



# Butch O'Hare

IPMS / USA



## "Wildcat Wisdom"

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

September 2025 Vol 09

### August Meeting Recap and Other News

Many of us, including John Bishop gathered in an alternate room in August for our meeting. Reports came in from Nationals along with a new newsletter format were highlights.

### Nationals 2025 Hampton Roads VA

John Novak opened the August meeting with a recap of his visit to NATS 2025. John, Johnny and Hector flew to the event, while Oliver and his mom made the trip in the family truxter. John described his valuable relationships built in the vendor room that will benefit his business. He shored up relationships with vendors like Squadron, Scale Colors, Volks, Spray Gunner, MCW to name a few. He had the joy of helping them set up when he arrived and then help vendors like Squadron pack up on Saturday, which opened many model purchase opportunities to him, like the show-exclusive B26's and P47's. John's time spent with Brandon, Jeff and the Squadron team has raised the visibility of BOH in the eyes of Squadron, the biggest retailer in the USA.

While at Squadron, the BOH team was able to see new offerings like Scale Colors paints, 3D printed offerings from Jeff such as AA guns, tank tread rollers etc, and also new high-end ship models from China like the Arizona and others to follow.

On the model floor there was an impressive 1/100 scale USS United States. The builder of this model won Best in Show and Best Ship for his USS Arizona. His name was Eugene Berger and his Best Ship award was sponsored by BOH club!!

One of the highlights of the week was our own Oliver James took home two second place awards for his entries (see Show N Tell section).

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### Important Stuff:

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

Theme:  
From Your  
Favorite Movie

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.

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/>

## 2025 IPMS National Convention

The 2025 IPMS National Convention was held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton Roads, VA. The convention was hosted by IPMS-Tidewater and was held between August 6 thru 10. This was the fifth time they have hosted the nationals with the last time being in 2014. Not only did they host the event but also sponsored a charitable event for the Tunnels 2 Towers charity. This organization assists first responders and their families who have fallen on hard times due to injury and/or loss.

The event was held on Thursday night at the Virginia Air and Space Museum. John Novak and I both attended and if you've never enjoyed your dinner while sitting under a retired F-18 Hornet, well you're missing out. I will give you a more detailed description of this museum in my next article.

As expected, the vendor room was overwhelming, with over 61,000 square feet of space and just about all the heavy hitters in the hobby in attendance – Eduard, Zoukei-Moura, Squadron, MIG, Spray Gunner, Sprue Brothers just to name a few.

The convention hosts also brought back the “Make-N-Take” program as well as the Tiger Meet which was introduced last year at Madison. For those who are unaware of this program, it allows modelers to showcase their models without the pressure of competition. It is perfect for clubs and special interest groups.



Best Ship, Sponsored by IPMS Butch O'Hare, went on to win Best in Show.

The contest area consisted of 41,000 square feet and some of the models on the tables were simply breathtaking.

As you may or may not know, The Butch O'Hare Model Club sponsored the Best Ship award and as luck or destiny would have it, the winner also came away with the Best in Show award as well. Our very own Oliver came away with not one but two Second Place awards for his models. Great job Oliver!!!

So now we are off to Fort Wayne, Indiana for Nats 2026. This convention is hosted by all of the Region 4 IPMS clubs. Hope to see you all there!

- Hector

P.S. Club funds were totally “NOT” used for the rental car. I did convince John that it was a write-off though. LOL! Wait ‘til tax time, sucker!



# Scale Model Stash Corner

Well, I had hoped to be open by the September meeting, or at least setting up shelves and counters in a finished space, but it's not ready yet. The drywall is done and primed, so it's really starting to take shape, but it still needs a floor and a ceiling and some paint. Soon™.



Meanwhile, the products keep piling up. I placed a lot of orders in preparation for stocking the shelves, and to be able to get the first wave of new kits that quickly sell out. Many of those have arrived, as shown on my website, and some are imminent. The next batch will include 6 new Revell kits, the new Tamiya Prelude, a bunch of Gundam, Lord Clive, UMa Harrier, Pocher Pagani Utopia... Some were teased in the last Stash Adds update, I will send a new one once they come in.

Keep checking [scalemodelstash.com](http://scalemodelstash.com) for updates, I try to put interesting stuff in the New Arrivals section but it doesn't all fit. You can always search, filter by categories, sort by newest arrivals, all the usual website options that I would hope you all know how to use. Anything on the website is either in stock, or if it says Out of Stock it's being processed, shipped, ordered, or planned to order. There are hundreds of items hidden from the website that aren't currently in a cart or on a boat, but I will eventually carry. Those that you can see are already coming. -Stashmaster John

## GTR

On August 3rd, 2025, NNL Summer GTR show was held in Cary IL. Nick attended the show and got some nice bargains from the vendors that were assembled in the parking lot. As usual, he went all-in for the raffle and brought home a pretty good haul. He did not enter any models this year but viewed a nice collection of auto models. This show is put on by a very small club of about 3 or 4 gents who do a fine job.

## Newsletter Improvement

Hope you all like the new newsletter format. Multiple members worked together to make it happen.

## Photo Directory

Starting next meeting, we will begin taking pictures of members for the BOH photo directory.

## BOH Contest in November needs volunteers!!

## 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



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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

## 2025 Butch O'Hare Club Officers

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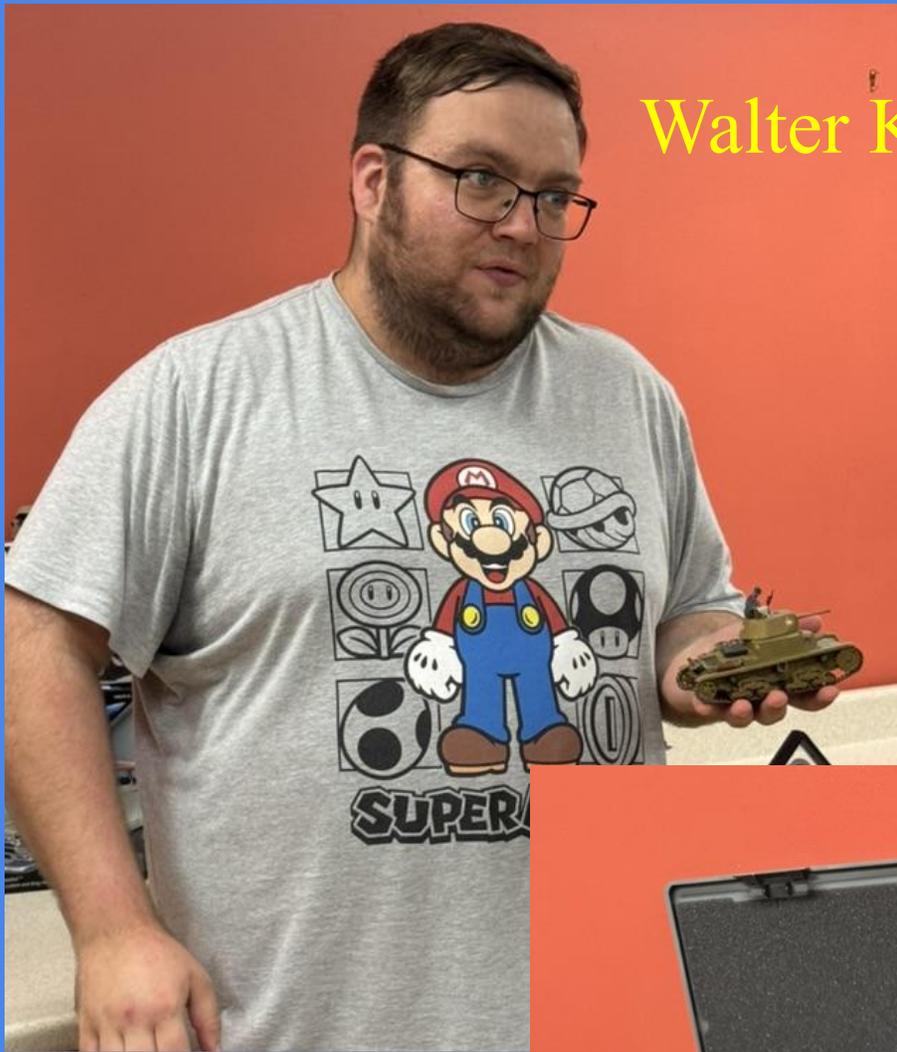
# Mike Ferguson



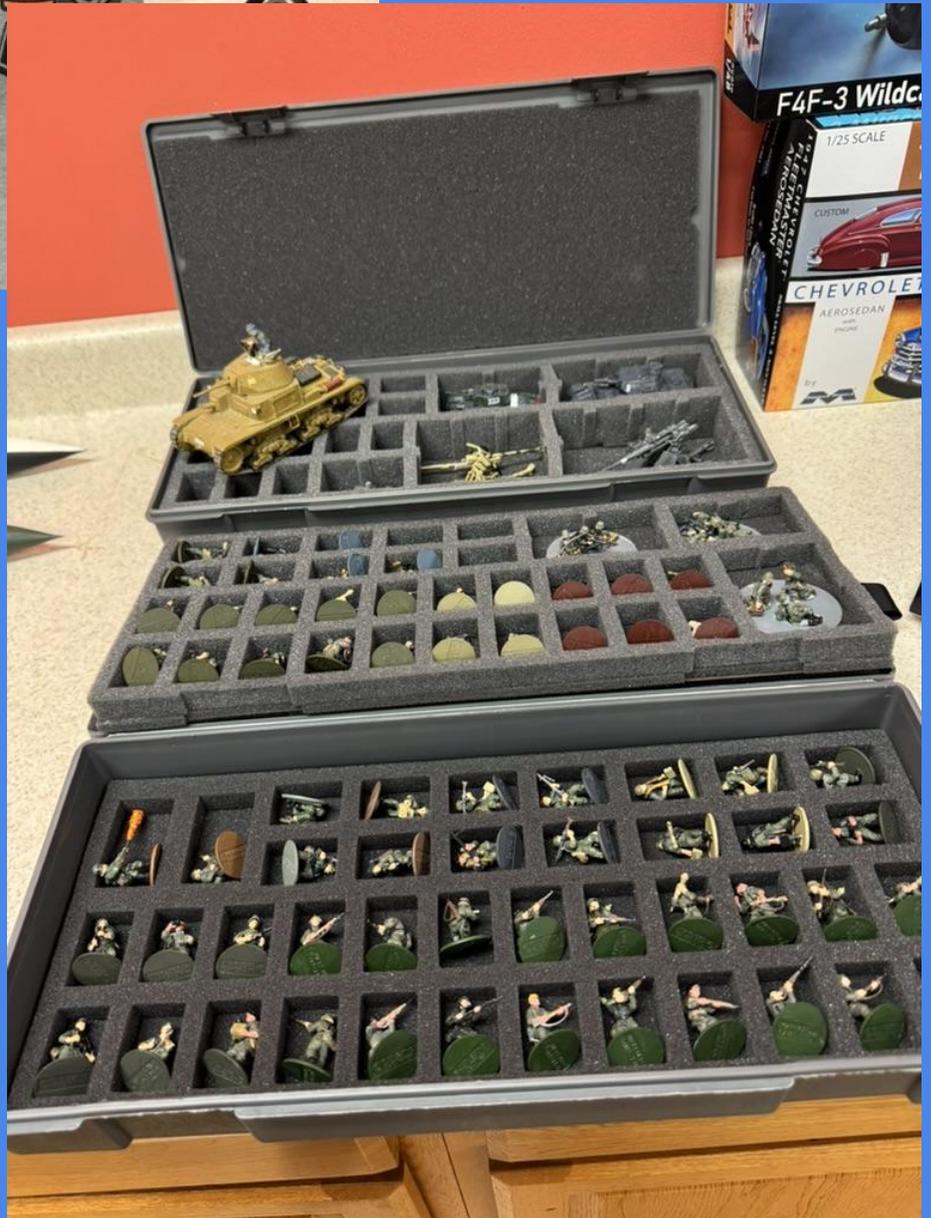
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- 1965 Chevrolet El Camino
- 1966 Chevrolet El Camino



Walter Kloepfer



Warlord Games Bolt Action  
Minis  
M13/40 Medium Tank



Kevin Shea



Messerschmitt BF109 E-3



Jim Pinc



1947 Chevrolet  
F4F-3 Wildcat

# Art Krull

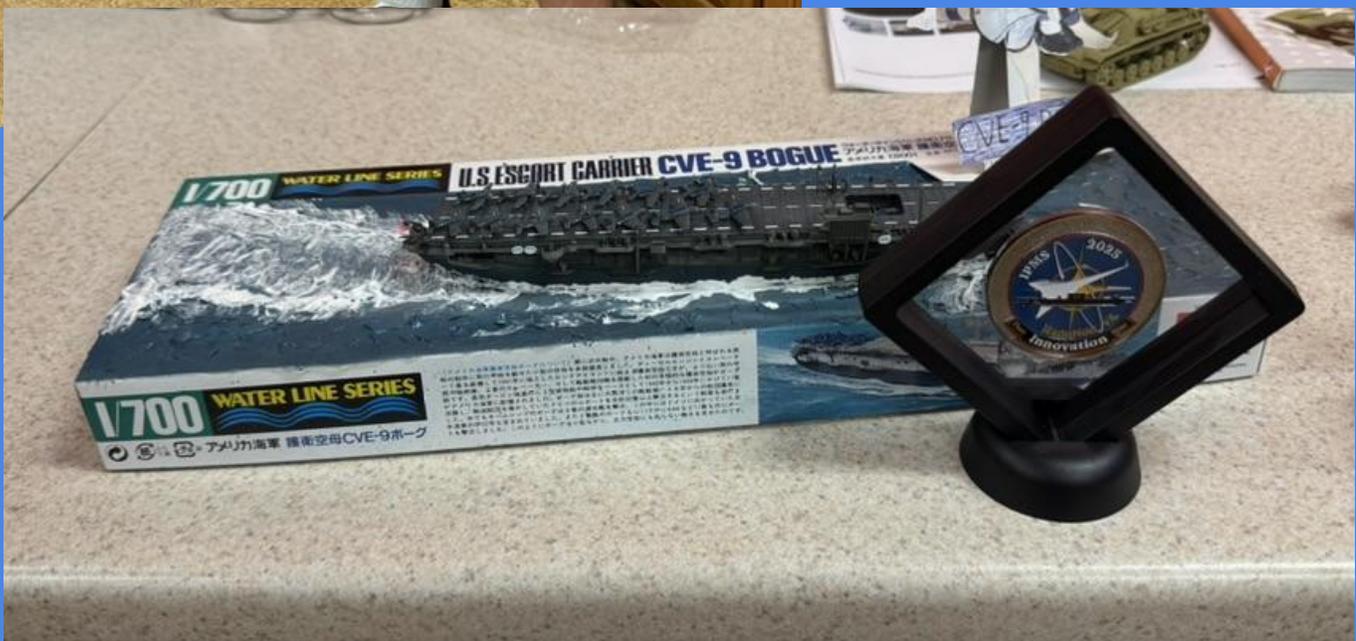


Panzer II Ausf C  
HMS Invincible

# Oliver James



F4 Wildcat  
CVE-9 Bogue



# Nick Digrindakis



Stug III G after March - 1943  
Getting Started In Scale Modeling  
(Book Review)



# UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

September – November 2025

## September 2025

September 13, 2025, [Midwest Scale Madness #5](#), Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

September 27, 2025, [NordicCon](#), Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota

September 27-28, 2025, WW2 Days at Midway Village Museum, Rockford, IL

September 28, 2025, Dupage Model and Toy Show, Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL

## 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 2025

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

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



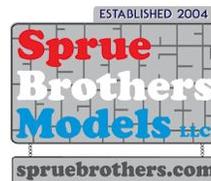
Put on your bell-bottoms and  
grab your models! It's the:

## 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)**

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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

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<https://www.warhammer.com>

### **Wandering Dragon Game Shoppe**

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