



Long Island Scale Modelers Society

April 2025 Newsletter

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From the Driver's Seat - Jim Boulukos



The April meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2025, in meeting room A starting at 7:30 pm.

Well, RepLIcon 32 is now behind us and it's time for all to relax. I believe we had a successful show based on the numbers. We had 330 models entered by 82 modelers into RepLIcon 32, plus an additional 40 models on display only at the Freeport Recreational Center. I just want to thank all the club members for their participation, which made the show an exceptional event. Also, congratulations to all our members who won an award along with Rich Marotta, who won best of show with his M4 (105mm)

At our April 21st meeting we'll discuss the show and some changes in two categories and theme awards. After we'll discuss hosting either another RepLIcon or hosting another Noreastcon show for next year. There are pros and cons for either show, which should be discussed before we go forward and vote on it. Either one would end up being a one-day event at the Freeport Recreational Center.

As discussed previously the April meeting, we should try to complete and bring in "Your Shelf of Doom" model for the back tables. I know we all have models in this category, and we all have varied reasons why kit's been lingering, which would be interesting to hear from the club members at this meeting. In my case it's the Revell Ford GT 2019 Le Mans Racecar in a black livery. The reason this was on the shelf of doom is that the rear end of the car sat up way too high. After consulting with a car modeling friend, Vince Lobosco, that has built these cars previously, he gave me a tip on cutting the frame down around 3mm to lower the stance and make it look presentable.

Belonging to a club and having friends that build models is a good opportunity to collaborate and share ideas and tips which ultimately make us all better modelers. It's the beauty of going by being a member of a club like ours. Plus, going to the various contests that are held around in the country.

I found that that at shows people more than willing to share their ideas and techniques freely with others to advance our hobby. In all the years that I've been going to model shows, I only encountered one nameless individual who would not share his techniques with me or anyone else since he was afraid of competition later from other modelers. He was one of those trophy hounds.

Another new area that I found myself spending more time in is the YouTube videos. They cover the gamut from aircraft, armor, ships, cars, figure painting, 3D printing, building dioramas, weathering, working with PE parts, airbrushing, and painting et cetera. As much as you've been in the hobby and you think you know everything, you learn a lot from watching these videos. The only negative is that you find yourself watching more videos than spending time on the bench building.

We have a few members that are dealing with some medical conditions at this moment and our thoughts and wishes for a speedy recovery are with them. Look forward to

along with the E board seeing everyone at the April 21st meeting at the Levittown Public Library in meeting room A.

As always, if anyone else wants to step up to the plate and do a presentation, that will be appreciated by the E-board and our club members. The club's only as good as the members' active participation and what they provide for others.

As always bring in any work in progress or completed models for the back tables to show off during this "Show N Tell" segment.

Best Regards

Jim Boulukos

LISMS Club President

Our model hobby and tariffs impact begins

In a press release on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region said its postal service Hongkong Post will stop accepting packages transported by land and sea with immediate effect and stop taking airborne packages to USA starting on April 27, 2025.

The U.S. government previously announced it would eliminate a "de minimis" exemption that allowed small-value parcels from Hong Kong to enter the country tax-free. Starting May 2, these shipments will face a 120 percent tariff. The "de minimis" exemption currently allows shipments that are worth less than \$800 to go tax-free.

Mail only containing documents will not be impacted, the release said.

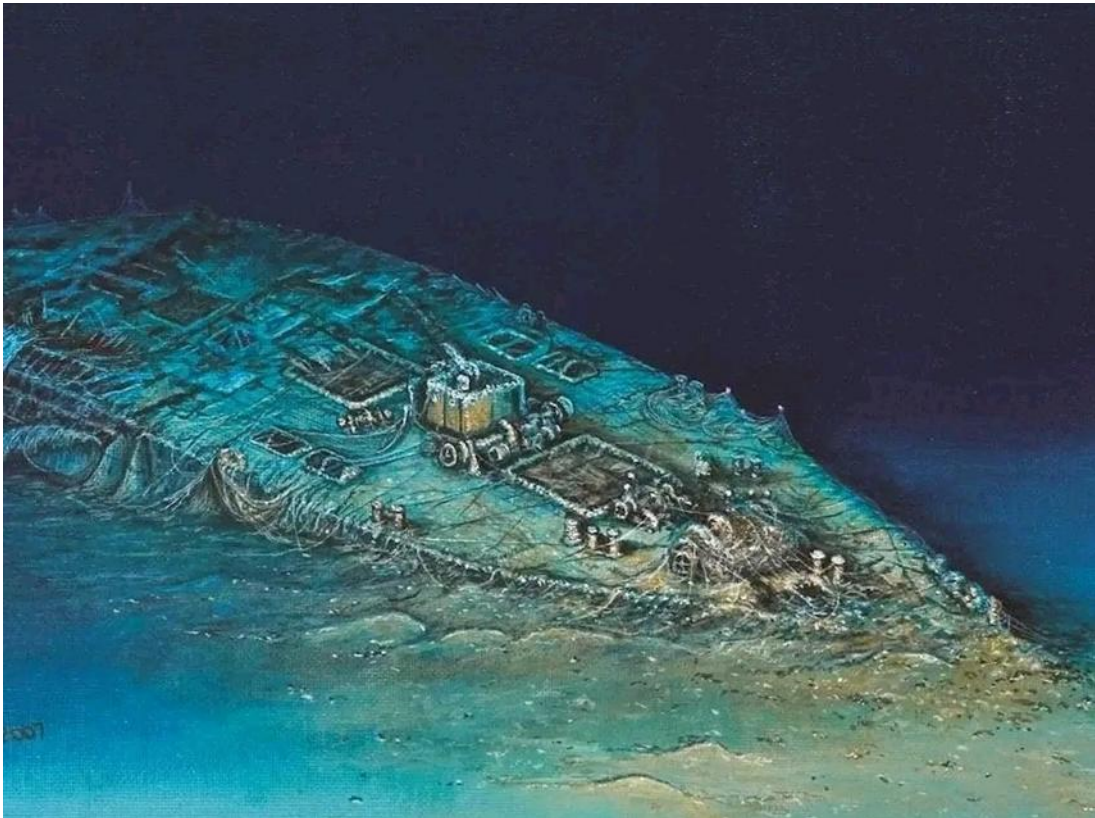
This will impact buying from companies like Zoom on Models and Hobby Easy to name a few.

Hobby Link Japan send an e-mail on Friday, April 18th that it is making modifications on shipping methods on models and other products to the USA after this Monday, April 21st. Due to recent changes in international shipping regulations for the United States including the recently announced tariffs, we will temporarily stop offering several shipping methods to the US. This includes services from FedEx, DHL, and some Japan Post options (Surface and Airmail), as well as our HLJ Quick Pack and HLJ Small Pack services. Only EMS shipping will remain available for shipments to the US.

The recent tariff-based changes to US shipping are causing a number of problems for international retail but given the current uncertainty regarding tariff amounts per region

and how they will be applied by various shipping companies, there is a large potential for unnecessary additional expenses to the customer, so we have decided to temporarily suspend these options.

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The RMS Carpathia, renowned for rescuing Titanic survivors in 1912, met her own tragic end during World War I. On July 17, 1918, while enroute from Liverpool to Boston, she was struck by three torpedoes from the German U-boat U-55 off the southern coast of Ireland. The attack led to her sinking within approximately two and a half hours, resulting in the loss of five crew members; the remaining passengers and crew were rescued by HMS Snowdrop.

In 2000, the wreck of the Carpathia was discovered by Clive Cussler's National Underwater and Marine Agency (NUMA) at a depth of about 500 feet (150 meters), approximately 120 miles west of Fastnet, Ireland. The ship rests upright on the seabed,

with the bow buried in the ocean floor and the stern relatively intact, including visible propellers and rudder. Over the years, the wreck has become encrusted with marine growth and is draped in fishing nets, with the superstructure collapsing and hull plating deteriorating in areas. Due to its depth and remote location, the site has been visited infrequently, primarily by technical divers and remotely operated vehicles. Ownership of the wreck has changed hands, with Premier Exhibitions Inc. acquiring it in 2001, and plans for artifact recovery have been discussed but remain limited.



Kotare are pleased to announce that our 2nd non-Spitfire release is...

K32015 Kotare 1/32 Hurricane Mk.I (Early) (in development for release late 2025/2026)

All new tooling. Optional parts include: 2 & 3 blade propellers, 3 styles of exhaust manifold, 2 styles of undercarriage doors, unarmored and armored windscreens, ring & bead and reflector gunsights, pilot's seat with & without safety harness detail & armor plating, 2 styles of wing join fairings, short and tall rudders and tailwheel fairings.

Decal options will include a very early production pre-war aircraft, an aircraft from the Battle of France 1940, and an aircraft from the Battle of Britain.

This early production Hurricane model has been developed using the most up to date reference material available to us. We are always looking for more information and publishable reference photos, so if you think you can help make our model even better, please do not hesitate to get in touch at www.kotare-models.com

End of an era': Last surviving Battle of Britain pilot dies who flew Hurricanes



The last surviving Battle of Britain pilot, John "Paddy" Hemingway, has died at the age of 105.

Mr. Hemingway, who was originally from Dublin, joined the Royal Air Force (RAF) as a teenager before World War Two.

At 21, he was a fighter pilot in the Battle of Britain, a three-month period when air force personnel defended the skies against a large-scale assault by the German air force, the Luftwaffe.

Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer paid tribute to Mr. Hemingway, saying his courage and those of all RAF pilots had "helped end WWII and secure our freedom".

The Prince of Wales also paid tribute, saying that "we owe so much to Paddy and his generation for our freedoms today".

Prince William added that "their bravery and sacrifice will always be remembered".

The Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland Emma Little-Pengelly described Mr. Hemingway as "an absolute hero".

Speaking in the Northern Ireland Assembly she said: "My goodness when you read his obituary, the things that he experienced." She added that the sacrifices of Mr. Hemingway's generation were "absolutely incredible".

Those who fought in the three-and-a-half-month battle came to be known as "The Few" after a speech by the then Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill.

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," he said of their sacrifices in battle.

In a statement, the RAF said that Mr. Hemingway had "passed away peacefully" on Monday.



The pilot's squadron shot down 90 enemy aircraft during an 11-day period in May 1940, and provided fighter cover during the Battle of France.

During the war, Gp. Capt. Hemingway was shot down four times.

During dogfights – or one-on-one aerial combats - in August 1940, Mr. Hemingway was forced to bail out of his Hurricane single-seat fighter on two occasions, landing in the sea off the coast of Essex and in marshland.

The wreckage of his Hurricane was recovered in 2019 with the control column and the gun-button still set to "fire".

In July 1941, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross - awarded to RAF personnel for an act or acts of valor, courage or devotion to duty while flying on active operations.

On the way to receive his medal from the King, he was forced to escape from a Blenheim aircraft, which crashed during take-off.

While serving with the 85 Squadron in RAF Hunsdon, Hertfordshire, Mr. Hemingway was forced to bail out of his Havoc night fighter at 600ft (183m) due to instrument failure in bad weather.

He broke his hand on the tail section and his parachute failed to open, with the chute catching on the branches of a tree.

He was forced to bail out a fourth time while fighting near Ravenna, Italy, when his Spitfire was hit multiple times. He landed in enemy territory, and made contact with Italian citizens, who helped him back to the Allies.

Speaking to BBC News NI in 2023, Gp Capt. Hemingway said he had never looked for fame for being part of "The Few".

"I don't think we ever assumed greatness of any form," he said.

"We were just fighting a war which we were trained to fight."

Mr. Hemingway said that his biggest regret was the loss of friends, in particular that of Richard "Dickie" Lee in August 1940.

The RAF said that Mr. Hemingway's passing marked "the end of an era and a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by those who fought for freedom during World War II".

"His courage in the face of overwhelming odds demonstrated his sense of duty and the importance of British resilience."

Mr. Hemingway "always had a twinkle in his eyes as he recalled the fun times with colleagues in France and London", the statement said. "This quiet, composed, thoughtful and mischievous individual may not have wanted to be the last of 'The Few', but he embodied the spirit of all those who flew sorties over this green and pleasant land," it added.

Chief of RAF Air Staff, Sir Rich Knighton said he had spent time with Mr. Hemingway in Dublin earlier this year.

"Paddy was an amazing character whose life story embodies all that was and remains great about the Royal Air Force."



Teams running in IMSA endurance races often add additional lights to their cars so they can more easily identify them while running at night. It's pretty easy to tell when one of the Ford Multimatic Motorsports Mustangs goes by...

Photo by John Musolino (former LISMS member) at Sebring International Raceway.

A few RepLlcon 32 Show pictures





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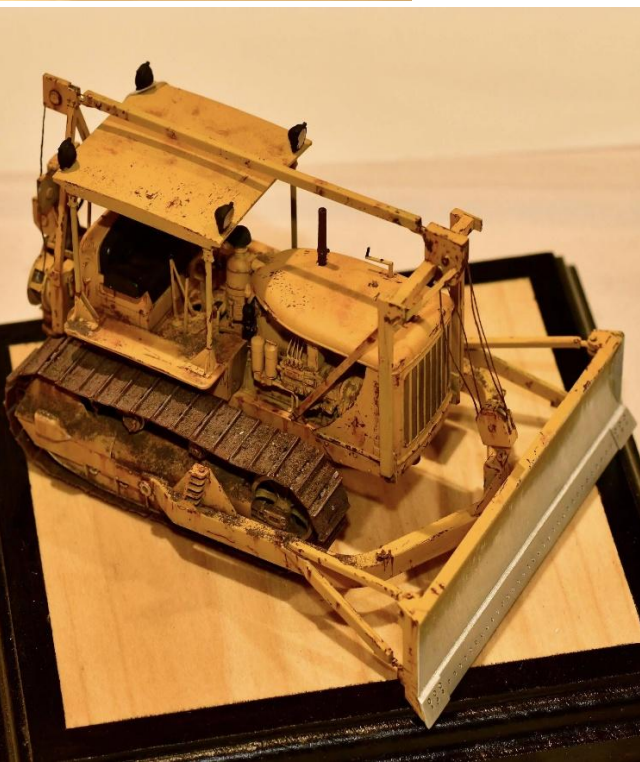


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LISMS Meeting Dates for 2024

April 21, 2025, in meeting room A starting at 7:30 pm

May 19, 2025, in meeting room A starting at 7:30 pm

June 16, 2025, in meeting room A starting at 7:30 pm

July to November TBA

IPMS National Information with Contest Reservations

.The IPMS Nationals model registration will go online on March 1st of 2025 Here's the link: <https://myipmsusa.org/event-5895565/Registration>

Modeling Humor



Some upcoming show flyers



Show Theme:
CIRCLE TRACK VEHICLES
Sub- Theme:
Race Team Transporters

25th Anniversary of NNL East 14

April 26, 2025

1 Pal Drive, Wayne NJ 07470

Show Information: WWW.NNLEAST.COM

Or Write: nnleast@aol.com



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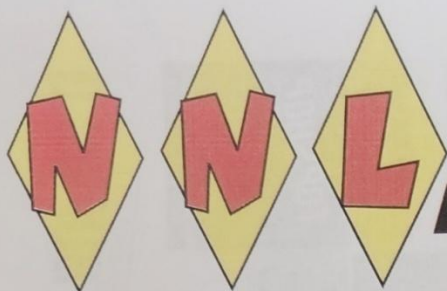


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Scale Model & Classic Car Show ★ Doors Open 9:00 AM

Madonna Council #2535

Knights of Columbus

755 Erie Ave. North Tonawanda NY 14120
For More Info 716-867-2244



Kit Raffles

Door Prizes for VOTERS

★ **Saturday** ★

September 6, 2025

**Sub-Theme
Nostalgia
Drag
Cars**

THEME "Battle of the Pony Cars"



General Motors vs. Ford / Mercury

VENDOR TABLES

Online Registration Available
Vendor Contact Frank Blonski
nnlbuffalo@gmail.com

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Getzville NY 14068

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SECTION 8 HOBBIES



AGENDA:

- 7:30 AM - Vendor Setup
Coffee and Doughnuts
- FREE Classic Car Line-up till 11:00am
- 9:00 AM - Model Show Registrations
General Admission
Vendors Open
- 11:00AM- Model Registration Closes
Snack Bar Opens for Lunch
Voting Opens
- 2:00 PM - Voting Closes
- 3:30 PM - Snack Bar Closes
Award Ceremony
- 4:30 PM - Show Closes

Model Registration Fees:

Adults - \$15.00 Unlimited Entries
includes General Admission
Juniors - (16 and Under) **FREE**

Awards by Popular VOTE

General Admission Fees:

Adult Spectator \$5.00 Pre-Sale
\$7.00 at the Door
Junior Spectator (16 and Under) **FREE**

The Final Word

We would like to encourage club members to join the national IPMS. There's a special \$60 dollar price for three years that's good till August 5, 2025. That is a \$26 savings for a three-year membership. Help support the hobby on a national level. IPMS provides the insurance that allows us to have our RepIcon events, and membership includes a Bi-monthly IPMS Journal magazine. Join IPMS/USA just click the link: <https://ipmsusa.org/> and just click the blue tab section "Join IPMS/USA."

IPMS / USA Membership

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IPMS No.:	Name: _____
Address: _____ <small>If Renewing</small>	_____ <small>First</small> _____ <small>Middle</small> _____ <small>Last</small>
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Type of Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult, 1 Year: \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Adult, 2 Years: \$58 <input type="checkbox"/> Adult, 3 Years: \$86
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<input type="checkbox"/> Canada & Mexico: \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Other / Foreign: \$38 (Surface) Checks must be drawn on a US bank or international money order
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BTW – I need articles, kit reviews, pictures, model show information, and stories from the club for the monthly newsletter. It can be anything related to the hobby. All submissions to the Long Island Scale Modelers Society Newsletter must be received by the Monday of the week before our scheduled meeting night. Email your articles and/or pictures to www.jnboul19@yahoo.com

Jim Boulukos, LISMS President