



# THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter  
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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, September 13, 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 September meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



Mike Hirsch has been enjoying his recent forays into the wild and wonderful world of helicopter modeling, with very appealing results. Here's his latest: a 1:72 scale Westland Wessex HAS Mk. 3 from Italeri. Mike used Alclad RAF Trainer Yellow and Xtracolor RAF Blue-Grey for the distinctive paint scheme. For weathering he applied a light oil wash. Decals are from the kit; markings are for No. 737 Naval Air Squadron aboard HMS Antrim in 1982 during the Falklands conflict. Entering service in 1961, the Wessex was a British, turbine-powered development of the American Sikorsky H-34. Primarily converted from the initial HAS.1, the HAS.3 was an anti-submarine warfare variant with improved avionics and a radome on the rear fuselage. For more photos of Mike's model, see Page 5.

**Don't forget Patcon!**  
**Sunday, September 15**  
**Hudson Elks Lodge, 99 Park St., Hudson Ma**

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## Minutes from the August Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Chapter President Dave Schmidt.

### 1. Car kits offered to club

Dave Schmidt brought these to the meeting. They were taken by Jamie Michaels to pass on to Bill Michaels to be included in the Patcon raffle stock.

### 2. Club cookout

After some discussion, the weekend of October 5th was set, either Friday or Saturday, at Mike Hirsch's house. Because of the difficulty in setting a specific date, if there is a cookout next year, the date should be decided much earlier (the February meeting was suggested). We should also think about other venues as well.

### 3. Collings foundation collaboration

The name is now spelled correctly (the secretary apologizes). Dave Schmidt has invited select people from the foundation to Patcon so they can get an appreciation of what the club does.

### 4. Club trip to Rhinebeck

The trip has been tabled for this year. We'll try and arrange a club trip next year keeping Rhinebeck as the destination to shorten the organization process. As soon as a date is set, we should start on deciding a destination for 2021.

### 5. Club website update

The Patcon section has been expanded with dedicated quick-linked pages for award sponsorship, vendor info, downloadable contest forms and contest categories. Paypal is available where required. We also have Google analytics tracking traffic to the site: Dan Costa gave a brief overview of recent results from this. Dan is also looking at additional content covering

- people looking to donate kits
- a members only classified section (sell, trade, etc.)
- a public group section

On the subject of web presence, the club's Facebook page was briefly discussed with regard to ownership. The current owner is believed to be Rick Lippincott, but maybe ownership should be transferred?

### 6. Kit Donation

The ongoing saga of this donation was reviewed and deemed to be a fruitless venture. The donor could not be reached by phone, and the person currently in possession of the kits does not appear to have any interest on donating kits to the club. The matter is closed. Thanks were expressed to Dan Costa for his efforts.

### 7. More kits offered for sale

The same person that offered the car kits for purchase has offered us a selection of sci-fi kits (predominantly classic Star Wars kits) for a total of \$75. The kits are described as being

in original packaging. With a club member offering to buy the kits if the club didn't want them, a motion to buy the kits was passed with the intention of using them as raffle prizes.

### 8. Treasurer's report

An itemized breakdown of July transactions and starting and ending balances was read out. A motion to accept the report as read was seconded and passed by floor vote.

The secretary mentioned that due to personal commitments he might be unable to make the next two meetings (although he would try) and asked that someone take minutes if he did not arrive in time to do so.

Please note that the next meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup> September, not the 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

—Richard Price, Secretary

## Show-and-Tell

Mike Hirsch ..... 1:72 Westland Wessex HAS.3 (Italeri)  
Jamie Michaels ...28mm Assimilator/Conservator (Privateer)  
Pip Moss ..... 1:48 F/A-18C Hornet (Hasegawa)

## Raffle Report

### August winners:

Richard Price, Revell 1:144 HMCS Snowberry  
Tom Boisvert, Meng 1:35 Merkava Mk. 30

## Special Announcement

We're pleased to report that one of our own junior modelers, **Bridgette O'Keefe**, won a 1st Place award at the IPMS National Contest for her 1:35 scale M5 Stuart tank.

**Congratulations,  
Bridgette!**

## Show-and-Tell Gallery



Jamie Michaels's 28mm Assimilator/Modulator/Conservator (Privatier Press), built mostly OOB, but with the addition of aftermarket magnets to facilitate the substitution of the various appendages. For paint, Jamie used a base coat of Vallejo Purple with Turbo Dork Teal for detailing, Vallejo Aluminum and Copper for metals, and Citadel Pink for the shoulders. He then applied a dark gray wash.

All part of the Warmachine tabletop fantasy wargaming universe, these three mechanical, self propelled weapons (jacks) employ a common torso. The Assimilator (above left) fires its dismembering microswarm launcher to shower the target area with an explosion of bladed gears. The Conservator (below left) is equipped with heavy shields and low-traction gyros that allow it to intercept attacks. Coruscating with static electricity along its hull, the Modulator (above) can channel this charge into a bolt of pure energy that electrocutes everything in its path.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Pip Moss's 1:48 scale F/A-18C Hornet (Hasegawa). Aftermarket items include a Black Box resin cockpit set, Eduard Brassin resin Mk. 84 bombs, Meng AIM-7M Sparrows with stencils from a Hasegawa weapons set, and AIM-9M Sidewinders from a Tamiya F-16 kit. Paints are primarily MrPaint (MRP) acrylic lacquers (Light and Dark Ghost Gray) with Alclad metallics for the exhausts and rear fuselage, and Model Master enamels for other colors. The model was weathered and dirtied up with lightened and darkened versions of the camouflage colors applied in a tight mottle and further darkened with Tamiya Black Panel Line Accent Color. Decals are from an excellent Bullseye sheet with stencils from a Hi-Decal Line sheet. Markings are for a plane that flew off USS Saratoga with VMA-81 "Sunliners" during Operation Desert Storm.



On the afternoon of January 17, 1991, LCdr. Mark "Mr. T" Fox piloted this plane as part of a strike package of Hornets attacking an Iraqi airfield. The plane was loaded with four 2000-lb. Mk. 84 bombs, two Sparrow missiles, two Sidewinder missiles, and a 330-gallon fuel tank. 35 miles from the target, the strike force was informed of hostile MiGs approaching them head on. LCdr Fox fired one each of his Sparrows and Sidewinders and downed one of the MiGs, making him the first and one of only two USN pilots with an air-to-air kill during Desert Storm. It was also one of the very few times that a strike fighter engaged an enemy without jettisoning its ordnance. After the encounter, Fox and the others continued their mission and successfully bombed the airfield.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)



Three more shots of Mike Hirsch's 1:72 scale Westland Wessex HAS.3

## Upcoming Events

September 15.....**Patcon 2019**, Hudson Elks Lodge, 99 Park St., Hudson, MA.

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September 15.....**Rocon 38**, IPMS ROC CITY, Henrietta, NY

For info go to <https://ipmsrochester.org/rocon>

October 19.....**HVHMG 2019**, IPMS Mid Hudson, Elks Club, Lodge Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.

Contact John Gallagher: [ggallagher@optonline.net](mailto:ggallagher@optonline.net) or 845-462-4740.

October 20.....**GraniteCon XXV**, Granite State Modelers, The Falls Event Center, Manchester, NH.

Contact Rodney Currier: [nickmatt2@roadrunner.com](mailto:nickmatt2@roadrunner.com)

November 9.....**LIARS Model Car Challenge**, Long Island Auto Replica Society, 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.

Contact Rich Argus: [r.argus@juno.com](mailto:r.argus@juno.com) or 516-579-3379.

November 10.....**Baycon 2019**, IPMS Bay Colony, Smithfield Elks Lodge, 326 Farnum Pike, Smithfield, RI.

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Type of Membership  Adult, 1 Year: \$30  Adult, 2 Years: \$58  Adult, 3 Years: \$86

Junior (Under 18 Years) \$17  Family, 1 Year: \$35 (Adult + \$5, One Set Journals) How Many Cards? \_\_\_\_\_

Canada & Mexico: \$35  Other / Foreign: \$38 (Surface) Checks must be drawn on a US bank or international money order

Payment Method:  Check  Money Order

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