



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, July 11—the second Friday of the month to accommodate the Independence Day holiday—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.



Kurt Kunze brought this pleasing build of the Italeri 1/48 scale Autoblinda AB 41 armored car. Kurt built the kit OOB and painted it with Model Master enamel Italian Sand. He also painted the Italian flags with Krylon and Testors enamels. Markings are for the Italian Police in Tunisia. Kurt adds, "The kit had fit problems with gaps right next to details. I applied putty and then used nail polish remover to "sand" it down without destroying any of the detail."

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Minutes from the June Meeting

CHAPTER President Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. About 25 members and guests were present.

The first order of business was a planning discussion of the July group trip to Quonset Point in Rhode Island. About a dozen members indicated they plan to make the trip.

Dave also reported on Patcon progress. Most of the awards are complete; the Best of Show award is in the works.

Member Tom Brady spoke briefly to the group. A World War II veteran, whom he knows through the Woburn Elks and who flew on B-17s, would like a model built of his airplane. Frank Moore volunteered for the job. Tom said he will try to bring the vet to the club's July meeting.

Dave produced a batch of Polly-S paints, donated by member Steve Cardoos, that had belonged to Ralph Hayes. The paints were made available for members to take.

Bill Michaels reported on the latest sale of Rich Rycroft kits at NorthshoreCon in May. The kit sale raised over \$800, most of which went to Janet Rycroft. Bill said that there are some good kits left that will be used in the Patcon raffle pool. He said there are a number of remaining partially built models; these will be given away to chapter members at the July meeting. Bill noted that we raised about \$1700 all told for Janet Rycroft, and we cleaned out her basement. Pip Moss asked that the record show that Bill and Alan Beeber put in a lot of hard work on this project, which provided a benefit to both the club and Mrs. Rycroft.

John Touloupis presented the treasurer's report. It was accepted without objection.

Alan Beeber advised the club that there is a very good chance the meeting room rental fee will be raised for next year, and suggested that if the club would like to find another meeting place then the search will need to get underway soon. That concluded the business portion of the meeting.

There was a break for ice cream and raffle ticket sales followed by Show- and-Tell. After Show-and-Tell there was another break, followed by the raffle. After the raffle the meeting broke up for the night.

—Rick Lippincott, Secretary

Show-and-Tell

Kurt Kunze.....	1/48 Autoblinda AB 41 (Italeri) 1/144 Wildcat Mk. VI (Sweet) 1/144 C-47 Skytrain (Welsh)
Rick Lippincott	1/24 Willys MB Jeep (Testors)
Frank Moore.....	1/144 Type 21 U-Boat (Revell) 1/144 Class 214 U-Boat (Revell) 1/96 PT-212 (Revell) 1/72 PT-73 (Revell) 1/72 PT-109 (Revell)
Ken Myers.....	1/144 Douglas C-118 (Minicraft) 1/72 Lockheed RT-33 (Heller)
Bridget O'Keefe.....	1/35 M1 Abrams (Revell)
John Walker.....	1/35 T-26 (Zvezda)

Raffle Report

We had an influx of new kits this month, and that helped spur ticket sales. (Or maybe people were amped up on all the ice cream and toppings?) We hit our highest number of ticket sales that I can ever remember—\$103—so we had five winners instead of the typical three.

June winners:

Roy Medina, Hasegawa 1/72 Lancaster
Mike Hirsch, Trumpeter 1/350 HMS Eskimo
Kurt Kunze, Eduard 1/48 Bf-109E-1
Ben Vig, Tamiya 1/35 M4A3 Sherman
Rick Lippincott, Academy 1/35 M151-A2 MUTT

We sold \$103 in tickets, and we paid \$102 for the prizes, so we made \$1, bringing our year-to-date total to \$102.

—Bill Michaels, Vice President

Club Announcement

Reminder: At the July meeting we will be giving away the last of the Rycroft estate kits. Like the collection we had at the May meeting, these are kits that were started and far enough along that we couldn't sell them. This group is about 80% aircraft subjects.

We could use a volunteer or two to swing by Janet's house in Lexington sometime before the meeting and pick up the rest of the kits. Contact Bill Michaels if you can help.

—Bill Michaels



Show-and-Tell Gallery

Ken Myers' 1/144 scale C-118 (Minicraft), built mainly OOB, but with various antennas and marker beacons added. Ken also opened up the engine air intakes. Decals, from the kit, are for the aeromedical airlift unit of the 233rd Tactical Airlift Wing based at Rhein-Main, Germany in the early 1970s.



Rick Lippincott's 1/24 scale Willys MB Jeep (Testors), built OOB and brought to the meeting to celebrate the D-Day 70th anniversary. Rick adds, "The kit itself doesn't state if the vehicle is a Ford GP or a Willys MB. However, all the parts of the Ford GP were marked with the company logo script letter F. As I could find no F on any part of this kit, I concluded that it's a Willys MB."

Kurt Kunze's 1/144 scale Wildcat Mk. VI (Sweet), built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. Decals are from the kit. Kurt brought this past build to celebrate the D-Day 70th anniversary.



Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Junior modeler Bridget O'Keefe's 1/35 scale M1A1 Abrams (Revell SnapTite).

Ken Myers' 1/72 scale RT-33 (Heller). Ken made a lot of modifications: detailed cockpit, added position lights on wings and tip tanks, added speed brake cylinders, added tail pitot tube, added canopy closing cylinder, added nose cameras and glazing, added detail to main landing gear wells, separated windscreen from canopy, added fuel dump, and installed an Eduard photoetch boarding ladder. Paint is Alclad and Testors oversprayed with Future. The model replicates the single plane flown in Operation Field Goal, the first USAF recon missions in Southeast Asia, which began in April 1961.



Frank Moore's 1/144 Class 214 U-Boat (Revell), built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. Decals, from the kit, are for a South Korean attack sub. Class 214 was a joint German and Italian project, of which three vessels were manufactured for the South Korean Navy.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Kurt Kunze's 1/144 scale C-41 Skytrain (Welch Models), built OOB and painted with Model Master enamels. Kurt brought this past build to celebrate the D-Day 70th anniversary.

John Walker's 1/35 T-26, built OOB and painted with Tamiya Nato Green acrylic. The figure is from Tamiya.



Frank Moore's 1/144 scale Type XXI U-Boat, built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. Decals, from the kit, are for U-2540, May, 1945. Scuttled at the end of WW2 (having never gone on patrol), U-2540 was raised from the seabed off Flensburg Firth in 1957. Recommissioned to the German Bundesmarine in 1960 as the Wilhelm Bauer, it served until 1980.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)



Three PT boat models by Frank Moore.

Top: PT-212, 1/96 scale (Revell). Frank scratch-built the 40-mm AA gun and converted the boat to a later model with 2 20-mm cannons, 1 37-mm AA gun, 1 40-mm AA gun, 4 Mk. XIII torpedoes, 2 5-inch rocket launchers, 3 50-cal. MGs, and 2 300 lb. depth charges. Paints are Tamiya acrylics; decals are from the kit. PT-212 served in the Mediterranean.

Middle: PT-73, 1/72 scale (Revell), built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics. This model is actually a reissue of the British Motor Torpedo Boat built to represent PT-73 from the TV series "McHale's Navy."

Bottom: PT-109, 1/72 scale (Revell), restored from a built model Frank obtained online. He added extra figures and a scratchbuilt 37-mm AA gun. Paints are Tamiya acrylics; decals are from the kit. The model represents John F. Kennedy's boat.



Upcoming Events

- 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.

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