



# 'The Instruction Sheet'

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

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GSMC/IPMS meet the third Monday night (4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Club Officers:

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## Meeting Reminders:

**2015 meeting dates: May 18, June 15, July 20.**

## Business Report

Unfortunately, I once again have to start the newsletter with bad news. Another one of our members has passed away. Kevin Campagna (IPMS #29138) passed away last week. As soon as his Keith Touchette finds out anything about a memorial service, he will pass that information along. Kevin has been a valued club member for years, and his help with the raffle and Granitecon planning will be greatly missed. He always helped out his fellow modelers, whether with ideas for that latest project or with research help.

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

I brought some more Granitecon flyers to the April meeting to continue 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. They are 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. 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!

We were once again asked to participate at the Hooksett Lions Club Train Show by putting on a make and take for the youngsters. The show was on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hooksett Cawley Middle School from 10 AM to 3 PM. It was a moderately busy day and we went through around three dozen kits. Tony D'Anjou manned our display table. He brought three boxes of models to display. The rest of us each brought a couple, so we had a good representation of what our members build on display. Mac Johnston, Ed Mele, and I handled the builds. A couple of other members stopped by to say hello and spell us so we could run for lunch. We also ran into past

member Cliff Matthewson. He is recovering from heart surgery and had a display table next to us. We invited him to stop by a meeting to say “hi” and maybe get “back into the fold.” We also talked up the club and Granitecon to many of the parents who were very appreciative of an activity for their youngsters that was FREE!

At our April meeting we welcomed Brandon Clifton, who stopped in to visit and check us out. He builds armor. Rod Currier (this writer) mentioned that if we ever become able to offer an adult building course somewhere, we can purchase case lots of Revell kits through the IPMS/USA’s activities coordinator at a discount rate. The winner of the Connors’ Award for aircraft from our last Granitecon was planning to come down from Canada for Hobby Emporium’s sale on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The fine folks there were going to present him with his award for us.

Quite a few of our members went to the Valley Con show in Chicopee. Judging was split between IPMS and AMPS rules. For example, Armor was judged using AMPS rules, while cars and aircraft were judged using IPMS rules. At the venue, the model tables were downstairs and the vendors were upstairs. GSMC members also took their share of the awards! John Cook, Icie Cook, and Bob Ingalls went to the Downeastcon show in Maine. They said it was a fairly well done show and much better than past shows. They were light on vendors, and most of those were selling cars. They saw lots of the North Shore guys there. One thing of note was that they did not use table leg extenders, so you had to bend down to get a “good look.” Mac Johnston was planning to go to the Winooski, Vermont show on the 25<sup>th</sup>. I’m sure we will get a rundown on that show this month. Also, don’t forget the NorthShoreCon 2015 this coming Sunday in Gloucester at the High School. Their first show last year was worth the trip!

Guy Lessard reported that Hobby Town in Manchester has moved to the Apple Tree Mall in Londonderry. In and Out Hobbies in Nashua is hedging on discounts to our members that trade there because not enough members are giving him business. I understand he doesn’t carry too much, but he will do special orders. Chuck Converse met a retired smoke jumper who showed him a magazine article showing him reenacting jumping out of a Ford Trimotor. Never know who you will into at the flea market!

We had a question brought up about how to strip a model. One member shared his method of using 91% alcohol to soak the model, then scrubbing it with a toothbrush. The paint just “leaps off.” Others said they used Pinesol and Simple Green as a soak to do the same thing. This season’s “local” airshows will feature the Blue Angels at Westover AFB, and the Blue Angels and the Snowbirds at Kingston, RI.

Ed Mele showed us how he cuts plastic of different shapes for his projects using Dymo tape and scoring with a sharp blade. This month Lyn Cushman will show us how he makes “canvas” for armor models.

### **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

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



### April Show and Tell Photos



Rod Currier wired the engine and used Alclad Paints on his 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Hasegawa Ki-44II Hei Tojo



Tom Shanahan built his 1/35<sup>th</sup> MRC OH-58D "out of the box."



John Walker built his 1/35<sup>th</sup> ALAN Pz.Kpfw.1 Ausf. F “out of the box.”



Lyn Cushman built his 1/35<sup>th</sup> AL-BY Panhard “out of the box.”



Lyn Cushman said the tracks were fragile on his “out of the box” 1/35<sup>th</sup> ALAN Marder IID.



Guy Lessard added the stack and whistle to his 1/87<sup>th</sup> Revell Work Crane.



Guy Lessard added details such as grabs and windows to his 1/87<sup>th</sup> Work Caboose.



Paul Lessard's 1/87<sup>th</sup> Rail to Truck Grain Facility with scratch built grain trailer and conveyor.



Pete Davis built the old 1/48<sup>th</sup> ESCI kit of the Mig-23 Flogger B as a desk top model.

### **Pictures From The Hooksett Lions Club Train Show**



