



# Newsletter of the Butch O'Hare Chapter of IPMS/USA November 2023 • Volume 2023-11



## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Butch O'Hare Model Contest and Vendor Show 2023



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<b>2024 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
May 12	Sci-Fi, Horror, and Fantasy
Jun 9	Normandy
Jul 14	Floaty/Submersible Things
Aug 11	WW I
Sep 8	Korean War
Oct 13	USAF
Nov 4	Annual Show
<b>Dec 8</b>	<b>Winter</b>

**Drop in to our next meeting :**  
**Friday, Dec 8**

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

**Club Web Site:**  
<http://www.butchoharemodelclub.com>

**Quick Link Newsletters:**  
<http://www.butchoharemodelclub.com/Newsletters.html>

**Newsletter Submittals:**  
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**Club Store:**  
<https://butchohare.qbstores.com/>

## ***DECEMBER CLUB ACTIVITIES***

Can you believe that another year is coming to a close? It seems that the older I get, the faster time flies. Winter is definitely here and we all know what means -- it is time to head into our nice and warm hobby rooms and get some modeling done. But we all know what else the end of the year means... It is time for our annual Christmas party. I have contacted the church to ask if we are allowed food and I have yet to hear back from them. SO... we are going to ask for forgiveness instead of permission. With that said, the club will be providing pizza and soft drinks. We will have cheese, pepperoni and sausage pizza. These are the **ONLY** things that belong on pizza. So, if you want anything else (i.e., pineapple), bring it with you and be ready to be ridiculed. LOL!!! Feel free to bring a side dish to share.

However, first things first. We will start the meeting by going over the results of the show. Despite the fact that it was spearheaded by our infamous president, we had a successful show. Second, we will have our ***Annual Elections*** for officers for 2024. So, if any of you would like to step up and serve the club for the upcoming year, this is your chance. All officer positions are up for election - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant at Arms and finally Show Chairman. So once again, if you are thinking about stepping into a leadership role for the club. Now is your chance. So, to be the Grinch, no one eats until we have a full slate of officers.

We will also have our annual ***White Elephant Gift Exchange***. For those of you who do not know what it is, here are the ground rules. All you need to do is bring in a WRAPPED model-related gift and place it in the pile. We will then draw numbers and each participant, in order, will choose a gift and open it. The next person will get to choose a gift from the pile OR 'steal' the gift from one of the previous unwrapped gifts. So, this is definitely a situation where you want to be last and not first. So just a couple of ground rules: (1) make sure you wrap the gift, and (2) if it is a model kit, please, Please, PLEASE make sure that the kit is complete -- instructions, decals and all parts included.

Well, that is about it, folks. See you in December and until then, keep on building!!!

Hector

## Reflections on the 2023 Butch O'Hare Model Show

*Hector Colon*

Hello Butch O'Hare Model Club. I waited a few days before sitting down to write my annual reflections of our show. I needed to get my thoughts together into some form that not only makes sense to me but to you as well. First of all, I have a confession to make. I actually thought that our 2023 show was going to be a complete bust. I was afraid that our decision to initially cancel the show and move it to June of 2024 would have a negative effect on the outcome. BUT I am happy to report that the 2023 Butch O'Hare Model Show was a complete success. I will go over the specific results at our December meeting. I would like to take a moment to thank all the volunteers who helped with judging, registration, raffle, set up etc. This club would come to a screeching halt without your help.

Now there are quite a number of folks that I need to thank. First of all, John Novak, our illustrious or better yet infamous President. John insisted that we needed to have a show this year and I had my doubts but I can't argue with the results. Mike Knowski for all his hard work with organizing our vendors. Just one thing Mike, you're retired so stop thinking like a cop. Nick Digrindakis for taking over the raffle. Nick, you did a great job with a limited selection of raffle prizes. We promise that next year, you will have a better selection and variety. Omer Houston, our head judge. Omer you did a fantastic job in getting all the entries judged in record time. Jim Pinc – Jim you always give our club every last drop of blood you have. You stepped in and helped out in several jobs and you performed them with enthusiasm. Jim Fulkerson for also stepping in and helping out with registration and anywhere else I thought of putting you.

So, I will see you all at our December meeting. Until then – Keep building!!!

<b>2023 - Medals Awarded</b>					
	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i><b>Aircraft</b></i>	11	19	18	17	65
<i><b>Armor</b></i>	9	5	6	10	30
<i><b>Auto</b></i>	9	13	13	18	53
<i><b>Diorama</b></i>	5	8	7	3	23
<i><b>Figures</b></i>	4	3	1	2	10
<i><b>Gaming</b></i>	3	0	0	3	6
<i><b>Junior</b></i>	0	1	3	0	4
<i><b>Nautical</b></i>	9	1	2	2	14
<i><b>Sci Fi / Fantasy</b></i>	4	4	7	6	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>261</b>

## 2023 Award Winners

Award	Model	Modeler
Don Grajek Award - Best of Show	HMS Holland I	Rich Diaz
People's Choice	B-29 Superfortress	Randal Dieck
George Patton Award - Best US Armor	Sherman VC Firefly	Jeff Herne
Charlie Metz Award - Best German Aircraft	Me-262	Mark Danko
Silver Wings Award - Best US Air Force	P-38F	John Tokarewich
Shep Paine Award - Best Diorama	"Rest and Reload"	Chris Valenti
Butch O'Hare Award - Best US Navy	USS Normandy (CG60)	John Tokarewich
Pappy Boyington Award - Best Marine Aviation	A4M Skyhawk	Cliff Croxwall
Stan Lee Award for Best Comic	The Mummy Lives	Tim Shelton
Jerry Ben Award - Best Armor	Panzer V	Doug Burger
Theme Award – "Fabulous Fifties"	Elvira T-Bird	John Alton
Best Jet	A7E Corsair II	Cliff Croxwall
Best Propeller	Fairey Swordfish MKI	Richard Hambel
Best Nautical	HMS Holland I	Rich Diaz
Best Auto	Mercedes Benz 300 SL	Jeff Doherty
Best Sci Fi	Steampunk Sub "CSS"	Rich Diaz
Best Figure	Selene The Death Dealer	Karl Williams
Best Junior	Panzer I Ausf. A	Oliver
Best Fantasy	Tales from the Crypt	Jeff Marker
Best Gaming	Orc Blood Bowl Team	Karl Williams
Best Truck	Scania S770	Ben Gifford
Best Race Vehicle	1971 Tyrell 003	Jeff Doherty
Rustified	1966 Chevy Impala	Jeff Doherty

FineScale Modeler again visited our show (and participated in the contest) and took pictures of a number of contest entries. You can view their show gallery at: <https://finescale.com/online-extras/show-galleries/2023/11/butch-ohare-model-contest-show-gallery>.

Once again, *Revenge of the Show* attended our show and produced a nice video, showing pretty much every entry. You can watch the video (just over an hour in length) at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n87HwDWboWg>

# 2023 SHOW PHOTO GALLERY

## *The Vendor Room*

### Before



### Setting Up



### Open for Business



# AIRCRAFT







# ARMOR



M16 'HELLCAT' TD  
ITALY 1945  
By Mike Kobb



# NAUTICAL



# FIGURES



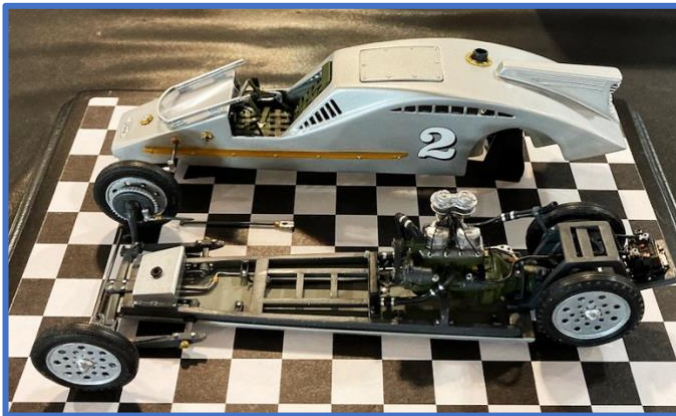
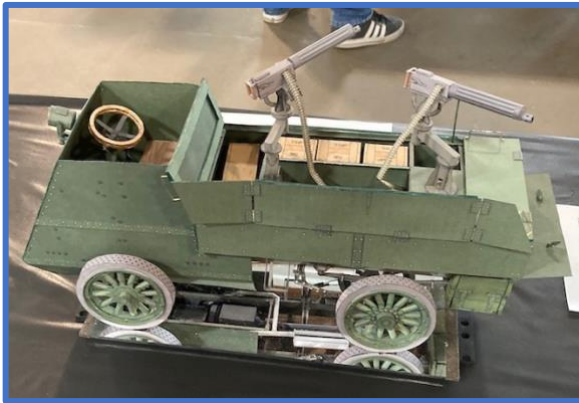
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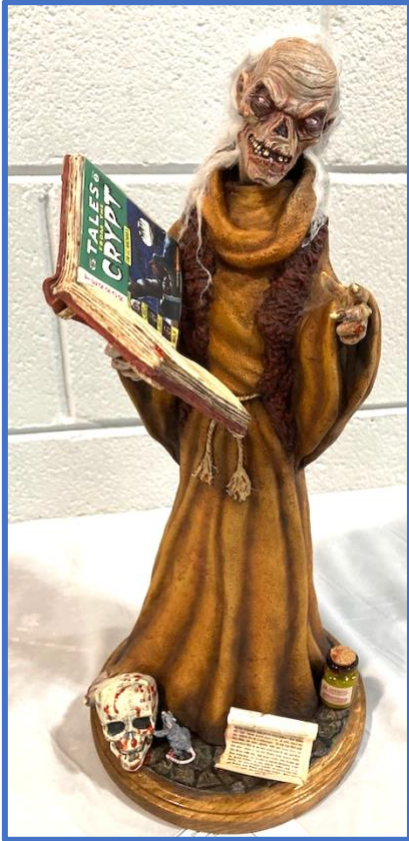
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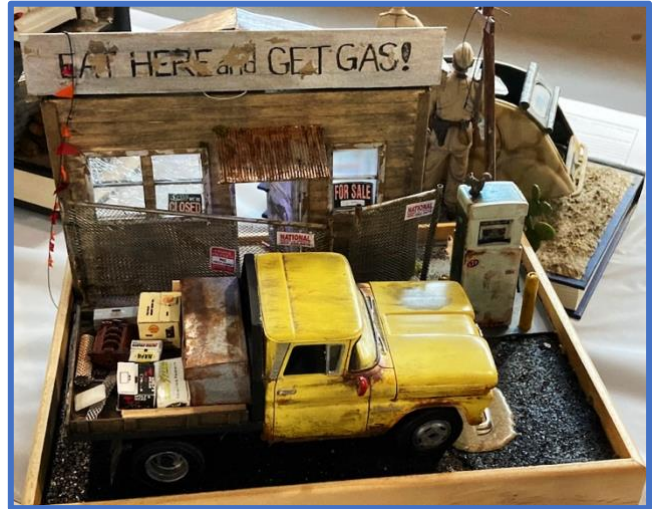
# AUTOMOTIVE



## SCI-FI AND FANTASY



# DIORAMA



***Best of Show – HMS Holland I***



***People's Choice – B-29***





## UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

December 2023 – February 2024

*No shows currently scheduled for December.*

### January 2024

*No nearby shows currently scheduled for January.*

### February 2024

**Feb 3, *Hope It Don't Snow Show*, Empire Event Center, Rochester, MN.** IPMS Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers, Region 5. <https://ipmsusa.org/event/hope-it-dont-snow-show-7>

**Feb 3, *4M Mayhem*, Saginaw Valley State University, University Center, MI.** IPMS Mid-Michigan Model Makers, Region 4.

**Feb 24, *BlizzConn 2024*, Makoy Center, Hilliard, OH.** IPMS Eddie Rickenbacker, Region 4. <https://ipmsusa.org/event/blizzcon-2024>.

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  
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! <https://myipmsusa.org/join-us>

## Support Our Local Hobby Shops

<p><b>Des Plaines Hobbies</b>                      1524 Lee Street, Des Plaines                      847-297-2118  <a href="http://www.desplainseshobbies.com/store/">www.desplainseshobbies.com/store/</a></p>	<p><b>Forever Timeless</b>                      4438 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago                      773-545-6959  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Forever-Timeless-Hobby-Shop-142658292422037/">https://www.facebook.com/Forever-Timeless-Hobby-Shop-142658292422037/</a></p>
<p><b>Warhammer Acadia on the Green</b>                      947 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove                      630-515-1428  <a href="https://www.games-workshop.com/en-FI/Warhammer-Acadia-on-the-Green">https://www.games-workshop.com/en-FI/Warhammer-Acadia-on-the-Green</a></p>	<p><b>Fair Game</b>                      1015 Curtiss St, Downers Grove                      630-963-0640  <a href="http://FairGame-fairgame.com">Fair Game - Fair Game (fairgamestore.com)</a></p>
<p><b>Americas Best Hobby</b>                      865 Maplewood, Itasca                      630-467-1102  <a href="http://www.americasbesttrain.com/">www.americasbesttrain.com/</a></p>	<p><b>Warhammer</b>                      4913 Route 59, Naperville                      630-305-3180  <a href="http://Warhammer-Naperville-GamesWorkshop.com">Warhammer - Naperville   Games Workshop Webstore (games-workshop.com)</a></p>
<p><b>Berwyn's Toys &amp; Train</b>                      7025 Ogden Ave, Berwyn                      708-484-4384  <a href="https://berwynstoytrains.com">https://berwynstoytrains.com</a></p>	<p><b>M&amp;M Models</b>                      9329 S. Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn                      708-423-7202  <a href="http://www.mmodelstore.com">www.mmodelstore.com</a></p>
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***That's all, folks.  
Keep on building, and  
we'll see you next  
issue!***