



'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:

March 15 (Zoom), April 19, May 17

Rod's Ramblings

Greetings fellow modelers. The new year has started. Hopefully it will be better than last year! My wife and I got our first Covid-19 shots on February 10th. Our second shots are scheduled for March 10th. Hopefully the data winds up showing that the vaccines both protect us from the virus and also prevent us from passing it along, allowing us to start getting out again.

I've "seen" a bunch of you on our "Zoom" meetings the past couple of months. If you haven't been able to attend one yet, you should give it a try. I know I feel much better "meeting" with my friends, even if it is only for a few minutes and virtual. I invited Dan Belcher, who held many of our officer positions over the years, to one of our build meetings. We all enjoyed catching up with him and talking "plastic." Since he has retired to Florida, he has actually found time to get building. He promises to attend another meeting with us to show us what he has been working on. I've seen pictures, and as Pete Davis pointed out, "who knew he was such a good builder." Back in the day, Dan would bring new releases to sell us at fantastic discounts. He used to run "Ideal Models" out of his home, and since he had "industry connections," he would let us know what aircraft releases were coming out in his newsletters each month. And bring a few to the meetings to sell or show off. John Rauscher has taken up that mantle with his new tool line that he has been showing us during the "Zoom" meetings.

So far, there is no word from the library about opening their meeting rooms. They do hope to

start having some open hours for the library late in March if all goes well, but the meeting rooms are still way in the future.

As far as Granitecon goes, we are still planning to hold it this year. It will depend on State and city of Manchester rules for functions and room capacity, and at this point we have no answers. There is a flyer on our website, but we are waiting a bit to see what is happening before we start the big push in hobby stores. We don't want to get everyone "pumped up" and then have to cancel. Last week we got word that the Maine show is not happening this spring.

As far as club dues go, we decided at our January meeting (the officers were all there) that if you paid your dues for 2020, we would extend your club membership through 2021. If you did not pay, we are asking you to please pay this year. Even though we are not physically meeting, the club still has expenses that have to be met. With no Granitecon last year, dues money is a bit more important for us than usual to meet our expenses. Please send your check to:

Rodney Currier 8 Strawberry Lane Thornton, NH 03285

An easy way to tell if you paid last year is to check your membership card. Those who paid last February have a membership card/name tag that I printed on my computer. If you lost it or are not sure, send me an e-mail. Hope to see you on "Zoom" this month.

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)
Boomer's Books & Empire Models 273 North Stark HWY Weare, NH

Weathered For Duty

By Pete Davis

My 1/35th Zvezda T34/76 (the stamped metal turret version) is finished and I am delighted with the result. Having low expectations, based on my previous experience with Zvezda kits from way back when, I was pleasantly surprised with how well it went together. It was well engineered with great detail, forming a terrific basis for my build.



Normally I follow the 'less is more' school of weathering, but this time I decided to see what I could achieve with some extreme applications of my techniques. I wanted to replicate a tank that might have fought hard and ran harder. I happened to be watching an old YouTube video by Andy's Hobby Headquarters. I noticed how he weathered a JS2 tank to look really beat up, inspiring me to revisit a few different techniques.

I left the lower hull separate from the upper hull and applied a couple of colors of mud from AK Interactive, coupled with powdered pigments stippled into the wet stain for dimensionality. I similarly weathered the wheels this way, too.

I have been trying to replicate how tank tracks might look in the field, with various surface coatings and dirt scoured from the basic factory metal look. I loved using Model Master Steel in the past, but the product is now out of production. I have begun the search for a substitute. I tried Tamiya acrylic metallics this time, but could only find gun metal and chrome silver and that didn't work well. I ended up adding AK Interactive track wash to minimize that look. I then applied the tracks to the lower hull and weathered them up the same as the upper hull. As I was trying for a wet, muddy look, I used some Pledge Future to try to make the surfaces look a little wet here and there, but this effect didn't provide the desired results.

One note on the tracks...they are link and length and go together very well. However, I made the mistake of gluing the drive wheels in place on the tank, which made placement of the tracks a bit tricky. I ended up having to shave some plastic off the drive horns at the drive wheels to make them fit.



I weathered the top hull by first chipping liberally with NATO Black and a small brush. I then added some AK oil and fuel stains on the gas tanks and engine deck. Additional weathering was done with Burnt Sienna oil paint mixed with Turpenol to create filters. I topped the surface off with earth toned pigments and a bit of yellow pigment for variety.

I did make one really stupid mistake toward the end of the build. I inadvertently threw away the pioneering tools (saw and shovel) which were still attached to the sprue when I pitched them in the trash. I, of course, discovered this about an hour after our local solid waste collection team had disappeared toward the local land fill with my parts in tow. I scrounged a couple of replacement tools from my stash, obviously not like those the T34 would normally carry, but I rationalized that they might have lost theirs in intense fighting and had just appropriated replacements from whatever locations they could after the engagement.



All in all, this was a really fun build and I am happy with the result. I will definitely do another Zvezda kit, should one tickle my fancy in the near future and beg for me to take it home with me!



How many years will it take to build all these kits?

February Show & Tell



Chuck Converse, ever the classical model builder, assembled this Aurora gem. He left it unpainted to show off that metallic burgundy plastic.



Scotty Mallet built this Volkswagen Beetle with Coca Cola advertisements. If Coke is the pause that refreshes, then I hope he had a glass of coke during all his breaks during this awesome build. He deserves it!



It is fair to say that Jody Kelm has been making the best out of the Covid-19 situation. His IDF Apache helicopter has been built with every conceivable detail it seems.



Vincent Farruggio has devoted much time into this 1/72 B2 Stealth bomber from Testors. He incorporated a clock mechanism that he acquired from Hobby Lobby. Will we see more models built in a timely fashion? Time will tell.



As promised, Russell is now only submitting material that has recently been painted. In this case, it's still a far cry from complete. But he is showing progress. ICM 1/35 Henschel Typ 33D with cargo from various manufacturers.

GSMC Dues Payment Form

Member Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone # : _____

IPMS Member? Yes _____ No _____ IPMS Member # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Dues are \$12 per year for the first household member with an additional \$1 per year for each club member. Only 1 newsletter sent to each household. For example: Father (\$12) + Son (\$1) + daughter (\$1) = \$14.

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Rodney Currier
8 Strawberry Lane
Thornton, NH 03285

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