



Newsletter of the Butch O'Hare Chapter of IPMS/USA December 2024 • Volume 2024-12



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2024 Schedule	
2024 Meeting Date	Show-and-Tell Theme
Jan 12	What I Got for Christmas!
Feb 9	Anything Ford
Mar 8	NATO
Apr 12	Favorite Build on Your Shelf
May 10	F-4 Phantoms
Jun 14	Classic Sci-Fi TV Shows
Jul 12	1970s Muscle Cars
Aug 9	Italy WW II
Sep 13	From Your Favorite Movie
Oct 11	Oldest Build on Your Shelf
Nov 2	IPMS Region V Show
Dec 13	Winter

Drop in to our next meeting :
Friday, Dec 13

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
5739 Dunham Road
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DECEMBER CLUB ACTIVITIES

Well, 2024 is coming to a close and we all survived another year. Funny when you think about it since the world was supposed to come to an end on 12/31/1999. Anyone remember the Y2K bug? LOL. Old man winter is on his way here, and we all know what means -- it is time to head into our nice, warm hobby rooms and get some modeling done. Time to work on those stashes and get stuff built to enter in our 2025 show.

Now, we all know what else the end of the year means... It is time for our annual Christmas party. Now, the club will be providing pizza and soft drinks. The officers would like to invite you all to bring a dish to share.

However, we need to get the business side of our club taken care of first and will start the meeting by going over the results of the show. We had a very successful show this year. Was the show perfect and did it run smoothly? No. We had a new venue and some challenges along the way. However, the comments we received were all generally positive, but we do have some areas for improvement.

Second, we will have our ***Annual Elections*** for officers for 2025. The club simply can NOT function without folks willing and able to step up and help run the club. All officer positions are up for election - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant at Arms and finally Show Chairman. According to IPMS rules, all officers must be members of IPMS, so the club will cover the cost of any officer who is not a member of IPMS. So, if you are thinking about stepping into a leadership role for the club. Now is your chance. I know that I have said this before, 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 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 2024 Butch O'Hare Model Show

Hector Colon

As I sit at my desk to type out this debriefing, I am allowing my mind to wonder for a bit. I know that I should be working but I am allowing my mind to wonder for just a few minutes. The 2024 Butch O'Hare Model Show was my last as show chairman. At the time I am writing this, I do not know who will be grabbing the reins for our show, but at least that person will inherit a good core of volunteers who are always ready and able to help. As I sit here and reflect on my thoughts about the club and the show, I can't stop thinking about the old saying "you can't please everyone." We can just do our best and try to put on a good show. A show where people see value and will want to attend year after year.

I have started to see and read the comments on the internet about our show. Most are favorable but once again, we are not going to please everyone. So, to those folks, we are taking your comments seriously and will try our best to address them. Right now, I am clinging to the words from Mr. Spock in *Star Trek 2: The Wrath of Khan* "*The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.*" That is all that I will say on that point. So, before I get started with expressing my sincere thanks to everyone who helped set-up and tear-down, and generally run the show, I wanted to showcase a few folks who went above and beyond: First and foremost, our "Illustrious" leader, the supreme ruler of his own universe, John Novak. John, thank you for pushing me to the brink of a stroke on multiple occasions, with your last-minute changes, rechanges and re-rechanges. John, just stick to the plan already. Oh yeah, look squirrel.

Ihor Hlohowskyj and Bill Vinikour for always handling the registration. This year it was a BIG task as we broke the 300-entry mark. Thank you to Beth Fryzstak who stepped up as well and had the difficult job of keeping both Ihor and Bill in-line and focused on registration. I even saw Jim Fulkerson putting in time at the registration table as well. Thank you all. Many thanks to Nick Digringakis who stepped up and handled the raffle like a true gentleman. He took over the raffle duties from John and ran with it. And lastly Mark Greg and Jim Pinc. You two characters gave me every last ounce of blood in your veins. You both were constantly asking "you do need anything?" or "How can I help?" I can't thank you two enough.

Lastly, I would like to thank the folks of Wheatland Salem United Methodist Church for allowing us to have our show at in their building. Thank you to all of our vendors and finally thank you to everyone who walked through the door with their entries or to just visit the vendor area. All of you are part of the machine that keeps us going and with you, none of this would be possible. So, thank you all for making my last show as chairman a memorable one.

Now, we will discuss the details / results of the show at our December meeting but here are a few highlights:

More Reflections on the 2024 Show

Hector Colon

We had the show in a new venue and by the majority of the feedback, the church was received positive reviews. Was it perfect? Not even close. But we can use what we learned to make future shows even better. Yes, the two rooms for the contest were small and a bit crowded. I will take the heat for that since I really did not plan those rooms out as best as I should have. The church has already informed me that if we need additional space, we are welcome to use the extra classrooms. We just need to view the rooms and come up with the best plan.

We set a new club record for number of entries with 375 models. This is over 100 more than in previous years. It is also the highest number of entries that I can remember since becoming involved with the show. Ihor kept track and I want to say that those 375 entries were brought in by 120-or-so individual modelers. He also took a poll and we had IPMS members from throughout Region 5 clubs and from several neighboring states. Thanks, Ihor for taking that small extra step.

Well that is all folks for this debrief. If this show has taught anything is that our hobby is healthy and continuing to evolve. BUT we still have things to learn.

So keep modeling and I will see you all at the December meeting.

Hector

Clubs Participating in the BOH Region V Regional Contest

IPMS Region 5 Clubs	Location	Entrants
Butch O'Hare	Downers Grove, IL	10
C.A.R.S. in Miniature	N. Chicago Subs	9
Capt. McKinstry	Arlington Hts.	1
GTR Auto Modelers	Crystal Lake	1
Lakes Region Scale Modelers	Crystal Lake	8
Mad City Modelers	Madison, WI	6
Richard I. Bong Chapter	Milwaukee, WI	3
Stateline Area Modelers	Durand, IL	2
Techmages	Chicago	1
Will-Cook Chapter	Chicago	4
Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers	Rochester, MN	2

Other Clubs	Location	Entrants
AMPS Chicagoland Model Club	Wheaton, IL	3
Cushing Model Club	Ixonia, WI	2
Nautical Research Guilds	Chicago, IL	2

Other IPMS Clubs	Location	Entrants
IPMS Region 14		
IPMS Central Illinois Plastic Modelers	Elkhart, IL	1
IPMS Jack Wyzlic Polish Coast Watchers	Peoria, IL	3
IPMS Alexander Lippisch	Cedar Rapids, IA	2
IPMS Region 4		
IPMS Capitol Area Modelers Society (C.A.M.S.)	Lansing, MI	2
IPMS Duneland	Porter, IN	3
IPMS Western Michigan	Grand Rapids, MI	3

The folks from Region 5 Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers get the 'Furthest Traveled' award (if we had one) for traveling 340 miles to attend. We also want to give a shout-out to the folks who entered from non-Region 5 IPMS clubs, who traveled from Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, and southern and central Illinois. And finally, thank you to the IPMS Capitol Area Modelers Society (C.A.M.S.) and C.A.R.S. in Miniature for their club displays.

FineScale Modeler again visited our show (and participated in the contest) and took pictures of a number of contest entries. When they post it, you can view their show gallery at:

<https://finescale.com> under the **Extras** tab.

IPMS Region 5/BOH 2024 Contest Results

Congrats to all who entered our regional contest. A total of 108 folks entered 375 modes in the contest. Of these, 66 (18%) were awarded Gold, 79 (21%) were awarded Silver, and 61 (16%) were awarded Bronze. A special thank you to folks who travelled from afar to participate in our show.

BOH/Region 5 2024 Award Winners

Award	Model	Modeler
Don Grajek Award - Best of Show	HMS Sussex 1693	Gus Agustin
People's Choice	HMS Sussex 1693	Gus Agustin
Theme Award – “Fabulous Fifties”	B&R Performance 67 Camaro	Terry VanParys
Shep Paine Award - Best Diorama	Erwin Rommel Dak	Chris Valenti
Butch O'Hare Award - Best US Navy	USS Juneau	John Tokarewich
Silver Wings Award - Best US Air Force	F-35A 65th AGRS	Manny Ang
George Patton Award - Best US Armor	Sherman M4A3E2 Jumbo	Chris Chapman
Jerry Ben Award - Best Armor	5-ton Diana Gun Halftrack	Ihor Hlohowskyj
Charlie Metz Award - Best German Aircraft	BF 109E-4	Mark Danko
Stan Lee Award for Best Comic	Rogue (X-Men)	Karl Williams
Best Jet	F-35A 65th AGRS	Manny Ang
Best Propeller	Macchi C.200 'Saetta'	Mark Danko
Best Nautical	HMS Sussex 1693	Gus Agustin
Best Auto	1926 Mack Bull Dog Boom Truck	Keith Benes
Best Sci Fi	Ma. K. Lum-168 Camel	Bill Wedeward
Best Real Space	Apollo Command Module	John Kauck
Best Figure	Russian Winter '42	Phil Kirchmeier
Best Junior	Daddy from Six Feet Under	Irene Rogal
Best Fantasy	Night Elf	Karl Williams
Best Gaming	Corpse Collector	William Vinikour
Best Truck	1926 Mack Bull Dog Boom Truck	Keith Benes
Best Race Vehicle	B&R Performance 67 Camaro	Terry VanParys
Rustified	1926 Mack Bull Dog Boom Truck	Keith Benes

2024 SHOW PHOTO GALLERY

Getting Ready

Registration and Raffle



Contest Rooms



The Vendor Room



And We're Off!!!



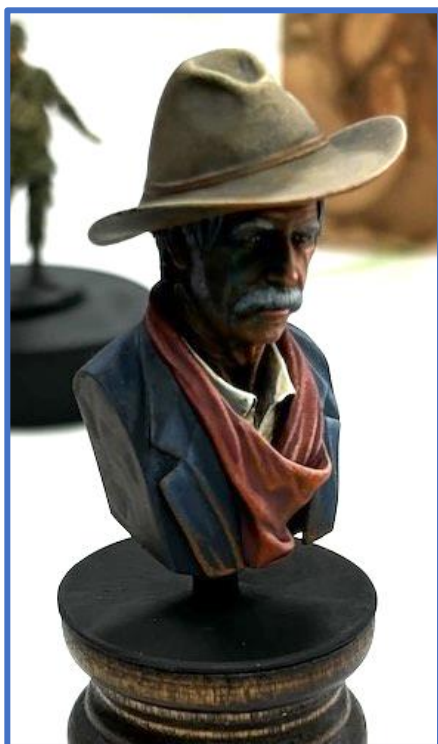
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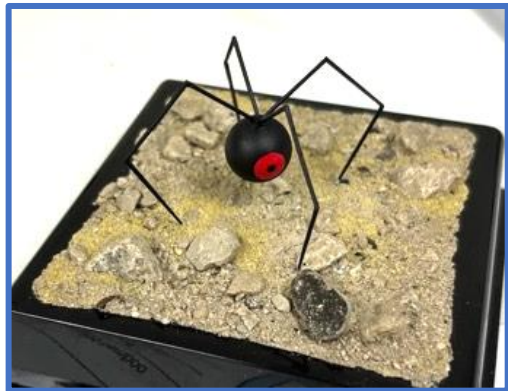
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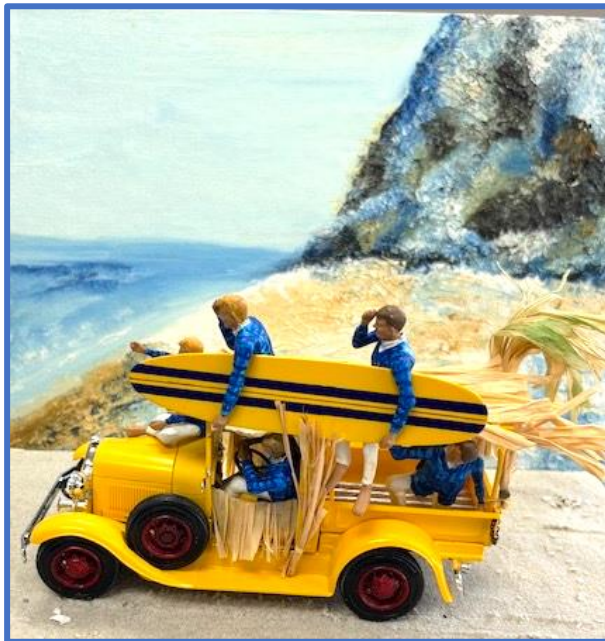
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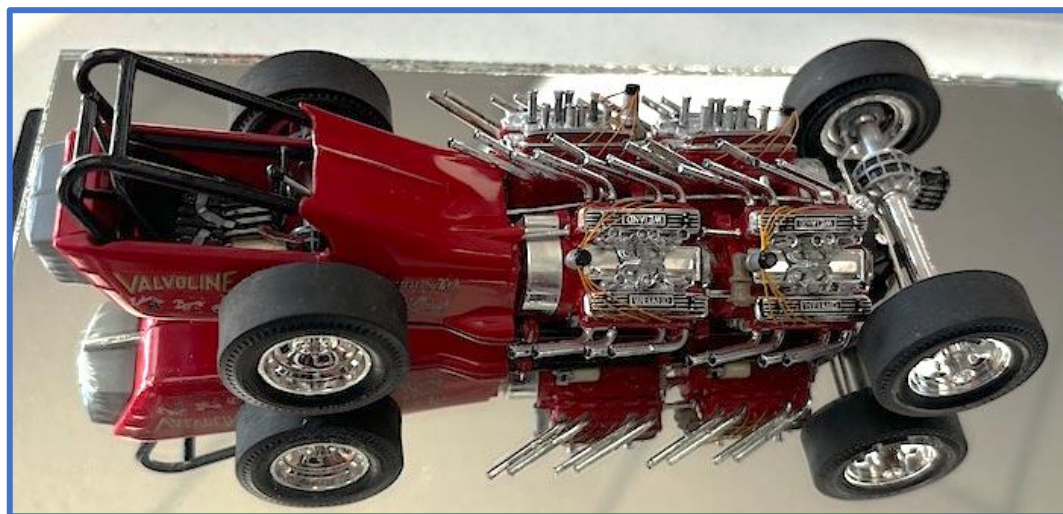
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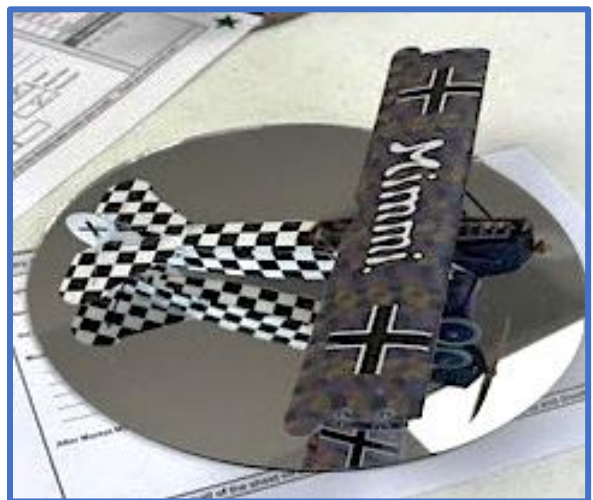


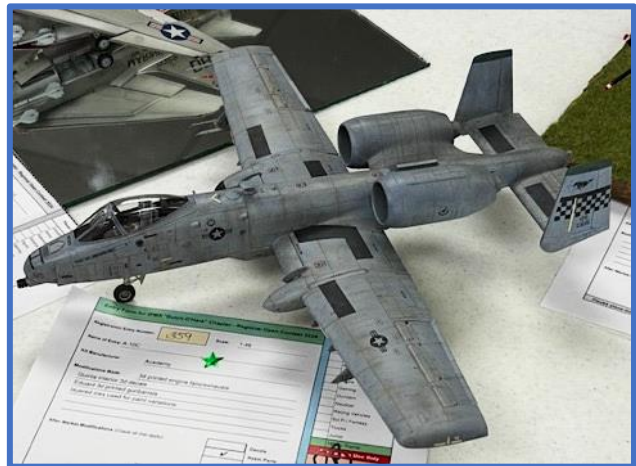
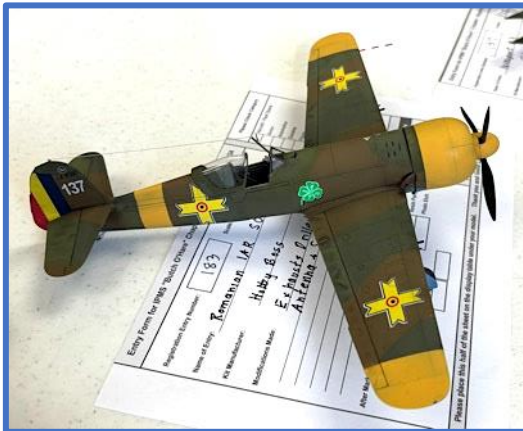
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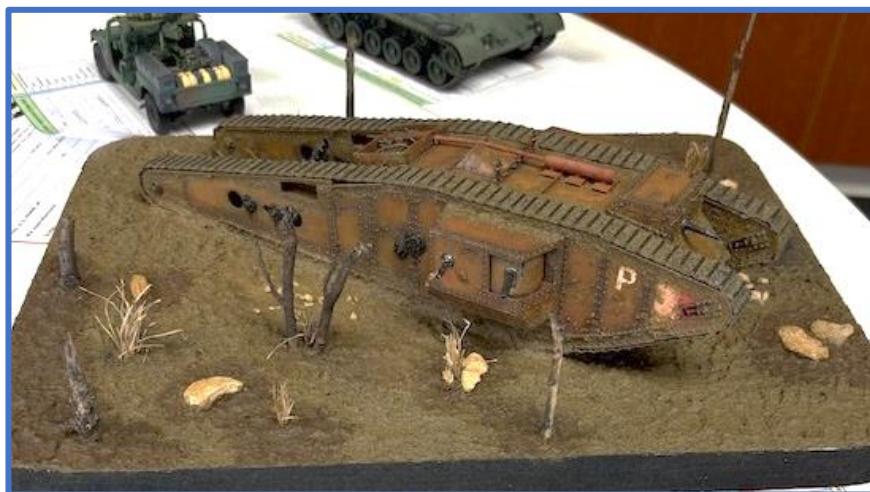
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UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

Dec 2024 – Jan 2025

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER.

Jan 2025

Jan 4, 2025. Help Heal Vets – Monthly Meeting. IPMS Black Hills Scale Modelers, Region 5. Rapid City, SD. Local veterans referred by the Rapid City Vet Center (VA) are welcome to bring, brag and build scale models, monthly in Rapid City. Meetings occur on the first Saturday of the month from 1000 - 1200 Mountain Time. First-timers may select a free model kit and takeaway toolset from donated supplies.

<https://ipmsusa.org/event/help-heal-vets-monthly-meeting>

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>

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HobbyTown 15601 S. 94 th Ave., Orland Park 708-349-8697 https://www.hobbytown.com	B&G Train World & Hobby 829 Walnut Ave, Elgin 847-888-2646 https://www.bgtrainworld.com/storefront/shop/

***That's all, folks.
Keep on building, and
we'll see you next
issue!***