



Butch O'Hare

IPMS / USA



"Wildcat Wisdom"

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

May 2026 Vol 5

April Recap and Other News

One key person who did not show this month was yours truly. Thank you Walter for filling in for me this month. John although busy running his store for its second month of business was in attendance. Congrats John!!

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

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
May 8, 2026 7:30
PM

**Theme: My Oldest
(surviving) Model**

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 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

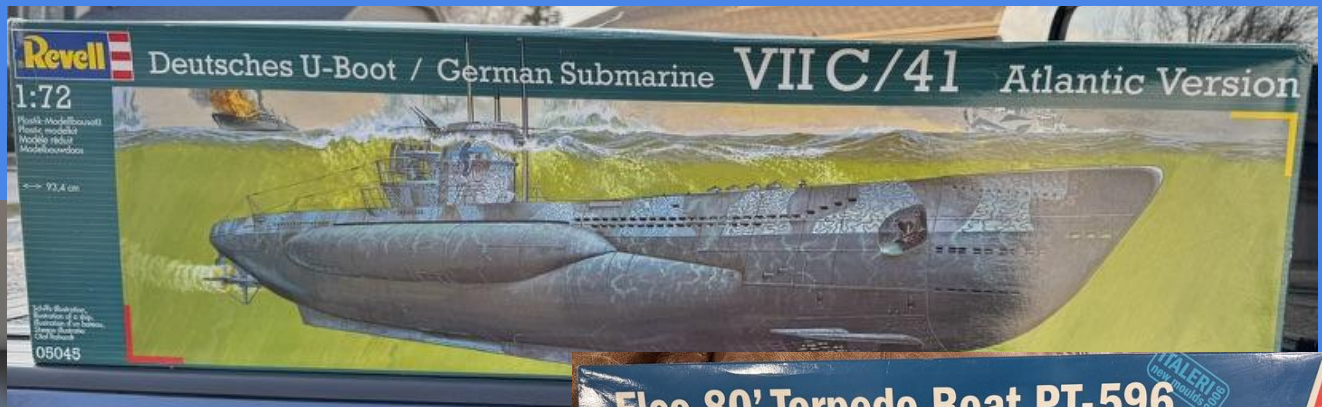
Meeting Times

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

Website:

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

More Raffle Kits



Pictures from AMPS



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>

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Club Store:

<https://butchohare.qbstores.com>

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Scale Model Stash Corner

Some parts of the store are tidier than others.



Car kits getting organized. New feature: price tags!



Ridiculously large Eduard selection. Many are discontinued and unavailable even in Czechia.



This is what it looks like every other day. Constantly receiving and restocking. Come check out all the new stuff!

– 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.

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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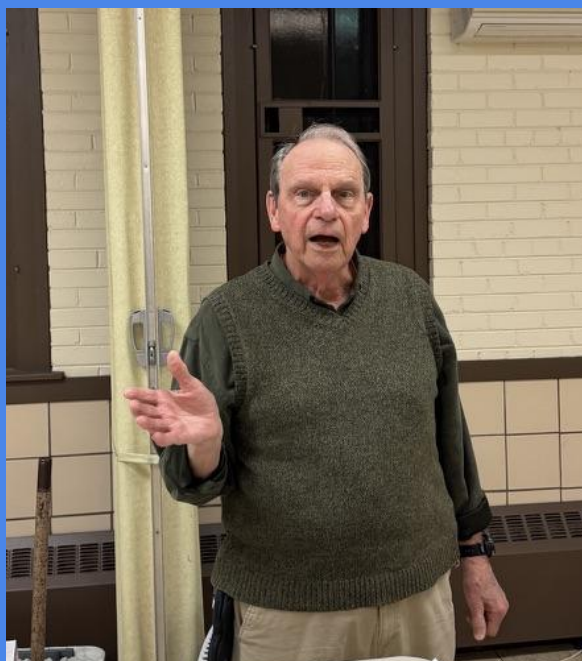
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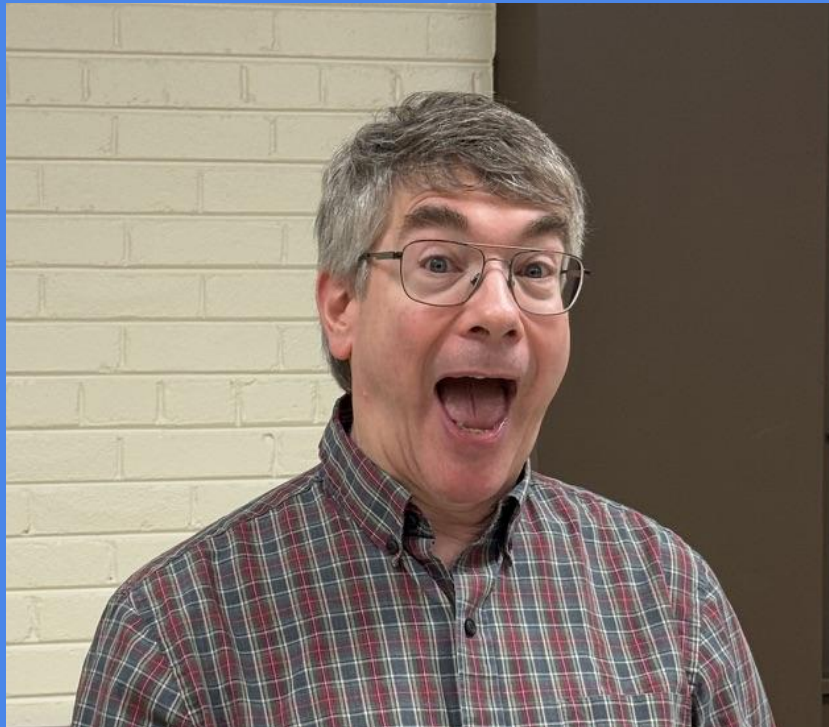
April Show and Tell

Theme: Mechs, Robots, Cyborgs...			
Presenter:	Models Displayed:	Manufacturer	Scale
Dick Beemer	V22 Osprey Weathered Plate	Earth Metal Illinois	? 1/1
Art Krull	Mercury Spacecraft Starship USS Exeter	Revell/Real Space Polar Lights	1/48 1/1000
Bob Frysztak	Constitution Boats - 3 Cutters	Vanguard Models	1/96
Oliver James	SDKfz Halftrack 243 Puma Gundam Tokai Teio Ki 15 "Babs"	Revell Bandai Bandai Ls	1/76 1/144 1/144 1/76
Jim Pinc	'52 Chevy Belair '52 Hudson Hornet		
Harry Nowakowski	Jagermeister 934 Mustang Gundam	Tamiya Lindberg Bandai	1/24 1/25 ?
Scott Schuster	F-14A Tomcat	Tamiya	1/48
Carl Knable	737-800 P-40WH P-40N T-33	Revell HobbyBoss HobbyBoss Hasegawa	1/144 1/72 1/72 1/72
Mike Knowski	Albatross DV ME109F SBD Dauntless P-40B Mitsubishi Shindan PZKW II SDKFZ 10 SDKFX 7	Eduard Eduard Academy Airfix Hasegawa Tamiya Tamiya Tamiya	1/48 1/48 1/48 1/48 1/72 1/35 1/35 1/35

Dick Beemer



Art Krull



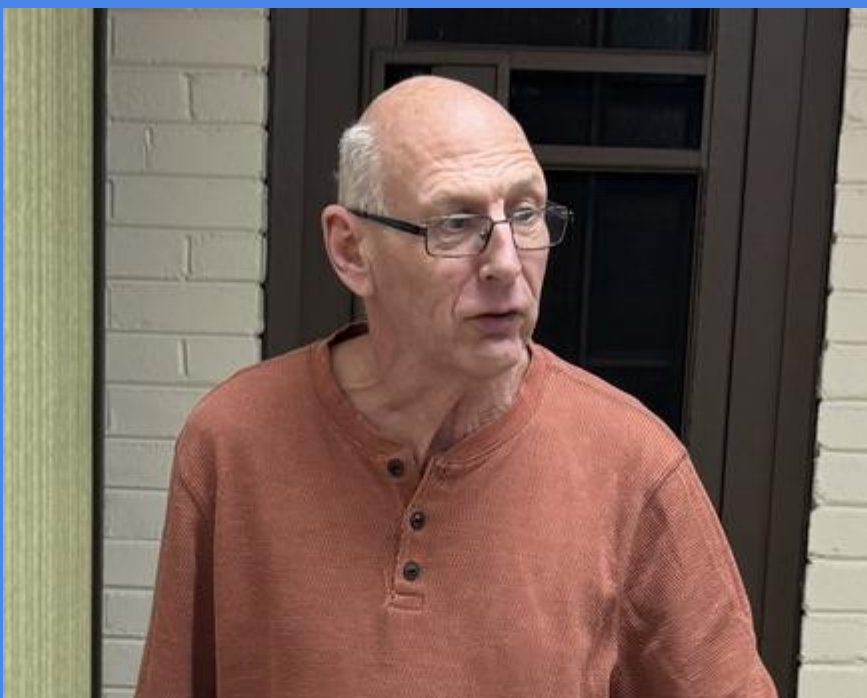
Bob Frysztak



Oliver James



Jim Pinc



Harry Nowakowski



Scott Schuster



Carl Knable



Mike Knowski



Walter Kloepper



UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

May 2026 - August 2026

May 2026

May 16, 2026, ["Spring in the Pines" Annual Contest and Swap Meet](#) Eagle River, WI

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

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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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/

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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

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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

947 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove

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