

'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:

November 21, December 19, January 23

Weekend Build Sessions via Zoom:

Saturdays 1-4pm; Sundays 6-9pm

Mac Johnston wants to personally thank everyone for pitching a hand at GraniteCon 29. This includes many others who are not official members of GSM. There were quite a few people from other IPMS chapters or Classic Plastic that came in at 7AM with the club to make the show a success. Everyone's work was noticed, no matter the size. Thank you all.

The sale of Chuck Van Cor's (1974-2014) model collection at GraniteCon raised over \$1,000 for his widow. Chuck was an avid Model builder belonging to 3 different model groups in NH: Upper Valley Model club, Granite State Modelers, and the Ship Model Guild that meets at DHMC. He built cars, trucks, tanks, but his favorite was WWII class warships. No doubt he would be happy to know that his models were dispatched to other model builders.

All club officers were nominated for another year. Ed will be graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering soon, and is not sure if being club treasurer will continue. Most likely, this might be his last year.

John Rauscher and Rodney Currier will be co-chairing the role of show chairmen for all future GraniteCons. They have demonstrated solid administrative skills and, in some cases, knocking on many doors of Manchester's City Hall for paperwork to make GraniteCon happen.

GraniteCon 29 in Retrospect

I believe Mac Johnston and Rodney Currier are right when they spoke of the success of GraniteCon 28 recently. That was the year of the post pandemic model shows with incredibly high turnouts of entries. To expect to see those numbers again is just wishful thinking. This year's show demonstrated that GSM continues to be a successful club. Total model entries were 391! It broke the 2017 record of 368. Well done GSM!



There is one particular group of volunteers who are extremely vital to the success of any model show, but are so often taken for granted. These are the people working at the registration table. This year was particularly challenging, as one of its members, Nate Clark, a club veteran for many years, was down with Covid-19. Despite this setback, Icie Cook, The Shanahans, Ed, and Karolee (Bob Ingles and Melinda also pitched in) marched forward, pen in hand with a smile. Yes, their work is vital. The data collected at the front desk can spell certain doom if something isn't documented properly. A wrong person could get the wrong award or a model may end up in the wrong category. Moreover, the club finances for the upcoming year mainly come from the show, making it really important to get all the figures accurately recorded. And lastly, they have to greet all the entrants and answer all their questions or direct them to somebody with answers. Thank you for all your hard work!



A big hand goes out to Bob Ferri who FINALLY brought a model to the contest table. I write this not to embarrass him in front of peers but to encourage others to bring their models to the table. It is a very human thing to feel intimidated by all those models, but I always say to myself that it is a model show first and a contest second. For example, my 1/48 Monogram B-17 looks nice, but isn't really a contender for placing. And you know what, sometimes all the nice comments I receive are just as meaningful as earning a trophy. But Bob did make a

big splash coming out of the bullpen. Almost like Tom Brady coming out in 2001 for the Patriots. He won first for his category and the Kevin Campagna Award (best super-detailed armor) for his M35A2 Guntruck. Congratulations Bob! We look forward to seeing more of your builds.

One of the wonderful aspects of any model show is the fact that club members who are not always available to attend club meetings sometimes find their way to the show. One such member who came to GraniteCon this year was Scotty Mallett. He lives far up in the north country where the bears roam the streets and locomotives can still be seen and heard during the summer season. Zoom has certainly made access to club participation easier, and Scotty certainly benefits from the tech support that GSM offers to all its members. It was a real

pleasure to meet him in person for the first time and experience his sense of humor live. I hope to meet him again someday. And congratulations on that winning entry!

~ Russ Gosselin



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Bombs Away!

By Russ Gosselin

Having acquired a few 1/48 Monogram B-17 bombers, I've noticed that I now have a plethora of bombs to make a diorama if I so desire. Or maybe I might just cut open the bomb bay doors to show off all that ordnance? One of my stumbling blocks has been the yellow stripes on almost all allied ordnance. Most kits don't provide a decal. And if they do, the decal becomes questionable. Painting it by hand seems altogether daunting. It is such a thin line. Then there is masking. It might work. But is there a better solution?

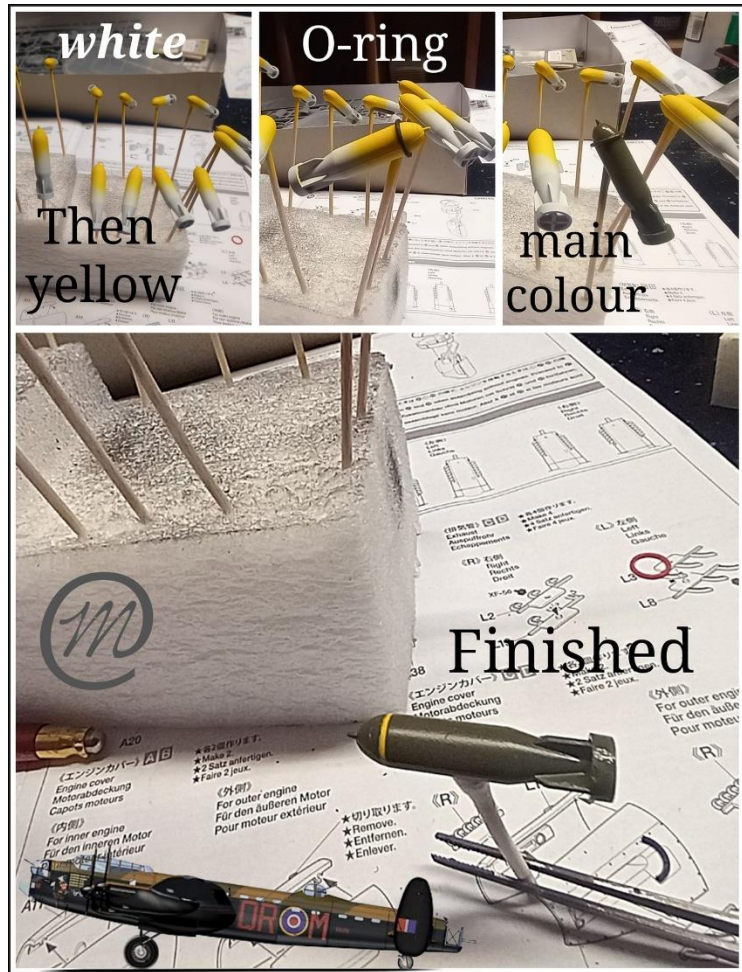
I've noticed on social media that there is a growing number of picture tutorials available for us modelers. They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Now in one picture you get a cool tutorial with a few easy steps. Sometimes the steps are unnecessary, and the picture says it all.

So here is a quick and easy solution to painting the yellow stripes on your next bombing mission.

By the way, the yellow stripe on the olive drab bomb is painted for a reason. The yellow indicates that the bomb is High Explosive. In other words, it is Live.

Other colors were applied on different ordnance throughout the 20th Century. A brown stripe indicated the ordnance to be Air-to-Air (low explosive). A red stripe indicated the ordnance to be incendiary. This was often seen on Vietnam era aircraft carrying napalm canisters. Blue indicates the ordnance to be inert.

And if you find yourself lacking an O-ring, the next best thing is a washer. Just find the one that fits and paint away.



October Show & Tell



Russ Gosselin finished his 1/35 King Tiger marked as one that participated in the Ardennes Offensive in December 1945.



Rich flew to the club meeting with this 1/48 F-84F marked as one that participated with the famous Thunderbirds.



Pete Davis surprised us all with his 1/350 USS England from Trumpeter. He also built an apocalyptic car with driver from Soyata.



Paul Lessard brought in this 1/87 Goffstown Terminal ALCO S-1 Diesel. He added new horns and Bell grab irons.

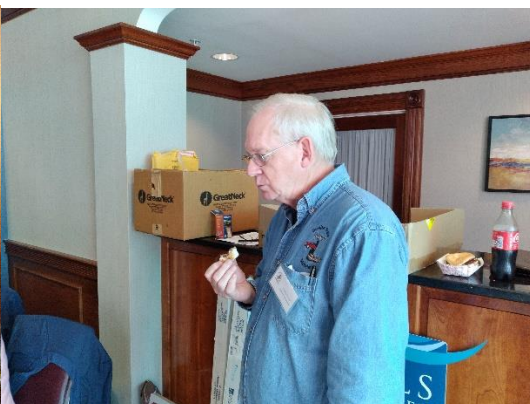


Frank Moore built these models: Monogram deuce and a half and Academy 1/35 Hetzer.



Frank Moore brought in these models: Lindberg 1/32 M26, 1/35 M42 Wreck, and 1/35 Nichimo Panther (WIP).

**GraniteCon has come and gone,
but the memories will remain for
years to come. Many thanks to all
of you who made the show
possible, whether the acts were
small or large. Rest Up . . .
GraniteCon XXX is 12 months
away.**



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.

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

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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)

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