



# Butch O'Hare

IPMS / USA



## "Wildcat Wisdom"

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

January 2026 Vol 1

### December Recap and Other News

Many of us did gather in December for our meeting since this was the month of our holiday party! John kicked off the meeting with annual officer elections. All existing officers were re-elected to their current positions. Nick asked the group if there was anyone interested in learning the role of the newsletter editor to act as a backup and to share the workload during busy times (like November when our annual show is taking place). Walter stepped forward to help out. Thanks Walter!!

John then proceeded to describe an individual who has only been with the club for a few years but works very hard for the club while also works hard at driving him crazy with all the club issues he wants to fix or address. John announced officer Nick Digrindakis (yours truly) as member of the year. The club voted to allow this since officers are normally exempt from this honor. A \$100 prize to Scale Model Stash went along with this award. Hector mentioned that the award will be in the form of an invoice since Nick is carrying a larger balance with John, lol. Nick addressed the club, stating there have been many times throughout the year when his stress level has boiled over. John, Hector and his family kept telling him, "Its just a bunch of old guys in a club, making models and having fun. So chill out". You know they are right!

We then covered feedback from our annual show. We did not have food at the show and some people who left for lunch did not return. This was a complaint of some of our vendors. We will make a point of having food at the show next year.

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### Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting:  
St. Paul's Church  
January 9, 2026  
7:30 PM

Theme: What I  
Got For Christmas

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.

Hector provided the treasurer's report for the show, we had 310 entries and the show was very profitable, without sharing numbers. Omer went over judging along with a complaint about touching a model, scoring, and how smoothly the results were processed. Ihor complained about the Judges raffle (I guess we will not give him a ticket next year). Omer asked the club to think about putting medals on the entry form next year???? The initial reaction was no.

John then gave a brief update on his shop.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **January Swap Meets**

January 17th, 9AM - 3PM, Planes, Trains, and Automobiles show at St. John Lutheran Church located at 7214 Cass Ave in Darien, IL. Mark E. Greg contact

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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



"I hope they aren't from Hobby Lobby!"



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](mailto:bohmcnewsletter@gmail.com)

Club Store:

<https://butchohare.qbstores.com>

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# Scale Model Stash Corner

First row of shelving is now full, and somewhat organized. At least it started out organized, but at some point I was just putting kits where they fit so I could empty a box.



Changed the window display a bit. Now there are actual shelves to place window items on. Still need a real sign.

Starting to visualize where the remaining shelving will go, using boxes as proxies. Once it arrives next week, there will be over 200 linear feet of shelf space for models and paints and stuff. And plenty of aisle space in between, because 3 feet of aisle isn't wide enough for two modelers to squeeze past each other. Fully ADA compliant too.



-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:
1/09/26	What I Got for Christmas !
2/13/26	TBD
3/13/26	TBD
4/10/26	TBD
5/08/26	TBD
6/12/26	TBD
7/10/26	TBD
8/14/26	TBD
9/11/26	TBD
10/09/26	TBD
11/14/26	BOH Show & Contest
12/11/26	TBD

## 2025 Butch O'Hare Club Officers

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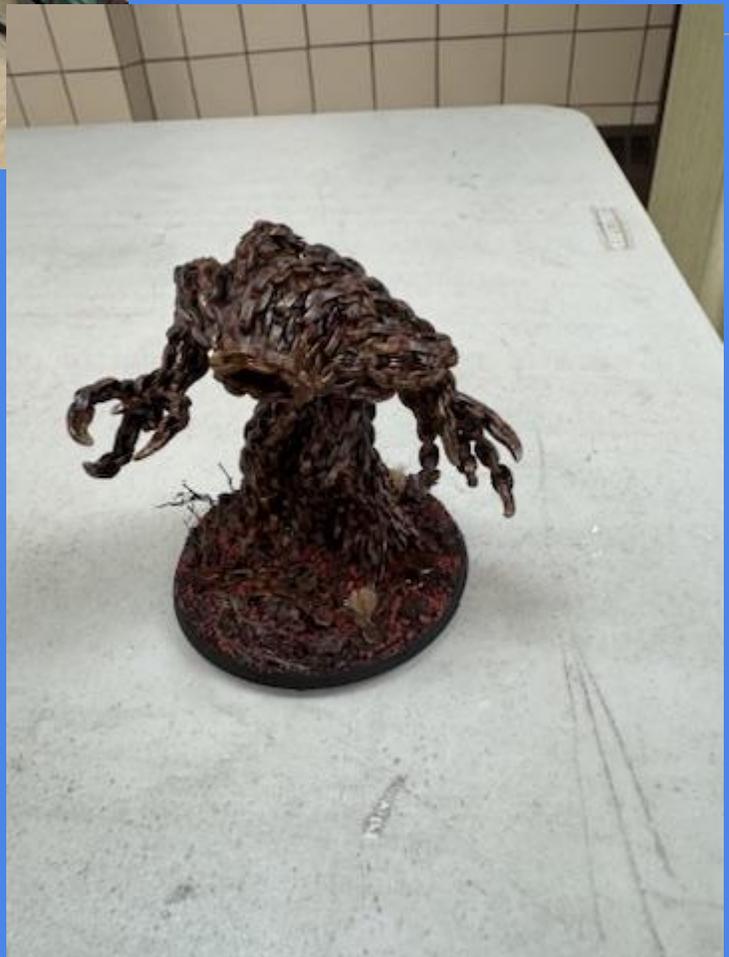
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# December Show and Tell

Theme: From Your Favorite Movie			
Presenter:	Models Displayed:	Manufacturer	Scale
Bill Vinikour	Chain Golem	Paint Your Monsters	32mm
Dick Beemer	Chinese Ming Armor	Metal Earth	?
Waler Kloepfer	Red Army Matilda Mk. III/IV	Tamiya	1/35
Oliver James	Kaga (Azur Lane) Kaga (BB) Ryujo Mutso	Bulkamancer Scratch Aoshima Aoshima	1/8 ? 1/700 1/700
Jim Pinc	B-17 B-17 Tanks	Revell Mini Craft ?	1/72 1/144 1/72
Mike Knowski	F4F-3 Wildcat P-47M Thunderbolt SE-5A Gotha G.V. Caproni Ca.3	Eduard Tamiya Eduard Rodan Meikraft	1/48 1/48 1/48 1/72 1/72
Scott Schuster	M41 Bulldog Bf109 G6	Tamiya Airfix	1/35 1/72

# Bill Vinikour



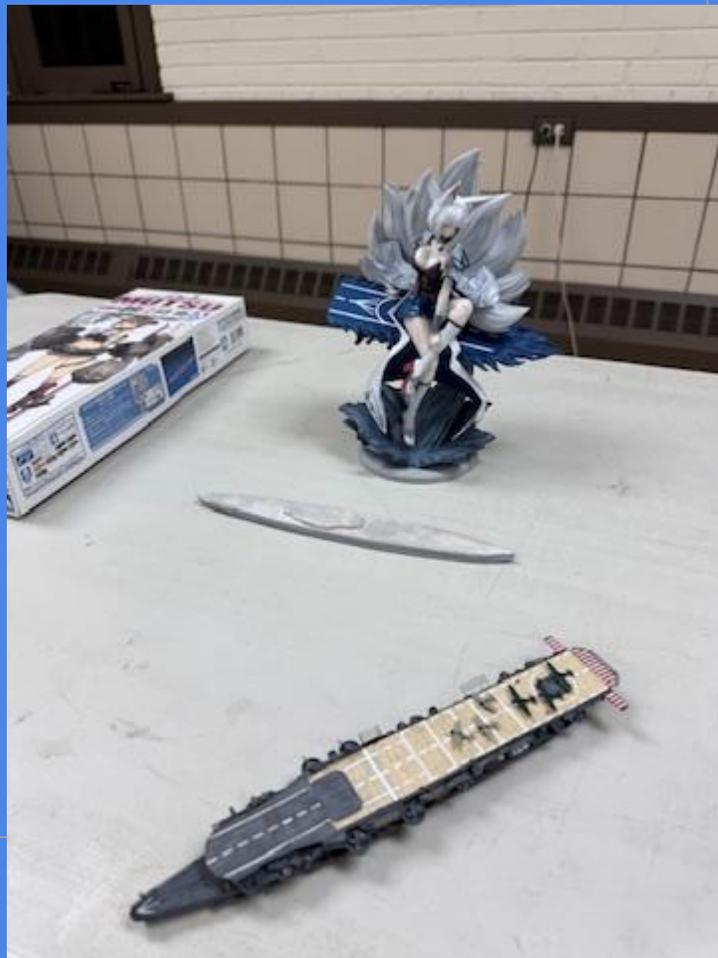
# Dick Beemer



# Walter Kloefer



# Oliver James



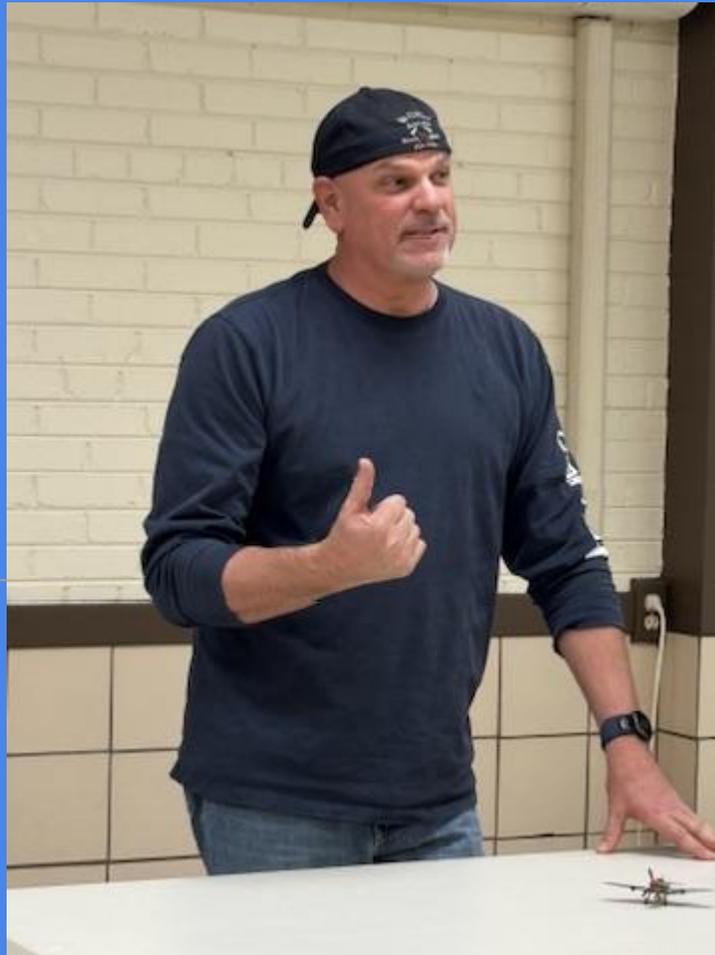
# Jim Pinc



# Mike Knowski



# Scott Schuster



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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

## 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)