



Butch O'Hare

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"Wildcat Wisdom"

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

October 2025 Vol 10

September Meeting Recap and Other News

Many of us gathered back in our regular room in September for our meeting. We had a decent turnout with 28 attending.

Upcoming Events

John ran down a healthy list of upcoming events!

9/13 Midwest Scale Modelers IPMS Show, Ft. Atkinson WI
(Kevin will be attending)

Sept 27-28, WW2 Days at Midway Village Museum, Rockford
(John has attended and said it is very good.)

September 28, 2025, Dupage Model and Toy Show
(Paul will have 4 vendor tables so let's support him!)

October 4, 2025, [SAM Con](#), Durand IL

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
October 10, 2025
7:30 PM

Theme: NAVY:
Air, Land and Sea

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

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

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

I think I should stop predicting when it will open. I'll just stick with Soon™.

Lots of new products are still coming in, and I have run out of storage and garage space. The new Tamiya Prelude is here, I'll bring some to the meeting. Anything else that recently arrived should be accessible enough to bring, if you see anything you like. If it's something I had a few months ago though, or if it came in one of the big palletized shipments, I can't get to it until I unpack in the store.

Besides the Prelude, there's a new Arma P-36 that I have had for two weeks but you still can't get from Squadron or other retailers. I guess I'm special? There's a nice new Eduard P-40E ProfiPack, the UMA Harrier is here, a bunch of stuff is just waiting to be prominently displayed in my store window.

Speaking of windows, at least there's a shiny new coat of paint on the storefront. We're going with black and grey and white, basically the Death Star motif. The ceiling will be black too, it hides the cockroaches pretty well.

Keep checking scalemodelstash.com for updates. -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.

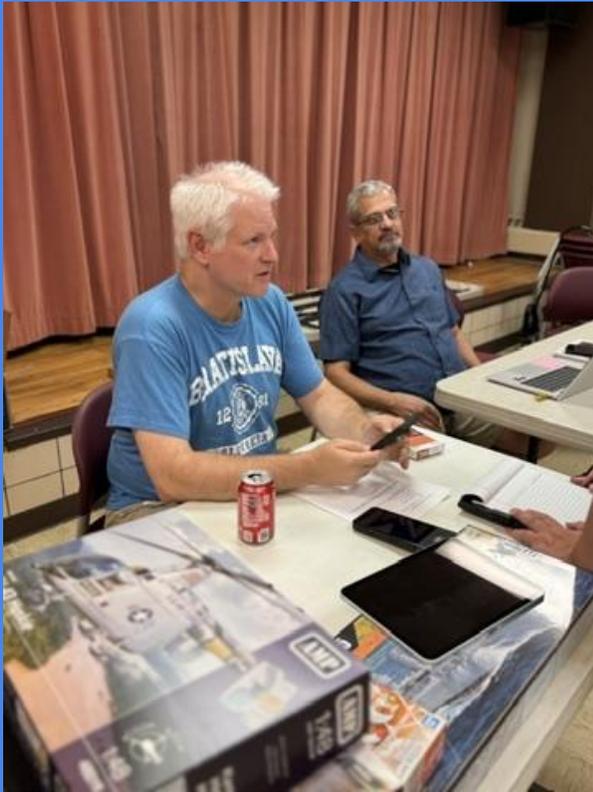
Swap Meet

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

Contact: Steve Day
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Meeting Photos



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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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September Show and Tell

Theme: From Your Favorite Movie			
Presenter:	Models Displayed:	Manufacturer	Scale
Bill Vinikour	Skull-Faced Spider Crabs	Lost Kingdom Miniatures	32mm
Kevin Shea	Herbie Land Rover Series III M10 Tank Destroyer Greased Lightning	Polar Lights Revell Tamiya Revell	1/25 1/24 1/35 1/25
Jason Lucas	Warhound Titan 40K Warhammer	Warhammer	32mm
Jim Zuhn	Hoth Empire Playset	AMT	?
Jim Pinc	P-47 Thunderbolt F4F Wildcat	Tamiya Hobby Boss	1/72 1/72
Al Pace	F80-C	Airfix	1/72
Adam Hills	P-40E Fagen Restoration	Hasegawa	1/48
Ron Goetz	Hurricane Mk IIc Jubilee P-40N Warhawk	Arma Hobby Eduard	1/48 1/48
Mike Knowski	PT-17 Stearman Me-410 Hs-129 IJN A2N1-2 Type 90 Roland C11 Hannover CL.IIIA SBD-3 Dauntless F4B-4 converted to a P- 12 Northrup P-56	Revell Airfix Tamiya/Italeri Fine Molds Airfix Airfix Flyhawk Monogram Special Hobby	1/48 1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72 1/72
Carl Knable	C-121G NC-121K EC-121K R7V-1	Revell Revell Revell MiniCraft	1/128 1/128 1/128 1/144

Bill Vinikour



Skull-Faced Spider Crabs

Kevin Shea



Herbie
Land Rover Series III
M10 Tank Destroyer
Greased Lightning



Jason Lucas



Warhound Titan 40K
Warhammer

Jim Zuhn



Hoth Empire Playset



Jim Pinc



P-47 Thunderbolt
F4F Wildcat



Al Pace



F-80C



Adam Hills



P-40E WARHAWK



Ron Goetz



Hurricane Mk IIc Jubilee
P-40N Warhawk

Carl Knable



C-121G
NC-121K
EC-121K
R7V-1



Mike Knowski



PT-17 Stearman
Me-410
Hs-129
IJN A2N1-2 Type 90
Roland C11
Hannover CL.IIIA
SBD-3 Dauntless
F4B-4 converted to a P-12
Northrup P-56



UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

October – November 2025

October 2025

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October 4, 2025, [3rd Great Lakes Challenge Model Contest](#) , Grand Rapids, MI

October 11, 2025, [Duneland Model Contest and Swap](#), Hobart, IN

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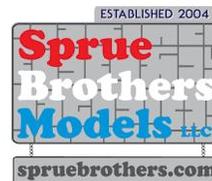
Put on your bell-bottoms and
grab your models! It's the:

Groovy Seventies

Saturday, November 15th, 2025

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

Proudly Sponsored By:



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**

CONTEST:

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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

Des Plaines Hobbies

1524 Lee Street, Des Plaines

847-297-2118

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. 94th 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

Warhammer Acadia on the Green

947 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove

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Warhammer

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