

# '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.

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## Meeting Reminders:

**2015 meeting dates: Sept. 21, Oct.19, Nov. 16**

## Business Report

This month, we have another "Pete's Ponderings" column, written by Pete Davis. Actually, Pete wrote this a few months ago, but I had not saved it in my usual place on the computer and had to be reminded that I had it to publish! One of the pitfalls of aging, I guess...

Last month we went through the "Granitecon Checklist" to be sure everything we need for our contest is covered. We seem to be in pretty good shape. All of the trophy packs have been sold, and John Rauscher has sold most of the vendor tables. We voted to let Keith Touchette spend \$200 to purchase kits for a "super raffle" for which the tickets will cost \$2 each, but the purchaser can put their tickets into the "can" for the item he wishes to win. He will also get the \$100 Squadron certificate for the final draw of our regular raffle.

At the August meeting, we all brought in our stash models for show and tell. A show of hands awarded the winning prize of a \$25 Hobby Emporium gift certificate to Jack Sutcliffe for his outstanding work on his Me-262. You can see the pictures of all of our entries in the show and tell photos.

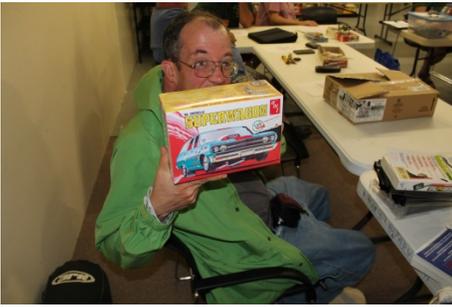
John Walker went to the IPMS Nationals and entered four models. He came home with two third place finishes. Not too shabby, John! He said there were a few rule changes which ticked a few people off, but he had a good time. He said there were lots of good vendors and plenty of deals to be had. He also went to the Air Force Museum while he was there. He also mentioned there was a model in everyone's registration packet.

While on a trip to the Canadian Rockies on the Montana border, Mark Natola noticed passing the Bomber Command Museum. On the way home, he stopped to visit. He got to see them start the engines of a Lancaster bomber, only one of four left with running engines. They also had a Mosquito being restored, along with a Spitfire and other warbirds. Brandon Clifton had been on a trip to Europe and had visited a German tank museum and a French tank museum. He also saw the "Miniature Wonderland" that many of us have seen pictures of online.

While picking up a few supplies at Hobby Emporium, they reminded me of their annual 30% off sale on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 6 PM. They also wasn't members to know that if you are going to ARMORCON that day, to see them on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> and they will let you in on the sale!

This month's meeting is our last before Granitecon! Please try to attend to go over the final details.

## Raffle Winners



## August Show and Tell Photos



Tom Shanahan's Lindberg 1/48<sup>th</sup> X-3 Stiletto



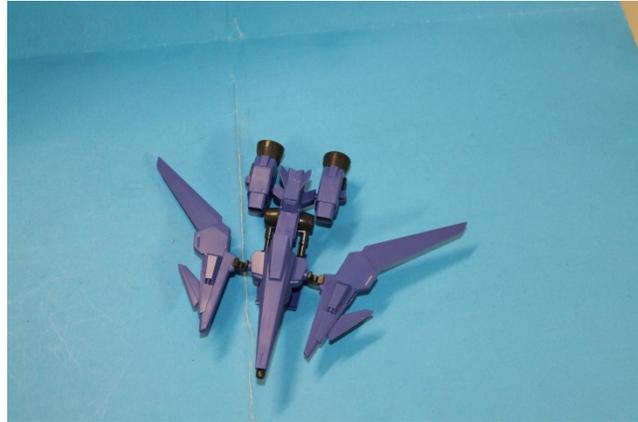
Mac Johnston's Fujimi 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Type 99 Trainer IDA



Mike Duguay's Lindberg 1/48<sup>th</sup> Junkers Ju-87 Stuka



Keith Touchette's Revell 1/48<sup>th</sup> Arado Night Fighter



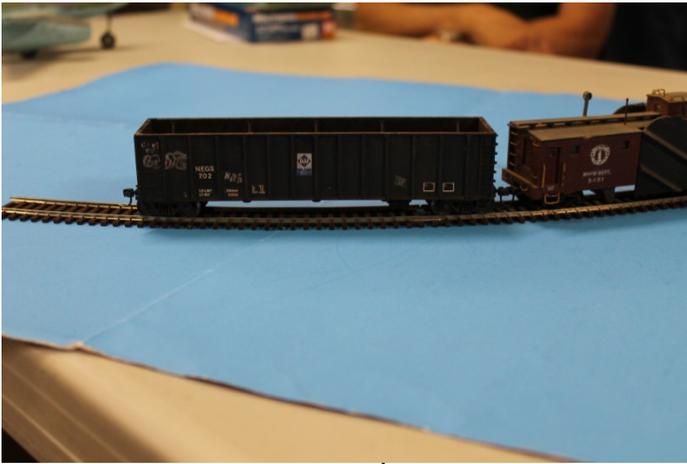
Tyler Ingalls' Bandai 1/144<sup>th</sup> Megashicki with weapons



Ed Mele's Heller 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Me-163 Komet



Jack Sutcliffe's Hasegawa 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Me-262



Paul Lessard's Walther's 1/87<sup>th</sup> Scrap Gondola



Paul Lessard's Ambroid 1/87<sup>th</sup> B&M Wood Snowplow

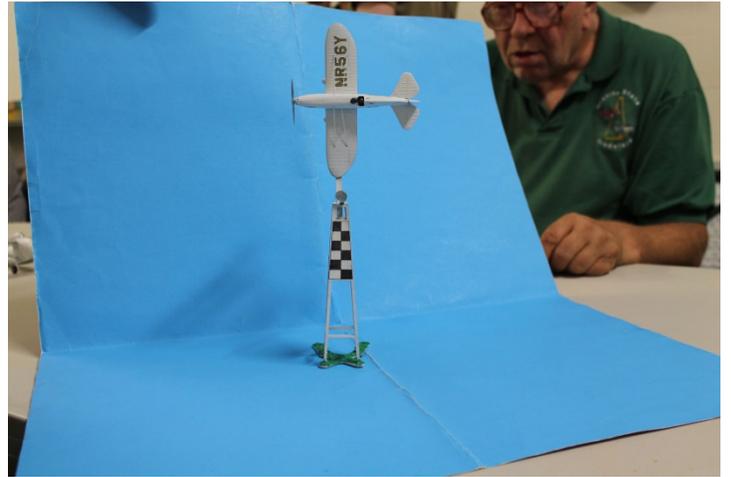


John Walker's DML 1/35<sup>th</sup> Sdkfz234/3



John Cook's Glenco 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Republic See Bee





Chuck Converse's Testors 1/48<sup>th</sup> Howard Ike 1930's Racer



Tony D'Anjou's AMT/ERTL 1/48<sup>th</sup> Skyraider



Rod Currier's Revell 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Bell X-1



Nate Clark's Airfix 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Fw-189



Mark Natola's Revell 1/72<sup>nd</sup> F-89D

### 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) 222 E. Main St Marlboro, MA 01752
- North east Trains Model Center (978-532-1615) 18 Main Street Peabody, MA 01960
- Hobbys "N" Stuff (603-298-6111) 1 Glen Rd Plaza West Lebanon, NH 03784
- Hobbies With A Twist, LLC (603-223-0132) 1 Depot St Concord, NH
- Elite Hobbies (603-749-0800) 90 Washington St Unit 334 Dover, NH

### Upcoming Events of Interest

- Sept. 25-26, 2015: ARMORCON Crowne Plaza Danbury, CT
- October 17, 2015: HVHMG Elks Club Lodge Poughkeepsie, NY
- October 18, 2015: Granitecon XXIII Nashua Elks Club Nashua, NH**
- November 1, 2015: BayCon 2015 Elks Hall 326 Farnum Pike Smithfield, RI

### Pete's Ponderings

Last night, I had the opportunity to look over some modeling items left behind by a friend who recently passed away. His passing was tragic and sudden, and his personal choice. He dealt with emotional demons way

beyond those the rest of us could understand. In truth, it angers, as well as saddens, me that he did not feel he could allow anyone who knew him to act as a relief valve for his illness. It also left me feeling guilty digging through his treasure trove for items that might be of value to my own modeling efforts, like some sort of ambulance chasing scavenger. I think you may know the feeling, like you are uncomfortable handling his items but thrilled at the same time to be able to find stuff that can also have great value to yourself.

I was struck by a number of things over reviewing this 'stash' of items. My friend had been, like myself, primarily a model railroader and left behind quite a lot of what I know to be valuable models and materials. His interests, to an extent, paralleled my own, something I hadn't known before. Pretty much everything I looked at was top quality.

Knowing what some of this was actually worth got me to thinking about my own collection of models and materials down in the 'workshop'. Would my own survivors have enough sense to be able to determine the true value of my inventory? How would they handle it after I am gone? How would I want them to handle and dispose of it all? These are questions I need to answer now, before I am unable to.

We all know about living wills and powers of attorney, and advance directives, which can guide our families in managing our care at the end of our lives. We also know that it is only the intelligent path to follow in creating either a Trust or in directing specific actions for the disbursement of our basic wealth (home, car, bank accounts, investments, and the like) through a Will. But how many of us consider our model collections to be part of that valued property?

A couple of years ago, in an idle moment, I started a quick evaluation of what I thought my models were worth. I checked online, Squadron, and any other sources I could think of for potential costs. I found, to my surprise, due to the models I had purchased piecemeal over the last forty years or so, at retail prices set at the time of their release, that I had a collection worth thousands of dollars. A lot of them are kits no longer in circulation and are hard to assign a value to. Wow! This is a significant component of my personal wealth, and I had no idea of what I had!

I now plan to go back through what I have in more detail and to develop a written record of its estimated value and will include that in the Trust I am developing to assist my survivors in handling my affairs after I am gone. I want them to make sure that these items are treated with the same respect as my other property and investments. I will specify in advance how I want them handled so that my final wishes are met as I want them to be.

I know, most of you are thinking you are much younger than I am and aren't quite at the stage in life where you have to worry about dying. Think again. You can be taken by literally anything, from a small viral infection to being a participant in a car crash. There are no guarantees you will live out your full span of life, regardless of how well you treat yourself and guard your health and nutrition. Someone will have to clean up after you. It is better to have that disbursement plan in place now, altering it periodically as your life circumstances dictate, than to just let the chips fall where they may after you are gone.

Take the time to put a plan in place. Make sure you know what your collections and other property are worth, and specify what will be done with them, right along with your other monetary investments and the like.

I am doing so, and will use this incentive as the legacy of inspiration passed on to me by my friend. As much as his passing saddens me, I hope that, in my own life journey, at least, some good will come from his loss.