

'The Instruction Sheet'

IPMS / Granite State Modelers Club

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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:

November 15, December 20, January 25

Weekend Build Sessions via Zoom:

Saturdays 1-4pm; Sundays 6-9pm

Notes on GraniteCon

A few highlights were addressed concerning GraniteCon 28. Apparently there is a small waterfall in the lobby that coincides with the name of the venue, Falls Event Center. The kicker is that the club logo can be put into software that will project it against the said waterfall. All agree that that would be really nice to see for next year.

La Quinta Hotel refunded GSM a small portion of the fee for failing to have the rooms properly prepared Sunday morning.

All in all, the feedback from show participants was very good.

Thoughts & Prayers

Our very own Thomas Shanahan has been in the hospital with severe bronchitis. Please send some good vibes to Dawn and Tom during this difficult time.

GraniteCon 28 in Retrospect

The E Board would like to thank IPMS Granite State Modelers for a job well done for making GraniteCon the best model show to date. Despite all the hardships and trepidations throughout this pandemic, modelers from all over the New England area (and then some) managed to find their way to Manchester, NH. There were 105 contestants with a grand total of 512 entries. The last time we had a high record of models was in 2017 with 368.



The vendors' room was a hornet nest of activity. I believe there were quite a few visits to the hotel ATM, as the quality and selection of fine styrene wares were beyond belief. My only regret as a vendor was that I didn't have any bags for the buyers. Some just made trips back and forth from car trunk to table. The haggling was as robust as the aromas coming in from the canteen truck outside. By the end of the day, I believe the vendors were content with the sales and the buyers had more models to stuff into their stash. My only purchases were some AK Extreme Metal paint, as I have a bunch of Phantoms approaching the spray booth.



None of this could have happened without the participation of the club membership. You all did an outstanding job. No organization exists on the merits of its leadership alone. And in this case, it is often the small and unnoticed actions that really pull it off. A big thanks to all who spread the

word throughout the year; delivered flyers; bought a trophy pack; shuffled paperwork; set up tables; judged models; organized the vendors; and wrestled city hall for permits. And most of all, thank you for believing that there WAS going to be a model show.

~Russell Gosselin



Sherman Overhaul: Part II

By Russell Gosselin

More often than not, you'll find most WWII American armor loaded with a crazy assortment of stowage. The 21st Century model builder is left with several ways of recreating this effect. One can take the more challenging route and scratchbuild the stowage, using sculpting putty, styrene, and a lot of creativity. More thrifty builders will opt to go through their container of various spares that they've collected over the years. Others still will take the course of least resistance and purchase resin aftermarket accessories. For me, it was a simple choice – use that resin that has been sitting on the shelf for the last five years.



Verlinden provides an excellent accessories package designed for Sherman tanks (#1808). Not only does it come with a plethora of stowage to hang on your tank, it allows the builder the option to add “soft armor” (sandbags and logs) and a Cullen Hedgerow device; designed to allow the tank to rip through a hedgerow as opposed to driving over it, where it exposes its weaker lower hull to enemy firepower.



In my opinion, there is enough material in the package to cover two Shermans. I opted to leave the Cullen device for another tank. The “soft armor” resin pieces, along with the rest of the stowage needed a bath to remove any release

agents that may still be on them.

A word of caution – resin is carcinogenic. Yeah, it's bad stuff. Wear a mask. Alternatively, keep a vacuum at the ready to suck up all the dust that you're about to make. Enough said.

One of the beautiful aspects of resin is that you're getting exceptional detail with little clean up or prep work. If the resin castor has done his or her job, your parts will be flawless. Say goodbye to sink holes, flash, and mold misalignment. The only work required is cutting the pour plugs (and a tiny amount of flash if any) and smoothing those cuts with a little sanding.

Okay, I'd be a liar if I said it was that easy. What I've learned over the years is that the surface of the model subject often needs to be prepped to receive the said resin accessories. In my case, the glacis plate of the Sherman needed to be completely free of any parts that would get in the way. This makes things a whole lot easier. Now I have a whole bunch of parts that I don't need to attach to the model. Also, there may be some raised styrene details on the surface. They are best eliminated by using a variety of cutting tools. My approach is to cut them off using my Exacto blade. Once the bulk is cut away, I then remove the remaining pieces with a chisel blade;

making sure to keep the bevel side down, as this prevents the surface from getting gouged. This technique was used on the engine deck, where the bulk of the stowage would be stored in the form of boxes, bedrolls, etc.



Up to this point it has been pretty straightforward, right? I've decided to make things just a little more challenging. I wanted to add a large tent roll on the rear of the tank. Most photo references show these rather large and bulky objects attached on the edge of the tank where the rear and engine deck meet. The said piece is solid resin and

would require considerable hollowing out in order for it to realistically sit on the tank. It's pretty straight forward – place an appropriate bit in the chuck of the dremel, put on a mask, and begin hacking away until you get the right fit. After the cleanup, I placed some Milliput putty inside the cavity to create contact points for the engine deck. This will ensure a strong bond when it is time to be glued together. After the glue has cured, I went around the edge of the tent roll with some putty to close any visible gaps.



As the name suggests, Value Gear is an excellent aftermarket resource. Not only is it affordable, the quality of the resin is spot on with almost no cleaning up required. I used various pieces to load the engine deck with stowage. Now this is a hot button issue for some in the hobby. Sometimes it appears to be too much; other times not enough. If you look at enough reference pictures from tanks in the field, you'll realize there is no fixed

standard. In the end, just follow your instincts and play around with different styles until you find the one you like. After all, it's your model, do what you want.

One of the last parts to work on was the turret cast texture. If you take some time to look at walkaround reference photos you'll soon discover that welding beads and cast molded steel is not very appealing to the eye – it's downright ugly. The styrene molded turret just doesn't have that appearance. It's too friendly. To remedy this situation I took some Squadron Green putty thinned down with Model Master liquid cement. With a stiff brush I began stippling the green goo all over the turret. The best example is to create nooks and crannies just like Thomas' English Muffins. Allow some areas to be thicker than others, as it will get a rough sanding once it is cured.

Stay tuned for Part III sometime in the New Year.

We Remember

John Matteuzzi

October 23, 1954 – October 31, 2021

John grew up on the Matteuzzi farm in Derry, NH and was a hardworking, bigger than life kind of man that had a heart of gold and was always more than willing to do tons of car repairs for his loved ones. He loved fishing & bike riding and often spent many hours building models. He was a huge advocate for NHRA (racing cars). Although he was known to be accident prone, he was always a survivor! Motorcycle riding was second nature to him.



As a member of IPMS Granite State Modelers, John was a true participant; there was no activity too small or insignificant. He always attended the club model shows, arriving early to help set up; and was one of the last ones to leave after clean up. If there was a reenactment show at Collings Foundation, he was there. If there was a build day at one of the various homes of a club member, he was there. John wasn't a shy or reserved individual and always had something to say. His conversations were as lively and large as his heart. His presence will surely be missed at the club meetings and Peddler's Daughter.



Upcoming Events of Modeling Interest In 2022

April 2	MosquitoCon Region 2 Show	Wayne, N.J.
April 29	NoreastCon Region 1 Show	Latham, N.Y.
July 20-23	IPMS USA Nats.	Omaha, N.E.
October 16	GraniteCon 29	Manchester, NH

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

October Raffle Winners

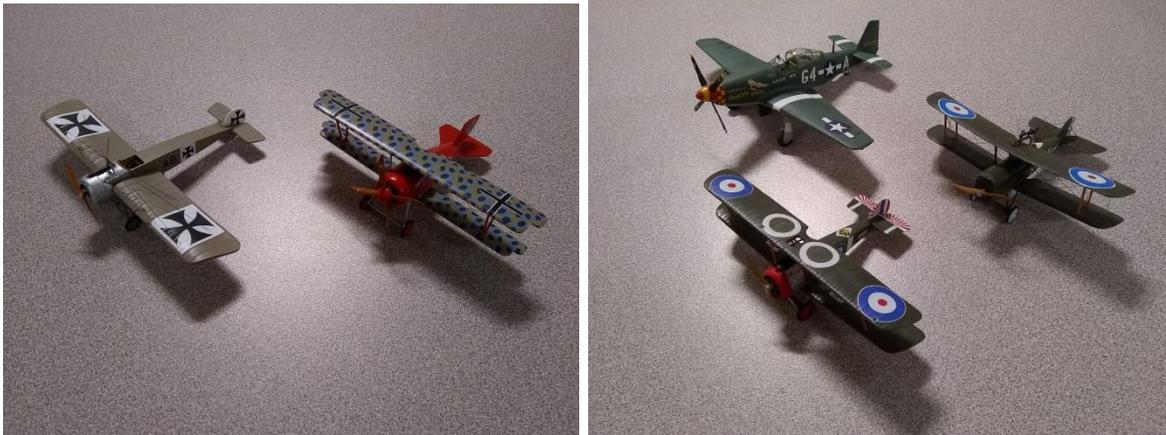


Mac Johnston



Bob Ingals

October Show & Tell



John Walker brought in a bunch of 1/72 aircraft:

P-51 D “Passion Wagon” (Academy) flown by Capt. Arval J. Roberson, 362nd FS, England 1944. Painted w/ Vallejo Model Air, Superscale decals.

Sopwith F.1 Camel (Revell) flown by Lt. L.S. Breadler, No 3 Naval Sqd, RNAS Walmer, 12, 1917. Painted w/ Life Color RLM 81 brown violet, Kit decals.

Siemens Schuckert D III (Toko) flown by Ernst Udet, Western Front. Painted w/ Life Color red, kit decals, lozenge from Superscale.

Fokker E III. (Revell) flown by Baron Gottfried Banfield, Austro-Hungarian Navy, Mediterranean ~1917. Painted w/ Vallejo Model Air, decals from kit and Woodland Scenic.

SE5a (Esci) RFC 92nd Sqd, Western Front, ~1918. Painted w/ Life Color RLM 81 brown violet, decals from kit (Red Baron’s Flying Circus). Used part of Eduard PE set.



Pete Davis built this 1/35 T-14 Armata tank from Takom with a “what if” ambush scheme.

