

'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 - 2018 Meeting Dates: December 18, January 22, February 26

Business Report

Last month we had our election of officers for the next year. Since we had no more nominations made before the vote, a motion was made to elect the nominated board. The 2018 officers are:

President – Mac Johnston

Vice-President – Bob Ingalls

Secretary – Rod Currier

Treasurer – Ed Mele

Also, one thing to remember is that this coming year will be my last as secretary. A couple of members have expressed some interest in taking over. I just need a break after 20+ years of doing the newsletter. I still plan on doing my customary Granitecon duties.

Ed Mele gave us our treasurer's report, which included Granitecon financials. Although we were prepared to take a "hit" this year because of our change in venue after many years at the Nashua Elks Club, it turns out we had more entrants and more visitors than ever before! That, coupled with an outstanding raffle thanks to John Rauscher's contacting just about every company which makes modeling and research items, allowed us to turn a small profit! After a little easy math, I found we had over 250 visitors beyond those who entered the contest! Jody Kelm had a friend who attended, and he was blown away by the models at the show. As far as we have heard, the vendors went home happy, too. Some reported two to three times the business that they had been doing in Nashua. Most said they would be back next year.

There were a couple of shows that some members attended between Granitecon and our meeting. The one most talked about was the Bay Colony show. They felt it was a good show, maybe a bit smaller than in the past. They had a small vendor area, with only about a half dozen vendors. They had a good turnout with good variety on the tables. Mac Johnston, Bob Ingalls, Tyler Ingalls, John Cook, and Russ Gosselin all reported taking home awards. Paul Lessard went to the Atlantic Beach resort for a Northeast Railroaders Convention. He was once again a judge and said they had 22 entries, which is pretty good for that type of show, with lots of excellent work. They had 2 classic wooden passenger cars on display, along with a couple of old diesel locomotives. Finally, Tom Shanahan said his son fell in love with the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro. He especially loved all of the weapons they had on display.

Russell Gosselin gave out a list of modeling U-Tube channels. He has one himself, and said they are all worth looking into for tips on all aspects of model building.

The folks at Tru-Color Paint sent us some items for the Granitecon raffle. They also sent us some paint, thinner, and retarder for a club paint demo. We were going to do this at the club cookout this past summer, but it didn't quite come together. Since the paints we received were railroad colors, I asked our resident railroad expert, Paul Lessard, if he would like to try them and give us a report. This he did at our November meeting. The first thing he said was that he has seen this paint selling from \$5 - \$6.75 for a 1 oz. bottle, which isn't cheap. He also said it is acetone based, which requires you to use their thinner with it. He said that was essential! The first color he tried was Oxide Brown, which is a good match for Boxcar Red. His project came out really nice. The second color was Aluminum, which he found was rather thin and required him to use a primer first to get it to cover. The next was Weathered Black, which 95% of tank cars are painted with. It came out very fine and very smooth. Finally, he used some Grimy Black, which he had to thin. In conclusion, Paul says the paint is good, but has to be airbrushed, with his better airbrush giving better results. It also ruins other paint if you try to brush it on. Because of these factors above and the price, Paul prefers acrylic enamels for his modeling.

Toward the end of the meeting, the possibility of having a "Yankee Swap" at our December meeting was brought up by Bob Fiero. Those still there were interested, so I sent around an e-mail about it and the response in favor was over the top. So at this month's meeting we will forgo the usual business portion of the meeting and have a "Yankee Swap." Those wishing to participate should bring in a wrapped modeling related item, keeping the value below around \$30. The item could be from your stash, as long as it is not the "trash." We will also have the usual raffle and a small "show and tell." By small, I mean please limit yourself to one model this month, and obey the "four minute rule" when discussing them. If we get a lot of participants in the swap, it could take quite a bit of time, depending on how much gift shifting is done. Sounds like fun! We will get back to any serious stuff in January.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but as I write this, SNOW is falling in the wilds of northern New Hampshire. AGAIN! So that brings me to our meeting cancellation policy. If we have a storm, the officers will confer and decide if the meeting is on or not. If the meeting is to be cancelled, I will send out an e-mail before 5 PM. I will call the few members who don't have computers. If we cancel, the library will be notified, and you can call them to be sure, just in case you are out and about and not near your computer. Their phone number is: 603-589-4600

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

March 25, 2018: Valleycon 28 Wings and Wheels Chicopee, MA
April 8, 2018: Downeastcon 2018 Thornton Academy, 438 Main St. Saco, Maine
May 6, 2018: NorthshoreCon 2018 Gloucester High School Gloucester, MA
October 21, 2018: Granitecon XXVI The Falls Event Center 21 Front St. Manchester, NH

November Raffle Winners



Robert Ingalls chose this F-16



Tony D'Anjou chose a Coke truck



Pete Davis chose a Star Wars craft

November Show and Tell



Mac Johnston added a windshield logo, rear cover, valve stems, door locks, and floor mats to his 1/32nd AMT '61 Ford Ranchero



Staghound I
Carpathian Lancers, 2nd Polish Corps
Italy, 1944



John Walker's 1/35th Italeri Staghound I, built "out of the box."



John Walker's 1/35th Tamiya Leichtes Panzerspahwagen Ausf.A, (Sd.Kfz.223) built "out of the box."



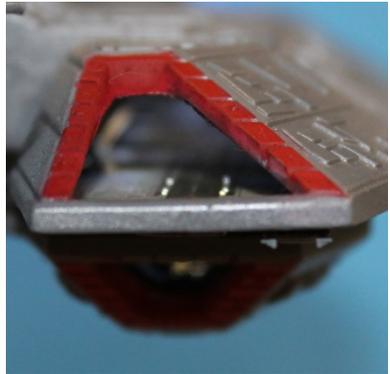
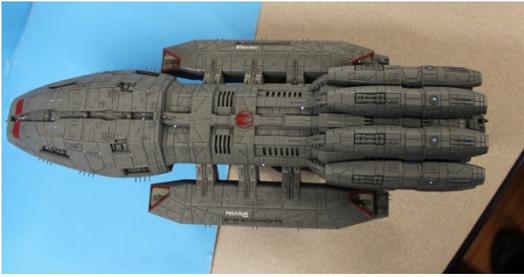
Russell Gosselin's MPC/Ertl Star Wars AT-AT "in progress"



Bob Fiero shows off the underwing stores of his F-4E



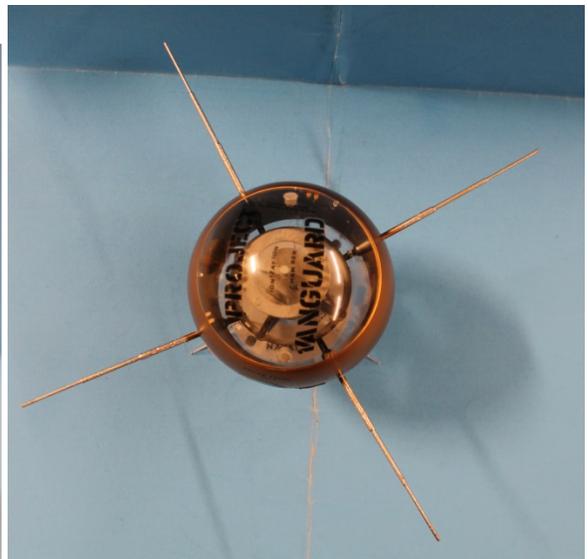
Bob Fiero's 1/72nd Fujimi F-4E long range air superiority fighter, with 30 year anniversary markings.



John Cook opened up the landing bays and added lots of fiber optics to his 1/4105th Moebius Battlestar Pegasus



Brandon Clifton built these three 1/24th ERTL Race Cars “out of the box.”



Chuck Converse built up this old Box Scale Hawk Project Vanguard Satellite.



Rod Currier's 1/32nd Tamiya P-51D Mustang, finished with Alclad II paints



Brian Matteuzzi used link tracks and rubber road wheels on his 1/35th Dragon Ersatz M-10



Brian Matteuzzi used a unique decal on his 1/35th Trumpeter KV-1



Brian Matteuzzi's 1/35th Trumpeter E-100 "in progress"



Brian Matteuzzi used track links on his 1/35th Takom T29E3

