



Butch O'Hare

IPMS / USA



"Wildcat Wisdom"

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

February 2026 Vol 2

January Recap and Other News

Many of us did gather in January for our meeting since this was the first meeting of the year. John kicked off the meeting with a lengthy update on his new model shop which is quickly getting to the point of opening. He described how some shelves have already gone up and more are on order. A big challenge has been what to order. Other shop owners have described inventories of hundreds of thousands of items. John is learning this very fast . some neighboring shops are closing while John's shop will be opening. America's Best and Berwyn Hobbies are planned for retirement. Learn more about John's shop in the "Scale Model Stash Corner"

The club then brainstormed some themes for show n tell. Some clever themes thrown out were: Midway, Racing/Speed, "My First Model", "My Oldest Model", "Shelf Queens in Trouble", Phantoms, Italian Aircraft, Something Green, Kit Bashing, "Cars from Movies", July 250th Anniversary.

Upcoming Shows

Mark Greg reminded the club of 13th show at his church. Scouts get in free but all vendor tables are sold out for this year so get your name in for next year!

Other shows coming up include the DuPage Toy show on Feb 22, Mad City on March 7 and Roscoe Turner on April 4 (Holy Saturday) .

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Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting:
St. Paul's Church
February 13, 2026
7:30 PM

Theme: Red like
Valentines Day

John is seeking to obtain Regional status for our show next year. If that is secured we will rent the large building at the fairgrounds. This will provide much more room and will provide improved lighting. Vendor solicitation will become more important with the larger space and we plan to reach out to other clubs and to other regions for vendor lists.

The USS Constitution by Bob Fryszak

The Butch O'Hare Model Club is very proud to have a fine ship model heading to Nationals built by Bob with incredible workmanship. He has been working on this kit for over 6 years if I am not mistaken. Here are a few photos for your viewing pleasure!



Port side view as of 1/31/26



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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/>

Meeting Photos



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>

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Scale Model Stash Corner

That's the last gondola shelving in place to the right, to prop up the paint racks and provide more shelf space. Store counter is also done.



Displays for smaller items, impulse buys, stuff to draw in the normies. Crusty old models are in the dark area down the center so the locals can't see what you guys look like.

You can see some of the other items I'll carry, like LEGO and puzzles and random Japanese merch. Gotta pay the bills.

I'm committing to Saturday, Feb. 14th as my official squishy opening day. I won't be ready, not even close, but I'm open anyway. Come get your fix!

-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! [Join IPMS USA](#)

[IPMS USA Membership 2026 Application.pdf](#)



Meeting Date:	Show-and-Tell Theme:
1/09/26	What I Got for Christmas !
2/13/26	Anything RED
3/13/26	Made for Cold/Ice/Snow
4/10/26	Mechs, Robots, Cyborgs...
5/08/26	My Oldest (Surviving) Model
6/12/26	Midway
7/10/26	USA! USA! USA!
8/14/26	Kitbashing
9/11/26	High-Speed Hijinks
10/09/26	Movies & TV
11/14/26	BOH Show & Contest
12/11/26	Party Time

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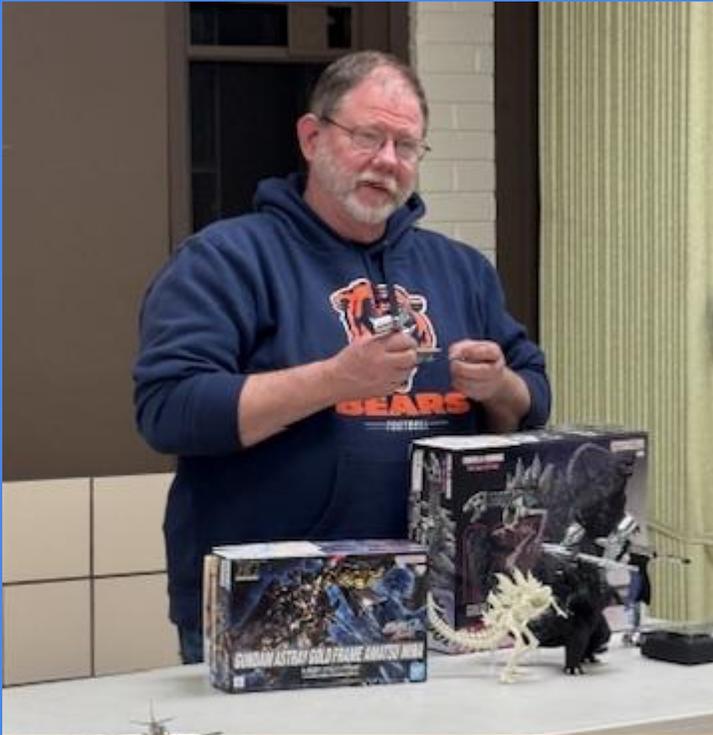
January Show and Tell

Theme: What I Got For Christmas			
Presenter:	Models Displayed:	Manufacturer	Scale
Nick Digrindakis	Gundam HG Requiem for Vengeance Hobby Japan Magazines	Bandai Hobby Japan	1/144 N/A
Kevin Shea	Godzilla	Bandai	?
Walter Kloepfer	USS Minneapolis Mini 4WD Cut Racer Unkosol Days Idol Unchi Fairey Swordfish Mk. 1 De Havilland Mosquito PR.XVI	Trumpeter Tamiya Bandai Airfix Airfix	1/700 ? ? 1/72 1/72
Oliver James	Mutsuki Kaga (BB) Ryujo Kuma Kate B5N2 "A1-301" Shimakaze "KanColle"	Hasegawa Scratch Aoshima Tamiya Hasegawa Aoshima/Tamiya	1/700 ? 1/700 1/700 1/72 1/700
Jim Pinc	1929 Model A Ford	Revell	1/25
Jim Zune	Yoda Yoda 1988 Dodge Daytona Shelby Charger Turbo N-1 Starfighter Razor Crest - Mandalorian	Bandai Bandai MPC Micro Galaxy Bandai	$\frac{1}{6}$ 1/12 1/25 ? 1/72
Scott Schuster	A-Wing Starfighter	Bandai	1/72
Bill Vinikour	Dead Animal Bits	Wargames Atlantic	28mm
Tim Peters	3D Printed Long Bow		
Bob Fryszak	USS Constitution Spanker Sail	Scratch (Revell)	1/96
Ihor Hlohowskyj	Mitsubishi T-2	Hasegawa	1/72

Nick Digrindakis



Kevin Shea



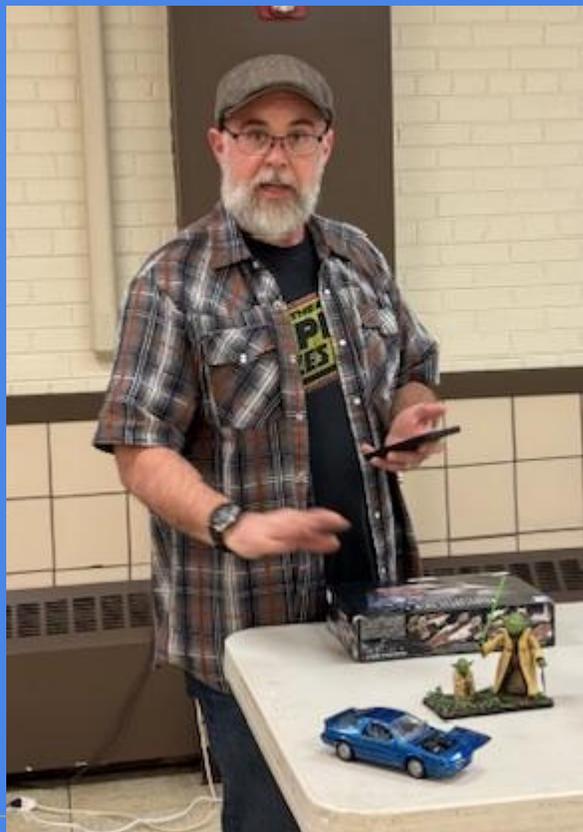
Walter Kloefer



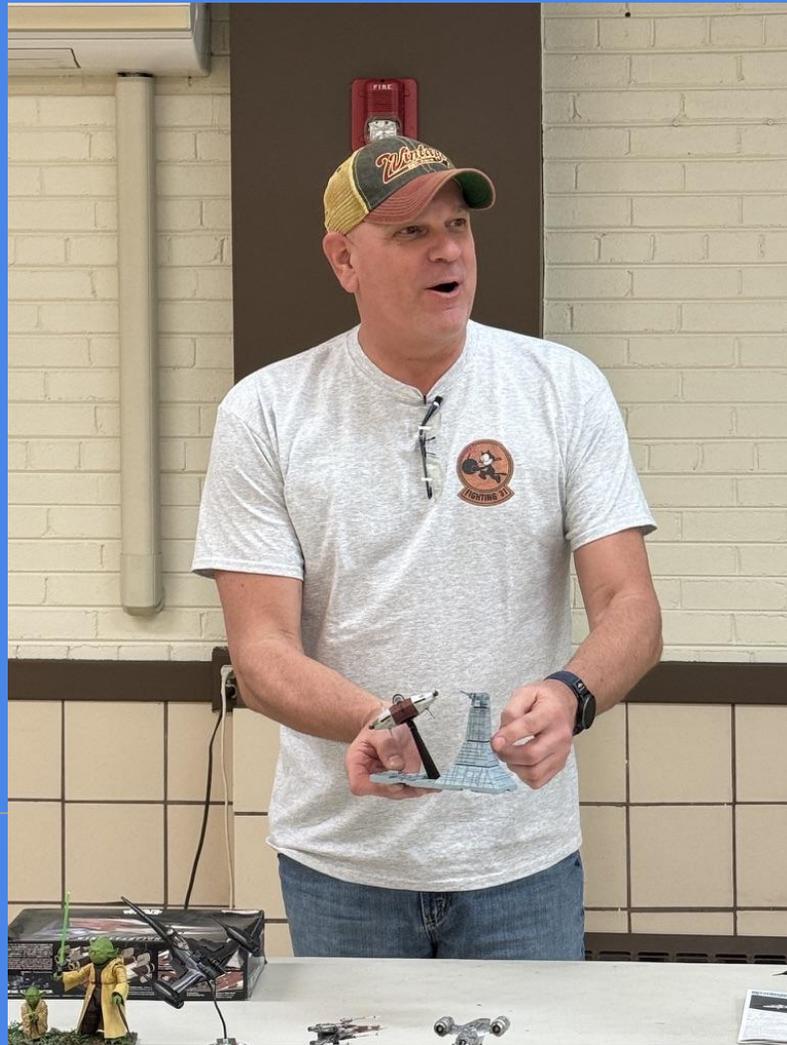
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Jim Zune



Scott Schuster



Bill Vinikour



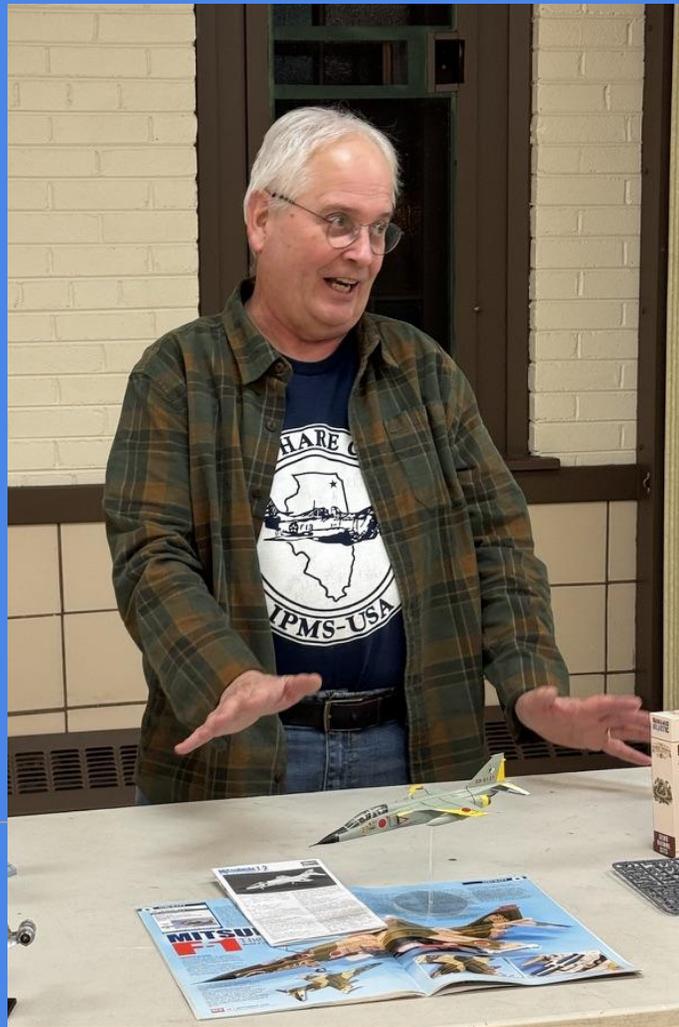
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Bob Frysztak



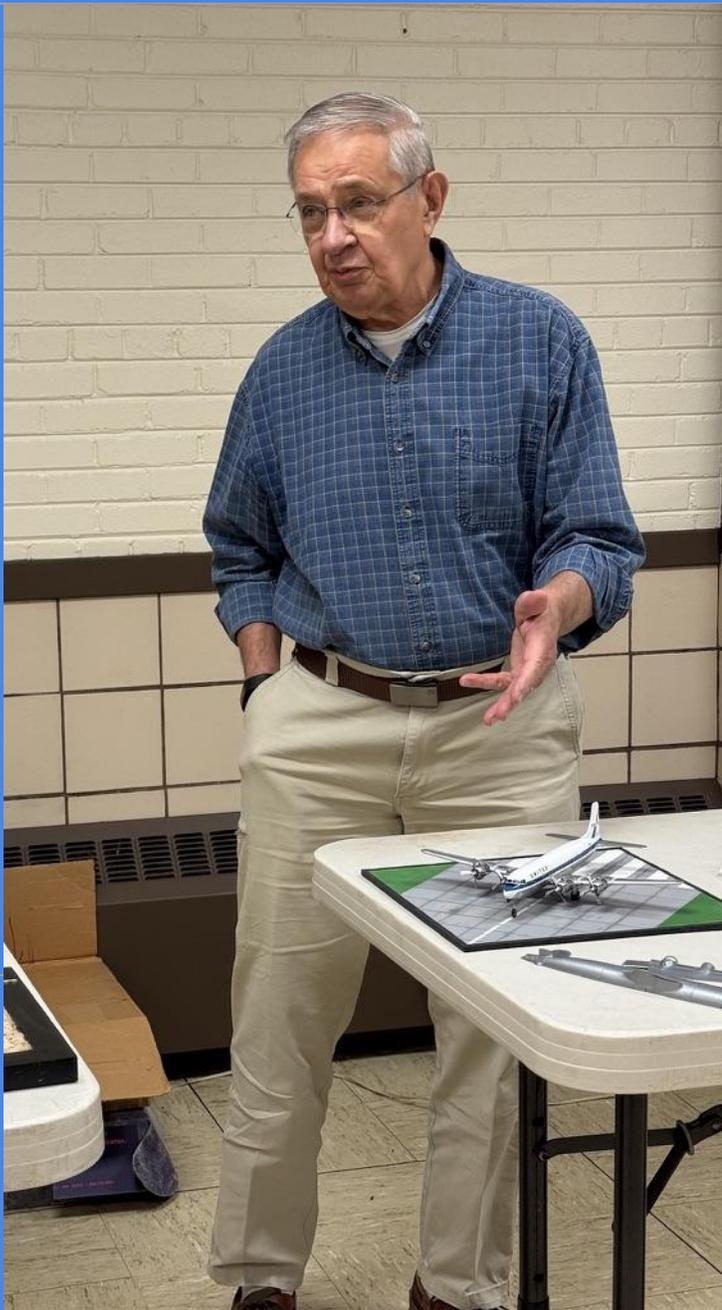
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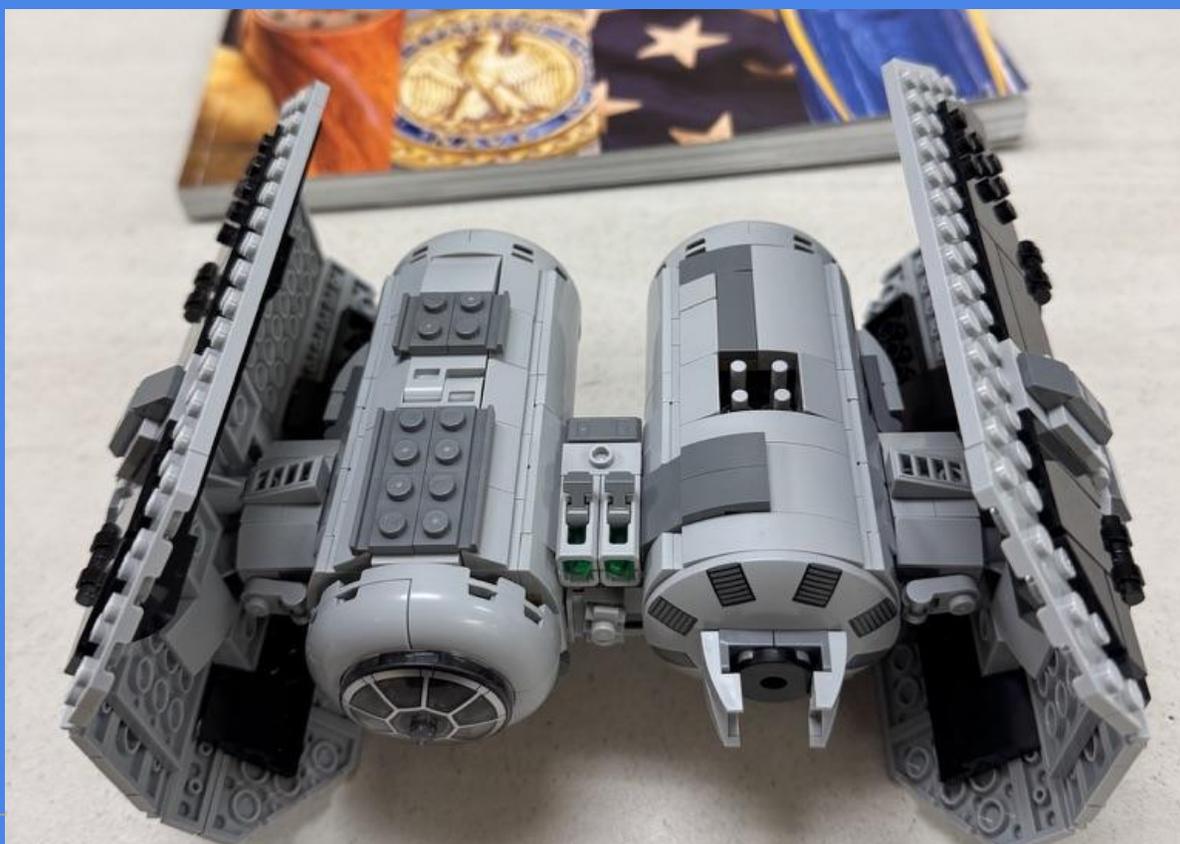
Art Krull



Carl Knable



John Kauffman



Mark Greg



Harrison Nowakowski



UPCOMING MODELING EVENTS

February 2026 - June 2026

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

Support Our Local Hobby Shops

—> **NOW OPEN! (Probably)** <—

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

630-515-1428

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

Warhammer

4913 Route 59, Naperville

630-305-3180

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Wandering Dragon Game Shoppe

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wanderingdragon.com

Oakridge Hobbies, Toys & Gifts

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630-435-5900

<https://www.oakridgestores.com>