



# THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter  
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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, March 6, 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 March meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



Sergio Melendez joined Patriot Chapter this year and is one of our "Gundam Guys." He brought this striking figure to the February meeting. It's a 1:100 scale XXXG-00W0 Wing Zero Mo Kai Custom built from a kit produced by Model Heart/Supernova. The model is painted with various shades of Tamiya acrylics. Welcome to the club, Sergio!

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## Minutes from the February Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president Dave Schmidt.

### 1. Theme for group build

The current list was read out to remind everyone what was already proposed. A call for new ideas was put out and the following were suggested:

“New to me” —build something from a genre that you’ve not built before

“Big shots”—something with a large caliber gun barrel

The following existing topics were clarified:

“Just missed it” —something that was made available just after it was needed, or a war vehicle that was first ready just after the war ended.

“Multifunction systems” —something that has more than one function/purpose

“Empire” —something that can be connected to an empire e.g. British, Roman etc.

An initial round of voting took place in which everyone could vote for three subjects with the top five to be put forward for a final vote at the next meeting. The final nominees are

**Turncoats**

**The Number ‘4’**

**New to Me**

**Just Missed It**

**World War I**

### 2. Club trip

A list of the possible locations was read out. There was a brief discussion regarding the slot-racing option.

### 3. Free decals

Pip Moss had a set of decals for the Hawker Fury to be given away. They were.

### 4. Commission build

Pip has received an email from a person outside of the club looking for someone to build three 1/6 scale Sherman tanks. There was not immediate interest, so the request will be forwarded to other chapters in the region.

### 5. Kids building table at Patcon

Someone asked if we wanted to have a kid’s building table at Patcon. This led to an extended debate, the main points of which were as follows:

- This appears to be the same concept as the make-and-take that has been phased out as IPMS no longer supplies the kits for it.
- The concept is to get kids interested in modeling, but generally the attendees at a model show are already interested.
- Parents have a tendency to use the service as a free child-minding service.
- It would be interesting to stage such an activity at an alternative form of event attended by kids that is not a model show. Suggested example events included South California Gundam Model Group (SCGMG) or Comicon events with

a kid focus. There are two shows at Foxborough every year focused on kids as well as the Hanscom air show if/when it takes place.

- A source of affordable kits would be needed. It was suggested that Bandai makes Gundam kits available for such activities, and Gundam modeling is very popular.
- Staging such events requires a significant personal commitment and tools.
- A request as put out for members to look into a source of kits and possible events.

### 6. Treasure’s report

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

### 7. New members/Guests

We were happy to meet two new people, Andrew DeCoursey and Sean Klinge, both Gundam modelers who won awards in the Gundam category at Patcon last year. Andrew has joined the chapter.

### 8. Free books and magazines

John Walker brought along a number of books and magazines to give away to members.

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

—Richard Price, Secretary

## Show-and-Tell

Sean Klinge ..... 1:100 Gundam Dynames (Bandai)  
George Lellios ..... 1:144 Zaku Minelayer (Bandai)  
Sergio Melendez ..... 1:100 Wing Zero (Model Heart)  
Pip Moss ..... 1:48 MiG-29 9-12 (GWH)  
John Walker ..... 1:35 Bergepanther Ausf. A (Italeri)  
Thomas Warchal ..... 1:35 Zaku II head (Exceed)

## Raffle Report

### February winners:

Alan Beeber, Takom 1:35 Chieftan Mk. 11  
Ruane Crummett, AMT 1:25 '68 El Camino  
John Walker, Revell 1:32 P-51D-5NA



John Walker's 1/35 scale Henschel-built Sd.Kfz. 179 Bergepanther Ausf. A (Italeri). John used a Verlinden resin Panther transmission and also added items from a Tamiya maintenance set. Paints are Tamiya acrylics, weathered with AK brown wash, pastels, weathering powders, pencil lead, and AK enamel dry mud. The model replicates a vehicle in Normandy, July 1944.

John writes, "The Italeri kit is about 30 years old now and not very detailed. The included spade is somewhat accurate, but of a later design, and the winch and transmission are very basic and 2-dimensional. Having started this kit years ago, I was thinking of just adding the parts to my spares box. But upon review of the Panzertracts book I noticed that many Bergepanthers were built without the spade and winch installed, but in fact didn't have. Perfect! Now I could build the kit and ignore the worst parts.

"The entire front compartment was replaced with the Verlinden set or with scratchbuilt items except for the side floor plates and seats. The box superstructure was modified to place the unditching beam on the right, and a floor was fashioned from plastic etched with a blade to simulate wood. The tracks and wheels are from the kit with the tracks tied down with brown thread. The side skirts and mounts are from DML, as are the spare track links. The exhausts were cut down to the normal height from the kit's extended ones. This Bergepanther had a unique zimmeritt coating that I was able to replicate using Meng's Panther decal zimmeritt sheet #4 (very nice to work with!). The engine air intake/exhaust screens are from Eduard's PE set for this kit. The unditching beam is a piece of pine ripped up on my table saw."

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



George Lellios's 1:144 scale Real Grade Zaku Minelayer (Bandai). George mounted the figure on a black steel rod connected to a granite base (not shown). Although the kit is molded in a stock armor color, George painted all inner frame and details and then applied an airbrushed top coat mixed from Vallejo acrylics. Decals are kit stickers except for the curved shoulder, which is water slide. George adds, "Real Grade (RG) is known for great detail, but troublesome build quality—multiple broken areas had to be repaired."

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



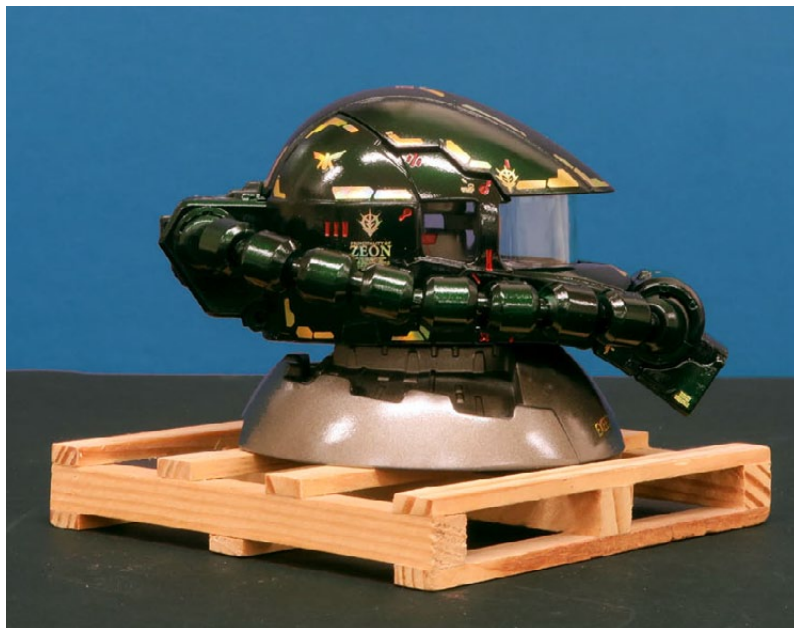
Pip Moss's 1:48 scale MiG-29 9-12 (Great Wall Hobby). Aftermarket items include a Quickboost resin ejection seat, Master Model turned brass and PE pitot tube probe, and Eduard Brassin resin R-73 short-range missiles and pylons. The latter items are nicely detailed, but extremely fiddly, consisting of four resin pieces for each pylon, and seven resin pieces and six PE pieces for each missile. There are actually four more miniscule PE fins for each missile, but they proved so difficult to handle that they weren't used.

Paints are Model Master enamels for cockpit and gear bays, MRP acrylic lacquers for the light gray camouflage and dark gray radar surfaces, AKAN acrylic lacquers for the gray-green camouflage and green wheel hubs, and Mr. Color acrylic lacquers for the seat and black anti-glare panel. Exhausts and other metallic areas were painted with various shades of Alclad lacquers. Decals from the kit and the Brassin set were used for the stencils, which numbered a total 386. Individual plane markings are from a huge Begemot set.

Markings are for the 85th GvIAP (Guards Fighter Regiment), USSR Air Force, Merseburg Air Base, ex-GDR territory in 1991. The plane carries the orange Guard badge and "excellent aircraft" emblem on the port side, and the 85th Rgmt. leaping tiger emblem on the starboard side. Following the fall of the Soviet Union, the plane became part of the Ukraine Air Force.

Although the model was built from the generally excellent GWH 9-12 Early kit, it was done as a mid-production Fulcrum-A with the later style seat and without the rear ventral fins. The kit provides two each of R-27 medium range missiles and two each of R-60 and R-73 short range missiles. In actual practice, however, planes flying the air-to-air mission mounted four of the same type short range missiles, which necessitated the use of the Brassin set.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Thomas Warchal's 1:35 scale Zaku II head (Exceed), built OOB. Thomas applied a multi-layer paint job using custom colors both airbrushed and hand painted, and polished the model with rubbing compound. Decals are custom holographic items from Delpi-Decal. Markings are standard Neo-Zeon per Universal Century timeline. MS-06 Zaku II is a line of mobile suits that first appeared in *Mobile Suit Gundam* and since then has been featured in several other works set in the Universal Century timeline.



Sean Klingle's 1:100 scale Gundam Dynames (Bandai), built OOB. Sean used panel line shading to accentuate the details and added green LEDs to the cockpit. Sticker decals are from the kit. The model depicts Unit #2 from the Gunam series OO. The kit dates from 2019.

## Upcoming Events

- March 21 ..... **Model Swap & Build Day**, IPMS Central CT Buckingham Cong. Church, 16 Cricket Lane, Glastonbury, CT  
Contact Christopher Ekstrom: [cekstrom@netscape.net](mailto:cekstrom@netscape.net) or 860-228-0805.
- March 28 ..... **RepLICon 30**, IPMS Long Island, Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.  
Contact Robert DeMaio: [taurleo@optonline.net](mailto:taurleo@optonline.net) or 631-707-3442.
- March 29 ..... **Valleycon 30**, 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 5 ..... **BuffCon 37**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Knights of Columbus, 2735 Union Road at William St., Cheektowaga, NY.  
Contact Richard Bernecki: [berneckir@gmail.com](mailto:berneckir@gmail.com) or 716-474-6444
- April 5 ..... **Downeastcon 2020**, IPMS Southern Maine, Saco Middle School, 40 Buxton Road, Saco, ME.  
Contact George Bangs: [smsmdowneastcon@gmail.com](mailto:smsmdowneastcon@gmail.com) or 207-625-8007
- April 25 ..... **Can/Am Con '20**, IPMS Champlain Valley, Plattsburgh Holiday Inn, Plattsburgh, NY.  
Contact Frank Baehre: [frankandsandyb@verizon.net](mailto:frankandsandyb@verizon.net) or 518-561-4265, or go to [www.ipmscv.com](http://www.ipmscv.com).
- May 1 ..... **NortheastCon 49**, hosted by IPMS Niagara Frontier, Quality Inn and Suites, 8250 Park Rd, Batavia, NY.  
Contact David Schwab: [davidsp51stang@aol.com](mailto:davidsp51stang@aol.com) or 585-865-8672.
- July 29–August 1 ..... **IPMS National Convention/Contest**, Embassy Suites/San Marcos Conference Center, San Marcos, TX.  
Log on to <http://www.nats2020.com/>
- September 20 ..... **Patcon 2020**, IPMS Patriot Chapter, Hudson Elks Lodge, 99 Park Street, Hudson, MA  
Log on to <http://www.ipmspatriot.org>
- October 18 ..... **GraniteCon 2020** Granite State Modelers, The Falls Event Center, 21 Front St., Manchester, NH.  
Contact Rodney Currier: [nickmatt2@roadrunner.com](mailto:nickmatt2@roadrunner.com).

## IPMS/USA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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