



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, February 7, 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 February meeting will be a build session with a short business agenda, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



Ken Myers, who recently joined Patriot chapter, has been brought in a number of very nice models for Show-and-Tell. One of the most impressive is this fine build of the old Matchbox 1/72 scale T-2C Buckeye with decals from Two Bobs. Ken did a ton of work in the cockpit and on the exterior airframe. Modified items include seats, instrument panels, consoles, panel lines and main gear legs. Added/replaced items include canopy bracing, control sticks, ejection seat rails, air scoops, tip tank lights, landing gear lights, ventral beacon, main gear doors and actuators, air deflectors on speed brakes, intake air fins, and brass tail pipes. Ken painted the model with Dup-A-Color rattle can white and Testors Competition Orange.

DUES REMINDER

We need your 2014 membership fee of \$20 at or before the March meeting.

You can mail your payment to our treasurer:

John Touloupis, 58 Lawrence Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420

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Minutes from the January Meeting

CHAPTER President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:45. About 15 members were present.

Dave reminded everyone that the annual membership fee of \$20 is due and stated that he would like all members paid up by the March meeting.

Dave then moved on to ideas for a club group trip. He reviewed a list of trip ideas including

- NH Aviation Museum
- Quonset Point Aviation Museum
- USN submarine museum in Groton CT
- Museum of WW II in Natick
- Old Rheinbeck Aerodrome
- Owl's Head Museum in ME
- Watervliet Arsenal near Albany, NY

He suggested that members submit ideas by email prior to the February meeting, for further discussion and eventual decision.

Pip Moss read a list of members who brought in models during 2013, and expressed the hope that more members bring in models during 2014. Some members suggested that we encourage more “works in progress” on display.

There was a brief discussion of potential themes for Patcon. No decision was reached.

John Touloupis said that he would like to resume the practice of presenting a treasurer's report. There was a short discussion and no objection, so John delivered the report. There was a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Pip noted that 2014 membership cards are now printed and available upon payment of dues.

This ended the business portion of the meeting. There was a brief break for the sale of raffle tickets, followed by Show-and-Tell. After Show-and-Tell we held the raffle, and then the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

Show and Tell

Tony D'AnjouP-51D (Fascinations Metal Earth)
Pip Moss..... 1/48 Yak-1 (South Front)
Ken Myers..... 1/72 P-47D (Revell)
1/72 T-2C Buckeye (Matchbox)
1/144 Boeing 314 Clipper (Airfix)
Bart Navarro..... 1/35 Fiat-Ansaldo M13/40 (Italeri)
1/48 Bf 109G-10 (Revell)
Mike O'Keefe 1/35 ISU-152 (Tamiya)
Richard Price..... 1/72 Cromwell (Revell)
1/76 Scammell Tank Transporter (Airfix)
Jim Qualey 1/72 F6F-3 Hellcat Drone (Hasegawa)
John Walker.....Panzer I & 8th Army soldier (Italeri/Tamiya)

Raffle Report

2013 Recap

2013 was another good year for the raffle: we made money for the treasury and also improved the quality of items on the table. Our year-end profit was \$188. I took advantage of the Patcon raffle to clear out some of the older kits that seemed to have limited interest from the membership, and refreshed the inventory with some of the items from the estate sales we managed.

January Winners

Dave Schmidt: Dragon 1/72 Apollo 11 Moon Landing
Richard Price: Hasegawa 1/48 Mitsubishi Raiden
Ken Myers: Italeri 1/72 DC-3
John Walker: Hasegawa 1/72 Bf-109G combo.
We sold \$74 in tickets and netted \$12.

I have already started collecting kits for the 2014 Patcon raffle. To help keep things from getting mixed up, I am storing the Patcon raffle kits at my house, and Alan Beeber has volunteered to store the club raffle kits at his house. This is a big help for me, and I want to thank Alan for his public assistance. So, this means we can take Patcon donations anytime—you don't have to wait until August!

—Bill Michaels, Vice President

IPMS Region 1 News

New show for Region 1!

We've received word that our neighboring club to the north, IPMS North Shore, will hold their first show/contest this spring. Slated for Sunday, May 18, NorthShoreCon 2014 will be held at the Gloucester High School, 32 Leslie O. Johnson Road, Gloucester, MA. The show will run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and will feature vendors,

raffles, make-and-take, and a contest with 41 model categories. The Best of Show award is named in honor of longtime member Ted Kyrios, who passed away last year. NorthShoreCon will be the final Region 1 show of the spring. We've received a show flyer and will run it in the next issue of The Patriot.

Show and Tell Gallery

Jim Qualey's 1/72 scale F6F-3 drone, built OOB (besides the antennas) and painted with Model Master enamels. Decals, from Scalemaster and Microscale, are for a plane used during the Bikini Atoll A-bomb tests in 1946



Mike O'Keefe's 1/35 scale JSU-152. Mike replaced the kit tracks with metal links from Friulmodel (many, many little pieces). Paints are various acrylics, weathered with artist oils, MIG pigments and AK Interactive metal burnishing (for the tracks).

Ken Myers' 1/72 scale P-47D, built OOB and painted with Alclad and Testors products. Ken adds, "The gun barrels and pitot tube broke off and had to be replaced."



Show and Tell Gallery (continued)



Tony D'Anjou's all-metal P-51D, built to try out a new line of hobby kits from Fascinations Metal Earth. Tony's verdict: "Forget about it."

Bart Navarro's 1/35 scale Fiat-Ansaldo M13/49, built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics.



Key Myers' 1/144 scale Boeing 314 Clipper, built OOB and painted with Alclad and Testors.

Show and Tell Gallery (concluded)



Pip Moss's 1/48 scale Yak-1, built mostly OOB and painted with AKAN acrylic lacquers and Model Master enamels. The crudely molded wheels and pitot tube were replaced with parts from a spare Accurate Miniatures kit, and the sliding canopy was replaced with a spare vacuum form part from an Alpha Flight set. Kit decals are for a plane flown in late 1942 by Valeriya Khomyakova of the all-female 586 IAP. She became the first woman to shoot down a German plane at night (Ju-88 over Stalingrad on 9/25/42), but was herself killed about a week later while taking off for another night mission.

Richard Price's 1/72 scale Cromwell and 1/76 scale Scammell tank transporter. The Scammell was built OOB. The Cromwell has refined detail: thinned fenders, brass wire handles, hand-carved pioneer tools, general thinning of plastic edges, and scratchbuilt smoke generators. Both models were painted with Humbrol enamels and weathered with MIG pigments.



Bart Navarros's 1/48 scale Bf 109G-10, built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics.

Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show

LAST Saturday, January 25, I joined Bill and Kaja Michaels for a day trip to the Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield to take in the annual model train show sponsored by the Amherst Railway Society. I didn't know what to expect, having never been to one before. It was, in a word, overwhelming.

The show originated in the late 1960s as an annual special meeting of the society—"Modelers' Night"—intended to introduce the model train hobby to folks outside the club. These special meetings were held on the campus of UMass Amherst until the early 1980s, gradually growing in size and duration. During the 1970s, the modular club layout went on display for the first time; by now the event was being called the "Big Railroad Hobby Show."

In 1982 the show finally outgrew its quarters at UMass Amherst and relocated to the New England Center building on the Eastern States Exposition grounds. By 1986 it had moved to the much larger Better Living Center, but still remained a one-day event; 1991 was the first two-day show. In the years since, the show has steadily expanded. It now occupies no less than five buildings at the Big-E with a total area of over 350,000 square feet—just over 8 acres.



Around 21,000 people paid admission this year, bringing the total show population to over 25,000 for the two days.

The number and variety of vendors, displays and layouts is simply staggering. The Amherst Society's modular HO layout has been joined by dozens of other layouts in every conceivable scale. Besides HO, the most popular is probably N-Trak, a modular standard for N scale that allows modules created by different clubs to be linked together. Clubs from all over the country are represented.

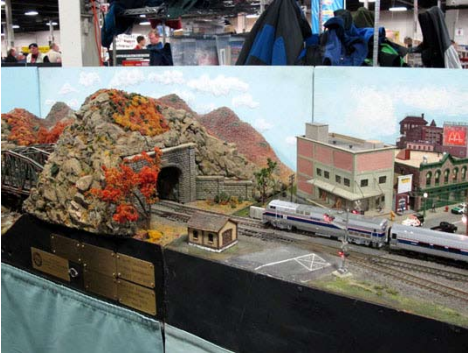
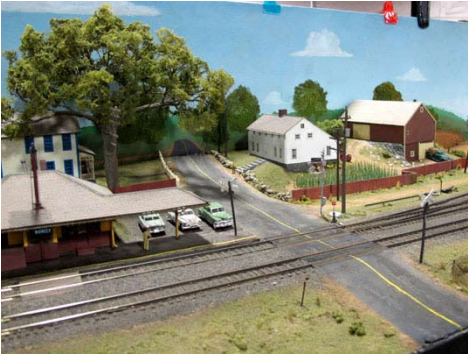
Drawn as my camera was to the layouts on display, the photos don't convey the number and variety of the vendors. Suffice it to say, if you're looking for a model railroad product, you'll find it, and there are countless opportunities to spend big bucks!

I'll let the pics finish the story; hopefully they'll provide at least a taste of what it was like. I'd only add that I think we should include this in our list of prospective club trips for next year.

—Pip Moss



Special Report (continued)



Special Report (concluded)



Upcoming Events

- March 18.....**MassCar 26th Annual Model Exhibition**, Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA.
- March 30.....**Valleycon XXIV**, IPMS Wings & Wheels, Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA.
Contact Al LaFleche: ajlafleche@comcast.net or 413-306-1270.
- April 6.....**Downeastcon 2014**, IPMS Southern Maine, Thornton Academy/Linnell Gymnasium, 438 Main St., Saco, ME.
Contact George Bangs: brokenyokefarm@gmail.com or 207-625-8007
- April 13.....**BuffCon 3 I**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Knights of Columbus, 2735 Union Road at William St., Cheektowaga, NY.
Contact Tom Faith: tkebj5@roadrunner.com or 716-683-4897.
- April 26.....**Can Am Con 12**, IPMS Champlain Valley, Plattsburgh Holiday Inn, 412 Route 3, Plattsburgh, NY.
Contact Frank Baehre: frankandsandyb@verizon.net or 518-561-4265.
- May 2-3.....**NoreastCon 43**, Region I Convention, American Airpower Museum, 1230 New Highway, Farmingdale, NY.
Contact Robert DeMaio: taurleo@optonline.net or 631-707-3442.
- May 18.....**NorthShoreCon 2014**, IPMS North Shore, Gloucester High School, 34 Leslie O. Johnson Rd, Gloucester, MA.
Contact Dave Reardon: 978-325-0049 or nsscalemodeler@gmail.com.
- August 6-9.....**IPMS National Convention/Contest**, Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA.
Log on to <http://www.ipmsusa2014.com/>
- September 14.....**Patcon 2014**, Hudson Elks Lodge, 90 Park Street, Hudson, MA.
- September 21.....**Rocon 34**, IPMS Rochester, Webster Recreation Center, 1350 Chiyoda Drive, Webster, NY.
Contact Cliff Wiley: cwileyone1946@yahoo.com or 558-317-2702.
- October 18.....**HVHMG Exhibition & Contest**, IPMS Mid-Hudson, Elks Club Hall, 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY.
Contact John Gallagher: jgallag@entergy.com or 845-462-4740.
- October 19.....**GraniteCon XXII**, Granite State Modelers, Nashua Elks Club, 120 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH.
Contact Rodney Currier: nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876.

IPMS/USA MEMBERSHIP FORM

IPMS No.: _____ Name _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature (required by P.O.) _____

Type of Membership Adult, 1 Year: \$25 Adult, 2 Years: \$49 Adult, 3 Years: \$73

Junior (Under 18 Years) \$12 Family, 1 Year: \$30 (Adult + \$5, One Set Journals) How Many Cards? _____

Canada & Mexico: \$30 Other / Foreign: \$32 (Surface) Other / Foreign: \$55 (Air)

Payment Method: Check Money Order Credit Card (MC/VISA only)

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If Recommended by an IPMS Member, Please List His / Her Name and Member Number:

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