

'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:

2017 Meeting Dates: September 18, October 16, November 20

Business Report

Two major announcements were made concerning our club executive board at the meeting. First, Keith Touchette will not be up for re-election for vice president for next year. Also I announced that next year will be the last year that I will run for secretary. I have been doing this for twenty years and since I have retired I need more flexibility for traveling to visit the children and grandchildren.

For a club "build" activity this year, we decided that instead of trading kits in our usual "pass the stash trash," members would finish a kit from their own "shelf of doom," the place where unfinished kits go for whatever reason. Mac passed around a sign-up sheet, where each participant listed which kit they intended to finish for this month's meeting. I got my kit out of its storage box and immediately realized why I had put it aside. It has been sitting for at least fifteen years. But I just finished it this morning! Hopefully we will see all of the other kits that were promised, too. As in the past, the winner will get a prize. At September's meeting, Mac and others who do a lot of judging at shows will give pointers on how to judge at a contest. Not only will this help at our show, but will also give tips on how to build better models.

Chuck Converse would like it known that he has bought over 200 kits, mostly cars, from Calvin Towery's widow. Some of them are fairly old, so if you are looking for that missing auto for your collection, see him at the meeting or give him a call at: 603-623-7096.

Derak Connary lives in Nashua and is looking for transportation to and from Granitecon. If you can help him out, he can be reached at: dconnary@yahoo.com or at: 603-888-1795. Please help if you can. I gave him a ride home last year, but Nashua is in the wrong direction from Manchester for me!

John Rauscher's donation letters have started to get results. Companies which have donated items are listed on our web site. Keep them in mind when you are buying kits or supplies. John says we have received a lot of nice books and some models. We have more than doubled what we paid for postage in what we have been donated. At last count, we are down to a half dozen trophy packs left to sell. If you promised to buy one or more, please bring Keith a check this month! We got "stung" for a good amount last year. John reports that all of the vendor tables have been sold! John has gone back to the Falls Event Center to take measurements for table set up in the vendor and model rooms. He had a couple of good set up ideas, and he and head judge Mac Johnston have decided on one. We will be using the event center's tables for the vendors and rented ones for the contest models, since our table leg extenders will fit them better. Remember to start collecting kits and other modeling related items you can part with for the raffle. I have around a dozen kits and some books to donate. The better the raffle table looks, the more tickets we sell and money we make! We have always had a good

raffle, and it is a drawing point for our contest. We were discussing the raffle at the cook out this past Sunday and we have a few items that are really nice and may set up a separate raffle group for them. At this month's meeting we will go through Ed Broderick's famous "Granitecon Check List" for the final time to make sure we have all of the important jobs covered. I picked up the trophies last week. I am very happy with the way they came out. At the business meeting at Noreastcon back in May, many club representatives stated that they liked to know what they won an award for, so this year I have added the name of the category to each award, along with Granitecon XXV. If we have any leftovers, a new plate can be made for it next year and replaced without much difficulty.

In case you miss this month's meeting, setup at the Falls Event Center on October 15th for Granitecon will start at 7AM. Please be there. We need all of the members to show up to help! Many of our vendors also appreciate some help getting their wares into the building. We have to place the tables in the model room, but the venue is supposed to have the tables ready to go in the vendor room. This will also make our take down a bit easier when the show is over. The more bodies, the quicker everything goes.

Last month, Paul Lessard told us about the trip he took to Orlando, Florida for a National Model Railroad Convention from July 30th-August 7th. They had clinics, field trips, layout tours, and a silent auction. The contest was so large they had to split it into two rooms. Even the banquet was excellent. Next year this event will be in Kansas City. He is looking forward to it!

John Walker went to the IPMS/USA National Convention. It was a long drive to Omaha, but well worth it. It was a good show with lots to see, and he and his traveling companion hit a lot of museums in both directions.

Don't forget that this coming Sunday, Patcon takes place at the Hudson Elks Lodge 959 at 99 Park Street in Hudson, MA. Hopefully a lot of our members will show up to support our sister club. John Cook will be putting on another lighting demo. They have also asked for judging help. Best of luck to you if you attend!

Mac Johnston reported that the hobby shop in West Lebanon, NH is GONE. Just an empty storefront remains.

Participating Hobby Shops

These are the hobby shops that support us and our efforts year after year. They give our club members discounts, They support our 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
Double Play Hobby (603-582-4224) 318 Nashua St Milford, NH 03055
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

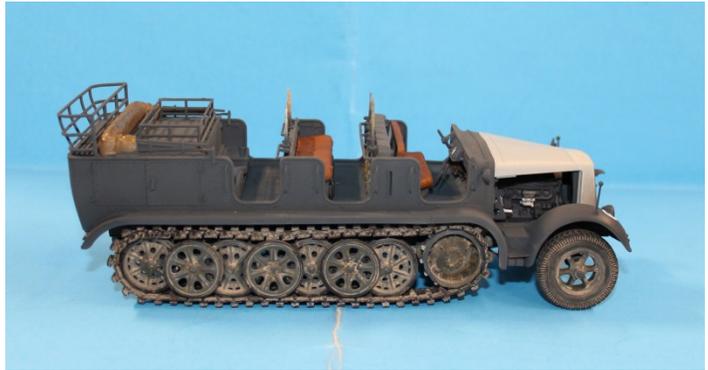
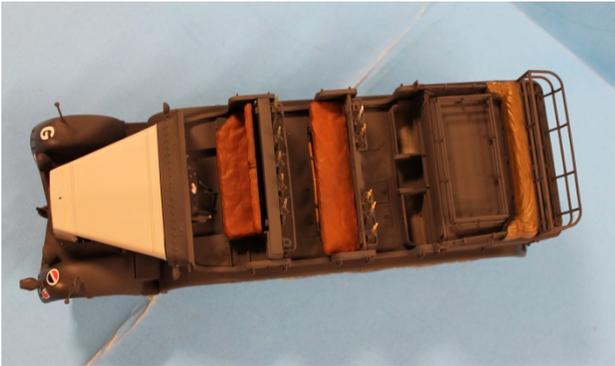
Local Upcoming Events of Interest

Sept. 17, 2017: PatCon 2017 Hudson Elks Lodge 90 Park St. Hudson, MA
Sept. 22-23, 2017: Armorcon 2017 Crowne Plaza Danbury, CT
October 8, 2017: Classic plastic 25th Annual Model Car Exhibition Elks Hall Lawrence, MA
October 15, 2017: Granitecon XXV, The Falls Event Center, Manchester, NH
October 21, 2017: IPMS Mid Hudson Poughkeepsie, NY
Nov.12, 2017: BayCon 2017 Elks Hall Smithfield, RI
March 25, 2018: Valleycon 28 Wings and Wheels Chicopee, MA

August Raffle Winners



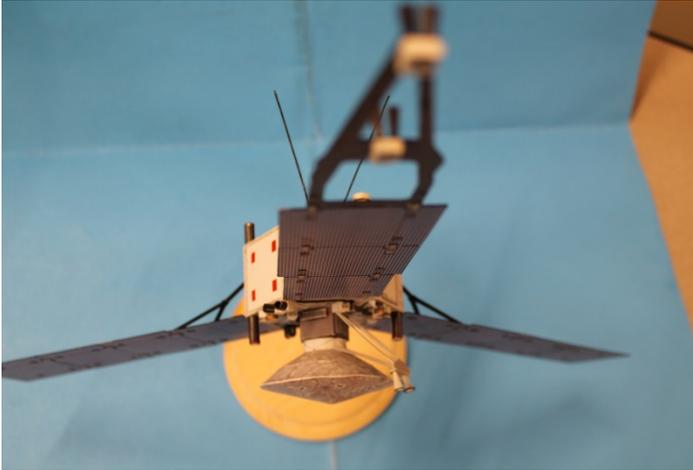
August Show and Tell



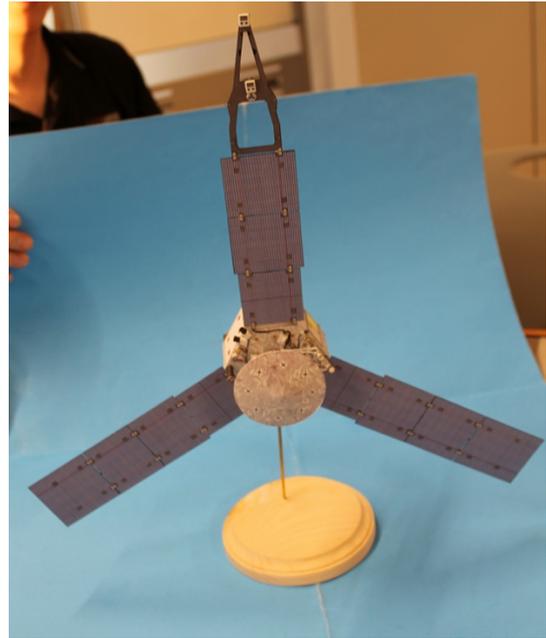
Russell Gosselin's 1/35th Trumpeter Sdkfz 7 8 ton "Work in Progress"



Mac Johnston's 1/24th AMT 1966 Ford Fairlane built "out of the box" using actual automotive paint.



Ed Mele's 1/46th scale paper model of the Juno Spacecraft



Chuck Converse built his old 1/48th HAWK chrome-plated P-51D Mustang



Paul Lessard's 1/87th Old Colony 40' AAR Boxcar in Northern Pacific livery circa 1955 to which he added brake gear, new ends, grab irons, and grain doors



Paul Lessard's 1/87th Mini Metals International Grain Truck to which he added the body and tarp, mirrors, and license plates.



John Walker built his 1/35th BA-64B Armored Car "out of the box," except for the headlight.



John and Icie Cook showed us these examples of 3-D printing. The "kit" is a compass, all s-D printed by them.



Rod Currier finally finished his 1/32nd Hong Kong Models B-17 G Flying Fortress. He used Alclad II paints for the metal finish. He also used most of 3 Eduard photo etch sets in the interior. The model was far too big for his work space. He kept hitting it against lamps and cabinets and such that he decided to forego weathering so he wouldn't destroy the model trying!

