



# Butch O'Hare

IPMS / USA



## "Wildcat Wisdom"

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

November 2025 Vol 11

### October Meeting Recap and Other News

Many of us gathered in October for our meeting. We had a decent turnout with 28 attending.

#### Upcoming Events

John ran down a healthy list of upcoming events!

October 11, 2025, [Duneland Model Contest and Swap](#), Hobart, IN (An excellent show that needs a bigger venue)

October 17-18, 2025, [MMSI](#), Schaumburg IL (John enjoys this show for viewing miniature giant busts)

November 15, 2025, [42nd Annual Butch O'Hare Model Contest](#), Wheaton, IL

(Holy Cow! Our show is just around the corner!!!)

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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

Nick Digrindakis again made a plea to everyone to use Facebook and to support the upcoming raffle. 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 is heavy on aircraft and light on everything else. The donation of a Super prize would be Super too!

Thanks to members who continues to donate on a regular schedule!!!

Please give if you can !!

If you are interested in helping out at the Raffle booth during the BOH show in November, please step forward and let Nick know. He could really use your help. **There is one more meeting before our show!!!**

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](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

### Meeting Times

7:30 PM, 2nd Friday of every month.

Website:

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

## **42nd Annual Butch O'hare Model Contest and Vendor Show(Repeat)**

Ihor, although not present, sent a request for volunteers to help with registration at the show. This will allow workers to participate in judging along with registration.

Omer took the floor and spoke to the club about judging. There will be at least 27 judges on his team and no experience is necessary. There will be 2-man judging teams. The same software as last year will be used. Respect the time of the judges meeting without exception! This is critical.

Gunpla/Gundam is a new category Nick will help to judge in this category and will follow IPMS guidelines. Jason has also mentioned that he has expertise in this category.

Other areas where we will need help are Raffle, Security, Setup/Teardown, Vendor Management, Administration, and Floaters. Floaters are people that fill in where help is needed.

When you sign up, please sign in legibly.

# Scale Model Stash Corner

It's close enough now that I think the next newsletter will have the big announcement. Yes, I said that in July, but at this point how many more ways can it be delayed? Probably a lot, actually.

As you can see in the photo, lighting is installed. The floor is temporarily covered for protection, it looks nice underneath.

Behind me when I took the photo there are brand-new windows and freshly-painted trim, and you can see the fancy wood base along the bottom of the wall. I'm actually considering going with black fixtures and fully leaning into Death Star Chic. Now that model kits are routinely over \$100, it follows that the store should have an upscale appearance. I'm even going to make Jim Pinc wear a tux when he comes to work (for store credit).



Ok, back to reality. I will be able to start moving boxes from my garage into the store starting Thursday, maybe Friday depending on painting. I can't open the store yet until after the inspection, but it's a huge step. I won't be moving everything all at once, not until the shelves arrive, but I want to get everything out of my garage before the temperature drops. Then once the inspection is done and the shelves arrive, it's full speed ahead! I'll send an email to the club on Thursday as I find out more details. Many have offered to help move in, and that opportunity is finally nearing.

Thanks all! -Stashmaster John

## Newsletter Improvement

Hope you all like the new newsletter format. Multiple members worked together to make it happen. We will work to get the newsletter out sooner now that we have a new software and template.

## Photo Directory

Starting next meeting, 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



# Meeting Photos



# 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

## 2025 Butch O'Hare Club Officers

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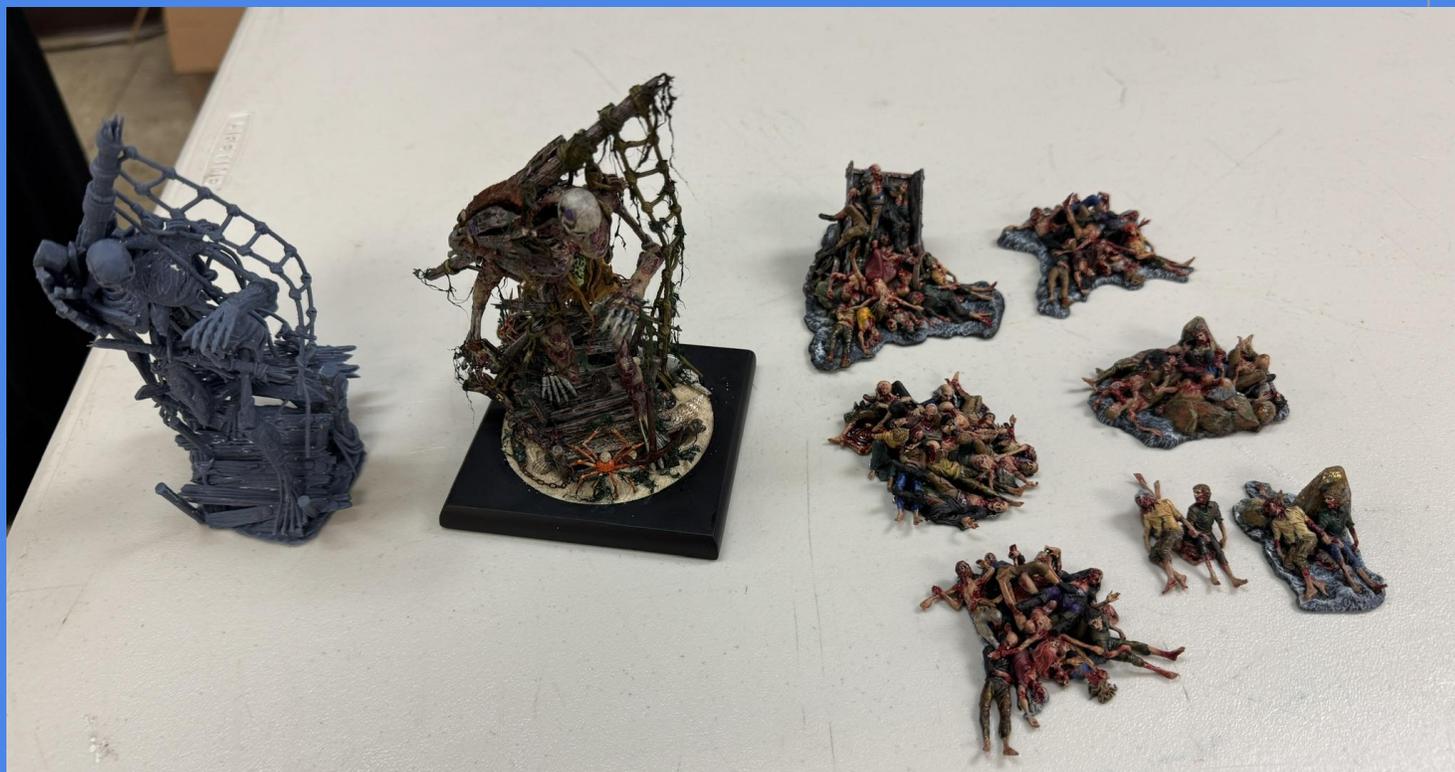
[Colhessler223@gmail.com](mailto:Colhessler223@gmail.com)

# October Show and Tell

Theme: From Your Favorite Movie			
Presenter:	Models Displayed:	Manufacturer	Scale
Bill Vinikour	Skeletal Pirate Giant Corpse Piles	Coveted Forge Printable Scenery	32mm 32mm
Kevin Shea	F4F-3 Wildcat Brewster Buffalo	Eduard Tamiya	1/48 1/48
Nick Digrindakis	Gulch Distillers '39 Chevy Sedan Delivery	Revell	1/24
George M.	B-29 Superfortress	Monogram	1/48
Jim Pinc	'57 Chevy '57 Chevy Hot Rod Shop TBF-1 Avenger	Revell AMT ? Academy	1/25 1/25 1/25 1/72
Al Pace	F-80C F-84G	Airfix Heller	1/72 1/72
Art Krull	IJN Mikasa USS England	Hasegawa EV Resin	1/700 1/700
Frank Ress	Orion III	Paper Download	1/144
Mike Knowski	BV-222 F6F Hellcat Fw190 SB2C-4 Helldiver TBF Avenger F4U Corsair F8F Bearcat	Revell Eduard Eduard Cyber Hobby Hasegawa Tamiya Academy	1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72 1/48 1/48
Carl Knable	P-38M P-38J P-38J P-38J F5A(P-38J) F4B(P-38F)	Revell Academy Matchbox Hobbyboss Hobbyboss Airfix	1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72



Bill Vinikour



Kevin Shea



# Nick Digrindakis



George McCarthy



# Jim Pinc



Al Pace



Art Krull



Frank Ress



# Carl Knable



Mike Knowski



# Dick Beemer



# Walter Kloefer





Mike Grajek



John Bishop



# UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

November 2025 - June 2026

## November 2025

November 15, 2025, [42nd Annual Butch O'Hare Model Contest](#), Wheaton, IL

## 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

# 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Butch O'Hare Model Contest and Vendor Show



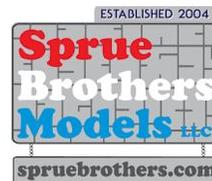
Put on your bell-bottoms and  
grab your models! It's the:

## Groovy Seventies

**Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.butchoharemodelclub.com)**

#### CONTEST:

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#### CONTACT INFORMATION

#### VENDORS:

Hector Colon  
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## Support Our Local Hobby Shops

—> **NEW! OPENING SOON!** <—

### **Scale Model Stash**

108 Calendar Ave., La Grange, IL

708-674-2524

[Scale Model Stash](#)

### **Berwyn's Toys & Trains**

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)

### **Des Plaines Hobbies**

1524 Lee Street, Des Plaines

847-297-2118

[www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/](http://www.desplaineshobbies.com/store/)

### **America's Best Hobby**

865 Maplewood, Itasca

630-467-1102

<https://libertytrains.com/>

### **Forever Timeless**

4438 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago

773-545-6959

<https://www.facebook.com/Forever-TimelessHobby-Shop-142658292422037/>

### **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

<https://www.bgtrainworld.com/storefront/shop/>

### **Fair Game**

1015 Curtiss St, Downers Grove

630-963-0640

[www.fairgamestore.com](http://www.fairgamestore.com)

### **Warhammer Acadia on the Green**

947 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove

630-515-1428

<https://www.facebook.com/WarhammerAcadia/>

### **Warhammer**

4913 Route 59, Naperville

630-305-3180

<https://www.warhammer.com>

### **Wandering Dragon Game Shoppe**

15032 S Des Plaines St, Plainfield

815-267-6245

[wanderingdragon.com](http://wanderingdragon.com)