

'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:

December 20, January 25, February 28

Weekend Build Sessions via Zoom:

Saturdays 1-4pm; Sundays 6-9pm

Vote for Club Officer

Due to a lack of attendance, club officer nomination and voting has been put on hold until the December meeting. It is easily understood how the role of club officer can be taken for granted by the membership. They may have a leadership role to play in the execution of the inner workings of the club, but they are by no means exclusively responsible for the productivity and success of the club as a whole. The club is YOU the member. How this club functions should be a reflection of how the membership sees itself. That being said, some of the club officers have been in the saddle for a long time, and someday they will be gone. Though that day is not here, it will be in the future. Please take some time to consider in what ways you might be able to serve GSM as a club officer. Most importantly, please come to vote. It may sound trite but voting does really matter. By not voting one loses all credibility in creating the smallest criticism in club affairs.

Yankee Swap

It's that festive time of year again. All participants should bring a wrapped gift modeling related of retail value no more \$30. Kits from stash are expected to be complete and unbuilt.

Mustangs in New Hampshire

By Pete Davis

The RS Models 1/72nd scale P-51H marked for the New Hampshire Air National Guard is finally finished! This was part of a group project to model and display all of the different types of aircraft flown by the New Hampshire Air National Guard from the early days to the present. I am one of three people involved in building this particular model.

The basic airplane was built by my friend John Cook who passed the plane to me for finishing. I basically corrected the serious issues (fit wise) and added the canopy, windscreen, antenna, propeller, and stand. I painted and detailed the plane with both kit decals and some custom elements created by Rich Filteau, our project leader, to match what the plane carried in service.

I tried another experiment in propeller motion visualization by removing the hard propellers John had mounted to the nose, and by developing a sort of blurred effect for the moving props on a round disc of clear plastic. I masked for the outer yellow ring and shot that with Translucent Yellow. The blur effect was achieved with a Molotov Liquid chrome pen over a template that I had placed under the clear disc. Not sure it quite does the trick yet, but I am getting closer to making it more realistic... I don't want to buy the photo etched blurred props if I can help it.

It is fun every once in a while to try something new and this kit was it for me. I would not recommend RS Models kits until they get their mold accuracy a bit cleaner, but it does look like a P-51H, so I guess that will suffice for now.

Thanks to John and Rich for their help on this. It will be in place at the museum, along with all of the other planes our club has produced for the project.



Aviation Museum of NH Display

By Russell Gosselin

It has been about six months since Rich Filteau invited GSM to participate in the NH Air National Guard display for the Aviation Museum of NH. The level of excitement ran high amongst the club. By ones and twos members began taking on the various responsibilities of building a model from the list of known aircraft that were based at Grenier Airforce base in Manchester, NH throughout its history from 1942 to 1966. It was a cornucopia of delight from a modeler's point of view. All sorts of aircraft were available from single prop fighters, like the P-47 Thunderbolt, to multi-engine planes, like the C-47. The dawn of the jet age added variety to the number of aircraft, such as the F-94 Starfighter or the big C-130 Hercules. It can easily be said that there was an interesting subject for all.



Summer brings a multitude of good things here in New England. It is a time to work the garden, have family BBQs, and take some much needed time off from work. I personally enjoy the beach or a hike up in the White Mountains. For the typical model builder this can be quite a speed bump at the workbench. All that energy and enthusiasm during the winter begins to lose focus and our builds begin to take on a position in the background of our lives. Rich was a good sport about it all. We would get friendly reminders that the deadline was approaching. Pete Davis certainly inspired many to keep building as he

was cranking them out like automobiles on the Ford assembly line. One of the great aspects of our little model club is that there was a lot of generosity exchanged. Life just gets in the way (or just all that sunshine) and a few of us, including myself, just ran out of steam with the builds. Like a relay race, models were handed off to other modelers who were ready to finish the build. It has been said that upon returning to California after filming Star Wars overseas, George Lucas found to his dismay that very little was accomplished with regards to all the special effects models. I like to think GSM was probably slightly more dedicated than that little group that would later be known as Industrial Light and Magic.

The models are all finished and are being stored in a temporary location in the museum as this article is being written. It is a fine collection



representing many of the aircraft that helped defend our country during troubled times. The museum is packed full of interesting aviation artifacts and subject pieces that are certain to create a generous conversation to anyone interested in history and aviation. The museum is open during the weekend. Contact Rich Filteau for more information.



Upcoming Events of Modeling Interest In 2022

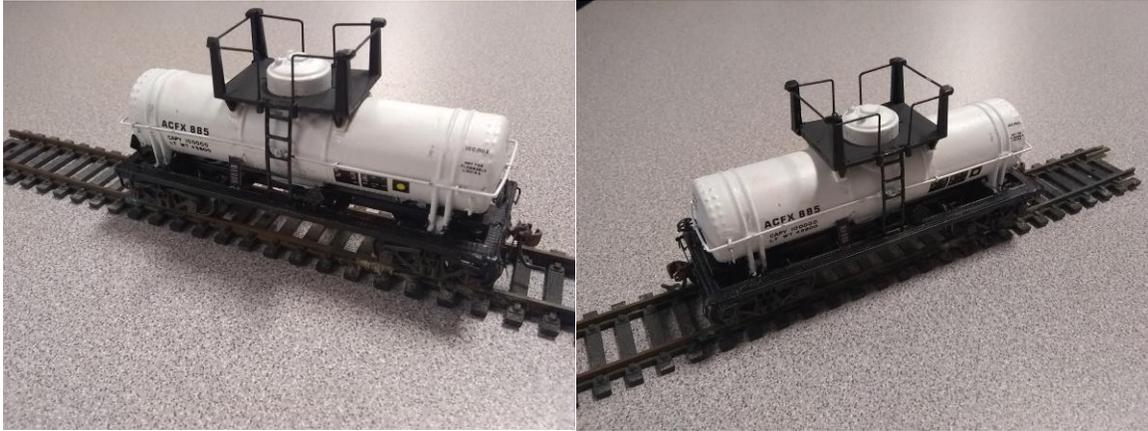
April 2	MosquitoCon Region 2 Show	Wayne, N.J.
April 29	NoreastCon Region 1 Show	Latham, N.Y.
July 20-23	IPMS USA Nats.	Omaha, N.E.
October 16	GraniteCon 29	Manchester, NH

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

November Show & Tell



Paul Lessard enhanced this 1/87 chemical tank car from Fletcher Barnhardt with handrails, cut levers, and grab irons.



Rodney Currier finished his 1/32 F2A-3 Buffalo from Special Hobby.



Russ Gosselin built this 1/35 German Henschel Type 33 D truck from ICM. He added cargo from the spares box. Tissue paper was used to add texture to the canvas fold down roof.



John Walker started a number of these kits almost thirty years ago. He decided it was time to start getting them past the finish line. He used EZ Line for the rigging cables. All are in 1/72 scale.

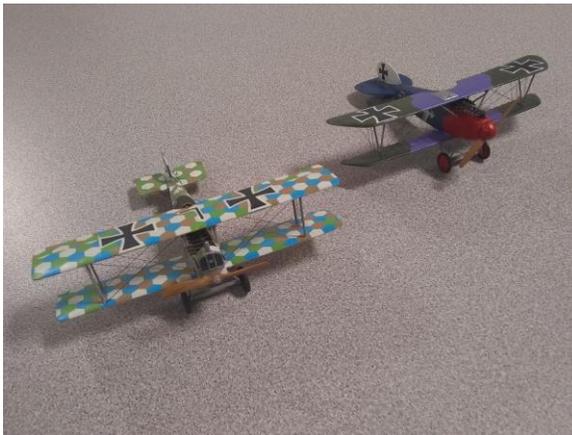
Aviatrix (Berg) D.I. (Eastern Express) Oblt. Frank Linke-Crowford Flik 60/J, 1918.

Albatros D.III (Revell) Oblt. Verner Voss

Albatros D, V (Airfix) Oblt. Veltjens, Jasta 18

Nieuport 28 C1 (Revell) Lt. Douglas Campbell, March 1918.

Spad VII (Airfix) Georges Guynemer.





Paul Lessard scratch built this 1/87 electric forklift. He built it from Evergreen styrene and brass wire.



Rich Filteau is working on this 1/72 DC-3.

