



# **Butch O'Hare**

## **IPMS / USA**



# **“Wildcat Wisdom”**

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

August 2025

### **July 2025 Meeting Recap and Other News**

*President John Novak* brought the meeting to order.

### **IPMS Nationals 2025**

Our normally scheduled August meeting of August 8<sup>th</sup> interferes with Nationals. It has been moved to the following Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. Nationals will be in Hampton Roads VA. John, Johnny, Hector and Oliver will be attending.

### **2025 BOH Model Show Reminder**

The club is going back to the DuPage County Fairgrounds in 2025. Some of the advantages: The lighting has been improved, tables are provided, ample parking. We requested a 2026 Regional and if awarded, we will rent the large hall next year.

The usual characters oversee their parts of the show again this year, but they need your help. When they tap you on the shoulder, please volunteer. Areas where you can help are judging, registration, raffle, vendor support, floating.

### **Scale Model Stash Hobby Shop**

John has signed a lease for his new hobby shop in La Grange, IL next to the UPS store. It is scheduled to open in the coming months. He has been accumulating as much inventory as he can ahead of the tariffs. John has filled 2 storage units with kits to date, with new and pre-owned kits. There is also a website at [www.scalemodelstash.com](http://www.scalemodelstash.com). John is interested in harnessing the experience and knowledge of this club when building his inventory. Please let him know of quality products that you would like to see in his shop.

### **Nimcon Results**

Congrats to Omer for winning Best Car and Best in Show for his VW (3 Kit combo) scratch build!! Great Job!!

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### ***Important Stuff:***

**Next Club Meeting:  
St. Paul's Church  
Friday, August 15 @  
7:30pm**

**Theme:  
*Italy WW II***

**IPMS National  
Convention:  
August 6-9  
Hampton, Virginia  
23666**

### Request for Meeting Topics

Please feel free to suggest or volunteer meeting topics. Almost anything is fair game. Send suggestions to Nick.

### Newsletter News

The newsletter is open to everyone and anyone who would like to share an interesting article. Please send them to Nick and he will include them in upcoming issues. I did receive an item with many photos. The Newsletter cannot re-post private photos without the permission of the owner.

### BOH Contest Raffle

Nick again made a plea to everyone to use Facebook and to support the upcoming raffle. The raffle has a good number of aircraft and autos, but needs all other categories such as Armor, Ships, Gunpla and Super prizes.

### Keith Ward

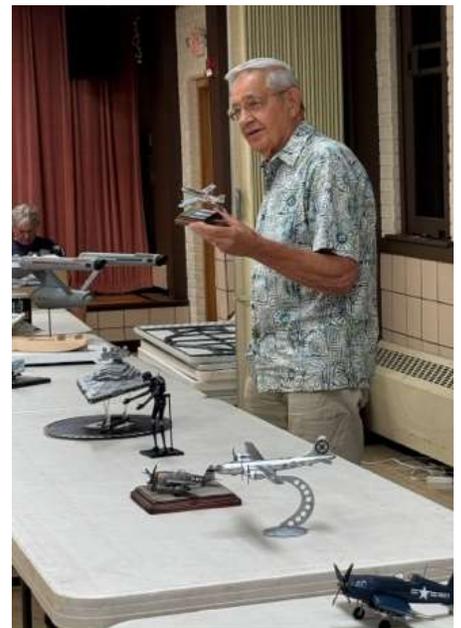
John visited the widow of past member Keith Ward. She provided the club with many items: magazines, shirts, and some of Keith's articles of his techniques. Many other items showing the many things that Keith was into as a modeler.

### Ron Thorne

Butch O'Hare and IPMS-USA is sad to announce the passing of our Regional director Ron Thorne.

Show and Tell theme for July was:  
***1960's Muscle Cars***

# Meeting Photos



# July Show and Tell

1960's Muscle Cars	
Art Krull	Mannix Car 1/24 Panzer II C Tamiya 1/48
Mike Knowski	A-1 Skyraider Tamiya 1/48 FW-190D-9 Tamiya 1/48 P-51 Mustang Eduard 1/48 F-4U Corsair Tamiya 1/72
Kevin Shea	64 GTO 66 442 66 Fairlane 64 442 67 442 B25 Mitchell Gunpla figure
Jim Pinc	Corsair 1/48 P-51 1/144 Dauntless Revell 1/48 Submariner 1/144
Oliver James	Titanic 1/550 Hetzer Testors 1/35 A6M2 Zero Tamiya 1/48 J2M3 Raiden Tamiya 1/48 Plymouth Cuda Revell 1/24 Shimakaze Hasegawa 1/350
Kurt Van Dahm	Scow Schooner Scratch 1/48
Carl Knable	P-51D Airfix 1/72 RF-4C ESCI 1/72
Jim Zuhn	K2SO Bandai 1/12 Star Destroyer, Empire version 1980
Stan Kurcz	B-29 1/144 P-47 Tamiya 1/72
David Bobinsky	Polar Lights USS Enterprise (TOS) 1:350 Polar Lights USS Enterprise (Refit) 1:350 Polar Lights USS Enterprise (Refit) 1:1000 Polar Lights USS Enterprise (Pilot) 1:1000

Date	Theme:
1/10/25	What I Got for Christmas !
2/14/25	Dioramas and Vignettes
3/14/25	WWII North Africa and Mediterranean
4/11/25	Favorite Build
5/9/25	Sci-Fi and Fantasy
6/13/25	Member's Choice
7/11/25	1960s Muscle Cars
8/15/25	Italy WW II
9/12/25	<b>Suggestions ?</b>
10/10/25	Navy: Air, Land & Sea
11/15/25	BOH Show & Contes
12/12/25	Snow Covered



## 2025 Butch O'Hare Club Officers

### President / Show Coordinator

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Panzer II C



Oliver James:  
Titanic  
Hetzer  
A6M2 Zero  
J2M3 Raiden  
Plymouth Cuda  
Shimakaze



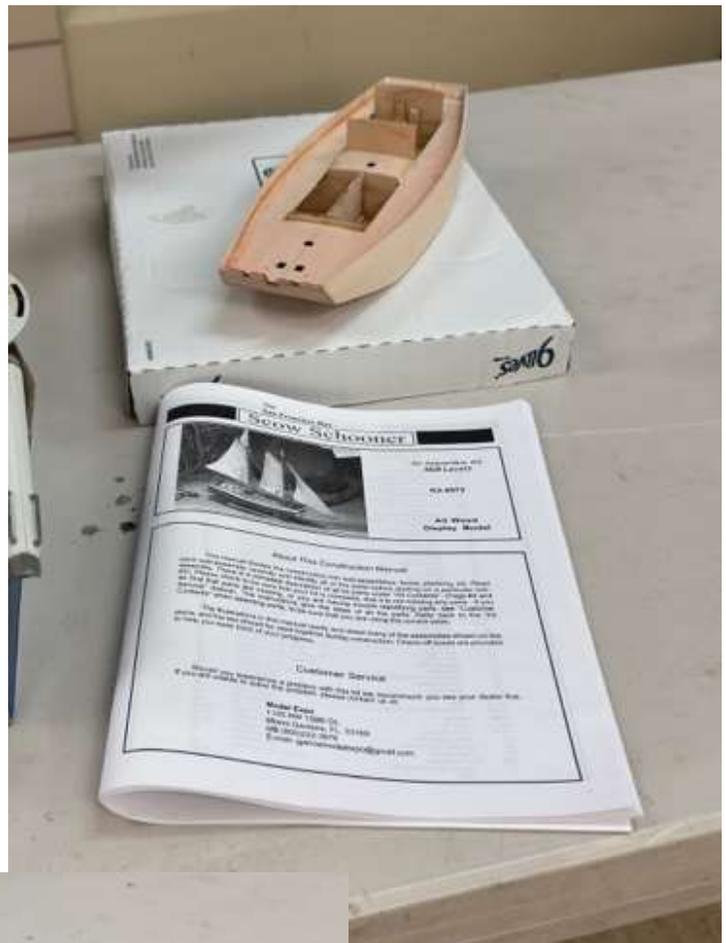


Jim Pinc:  
Corsair  
Dauntless  
P-51  
Submariner



Kevin Shea:  
'64 GTO  
'66 442  
'66 Fairlane  
'64 442  
'67 442  
B25 Mitchell  
Gunpla figure

**Kurt Van Dahm:**  
**Scratch built Scow Schooner**



**Carl Knable:**  
**P-51-D**  
**RF-4C**

**Jim Zuhn:**  
**K2S0**  
**Star Destroyer,**  
**Empire Version 1980**



**David Bobinsky:**  
**USS Enterprise TOS**  
**USS Enterprise TOS Refit**  
**USS Enterprise TOS Refit**  
**USS Enterprise Pilot version**

Stan Kurcz:

P-47

B-29



## UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS August – November 2025

### August 2025

August 14, 2025 BLACK HILLS SCALE MODELERS - Scale Model Contest and Exhibit,  
Rapid City, SD

August 16, 2025, Mid Iowa Modelers Expo (MIME) 6 NNL, Grimes, IA

August 16, 2025 Gunpla World, Hobbytown Orland Park, IL

### September 2025

September 13, 2025, Midwest Scale Madness #5, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

September 27, 2025, NordicCon, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota

### October 2025

October 4, 2025, SAM Con, Durand IL

October 4, 2025, 3rd Great Lakes Challenge Model Contest, Grand Rapids, MI

October 4, 2025, Duneland Model Contest and Swap, Hobart, IN

October 17-18, 2025, MMSI Schaumburg IL

November 15, 2025, 42nd Annual Butch O'Hare Model Contest, Wheaton, IL

**Club Web Site:**

<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](mailto: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  
7:30 PM, 2nd Friday of every month.

**Website:**

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

**BOH Annual 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

## Support Our Local Hobby Shops

### Scale Model Stash - NEW

108 Calendar Ave, La Grange, IL  
708-674-2524  
[www.scalemodelstash.com](http://www.scalemodelstash.com)

### Forever Timeless

4438 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago  
773-545-6959  
<https://www.facebook.com/Forever-TimelessHobby-Shop-142658292422037/>

### Des Plaines Hobbies

1524 Lee Street, Des Plaines  
847-297-2118  
[www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/](http://www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/)

### Fair Game

1015 Curtiss St, Downers Grove  
630-963-0640  
[Fair Game - Fair Game \(fairgamestore.com\)](http://FairGame-FairGame(fairgamestore.com))

### Warhammer Acadia on the Green

947 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove;  
630-515-1428  
<https://www.games-workshop.com/en/US/Warhammer-Acadia-on-the-Green>

### Warhammer

4913 Route 59, Naperville  
630-305-3180  
[Warhammer - Naperville | Games Workshop](http://Warhammer-Naperville|GamesWorkshop)  
[Webstore \(games-workshop.com\)](http://Webstore(games-workshop.com))

### Americas Best Hobby

865 Maplewood, Itasca  
630-467-1102  
[www.americasbesttrain.com/](http://www.americasbesttrain.com/)

### Wandering Dragon Game Shoppe

15032 S Des Plaines St, Plainfield  
815-267-6245  
<http://www.shoplightspeed.com>

### Berwyn's Toys & Train

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](http://www.waltshobbyonline.com)

### HobbyTown

15601 S. 94<sup>th</sup> 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  
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