformed (SD) gunpla kits launched by Bandai in 2021. The series re-imagines classic mobile suits as historical and mythological figures from across various world cultures, such as pirates, knights, and ninjas. According to the SDW Wiki, the Warhorse belongs to Nobunaga Gundam Epyon, an epic character who seeks to conquer Musha World with his own hands. He plans to unite all the other worlds eventually as well.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Elise Williamson**  
F-Kunoichi Kai (Bandai)



## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### **Eric Xu: 1/72 F-14D Ace Combat Cherry Blossom (Hobby Boss)**

Eric painted the model with Vallejo acrylics and used Hasegawa Ace Combat decals. "Ace Combat Cherry Blossom" refers to a popular purple F-14D Super Tomcat variant from the Play Station arcade game Ace Combat 5, "The Unsung War," featuring distinctive Japanese sakura (cherry blossom) art and purple accents. This iconic paint scheme, used by the Yuktopanian ace Zipang, celebrates Japanese culture, combining warrior spirit (katana) with life's transient beauty (blossoms).

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)



**Eric Xu: 1/72 F-14DJ Eagle (Fine Molds)**

Eric add resin ejection seats. Paints are Vallejo acrylics with Tamiya black Panel Line Accent. Decals are from Hasegawa. Markings are for SN. 32-8087, JASDF Fighter Training Group, Aomatsu AB, 2023.

## Upcoming Events

March 28 ..... **RepLICon 33**, IPMS Long Island, Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.  
Contact James Boulukos: [inboul19@yahoo.com](mailto:inboul19@yahoo.com) or 516-316-4895

March 29 ..... **Valleycon 35**, IPMS Wings & Wheels, Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA.  
Contact Al LaFleche: [alfredjlafleche@gmail.com](mailto:alfredjlafleche@gmail.com) or 413-306-1270.

April 11 ..... **Can/Am Con '26**, IPMS Champlain Valley, Williston Armory, 7846 Williston Rd., Williston, VT.  
Contact Ron Hogue: [badchek75@hotmail.com](mailto:badchek75@hotmail.com) or 802-399-8866.

April 12 ..... **BuffCon 41**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Justin & Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY.  
Contact Mike Butry: [falcon42177@yahoo.com](mailto:falcon42177@yahoo.com) or 716-940-5624

April 12 ..... **Downeastcon 2024**, IPMS Southern Maine, Sanford Memorial Gym, 863 Main St., Sanford, ME.  
Contact Grace Leavitt: [graceee1222@aol.com](mailto:graceee1222@aol.com) or 207-252-8566

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](https://ipmspatriot.org)

October 2 ..... **Armorcon**, Northeast Military Modelers Asso., Wyndham Southbury Hotel, Southbury, CT.  
Contact Matt Toms: [ssgtoms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ssgtoms@sbcglobal.net)

October 18 ..... **GraniteCon 33**, Granite State Modelers, Weare Middle School, Weare, NH.  
Contact Rodney Currier: [nickmatt2@roadrunner.com](mailto:nickmatt2@roadrunner.com) or 603-726-3876

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