



Butch O'Hare

IPMS / USA



"Wildcat Wisdom"

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

September 2026 Vol 9

August Recap and Other News

Nick, yours truly, Was in attendance this month which has not been the norm lately. This newsletter does include some pictures from Nationals which you may remember from last month which were added at the last moment as we returned from Nats.

On Sunday August 2, 3 days before Nats, GTR took place up in Crystal Lake, IL. It is a cars only show but a well run contest and swap meet. This year the event was attended by Kevin Shea who entered kits and myself who entered as a vendor and went in heavy on the raffle with great returns. This show is always a good time.

Many club members attended Nats in Fort Wayne, IN with Walter, Bob and Carl taking home awards. Congratulations. The show was very well run with Jeff Herne stating that it was a top 5 ranked National. It was well attended with over 4000 model entries between the contest room and the Tiger Meet room.

Squadron had a huge area that was the equivalent of 50 vendor tables. There were 3 vendor rooms and a large raffle. John had a vendor table where he was able to promote his store and our upcoming show. John also had the opportunity to judge ships on Friday where he voted for Bob's entry for best ship.

Unfortunately, another entrant took that honor. Bob's ship did make the front page of the Fort Wayne newspaper! Nick was successful in soliciting 4-6 vendors for our show in November. Mark your calendars for next year for Nationals in Huntsville, AL and for Nationals 2028 in Shreveport LA.

We are heading into the busy show season starting the Royal Hobby show in Rockford, IL tomorrow. Other shows and events coming up (refer to schedule on page 25 for details):

Midwest Modelers - Ft Atkinson WI

Lockport History Days- Dellwood Park

In This Issue:

August Recap

Show N Tell

**Scale Model
Stash Corner**

**November BOH
Show**

Raffle

Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting:
St. Paul's Church
September 11, 2026
7:30 PM

**Theme: High
Speed Hijinks**

DuPage Toy Show - Wheaton IL
WWII Show - Rockford IL
Duneland - Hobart IN
MMSI - Schaumburg, IL
Lake Michigan Model Club 75th Anniversary
EEAA Model Show- Oshkosh IL
Butch O'Hare

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 40 vendors with 30 paid. We also landed the quality vendor "Dean's Hobby Stop". Other vendors that expressed interest include Casemate Publishers, 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. 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.

Electronic Sign In for September Show and Tell

<https://forms.gle/xwujAwVbRoJX2wig9>

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

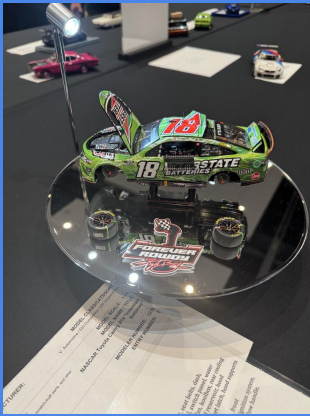
Meeting Times

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

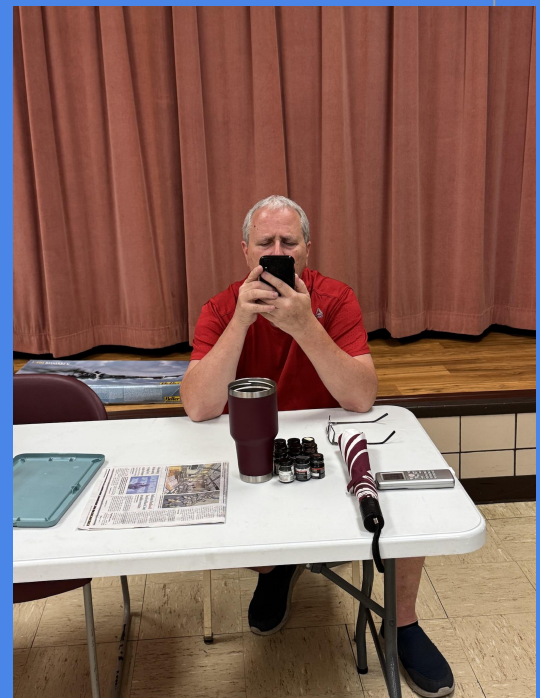
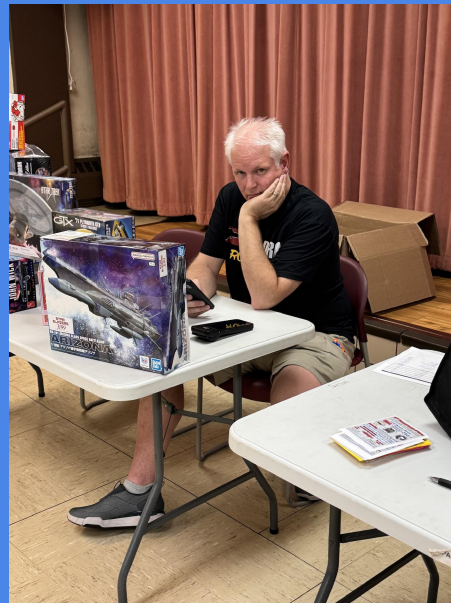
Website:

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

Nationals Photos



Meeting Photos



Next Year's NATS will be in Huntsville, AL and the 2028 NATS will be in Shreveport, LA.

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 contest is in need of **Gundam, Sci Fi and Auto** 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>

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

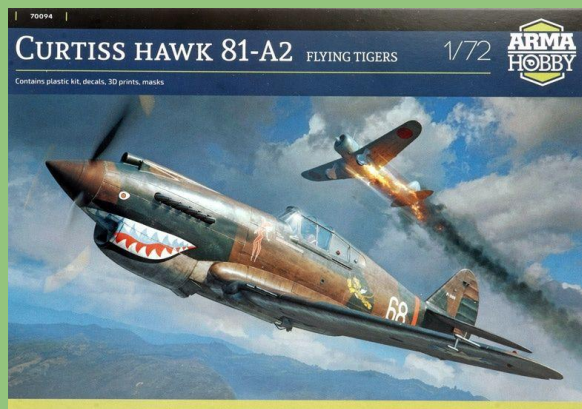
Meeting Times

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

Website:

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

Scale Model Stash Corner



New arrival, eagerly anticipated. It's a typical Arma kit, with the usual exceptional level of detail.

A very nice 1:1 scale model, built using a salvaged original body and repro parts. Chef rides shotgun.



Another video from The Revenge of the Show featuring new arrivals at the store. Bruce is the videographer for our show, and the more views and subscribers he has, the more people see his videos, and that helps to draw new people to our show.

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

rcielec@yahoo.com

Mobile: 847.687.2585

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

President

John Novak

j.novak@comcast.net

Vice-President / Webpage Admin

Bob Frysztak

rfrysztak@luc.edu

Secretary / Newsletter Editor / Facebook Admin/ Show/Vendor Coordinator

Nick Digrindakis

nicos.digrindakis@gmail.com

Treasurer/ Show Coordinator

Hector Colon

hdcolon@yahoo.com

Sergeant-at-Arms

Mike Knowski

Colhessler223@gmail.com

August Show and Tell

Theme: Kitbashing			
Presenter:	Models Displayed:	Manufacturer	Scale
Art Krull	Federation New Heavy Cruiser Cassini spacecraft	Polar Lights, etc 3d print/scratch	1/1000 1/48
Bill Vinikour	Chromatic White Dragon	Alchemy3DPrints	32mm
Walter Kloepfer	Commander Type Fenrir XXXG-01H Gundam Heavyarms XVX-016 Gundam Aerial Hyundai Pony Taxi	Eastern Model Bandai Bandai Academy	1/12 1/100 1/100 1/24
Carl Knable	707-320 707-32- ME-109 G6	Minicraft Minicraft Hobbyboss	1/144 1/144 1/72
Jim Pinc	1955 Chevy F4F-3 Wildcat	Revell Hobbyboss	1/25 1/48
Kevin Shea	Jo-Han 70 442 AMT 69 442	Jo-Han 70 442, AMT 69 442	1/25 1/24
Ihor	US Army 2 1/2 ton 6x6 cargo truck (Returning art to Florence)	Tamiya	1/35
Jim Zuhn	Return of the Jedi Speeder Bike display, Death Star 2 4D build Cardstock model kit	MPC, 4D Build	Unknown
Steve Lipke	Faun L900 Transport Truck	Das Werk	1/35

August Show and Tell

Theme: Kitbashing			
Presenter:	Models Displayed:	Manufacturer	Scale
Dick Beemer	Ferrari 360 "Modena" Saltana Steamboat	Tamiya Metal Earth	1/24 1/624
Stan Kurcz	UH-34	Italeri	1/72
Scott Schuester	I-14A Hawker Sea Harrier	Tamiya Tamiya	1/48 1/48
John Kaufman	GAU-8 30 ram	3D Print	1/1
Rob Paczkowski	1965 Bonneville Surfer Van 77 Ford Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	AMT AMT Corgi	1/25 1/25 1/64

Art Krull



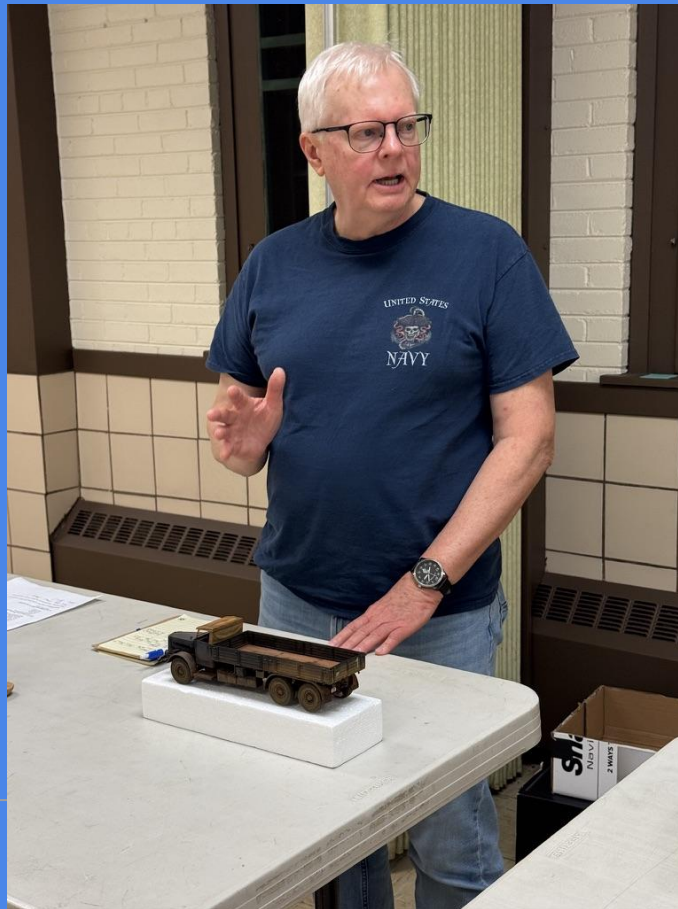
Kevin Shea



Walter Kloefer



Steve Lipke



Ihor



Bill Vinkour



Jim Zuhn



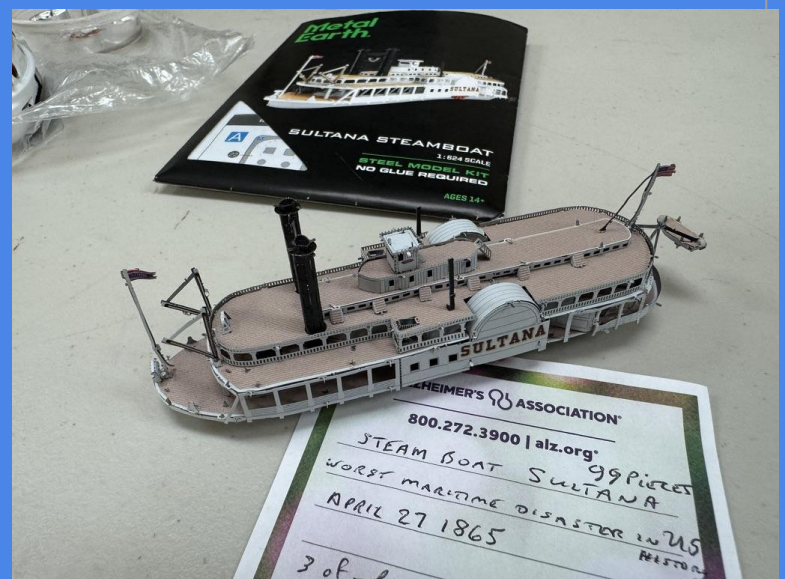
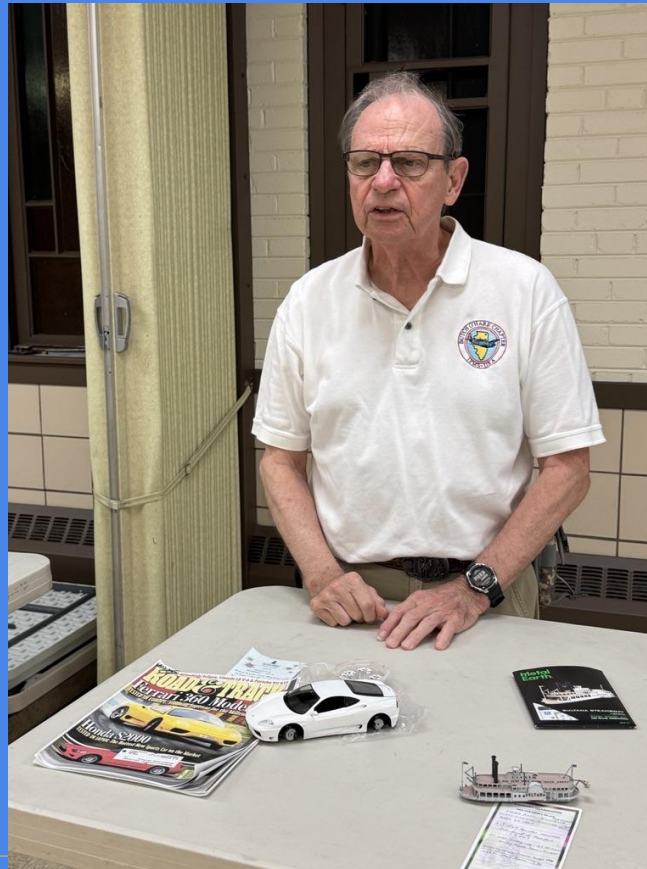
Jim Pinc



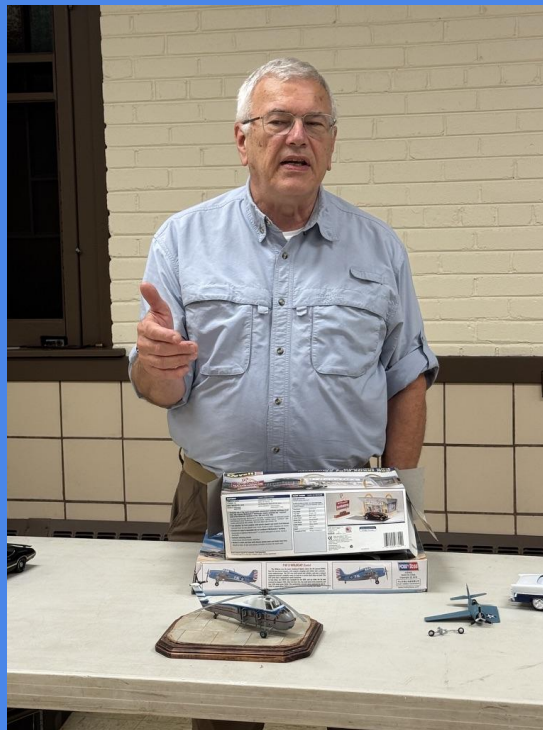
Carl Knable



Dick Beemer



Stan Kurcz



Scott Schuster



Rob Paczkowski



John Kaufman



UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

June 2026 - August 2026

September 2026

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

September 12-13, 2026, Military History Weekend, Dellwood Park Lockport, IL

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

September 26-27, 2026, WWII days, Midway Village Musuem Rockford, IL

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

November

November 14, 2026 Butch O'Hare, Wheaton, 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

CONTEST:

John Novak

j.novak@comcast.net

VENDORS:

Nic Digrindakis

nicos.digrindakis@gmail.com

Visit website for more info: www.butchoharemodelclub.com

Support Our Local Hobby Shops

—> **NOW OPEN! Finally!** <—

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

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

630-515-1428

<https://www.facebook.com/WarhammerAcadia/>

Warhammer

4913 Route 59, Naperville

630-305-3180

<https://www.warhammer.com>

Wandering Dragon Game Shoppe

15032 S Des Plaines St, Plainfield

815-267-6245

wanderingdragon.com

Oakridge Hobbies, Toys & Gifts

15800 New Ave. Lemont

630-435-5900

<https://www.oakridgestores.com>