



# THE PATRIOT

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## Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Billerica, MA. Please note: this is the second Friday of the month due to a church event scheduled on the first Friday. The church is located on Concord Road, just as it meets Route 3A (Boston Road) at the Billerica Town Common. The May meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle.



Jason Lee, our newest member, brought three models for Show-and-Tell at the April meeting. One of them was this neatly built and nicely weathered Tamiya 1:700 scale USS Yorktown. Jason painted the model with Tamiya acrylics and Alclad metallic lacquers; he used AK Interactive and Tamiya washes and pigments for weathering. Well done, Jason, and welcome to Patriot Chapter!

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## Minutes from the April Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Chapter President Dave Schmidt.

### 1. New Members

- Jason Lee, “maker of anything that needs glue to go together”
- Matt McGrath, long time builder of miniatures (USMC and Napoleonic) and sometimes armor, also a marine re-enactor for the USS Constitution

### 2. Membership dues

Members were reminded that dues are now past due. 2019 Membership cards were available for collection at the meeting.

### 3. Club trip

Following on from the previous meeting, the three finalist locations were briefly detailed, and each member was given a single vote. The winner was Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome (Red Hook, NY). Dave Schmidt will call the location and check for pricing and discounts. The date of the trip will be decided at the next meeting.

**4. Member Ken Fields** offered again to organize laminating membership cards for the club as a group submission to Staples gives reasonable discount (estimated cost \$1 per person). The club also has generic plastic pockets and lanyards available for members.

**5. Dave Schmidt** gave an update on the C-130 model mentioned at the last meeting. He took on the restoration himself of a 1:48 solid wood, custom-built display model of a C-130. The model is steeped in family nostalgia.

**6. The next meeting** will be on the second Friday, May 10, due to church activities on the first Friday. Alan Beeber will not be available to perform his normal opening/closing duties and needs assistance to get things organized for the meeting.

### 7. Trophy packs

The club has purchased the following packs:

- 2 for Valleycon
- 1 for IPMS Champlain Valley
- 5 for NoreastCon (this was very well received)

An update as to trophy packs for IPMS Nationals was requested, but there has been no new information.

Two more trophy packs remain to be addressed for fall competitions: GraniteCon and the Hudson Valley club show.

### 8. Treasurer’s report

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

### 9. Patcon

The treasurer is due to finalize and sign the contract with the Hudson Elks this month.

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

—Richard Price, Secretary

## Show-and-Tell

Jason Lee.....	1:700 USS Yorktown (Tamiya)
	1:48 Humvee (Tamiya)
	1:64 Toyota Tacoma (Matchbox)
Jamie Michaels .....	28 mm Alpharius Primarch (ForgeWorld)
Frank Moore .....	1:32 M20 (Revell/Monogram)
	1:32 M55 Quad .50 (EZ Build)
	1:32 M4A2 Sherman (EZ Build)
	1:32 M3 Grant (EZ Build)
	1:32 M3 “Lulubelle” (EZ Build)
Bart Navarro .....	1:72 de Havilland Vampire T.11 (Airfix)
Richard Price .....	1:48 Hurricane Mk. I (Airfix)
	1:48 Sea Hurricane Mk. I (Airfix)
Jim Qualey .....	1:72 TBM-3E (Hasegawa)
	1:72 AU-1 Corsair (Italeri)
Ken Sullivan.....	1:72 F-14A (Hasegawa)
	1:48 Sherman Easy 8 (Tamiya)
John Walker .....	28 mm 35th RoF Light Infantry (Warlord)

## Raffle Report

April winners:

Frank Moore, Tamiya 1:35 M551 Sheridan  
Dave Schmidt, Airfix 1:48 Bristol Blenheim  
Mike Hirsch, Tamiya 1:48 Bf 109 G-6  
Ken Sullivan, Revell 1:144 HMCS Snowberry  
Unknown guest, Airfix 1:48 Sea Fury



Another shot of Jason Lee’s USS Yorktown



John Walker's 28 mm 35th Regiment of Foot, 2nd Brigade of Light Infantry (Warlord), built OOB and painted with Vallejo and craft acrylics. The figure depicts a foot soldier at the Battle Harlem Heights, New York, September 16, 1775.

On Sept. 16, Knowlton's Rangers, a group made up of troops from CT, RI and MA, became outnumbered by British troops while scouting the British lines. The Rangers initiated an orderly retreat until they reached the American lines. At this point, someone in the British ranks blew the fox hunt call on a horn. This drew the anger of General Washington, who was nearby. Seeing that the British were forward of their lines without support, he ordered an attack on their rear. Although the ensuing action had ups and downs for both sides, including the death of Capt. Knowlton, killed in action, the end result was a rout of the British, who sustained substantial losses. Thus, the battle ended as a much needed American victory at a time when morale was sagging, and all because some dolt had the temerity to blow a hunting horn!

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Richard Price's 1:48 scale Hawker Hurricane Mk. I (Airfix), built nearly OOB, but with aftermarket Sutton harness seat belts. Paints are Vallejo acrylics. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for RAF 32 Squadron during the Battle of Britain.

The Hurricane originated in a proposal by Hawker's Sidney Camm to produce a monoplane fighter derived from the company's Fury biplane. The proposal came at a time when the military establishment favored biplanes, but Hawker persevered. The resulting design was both innovative and conservative, the latter exemplified by its largely fabric construction. Although it was overshadowed by its more illustrious stablemate, the Spitfire, the Hurricane actually inflicted 60 percent of the losses sustained by the Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain, and it went on to fight in all the major theatres of the Second World War.

RAF 32 Squadron traces its lineage back to the Royal Flying Corps in 1916. Disbanded in 1919, the squadron was re-formed in 1923. It received its first Hurricanes in 1938. During 1940, it flew patrols over northern France and took part in the defence of southeast England, based at RAF Biggin Hill, during the opening weeks of the Battle of Britain before moving to northern England at the end of August 1940. The squadron was deployed to Algeria in December 1942 and transitioned to Spitfires during 1943.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Jason Lee's 1:48 scale High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, better known as Humvee (Tamiya), built OOB, painted with Tamiya acrylics, and weathered with Tamiya weathering pigments.



Jason Lee's 1:64 scale 2008 Toyota Tacoma (Matchbox), built to resemble the vehicle he actually owns. Extramarket items include bumpers, wheels and roof rack. The model is painted with automotive lacquer and Tamiya clear spray lacquer.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Ken Sullivan's 1:72 scale F-14A Tomcat (Hasegawa), built OOB and painted with MRP acrylic lacquers. Decals are from the kit; markings are for VF-84 "Jolly Rogers," which flew off USS Nimitz from 1977 to 1987. The group and its iconic skull-and-crossbones logo gained worldwide stardom when it participated in the 1980 motion picture *The Final Countdown*, which featured a memorable scene involving two VF-84 Tomcats engaging two Japanese A6M Zeros.

Ken writes: "I was disappointed when I opened this kit to find raised panel lines. But I determined to just have fun with it and minimize gap filling, and the result was one of the most enjoyable projects I've ever done. The kit requires very little sanding, and although there are a lot of parts, goes together really well. There are very few visible seams to contend with, so no sanding of raised panel lines was required."



## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Frank Moore's 1:32 scale small diorama, "Lulubelle," depicting a scene from *Sahara*, the 1943 motion picture directed by Zoltán Korda and starring Humphrey Bogart as an American tank commander in Libya during the Western Desert Campaign of World War II. Lulubelle is Bogart's affectionate nickname for his M3 Grant tank. Frank's diorama features an M3 built OOB from the EZ Build kit, and figures by Miniart. Paints are Tamiya acrylics.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Jim Qualey's 1:72 scale Grumman TMB-3E Avenger (Hasegawa). Jim added a cast resin radar pod, the master for which he fashioned from to Cyberhobby F6F-5N kits. Decals are SuperScale and Aeromaster. Markings are for VT-29 aboard the escort carrier USS Santee, September 1945.

Grumman designed the TBF Avenger as a replacement for the aging and obsolete Douglas TBD torpedo bomber. It made its first flight in 1941 and began to supply USN units during 1943. The majority of Avengers were manufactured by General Motors and received the designation TBM. Avengers saw widespread action in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres during WWII for both torpedo and level bombing missions, and they were also extremely successful in Anti-Submarine Warfare operations. The TBM-3, with a more powerful engine and strengthened airframe, was the most numerous Avenger variant with around 4600 produced. The -3E was fitted with search radar to aid in the ASW mission.



## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Ken Sullivan's 1:48 scale M4A3E8 Sherman "Easy Eight" (Tamiya), built OOB and painted with various lacquers. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for the 761st Tank Battalion "Black Panthers," the first all-African American armor unit to see active service during WWII. The 761st was part of General George Patton's headlong dash across Europe with the 3rd Army in 1944, and they earned his high praise and many combat honors. Ken writes, "I'm not an armor guy, but have always wanted to do a tank. I got this kit for a present and decided to build it in one day. It was a pleasure except for the tracks, which were tedious. I didn't use any filler at all and enjoyed the project very much."

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Richard Price's 1:48 scale Hawker Sea Hurricane Mk. Ib (Airfix), built almost OOB, but with the addition of Sutton harness seat belts from HGW. Paints are Hataka acrylics; decals are from the kit. Markings are for a plane flown by Lieutenant Richard "Dickie" Cork (DSO & DSC) of No. 880 Naval Air Squadron, Fleet Air Arm aboard HMS Indomitable during Operation "Ironclad," Diego-Suarez, Madagascar, May 1942. Cork was the leading FAA Sea Hurricane ace, with nine destroyed, two shared, one probable, four damaged, and seven destroyed on the ground.

The Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm was sorely lacking in both fighters and purpose-built carriers at the outbreak of World War II. Consequently, a number of planes in RAF service were hastily adapted for ocean combat. The first Sea Hurricane, Mk. Ia, was a regular Mk. I fighter equipped with a catapult mount so it could be launched from merchant ships. It could not be recovered and had to ditch in the water after one mission. With the -Ib, the Sea Hurricane gained an arresting hook that allowed it to take off and land on proper carriers. The Sea Hurricane compiled quite a good win/loss ratio serving with Britain's growing carrier fleet during 1941 and 42.

Operation Ironclad, the seizing of the port of Diego-Suarez, was the opening engagement of the Battle of Madagascar, the objective of which was to deny Madagascar's ports to the Imperial Japanese Navy and to prevent the loss or impairment of the Allied shipping line.



## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Frank Moore's 1:32 scale M3 Grant light tank (EZ Build). The model is a conversion with scratchbuilt turret. The figure is from Airfix. Paints are Tamiya acrylics. Markings are for the British 7th Armoured Division that saw distinguished active service during World War II, where its exploits in the Western Desert Campaign gained it the "Desert Rats" nickname.



Frank Moore's 1:32 scale M20 "captured" (Revell/Monogram). Frank added camouflage netting and figures from Tamiya. Paints are Tamiya acrylics with weathering using Folk Art and Apple Barrel acrylics.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Bart Navarro's 1:72 scale de Havilland Vampire T.11 (Airfix), built OOB and painted with Mr. Hobby acrylics. Decals are from the kit. Markings are for WX507 flown by the Vampire Preservation Group, North Weald, Essex, England as it appeared in 2012. The Vampire was Great Britain's second jet fighter, the first being the Gloster Meteor, and the first with a single engine. It featured an egg-shaped nacelle containing engine and cockpit, and twin booms supporting wings and tails. Deemed a successful design, it went into service in 1946. By 1954 it was progressively reassigned to various secondary roles, such as ground attack missions and pilot training operations, for which specialist variants of the type were produced. During 1966, the Vampire was officially retired by the RAF, having been withdrawn from its final role as an advanced trainer after having been replaced by the Folland Gnat. A navalized variant, the Sea Vampire, served the Fleet Air Arm as its first jet fighter. Widely exported, Vampires remained in service with various air forces through the 1970s.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Frank Moore's 1:32 scale M4A2 Sherman, built to replicate a stripped and partially buried derelict. Paints are Tamiya acrylics.



Frank Moore's 1:32 scale M55 Quad .50 AA gun (EZ Build), built from extras in his parts box. Paints are Tamiya acrylics.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



Jim Qualey's 1:72 scale Vought AU-1 Corsair (Italeri). Jim added several scratchbuilt antennas and 20 mm machine guns. Paints are Model Master enamels. Decals are from various sources including Experts Choice. The BuNo. is inkjet printed. Markings are for a USMC plane based at Quantico, VA during the late 1950s, and features the new naval camouflage scheme of Light Gull Gray and Gloss White just coming into use at the time.

The penultimate version of Vought's renowned Corsair fighter, the AU-1 (renamed from its original designation of F4U-6) was a dedicated ground attack aircraft (hence the A designator) that served with the US Marines in the early 1950s and saw action in the Korean War. Distinguishable from other late Corsair variants by its lack of chin- or cheek-mounted air intakes, the AU-1's 12 hardpoints on fuselage and wings allowed it to carry a heavy load of bombs, rockets, and/or fuel tanks. It was also fitted with additional armor protection for the pilot. AU-1s were retired from service in 1957.



## Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)



Jamie Michaels's 28 mm Alpharius, Primarch of the Alpha Legion (Forge World, part of the Horus Heresy board game of the Warhammer 40K fantasy universe), built OOB. The figure was primed black and then sprayed with Turbo Dork's Curaçao. It was detailed with Vallejo Aluminum and Turbo Dork Metal Green. The cloak is Vallejo Glacial Blue base; the leather is Saddle Brown. The entire model was then washed with Vallejo Dark Gray Tint. The base was primed black and washed with red and dark gray.

## 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](http://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.

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

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November 9.....**LIARS Model Car Challenge**, Long Island Auto Replica Society, 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.

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

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