



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, July 10 – **second Friday of the month due to the Independence Day holiday weekend** – 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 July meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



If you ever wanted an example of a silk purse from a sow's ear, just check out this 1/144 scale Martin M-130 Hawaii Clipper built by Larry Berk from the 1992 Glencoe kit, originally molded by Strombecker in 1957. For more pictures and build information, see page 4.

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The Kirk Collection So Far

These are most of the completed models and their builders minus at least two who were not at the meeting.. Photos by George Lellios.

Minutes from the June Meeting

The meeting was chaired by club president George Lellios.

1. Parking may be crowded moving forward since the upstairs room of the church is going to be used by a chess club.
2. See George about two free airbrushes available to anyone who may need them.
3. Patcon needs volunteers. Please let the committee know if you are available to volunteer.
4. We need more kits for the raffle at Patcon. See Chris Kizik to donate kits.
5. Patcon Committee meetings have been scheduled. See Bill Michaels about the schedule and/or if you'd like to join the committee.
6. If there are any Kirk Kits you don't see yourself building, please bring them back so others can take advantage.

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

—Austin Clark, Secretary

Patcon Raffle Appeal

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Patcon raffle is one of the important ways that we generate income to cover our show expenses. This year we find ourselves with a very small inventory of raffle kits. Any donations that anybody can make will be greatly appreciated.

All genres are welcome, but we always tend to be shortest on automotive and armor. We'd prefer that donations be brought to one of the three upcoming club meetings. However, if that's not possible, we'll be happy to accept them at the show on September 27th provided you contact Chris Kizik, our raffle coordinator, ahead of time to let him know what you'll be bringing.

Chris's email address: ckizik@gmail.com

We're counting on your generosity and send you a grateful THANK YOU in advance.

Show-and-Tell

Larry Berk..... 1/144 Martin M-130 (Glencoe)
Les Clark..... 1/72 A-20G (Matchbox)
Linda Crummett..... 1/35 M8 (Tamiya)
1/700 IJN Fubuki destroyer (Tamiya)
1/100 F-4F Phantom (Revell)
Ruane Crummett..... 1/144 Su-34 (Trumpeter)
Pedro Estrada..... 1/100 A-6A Intruder (Revell)
Ken Fields D and D Brute & Pixies (Reaper)
David Hamel..... 1/48 Yak UT-1 (Vector)
Doug Hamm 1/48 A-10A (Great Wall Hobby)
Chris Kizik..... 1/144 GOUF Custom (Bandai)
1/144 Kuff (Bandai)
Kurt Kunze 1/72 Me 163 B-1 (Heller)
1/72 P-47D (Tamiya)
Mike Lents 1/48 Ki-84 (Otaki)
Jamie Michaels 28mm Anihilator (Games Workshop)
Pip Moss 1/48 Mitsubishi A6M2 (Eduard)
Stan Phillips 1/72 G3M2 (Hasegawa)
Cally Robinson..... 1/72 Fw 190 (Airfix)
28mm Lord Marshal Dreir (Games Workshop)
Spencer Talmage 1/72 Spitfire HF Mk. VIII (Eduard)
John Walker 1/48 Bf 109 E-7 (Tamiya)
1/35 Sd.Kfz. 223 (Tamiya)

Raffle Report

June winners:

Tim Sistare, Dragon 1/35 Jagpanzer IV
Rich Petrie, Bandai 1/100 Mobile Pod Ball
Andy Kitt, Revell 1/25 1970 Ford Torino Cobra
Kurt Kunze, Tamiya 1/48 F-35A Lightning
Jamie Michaels, VeryFine 1/700 USS Montana
Ken Fields, Bandai 1/72 "Star Wars" TIE Interceptor
Stan Phillips, Dragon 1/35 Sd.Kfz. 250/5
Larry Berk, Italeri 1/48 V-22 Osprey
Cally Robinson, Airfix 1/35 Tiger I
Lucas Petrosky, Bandai Scopedog Turbo Custom
George Lellios, Italeri 1/48 Boston III/A-20 Havoc



Larry Berk: 1/144 Martin M-130 *Hawaii Clipper* (Glencoe)

Larry bored out the engine cowlings and inserted his own 3D printed resin P&W R-1830 Wasp engines, syringe tubing exhaust pipes, and wire/stretched PLA support wires and antennas. He used .5mm half-round styrene to replicate corrugation missing from the sponsons and the entire lower fuselage, and he scratchbuilt the rear hatch. Paints are Vallejo and Army Painter. The only decals (kit) are on the fuselage and tail. The entire wing, including registration, was masked and painted. For the registration (top and bottom) Larry scanned the kit decal sheet into Silhouette Studio and cut masks in 3M Oracal 651. To weather the model he used Tamiya powders, artist's pastels, and a dark wash around the engines and along the propellers. Markings are for Pan American Airways, mid-to-late 1930s.

Larry writes, "This is a re-box of the 1957 Strombecker kit with updated decals. The kit's clear parts are garbage, so I cut out all of the small windows and filled everything with Micro Kristal Klear. All three Pan Am M-130s (*China Clipper*, *Hawaii Clipper* and *Philippine Clipper*) were lost to accidents by 1943, with Hawaii Clipper disappearing completely over the Pacific in July 1938."

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



Les Clark: 1/72 A-20G (Matchbox)

This model was built by Austin Clark's five-year-old son. Austin writes, "Les loves doing models. He found all the parts on the sprues and did all of the gluing as I held the parts together for him. I asked him to paint it for the Kirk Collection picture, but he said, 'Dad, I don't want to paint it, it looks wicked cool.'"

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



Linda Crummett: 1/35 M8 Howitzer Motor Carriage (Tamiya)

Linda built the model OOB and painted it with Vallejo Model Air Olive Drab. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for a vehicle formerly on display at the Aberdeen Tank Museum in Maryland. Linda writes, "There is one of these at the American Heritage Museum. I built the model at the museum with the AMPS group. I added the German Shepherd which I painted!"



Linda Crummett: 1/100 F-4F Phantom (Revell "easy kit")

Linda built this pre-painted, snap-together model OOB. Markings are for the 'R' Richthofen 50th anniversary of the Phantom.

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

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Linda Crummett: 1/700 IJN Destroyer Fubuki (Tamiya)

Linda built the model OOB and painted it with Tamiya Dull Red and IJN Gray. Decals are from the kit. Linda: "This was my first ship."

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



Ruane Crummett: 1/144 Sukhoi Su-34 (Trumpeter)

Ruane built the model OOB and painted it with Tamiya acrylics (XF-18 Medium Blue, XF-19 Sky Gray, XF-23 Light Blue, and XF-1 Black). Decals are from the kit. Markings are for the Russian Air Force. Code named Fullback, the Su-34, a development of the Su-27 Flanker, first flew in 1990, but didn't enter service until 2014. It is an all-weather, medium range strike fighter/attack aircraft.

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



Pedro Estrada

**1/100 Grumman A6-A Intruder
(Revell)**

Pedro built the model OOB, pre-shaded it with Mr. Surfacer 1500 Black, and painted it with MRP and Tamiya products. For weathering he used Tamiya Panel Line Accent. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for VFA 145 aboard USS Ranger off Vietnam circa 1970.

Pedro writes, "Simple kit. However, decals were yellowed from aging. Left them out in the sun for a few days, and they whitened enough. Still challenging to place as they kept breaking apart."

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





Ken Fields: D&D Chain Brute and Pixies



David Hamel
1/48 Yakovlev UT-1
(Vector resin kit)

David scratchbuilt the wind screen and tail skid. He used letter, numbers and the painting guide from a Mikro-Mir kit.

A precursor to illustrious line of Yak fighters, this sport trainer was built in large numbers with 1,241 produced between 1937 and 1940.



Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Doug Hamm: 1/48 Fairchild A-10A (Great Wall Hobby)

Doug built the model mostly OOB, but added a Quinta 3D decal cockpit detail set and lead wire for electrical and hydraulic lines on the landing gear. Paints are Tamiya acrylics mixed using an FS chart as a guide. Doug also applied a wash to panel lines. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for the a plane flown by Lt. Co. Gene Renuart, 76th FS, 23rd FG, RAF Fairford, 1989. Welcome to Patriot Scale Modelers, Doug!



Chris Kizik

**1/144 MS-07B-3 Gouf Custom
(Bandai)**

Chris painted the Gundam with Vallejo acrylics. For weathering he applied Vallejo dust and mud effects, an AK dark wash, and Tamiya weather master. Decals are 1/35 US Army and M48 Patton.

Chris writes, "This Gundam fits my WW2 futuristic imagination. It's fun to turn a normal kit into something else. I made into a US Marine Gundam. Made tiger stripes using AK mask-ing putty, which was new and interesting. If I can make it WW2-worthy, it's gonna happen."





Chris Kizik: 1/144 Gundam (Bandai)

Chris painted the Gundam with MIG AMMO Dunkelgelb and Vallejo Red-Brown and Black, and weathered it with AK pencils and Tamiya weathering masters (Rust and Dust). Decals are 1/35 German. Chris writes, "As mentioned before, if a Gundam has a "gun," I will turn it into a WW2 figure. Also, with my diorama side, it felt appropriate to make a base for it."



Kurt Kunze: 1/72 Me 163 B-1 Komet (Heller)

Kurt built the model OOB and painted it with "mostly" Vallejo acrylics. Decals are a mixture of kit, spares, and Almark for the swastikas.

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



Kurt Kunze: 1/72 P-47D Thunderbolt (Tamiya)

Kurt built the model OOB. Paints are Vallejo for the Olive Drab and Tamiya for everything else. Decals are from Eagle Cal. Markings are for a plane flown by Lt. James Hopkins, 509th FS, 405th FG, Ninth Air Force.

By the time Lt. Hopkins joined the unit in October 1944, it had relocated from England to the Continent and was engaged primarily in providing support for ground forces. The group bombed enemy vehicles and gun positions at St. Lo in July 1944, attacked barges, troops, roads and warehouses during the Battle of the Bulge in late 1944, and struck airfields and marshalling yards when the Allies crossed the Rhine in March 1945.

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



Mike Lents

1/48 Ki-84 Hayate (Otaki)

Mike built the model "almost" OOB, but added an Ultracast resin seat with molded seat belts. He used MRP #7 Yellow Green (basically Olive Drab) for the cockpit and wing fuel tanks. The NMF is six shades of Alclad and Testors Metalizer Non-buffing Aluminum. All markings besides the national insignia were painted with MRP 411 Japanese Insignia Red. The prop was finished in one of the variants of the late war greens, Mr. Color C511 with MRP 419 Marking Yellow for the stripes. For weathering Mike used paint filtering, pastel chalk powders, and some watercolor. "Nothing extravagant." Decals are from Kora: 48011 Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force. Markings are for Aviation School, Tu-Uua Air Field, China, 1945. According to Nick Millman of aviationofjapan.com, the insignia is actually that of the earlier Red Army of China Air Force during its early stage of using various Japanese aircraft types. He states that the possible use of Hayates by the RAoCAF is "mysterious."

Mike writes, "I have yet to find a picture confirming what Kora Decals gave me. Curious where they got their info. But I like the marking and certainly don't have anything like it in the case, so I went for it."

The kit is the old (1973) Otaki release. A big deal at the time with its amazing surface detail. There'd be huge complaints about it today. A wonderfully simple kit too. A lot of masking and such for the panel differences. The Alclad just holds up wonderfully under ridiculous handling. I don't know what it is, but I seem to have to handle my models an awful lot during construction and even after painting. And that always seems to be pretty tough on most of the finishes. However the Alclad did not let me down."



Jamie Michaels: 28mm Legio Custodes Caladius Annihilator Grav-tank (Games Workshop)

Jamie built the model OOB and painted it with P3 Dark Metal and Vallejo Imperial Blue. He freehand painted the yellow markings. The two front-most characters are *Suisei* – Mercury. The two central, horizontal squiggles are *ni* – two (unit number). The two characters at the rear are *Hongoi* – the name of the tank.

In the games of "Warhammer: The Horus Heresy," The Caladius Annihilator Grav-tank provides the Legio Custodes with a mobile, protected platform upon which to mount one of the heaviest elements of their arsenal – a twin Arachnus blaze carronade. With this fusion of advanced systems and weapons, the Caladius Annihilator is perhaps the most powerful battle line armored unit of its size in the Imperium's forces.



Pip Moss: 1/48 Mitsubishi A6M2 Model 21 Zero (Eduard)

The model was built OOB with the exception of a scratchbuilt engine wiring harness fashioned from .2mm lead wire. Photo-etch seat belts and other cockpit details were included in the Profipack boxing. AK Real Colors J3 SP Amber Grey and J3 Grey-Green were used for the overall camouflage and fabric control surfaces respectively. Other paints are mainly Mr. Color: Cowling Black, Hinomaru Red, Insignia Yellow, and Interior Green. All Hinomarus and stripes were masked and painted including the wing walkway markings. Spaz Stix Ultimate Mirror Chrome was used for the prop and spinner; the prop was dulled down with clear flat to match photos. Decals for the tail codes are from an Aeroscale sheet; stencils besides the port side data block (kit) are from Techmod. The radio antenna wire is nylon monofilament with a piece of micro tubing for the insulator and the length between it and the fin painted black to represent the bungee chord by which it was attached. The model depicts the plane flown off the IJN Akagi by Lt. Cmdr. Shigeru Itaya, overall leader of the first wave fighter force, Pearl Harbor raid, 12/7/1941.

This recent Eduard kit is more finicky to build than either of its Tamiya or Hasegawa predecessors, but it offers outstanding detail, especially in the cockpit, without the need for aftermarket items. I frankly don't like the new style Eduard decals, but basically didn't need to use them anyway.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Stan Phillips: 1/72 Mitsubishi G3M2 Type 96 Rikko "Nell" (Hasegawa)

Stan added an Eduard photo-etch detail set. Paints are Mr. Color acrylic lacquers for the top colors and Alclad II for the under surface NMF. For weathering Stan pre-shaded all panel lines and used oil washes, silver pencil (paint chipping) and pastels (exhaust staining). Decals for the Hinomarus came from an old IPMS sheet; stripes and tail codes are from the kit. Markings are for Genzan Kokutai, one of the Japanese bomber groups that sank the British battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Repulse on December 10, 1941.

The Type 96 Rikko (from the first syllables of its official Japanese military designation, Rikujo kōgekiki, which translates to "land-based attack aircraft," saw extensive use in the Pacific War. The sinking of the HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse represented the first time capital ships actively defending themselves were sunk solely by air power while in the open sea. In order to maintain the speed and high-altitude performance of the G3M with a heavy payload, it lacked any form of defensive armor or self-sealing fuel tanks. The vulnerability of these bombers to fighters and surface gunfire earned them the unofficial nickname of "one shot lighter" or "the flying lighter" by Allied fighter pilots.



Cally Robinson: 1/72 Focke-Wulf Fw 190 A-8 (Airfix)

Cally is fifteen years old and our newest member. He built the model OOB and painted it with Vallejo acrylics. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for a plane flown by Fw. Martin Ullman, 9./JG5 "Eismeer," Norway, May 1945. Welcome to Patriot Scale Modelers, Cally!



Cally Robinson

28mm Lord Marshal Dreir (Games Workshop)

Cally built the figure OOB, painted it with The Army Painter Speedpoint markers, and weathered it with Vallejo Mud.

In the Warhammer 40K fantasy universe, Varnan Dreir began his career as a lowly trooper in the Krieg 143rd Infantry Regiment and rose through the ranks of the Astra Militarum to eventually become a Lord Marshal of the Death Korps of Krieg Regiments. He has commanded Imperial Guard battle groups in dozens of war zones and has demonstrated an uncompromising determination to achieve victory regardless of the human cost in each. Dreir's steed, ES819, has fallen in battle multiple times and suffered wounds that in normal circumstances would have resulted in death. Yet on each occasion, the creature appears at the Lord Marshal's side once again fully recovered and repaired.





Spencer Talmage: 1/72 Spitfire HF Mk. VIII (Eduard Profipack)

Spencer built the model OOB. Paints are a mixture of Tamiya and Vallejo acrylics. Spencer first applied a black primer followed by base colors (Medium Sea Grey and PRU Blue). He then very tightly post-shaded with lightened versions of the base colors. For weathering, the interior received a drybrush of Tamiya Buff to highlight the raised details, and a Tamiya Panel Line Accent in brown to further emphasize shadows and general wear and tear. The exterior was first given a Tamiya panel liner. Oil paints were added for exhaust staining, various leaks and stains, and fading. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for a plane from RAF No. 32 Sqn. based in Foggia, Italy in late 1943/early 1944. The unit was only equipped with these planes for a short time.

Spencer writes, "Good kit; took me a little too long to finish owing to a few weeks lost tackling bad ghost seams on the panel just forward of the cockpit. The upper engine cowling comes in two pieces; eliminating that seam removes quite a bit of detail. I decided not to attempt to add it back in. Precise wing construction is important as the upper wing surfaces hold the very tightly fitting sockets for the landing gear struts. I greatly enjoyed doing the interior, even if the large majority of it is hidden away."



John Walker

1/48 Bf 109 E-7/N (Tamiya)

John built the model more or less OOB. Paints are Tamiya and Vallejo Model Air acrylics with weathering using Tamiya Panel Line Accent, tube water color, weathering powders and pencil lead. Decals are from the kit and Tamiya. Markings are for 7./JG 26, Sicily, Spring 1941. John writes, "I purchased this kit from a vendor at the IPMS Nats in 2023 for a whopping \$2.50. It had been started, but was in pieces with some parts missing (spinner back plate, tail wheel, balance weights, pitot tube). It had been (incompletely) painted and decaled, but needed numerous touch-ups. The missing red hearts were sourced from a Hasegawa kit. The tail planes were drooping so I repositioned them and remade the struts. The clear parts had been masked leaving dried residue that had to be cleaned up, which was a real pain. I have no idea who started this kit, but they did an excellent job."



John Walker: 1/35 Le. Panzerspähwagen (Fu) Sd.Kfz. 223 Ausf. B 5th Series (Tamiya)

John built the model more or less OOB. Paints are Tamiya acrylics with weathering using tube water color, powders and pencil lead. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for the 5th Panzer Division, Balkans, Spring 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 had gone missing and had to be fabricated such as the tow hooks and width indicators. I remade the frame antenna from brass rod and reconfigured it to depict the folded down position. The figure is from Tamiya with a Hornet head, painted with Vallejo acrylics. The model depicts a vehicle from the 5th PD during the German invasion of Yugoslavia and Greece in the Spring of 1941,;

Upcoming Events

- 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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