



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## From the President's Desk

My Fellow Modelers,

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for the honor and privilege of serving as President of the Butch O'Hare Chapter of IPMS. It is truly humbling to be elected to lead such an accomplished and legendary club, with its long history of excellence in modeling. On that note, I would like to thank my predecessor, Frank Ciccarella, for his dedicated leadership and inspiration. His dioramas and armor models were simply amazing, as evidenced by the numerous awards they received at multiple contests. He left some very large shoes to fill – so large, in fact, that I cannot hope to replace him on my own.

Thankfully, I have a talented group of officers to lean on, and during my short tenure I have already come to rely on all of them:

*Bob Fryszak, Vice President*, is the kind of guy that not only accepts challenges head-on – such as building a sailing ship kit that's likely older than he is, and even more warped – but doubles-down on them without a moment's hesitation, adding scratch-built details and lighting the whole thing like a Christmas tree. And he does it with such casual ease, no matter how complex or tedious or meticulous the challenge. If ever you get stalled on a project and need a little push to get rolling again, talk to Bob.

*Bill Vinikour, our Secretary*, is also a highly-accomplished modeler. Several of his dioramas have won Best in Show and/or been written about in modeling magazines. His skills and his preferred genre perfectly illustrate why this club exists – though many of us are primarily aircraft modelers, the skills and techniques and materials of modeling are all similar yet slightly different. So when Bill brings in a diorama of a dinosaur traipsing through a primeval forest, it sparks a discussion about how he made the trees, what did he use for water, how'd you make the teeth look so real, and the scales too! Learning something new, something outside your wheelhouse, and wanting to try it out and even tweak it yourself – that's the essence of a modeling club.

*Hector Colon, our Treasurer*, he's just OK.

Additionally, the club relies heavily on members who perform specific tasks, such as Ihor shouldering the heavy burden of publishing the newsletter every month. It takes a substantial amount of time and effort, and I think I speak for the whole club when I express not only our deepest gratitude, but also pride in the finished product that represents our club.

And now I'll circle back to Hector, because in all honesty he has kept the club going for many months. Not only does he pay the bills on time, he also oversees the vendor room and handles all the details at our show that we never find out about because he already handled them. He makes sure our IPMS Charter is taken care of, our show has enough medals and a place to host it, and even ensures that there is sufficient mostaccioli at the holiday party. And he served as interim President after Frank left, which only enlarged the shoes I (or we) now must try to fill. Simply put, Hector is the glue that keeps us together and the grease that keeps the machine running. If that sounds impossible, well, that's just what Hector does.

A sincere thank you to the aforementioned members for their ongoing contributions, and also to all the members in the club for all their contributions large and small. This club succeeds when everyone pitches in and adds something to the discussion, brings something to Show and Tell, keeps us informed about new products, volunteers as a judge, and so much more. I would ask that you all keep doing what you do best and consider expanding your contributions to the club. For example, if you haven't built or brought in anything lately, do so! Even if it's a work in progress, we'd like to see what you're working on. If you haven't built a tank before, build one! If you haven't been to a meeting lately, or better yet if you have a friend or relative that might be interested, bring 'em! And if you haven't been on a judging team yet at our show, this is the year to do it.

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## From the President's Desk (cont.)

We are planning some judging demos later in the year for the purpose of training and practice, whether you're completely new or would like to judge something different. We were short on judges at the last show, and that has a ripple effect that not only slows down the judging process, it also places an unfair burden on the few judges we do have, depriving them of the opportunity to browse the vendor room or look at models outside their assigned category. It is my goal to have a new judge on every 3-judge team this year, so that there will be two veterans and one rookie. I strongly feel that it is something we should all volunteer to do, not just for the benefit of the show but for our own personal growth in the hobby. Once you spend time meticulously nitpicking some random modeler's pride and joy, you have a greater understanding of what it takes to achieve a 1st-place or gold medal.

In fact, on that theme, and given the optimism of the recent State of the Union Address, I would like to paraphrase and butcher a few famous Presidential quotes:

"Ask not what your model club can do for you, ask what you can do for your model club." That says it all. If you think something could be better, don't sit idly by – make it better. Or at least tell me your thoughts so I can try to make it better.

"Modeling is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." In other words, do your best to keep the hobby alive. Give a kit to a neighbor or a relative or a friend. Invite someone to a meeting or our show. And support your local hobby shops!

And, most of all, "Make Modeling Great Again!" -- I'd put that on a red hat, but Fulkerson would most likely shiv me in the kidney with a Bat'leth. But when he and I talk sci-fi modeling, we are brothers. In fact, one more: "That which unites us (modeling) is FAR greater than that which divides us."

I look forward to a year of unity among our diverse group of dedicated modelers.

Happy Modeling,

John Novak, President

## January 2020 Meeting Recap

Our first meeting of 2020 was held on January 10. About 23 members were in attendance. Most members paid Treasurer Hector Colon their dues for the year. In addition to models brought in for show and tell, there were donations of scenery items, magazines, and "rattle can" paints. Don Grajek brought in photos of models and club members for anyone wanting them. Hector mentioned that there will be a meeting of the officers on Saturday (January 11) morning to set the schedule for the rest of the year's meetings. He then reported on some of our recent club expenses including last month's holiday dinner, room rental, IPMS charter and member costs, and payment to the State to register us as a club. We are in a healthy financial condition.

A discussion was held on the need to pin down a location for our November show. Hector will be attending the Polar Vortex show at the Sheridan Lisle Naperville Hotel on January 19. He will check out that location as a possible show location.

Another discussion, led by Omer, followed on model judging in general and the new judging system put in place at the November show. While the new judging system seems to work, there are refinements that can still be made to make the system run more efficiently. The bottom line is the need for more members to step up and help with judging. Hector stated that more medals will need to be ordered for our next show. Decisions will still need to be made as to whether we continue to use lanyards and if there should be a change in the type of medals we use.

Club members then discussed the models they brought in for show and tell.



## 2020 Club Officers

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**Club Web Site**  
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**Quick Link Newsletters**  
[www.butchoharemodelers.com/latest-newsletter.php](http://www.butchoharemodelers.com/latest-newsletter.php)

### Drop in to the Next Meeting:

**February 14, 2020 at:**  
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**  
**5739 Dunham Road**  
**Downers Grove, IL**  
**Start: 7:30 PM**

Date	Theme	Demo/Guest
January 10	Annual Membership	tbd
<b>February 14</b>	<b>On the Bench/Unfinished</b>	<b>Rust (Steve Day) Masking Canopies (Ihor)</b>
March 13	Anything with Figures	Figure Judging
<b>April 10</b>	Sci-Fi and Fantasy	Sci-fi/Fantasy/Real Space Judging
<b>May 8</b>	Anything Roaring 20's Related	TBD
June 12	NATO/Eastern Bloc	Lighting Models (Bob Fryszak)
July 10	North Africa WW II	Scenery Techniques (Bill Vinikour)
August 14	Anything 1950s Related	TBD
<b>September 11</b>	Middle East	Aircraft Judging
<b>October 9</b>	WW II Pacific Island Hoping	Armor Judging
<b>November 13</b>	38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Show	Annual Show
<b>December 11</b>	What you got last Christmas/Hanukkah and BOH Annual Christmas Party and Show Recap	White Elephant Gift Exchange



# January Show-and Tell

	<p><b>Keith Ward</b></p>	<p><b>Tamiya 1/12 Kenny Roberts YZR500 Motorcycle</b></p>
	<p><b>Steve 'Maddog' Day</b></p>	<p><b>Mach 2 Models 1/72 Beech RC12K, in progress</b></p>
	<p><b>Mike Knowski</b></p>	<p><b>Tamiya 1/35 M4 Sherman Bronco 1/35 Panzer II Italeri 1/35 M7 Priest and SAS Jeep</b></p>
	<p><b>Jim Pinc</b></p>	<p><b>1/72 Douglas Skyraider Minicraft 1/144 DC-3 TWA, C-54 Skymaster 'Sacred Cow', and F-16</b></p>
	<p><b>Carl Knable</b></p>	<p><b>Hasegawa 1/72 F-111G Revell 1/144 Airbus A-320</b></p>
	<p><b>Kevin Stover</b></p>	<p><b>Italeri 1/35 PT-109</b></p>
	<p><b>Joe Kozak</b></p>	<p><b>Tamiya 1/35 Duece-and-a-Half, M26 Dragon Wagon</b></p>

**Keith Ward – Kenny Roberts YZR 500**



**Carl Knable – F-111G; Airbus A-320**



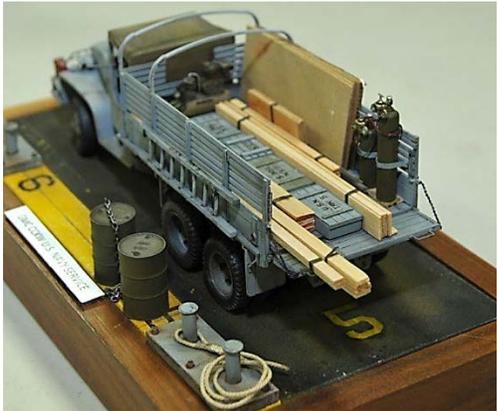
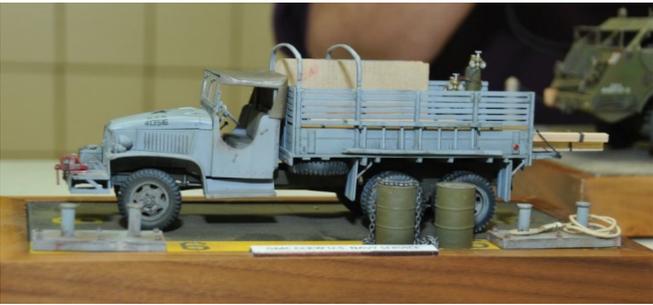
Mike Knowski – M4 Sherman, Panzer II, M7 Priest, and SAS Jeep



**Jim Pinc – 1/48 M-46 Patton;  
1/72 P-47; 1/144 F-16A**



**Joe Kozak – Duece-and-a-Half; M26  
Dragon Wagon**



**Steve Day - Beech RC12K, in progress**



**Kevin Stover – PT-109**



*January 2020*



## *Modeling on the Net*

### *Hector Colon*

We all know that the internet has opened the world to a vast library of information and has assisted modelers with both research and especially with finding that one elusive kit that we just must have in our stash. However, it is also to blame with the death of the local hobby store and for the inevitable death of our hobby. Yes, long gone are the days of inexpensive models lining the shelves of the local hobby store. I personally truly miss the Saturday afternoons my brother and I spent at *Satellite Hobbies* in Alhambra, CA.

My own opinion is that our hobby is not dying but evolving. Just look at the vast list of aftermarket parts – resin, photo-etch, individual tracks for armor and even metal barrels for tanks. All these come from companies that I do not remember even existing just a couple of decades ago – Eduard, Sveda, Ares. In addition, thanks to companies like Vallejo and MIG Productions, we have access to new paints and weathering products for that elusive last bit of reality. Model producers are investing resources into new tooling and producing formerly obscure subjects, Freedom Models producing a new 1/48 scale F-20 Tiger Shark. But to the folks at Eduard, although your new kit is gorgeous, and I am looking forward to getting one on my bench. But did we REALLY need another 1/48 scale P-51 Mustang? Lastly, the hobby has now even moved into the tabletop war gaming arena. Just ask any fan of the tabletop game *Warhammer 40k*, for we all know that in the 41<sup>st</sup> millennium – *There is only war* – the number of new figures being released by Games Workshop. As a club, we embraced this category by adding new categories for our show: Best Gaming and Best Gundam. So, is our hobby in danger of obsolescence? I don't think so. So once again, our hobby is not dying. It is growing, changing and evolving.

Over the next several columns, I am going to try and cover different aspects of how technology has helped our hobby to change and evolve in order to keep up with modern times. First, I am going to cover scale modeling podcasts. These are all “talk” shows that cover different topics of our hobby from different types of judging (i.e. AMPS vs. IPMS) to different skills we all need. Let's face it. Our hobby is primarily a solitary activity. This is the main reason why joining a club like ours and attending model shows are so important. Podcasts like these allow us to become a part of our hobby community.

My personal favorite are the boys from down under *On the Bench* ([onthebench64@gmail.com](mailto:onthebench64@gmail.com)). This show is published bi-weekly and once you get past the fact that Aussies have an innate ability to massacre the “Queen's English,” you will find Dave, Ian and Julian discussing all sorts of topics pertaining to our hobby – from photo-etch to the proper way of brush painting with Humbrol enamels (by the way – the secret is to warm up the tin first by placing it in a dish of hot water). Their insight is both informative and lighthearted. On more than one occasion, I have listened to this show while at work which inevitably leads to people coming by my cubicle and asking, “what are you laughing at?”

Next up our neighbors to the North - *Scale Model Podcast* ([scalemodelpodcast.com](http://scalemodelpodcast.com) -- [scalemodelpodcast@gmail.com](mailto:scalemodelpodcast@gmail.com)) which is also published bi-weekly on the off week of *On the Bench*. Stuart and Anthony share their perspective on the hobby industry. In fact, Anthony is the owner of GoodmanModels.com makers of the Super Sanding Blocks (I would love to have them as a vendor in our show). They share their vast experience in a straightforward way that is easy to listen. They have also an ability to secure interviews with a vast array of important figures in our hobby – from Aaron Skinner of Kalmbach Publishing to the founder of HobbyLink Japan.

*Scale Model Shed* comes from our friends “across the pond” in England. Now I will admit that I haven’t listened to enough episodes to give it a proper review and or rating. But the few that I have listened to, I have enjoyed. It’s good to get updates and reviews from a European point of view.

And now last but certainly NOT least, we have the new kids on the block - *Plastic Model Mojo* ([plasticmodelmojo@gmail.com](mailto:plasticmodelmojo@gmail.com)). The hosts, Mike and Dave, are a couple of good ole boys from the great state of Kentucky. These characters like to start each episode talking about their current “Modeling Fluid.” Now their definition of “modeling fluid” is usually includes 90 Proof. This podcast is the “new kid on the block” and have yet to announce a regular release schedule. I am sure that once Mike and Dave find their niche, their show will be just as entertaining and informative as any other.

All these podcasts can be found on Stitcher, Apple iTunes, Spotify as well as other apps. They are simply the tip of the iceberg when it comes to hobby related podcast. Do you like Warhammer 40k? Try the podcast – the Long War. So why don’t you give them a try?

So, until next time, what’s on your bench?

Hector

# Modern United States Navy Carrier Air Operations – Part I

Stan Kurcz

**Flight Deck Crew** (See also: [Uniforms of the United States Navy § Flight deck.](#))

On an aircraft carrier [flight deck](#), specialized crew are employed for the different roles utilized in managing air operations. The different flight deck crews wear colored jerseys to visually distinguish their functions.

Colors	Officer/Task
Yellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aircraft handling officers</li> <li>• Catapult and arresting gear officers</li> <li>• Plane directors – responsible for all movement of all aircraft on the flight/hangar deck</li> </ul>
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catapult and arresting gear crews</li> <li>• Visual Landing Aid electricians</li> <li>• Air wing maintenance personnel</li> <li>• Air wing quality control personnel</li> <li>• Cargo-handling personnel</li> <li>• Ground support equipment (GSE) troubleshooters</li> <li>• Hook runners</li> <li>• Photographer's mates</li> <li>• Helicopter landing signal enlisted personnel (LSE)</li> </ul>
White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality Assurance (QA)</li> <li>• Squadron plane inspectors</li> <li>• Landing signal officer (LSO)</li> <li>• Air transfer officers (ATO)</li> <li>• Liquid oxygen (LOX) crews</li> <li>• Safety observers</li> <li>• Medical personnel (white with Red Cross emblem)</li> </ul>
Red	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ordnance handlers</li> <li>• Crash and salvage crews</li> <li>• Explosive ordnance disposal (EOD)</li> <li>• Firefighter and Damage Control Party</li> </ul>
Blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plane handlers (Trainees)</li> <li>• Chocks and chains – entry-level flight-deck workers under the yellowshirts</li> <li>• Aircraft elevator operators</li> <li>• Tractor drivers</li> </ul>

Colors	Officer/Task
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Messengers and phone talkers</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation fuel handlers</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air wing plane captains: squadron personnel who prepare aircraft for flight</li> <li>Air wing line leading petty officers</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final checker (inspector).</li> </ul>

Everyone associated with the flight deck has a specific job, which is indicated by the color of his or her deck jersey, float coat and helmet. Rank is also denoted by the pattern of trousers worn by flight deck crew:

- Navy blue pants – Denotes junior sailors and petty officers.
- Khaki pants – Denotes chief petty, warrant and commissioned officers. This keeps in line with the traditional khaki color of CPO and officer service uniforms.

When a Distinguished Visitor (DV) arrives on the ship by air, a call to "Muster the Rainbow Sideboys" is made. Typically, two of each colored jersey stand opposite each other in front of the entrance to the ship to render honors to the DV. These sailors in their colored jerseys are referred to as "Rainbow Sideboys".



## Upcoming Events: February - April 2020

**February 1, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual 4M Mayhem Contest and Show.** Essexville, MI. IPMS/Mid-Michigan Model Makers.  
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/4m-mayhem-0>

**February 1, Hope It Don't Snow Show.** Rochester, MN. IPMS/Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers.  
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/hope-it-dont-snow-show-4>

**February 15, BLIZZCON 47 Model Show.** Columbus, OH. IPMS Columbus/Capt Eddie Rickenbacker.  
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/blizzcon-47-ipms-columbus-model-show>

**March 7, Roscoe Turner IPMS Indianapolis Model Contest and Swap Show.** Indianapolis, IN. Roscoe Turner Chapter IPMS Indianapolis. <http://www.ipmsroscoeturner.org/>

**March 7, Mad City Modelers 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Show,** Madison, WI. IPMS/Mad City Modelers.  
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/mad-city-modelers-25th-annual-show>

**March 14, KCCON 2020.** Kansas City, MO. IPMS/Great Plains Chapter, IPMS/KC AMPS.  
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/kccon-2020>

**March 14, Semmex.** Clinton Township, MI. IPMS Warren. <https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/semmex-2>

**March 21, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual South Central Modelers Show and Contest.** Fairmont, MN. IPMS/South Central Modelers.  
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/13th-annual-south-central-modelers-show-and-contest>

**April 3, WrightCon 2020 IPMS Region IV Convention,** Dayton, OH. IPMS/Wright Field Scale Modelers/Wright Field Scale Modelers. <http://wrightcon.com/> <https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/wrightcon-2020-ipms-region-iv-convention>

**April 4, Surgicon 26.** Des Moines, IA. IPMS/Plastic Surgeons <https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/surgicon-26>

**April 18, Fleacon 16.** Monticello, IA. IPMS/Alexander Lippisch Chapter.  
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/fleacon-16>

**April 19, Spring Swap-n-Bull Model and Toy Show.** Rocky River, OH. IPMS/Lorain County.  
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/spring-swap-n-bull-model-and-toy-show-2>

**April 25, MOSS CON 2020.** Springfield, MO. IPMS/Missouri Ozark Scale Specialists.  
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/moss-con-2020>

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### IPMS / USA

IPMS / USA membership qualifies you to participate in IPMS/USA sanctioned contests, particularly our world-famous National Convention, held each summer. As a member, you'll also be able to access our online discussion boards, where a wide variety of modeling topics are discussed, and enjoy interaction with other serious modelers for help with questions about modeling techniques or IPMS in general. Many hobby shops and model vendors around the country offer discounts to IPMS/USA members.

#### **Memberships are available in several ways:**

Junior- 17 years or younger, \$17 per year

Adult - \$30 for 1 year, \$58 for 2 years, \$86 for 3 years.

Family - \$35 Adult membership 1 year plus \$5 for multiple cards.

Download the application from IPMS/USA and mail today! <http://www.shopipmsusa.org/category-s/100.htm>

The **Butch O'Hare Chicago Chapter** of the International Plastic Modelers Society (**IPMS**) was inspired by the accomplishments and **heroism of Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare**, the U.S. Navy's first flying ace and Medal of Honor recipient in World War II. The original members of the organization therefore decided to take his name in memoriam. We welcome all those who have any level of interest in modeling to explore our web site and visit us at our monthly meeting.

**Meeting Location**

St. Paul's United  
 Church of Christ  
 5739 Dunham Road  
 Downers Grove, IL

**Meeting Times**

7:30 PM  
 2nd Friday of every month

**Website**

[www.butchoharemodelers.com](http://www.butchoharemodelers.com)



**BOH Annual Membership**

Regular \$20  
 Family \$25  
 Senior \$15 over 65  
 Junior \$15 under 18

	Adults	Seniors (Over 65) and Juniors (under 18)
Jan-Mar	\$20	\$15
Apr-Jun	\$17	\$10
Jul-Sept	\$14	\$7
Oct-Dec	\$9	\$5
Family - \$25 annually		
Senior (over 65) = \$15		

## Local Hobby Shops

Chicago Land Hobbies	6017 N NW Hwy, Chicago IL, 773-775-4848
Forever Timeless	4438 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago IL 773-545-6959
Des Plaines Hobbies	1524 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL 847-297-2118 <a href="http://www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/">www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/</a>
Timberline Train Shop	5228 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL, 630-324-6136 <a href="http://www.timberlinetrainshop.com">www.timberlinetrainshop.com</a>
Games Workshop	947 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove, IL, 630-515-1428
Americas Best Hobby	865 Maplewood, Itasca, IL 630-467-1102 <a href="http://www.americasbesttrain.com/">www.americasbesttrain.com/</a>
Ron's Mundelein Hobbies	431 N. Lake Street, Mundelein, IL 847-949-8680
M&M Models	9329 S. Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn, IL 708-423-7202 <a href="http://www.mmodelstore.com">www.mmodelstore.com</a>
Past Time Hobbies	9311 Ogden Ave, Brookfield, IL 708-485-4544 <a href="http://www.pthinc.com">www.pthinc.com</a>
Berwyn's Toys & Trains	7025 Ogden Ave, Berwyn, IL 708-484-4384 <a href="mailto:berwynstoytrains@comcast.net">berwynstoytrains@comcast.net</a>
Walt's Hobby & Model Shop	2207 Plainfield Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403 <a href="http://www.waltshobbyonline.com">www.waltshobbyonline.com</a>

