

'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:

June 27, July 18, August 15

Weekend Build Sessions via Zoom:

Saturdays 1-4pm; Sundays 6-9pm

GSM will be sponsoring category #412 at the IPMS/USA Nationals. It is for a submarine category.

Rod received confirmation for our meeting room reservation at the library for next year. We will meet on the third Monday of the month, except in Jan, Feb, and **JUNE**. Then it is the fourth Monday.

The "Instruction Sheet" won the Region 1 newsletter of the year award for 2021. "Good job, Russ!" Keep sending him articles.

John and Scotty use the Zoom a lot during on weekdays. Contact them to get in on it if you are interested in "seeing" them at unscheduled times.

The annual club picnic will be held at Bob Ferri's house on August 14th at 11AM. Rain date is August 21. More details to follow.

8 members traveled to Peabody for North Shore Con. 7 took home awards. Not a bad showing. Jody Kelm took "Best of Show" for his IJN aircraft carrier, Akagi.

Mac has found another place interested in doing our club logo apparel. They appear to want less money to do our logo and they have no minimums. He will be following up.

We talked about our planned field trip to Rhinebeck Aerodrome. We will have to carpool using our own vehicles. A bus was for too expensive, and renting a passenger van is over \$600. It is about three hours each way from Nashua. We tabled discussion until later in the summer. We are looking at maybe going on a Saturday in September. More later.

John has emailed Brianna about our contract for the hall in October. We have a deposit down but have not gotten the contract yet.

We had a discussion about getting another member's name on the bank account. Ed is going to ask the bank how to do this. It will give us access if something were to sideline Ed. VP Rich stepped up and will be the second to Ed.

Russell would like to donate some of his raffle wins to the club for Granitecon. It was noticed that both Maine and Peabody had "special raffles" with some more expensive items that were donated by members of the respective clubs. Russ has a couple of expensive kits that he will be donating for the "Special raffle." Perhaps there are a few others who can do the same? We are going to get into serious Granitecon planning at our next meeting. Rod's wife has suggested a 50/50 raffle could be tried, also.

Pete Davis has begun donating the Collins Aerospace project earnings for the commission build. Thank you, Pete and Rich, for your generosity!

Upcoming Events of Modeling Interest

July 20-23	IPMS USA Nationals	Omaha, NE
August 14	Club Picnic	Bob Ferri's Home
September 18	PatCon	Hudson, MA
October 2	Classic Plastic	Lawrence, MA
October 2	BayCon	Smithfield, RI
October 7-8	ArmorCon (AMPS)	Southbury, CT
October 16	GraniteCon	Manchester, NH

On The Road Again

By Russell Gosselin

For many IPMS chapters here in New England spring of 2022 was a season of much rejoicing. All the clubs that usually host a show during this time of the year had the misfortune of not being able to have one due to Covid-19 for two years. This caused various problems for all involved. Model shows are a major fund raiser for most clubs.



Without them it becomes quite complicated to pay for all the various fees and bills that accrue throughout the year. Moreover, it provides no assembly for modelers to find deals in the vendor rooms; the meeting up of old friends (or making a new one); and the sharing of this great hobby we call model building.

With a mild winter it was a safe bet to say that no one had to worry about getting caught in a heavy snow squall on their way to DowneastCon, which is a common occurrence. I believe my very first trip to the show was the worst. So bad in fact, that I almost turned around. Lucky for me, I let Rod do all the driving (and running a red light) this year. Speaking of driving, I did something I should've done years ago – I bought an EZ Pass! It's a great feeling now when I drive all the way to Chicopee, MA for Wings & Wheels, knowing that all my toll bills will be paid via paperless.

Perhaps because of the two-year break from model shows, clubs were able to stock up on raffle prizes? I'm usually not a raffle kind-of-guy, but after watching Bob Ingals and Rod Currier win prize after prize in Maine, I broke down and splurged a little at NorthShoreCon. I don't think I'm a particularly lucky guy, but Lady Luck was golden and blessed me with quite a pile of loot! Well, everyone who participated walked out with a stack. Many a kit with some nice aftermarket in the box. But rumor has it that I'm still jealous of Bob's big win of Tamiya's 1/32 Corsair.

The Vendor's had a good run with buyers finding all sorts of goodies and hard to find kits. Bob Ferri was seen lurking around in Maine scooping up as many Model Master Enamels as he could find. I am quite certain he found a small cache. I've been promising myself not to buy so many kits from the vendors, as I have more models than I deserve. But there was this one 1/32



Hasegawa Bf 109 G on a table for \$6! I figured there had to be a catch. Upon opening I found out why – little to no parts still on the sprue. In fact there were no sprue; just a box of parts rolling around. But in the back of my mind, I could hear that ABBA song, *Take A Chance On Me*, playing over and over again. I bought the kit. That night I painfully went through the instructions and did a parts inventory with a 99% complete rating. The few missing parts would have been replaced even

had they been there. It will go down in my books as one of the best deals of my model building life to date.

GSM made a good showing at the Lion's Club Train Show in Hooksett last April. Mac Johnston, Paul Lessard, and myself spent the day representing the club and the hobby with as much fun and fellowship as could be found amidst a sea of model railroaders. I'm convinced that we might've snagged a potential new club member. If not, certainly a few will show up for GraniteCon, as we moved all of the flyers. But Mac wins the prize for being the hall monitor who reminded all the children to not touch the models with a smile.



They say that sprinters and long-distance runners are two separate categories. The same can be said for our out-of-Region model show seekers. Mac Johnston, Lyn Cushman, and John Rauscher made the comfortable journey to the AMPS Nationals in Virginia. By all accounts they had a good time and were showered with many medals. But have you heard of Jody Kelm's mad dash to Buffalo, NY for BuffCon? He told me that he drove all the way there and back in one round trip. I really don't know how he does it. My advice to him was to seriously consider taking a hotel room next time. For him it was worth it, placing in almost all the categories that he competed in.

This year's builds from the club are certainly getting some attention. Rod Currier's 1/48 B-17F from HK Models made its first appearance at NorthshoreCon, taking a well-earned first place. He actually had some good competition with a 1/48 Fw-200 Condor. Mac Johnston continues to dazzle the judges with his tractor wizardry, winning a first in the collections category in Peabody, which I may add was packed with all sorts of styrene. I'm convinced that Jody will eventually go blind from all the PE he puts on all his ships. His latest vessel, the 1/700 IJN Akagi took best in show at NorthshoreCon for the second consecutive year (having won with his USS Nimitz in 2019). I don't know, but it seems it's time to start thinking about Nationals? I pulled a rabbit out of the hat with a first place for my German 15cm field howitzer being towed by a Sdkfz 7. I'm still scratching my head on that one. But it's no secret that I'm unusually hard



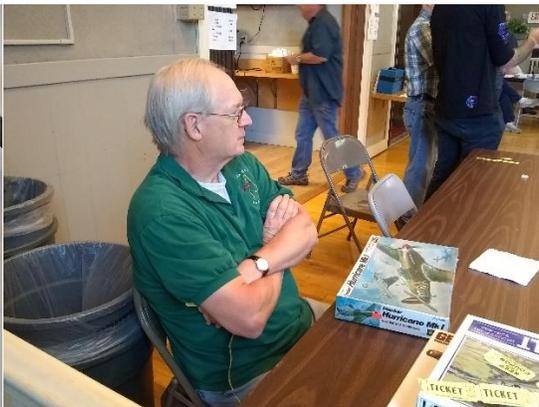
on myself (something that I am trying to work on).

One thing I noticed during this leg of the model show tour was the dedication of our club with regards to judging. Many of us definitely go the distance, particularly Mac Johnston, David Osbourne and Lyn Cushman. They never go in half-cocked and take the role with a certain amount of pride without being arrogant. And they stay the course 'til the end. None of this "shuffling Judas" with an excuse to leave after

two or three categories. I don't write this to give these three the spotlight, but rather to encourage others to volunteer and be a judge at the next model show. And believe me, if you want to learn more about building and painting – be a judge. You will be surprised with how many tips and tricks there are to be had. And you'll be doing a great service, to boot!

The last, and probably most important thing to say about this summary of all things modelling in a New England spring has been the catching up with friends and acquaintances. Believe it or not, Chuck Converse actually made an appearance at NorthshoreCon. He wore his GSM polo shirt with much pride. I couldn't believe it. I had hedged my bets that I'd run into Big Foot before ever finding a Chuck. Less shocking but more encouraging was meeting up with GSM members who often cannot make it to monthly meetings, such as Keith Touchette and Robert McGreedy. Moreover, it was nice to get to know people better, as was the case with my chance encounters with John and Icie Cook. I always walk away with a lot of insight whenever I bump into them. I guess you can roll all of this into one word – community. And in the end, after all the awards have been presented and goodies tucked away in the car, it really comes down to the memories made; the laughter and smiles; and road trip conversations.

Enjoy the summer and try to build a model if possible.



May Raffle Winners



Mac Johnston



Pete Davis



Ed Melee

May Show & Tell



Rod Currier flew into the club meeting with his 1/48 B-17F from HK Models. But we probably all know he was flying high from all the super glue he used to keep that blasted tail wheel fixed in place. If he had a \$5 bill for every time it broke during the model's construction, he'd have a nice kitty for some new stuff to add to his workbench. All in all, he is impressed with the build, though he says there are plenty of things to grumble about with regards to the kit design and fit problems.



Rich Filteau built this J2-F5 Grumman "Duck" from I Love Kit.



John Cook finished his “God Phoenix” from the cartoon G-Force/ Battle of the Planets.



John Walker built some Messerschmitts. A G-14, G14 AS, and a G-10.



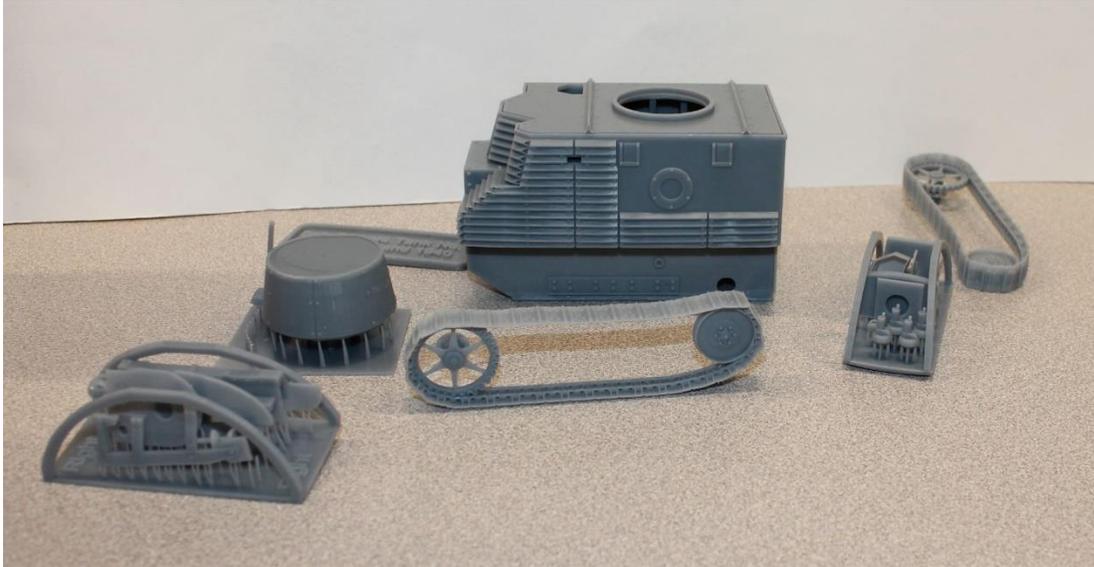
Pete Davis built this Suyata P luna armored sports car and driver.



Pete Davis built this Suyata space shipborne bomber.



Frank Moore built these Sci-Fi creations. A 1/48 UFO meets M26 Pershing “The Thing was Cooked.” And a hover tank!



John Rauscher is working on this 1/35 New Zealand pre-war tank that is 3D printed from Vargas.



John Cook 3D printed this Gyroid ball.

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.

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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
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