

'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:

December 16, January 27, February 24

Club Officer Elections

GSM unanimously elected in favor of the following candidates for the following positions: Mac Johnston, President; Rich Filteau, Vice President; Rodney Currier, Secretary; Edward Mele IV, Treasurer; and Russell Gosselin, Newsletter Editor. Congratulations!

GraniteCon 2020 Theme

A number of ideas were brought up during the meeting concerning next year's theme for GraniteCon. Please come to the December meeting, as we need everyone to vote on one of the following candidates:

1. *"Too Late For The War"* Any subject that was created too late to be deployed, as the war was already over.
2. *"50 Shades of Gray"* Any subject painted in the many and varied shades of gray. Any shade between the colors black and white.
3. *"Experimental"* Any subject that was a prototype.
4. *"First and Last"* Any two subjects that demonstrate the earliest and latest productions in a series.
5. *"The Roaring Twenties"* Any subject from the 1920s.

Holiday Yankee Swap

GSM unanimously voted in favor of having a Yankee Swap at the December meeting. If you would like to participate, please bring a model or model related item (tools, books, etc.) The said item must be wrapped. The price range should be in the \$25 area. If the model is coming from the stash, please make sure that the kit is complete.

Building Models in a Galaxy Far, Far Away

This month marks an end of an era. The adventures of Luke Skywalker, a story that has undoubtedly made its mark in cinematic history and pop culture, will come to a close with Star Wars: Episode IX. Or will it?

With the release of Star Wars in 1977, model builders, especially those with a love for science fiction, were given an opportunity to recreate many of the spaceships and characters that dazzled us on the silver screen. Anyone with a little glue and paint could now build Luke's X-Wing Fighter or the now iconic Millennium Falcon. MPC/Ertle was given the license to produce these kits, providing endless entertainment for the kid at heart and perhaps a new challenge for the more serious builder. More ships and vehicles would be added to the model catalogue in the movie sequels, The Empire Strikes Back (1980) and Return of The Jedi (1983).



My father used to take my brothers and me to our local hobby shop in Manchester (606) almost every Saturday morning. I was pretty young when the Star Wars movies came out, so I was really only satisfied with a Matchbox car. That being said, I can still remember looking up at the ceiling and seeing the Millennium Falcon. It was huge, amazing, and I hoped to build one just like it someday.

With the exception of creative scratch building or resin casting in one's garage, the MPC/ Ertle kits were the only models available. Builders took the time to enhance these kits with the technology available to them. Many added fiber optics for lighting; the more daring incorporated them on dioramas.



The 21st Century brought new technologies in both the model building world and movie making. George Lucas finally created his long anticipated prequel trilogy, adding more visual effects through the use of computer animation. Moreover, a new license to manufacture Star Wars models was given to the Japanese model company, Finemolds. The kits were the Cadillac of Star Wars models. But exquisite detail comes with a high price, however, more affordable kits could be found under AMT/ Ertle.

On December 18, 2015 Star Wars fans were catapulted into a whole new trilogy. Model builders got an added bonus. Bandai, a Japanese model company that is well known for their Gundam kits, was given licensure to build Star Wars models. The quality of the models is without a doubt on par with that of Finemolds, and for less of a price. Add your Hobby Lobby coupon, and you have yourself a great deal.



Moreover, there seems to be no end in sight of the many and varied subjects and scales of Star Wars kits being produced. The Saga of Luke Skywalker may be coming to an end, but Star Wars stories and models are going to be with us for the foreseeable future.

At the age of 44, time and some disposable income has allowed me the indulgence to acquire a few Star Wars models. One year ago I treated myself to the Bandai 1/72 “Perfect Grade” Millennium Falcon. Just like that model of the Falcon I used to see hanging from the ceiling at 606, this new Bandai kit is huge, amazing, and I hope to build it someday.

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

~Russell Gosselin

Hobby Shop Directory: These are the hobby shops that support us and our efforts year after year. Most 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) 187 Elm 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
 Granite State Hobbies 20 Pleasant St. Claremont, NH (603-504-5605) ajmsugaring@icloud.com
 Minuteman Scale Models 472 Amherst St. Suite 21 Nashua, NH (603-921-5048)

Local Upcoming Events of Interest

April 5	DownEastCon	Saco Middle School Saco, ME
March 29	ValleyCon 30	KofC Chicopee, MA
May 2	NorthshoreCon	KofC Peabody, MA
May 7-9	AMPS Nationals	Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, PA
July 29-August 1	IPMS USA Nats.	Embassy Suites San Marcos, TX
October 4	Classic Plastic	Elks Hall Lawrence, MA
October 18	GraniteCon 28	Falls Event Center Manchester, NH

November Raffle Winners



Aaron Carroll(L) and Rich Filteau (R).

November Show and Tell



Tony D' Anjou brought in this Revell 1/24 1970 Dodge Charger. He added wiring detail.



Pete Davis added NOCH Scenery to help camouflage his 1/35 StuG IV from Italeri.



Paul Lessard stunned the club with this 1/87 60' combine passenger car from Life-Like. He added a lot of extra detail, including the people inside.



Chuck Converse built this classic A3 Skywarrior from Revell.



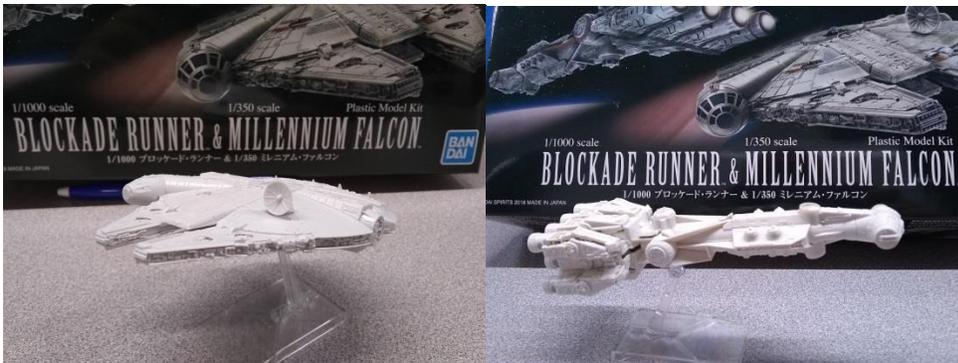
John Walker added a whole lot of detail to this 1/35 Tiger I from Tamiya.



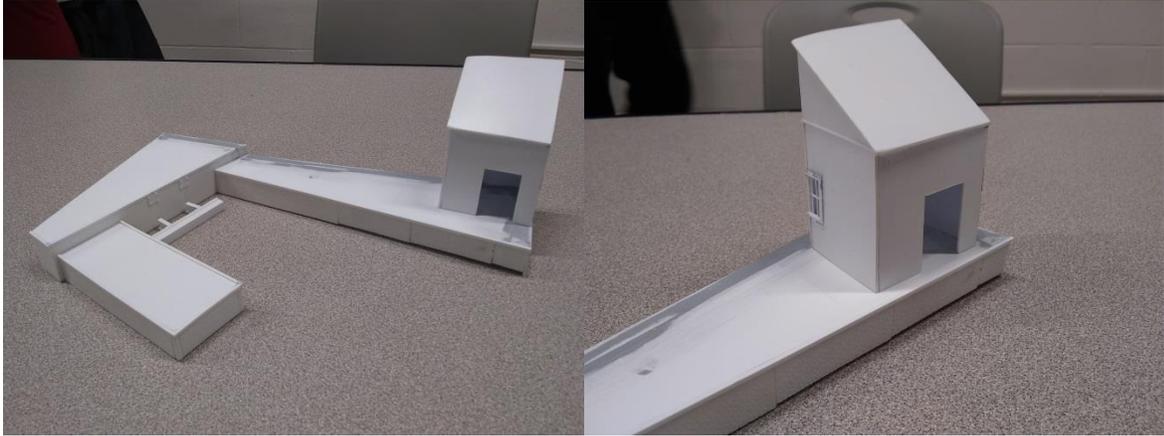
John Walker flew in with this bf 109 G10 from Monogram in 1/48.



John Walker built and painted this 54mm Private of the 1st RI Regiment.



Russ Gosselin brought in a little something from that galaxy far, far away.



Jody Kelm has a diorama in the works. This is a mockup of the railroad yard that will feature a panther on a flatbed.