

“The Instruction Sheet”

IPMS/Granite State Modelers Club

Nashua, New Hampshire

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Granite State Modelers Club meets the third Monday night (4th Monday in Jan & Feb) of each month from 7 - 9 PM at the Nashua, NH Public Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua, NH. Visitors are always welcome to attend. Monthly “show and tell” pictures are posted on our web site. Web Site maintained by Vincent Farruggio, Sr.

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Meeting Reminder:

2013 meeting dates: **February 25, March 18, April 15.**

Business Report

Another storm hit us on our meeting night! Two months in a row, what are the odds? This time it was snow and I promised to do my mom’s errands in Manchester, so this time I braved it and drove to Nashua! It was a slow drive, but I got there and back with no problems. It’s amazing what a car will do with four good snow tires on it!

Anyway, we had a pretty good turn out for a stormy night. However, we had no raffle. Keith and Kevin wisely decided to stay off the roads. We did have a few items for show and tell and plenty of discussion and general modeling conversation. It is great the way modelers help each other out when they are looking for desired items. Even the manufacturers step up and pitch in! Bob McCreedy happened to have purchased a Tamiya 1/12th scale Formula car on E-Bay and when he received it, the decals were missing. A call to Tamiya inquiring if he could purchase a replacement sheet got him to the right person, who said that the kit was out of production, but if a sheet could be found he would send it out to him. Two days later, he received the decals in the mail, free! Wow!! At that point, Ed Mele told us how he needed a canopy for a kit he was working on, found a thread on Finescale listing a source, and got his part!

Icie and John went to a Sci-Fi convention with three of their models , which were very popular.

They are hoping for some sales for their Madman Lighting products. The Mazzuchellis went to the Springfield Train Show and found some scenery things and a deluxe train car kit with lots of resin bits which made it a wonderful kit. Guy and a friend also went, and spent a good amount of cash on things for their layouts. They said Saturday was very busy there, but on Sunday things were quite leisurely. One of the pitfalls on Saturday were baby strollers that held three “young ones” each. I guess they clogged up the aisles pretty good!

Speaking of train shows, the Hooksett Lions’ Club Train Show is on Sunday, April 21, 2013. That is where we hold our biggest “make and take” of the year. Mac will not be available this year to help, as AMPS is also that weekend and he will be there. So it is up to the rest of us to pencil the date in on our calendars and step up to help! Last year I was visiting my daughter in Salt Lake City, but this year we are waiting to visit until they are deployed to Oklahoma, so I will be there. We usually help around five dozen youngsters build kits during the day, so please come if you can!

Mac and a couple of the guys who ride down to our meetings with him are holding a “make and take” for a local Cub Scout pack the night of our March meeting and will have to miss meeting with us that month. He invites anyone wishing to help out to play “hooky” with him.

I had been contacted by a woman wishing to give us some kits her husband never built. The Mazzuchellis live in the next town over from her, and will pick up the kits. They will bring them to our meeting where we can look them over and decide their disposition.

We received the renewal notice for the Finescale Modeler subscription we donate to the library every year. We voted to continue the subscription. We also brought up the letter I received about putting in a bid for the 2015 IPMS/USA National Convention. We decide that we couldn’t handle it with our current small membership, and decided to “pass.” This month we need to decide whether or not we want to have a theme for this year’s Granitecon. We also need to discuss changing a few categories, and eliminating a couple that have been empty the past few years.

Participating Hobby Shops

These are the hobby shops that support us and our efforts year after year. They give club members discounts, provide donations for club contests, and stock the supplies and new kits we crave. Please support them, too!

Hobby Emporium (978-649-5055) 440 Middlesex Road Tyngsboro, MA 01879
The Spare Time Shop (508-481-5789) 222 E. Main Street Marlboro, MA 01752
North East Trains Model Center (978-532-1615) 24 Main St. Peabody, MA 01960
Hobbys “N” Stuff LLC (603-298-6111) 1 Glen Road Plaza West Lebanon, NH 03784
Elite Hobbies (603-749-0800) 90 Washington St. Unit 334 Dover, NH
Hobbies With A Twist, LLC (603-223-0132) 1 Depot Street Concord, NH

Upcoming Region 1 Events

3/17/13 MassCar Model Show Holiday Inn Taunton, MA Masscar
3/23/13 Drivers Ed East Fishkill Library Hopewell Junction, NY IPMS Mid Hudson
3/24/13 Valleycon 23 Knights of Columbus Chicopee, MA Wings and Wheels
4/7/13 DownEastcon 2013 Thornton Academy Saco, Maine Southern Maine
4/13/13 CAN/AM Con 11 Camels Hump Middle School Richmond, VT IPMS Champlain Valley
4/13/13 RepliCon XXVI Freeport Recreation Center Freeport, NY LISMS

4/18-20/13 AMPS Nationals Atlanta, Georgia

5/3/13-5/4/13 Noreastcon 2013 Radisson Inn Rochester, NY IPMS Rochester

8/14-17/13 IPMS/USA Nationals JQ Hammons Conference Center Loveland, Colorado

10/19/13 HVHMG Model Expo Elks Club Hall Poughkeepsie, NY Mid Hudson Valley

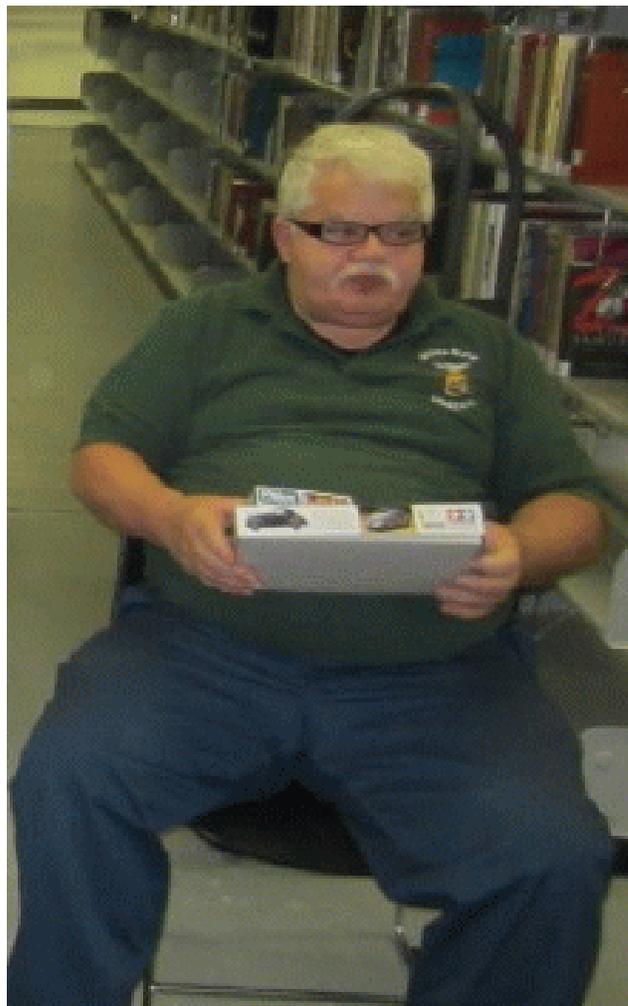
10/20/13 Granitecon XXI Nashua Elks Club Nashua, NH GSMC

January Raffle Winners

Bad traveling, so no raffle at the January meeting!

Special Notice

Today I have been informed of some sad news. Long time friend and GSMC member Dennis Sliney has passed away this past weekend. He will be missed by all of us!



January Show and Tell Photos



Figure 8 Mac Johnston built this Firebird Formula for a client in the colors that the man was interested in buying in his "youth." Resin replacement parts were used for the hood to get the proper scoops, as the model started life as a Trans Am version with the single scoop in the middle.



Figure 9 Mac Johnston built this 1/35th ICM Mercedes W150 Staff Car "out of the box."



Figure 14Nate Clark showed off his 1/32nd IMEX Parrott Rifle. Mostly resin, lots of improvising.



Figure 16Mike Rondeau showed us his 1/32nd Revell F4U-1A Corsair. He has built four of them and says the wing hinge seems to always fail...



Figure 18 Paul Lessard added a scarifier to his 1/87th Woodland Scenics Road Grader



Figure 20 Paul Lessard built his 1/87th L.S. Laser Graphics Farm Wagon "out of the box."