

'The Instruction Sheet'

I.P.M.S. / Granite State Modelers Club

Nashua, New Hampshire

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GSMC/IPMS meet the third Monday night (4th Monday in Jan & Feb) of each month from 7: P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street Nashua, New Hampshire. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Monthly show and tell pictures are posted on our website. Website maintained by Vincent Farruggio Sr.

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Meeting Reminders:

2015 meeting dates: April 20, May 18, June 15

Business Report

Its dues time again. Still only \$12/year. See me at the meeting or send a check. Please bring the correct change if paying in cash!

I brought Granitecon flyers to the March meeting to start getting them where they need to go. Various members took batches of them to place in area hobby shops, and Mac took a bunch to put out at the spring contests he was going to. The quicker we get them out there the earlier our potential contestants can set aside the date in their calendars. It is also time to get going on selling those trophy packs. Still only \$25 each. The sooner the business of the contest is taken care of, the sooner we can relax and go with the flow. If everyone can sell one, we can reach our goal quickly. I believe quite a few have been taken already. If you want a particular category to sponsor, act quickly! Ed Broderick has sent a check for two, including the Juniors category, so that one is gone!

This was the first month of our raffle with the "pull" level raised to \$30 per pull. To keep better kits coming in for the raffle and to stay in the "black," we had to increase this from \$25. Some months we have a \$25 Hobby Emporium gift certificate in the raffle pool. It has been suggested that if you win one of these, be sure to let the good folks at the Emporium know you are using one before you spend it. Has something to do with the sales tax issue and how it is applied to your purchase.

We were once again asked to participate at the Hooksett Lions Club Train Show by putting on a make and take for the youngsters. We voted to go again this year. If all of those who volunteered to help show up, we will have plenty of help. The show is on April 26th at the Hooksett Cawley Middle School from 10 AM to 3 PM. If it is a busy day and we run out of our fifty kits, we can leave early. Food is available at the show. I can vouch for the meatball subs and hot dogs! Always tasty. Bring a couple of finished models for our display table. This is a good chance to promote the club and get youngsters and adults interested in our hobby.

Club members did us proud at the recent Wings and Wheels contest. Keith Touchette took two medals, Lyn Cushman got one, as did both John Cook and Icie Cook. Mac Johnston took home four!

I have included the flyer for Hobby Emporium's "Tax Refund" sale this month. Pete Davis has also written another Pete's Ponderings for us. Enjoy!

We had two short demos at our March meeting. First up was Andy Wade, who showed us how he uses Rustoleum Multi-textured spray paint to simulate textured areas on modern armor. He says it looks bad going on, but after it dries it looks great and masking tape comes off easily. It also works great for simulating ground and doesn't attack plastic or masking materials.

Next, John Cook showed us all of the lighting gear and photo etch parts he is putting into his Battlestar Pegasus from the Battlestar Gallactica television show. Lots of work, but very impressive! Another contest winner for sure.

This month Ed Mele will be showing us his methods of cutting using Dymo tape.

Pete's Ponderings

I recently bought the "FineScale Modeler" 25 year anniversary disc and have been enjoying rereading all the old back issue I have stashed away in the attic, without having to drag a batch down and have them scattered all over the house as I read my way through them (I tend to leave things everywhere, one of the privileges of being a bachelor...). I especially have been looking at a lot of the old kit reviews, knowing I have quite a few of the same kits tucked away in my workshop. Now that I am retired (yeah, right!) I have time to dig some out and work on them, and want to know of any issues I may face.

One thing that has always struck me about the kit reviews is that each reviewer always defines the amount of time they spent building the kit under review. These people are mostly doing pro quality work and have much experience building the models under the publishing deadlines set for them. I have often wondered if building to the time limit is something that they see as an integral part of the competitive effort of getting the model done, evaluated, and in to the publisher in a timely fashion, or whether it is a realistic figure that would apply to the rest of us.

As I have increased my own building efforts over the past few months, I am finding that the time I take to produce a finished model is relative to the amount of enjoyment I receive from the build. The Westland Wyvern kit was one that, objectively, took me over two years to complete, if you count all the down time avoiding the kit before I finally determined to get it off my bench. It was not a fun model to build, so I tended to push the time factor when actually working on the finished model...that may be why I ended up with so many rush related errors in the final finish, and why I literally hated the plane from the get go. Nothing like dealing with a high volume of hassles to escalate frustration with a tough build! I didn't keep track of the in process construction time, so I can't tell you how long it actually took. But, with all the problems, trust me, it seemed like it took forever, a subjective outlook if I ever saw one!

My more recent models, the HO scale railroad depot and my current project, a 1:48 scale ESCI Mig 23 Flogger B from my stash, were much more enjoyable builds, but, again, I didn't feel compelled to keep track of my in-process time on either model. I do know that time seemed to fly by working on them, as both kits were fun for me and a real positive change of pace from the 'plane from hell' kit. Any enjoyable build always seems that way to me, again, a subjective approach to my labors.

I now think that the actual construction time is not really relevant to any of us casual model builders. The time we invest is time that we have set aside to relax and move our three dimensional masterpieces move toward completion. Our enjoyment is in experiencing the actual progress toward

our goal, not in the amount of time we spend at it. I know I, personally, have really enjoyed doing up the most recent kits. How long either of them took me, I have no clue! Nor do I really care. My satisfaction is from the actual effort of building. I am not in a race.

Are the timeline figures that the reviewers provide as guidelines to actual construction time valid markers of how long it will take all the rest of us to build the same models? Perhaps, but I rather think they are more just an interesting sidebar to our own builds. We work at our models at our own pace, because we really enjoy the time spent with them, and the relaxation we feel from the process, and the relief from the stresses of our daily lives. If it takes us a year to build a kit that they say can be done in a couple of days, so be it! Who cares how long it takes as long as it is fun!

And that is the key point in this whole time evaluation exercise!

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 Rd Tyngsboro, MA 01879
The Spare Time Shop (508-481-5789) 222E. Main Street Marlboro, MA 01752
North East Trains Model Center (978-532-1615) 18 Main Street Peabody, MA 01960
Hobbys "N" Stuff LLC (603-298-6111) 1 Glen Rd 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

April 25, 2015 ----- CAN/AM Con 13 VT National Guard Armory Winooski, VT
April 30 – May 2, 2015 –AMPS Nationals Auburn, Indiana
May 2, 2015 ----- Noreastcon 2015 Polish Community Center Albany, NY
May 17, 2015 ----- NorthShoreCon 2015 Gloucester High School Gloucester, MA
May 29-30, 2015 ---- AMPS Great White North Regional and Re-Enactment Day Oshawa, Canada
July 22-25, 2015 ---- IPMS/USA National Convention Columbus, Ohio
Sept 13, 2015 ----- Patcon 2015 IPMS Patriot Elks Hall Hudson, MA
October 17, 2015 ---- HVHMG Elks Club Lodge Poughkeepsie, NY
October 18, 2015 ---- Granitecon XXIII Nashua Elks Club Nashua, NH

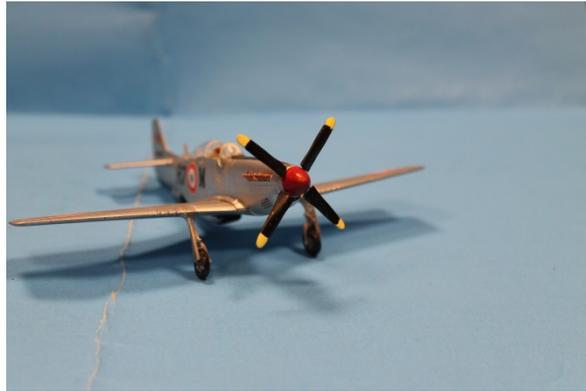
Raffle Winners



March Show and Tell Photos



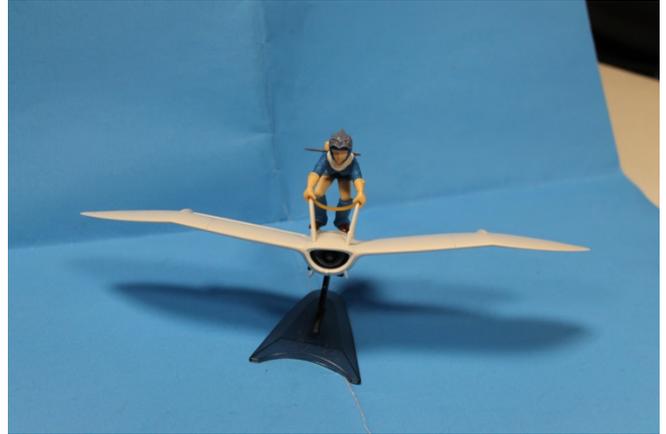
Dick Zoerb's Fiddlers Green Cardstock Old Paddy Wagon on a cobblestone street.



Roger Paradis's 1/72nd Hobbycraft P-51 in French markings from North Africa in 1945.



Bob Fiero had problems with the decals for his 1/72nd Hasegawa F-106A.



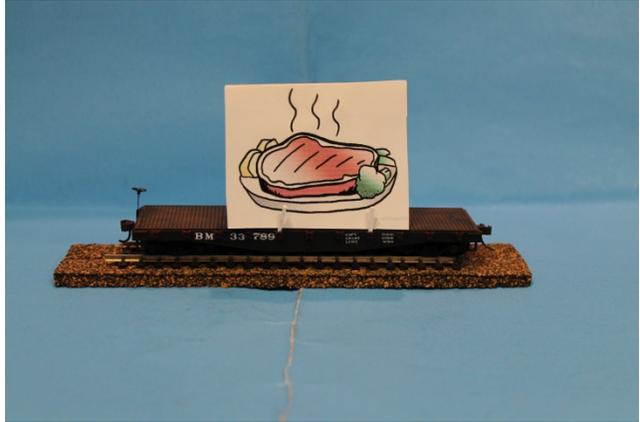
Icie Cook's Bandia Nausicaa "Mowe with Nausicaa figure"



Chuck Converse's 1/72nd Heller T-28 "Trojan" in French Algerian War markings.



Tony D'Anjou used Model Master paints and .008 filaments for wires on this 1/48th Revell PT-17.



Guy Lessard's 1/87th AthearnFlate "Stake" Car built OOB with Boston & Maine markings.



Paul Lessard added handrails, trucks, tailgate and custom paint to his 1/87th Penn Line 60ft coach.



John Walker scratch built the gun and improved this 1/35th Master Box PzKfw 1 with Breda.



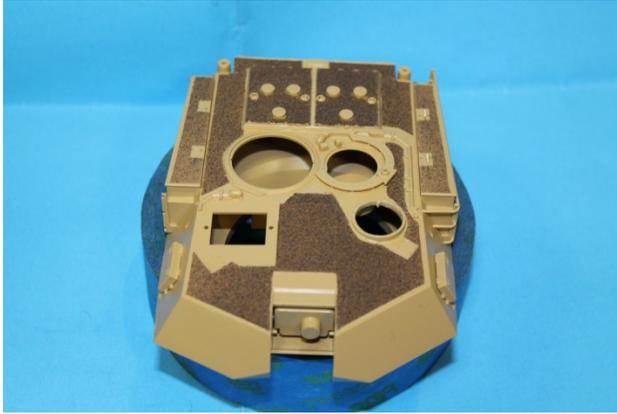
Pete Davis fully detailed the interior of his 1/87th Walthers “Small Town Depot.”



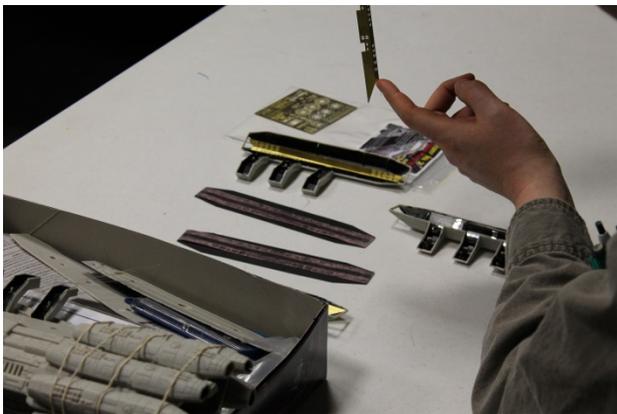
Jack Sutcliffe simulated a silver doped finish for his 1/48th Testors PT-17 Trainer.



Some of the details going into John Cook’s 1/1405 Moebis Battlestar Pegasus.



Note the textured appearance of the dark areas of Andy Wade's 1/35th Tamiya M1A1.



A couple more shots of John Cook's Battlestar project.