

'The Instruction Sheet'

IPMS / Granite State Modelers Club

Nashua, New Hampshire

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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: October 17, November 21, December 19

Business Report

Set up for Granitecon is at 7AM this coming Sunday, October 16th. Please show up to help!!!! Not only do we need to set up all of the tables, we also need to help our vendors get their wares in!

I have the trophies for Granitecon in my possession. I picked them up the day after the meeting. The "Best in Show" is different this year. I hope everyone likes it. We need to put a big dent in raising the funds to offset them, so sell trophy packs and bring the money in for Keith Touchette. He has to keep track of the sales, so go through him, not treasurer Ed Mele. Keith will add the sponsor to the list and pass the money on to the treasury. We have another half dozen to sell as of this writing! A week before the meeting, John Rauscher had sold all of the vendor tables. Since then, we have had a couple of cancellations, so he is going to call a few people who wanted "in" when we were sold out to see if they were still interested in coming. He says there is a good figure guy coming in from New York this year. Hobby Emporium has signed on for a trophy pack, plus they are sponsoring the "Best of Show" award. It is also time to collect donations for the raffle table. Bring in any modeling related items to the meeting or to the show. Just remember all kits must be complete. The only exception is decals. Many buy "after-market" decals, so they are not critical. Just be sure to plainly mark them as having none....

John Cook and Mac Johnston have arranged for R2D2 to come to Granitecon this year. That should turn a few heads! We met him at our BBQ this summer.

We have a new IPMS/USA Regional Coordinator. His name is Dave Schwab, and he lives in Rochester, NY. He belongs to both the Buffalo, NY club and the Rochester, NY club. Many thanks to him for taking over the job!

It has been decided to hold our "pass the trash stash" event at the October meeting. Bring in your completed models then for friendly judging. The "winner" gets a \$25 Hobby Emporium gift certificate. President Mac has also requested that you bring your models to Granitecon so we can set up a table showing one of the fun things we do as a club.

We had our first nominations for club officers at our September meeting. The sitting officers all volunteered to run again. Nominations are still open this month. If you wish to volunteer, please speak up at the meeting or notify one of the current officers. If you know a member that you feel would go a good job, talk them into it! Most of the current board have held their offices for many years now, and would not mind a break, or at least others showing an interest to volunteer.

We also need to find a new venue for Granitecon next year. The Elks are selling their current space, and are moving into smaller quarters sometime next year. John Rauscher is checking out a place just off the highway in Manchester. Keep your eyes open for a space a bit bigger than the Elks. A smaller space will not work. This month we will go through the Granitecon Checklist again, just to be sure the members who volunteered still realize we have them on the list. Also, set up time on October 16th is at 7 AM! The more members who show up to help, the quicker we get set up. And remember, our vendors appreciate help getting their wares through the doors. I also want to remind members that we are doing another “Make and Take” for the Nashua Police Athletic League on October 29th at 11 AM. The address is 52 Ash Street in Nashua. Please help out if you can!

The members who went to Patcon commented that it was an excellent show, even with the power outage that hit for three hours. Good vendors, good judging, lots of fun! They even had space to run a couple of clinics, one by our own John Cook. John Rauscher had participated in the “Rev It Up For Heroes” car show at the Veterans Hospital in Manchester. There were 110 entries in the well-attended show. Paul Lessard attended and worked at two train shows. The National Narrow Gauge Convention had over 1400 visitors, with vendors from all over and even visitors from other countries. Another at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY had him helping judge 30 models, which took 3-4 hours to complete. He had a great time at both!

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

October 16, 2016: Syrcon 29 Cicero, NY
October 16, 2016: Granitecon XXIV Nashua Elks Club 120 DW Highway Nashua, NH
October 22, 2016: HVHMG Poughkeepsie, NY
Nov. 13, 2016: BayCon Elks Hall Smithfield, RI
March 25, 2017: RepLIcon 28 Freeport, NY
March 26, 2017: Valleycon 27 Chicopee, MA
April 2, 2017: Downeastcon 2017 Saco, ME
April 9, 2017: Buffcon 32 Cheektowaga, NY
May 19-20, 2017: Noreastcon 46 Batavia, NY

September Raffle Winners



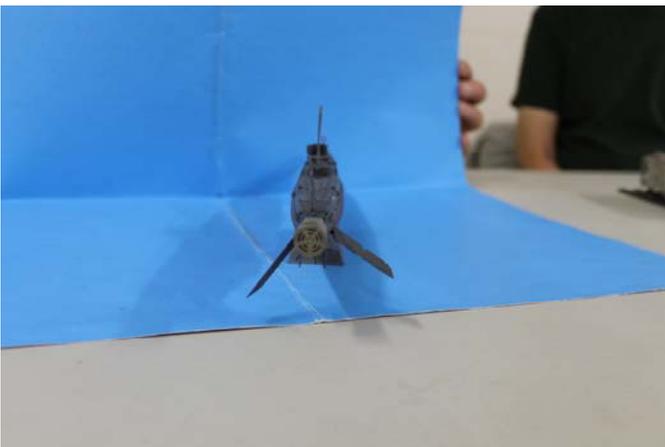
September Show and Tell



Keith Touchette's 1/35th Hobby Boss GMC Bofors "in progress" with photo-etch and brass ammo.



Chuck Converse's 1/72nd Heller Breguete 693 to which he added some "bits" to the sparse cockpit.



Lyn Cushman's unknown scale Nichimo "Star Blazers" U-Boat kit-bash.



John Walker's 54mm Imrie Risley Musketeer



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John Walker's 1/35th Special Armor 7.5 cm Gebirgskanone M 15



Paul Lessard added a new antenna to his 1/72nd Hobby Boss Mig-3 fighter in a winter camo scheme.



Paul Lessard added new panels, cut levers, and stirrups to his 1/87th E&B Valley B7M 2 bay covered hopper.