



Butch O'Hare

IPMS / USA



"Wildcat Wisdom"

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

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February Recap and Other News

OMG did people turn out in February!! We had 34 people show to the meeting this month. I think that may be a modern day record. One key person who did not show was John Novak our President. John was busy preparing his store for its first day of business which was the next day, February 14, 2026. John felt that opening on Friday the Thirteenth was bad luck. Congrats John!! John's absence left us with a dilemma of who was going to run the meeting. We drew straws and yours truly (Nick) lost.

Nick opened the meeting by going over coming events/shows. Shows to be aware of include:

- 2/22 Dupage Toy Show - Wheaton IL
- 3/7 Mad City - Madison WI
- 4/4 Roscoe Turner -Lebanon IN
- 4/16-18 AMPS International, South Bend, IN
- 6/13 Nimcon, McHenry, IL

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>

Hector gave a treasurer's report which was, he sent a check to reserve the venue for the show!

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Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting:
St. Paul's Church
March 13, 2026
7:30 PM

Theme: Made for
Cold/Ice/Snow

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 USS Constitution by Bob Fryszak (Repeat from last month)

The Butch O'Hare Model Club is very proud to have a fine ship model heading to Nationals built by Bob with incredible workmanship. He has been working on this kit for over 6 years if I am not mistaken. Here are a few photos for your viewing pleasure!



Starboard view of mizzen staysails

Port view

Port side view as of 1/31/26



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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/>

Raffle Kits



Meeting Photos



Volo Car Museum



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 open, and with lighting! Note the Porsche 917 in Gulf livery, built by our very own Omer Houston. Taking bids now.



This is the now-lit cars & planes aisle. Today it's filled with boxes of Eduard to sort, and try to find room for. Probably gonna need a bigger store.

Tools filling in, slowly but surely. Every day it gets a little bit more full, less organized, and then more organized. Then repeat.

-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

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February Show and Tell

Theme: Red Like Valentines Day			
Presenter:	Models Displayed:	Manufacturer	Scale
Dick Beemer	Eiffel Tower (Plywood) ME 163A Komet	Rolife Flashback	? 1/48
Kevin Shea	'67 442 '41 Willy's '41 Willy's '69 442 '64 GTO	Lindberg Revell Revell AMT Monogram	1/25 1/25 1/25 1/25 1/25
Alex Piotrowski	Tiger I Late Zero A6M2	Academy Tamiya	1/35 1/48
Oliver James	Bogue Long Island CVE-1 Hamman Hosho Amagi Shattered Sword book	Tamiya Tamiya/scratch Tamiya Fujimi Fujimi	1/700 1/700 1/700 1/700 1/700
Jim Pinc	1956 T Bird Lockheed Hudson	Revell	1/24 1/72
Rob Paczkowski	Monkee Mobile Corvette Gas Tanker IMSA Mustang Rambler Wagon Diecast	ERTL MPC Atlantis	
Scott Schuster	'67 Pontiac GTO Kettenkaad	MPC Tamiya	1/24 1/35
Harrison Nowakowski	Unisia Jecs Skyline Nismo GT-R '78 Lotus Engine Korean War Tanker	Tamiya Tamiya Tamiya	1/24 1/12 1/35
Tim Peters	Avia S-199 bubble canopy	Eduard	1/48
Steve Lipke	SAS Jeep	Takom	1/16

Dick Beemer



Kevin Shea



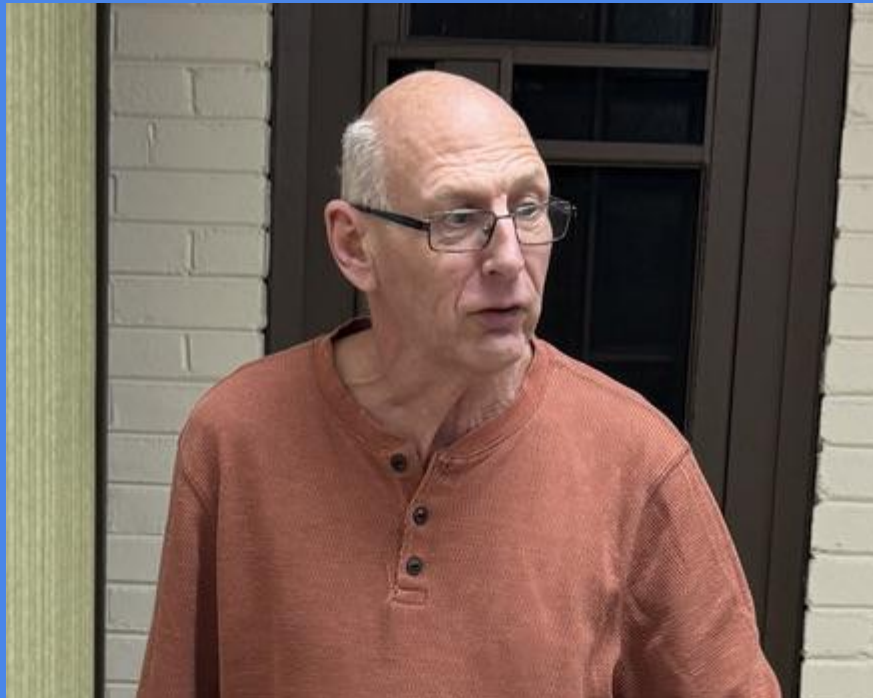
Alex Piotrowski



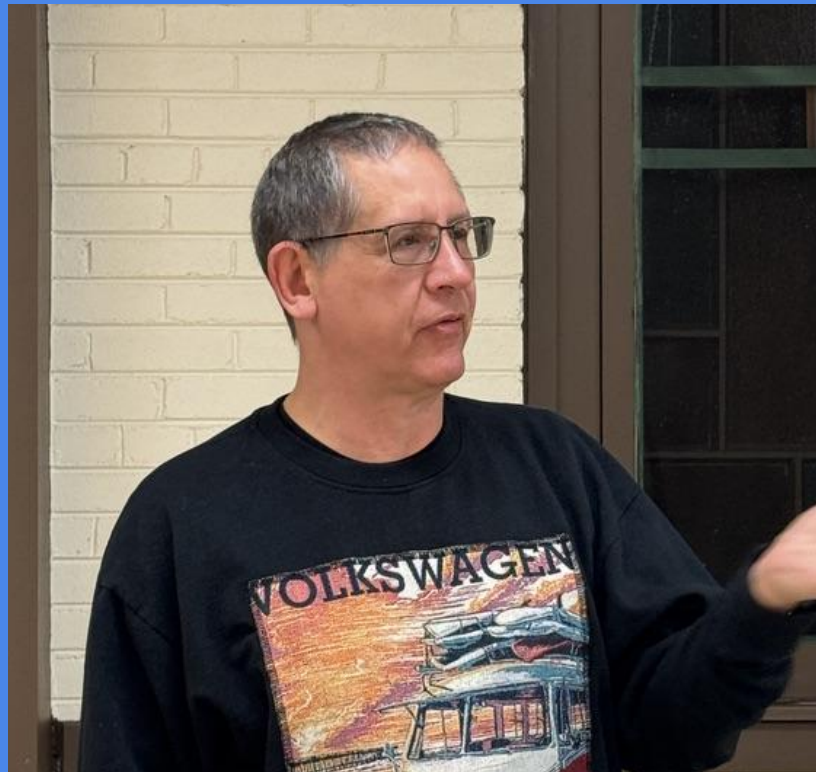
Oliver James



Jim Pinc



Rob Paczkowski



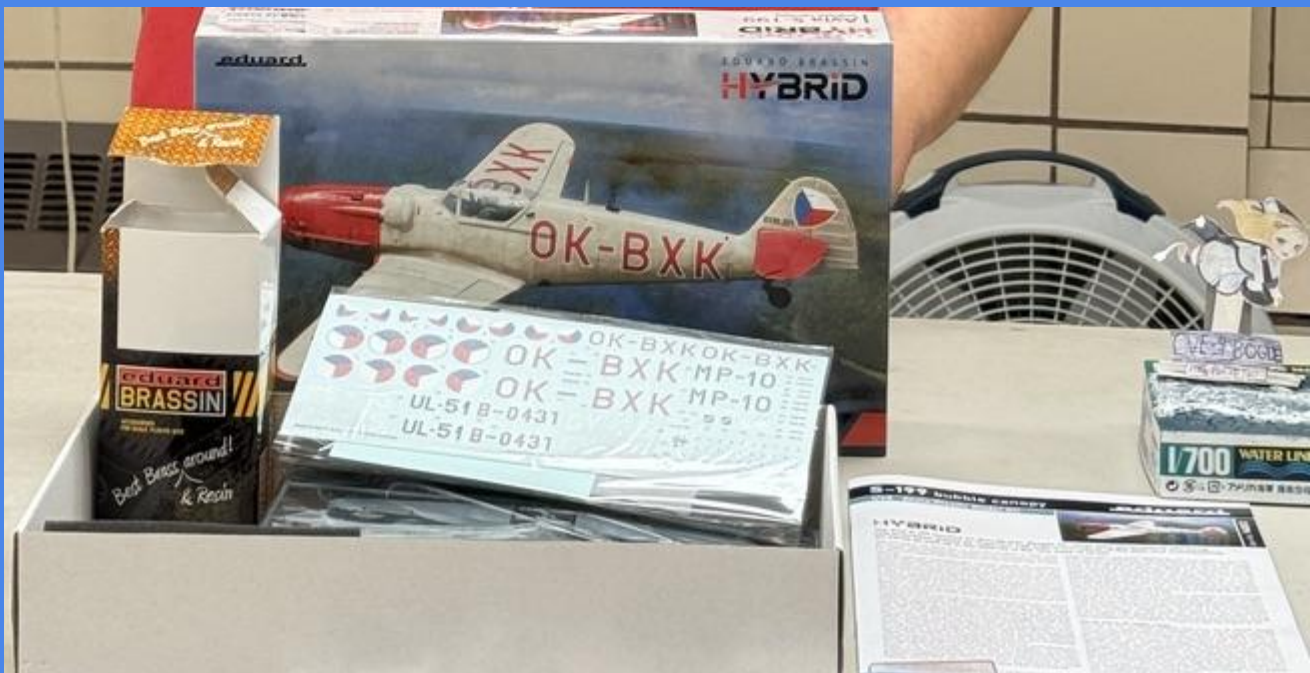
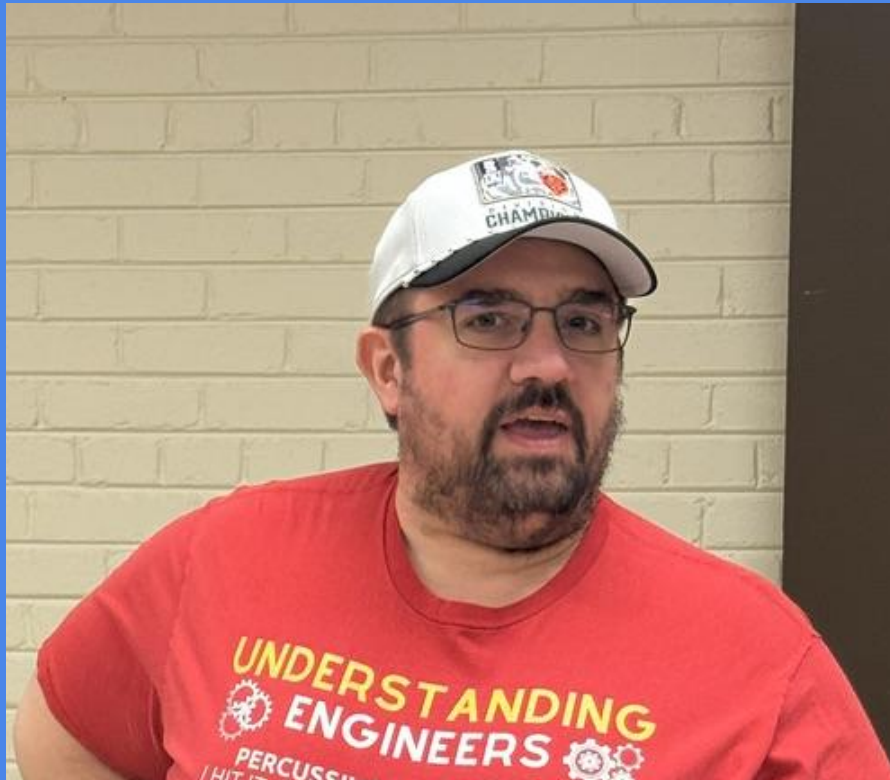
Scott Schuster



Harrison Nowakowski



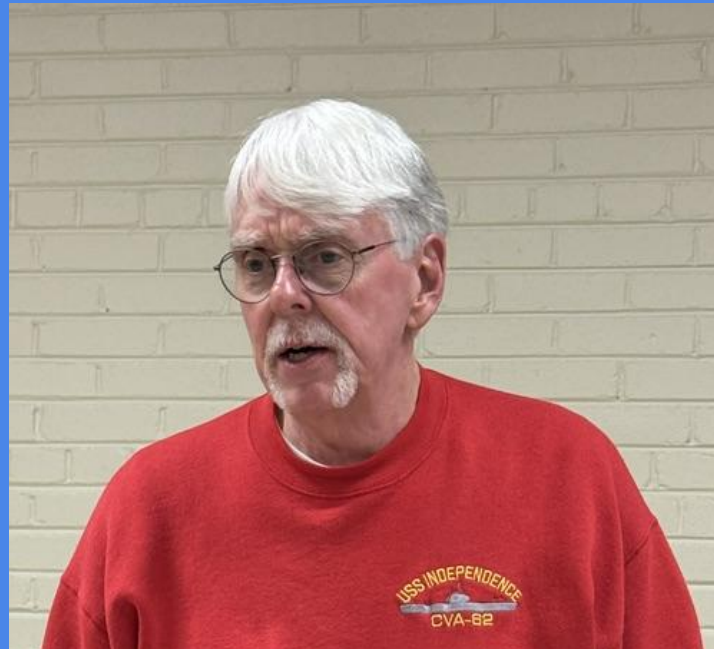
Tim Peters



Steve Lipke



Mike Ferguson



UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

March 2026 - June 2026

March 2026

March 7, 2026, [Mad City Modelers Annual Show and Contest](#), Madison, WI

March 21, 2026, Duneland Swap Meet, 100 E Beam St. Porter, IN, 5-8 PM

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**

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Visit website for more info: www.butchoharemodelclub.com

Support Our Local Hobby Shops

—> **NOW OPEN! (Probably)** <—

Scale Model Stash

108 Calendar Ave., La Grange, IL

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

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Fair Game

1015 Curtiss St, Downers Grove

630-963-0640

www.fairgamestore.com

Warhammer Acadia on the Green

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Warhammer

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630-305-3180

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