



# THE PATRIOT

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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, February 1, 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 business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



Jamie Michaels assembled and painted this 120 mm, resin-cast Dracodile, Privateer Press's first Minion (the Hordes equivalent of mercenaries) Gargantuan of the Blindwater Congregation from the Iron Hills fantasy wargaming universe. The Gatormen of Blindwater Lake are the core of a vast reptilian cult dedicated to its self-made deity, Bloody Barnabas. To paint the figure, Jamie started with a base of IJA Green (Vallejo). The spikes are Vallejo's Bronze Green, the back plates are a thin black layer over the IJA Green, and the teeth and claws are Deck Tan. For the tongue, Jamie started with International Orange, then added a layer of transparent red, and finally drybrushed with pink. The base is Vallejo Sand with shadings of black.

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## Minutes from the January Meeting

Chapter President Dave Schmidt convened the meeting. Items on the agenda included general activities for 2019.

### 1. Membership renewal

Members were reminded that these were due and to please take care of this by the March meeting.

2. Bill Michaels intends to step down as the meeting raffle organizer and to relinquish the role by the end of the year. He described what the job involves, and there was a brief discussion about the role as it relates to the the 2nd Vice President position, which he also holds. It was agreed that although the raffle has become associated with the 2nd VP position, it is not stated in the bylaws as a duty of the position: the 2nd VP's main focus is considered to be Patcon. The Patcon committee was also mentioned in relation to this but was not discussed.

Bill will still take care of the Patcon raffle. John Walker has offered to 'understudy' the role of raffle organizer and possibly assume it.

3. Alan Beeber announced that the church schedule has been released for the first half of 2019. Only the May meeting has to be changed to the second Friday, May 10, due to church events.

### 4. Group build for 2019

A new idea was proposed: "Fastest," the subject simply being the fastest of its type or classification.

Members were encouraged to email any new suggestions. The club will discuss nominated subjects at the March meeting and decide on one or more of them. Here are previous nominations:

multi-function systems, the number "4," over there—WW 1, 75th anniversary of 1943, fabulous flops, fast & furious, fabulous 50's, turncoats

### 5. Group trip

The existing list of possible destinations was read out for consideration. Some new suggestions were put forward:

- a radio-controlled jet aircraft rally in August
- a model train show in late January (weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup>), but this was considered too short notice for a formal club trip to be arranged

• The slot car event (previously listed) was mentioned to highlight that the venue accommodates specific group events that can include a 'championship' with trophies. They also can provide basic catering services (hotdogs and hamburgers). Here are previous club trip nominations:

Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Owls Head Transportation Museum, Intrepid Museum, Manhattan, NY, Groton CT Submarine Museum, Boston Navy Yard, Wright Museum, Wolfeboro, NH, Modelville Hobby, Ashland, MA (Slot car racing), Museum of WW II, Natick, MA, Westover AFB flight line tour

6. John Touloupis attended a model train show at the Hudson Elk Lodge and gave a brief report on the event. While there he spoke to the Elks about Patcon; a contract will be signed soon and we should be getting the same deal as last year.

### 7. Club cookout

A possible function for June or July but not too close to Patcon. A venue needs to be found if we are to do this. One suggestion was the Hudson Elks as they have an outdoor pavilion.

### 8. Club Website

Member Dan Costa, a professional web developer with many years' experience, has offered to revamp/update the club website. The offer was well received. Dan will start by evaluating the existing website and will put forward his ideas at a future meeting.

### 9. Treasurer's report

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

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

—Richard Price, Secretary

## Show-and-Tell

Tom Boisvert ..... 1:12 R2D2 & Storm Trooper (Bandai)  
Lars Knowles ..... 1:144 H6AC Leo Gundam (Bandai)  
1:144 Unicorn Gundam Banshee (Bandai)  
Ora Lassila ..... 1:72 Heinkel He 112B (Heller)  
Bill Michaels ..... Home made model display box  
Jamie Michaels ..... 28 mm Dracodile (Privateer Press)  
Ken Sullivan ..... 1:144 F-15C (Revell)  
1:144 F-15E (Academy)  
John Walker ..... 1:35 M110 (Italeri)

## Raffle Report

January winners:

Ken Sullivan, Encore 1:32 "Blue Max" Pfalz  
John Walker, AFV Club 1:35 M109A2 Howitze  
Dan Costa, MIG Encyclopedia of Armor #5 book  
Dave Schmidt, Trumpeter 1:350 USS San Francisco 1942  
Tom Boisvert, Bandai 1:72 Scale X-Wing Fighter.

Reminder: 2019 is going to be my last year as raffle coordinator. I'm looking for someone to take over by the end of the year.

—Bill Michaels, Vice President

## Show-and-Tell Gallery



Tom Boisvert's 1:12 scale Star Wars figures, R2D2 and Imperial Storm Trooper (Bandai), built OOB and painted with Tamiya acrylics.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



John Walker's 1:35 scale M110 8-inch self-propelled howitzer (Italari), built mostly OOB, painted with Tamiya acrylics, and weathered with Mig powder and graphite. John drilled out the headlights and added lenses of 5-minute epoxy; he also added gas can straps. Decals are from the kit; markings are for Battery B, 1st Battalion, 83rd Artillery, assigned to XXIV Corps, U.S. Army, Vietnam, 1969-70.



The 8-inch (203 mm) M110 was the largest self-propelled howitzer in the U.S. Army's inventory. Consisting of an M115 203 mm howitzer installed on a purpose built chassis, it was deployed in division artillery in general support battalions and in separate corps- and army-level battalions. Missions include general support, counter-battery fire, and suppression of enemy air defense systems. The M110 was exported to a number of countries.



Lars Knowles's 1:144 scale OZ-06MS Leo (Bandai). The Leo is a mass-produced, general purpose mobile suit in the After Colony timeline. The unit is featured in *Mobile Suit Gundam Wing*. When the OZ-00MS Tallgeese mobile suit prototype proved too expensive and unfeasible for most pilots to handle, the design was downgraded into a simpler, less-powerful unit. Naming their mobile suits after signs of the Zodiac, OZ's first mass-produced unit was called the OZ-06MS Leo. The Leo would serve as the mainstay of the mobile suit forces for the Earth Alliance military, the Specials force, and later OZ and its Romefeller Foundation masters.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Ken Sullivan's 1:144 scale F-15C Eagle (Academy). Ken scratchbuilt the pilot, seat and instrument panels. Paints are Mr. Paint acrylic lacquers. Ken writes: "This is the same model and cloud base I did last year, but this time I added some interior objects. The kit has no interior, just a flat surface, but it has a clear canopy. So instead of painting the canopy opaque I kept it blue translucent and added interior details painted black to present an outline through the canopy."



Ken Sullivan's 1:144 scale F-15E Strike Eagle (Revell), built OOB and painted with Mr. Paint acrylic lacquers. Ken writes: "A beautiful kit in tiny scale, this was very challenging to assemble and paint. I made this model because my parish got a new pastor who actually flew in this plane as the weapons officer, and I thought it would be fun to model it plus an F15C for his associate priest, whom I refer to as his wing man, and a 1:144 A-10 Thunderbolt for our deacon to represent ground support." Unfortunately, the model got dropped on the way to the meeting, breaking the starboard landing gear, hopefully not irreparably.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Ora Lassila's 1:72 scale Heinkel He 112 B-1/U2 (Heller). Ora scratchbuilt various details; he also cut out and re-positioned the flaps in extended configuration. Paints are Tamiya acrylics with Testors clear gloss and flat final coats. Weathering was achieved using AV washes and Tamiya's weathering sets. An Aeromaster sheet for the He 112 provided the national insignia, but the plane numbers were the wrong font, so Ora redid them with computer and printer. The model depicts an aircraft of 2/4. Vadászrepülőgép-század (fighter squadron) of the Royal Hungarian Air Force during the Yugoslavian Campaign in April 1941.

The He 112 lost the German RLM fighter competition of 1935-36 to the Messerschmitt Bf 109 and thus was not acquired by the Luftwaffe. Some other countries ordered the plane: Hungary, Japan, Romania and Spain received some. The Finnish Air Force evaluated the He 112 in 1938, but rejected it as expensive and complicated to maintain, opting for the Fokker D.21 instead.

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



David Zucker's collection of figures from the Aeroart St. Petersburg Collection. These figures were hand painted by Russian craftsmen. Clock-wise from top, Byzantine infantry guardsman, Hand gunner behind decorative pavise (Hundred Year War period), and Arabian swordsman.





Lars Knowles's 1:144 scale RX-0 Unicorn Gundam Banshee 02 (Bandai). The Banshee is a mobile suit that appears in *Mobile Suit Gundam Unicorn*. It is the brother unit of the RX-0 Unicorn Gundam, built alongside the Unicorn under the Earth Federation's UC Project. It was originally piloted by Marida Cruz, but was later assigned to Riddhe Marcenas (in the novel only). After its completion, the Banshee was eventually stationed on Earth with the Augusta Research Lab and tested for atmospheric combat.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)



Bill Michaels's homemade display box housing the Coast Guard cutter he brought to the December meeting. Bill fabricated the box from five pieces of clear sheet acrylic cut to size using a laser cutter. The pieces were bonded to each other using special acrylic solvent that had to be applied with great care to avoid marring the surfaces.

## Upcoming Events

- March 29,.....**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.
- April 7.....**BuffCon 31**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Knights of Columbus, 2735 Union Road at William St., Cheektowaga, NY.  
Contact Richard Bernecki: [berneckir@gmail.com](mailto:berneckir@gmail.com)
- April 12.....**NoreastCon2019**, Latham, NY  
Contact Nick Filippone: [bpbittern@frontiernet.net](mailto:bpbittern@frontiernet.net)
- April 27.....**Can/Am Con '19**, IPMS Champlain Valley, Williston Armory, 7846 Williston Rd., Williston, VT.  
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- September 15.....**Patcon 2019**, Hudson Elks Lodge, 99 Park St., Hudson, MA.  
For info go to [www.ipmspatriot.org](http://www.ipmspatriot.org)
- October 20.....**GraniteCon XXV**, Granite State Modelers, The Falls Event Center, Manchester, NH.  
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