



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Billerica, MA. Please note that this is the **second Friday of the month** due to the Independence Day holiday weekend. 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.



Once again Mike O'Keefe demonstrates his creative skills with this small diorama entitled "The Last March" depicting the rounding up of German prisoners at the end of WWII. The barn was fabricated from balsa form board with small stones pressed into it. Wooden sections are mainly basswood with a little balsa here and there. Roof tiles were cast in plaster using Diorama Debris molds. The skylights and gutters were scratchbuilt from copper, as was the weathervane. Groundwork is MIG Ammo Mud. The figures are from Bodi, Bravo6, Alpine, and Stalingrad Miniatures. Although not visible in the photograph, the barn can be lit with six LEDs installed inside. For more photos of "The Last March," see Page 12.

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Minutes from the June Meeting

The meeting was chaired by chapter president Dave Schmidt.

1. Kits offered to the club

Someone in Wayland has offered to donate their kits to the club. Apparently, they are older kits with some aircraft and armor and are unstarted. Some of the club members have volunteered to take a look and report back.

2. Car kits for sale to club

Similarly, someone else is offering to sell car kits to the club for \$5 each. We are in need of car kits for the Patcon raffle and would take up to 20 kits as they are always claimed at the show. When revealed there were only 15 for sale it was suggested that maybe we buy all of them providing they are unstarted.

3. Ice Cream social

This meeting was supposed to be the 'Ice Cream Social' but everyone forgot. Consequently, the July meeting will be the social. In addition, the meeting is also the 'Group Build Amnesty' meeting where members are encouraged to bring finished models that were originally started for previous group builds but did not get finished in time.

4. Club cookout

Mike Hirsch has suggested at a previous meeting that his house could be used to host the event but he was not present so any decision has been deferred until the next meeting.

5. Club trip date

Rhinebeck Aerodrome closes at the end of October, determining the latest possible date. Dave Schmidt will send more info for the newsletter, but a date was not decided at the meeting.

6. Patcon enquiry

John Touloupis received an email from someone regarding the sale of stock balsa wood at Patcon. John will get more info.

7. Patcon

The security deposit and hall rental have been paid. We got a good deal as standard pricing has gone up but the Elks are honoring the original pricing they gave us; next year's costs will rise for us. They are also exempting us from the standard 5-hour period that the charge usually covers so that we pay for the entire day for the same price as 5 hours. We are being required to ensure that the no-alcohol policy is adhered to.

8. Hosting NoreastCon

Apparently, the last event did not go well for various reasons. John Walker recommended that we see how the next couple of events go before we make any decision. In the meantime, we can consider what would be required by us to host the event.

9. Club website

The new look website is now online, and members are encouraged to take a look. We are looking for content, particularly pictures, build-articles, how-to's etc. Dan Costa, the creator of the new site, is currently working on members picture galleries that would allow club members to post pictures of their work.

10. Treasurer's report

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

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

—Richard Price, Secretary

Show-and-Tell

Michael Bootle1:35 Leopard C2 (Takom)
Jason Lee..... 1:144 X-Wing Fighter (Bandai)
1:64 Toyota Tacoma (Matchbox)
Jamie Michaels 28 mm Reflex Servitors (Privateer Press)
Frank Moore 1:48 T26E-4 Super Pershing (Aurora)
1:32 M3A3 Sherman flamethrower (E-Z Build)
1:35 M4A1 Sherman (Italeri)
1:48 "F-19 Stealth Fighter" (Monogram)
1:35 101st Airborne/Bastogne (Dragon)
Mike O'Keefe..... 1:35 "Final March" diorama (mixed)
1:8 Peace (Wondermass)
Richard Price 1:350 ship's catapult (Pontos)
Dave Schmidt..... 1:35 M4A1 Sherman (Italeri)
John Walker 1:16 Stabsfeldwebel (DML)
28 mm British Marine (Warlord)
1:35 Panzer III Ausf. L (Late) (Tamiya)

Raffle Report

June Winners:

Tom Boisvert, AFV Club 1:35 M109A2
Matt McGrath, AFV Club 1:35 M36 Jackson
Richard Price, Airfix 1:48 Gloster Meteor F.8
Ruane Crummett, Tamiya 1:35 Achilles

—submitted by John Walker

Show-and-Tell Gallery



Guest Michael Bootle's 1:35 scale Canadian Leopard C2 MEXAS main battle tank (Takom). Michael made a number of modifications to the kit: the mantlet, mantlet cover and turret were reshaped to lower the gun barrel angle; plastic stock was used to replicate 20 MEXAS armor attachment points; photo-etch equipment mounts on the mantlet were replaced with more realistic bits of styrene stock; the antenna guard on the turret was fabricated using soldered brass wire. The model was painted primarily with Humbrol enamels with various other brands used for details. Weathering was achieved with oil washes and MIG pigments.

Canada purchased 127 Leopard 1 tanks from Germany in the late 1970s; they were designated C1. During the early 2000s, in the midst of public debate over whether or not to retire Canada's entire Leopard force, steps were taken to upgrade the tank's performance by installing mounts for MEXAS appliqué armor and replacing the original welded turrets with surplus Leopard 1A5 cast turrets purchased from Germany. These upgraded vehicles were designated C2 MEXAS. Canada sent a squadron of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) to Afghanistan in the fall of 2006, equipped with 15 Leopard C2 tanks, as well as four recovery- and four engineering vehicles.

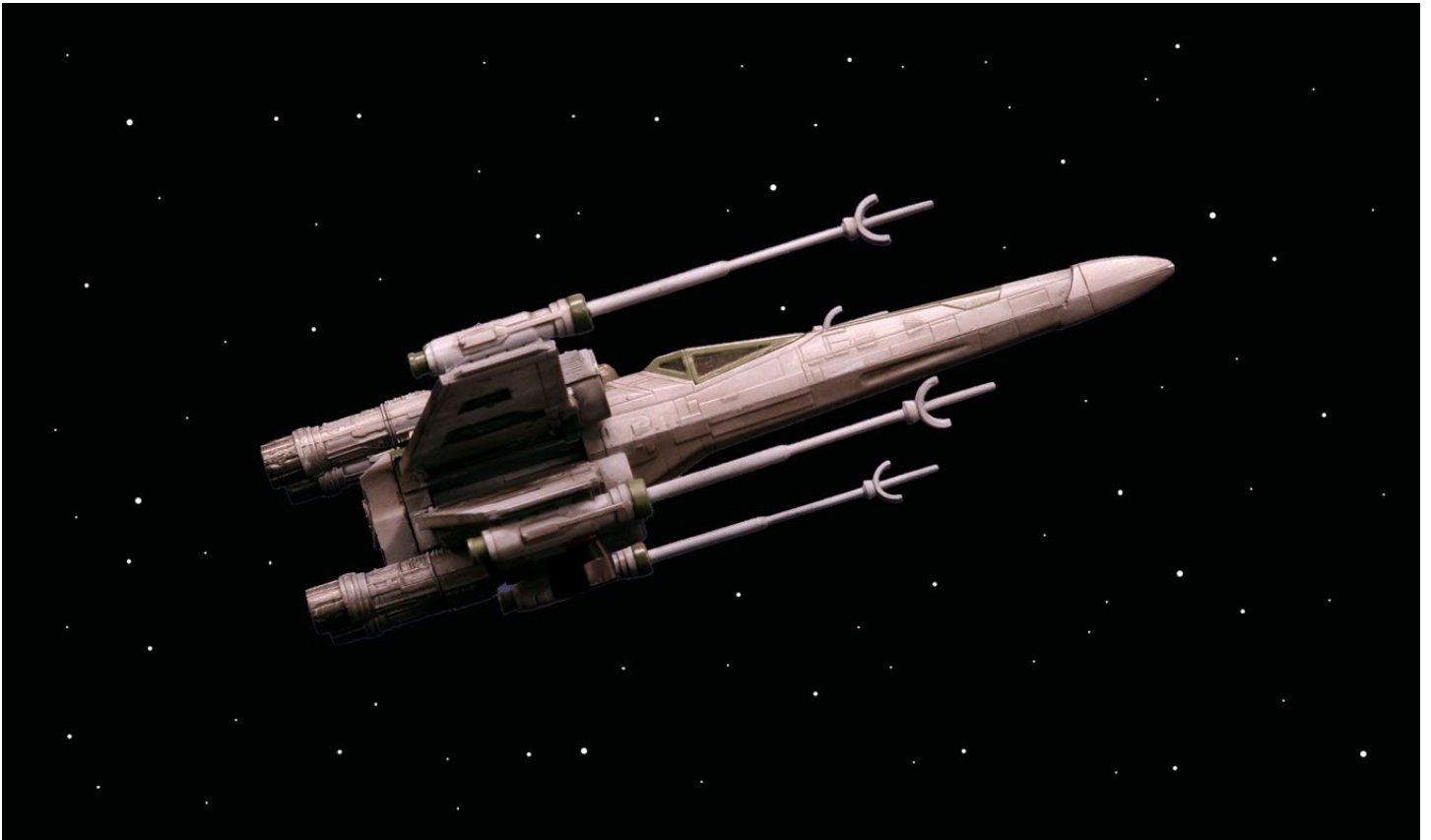
Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



John Walker's 28 mm British Royal Marines Grenadier (Warlord), built OOB and painted with Vallejo and craft acrylics.

During the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775, the Royal 1st Marines, commanded by Major Pitcairn, joined the fray as reinforcement and took part in the several assaults on the Colonists' fortified redoubt on the Charlestown peninsula in Boston. Major Pitcairn was killed during one of the assaults. The battle concluded with a controlled American retreat and the British taking of the position, but it was a somewhat Pyrrhic victory since they suffered 226 dead and 828 wounded (compared to about 150/300 for the Colonists), the highest casualty count for the British in any single encounter during the entire war. British General Clinton, echoing Pyrrhus of Epirus, remarked in his diary that "A few more such victories would have shortly put an end to British dominion in America."

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



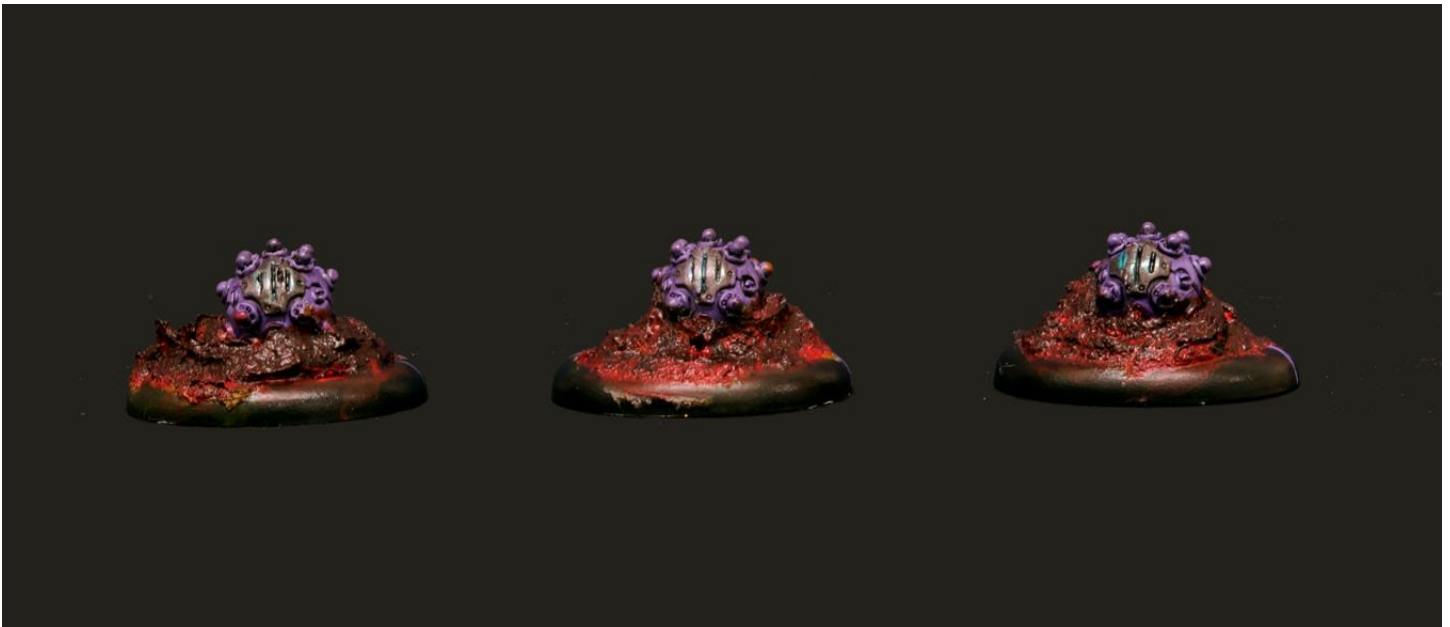
Jason Lee's 1:144 scale Star Wars X-Wing fighter (Bandai), built OOB, painted with Tamiya acrylics, and weathered with Tamiya pigments.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



John Walker's 1:35 scale Panzerkampfwagen III ausf. L late (Tamiya). John added smoke dischargers on the turret and removed the hull side escape hatches. He painted the model with a mix of Tamiya acrylic Flat Earth and Desert Yellow. For decals, the crosses are from the kit, the 02 number is from Woodland Scenics, and the regiment markings are homemade. The model depicts a vehicle serving with 2nd Company, sPz.Abt. 504 in Sicily, 1943.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Jamie Michaels's 28 mm Reflex Servitors from the Warmachine tabletop steampunk wargame (Privateer Press), built OOB and painted with Vallejo acrylic Blue Purple and Burnt Iron with Turbo Dork Curacao Black tint for a wash. The bases are based coated with Vallejo Dark Earth, then overpainted with white, then covered with transparent orange and red, a black/wood grain mix, and finally drybrushed with a black/transparent red mix.

Reflex servitors are semi-predatory explosive mines employed by the Convergence of Cyriss, a small cult of humans who worship Cyriss, the clockwork goddess of logic and mathematics who lives in one of the moons (or maybe she is the moon?). The Convergence are by far the most technologically advanced of the human factions, although they can't really be counted as human anymore since most members have had their souls magically encapsulated in mechanical bodies called clockwork vessels.



Richard Price's 1:350 scale Portland Class cruiser ship's catapult from the Pontos detail set for Academy's USS Indianapolis. Richard writes, "Probably the most complex photo-etch assembly I've ever done: about 25 parts with 4 turned brass, 4 resin, and the rest PE. All seams (typically along the fold lines) have been filled with CA and/or Mr. Surfacer 500, with careful masking to preserve all the relief-etched detail. The main pedestal is built from modified kit parts." [ed. note: the entire assembly is a little over an inch long.]

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Jason Lee's 1:64 scale Toyota Tacoma pickup (Matchbox). Built as a commission for a friend, the model features various custom replacement parts including bumper, bed and wheels. Jason painted it with Alclad II Jet Black lacquer.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



John Walker's 1:16 scale Stabsfeldwebel (DML), built mostly OOB and painted with Vallejo acrylics. John carved off the rear portion of the gas mask canister sling and replaced it with plastic strip. Badges (photo-etched) came from the kit. All insignia were hand painted. Stabsfeldwebel, which translates to warrant officer in English, was the second highest German Army non-commissioned officer starting in 1938. The rank is equivalent to First Sergeant, Master Sergeant or Senior Master Sergeant in the US Armed forces.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



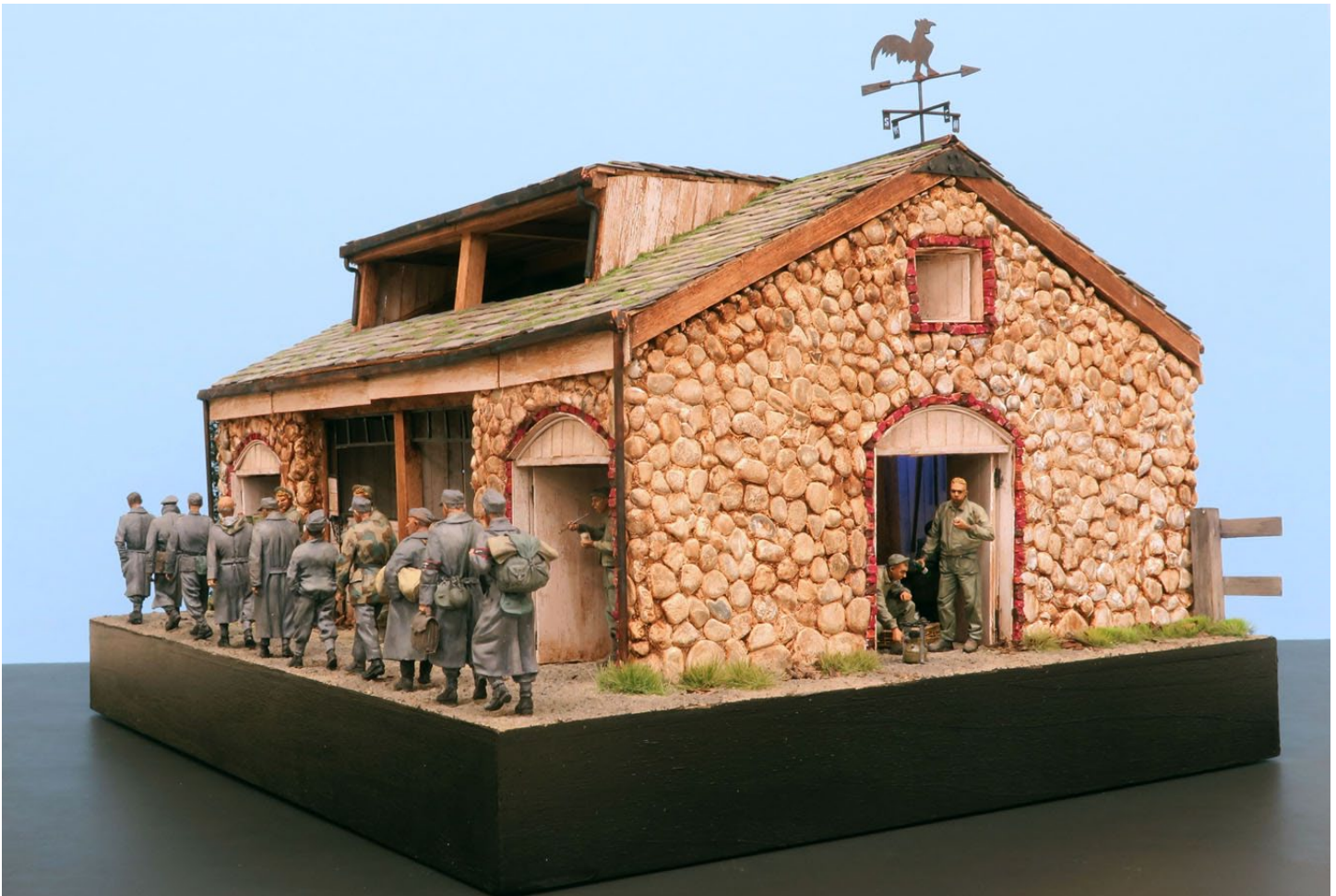
Dave Schmidt's 1:35 scale M4A1 Sherman (Italeri), built OOB, painted with Model Master enamels, and weathered with oil washes and pastel powders. Decals are from the kit; markings are for "Bonnie," a tank that served with the 10th Armor Division, 11th Tank Battalion, Company B during the late years of WWII. She landed at Normandy on June 7, 1944, and was still in operation during the Ardennes Counteroffensive (AKA the Battle of the Bulge) in early 1945.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Mike O'Keefe's 1:8 scale Peace (Wondermass), built OOB and painted with various acrylics. Peace is the protagonist in the 1977 American animated post-apocalyptic science fantasy film *Wizards*, written, directed and produced by Ralph Bakshi and distributed by 20th Century Fox. The film follows a battle between two twin brothers, both wizards and sons of Delia, queen of the fairies. Avatar, who later renames himself Peace, represents the forces of magic, while his evil mutant brother Blackwolf represents the forces of industrial technology.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Two more views of Mike O'Keefe's diorama, "The Last March."

Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)



Frank Moore brought these five models to the meeting. Clockwise from top left: 1:48 T26E4 Super Pershing (Aurora), 1:48 "F-19 Stealth Fighter" (Monogram), 1:35 101st Airborne at Bastogne (DML), 1:32 M4A3 with flamethrower (E-Z Build), and 1:35 captured M4A1 Sherman (Italeri).

Upcoming Events

August 7–10 **IPMS National Convention**, Chattanooga, TN

For info go to <http://www.ipmsusanationals.com/>

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

For info go to www.ipmspatriot.org

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 or 845-462-4740.

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

Contact Rodney Currier: 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 or 516-579-3379.

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

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