



'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:

May 17 (Zoom), June 21, July 19

Weekend Build Sessions via Zoom:

Saturdays 1-4pm; Sundays 6-9pm

<https://zoom.us/j/91436116803?pwd=NTIPU2dLUVdLYnR4SzhGL3hQaHBvQT09>

Meeting ID: 914 3611 6803

Passcode: 274186

GraniteCon 2021 Status

We all desire to attend model shows again. It is a natural inclination to gather amongst fellow model builders and talk about the splendor of styrene. For most of us it has been well over a year since we've had that experience. That being said, it is fair to say that GSM has many real factors to consider if GraniteCon is going to happen for October. Firstly, the safety of all club members and patrons must be paramount. However, even if the mandates from the Governor's Office allow for public gatherings, there will be some impediments due to the pandemic as a whole. Mac has brought up the sobering truth that selling trophy packs is going to be a lot harder, as many sponsors have fallen out of contact due to Covid-19. Will there be tables available to rent? Will vendors come? Will people have to bring documentation of vaccination? Can GSM afford to take a loss if the show is a bust financially? A final decision on this matter will be made in July. Hopefully Lady Luck will smile upon GSM.

A Call to Build

Our very own Vice President, Rich Filteau has been volunteering at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire in Manchester. He says that the museum is currently looking to add models representing the NH Air National Guard to its collection. This is a great public relations opportunity for GSM to support a local museum. And who knows, maybe a few people will come visit a future club meeting after seeing the models. The museum attracts many youth groups from the surrounding area all year long. One can't think of a better way to plant the seeds of future model builders.

There are twelve aircraft in total. To meet the limited shelving space, Rich says that the models will have to be built in 1/144 (multi engine) and 1/72 (single engine) aircraft. The museum doesn't have the means to purchase the models, so anyone who wants to participate will have to consider this a goodwill offering. The builds are to be considered "curbside," so one doesn't have to add any major detailing. However, there will be specifics with regards to color schemes and all the NH Air Guard letters and numbers. Rich says that most of the aircraft were in either natural or painted aluminum. Reference pictures of the aircraft are available. Rich will assist with his decal wizardry if needed.

These are the aircraft to be built. Please note that some have already been assigned (*). Contact a club officer if interested in participating.

KC-135 Stratotanker*
KC-97 Stratofreighter
A-26 Invader*
C-124 Globemaster II
C-47 Skytrain*
C-130 Hercules
F-94 Starfire
F-86 Sabre
P-51H*
P-47D*
P-47D*
L-5 Sentinel

Rich has a complete spreadsheet available upon request with all information for each aircraft.

Building a Pre-War Classic

By Richard Filteau

The Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Corporation Model 64 (F11C) Goshawk was a development of the Curtiss F6C/P-1 Hawk. The inline engine of the F6C/P-1 was replaced with a radial engine; the distance between the upper and lower wings was increased; the fabric covered control surfaces were replaced with metal covered surfaces; and a hard point was added under the fuselage to carry either a fuel tank or a 474 Lb. bomb. At a time when aviation design was progressing rapidly, the end result of these “upgrades” did not produce an aircraft that was any more advanced than other existing designs. The Goshawk would be the last Curtiss fighter aircraft accepted into an operational role by the US Navy. Later in its life the F11C’s role was changed from fighter to bomber-fighter and it became the BFC-2. Only 28 examples of the type were built with only two squadrons operating the Goshawk during the period from 1932 to 1938. VF-1B, The “High Hat” Squadron onboard the Saratoga and Goshawks served briefly with VB-6 aboard the Enterprise.



The subject of this build is Curtiss F11C-2 BuAer Number (First Series) 9265. This was the first production aircraft of the type. It was delivered to the Navy on 10/11/1931. 9265 served as a test aircraft and would not join the fleet as a part of a squadron until 1936. It was struck off charge on 04/29/1939.

Except for the addition of the rigging wires I chose to build this kit right out of the box, including using the kit decals and suggested paint scheme. I cannot find any historical reference to back up the paint scheme in the kit instructions. The overall Light Aircraft grey color with yellow upper wing top is correct. However, at the time the Goshawk was in service, each carrier’s aircraft had their tail area painted a specific color. The only two air groups that actually had Goshawks on board were the Saratoga, whose color was white, and the Enterprise, whose color was blue. The USS Ranger’s color was green, but I can find no reference to Goshawks being part of the Ranger’s air group. The color of the engine cowling and fuselage band color of red would have denoted an aircraft of the first section of a carrier’s air group. The solid color cowling, as opposed to the lower or upper half, would signify the section leader.



Despite the possible historical inaccuracies I like the results. For a kit that was first released in 1955 it builds up into a fine representation 1930’s naval fighter.

April Show and Tell



Here are a few shots of my Dragon 1/35 scale Panzerbefehlswagon I. This was my second attempt at this model, as the first one I bought came with Magic Tracks...too few of them...and I had plenty left over this time around to fill the gap in the first version. I built this as a command tank with the antenna. This thing is tiny...still unsure as to how three big guys could all fit in there at once. This was my first attempt at a panzer gray tank finish and ended up lighter in color than I wanted due to all of the post shading I did and the dust coat of Tamiya Buff. I also used ground pigments to form the soil, followed by Tamiya panel liners to accentuate features on the vehicle. I even used a base coat of Tamiya Brown Panel Liner Accent Color on the muffler, then added dry pigment to give it a bit of tooth. This was a fun build and may eventually finish the first one now that the tracks are complete.





Lyn Cushman built this 1/35 Waffenträger from HobbyBoss.



Chuck Converse strikes again with another vintage model kit from yester-year.



Russell loves painting plywood with oils on his Monogram 1/48 B-17G cockpit.

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

Upcoming Events of Modeling Interest

(Due to Covid-19 these events may or may not happen)

July 31	MosquitoCon29	Wayne PAL Hall	Wayne, NJ
Aug 18-21	IPMS USA Nationals	Rio Resort & Convention Ctr.	Las Vegas, Nevada
Sept. 24-25	ArmorCon/ AMPS	Crowne Plaza Hotel	Danbury, CT
October 10	ValleyCon 30	Knights of Columbus Hall	Chicopee, MA
October 17	GraniteCon XXVIII	La Quinta Hotel	Manchester, NH
November 14	BayCon 2021	Smithfield Elks	Smithfield, RI