



Butch O'Hare

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"Wildcat Wisdom"

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

December 2025 Vol 12

November Recap and Other News

Many of us did not gather in November for our meeting since this was the month of our annual show! We had a decent turnout at the show with most of our members attending and working hard to make the show a great success. This newsletter will be dedicated to sharing pictures and results of the contest along with other pictures taken by Bob at the show. Thanks Bob!

Upcoming Events

BOH Holiday Meeting December 12, 2025

January Swap Meets

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Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting:
St. Paul's Church
December 12, 2025
7:30 PM

**Theme: Snow
Covered**

Next Year's NATS will be in Ft. Wayne Indiana and the 2027 NATS will be in Huntsville, AL

Support the Raffle Always

Nick Digrindakis continues to be in 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 and contest is depleted and can use any type of kit. 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

A few updates this month, still no opening date. First pic shows location of counter, it will extend about 12 feet to the rear. The boxes got cleared out of my living room and garage just in time for the holidays.



Some random items in the window to start generating interest. Passersby are generally very excited. Still just boxes inside at this point.

First 60 feet of shelving installed, ready to absorb the contents of all those boxes. At this point I'm just experimenting with different shelf depths and positions, preparing for the 60 feet of 2-sided shelving yet to come.



Special thanks to Hector and Nick, those shelves didn't just build themselves. Literally couldn't have done it without them. Compensation TBD. No, not the 1/32 Devastator! Well, maybe..

-Stashmaster John

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.

Photo Directory

Starting next meeting (for real this time), we will begin taking pictures of members for the BOH photo directory. This directory will not be public. It will be for the private use of members.

Swap Meet

For Sale: Iwata Smart Jet and Master Airbrush Model TC-320 Compressors. Each has quick disconnect attachments. \$150/each

Contact: Steve Day
312-485-9901
stevemaddogday@aol.com



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



Meeting Date:	Show-and-Tell 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 WWII
9/12/25	From Your Favorite Movie
10/10/25	Navy: Air, Land & Sea
11/15/25	BOH Show & Contest
12/12/25	Snow Covered

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42nd Annual Butch O'Hare Model Contest and Vendor Show



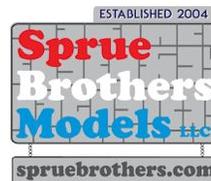
Put on your bell-bottoms and
grab your models! It's the:

Groovy Seventies

Saturday, November 15th, 2025

DuPage County Fairgrounds, Bldgs. 2 & 3
2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

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Featuring:

- Special Theme Awards
- **60+ Vendor Tables**



Admission:

\$5 General admission; Kids under 12 FREE with adult

Contest Entry:

- Adults \$10 for first 2 models; \$4 each additional model
- Juniors (16 and under) \$3 per model

For more information, Visit our Webpage:
www.butchoharemodelclub.com

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Welcome to the
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Butch O'Hare
Model Show

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Award	Number	Title	Winner
Jerry Ben: Best Armor	168	B1 Bis	Glen Johnson
Best Automotive	101	1932 Ford Roadster Bonneville	Scott Bischoff
Best Club Display		Cars in Miniature	Cars in Miniature
Best Fantasy	16	Skeletal pirate giant	Bill Vinikour
Best Figure	298	Bo Katan (Star Wars)	Karl Williams
Best Gaming	275	Khoruc's champion	Knut Boehmer
Best Gunpla/Anime	228	"Open Gundam Style"	Mike Kohta
Best Jet Aircraft	64	F-111F	Cliff Croxall
Best Junior	148	Davey - Mad City Biker	Beans
Best Nautical	35	Colonial Privateer "Valkyrie"	Samuel Parent
Best Prop Aircraft	160	Fokker DR.1	Robert Raver
Best Race Car	246	1/8 Gulf Porsche 917K	Jeff Herne
Best Rustified	191	1979 mini Cooper restomod	Gary Curry
Best Sci-Fi	142	BattleFront Y-Wing (Star Wars)	Sergio Borrients
Best Truck	18	VW flatbed tow truck	Omer Houston
Best WWI Aircraft (Cross & Cockade)	155	Junkers j.1	Mark Danko

Special Awards

Butch O'Hare: Best US Navy	65	F-8 Crusader	Cliff Croxall
Charlie Metz: Best German Aircraft	111	Ar 234	Bill Wedeward
George Bruckert: Best RAF Aircraft	208	Spitfire Mk.1	Christian Gurney
George S. Patton: Best US Armor	42	28 Greyhound	Michael Smith
Keith Ward: Best Scratch Build	100	Art Deco-style motorcycle	Scott Bischoff
Shep Paine: Best Diorama	81	Kitchens	Tim Shelton
Silver Wings: Best USAF	64	F-111F	Cliff Croxall
Stan Lee: Best Comic	225	Quinjet	Neil Prentice

TOP AWARDS

Best Theme: The Groovy Seventies	246	1/8 Gulf Porsche 917K	Jeff Herne
Don Grajek: BEST IN SHOW	160	Fokker DR.1	Robert Raver

Best Junior

#148 Davey – Mad City Biker

Beans



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#100 Art Deco-style motorcycle

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#42 M8 Greyhound

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Best Truck

#18 VW Flatbed tow truck

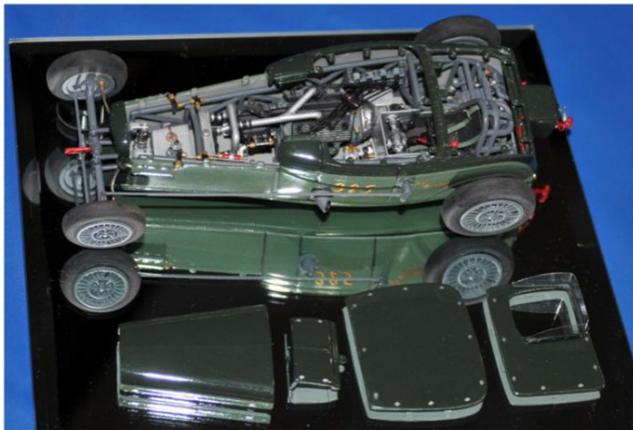
Omer Houston



Best Automotive

#101 1932 Ford Roadster Bonneville race car

Scott Bischoff



Best Fantasy

#16 Skeletal pirate giant

Bill Vinikour



Best Figure

#298 Bo Katan (Star Wars)

Karl Williams



Best Gaming

#298 Khoruc's Champion

Knut Boehmer



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#64 F-111F

Cliff Croxall



Charlie Metz: Best German Aircraft

#111 Ar 234

Bill Wedeward



Butch O'Hare: Best US Navy

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Cliff Croxall



Best WWI Aircraft

#155 Junkers j.1

Mark Danko



**Dedicated to the Memory of Keith Ward &
Rick Pignataro; Sponsored by Cross & Cockade**

George Bruckert Best RAF

#208 Spitfire mk. 1

Christian Gurney



Best Jet Plane

#64 F-111F

Cliff Croxall



Best Prop Plane

#160 Fokker DR.1

Robert Raver



Best Nautical

#35 Colonial Privateer "Valkyrie"

Samuel Parent



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#142 Battle Front Y-Wing

Sergio Borrients



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#228 Open Gundam Style

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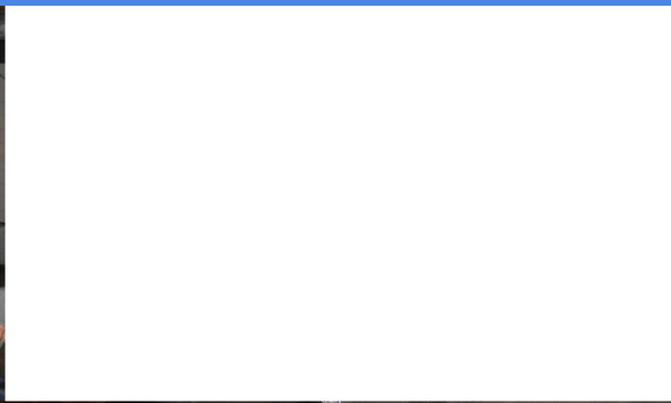
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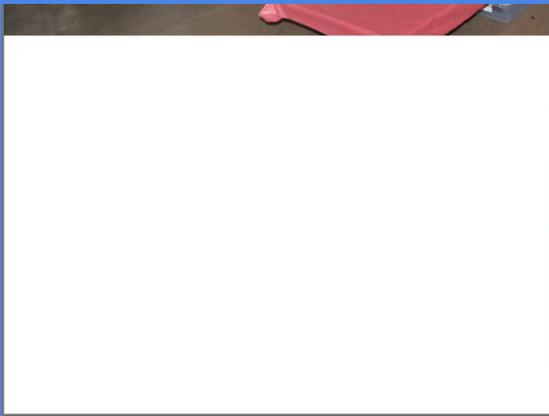
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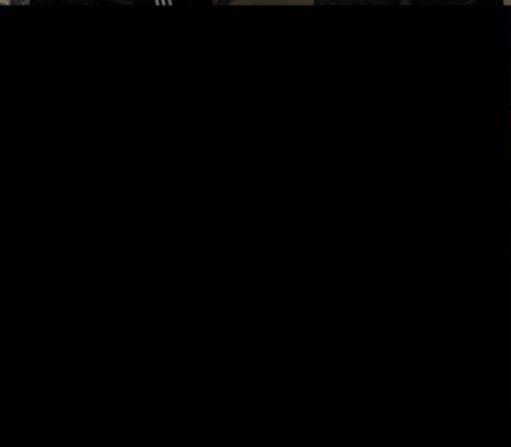
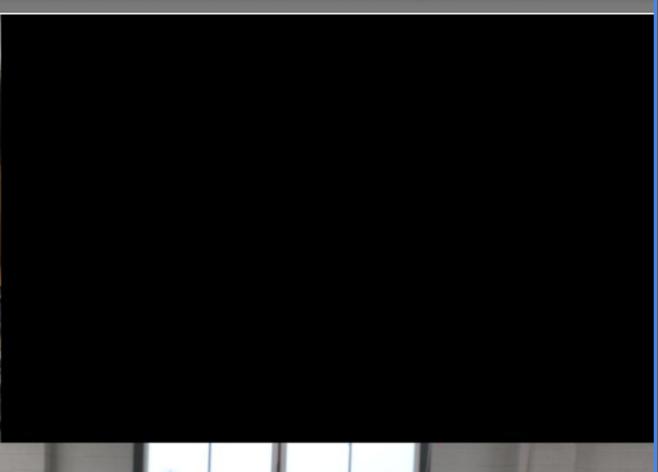
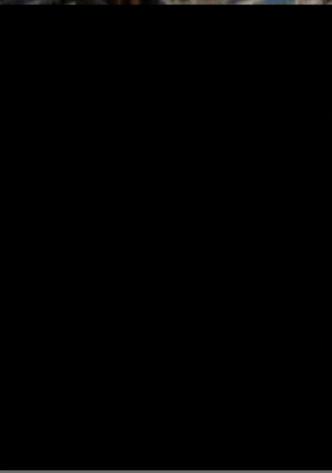
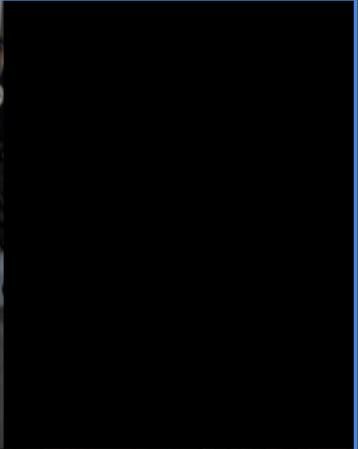


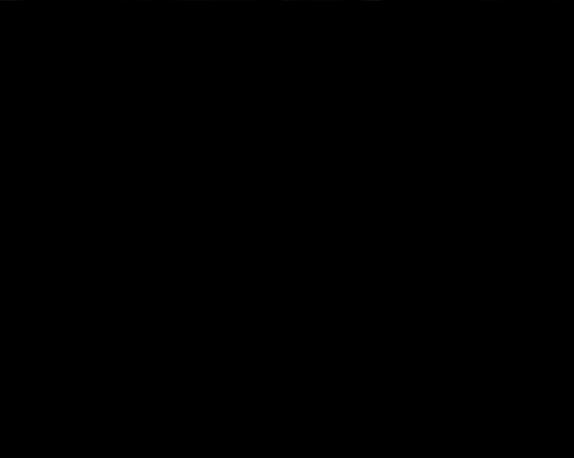
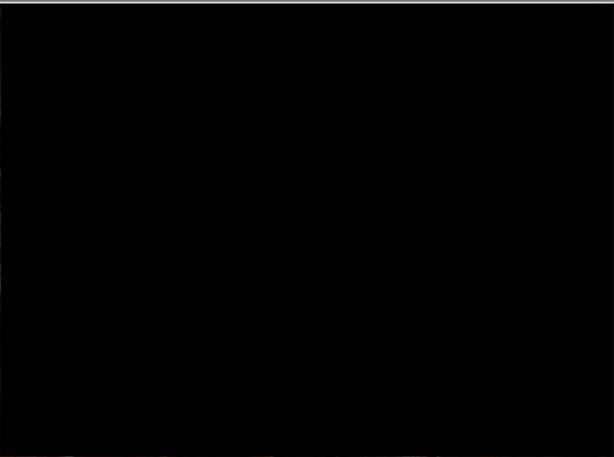
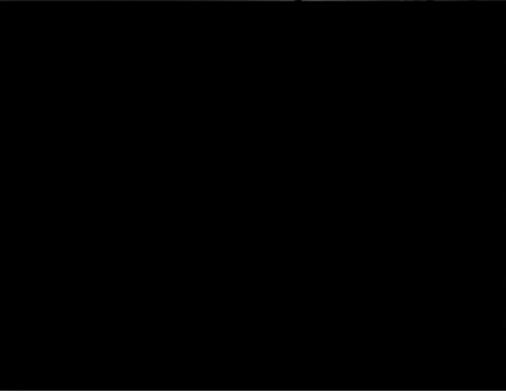
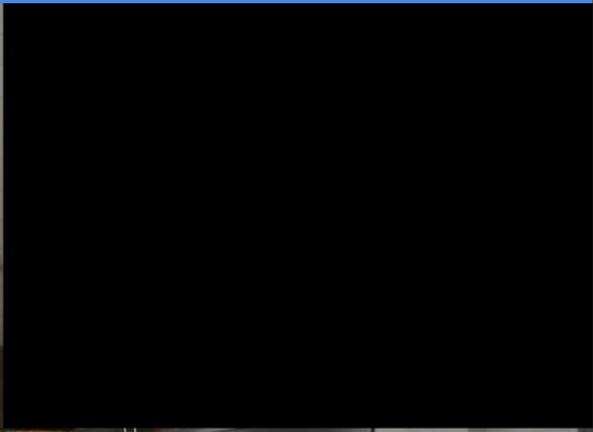


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February 2026

February 7, 2026, [Hope It Don't Snow Show](#), Rochester, MN

February 21, 2026, [BlizzCon 2026](#), Hilliard, OH

February 22, 2026, [Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show](#), Wheaton, IL

March 2026

March 7, 2026, [Mad City Modelers Annual Show and Contest](#), Madison, WI

April 2026

April 4, 2026, [Roscoe Turner Indy Invitational](#), Lebanon, IN

June 2026

June 13, 2026, [NIMCON 14](#), McHenry, IL

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Plainfield 815-439-1477

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