



# THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter  
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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, November 2, 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 November meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



It was a wonderful surprise to have David Zucker appear at the October meeting. David's health issues had kept him away for nearly a year, but he showed up in good spirits and bearing several items for Show-and-Tell. This one is his 1:300 model of the yacht America, which in 1851 won the first race that subsequently became known as the America's Cup. David's model was intended to be a ship-in-a-bottle, but some difficulties with the sail led to his finishing it as a display model instead. Still looks cool, David! It was really great to see you, and we all send our very best wishes for comfort and health.

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## Minutes from the October Meeting

We held Show-and-Tell at the beginning of the meeting on behalf of David Zucker, who, despite battling pancreatic cancer, made a welcome visit. Following Show-and-Tell, the business meeting was chaired by Vice President Pip Moss in the absence of both Dave Schmidt and Bill Michaels.

### 1. New member

Ruane"Rue" Crummett introduced himself. He is a truck and car modeler.

### 2. Club trip to the Collins foundation

Emails have been sent to the mailing list and attending members were reminded of the ticket refund scheme the club is offering.

### 3. Officer elections

Members were encouraged to think about running for office. The duties of the five positions were briefly detailed.

### 4. Patcon debrief

The show was a "huge success" and possibly the smoothest running show we have hosted (Pip Moss).

A special thank you was expressed to the three ladies and Mike O'Keefe for their work at the reception desk.

There were plenty of volunteer judges from local clubs and judging went well (Pip Moss).

Feedback regarding the judges' decisions was good. (John Walker).

It was suggested that we send thank you letters to the commercial sponsors of awards. This was approved by consensus.

The amount of accidental damage to models was improved over last year (Pip Moss).

Vendor feedback was highly positive, sales were good and the small touches like the 'welcome' signs put on each vendors table were appreciated (Mike Hirsch).

Joe Farina and Todd Michalak enjoyed giving their demonstrations and would gladly do so again (John Walker).

The caterer was happy with his sales (sold out) and would like to do the event again (John Touloupis).

The Elks hall manager was happy about how the event was conducted. (Dave Schmidt via Pip Moss)

A thank you was expressed to all club members that turned up early for set-up and stayed on for break-down. Due to their efforts, set-up was completed with an hour to spare.

Following an early conversation about how the IPMS Nationals at Telford UK focused on "club tables," a suggestion was made that we could introduce free tables for local clubs to display outside models of the competition. This suggestion has been left open for now.

September 15, 2019 has been proposed for next year's show and reserved with the Elks.

The stock of "low end" models for the raffle is nearly exhausted; we need to discuss what happens next (Bill Michaels via John Touloupis).

A request for a category change was made regarding 1:144 and smaller aircraft. The request was noted but not acted upon at the meeting.

### 5. Treasurer's report

The club's financial state is extremely healthy. Funds have been transferred from the club's checking account to the PayPal account as it is commonly used to purchase prizes for the monthly meeting raffle.

Treasurer John Touloupis read out an itemized breakdown of September transactions and starting and ending balances. A motion was made from the floor to accept the report as read and was passed by floor vote.

The business meeting then adjourned and was followed by the monthly raffle.

—Richard Price, Secretary

## Show-and-Tell

Richard Price .....Home-made model transport box  
John Walker .....1:35 Panther Ausf. G (Cyberhobby)  
David Zucker .....28mm Fantasy Diorama  
1:300 Yacht America  
120mm 14th Century English Knight

## Raffle Report

First off, I'd like to thank John Walker for getting the raffle kits to the meeting in my absence.

### October Winners:

Congrats and welcome to new member **Ruane Crummett**, who won an AMT 1:24 1949 Ford Woodie!

**Ken Fields**, Revell 1:32 P-51D Mustang

**Richard Price**, Eduard 1:48 Pe-2.

We have given away \$734 worth of prizes so far this year, and have spent \$91. Also, a new addition to the raffle is a voucher for a free article of club clothing! And as always, we give a free raffle ticket to each club member who brings in a new, completed, model for Show and Tell.

—Bill Michaels, Vice President

## Show-and-Tell Gallery

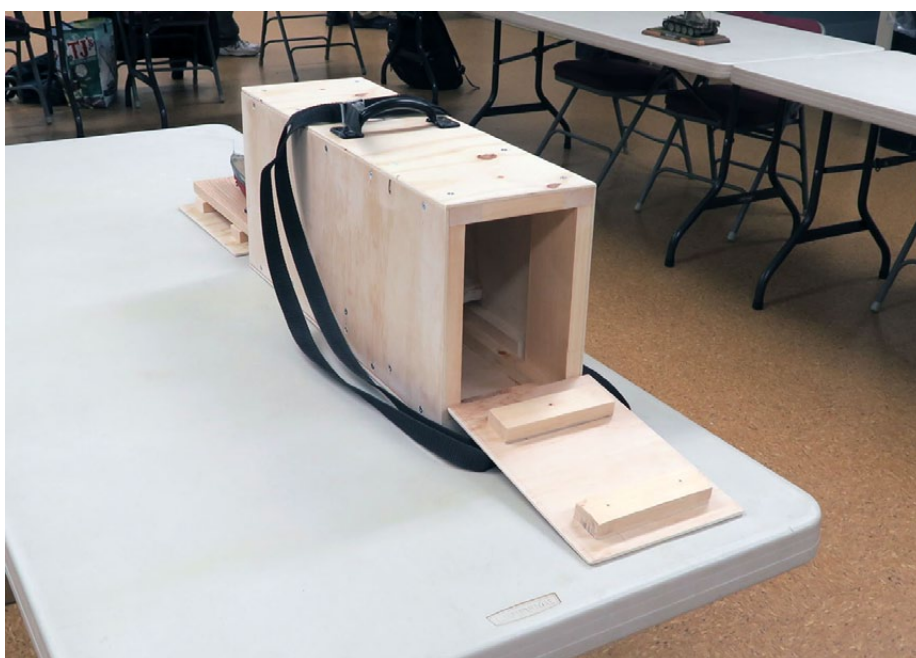


John Walker's 1:35 scale Befehls Panther Ausf. G (Cyberhobby/DML). John added photo-etched stowage boxes, shurzen hanger brackets and tool clamps. The model is painted with Tamiya acrylics and weathered with powders and pastels. The camouflage scheme was taken from the kit instructions. The figure, from Tamiya, was painted with Vallejo and craft acrylics. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for the Western Front, Fall 1944.

The Panther medium tank was intended to counter the Soviet T-34 and to replace the Panzers III and IV. Nevertheless, it served alongside the Panzer IV and the heavier Tiger I until the end of the war. It is considered one of the best tanks of World War II for its excellent firepower and protection, although its reliability was less impressive. While having essentially the same engine as the Tiger I, the Panther had more efficient frontal hull armor, better gun penetration, was lighter and faster, and could traverse rough terrain better than the Tiger I. The trade-off was weaker side armor, which made it vulnerable to flanking fire. The Panther proved to be effective in open country and long range engagements, but did not provide enough high explosive firepower against infantry. The Befehls Panther was a specialized command tank variant with reduced ammunition stowage, increased communications equipment, and an additional antenna.



## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Richard Price and his home-made model carrying case, custom designed and purpose built to carry one of his amazing ship models to England and the annual IPMS/UK show at Telford. The box will (hopefully) qualify as carry-on luggage and will protect the model from turbulence, jostling, and even falling aboard the plane.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



David Zucker's fantasy diorama featuring various 28mm wargaming figures.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)



David Zucker's 120mm 14th Century English knight, painted with Citadel metallics and various acrylics.

## Upcoming Events

- November 10.....**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 11.....**Baycon 2018**, IPMS Bay Colony, Smithfield Elks Lodge, 326 Farnum Pike, Smithfield, RI.  
Contact Robert Magina: [treadhead@comcast.net](mailto:treadhead@comcast.net) or 508-695-7754.
- March 29, 2019.....**Valleycon 29**, IPMS Wings & Wheels, Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA.  
Contact Al LaFleche: [ajlafleche@comcast.net](mailto:ajlafleche@comcast.net) or 413-306-1270.

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