

'The Instruction Sheet'

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

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GSMC/IPMS meets the third Monday night (4th Monday in Jan & Feb) of each month from 7 to 9 PM 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 Brandon Clifton.

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Meeting Reminders:

2016 Meeting Dates: January 25, February 22, March 21

Business Report

We started off our meeting with our treasurer's report. Our renewal for our state non-profit status was filed and paid for. Ed was able to do this online, much easier than the original filing. Our club financial status is good. We ended the year in the black! Thanks to Ed for another outstanding job as treasurer this past year.

Mac Johnston reported on a "Make and Take" he and a couple of others put on for the Enfield Cub Scouts. The group has changed members and leadership because the kids get older and "graduate" to the next level of scouting. This year there were only around a dozen youngsters at the meeting, down from what used to be a "crowd" of forty to fifty in the group. Revell has redone their Snap Kit line, and only cars were available this year, and like the ones we did at the Hooksett Train Show last spring, very simple.

The next topic we discussed was our "club build" project for this year. Last year we had the aircraft collection we bought from a gentleman in Lebanon to build. Since we don't have that option this year, we discussed a couple of different ideas. One was to use our spare parts collections to build something "off the wall" from leftover parts and such. Another was for the club to buy a bunch of the same kit. A third was to return to the "pass the stash" idea we used a couple of years back where each member wishing to participate brings in a kit they believe they will never build from their stash to exchange for a kit from someone else. We voted to do the "pass the stash" again this time around. Those who wish to participate are to bring in a kit from their stash (wrapped or hidden in a bag) this month. The kits and participants will be given numbers which will be drawn out of a hat to see which kit they have to build for the August meeting. As in last year's "contest," the winner will receive a Hobby Emporium gift certificate. The winner will be chosen by a voice vote of the members present at the unveiling.

We then began discussing possible themes for Granitecon. We had a few suggestions thrown out for discussion. Among them were: 1. The 1960's—anything from that decade 2. Cross Dressers – something built by one nation but used by another 3. Concepts or experimental (prototypes included) 4. Past to present – a model built to match a particular photograph. We will discuss these and other suggestions this month and decide on one so that we can have flyers ready for the spring contest season.

It was reported that Inside Out Hobbies on Amherst Street has closed. This used to be the Hobby Town. On the flip side, the History Store in Hampton, NH is a nice hobby store which is well stocked with kits and books. A couple of members reported on a small "Dremel Type" tool made by General that they had come across at Lowes and Home Depot that retailed for around \$10.

John Rauscher was in the process of remodeling his hobby room and brought in a bunch of supplies and storage containers and racks he was not going to use for members to give a new home to.

By the time the meeting comes around, I will have gone through the “show and tell” pictures for 2015 to see who brought in the most completed models last year. This is “completed” models, not “in progress.” If you showed us a model which you were working on three times, the only time that counts to our “most prolific” award is the month it was shown to us as finished. Rumor has it that there may be a little something given out for this!

See you on the 25th.

Oh, yes. Since it is that wonderful season of the year called “Winter,” if the weather is iffy on meeting day, be sure to check your e-mail before you head to the meeting. The officers do actually speak to one another, and if we decide the risk to members on the road is too great, I will send out an e-mail before 5 PM announcing a cancellation. Those who do not have e-mail should get a phone call. So check messages if the great blizzard or ice storm is forecast! If away from home and in doubt, the library will also be notified of any cancellation.

A week or so I was contacted by member Clyde Plummer’s brother. I am sad to say Clyde passed away recently. His brother donated some tools and supplies to the club. Thanks to John Cook for picking them up.

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

Local Upcoming Events of Interest

April 3, 2016: Valleycon 26 Wings and Wheels Knights of Columbus Chicopee, MA
April 3, 2016: Downeastcon Southern Maine Scale Modelers Thornton Academy Saco, Maine
April 7-9, 2016: AMPS International Convention Sumter County Civic Center Sumter, SC
April 10, 2016: BuffCon 33 Cheektowega, NY
April 23, 2016: CAN/AM Con '16 Holiday Inn Plattsburgh, NY
April 29-30, 2016: Noreastcon 45 Museum of American Armor Old Bethpage, NY
August 3-6, 2016: IPMS/USA National Convention Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
Columbia, South Carolina
Sept 11, 2016: Patcon IPMS Patriot Elks Hall Hudson, MA
October 16, 2016: Granitecon XXIV Nashua Elks Club 120 DW Highway Nashua, NH

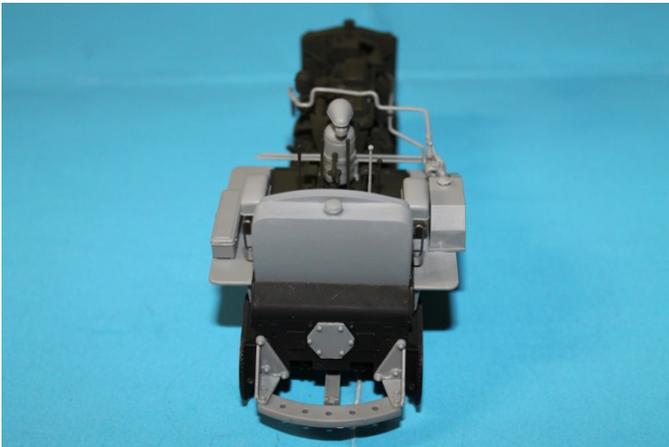
December Raffle Winners





Clyde Plummer hanging out behind one of his ships

December Show and Tell Photos



Mac Johnston's 1/35th Miniart D7 Caterpillar "in progress"



Mac Johnston added weathering and the tarp to his 1/35th Hobby Boss 255 Krac Russian truck.



Ed Mele built this 1/45th JPL Galileo Jupiter Probe . This was a Papercraft Model.



Brandon Clifton added winter camo to his “out of the box” build of a 1/35th Tamiya Wespe SPG



Paul Lessard scratch built this 1/87th Sand & Gravel Trestle from Bass strip wood and used nut/bolt details



Guy Lessard is building 1/87th Varney 10,000 gal tank cars and using Tichy arch bar trucks with them.



John Walker added a Polsten 20 mm gun to his 1/35th Italeri LVT-4



Chuck Converse built this 1/72nd Airfix Lockheed Hudson.