



# THE PATRIOT

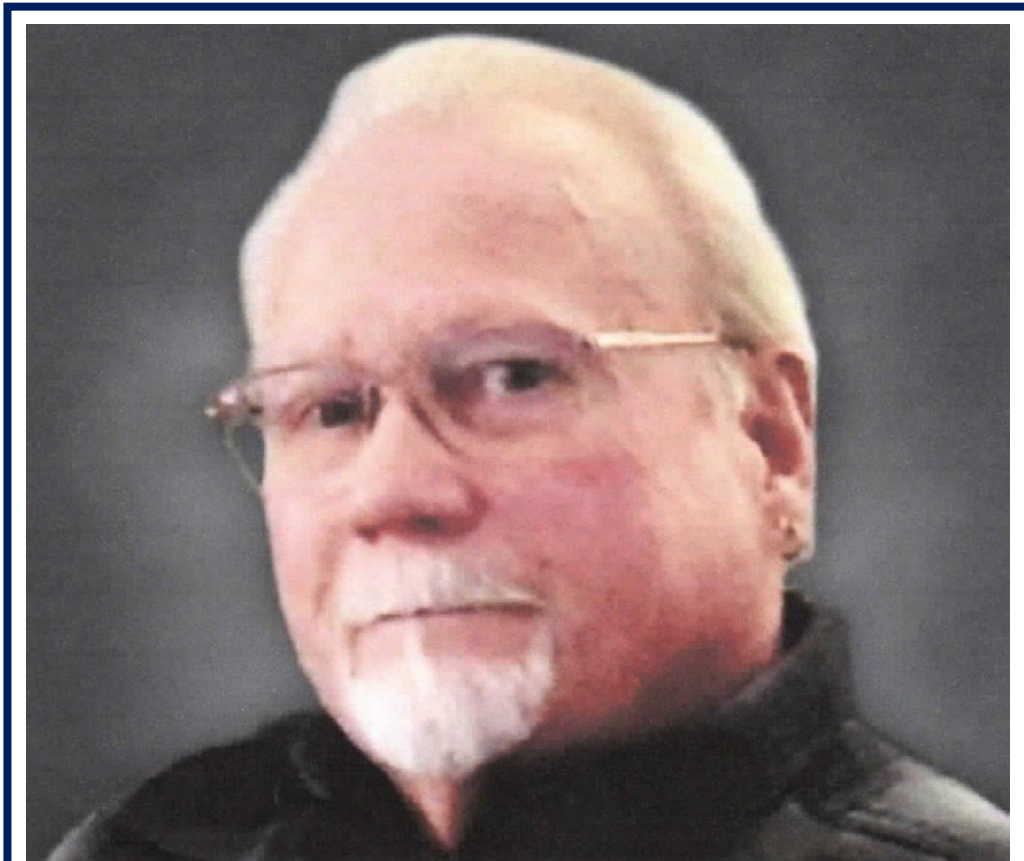
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## Special Issue: The Year in Review



Dave Schmidt

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## From the President

I'm quite sure it's not news to anyone that 2020 has been a tough year for everyone, including Patriot Chapter. We held our last in-person meeting in early March before being shut down by the corona virus. As the pandemic spread, it soon became apparent that Patcon 2020 would be impracticable, so we canceled the event. In August we were shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of our long-standing and well-loved president, Dave Schmidt. Looking ahead, it's probably safe to say that we are some months away from the possibility of meeting again at the First Parish in Billerica. Given the near certainty that widespread Covid vaccination will also take months, we may well miss Patcon 2021 as well.

Nevertheless, Patriot Chapter has not been completely dormant these past months. Starting in April, we began holding virtual Zoom meetings. These have proved so successful that we've been scheduling them every two weeks ever since. We generally have about 20 participants at each session, and we would welcome more of our members and friends to take part. The Zoom sessions feature lots of good modeling conversation, and everybody is given the opportunity to show, discuss, and share photos of ongoing or completed projects. As you'll see in the Show-and-Tell gallery, lots of our members have been making good use of their time at home.

Patriot Chapter is also building our online presence. Dan Costa has been doing great work improving and expanding the club web page: [ipmspatriot.org](http://ipmspatriot.org). Dan, along with Jason Lee, has also created our private Facebook page, to which club members are automatically granted access. A number of people have been sharing comments and photos there. To access the page, search for Patriot Chapter. Finally, Jeff Brown has recently set up a page at Discord, which promises to be a very good online alternative. We'll be sending you more specific information as development on that platform continues.

On the subject of our club leadership and IPMS/USA standing: As elected First Vice President, I assumed the office of President upon Dave Schmidt's passing, and I will continue in that post until we are able to hold in-person elections. At that time, I hope one or more people will step forward to contend for my position. I feel it would be better for the club not to have the posts of President, Chapter Contact and Newsletter Editor all held by one person. As for the rest of the Executive Board, Treasurer John Touloupis and Secretary Richard Price have agreed to stay on, at least for the present. Second Vice President Bill Michaels has moved to First Vice President, and Mike O'Keefe has graciously consented to fill the post of Second Vice President. I submitted that slate of officers and an ample list of IPMS/USA members in good standing to the national organization a few days ago. Although I haven't yet heard back from them, I'm sure that all is in order for the renewal of our IPMS/USA charter.

Finally, a reminder that 2021 Patriot Chapter membership fees become due in January. I recently sent an email to everybody with instructions for dues payment. If anybody needs another copy, please email me at [pnmoss47@gmail.com](mailto:pnmoss47@gmail.com) and I'll re-send it to you. As mentioned in the instructions, 2021 membership cards will now be sent electronically as printable PDF files. This will streamline distribution and significantly reduce delays in people receiving their cards. Printed cards will be available for people without access to a printer. I hope everybody will be prompt in remitting their 2021 dues, and please be aware that Spare Time Shop and Turn 4 Hobbies will now only offer club discounts upon presentation of a current membership card.

I wish happiness, health and safety to everyone along with the fervent hope that 2021 will bring better times for all.

Pip Moss

*This is the text of the piece I submitted to the IPMS/USA Journal several months ago. I don't believe it has yet appeared, so I assume it will be in the next issue.*

All of us at IPMS/Patriot Chapter were greatly saddened by the loss of our president, David Schmidt, who passed away suddenly this past August. Dave was born in Clinton, MA and raised in neighboring Lancaster. He was a resident of Clinton at the time of his passing. A graduate of Nashoba Regional High School (1967) and UMass Lowell with a degree in Engineering, Dave worked as a contract engineer for various local companies. Previously, he worked for many years at the former Digital Equipment Corporation. More recently he had also been working part time at the Spare Time Shop, one of our area's leading hobby stores.

Dave joined Patriot Chapter during the 1990s and was with us ever since except for a few years when he lived in Texas and was a member of IPMS/Alamo Squadron in San Antonio. He was also a member and past president of the Quinapoxet Model Flying Club in Holden, MA. Dave was an avid and enthusiastic modeler and never missed an opportunity to promote the hobby. His favorite modeling genre was aircraft, especially 1:32 scale, but he often ventured into other areas as well, and he liked taking old kits and improving them with scratch-built modifications. Besides model building, Dave

enjoyed golf and was also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Dave served Patriot Chapter as president for eleven years. During his tenure, he worked tirelessly to recruit new members, most of whom he encountered while working at the Spare Time Shop. Many of our new members have spoken of his friendly, welcoming manner. He was largely responsible for our club's growing diversity with active members in new-to-us genres like wargaming figures and Gundam. Dave also spearheaded the resurrection in 2013 of our local show, Patcon, which had lain dormant for over five years after a couple of unsuccessful events. He pulled together an effective working committee and obtained a new venue through his association with the Elks. The result has been a continuous stream of fun, satisfying and financially successful shows: Patcon is now widely regarded as one of the premiere local events in Region 1.

We'll all miss Dave's gentle good humor and his laid-back but effective leadership. He epitomized love of our hobby and the desire to help it grow. He has undoubtedly left his mark on Patriot Chapter, and he will be remembered for a long time.

Pip Moss



## Show-and-Tell Gallery

This gallery is a compendium of pictures sent to me by club members of models they completed during the past year since the April meeting. While I'm sure there are many other members who completed builds, but didn't send photos, what you see here certainly demonstrates the scope, diversity and skills of our club. ENJOY!



**Tom Boisvert:** 1:35 scale BT-17 (Meng)



**Tom Boisvert:** 1:12 scale  
Darth Vader (Bandai)



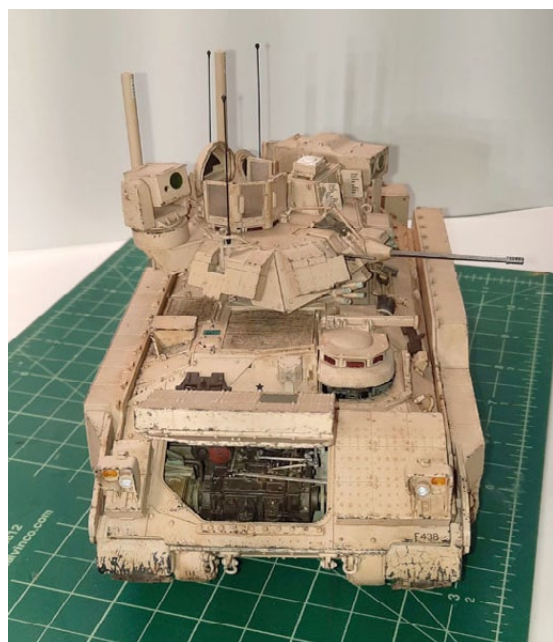
**Tom Boisvert:** 1:35 scale  
M9 ACE (Tacom)



**Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)**



**Tom Boisvert: 1:35 scale M2A3 Bradley (Meng)**



**Tom Boisvert: 1:35 scale Pickup with ZPU-1 (Meng)**



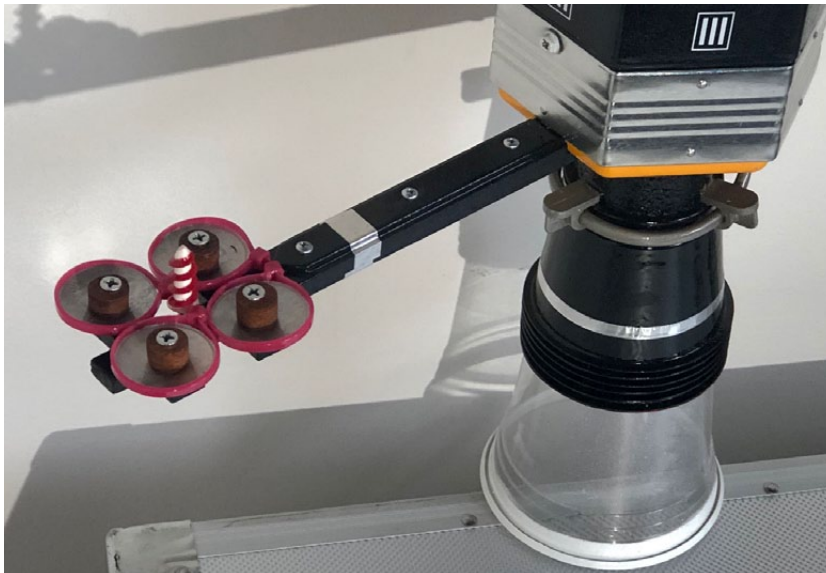
## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



### Thierry Copie:

#### "Apollo 11 50th Anniversary birdhouse"

Thierry writes: "I made this to emulate the Apollo 11 Command and Service Module using an empty metal container for a Veuve Clicquot rosé champagne. I used a semi-random set of parts based on what I could find at home (e.g. empty plastic yogurt containers for the nozzle) and a few add-ons that I fashioned out of wood. Decals are from Space Model Systems Inc. for the 1:48 scale Saturn 1B. It took me about 3 months to finish and was great fun to build. I hope the birds like it."





**Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)**

**Thomas Flaherty:**  
1:72 scale Renault FT-17s  
w/37mm cannon (Hat)



**Thomas Flaherty:**  
1:72 scale M4A1 Sherman  
(Revell) and snowman

**Thomas Flaherty:**  
MS-18E Kampfer  
(SD Gundam G Generation Zero)



## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Mike Hirsch:** 1:72 scale "Messerspit"  
Captured Spitfire Mk. V with Daimler-Benz  
605A-1 engine (Brennung), painted with  
True North enamels.



**Mike Hirsch:** 1:48 scale Gloster Meteor Mk. I  
(Tamiya). Eduard PE detail set; Model Master  
enamels.



**Mike Hirsch:** 1:48 scale V-1 (Tamiya)



**Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)**



**Mike Hirsch:** 1:72 scale Spitfire Mk. V floatplane (Brenun)  
Model Master enamels, Alclad Trainer Yellow



**Mike Hirsch:** 1:72 scale Spitfire Mk. IIa LR (Airfix)  
Aftermarket wing fuel tanks from 3D-Kits



**Mike Hirsch:** 1:48 scale P-40E in Japanese markings (Hasegawa)  
MRP paints

Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**George Lellios:**  
1:100 scale Tactical Pod Glaug  
Commander Type (Imai 1982)

You can find detailed build info  
at George's Instagram account:  
[@oldschoolgunpla](https://www.instagram.com/oldschoolgunpla)

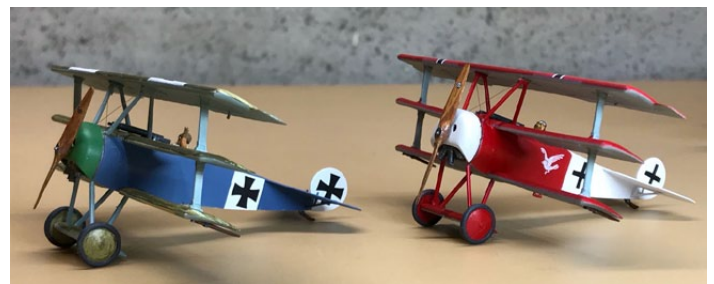


## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Bill Michaels:** 1:144 scale R/C USS Guadalcanal (CVE-60), Casablanca-class Escort Carrier. The carrier (42" LOA) is scratchbuilt with a balsa hull and a layer of fiberglass. Upper works are mostly scratchbuilt from styrene and a little brass. Gun mounts are purchased 3-D printed items. Forward elevator and radar antenna are animated. Housed on this floating "base" are two Minicraft Avengers, two F-toys Avengers, and three Sweet FM-2 Wildcats, all in 1:144 scale. The aircraft, painted in the Atlantic scheme, are from VC-8, a "composite" squadron that flew a typical mix of Avengers and Wildcats from Escort Carriers. Bill used aftermarket decals and number sheets to give each aircraft a unique number. The ship and planes are painted with a mix of Tamia, Vallejo, and Model Master acrylics. The model represents Guadalcanal at the time of the capture of U-505 in June 1944.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Bill Michaels:** 1:72 Fokker Dr.I triplanes. All are Eduard except the black one (Revell). The black and yellow ones are previous builds; the remaining five were all built this year. Markings: Yellow, Lothar von Richtofen, Jasta 11; Black, Josef Jacobs, Jasta 7; White, Hans Weiss, Jasta 11; Blue, Wilhelm Schwartz, Jasta 13; Lilac, Rudolf Stark, Jasta 34b; Green, Friedrich Kempf, Jasta 2 Boelcke; Red/white, August Raben, Jasta 18.



**Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)**

**Jamie Michaels:  
28mm wargaming figures**



Aurora, Non-Metallic Numen of Aerogenesis



Negators and Tesselators



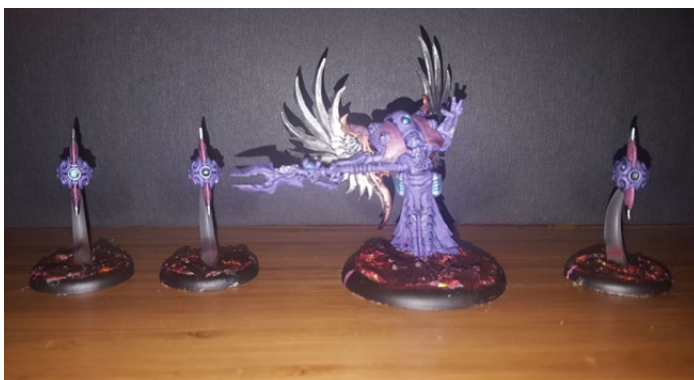
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Archnumen Aurora



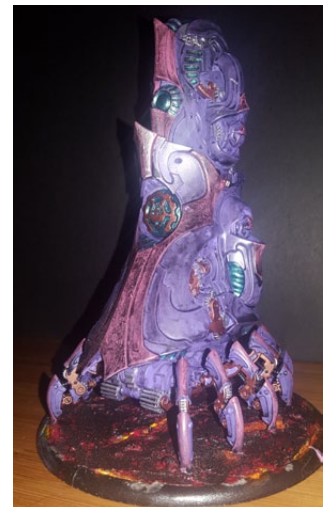
Artificer Prime Nemo and Arcane Mechanics



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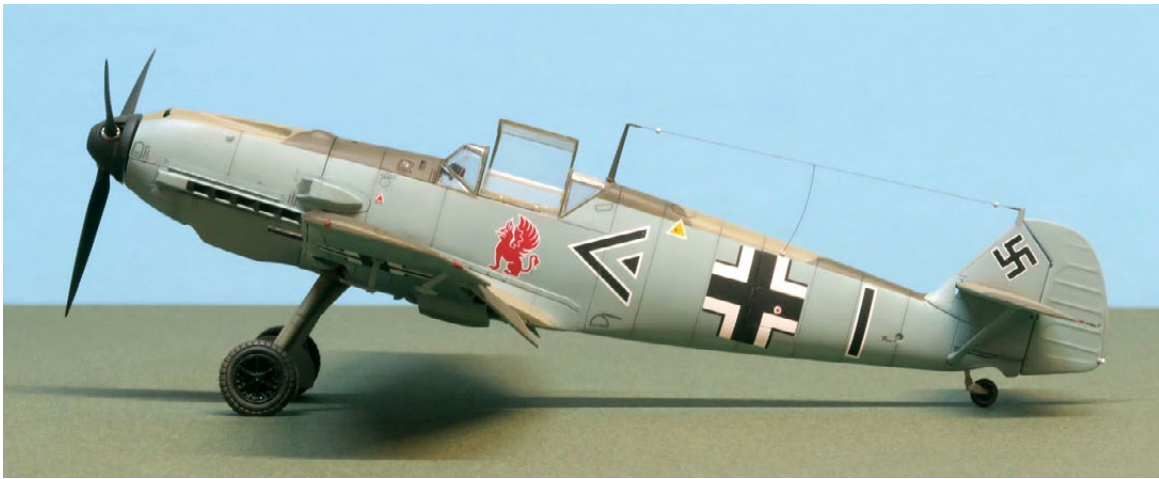


Prefect Hypatia



Transfinite Emergence Projector

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Pip Moss:** 1:48 scale Bf 109 E-4 (Tamiya). Markings are for Adolf Galland, Group Commander III/JG26, France 1940.



**Pip Moss:** 1:48 scale N1K2-J "George" (Hasegawa). 301st Fighter Squadron, 343rd Naval Air Group, Matsuyama air base, April 1945.



**Pip Moss:** 1:48 scale SPAD XIII (Eduard Weekend Edition). Markings are for Lt. William Ponder (six victories), 103rd Aero Squadron, USAS, late 1918.



## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Pip Moss:** 1:48 scale Curtiss P-40B (Airfix). Markings are for 2nd Lt. George Welch, 47th PS, 15th PG, Wheeler Field, Hawaii, December 1941.



**Pip Moss:** 1:48 scale F-15E Strike Eagle (Revell). Quickboost resin ACESII seats, Hasegawa GBU-10 PAVEWAY II 2000 lb. guided bombs (five of them from three weapons sets D). Markings are for 89-0487, 355th TFS "Chiefs," 4th Fighter Wing, Desert Storm, February 1991.



**Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)**



**Mike O'Keefe:** 1:35 scale IS-2 (Tamiya).  
Figures are from Stalingrad Miniatures.



**Mike O'Keefe:**  
1:35 scale Sd.Kfz. 164 Nashorn (Tamiya).  
Figures are from Stalingrad Miniatures.



## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Mike O'Keefe:**

1:35 scale Panzer III-E (Dragon).  
Tank figures are from Stalingrad Miniatures.  
Troops are from Andrea.



**Mike O'Keefe:**

1:35 scale M4A3E8 Sherman "Easy 8" and Jeep (Tamiya).  
Tank figures are from Scale75.  
Jeep figures are from Bronco.



**Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)**



**Mike O'Keefe:**  
1:144 scale HGUC Ez-8 Gundam



**Jack Rees:** British soldier 1916 (Young Miniatures)





**Andres Thalheimer:** Genie of the Lamp. The figure is a 3D print standing about 6" tall. He was sealed with gel CA and sanded smooth. Paints are from Citadel and Mr. Color Gundam Marker.

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**John Walker:** 1:72 scale Fokker E. III (Revell), built mostly OOB. Paints: Polly-S and AK metallics. Decals mostly from the kit. E-Z Line rigging. Markings are for Austro-Hungarian Navy, Trieste, ca. 1915



**John Walker:** 1:72 scale Fokker D. VII (Esci), built almost OOB. Paints: Tamiya and Life Color. Decals: SuperScale for lozenge and markings. Stretched sprue rigging. Markings are for Lt. Joachim Zigesar, Western Front, 1918.



## Show-and-Tell Gallery (continued)



**Thomas Warchal:** 1:700 scale EX Model Mobile Ship Albion, from the Gundam series (Bandai). This ship is used to transport mobile suits and troops in outer space while also providing covering firepower in battle. Tom did custom paintwork as tried out some new shading techniques.



**Thomas Warchal:** 1:100 scale RMS-106 Hi-Zack, Titans Mass Productive mobile suit (Bandai).

Tom writes:

"This kit meets the turncoat requirement as all Zaks were originally designed and piloted by the Zeon forces. When the Zeon forces fell, a contractor company called "Titans Test Team" decided to take what they believed to be all the best attributes of all the Zeon Zaku variations and developed one suit from those called the Hi-Zack. This suit did see some combat and was effective in its short term of use. I did some custom paintwork as well as changing out the stickers for various waterslides."

## Show-and-Tell Gallery (concluded)



**Thomas Warchal:** 1:100 scale RX78-4 space-type mobile suit (Bandai).

Tom writes:

"This is the RX78-4 space-type mobile suit. It is a 1/100 scale model by Bandai. The Rx78-4 was designed for space use and is equipped with a long range beam rifle. I did a complete custom paint job to highlight the kit's base details and also did several custom decals to accent areas of the kit itself. I used several varying paint techniques to achieve the desired final outcome."



**Thomas Warchal:** 1:72 scale Nieuport 17 (Eduard Weekend Edition). This was Tom's first airplane model, but hopefully not his last, although he says he'll probably go with a larger scale next time: this one's fuselage is about the size of his thumb!



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