



Butch O'Hare

IPMS / USA



"Wildcat Wisdom"

The Official Newsletter of the IPMS Butch O'Hare Model Club

April 2026 Vol 4

March Recap and Other News

We had 27 people show to the meeting this month. One key person who did not show up last month was able to make it this month. John Novak our President! John although busy running his store for its first month of business was in attendance. Congrats John!!

Since John was scrambling to close the store and rush to the meeting, Nick opened the meeting by going over coming events/shows. Shows to be aware of include:

4/4 Roscoe Turner -Lebanon IN

4/16-18 AMPS International, South Bend, IN

6/13 Nimcon, McHenry, IL

November BOH Show

Coming up in November on the 14th is our own show. This year it will be a Regional show again as it was 2 years ago. This should draw more contestants and vendors. To accommodate the increased numbers and to respond to requests for improved lighting etc, we are moving to the big venue at the fairgrounds.

We will also make arrangements for a food truck to keep people on the grounds. This is in response to a request from many vendors last year. We will soon be looking for volunteers to sign up early for areas of responsibility. Please take the volunteer survey at <https://forms.gle/VADPbpJEkpSGVGodA>. So far we have 21 responses to the survey! Thank you everyone.

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Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting:
St. Paul's Church
April 10, 2026 7:30
PM

**Theme: Mechs,
Robots, Cyborgs**

Raffle

Many thanks to Walter who brought in a generous raffle donation for the club. I have also added a photo page of raffle prizes for the upcoming show. It looks like a lot of kits but we are not even 50% there yet. Please keep the donations coming. Thank you everyone!!!!

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 website and visit us at our monthly meetings. Our members interests range from aircraft, armor, automobiles, and ships to figures of all types, spacecraft, sci-fi, horror, and wargaming.

Meeting Location

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

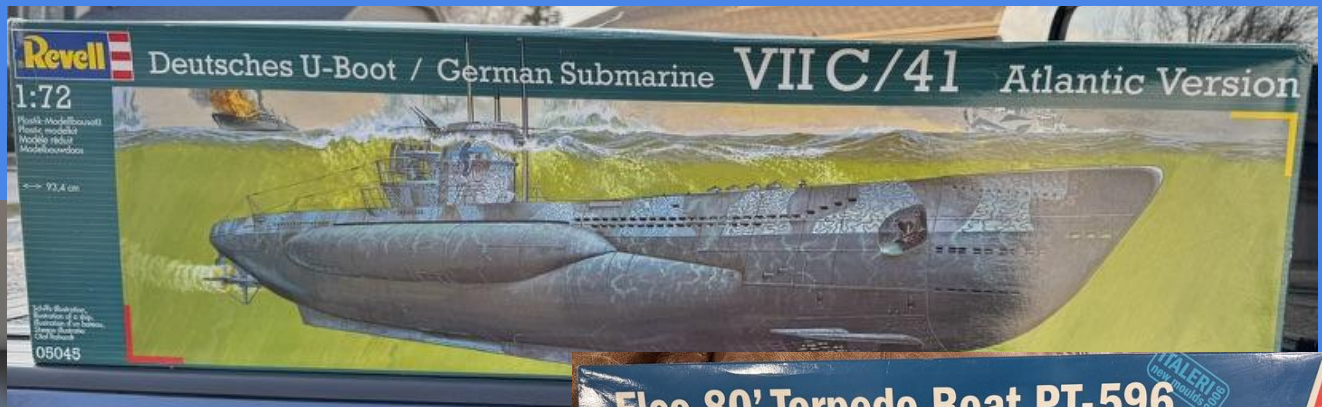
Meeting Times

7:30 PM, 2nd Friday of every month.

Website:

<http://www.butchoharemodelclub.com/>

Raffle Kits



Meeting Photos



Next Year's NATS will be in Ft. Wayne Indiana and the 2027 NATS will be in Huntsville, AL

Support the Raffle Always

Nick Digrindakis continues to be in charge of our annual raffle. Soliciting donations is a year round activity unfortunately. Many of us have stashes that probably contain hundreds of kits. A donation of a few models that you probably will never build is not a big sacrifice. The Raffle Stash on the heels of our show and contest is depleted and can use any type of kit. The donation of a Super prize would be Super too!

Thanks to members who continue to donate on a regular schedule!!!

Please give if you can !!

Club Website:

<http://www.butchoharemodelclub.com>

BOH Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1132616937305874>

Quick Link Newsletters:

<http://www.butchoharemodelclub.com/Newsletters.html>

Newsletter Submittals:

bohmcnewsletter@gmail.com

Club Store:

<https://butchohare.qbstores.com>

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Scale Model Stash Corner

Finally cleared the boxes out of the airplane aisle, and started organizing the kits. Need more space.



Tons of kits of awesome cars, and also of course the boring old muscle car kits too. Need more space.



I highly recommend building more Gundam kits. A large collection just might help persuade the robot overlords that you're on their side. Need more space.



Tanks – a lot! Went way too heavy on armor, gonna need to pare 'em down to free up some space. Or just get a bigger store.

– Stashmaster John

Newsletter Contributions Welcome!

We would love to have at least one article each month. Museum visits, airshows, IPMS shows, book reviews, tips & techniques, kit reviews – whatever you feel like contributing, we'll give you the space and make you famous. Please send contributions to Nick and he will add them to the newsletter. Walter! Thanks for your Volo Car Museum photos.

Photo Directory

Starting next meeting (for real this time), we will begin taking pictures of members for the BOH photo directory. This directory will not be public. It will be for the private use of members.

Swap Meet

For Sale: Iwata Smart Jet and Master Airbrush Model TC-320 Compressors. Each has quick disconnect attachments. \$150/each

Contact: Steve Day
312-485-9901
stevemaddogday@aol.com



Membership

BOH Annual Membership

Membership Dues:

Regular: \$20.00

Family: \$25.00

Senior (Over 65) \$15.00

Junior: \$15.00 (Under 18 years old)



Mail membership dues to:

Butch O'Hare Model Club

C/O Hector Colón

3136 Medford Court. Aurora, IL 60504

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 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 up to six members.

Download the application from IPMS/USA and mail today! [Join IPMS USA](#)

[IPMS USA Membership 2026 Application.pdf](#)



Meeting Date:	Show-and-Tell Theme:
1/09/26	What I Got for Christmas !
2/13/26	Anything RED
3/13/26	Made for Cold/Ice/Snow
4/10/26	Mechs, Robots, Cyborgs...
5/08/26	My Oldest (Surviving) Model
6/12/26	Midway
7/10/26	USA! USA! USA!
8/14/26	Kitbashing
9/11/26	High-Speed Hijinks
10/09/26	Movies & TV
11/14/26	BOH Show & Contest
12/11/26	Party Time

2026 Butch O'Hare Club Officers

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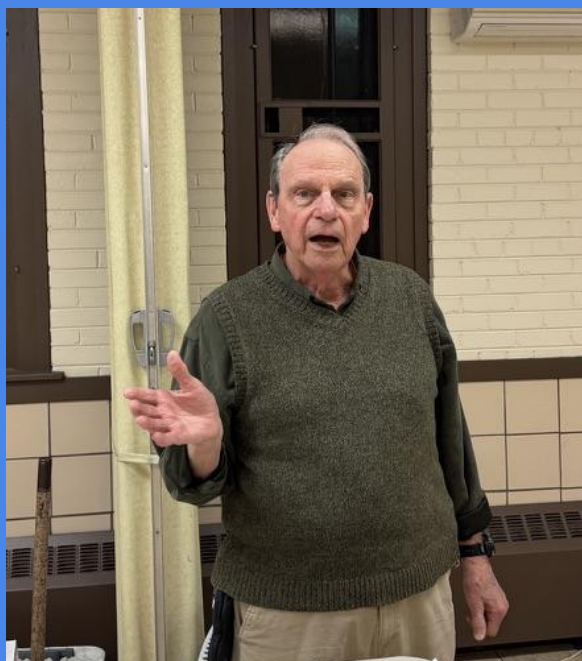
February Show and Tell

Theme: Red Like Valentines Day			
Presenter:	Models Displayed:	Manufacturer	Scale
Dick Beemer	Heinkel 178 A ME 163V1	Condor Flashback	1/48 1/48
Art Krull	Rocketship Luna Syrian Panzer 4 BA-20	Pegasus Tamiya Ace	1/144 1/48 1/48
Jim Zuhn	AT-AT ROTJ	MPC ERTL	
Oliver James	M4 Sherman SDKfz Halftrack AA Halftrack Kv-2	Tamiya Tamiya Tamiya Bachmann	1/35 1/35 1/35 1/76
Jim Pinc	Vampirella 1930 Packard	Hubley	
Rob Paczkowski	63 Mustang II Concept 61 Dodge Pro Stock Ford Pickup Mashup	Lindberg Lindberg Monogram/AMT	1/25 1/25 1/25
Scott Schuster	F-14A Tomcat Kettenkrad	Tamiya Tamiya	1/48 1/35
Carl Knable	ME-110 ME-109E ME-109G ME-109K	Monogram Airfix Airfix HobbyBoss	1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72
Tim Peters	BF-109	Dragon	1/48
James Fulkerson	V2	Pegasus	1/48

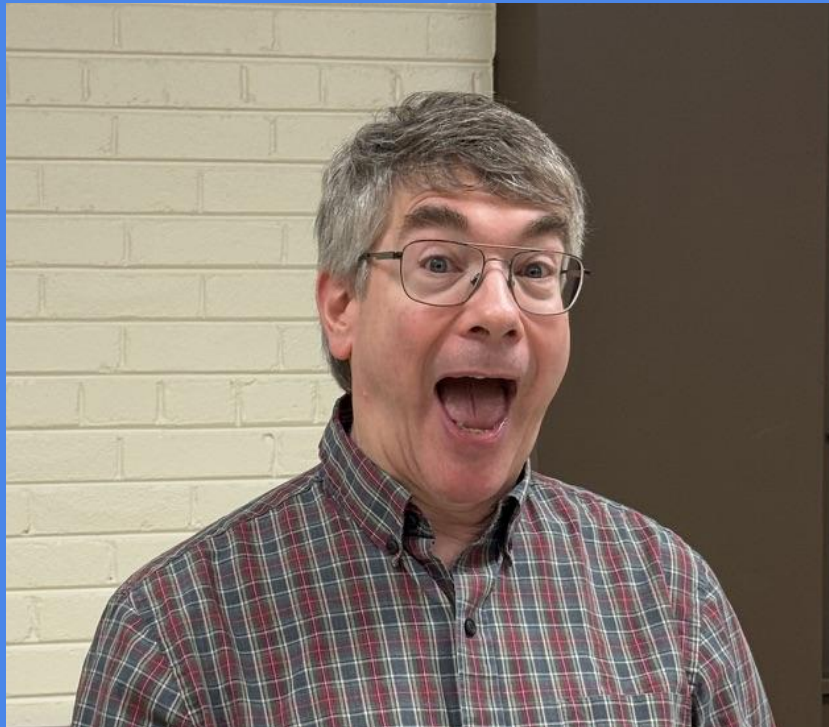
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Dick Beemer



Art Krull



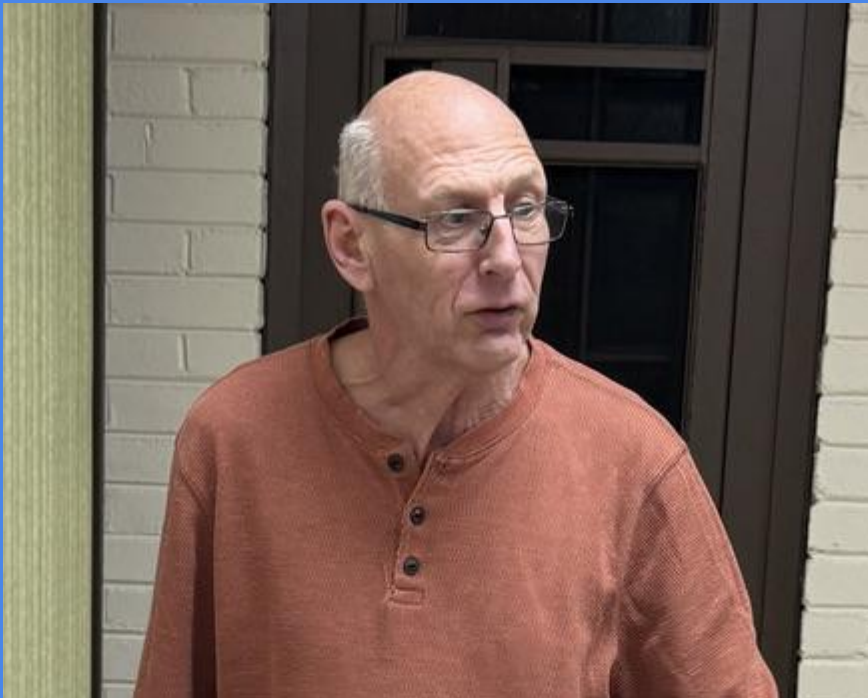
Jim Zuhn



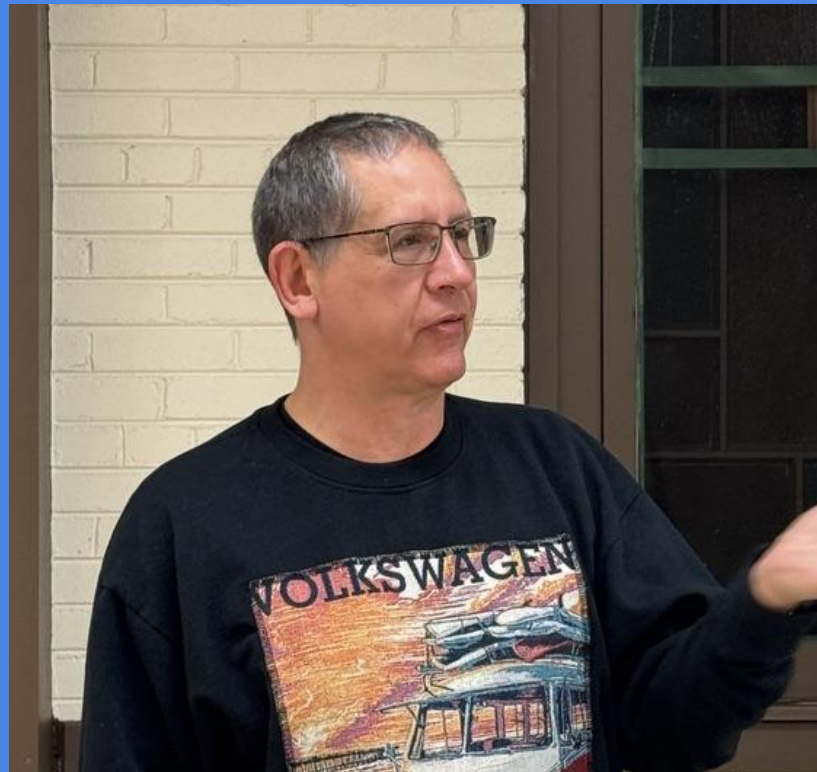
Oliver James



Jim Pinc



Rob Paczkowski



Scott Schuster



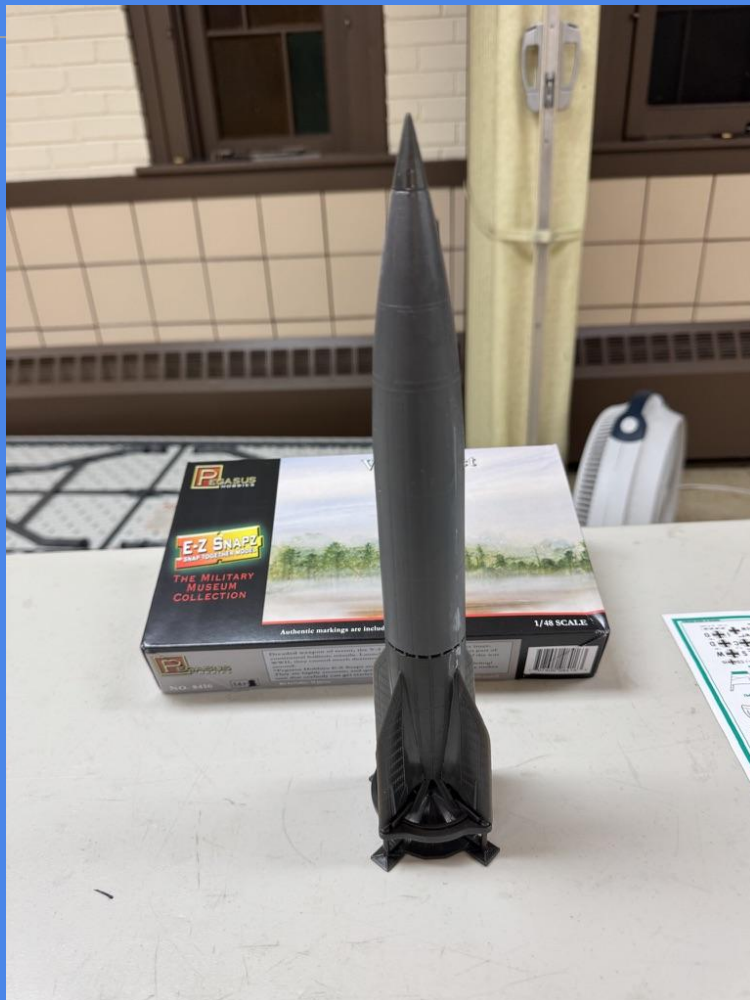
Carl Knable



Tim Peters



James Fulkerson



Walter Kloepper



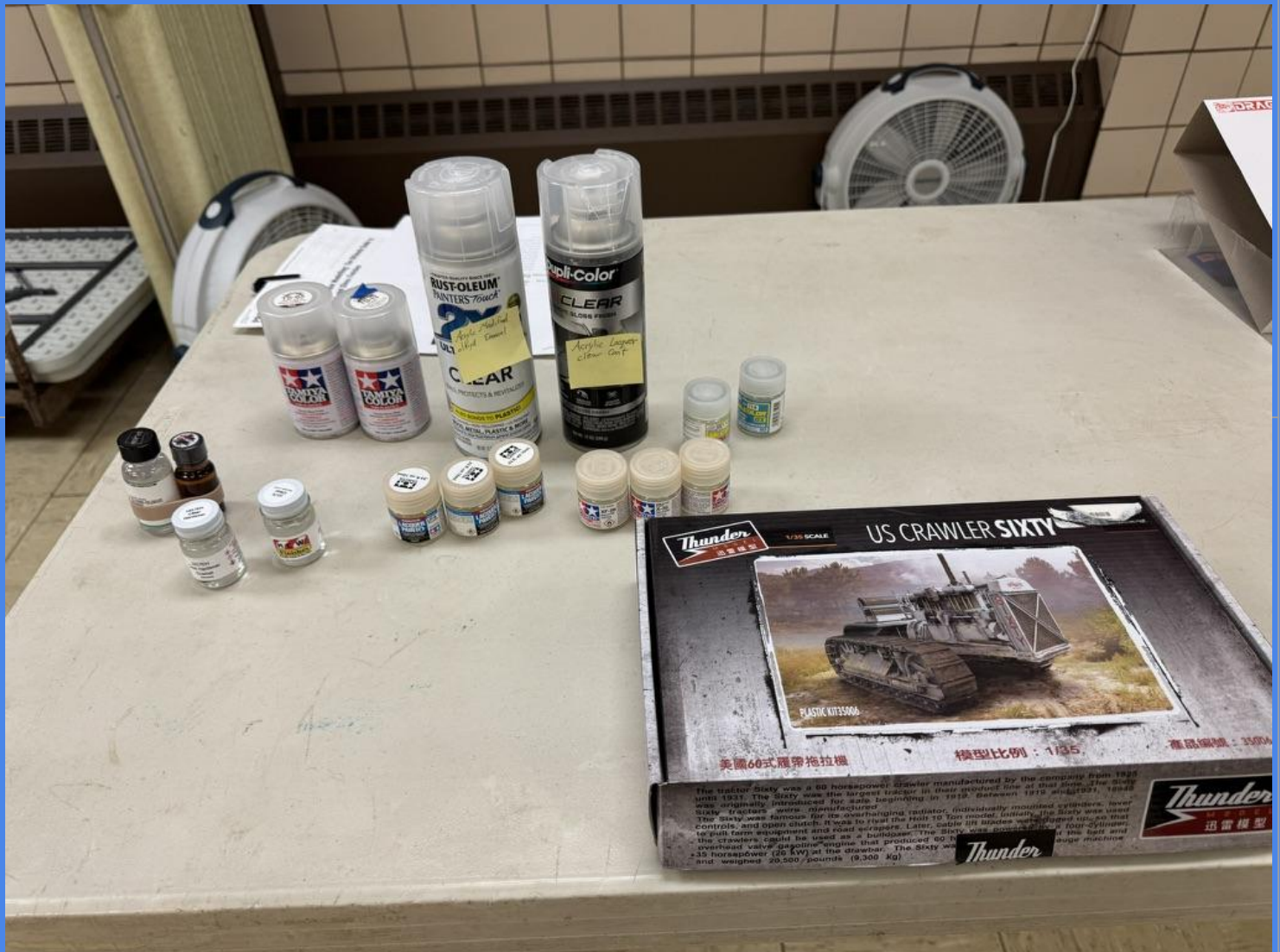
Omer Houston



George McCarthy



Nick Digrindakis



Varnishing in Scale Modeling

<https://proscalehobbies.com/varnishing-in-scale-modelling/>

UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

April 2026 - June 2026

April 2026

April 4, 2026, [Roscoe Turner Indy Invitational](#), Lebanon, IN

April 16-18, , [AMPS 2026 International Convention Thu Apr 16, 2026 to Sat Apr 18, 2026 Century Center, 120 Doctor MLK Jr Blvd, South Bend, IN 46601](#)

June 2026

June 13, 2026, [NIMCON 14](#), McHenry, IL

43rd Annual Butch O'Hare Region 5 Model Contest and Vendor Show USA Turns 250!



Saturday, November 14th, 2026

General Admission: 9am to 4pm: \$5

8am Early Bird access to Vendors: \$10

**DuPage County Fairgrounds, Building 1
2015 Manchester Rd., Wheaton, IL 60487**

**Club
Tables**



**75+ Vendor
Tables**

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Visit website for more info: www.butchoharemodelclub.com

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708-674-2524

[Scale Model Stash](#)

Berwyn's Toys & Trains

7025 Ogden Ave, Berwyn

708-484-4384

<https://berwynstoytrains.com>

Walt's Hobby & Model Shop

2207 Plainfield Road, Crest Hill

815-741-0043

www.waltshobbyonline.com

Des Plaines Hobbies

1524 Lee Street, Des Plaines

847-297-2118

www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/

America's Best Hobby

865 Maplewood, Itasca

630-467-1102

<https://libertytrains.com/>

Forever Timeless

4438 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago

773-545-6959

<https://www.facebook.com/Forever-TimelessHobby-Shop-142658292422037/>

HobbyTown

15601 S. 94th Ave., Orland Park

708-349-8697

<https://www.hobbytown.com>

Leisure Hours Hobbies

16300 South Lincoln Highway Rt 30,

Plainfield 815-439-1477

<https://www.leisurehours.com>

B&G Train World & Hobby

829 Walnut Ave, Elgin

847-888-2646

<https://www.bgtrainworld.com/storefront/shop/>

Fair Game

1015 Curtiss St, Downers Grove

630-963-0640

www.fairgamestore.com

Warhammer Acadia on the Green

947 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove

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Warhammer

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Wandering Dragon Game Shoppe

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Oakridge Hobbies, Toys & Gifts

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