



'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:

August (16), September 20, October 18

Weekend Build Sessions via Zoom:

Saturdays 1-4pm; Sundays 6-9pm

Together Again

A great time was had by all who attended last month's meeting. For many, it was the first time that the club got to socialize with one another since last March of 2020. A big hand goes out to Rodney Currier who was able to arrange the hall of Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Parish for the club.

Nashua Library Status

At long last, the news that we've all been waiting for has come. The library gathering rooms will be available beginning in September; however, now that the Delta variant is present, there will most likely be a mask requirement. Rodney has sent all the necessary paperwork required to acquire a room for GSM. Stay tuned for information as to where the said room will be located or any changes in the library status via email or phone call.

GraniteCon

The word has gone out across New England – GraniteCon is a Go! Mac has been in contact with many model clubs and organization throughout the area. Everyone is very excited to attend the show, as there has been quite a dearth of them due to Covid-19. This is great news; however, this also means that there will most likely be a high turnout of model entries and contestants. The pandemic year gave many a rare opportunity to get more models built and shelves of doom cleared.

GSM is resisting the urge to officially limit the number of entries per contestant. Let's be honest, it's not a good selling pitch and does little for the PR side of things. Instead, Mac has been communicating in his rather subtle kind of way that common sense should prevail. Unofficially, the club is asking that contestants bring 5-6 models. Of course this is not a mandate, but will help to stem the tide of a potentially chaotic avalanche of entries.

The Boy Scout motto is: Be Prepared. And that is exactly what GSM is planning to do in anticipation of an overflow of entries. If needed, the judges' room is a possible location to offer more table space. It is a sound contingency plan, as it will still offer the same level of safety of said models. Let's face it; nobody wants to put a table out in the hallway, where anything can happen.

If this was any GraniteCon prior to the pandemic, trophy packs would have begun selling in January. Unfortunately, GraniteCon is a mere three months away. Please take some time to consider sponsoring a trophy pack or ask some friends and family members. Our sponsorship program does much to offset the club's expenses.

Last but not least, GraniteCon's success is dependent upon the participation of its volunteers. There are many tasks that need to be done all throughout the day, whether that is table preparation and breakdown, registration, and judging. Please take some time this summer to consider how you might be able to help out.

Upcoming Events of Modeling Interest

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

Aug 18-21	IPMS USA Nationals	Rio Resort & Convention Ctr.	Las Vegas, Nevada
Sept. 11-12	Thunder Over NH Airshow	Pease ANGB	Portsmouth, NH
October 1-2	ArmorCon/ AMPS	Wyndham Southbury	Southbury, 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

Club Picnic

A big thank you goes out to Bob Ferri and his wife, Eileen for hosting the club outing this year. It was a great time had by all. The food was good with lively conversation and lawn games. There was even the ceremonial laying out of the grill goods for a chance visit by Chuck Converse. Unfortunately, he did not grace us with his presence, as he had commitments at the flea market. Maybe next year?



Though the nation is still feeling the effects of Covid-19 in one form or another, it was a joyful time to meet up as a community of friends, as well as model builders. It can be agreed by all that it was wonderful to catch up on what everyone has been up to over the previous year. It seems that everyone has been busy doing something, whether it was building an addition to a house or travelling cross country to attend the liquidation sale of Squadron.



With each passing month things are getting a little bit better. Soon there will be model shows and club meetings to attend. And, yes, there will come a time when we will say, "Remember when. . ." The club picnic certainly sustained us with food to nourish; conversation to inform; and lawn games to entertain us. In a way, it was a small slice of what awaits us all when this pandemic is finally laid to rest.

~Russell



M35 Mittlere Panzerwagen ADGZ-Steyr

by Mac Johnston



This is a brief and confused history about these heavy armored cars. The known written history is a quite vague, as there was only a small amount of vehicles produced.

They were first produced in 1934 and delivered from 1935-1941. They started in service with the Austrian army and police departments. The first version I believe from what I can find out was the Daimler version. (Lyn's build). The later I believe was the Steyr version which I built. The original version produced was 27 units. The balance of the 52 produced was the Steyr type.

AD in the name meant Austro- Daimler. The GZ was the armored car designation. The vehicle had a weight of 12 tons and could travel at appx 43 mph. The vehicle could go either direction as it had a 3/3 transmission with a 150 hp 12 cylinder engine. As it couldn't always turn around in a tight situation, this is why there was a driver front and rear. Other German recon vehicles were set up this way too. It had a crew of 4-6 men.

The main gun was a 20mm cannon and three 7.92 MG 34 machine guns. It was thinly armored so it wasn't a stand and fight vehicle.

A few sources though unofficial claim the after Operation Barbarossa, quite a few of these received Russian T 26 turrets to install the bigger gun from the Russian tank.

The kit as a whole was pretty nice. A few areas of issue are the front and rear louvers. Aside from having very fragile attaching points, there isn't any interior so you have to blank off the space under them. The side doors are in halves and are very tricky to align the parts. They have to fit perfectly in the openings or you have a gap between the upper and lower sections. I put a piece of Evergreen thick beam behind the lower one. It fit very well with the reinforcement.

The front and rear suspension and steering is a little fragile but has good detail. The center housings for the drive to the dual wheels is pretty basic. Not too much for detail there.

The rest of the kit went together well and has decent detail. The decals were excellent.

Some of the main differences between the kits are the following; The headlights, Steyr has storage boxes under the fenders, Turn indicators, turret guns are a different configuration, and some had a different exhaust.

I painted the model with Tamiya paint with their lacquer thinner. It sprays and lays down great!!! I used their semi flat for the decals to set on. After detail painting I sprayed it with Testors Acrylic flat. I did a pin wash with oils and used MIG pigments.

I recommend this to anyone who wants something different.



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

July Raffle Winners



Rich Filteau



Bob Ingals



Lyn Cushman

July Show & Tell



Pete Davis built this 1/35 scale Rye Field Models Gruppe Fehrmann Tiger 1. Gruppe Fehrmann was attached to Kampfgruppe Schulz, consisting of Tiger Is and Panthers from a training school at Bergen, Germany in April of 1945 with the mission to penetrate the Rhur pocket and rescue the Panzer-Lehr Division. The mission wasn't too successful but caused a week long raucous for the Allies. Pete marked his Tiger as "the 14th 'Fehrmann' (there were only 13 but my backstory is that there was one additional that blew an engine and got left behind)."



Don't get in the way of Jody Kelm's golden loot or you'll feel the wrath of this powerful dragon.