



Butch O'Hare

IPMS / USA



"Wildcat Wisdom"

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

July 2026 Vol 7

June Recap and Other News

Nick, yours truly, ran the agenda and John joined in when he arrived. We had 27 attendees this month and one generous donation to the raffle from Kevin Shea again. Nick reminded everyone that tomorrow was the Nimcon show in McHenry IL. It is a fine show with a good raffle that John likes to stuff the ballot box for prizes. The show is at the VFW again for the second straight year. Other shows to be aware of include: in the second week of August brings GTR on 8/2 and then Nationals on the following Wednesday. There will be a club meeting in August as it will follow NATs. I signed up the club for a NATs award sponsorship in honor of Keith Ward. The prize will be Automotive Scratch Build/Conversion.

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. So far we have commitment from 35 vendors with 21 paid. We also landed the quality vendor "Dean's Hobby Stop". Other vendors that expressed interest include David Doyle Books, and Steel Pot Studios. Nick brought a layout map that showed 125 vendor tables and 138 competition tables. We will have plenty of room. 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. Nick may be able to get his church to be the food vendor at the show. 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
June 12, 2026 7:30
PM

Theme: USA!
USA! USA!

Meeting Recap cont.

Spice up Meetings - Do a demo, trip report, workshop, etc.

Photo Directory - still alive, stay tuned

Name Tags - wear your name tag. If you need one tell Nick.

Gathering of Avengers - Peru IL, It was a great event. Watch on Youtube.

John is seeing that young people are into modeling!!

Raffle

Many thanks to Kevin 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 there yet. Please keep the donations coming. We are very low on car and gundam kits. Thank you everyone!!!!



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Meeting Location

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

5739 Dunham Road

Downers Grove, IL

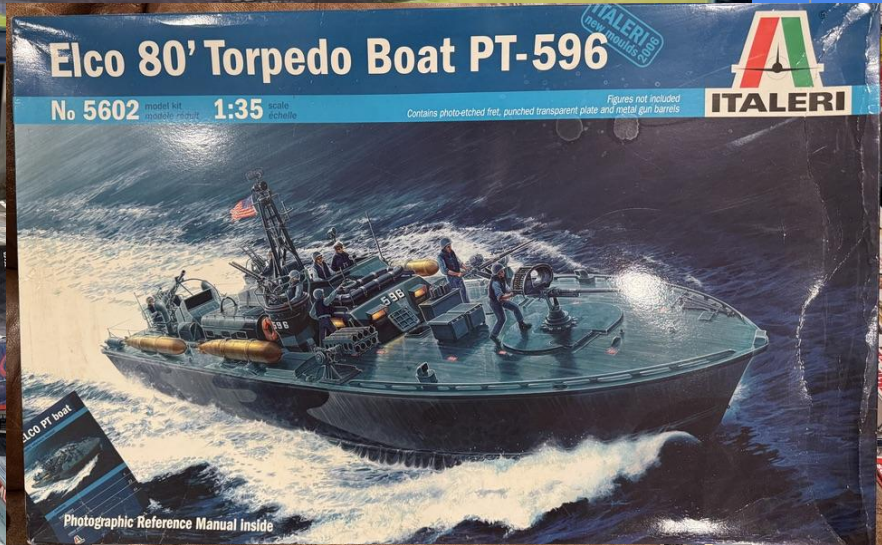
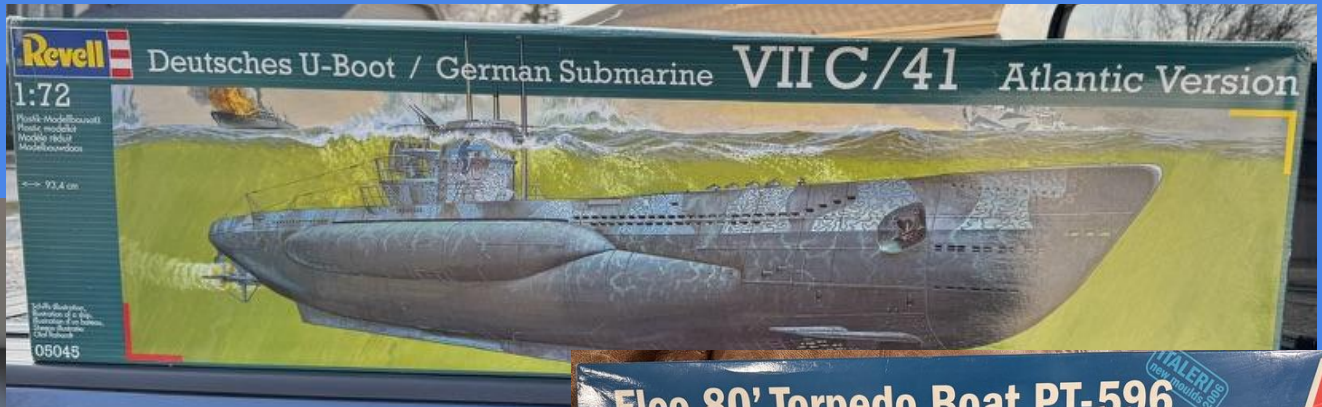
Meeting Times

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

Website:

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

More 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 and Walter continues are 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:

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Club Store:

<https://butchohare.qbstores.com>

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Scale Model Stash Corner



I got pretty far in my quest to fill the Mr. Color rack. Just in time for them to stop sending paint to the U.S. It will never be this full again.



You've probably never seen the large Alclad rack before. It has colors rarely found in any store, and there's even more that didn't fit on the rack.



Check out the videos at The Revenge of the Show on YouTube. Bruce has been filming our show for at least 5 years, along with other events of interest to many of us. Now he drops by The Stash every week or two to show off a variety of kits and other items.



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.

Swap Meet (Classifieds)

Subject: Seeking a Modeler

Hello, I found your IPMS chapter via an Internet search. First - I have no idea what I am doing. I am not a model builder. Rather, I am seeking a modeler who might be willing to take on a task for me. For payment, of course; I am not expecting a freebie. I can provide details but, basically, I'd like an off-the-shelf assembled 1/18 die cast car to have the exterior re-painted to a different color. I am assuming some disassembly may be needed as I'm not sure how one could mask-off the various trim bits such as bumpers, windshield frame, door handles... There's one or two not necessary but nice-to-have modifications I can discuss. Main thing is the exterior paint colour. Would you know of anyone who may be interested? I am in the greater metro Chicago, Ill. area so, can likely meet with someone and, I have no reservations shipping the model. Thank you very much.

Richard Cielec

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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

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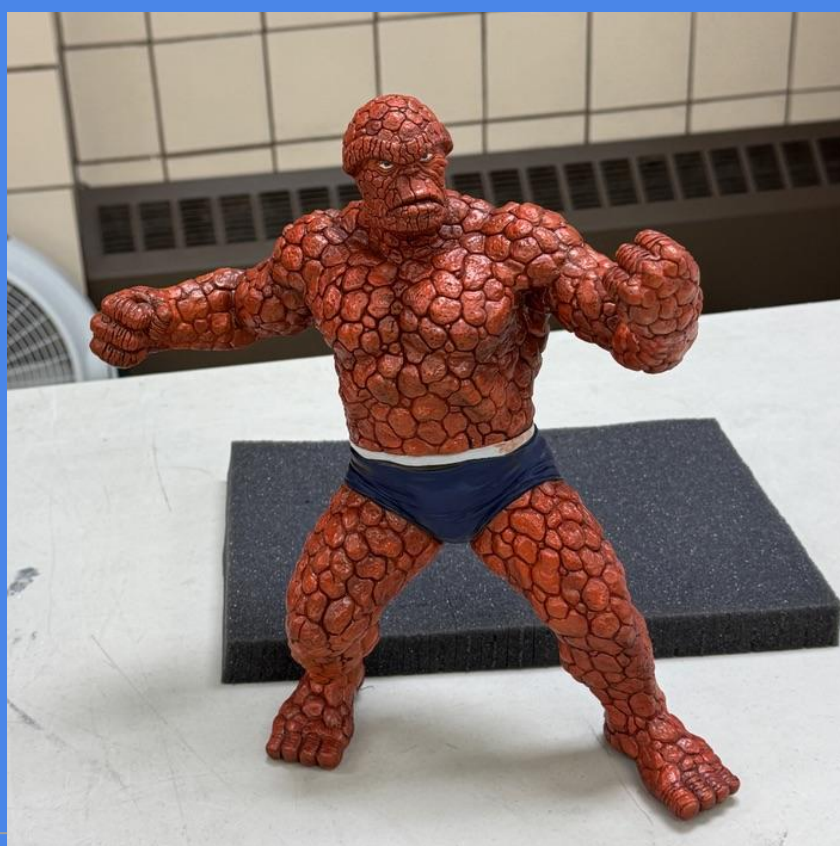
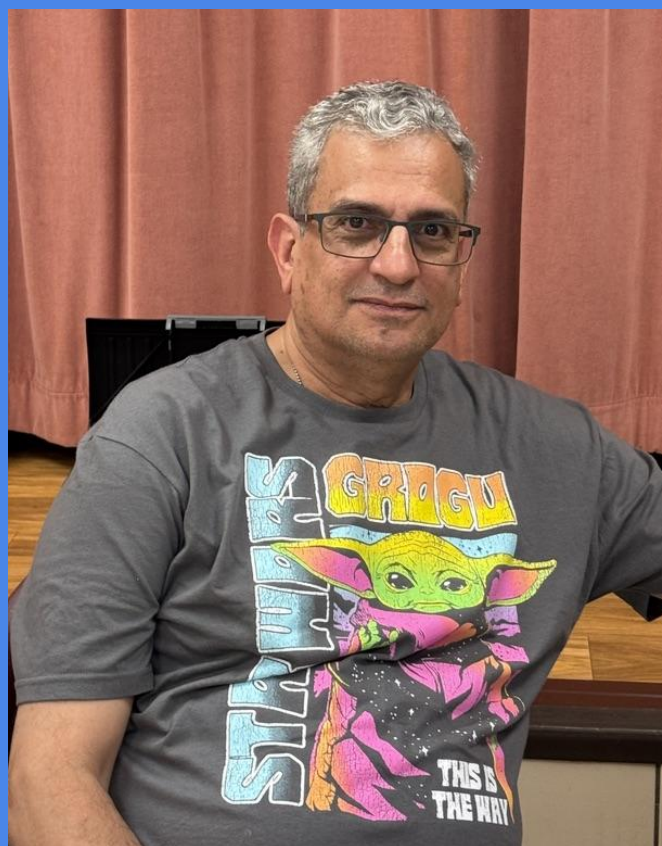
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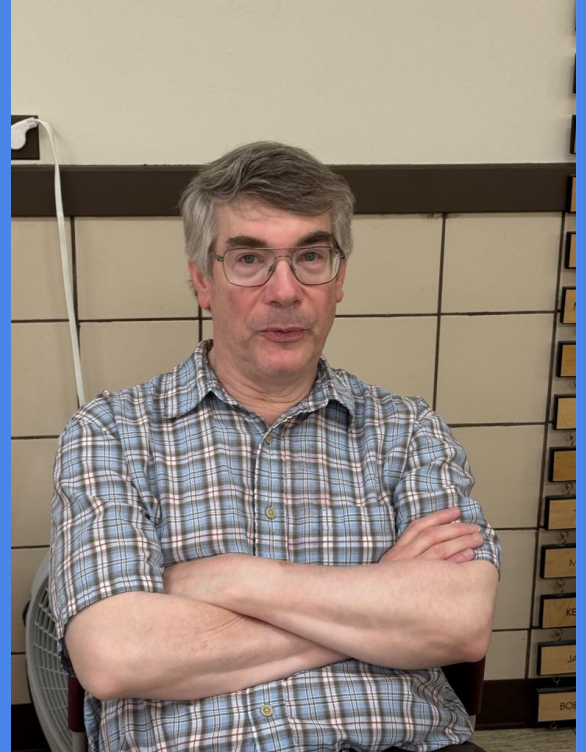
June Show and Tell

Theme: Midway!			
Presenter:	Models Displayed:	Manufacturer	Scale
Hector Colon	The Thing	Horizon	1/12
Art Krull	USS Calloglion USS Erie Cassini Bus	Dragor 3D Print 3D Print	1/700 1/1000 1/48
Walter Kloepfer	SDW Heroes Superior Strike F Dragon Rising Freedom Gundam Clear XXXG-02lt Gundam HeavyArms Queen Anne	Bandai Bandai Bandai Border	4" 1/144 1/100 1/12
Carl Knable	VC-10 VC-10 K2	Airfix Roden	1/144 1/144
Jim Pinc	Vampirella Flying Pancake Sea Cruiser	X Plus ? ?	
Kevin Shea	Subaru Sambar Fire Engine 1971 Ford F250 4x4	Aoshima Mobius	1/24 1/25
Harry Nowakowski	Miller Mustang SVO IMSA Jagermeister Porsche 934	Monogram Tamiya	1/24 1/24
Rob Paczkowski	Shilovette and trailer Various metal earth	AMT Starwars Dr. Who	1/24

Hector Colon

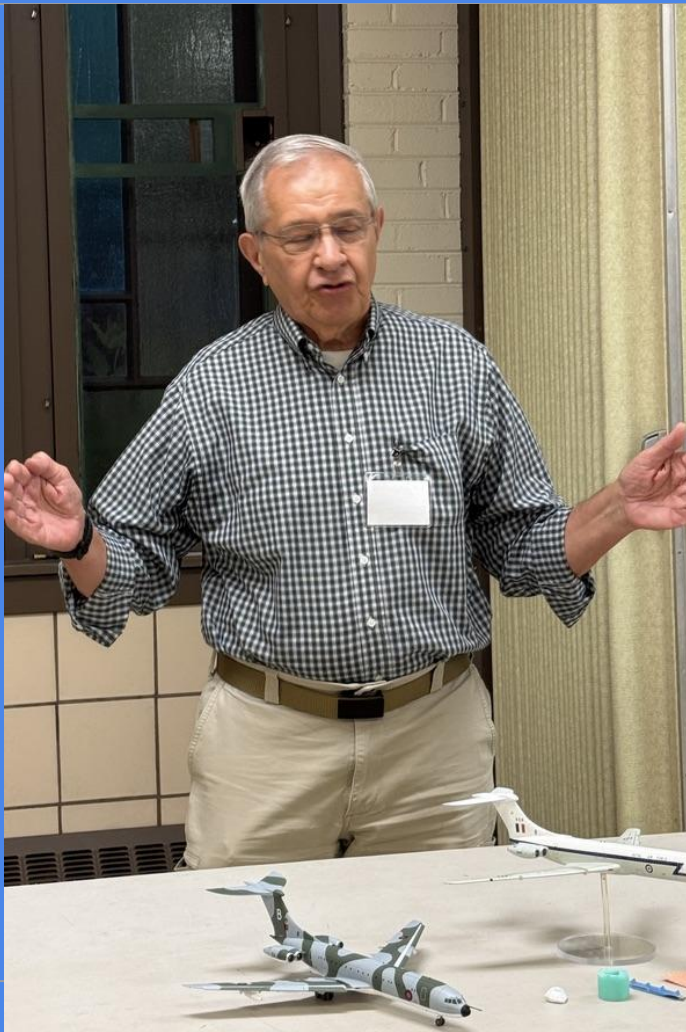


Art Krull



Walter Kloefer





Carl Knable





Jim Pinc





Kevin Shea





Harry Nowakowski





UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

June 2026 - August 2026

June 2026

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

August 2026

Aug 2, 2026, [The Summer NNL](#) Crystal Lake, IL

August 5, 2026, [IPMS/USA 2026 National Convention](#), Ft. Wayne IN

September 2026

September 12, 2026, Midwest Scale Modelers #6, Ft. Atkinson WI

September 26, 2026, [Eastern Iowa Model and Vendor Show](#), Davenport IA

September 27, 2026, Dupage Model and Toy Show, Wheaton, IL

October 2026

October 3, 2026 [SAMCon](#) , Durand, IL

October 10, 2026 [2026 Model Contest & Swap Meet](#), Duneland, Hobart IN

October 16-17, 2026 MMSI, Schaumburg, 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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