



'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:

October 19 (cancelled), November 16 TBA, December 21 TBA

Rod's Ramblings

A.K.A. The secretary's report

Greetings all! I hope this finds you healthy and in good spirits. Personally, I just got the use of my right arm back after a six week bout with a broken shoulder. Needless to say, I won't be cutting down any more dead trees. . . I can't rake or shovel snow for a couple of more weeks, but everything healed nicely and I didn't need any surgical intervention. Hopefully the snow thing won't be a worry for a while yet!

I would like to thank those members who have hosted build sessions at their homes during this difficult time. I went to one at Bob Ferri's place and had a great time. John and Icie have one coming up in Nashua on October 18th. Something hit me about the date until I realized it was supposed to be Granitecon day! No wonder the date was stuck in my mind. Anyway, for those who didn't hear how things worked out, I had a chat with the woman who is now running The Falls Event Center and after assuring her that there was no way we could hold Granitecon with all of the social restrictions in place, she transferred our deposit to October 17, 2021. Hopefully we have a vaccine in place by then and our lives are somewhat back to normal. The Nashua Library will be closed to us for quite a while yet, it seems. Hopefully, when things get safe, they will fit us back in. But as of now, they are not having any meetings in the facility.

This is the time of the year when we normally start thinking about electing officers for the next year. A lot of clubs are just keeping their same E-boards as this year. Let us know what your preferences are. Just send a message to one of the officers. If the membership wants a regular election, we can work it out with a few mailings sent around. Almost everyone now has e-mail. For those who don't, I can make phone calls to keep them in the loop.

Way back in time we used to have a small section in the newsletter for “Wants and Disposals.” I happened to find out that Russell was trying to buy a particular “out of production” kit on an online auction, but the price got too high and he dropped out. Turns out, I had the kit he was looking for, and he had a kit I was interested in. So we traded kits, both of us are happy, and it didn’t cost us any more cash. As I get older, I realize I have kits in my stash that really don’t jump out at me as “needing to build” that they might have at another time, as many of us probably do. So if you find yourself in that position, send Russell a message and he can put it out to the membership in the newsletter. Because you never know who may have what you are looking for and may be willing to part with it.

Finally, for those members who have been around for a while, our past Treasurer Ed Broderick passed away. Ed was our treasurer for many years, way back before we were registered as a non-profit and had a checking account. Ed held the club’s funds in a savings account and paid our bills with bank checks. So every club transaction meant a trip to the bank. One year his wife was having health problems and he had to give up the position. The guy who took it over didn’t pay our bills in a timely fashion, and never seemed to get receipts, frustrating us all. Ed stepped back in and took over and straightened out the records. Ed showed up for everything club related. He was there at the entrance tables at Granitecon for years, when it was just me and him and usually Jack Sutcliffe. He was at most of the Hooksett Train Show make and takes, manning the display tables with Tony. He was at the club display table when there used to be airshows in Nashua. He was the face of our club for a lot of years. I remember he had a love of 1/72nd scale Japanese aircraft from WWII. He built a lot of those before his eyes started getting worse. We had a lot of phone conversations about club business, as e-mail was just starting and most of us had dial up internet, if any. Rest in peace my friend. You deserve it. And a hearty “thanks” for helping to make our club what it is today!



Edward J. Broderick 1938 - 2020

A Tale of Two Itches

By Russell Gosselin

I was quite optimistic upon hearing about the Covid-19 outbreak back in March. Certainly there would be some challenges for our National and local communities. Sure, our model club meetings would be cancelled for a spell. And so what if there wasn't any model shows in the spring? It would just be a brief delay, allowing us more time to get our builds finished for the fall. By July my hopefulness had become disturbingly realistic, as I accepted the fact that there would be no shows and club meetings for the rest of the year. The build days have been a healing Balm of Gilead for all who have participated. That being said, I still had a few itches, like a dog with fleas. And I had to do something about it.

The first itch was the fact that I had made plans to greatly reduce my stash for 2020. I have more models than I truly deserve, and it just doesn't make any sense to keep them around. Besides, I have long run out of room to store any new models. I even found a small kit tucked away in my sock draw. Yikes! This isn't supposed to happen!

I was introduced to the Scale Model Graveyard on Facebook a few years ago. It has the entire splendor that one is bound to find at any given model show. Well, there might not be the aromas wafting from the canteen of coffee, donuts, and greasy cheeseburgers. Nor will you hear the voices of itinerant peddlers wheeling and dealing with customers looking for a bargain. What you will find is that sense of surprise and discovery of seeing models old and new; vintage and rare; and a whole pile of reference books, tools, and aftermarket accessories. And the prices? Well, I have found them to be quite fair. One may even find themselves quite lucky, as in the early days of EBay.

The auction begins promptly at 10PM EST Friday and concludes on Sunday at 10PM EST. The weekdays are reserved for direct sale items. I recommend that anyone new to the site should first read the rules. It's a quick read, and helps clarify potential problems that may occur (for sellers and buyers).

I made my first sales back in August and I haven't stopped since. The experience has been positive, albeit, that amazing feeling of emptying a few boxes at the end of a model show just doesn't compare. But not finding anymore models in my sock drawer is even better.

"I'm never going to buy a new model again." These are the words of a liar. I'll be honest - there are a few models that are on my list to acquire. And some have been downright hard to find, as they are out of production. This second itch of mine started way back in 2012 in Denver, Colorado. One of the founding fathers of IPMS Rob Wolf, Cliff Davies, had built Revell of Germany's 1/32 Arado 196A-3 WWII seaplane. The kit was released in 2010 and immediately made a huge impression on many a model builder. There are options to open the engine cowlings and canopy, while having one of the main wings folded.

In my mind I knew I had to build it someday. Well, someday turned out to be a few years. In that time, Revell strangely stopped producing the kit, making it a rather hard to find and extremely sought after kit. The prices have been jumping higher and higher. I have found that my desperation has equally jumped. Two months ago I was heavily engaged in a bid war on Ebay for the kit. The seller included Eduard's Big Ed, packed with all their Photo-Etch accessories. Well, as Rod wrote in his rambling, the price became too high. I proudly conceded and moved on.

A few days later in an email exchange with Rod, I mentioned my misadventure with this ever elusive Arado seaplane. Much to my surprise, Rod said he had the kit and had no real plans on ever building it. He offered a trade. I said, "Heck yeah!" I made him a list of aircraft that I was willing to part with. I exchanged an Accurate Miniatures SBD3, as I know Rod is building a collection of those aircraft. My mind and heart are at ease now. I have plans to start building the Arado for the turn of the New Year.

I've tried to provide some alternatives in the purchasing and selling of model kits due to the lack of model shows. The first example, online acquisition, is pretty much a 21st Century phenomena, and looks like it is going to be around for a while. The second example, bartering, well, is as old as Caine and Able. Both present Pros and Cons. But if you have itches like me, and I know some of you do, I would encourage you all to give it a try. You won't be disappointed.

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)

September Show and Tell



Mark D'Agostino built this German 1/35 Marder III.



Lyn Cushman is making progress on his 'Buddy Build' M35.



Chuck Converse built this large scale Harrier.



Paul Lessard Built this 50ton ballast car from Walther's. He added weights and uncoupling levers. He weathered it with chawks, custom paint blends, and washes.



Brian Matteuzzi built this 1/35 Tamiya M1A2 Abrams.