



# Newsletter of the Butch O'Hare Chapter of IPMS/USA May 2023 • Volume 2023-05



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<b>2023 Schedule</b>	
<b>2023 Meeting Date</b>	<b>Show-and-Tell Theme</b>
Jan 13	What I got for Christmas!
Feb 10	Anything with Figures
Mar 10	Between the Wars
Apr 14	On the Bench/Unfinished
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Sci-Fi, Horror, and Fantasy</b>
Jun 9	Normandy
Jul 14	Floaty/Submersible Things
Aug 11	WW I
Sep 8	Korean War
Oct 13	USAF
Nov 10	F-4 Phantom
Dec 8	Winter

**Drop in to our next meeting :**  
**Friday, May 12**

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

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## April 14, 2023 Meeting Recap and Other News

President John Novak brought the meeting to order. There were 24 people in attendance. John led a discussion on our annual show that will be held on November 4, 2023. The location will again be Buildings 2/3 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. It was decided that the theme for our show will be "The Fabulous Fifties." There are numerous possibilities for models from that decade for nearly all model contest categories (ranging from bug-eyed monsters, to the '57 Chevy, to the B-52, to Rocket Ship X-M, and even, Zsa Zsa Gabor as the "Queen of Outer Space")! While not confirmed, there was also a discussion of having a fan favorite award in addition to the regular Best of Show (Judges Choice) award.

Show-and-tell was then held, with the theme "On the Bench/Unfinished." Next month's theme is "Sci-fi, Horror, and Fantasy."

### This Month's Show-and-Tell Rogues Gallery *(in order of appearance)*



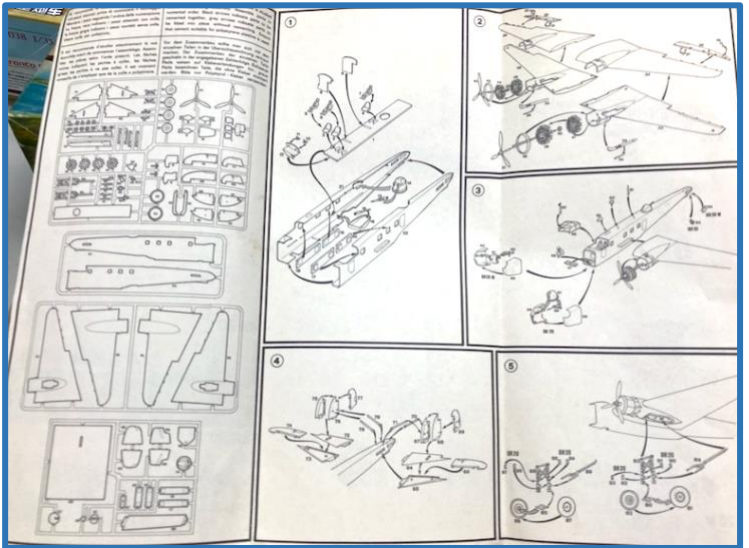
## April Show-and-Tell

### *'On the Bench/Unfinished'*

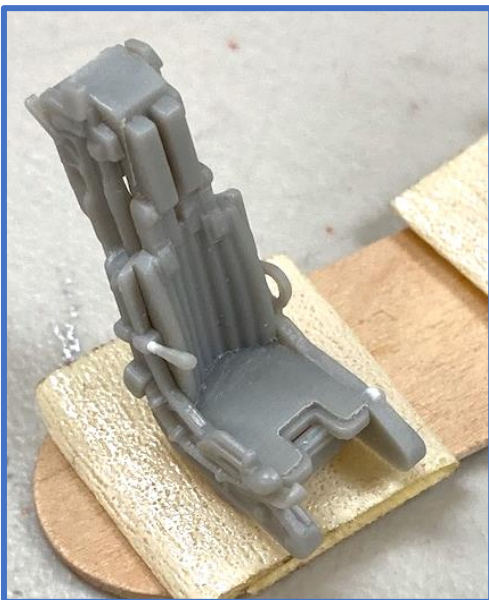
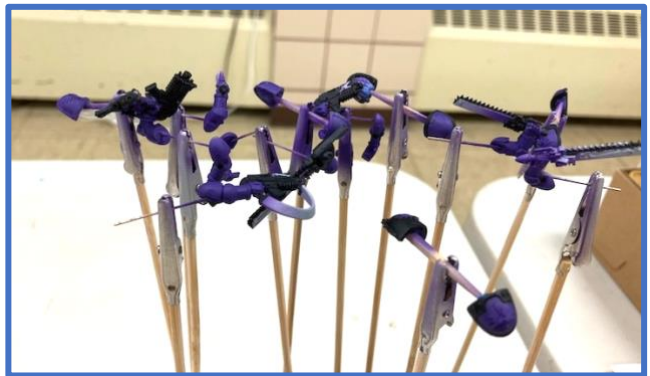
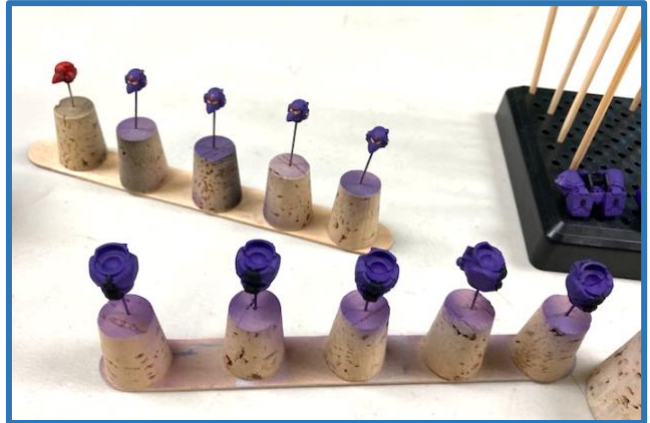
Ihor	1/35 Sd.Kfz. 6 Diana, Bronco; 1/72 Fiat Br-20, Italeri.
Hector Colon	'Blood Angels' Warhammer 40k Miniatures; 1/72 Bandi Razorcrest; 1/48 F-20 cockpit, Freedom Models.
Dick Beemer	1/24 Scania 144 with Cool Fruit Trailer, Italeri.
Stan Kurcz	1/72 Spitfire Mk I, Airfix; 1/35 diorama base.
Bill Vinikour	Various Game and other miniatures, Reaper and WiZK!DS Miniatures.
Joe Kozak	1/24 1950s Air Police Jeep, Tamiya.
Mike Ferguson	1/25 1956 Chevy Nomad, Revell.
Mike Grajek	30+ year-old 1/72 Super Demon, scratch build.
Al Race	1/48 (not your typical) Stearman.
Steve Lipke	1/16 Renault FT tank, Takom.
John Bishop	1/200 BB-63 USS Missouri (and so it begins!).
Kevin Stover	1/350 USS Monson, Dragon
Jim Pinc	All sorts of 'on-the-bench' items!
John Kaufman	1/48 A6M3 Zero, Tamiya; 1/76 Y-Wing, Bandi.
Kevin Shea	A cornucopia (look it up) of beautiful cars!

**May's Show-and-Tell:  
Sc-Fi, Horror, and Fantasy**

**Ihor:** First off, a Sd.Kfz. 6/3 5-ton 'Diana' with 7.62 cm Russian anti-tank gun from Bronco. Really nice kit, with full engine and photoetch. The pain is going to be the photoetch tie-downs!!! Next is the old (mid-70s) Italeri 1/72 Fiat Br-20 Cicogna bomber – one page of instructions with about 50 pieces! Should be a nice, easy build – NOT!



**Hector Colon:** The Mandalorian's Razorcrest from Bandi and built by Hector's granddaughter with a little help from Hector (see build story later in the newsletter). Next is Hector's 'Blood Angels' getting their paint on! And finally, the cockpit for his 1/48 F-20. Hopefully we'll see these in an upcoming Show-and-Tell!



**Dick Beemer:** An Italeri 1/24 Scania 144 truck hauling a Cool Fruits trailer. The trailer signage was one large decal! No trailer closeup as BOH is a family club!



**Stan Kurcz:** A 1/72 Spitfire Mk I, Airfix ("I don't think it's a new tooling!"), Airfix; a 1/35 diorama for a Patton Scout Car. Looking forward to see both in the future.



**Bill Vinikour:** A 'cornucopia' of gaming miniatures and other creatures, painted in a variety of approaches, including 'slap chop,' some finished and others in-progress.





**Joe Kozak:** A 1/24 1950s Air Police Jeep from Tamiya, in soMething other than olive drab!



**Mike Ferguson:** A 1/25 1956 Chevy Nomad from Revell.



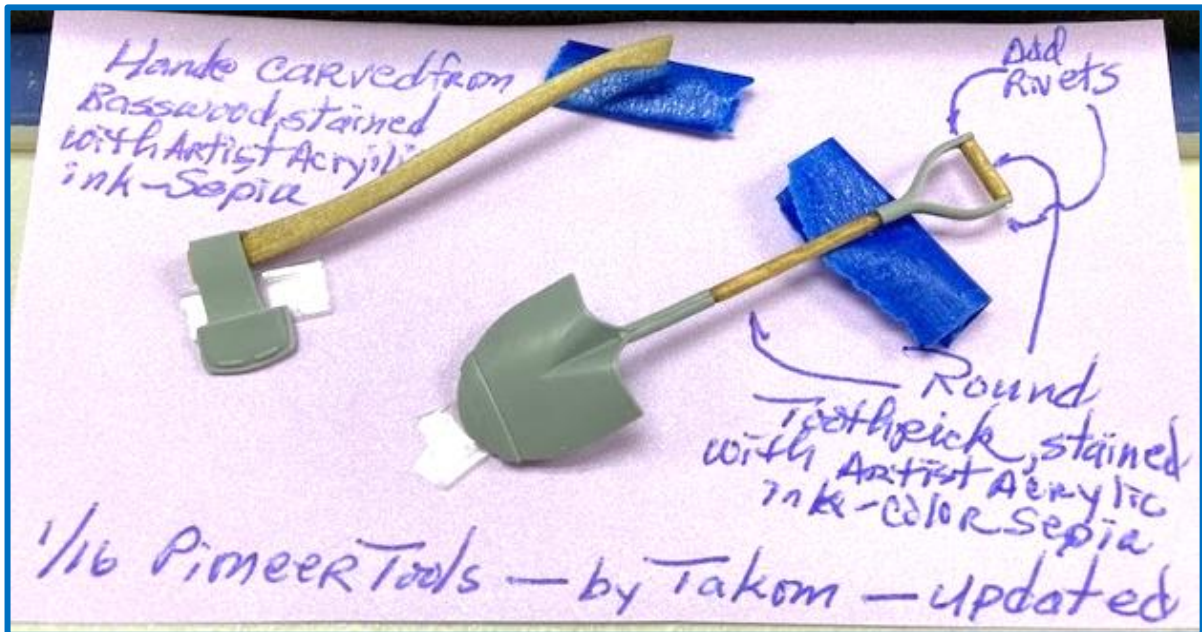
**Mike Grajek:** Mike brought in a 1/72 F3H-C. 'Super Demon,' one of the design ideas for extending the service life of the F3H Demon. This design idea eventually led to the F-4 Phantom. This 'in-progress' build was started over 30 years ago by Mike's grandfather, Don, before Mike was even born. Maybe we'll see it completed someday.



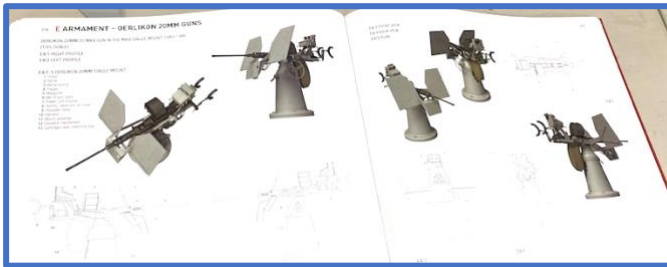
**Al Race:** A 1/48 barnstorming Stearman, Revell. Nice to see a Stearman in a paint scheme other than yellow/blue!!!



**Steve Lipke:** 1/16 Renault FT tank, by Takom. The FT was the first production tank to have its armament within a fully rotating turret, and its configuration (crew compartment at the front, engine compartment at the back, and main armament in a revolving turret) became and remains the standard tank layout.



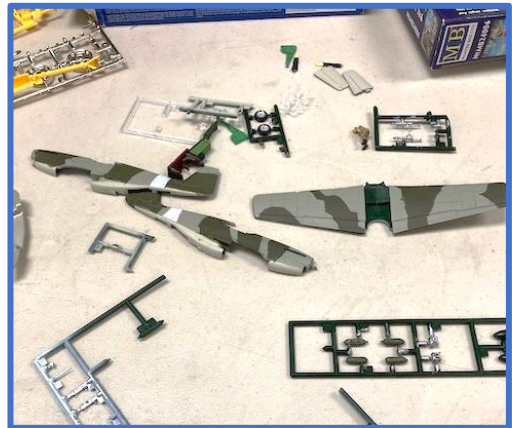
**John Bishop:** The start of BIG project – a 1/200 BB-63 USS Missouri. John brought the hull as well as a small handful of his references.



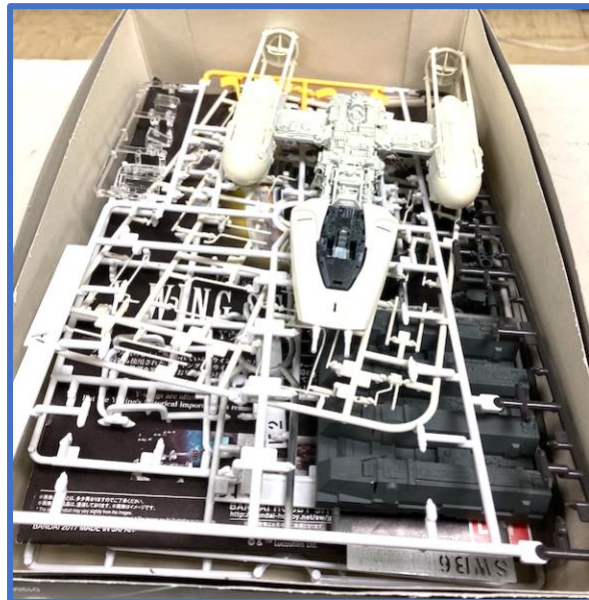
**Kevin Stover:** Recently obtained 1/350 USS Monson, Dragon.



**Jim Pinc:** All sorts of 'on-the-bench' items! Jim might be the winner with five builds underway!



**John Kaufman:** John brought in 1/48 A6M3 Zero, Tamiya; 1/76 Y-Wing, Bandi.





**Kevin Shea:** Kevin brought in some beautiful car builds.



## Clay Shaping Tools for Model Painting

by

Bill Vinikour

Among the art tools I have found handy for my modeling are clay shaping tools. These include silicon-tipped shaping tools (good for sculpting material used for filling seams or even painting details) and metal-tipped tools (I use the small round tools for adding paint dots - like on the snail shell in the photo or on the "salamander" I brought in for show and tell). These tools are available on Amazon or at craft stores such as Hobby Lobby. The Master's Touch set can be found in the art section of the store, while the set that has both silicon- and metal-tipped tools can be found in the clay section of the store. The dual set is only about \$5!



## Modeling With the Next Generation

by  
Hector Colón

As many of you know, I am a huge fan of all the scale modeling podcast shows. These shows are all entertaining and informative. So, if you are not listening to these shows...Why not? Well, podcasts are not the topic of this article: however, all of these shows inevitably ask the same two questions: Is our hobby dying? Where do you see our hobby in the next 5 or 10 years? These questions always make me think of how I would answer them. So, with that in mind, here is what I think. Is our hobby dying? No, I do not think so. Our hobby is NOT dying but changing and evolving.

When I got deeply involved in model building, I was in junior high school. My choices for aircraft kits were pretty much limited to either Revell or Monogram. If I wanted to build a car model, then I had a choice of either AMT or MPC. My choices for paint, outside of Krylon spray cans, was either Testors enamels in the square bottles or Polly S water-based acrylics. As for adhesives, it was one choice split into two – Testors Model cement in either the regular formula (orange tube) or non-toxic in the blue one. I do not know about the rest of you, but the fumes coming from that orange tube has killed more of my brain cells than every adult beverage I've ever consumed COMBINED. But today, we have numerous companies producing high quality kits in plastic and resin with an almost endless supply of aftermarket detail

sets in resin, brass and vinyl. With even more entering the market within the last decade – Kotare, Great Wall, Panda and Eduard just to name a few. Also, with 3D printers becoming much more prevalent on work benches, the sky is the only limit for our hobby.

This discussion always comes to the forefront when looking at the average age of the participant in any model show and even our own club. Let us face facts here, the average age of our club membership has to be somewhere between mid to late fifties. So as our hobby is evolving, model clubs need to evolve as well and expand from just military subjects to subjects that draw the attention of the younger generation. Let us face it, today's generation is not interested in Spitfires, Panzers and the only Mustangs they know of are the ones with eight cylinders, four tires and one horse on the grill. Their interests are more in video games, anime and Sci-Fi. They probably couldn't tell you much about the Pacific War but could dissect in minute detail the movie *Pacific Rim* with their Kaiju and Jaegers (at least the first movie as the sequel is horrendously unwatchable). That is two hours of my life that I will never get back. Oh well, at least the movie was NOT directed by James Cameron because then it would have been **three** hours of my life that I would never get back.

Recently, I was given a great opportunity to show the next generation our hobby. You see my six-year-old granddaughter was spending the weekend with grandma and grandpa. Now she is very artistic and loves doing crafts. She would rather sit at the



table making bath bombs or slime than watching television. Naturally, she asked me if we could do a craft together. Unfortunately, Grandpa is not the glitter, glue, cotton balls and popsicle stick type. Instead, I went through my stash and found the Bandai *Razor Crest* from *The Mandalorian Star Wars* television show.



Now anyone who has built one of these Bandai Snap together kits knows that they are fantastic kits for new model builders. The engineering of these kits is top notch, the detail is amazing, and they go together with very little effort. So, I grabbed the kit, my sprue cutter, a couple of sanding sticks and off we went to the land of our imagination without ever leaving the comfort of the dining room table. During the next forty-five minutes or so, even though she does have trouble focusing on any given task – squirrel!!! She surprised me with her patience and focus. I only had to show her once how to use the sprue cutters. Now she did need help in following the kit instructions and more than once I had to tell her to flip the part over as she was trying to squeeze two parts together and one was the wrong way. All I really had

to do was tell her to match the shapes. This is a testimony to the wonderful engineering of the Bandai kits. But, when she started the engines and tried to put the right engine not only on the left side but also upside down and backwards, my inner Mandalorian was screaming “this is NOT the way.” So here is the final product.

Is it a showstopper? Not even close but, just maybe, my granddaughter learned something about patience and perseverance. And I bet she thought we were just doing a craft.



**ATTENTION ARMOR AND FIGURE MODELERS**

**Garage SALE**

Books

KITS

**Saturday... May 20th 9 to 3**

**110 Verne Circle Barrington, Illinois 60010**

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## UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

May – August 2023

### May 2023

**May 4-6. AMPS (Armor Modeling and Preservation Society) 2023 International Convention.** Camp Hill, PA. <https://www.amps-armor.org/siteshows/showmain.aspx>

**May 20. Region 5 Convention "Spring in the Pines'.** Eagle River, WI (Region 5). IPMS Northwoods Scale Model Phanatics. <https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/region-5-convention-spring-pines-contest-and-swap-meet>

### June 2023

**June 24. NIMCON XI.** Crystal Lake, IL (Region 5). IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers.

<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/nimcon->

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### August 2023

**Aug 2-5, IPMS/USA National Convention,** San Marcos, TX.

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**Aug 19, Mid Iowa Modelers Expo 4 NNL,** Grimes IA. IPMS/Glue Brothers.

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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/>

**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  
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Aurora, IL 60504

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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.

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