

'The Instruction Sheet'

IPMS / Granite State Modelers Club Monthly Newsletter

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Meeting Reminders: February 27, March 20, April 17

Weekly Zoom Build Sessions: Wednesdays 6-9pm; Saturdays 1-4pm; Sundays 6-9pm

Zoom Meeting Link -

<https://zoom.us/j/91436116803?pwd=NTIPU2dLUVdLYnR4SzhGL3hQaHBvQT09>

From My Bench

As I sit here thinking about the last year and the upcoming one, I will pass on some of my thoughts. First, I hope everyone has stayed healthy and safe. Beyond that, hopefully we will continue to do so. 2022 was had our best show ever as far as income, we adjusted a few things that seem to work this time. We will keep trying to make the operation of the show easier and better. Our membership seems to be down a little for some reason, hopefully some missing faces will return again.

We are also pursuing raising the dues to \$20 per year and \$25 for the family rate. This will be pending a vote in February. We have also discussed another approach to how we do our newsletter, hopefully this will increase the content and promote a new look. As always we encourage anyone with an article or review to send it in, this paper is for everyone and we would like to see any and all contributions.

Our Yankee swap in 2023 will have the meeting attendees vote for a best of winner for those who participate in it. We decided to give a participation trophy to the member who gets the most votes. There might be something else to with that to encourage everyone to build even if it's not your cup of tea. It's supposed to be fun and I would like to see what we can all accomplish.

We are starting our show planning for 2023 so we need to come up with a theme again. We will discuss that at our February meeting. Put your caps on and let's get creative but make it buildable, and try to cover multiple classes.

I also would like to see a few more faces on the zoom meetings if possible. I know work has some things to do with it as well as other life issues but WE MISS YOU!

Let's see if we can get some model build tips back in the meetings also. So these are a few of my rambling thoughts.. Let's see you all at the next meeting in February!

For now, *Mac*

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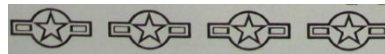
Brandon Clifton

January 2023 Meeting Notes - Pete Davis

Because of a snow and ice storm that was underway on January 23rd, it was decided to take advantage of the club's ability to open a Zoom session to carry on. Ten members attended the session. We hope in future to have more of you join us if we find it necessary to forgo an in-person meeting due to weather or other issues.

You will start noticing some changes to the Newsletter over the next few months. Russ has stepped down from editing the Newsletter and has turned all his materials over to Rod. We thank him for his service as Editor. The new staff is listed under Club Officers with their chosen functions. We welcome submissions from all of you. If you would like to participate and provide an article to us for publication, please have your text submitted to Pete three weeks prior to our monthly meeting and send your photos to Bob and Rod. Please make sure to note in your text which photo is to be included where so we can make sure it is placed properly in your article. The photos should be a .jpg or .pdf file format so we can edit them in. We will try to edit to maintain the integrity of your article as you want.

Another change is that the Newsletter will be online primarily and only a small number of print copies mailed from now on (only three members do not have the ability to read these online). That also allows us to do a lot of improving and expanding of content to benefit all of us.



Business Meeting & Discussion – Rod Currier

Treasurer Ed Mele IV reported that our treasury had only minimal expenses and deposits during the past month so our funds remain stable. Bob Ferri reported that he has paid the club Zoom fee for 2023; he will be reimbursed shortly.

Vice President Rich Filteau advised that he had no current input for the meeting.

President Mac Johnston reminded us that Ed will be stepping down as Treasurer at the end of this term and we need to find a substitute. Rich suggested that, as his current duties are minimal, he would be willing to step in and take over the Treasurer's position. We would therefore need to elect new Vice President at the end of this term to replace him.

It is time to develop a theme for Granitcon 30. We will do that in the February meeting.

The 'Pass the Stash' activity seems to be a bit weak in follow through, in spite of a lot of initial interest each year. The idea was put out there to maybe 'dangle a carrot' to encourage participants to complete their builds, maybe something like a gift certificate or trophy to be awarded with the club voting on which build is the best.

Rich has offered to take over the administration of our Show and Tell activities during the meetings. We have developed a new form that allows a bit more discussion on each build, instead of the current form. Show and Tell time limit per build is still four minutes. The thought is to include the form on our website so that it can be filled out prior to the meeting and turned in on arrival.

Senior member, Tony D'Anjou has been battling pneumonia and is currently in rehab. We wish him a swift recovery.

IPMS/GSMC meets for our general membership meeting on the third Monday night (4th Monday in Jan & Feb) of each month from 7 PM to 9 PM at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street Nashua, NH. Visitors are welcome; Show and Tell and Raffle are held each meeting.

Figure Tips And Tricks - Figuring Out the Things They Carried

By Russ Gosselin

In his book, *The Things They Carried*, Tim O'Brien writes about the drudgery endured by a combat platoon in Vietnam. In vivid detail he describes the day-to-day grind of the infantryman where equipment carried could be just as awful as fighting the enemy. In this article I will provide some tricks and tips on how to attach field equipment on 1/35th scale figures.

I'm convinced that the figures produced by Dragon are designed to fail. It is near darn impossible to actually glue the figure together with all the field gear provided. Everything seems to get jammed in all the right places. The most notorious area is the armpit. There is no way to attach ammunition pouches without bumping into the arm. And if the figure is posed with his weapon tucked up in the same area – forget it. A cynic would just laugh and tell me to purchase from Alpine or a related manufacturer. But not everyone has the same budget to acquire such high-quality models. Moreover, much of Alpine's figures are nice representations for stand-alone display or to be added to a piece of armor. I like dioramas and much of the figures from Dragon and MasterBox are a diorama in a box.

And who is going to argue with their model show prices? All they need is a little styrene surgery. I always begin the main torso and legs. Once they are glued and filled, I begin dry fitting the arms and equipment to see how much cutting is going to be needed. You don't need too much equipment. I use a small rotary cutter to do most of my work. CMK makes an excellent razor saw blade that aircraft modelers use to re-scribe fuselage panel lines. I use it mainly to scribe ammunition pouches and bandoliers so that I can create a better curve so that they fit properly along the belt line. Once glued in place, I apply any filler to any gaps that may have been produced in the surgery process.

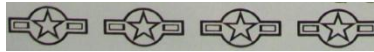


The cutting isn't as difficult as you might think. All you are creating is a recess or notch so that the equipment looks like it is actually part of the figure. Not only will you be creating a better-looking figure, but the surface

area between the various glued joints will be stronger. For example, when I was a teenager, I never really put much thought into it. I just glued canteens and field equipment and moved on. But they would eventually fall off over time. It is like trying to glue two golf balls together. The point of contact is so small.

A word about filler, I really dislike sanding, so I use a filler that is easily wiped smooth with a moistened brush or micro soft tip. I particularly like Milliput (yellow), a two-part epoxy putty that can be easily molded into the smallest gaps. I just roll out a small sausage and cut out the desired length. I apply it directly with a dry toothpick. I then push it in with a moistened toothpick. Once filled, I smooth everything out, removing any excess putty that gets pushed off to the side. You may even add a little putty to repair any damage that may have taken place during the cutting session.

The extra work involved to improve the figures is by no means drudgery. Certainly, the build time is increased, however, you will end up with valuable skills to add to your model building tool belt.



Show and Tell

More higher resolution images can be found on the web site!



Pete Davis has completed his 1/35th scale Tiger Models BMPT-72 done up as a parade vehicle. Pete advises the kit was a terrific build, except for the tracks which were so fragile they were unbuildable. He robbed rubber band tracks from a Tamiya T-72 to replace them.



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**** Please forward any address corrections to Rod Currier so we can update the membership list ****

Pete's 1/35th scale BMPT-72





Rich Filteau showed us two completed kits, both 1/72nd scale. The first was an ERTL KC-135 that had a lot of fit issues, solved with much work. He inserted a steel rod as a spar in the wings to help keep them straight.



Scotty Mallett had his 1/350th scale USS Grissom from Star Trek 3 to show. It is in progress and he is using painting pens to accentuate various areas on the model. His main challenge was mounting the pylons as there were no positive mounting points on the hull.



John Cook showed off his in progress 3D printed version of the Rosinante starship from the “Expanse” series. The model is 2’ long by 6” in diameter. It has 200 pieces and features moving elements, telescoping transfer bridge, hidden guns, etc. It took 2 months to print completely and weights about 6 pounds. Rubber bands are holding some parts together before final assembly.

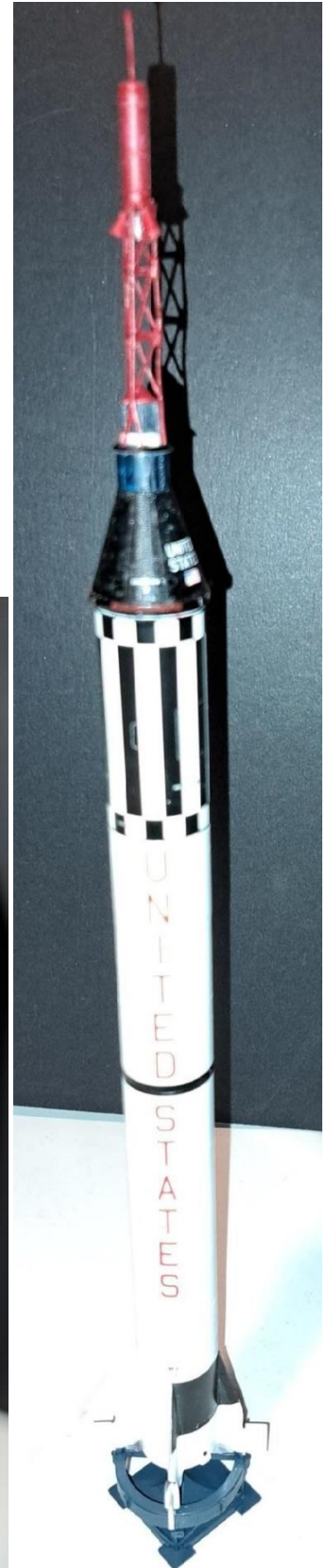


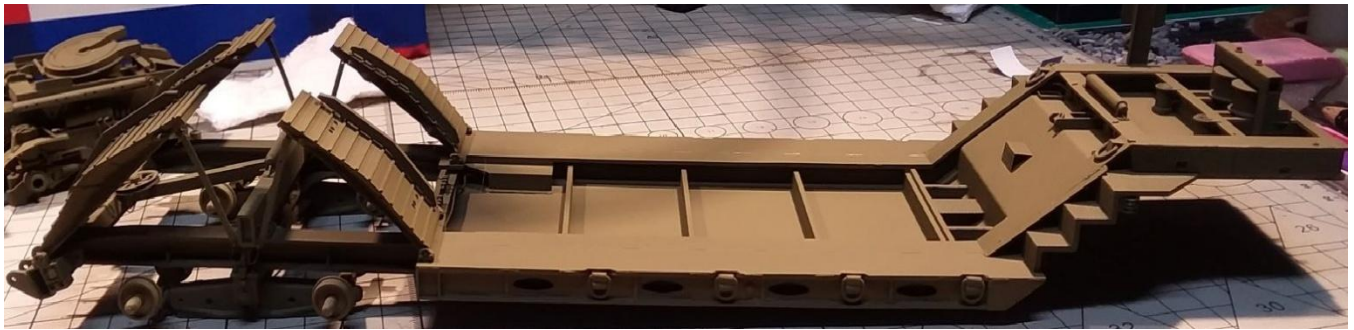
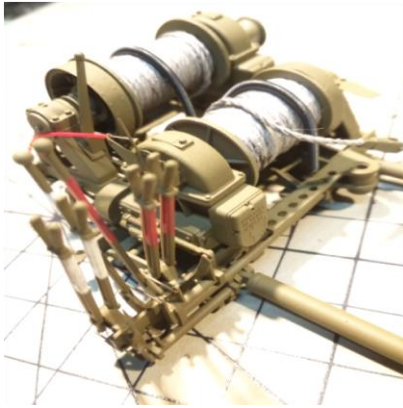


Mac Johnston had an Ace Kit 1/35th scale machine gun nest diorama under way, showing how this gun was mounted in the ground and transported from place to place.

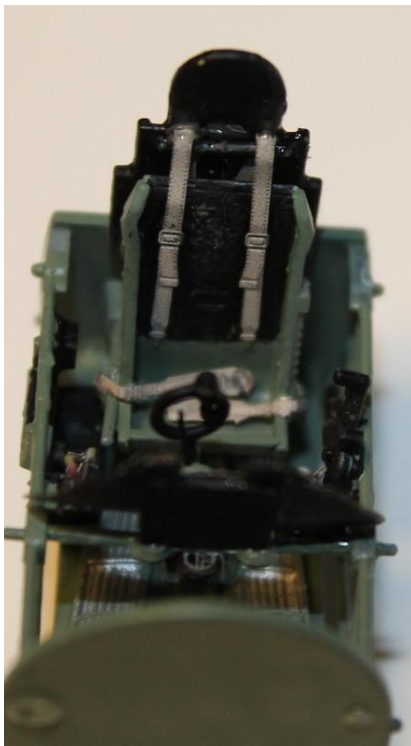


Rich's second build was a Horizon Models Redstone Mercury rocket much like the one on display in Concord NH. It scales out to 5.8 feet in diameter and would fly 189 miles after a 142 second initial burn. He loved the kit, was great to assemble.



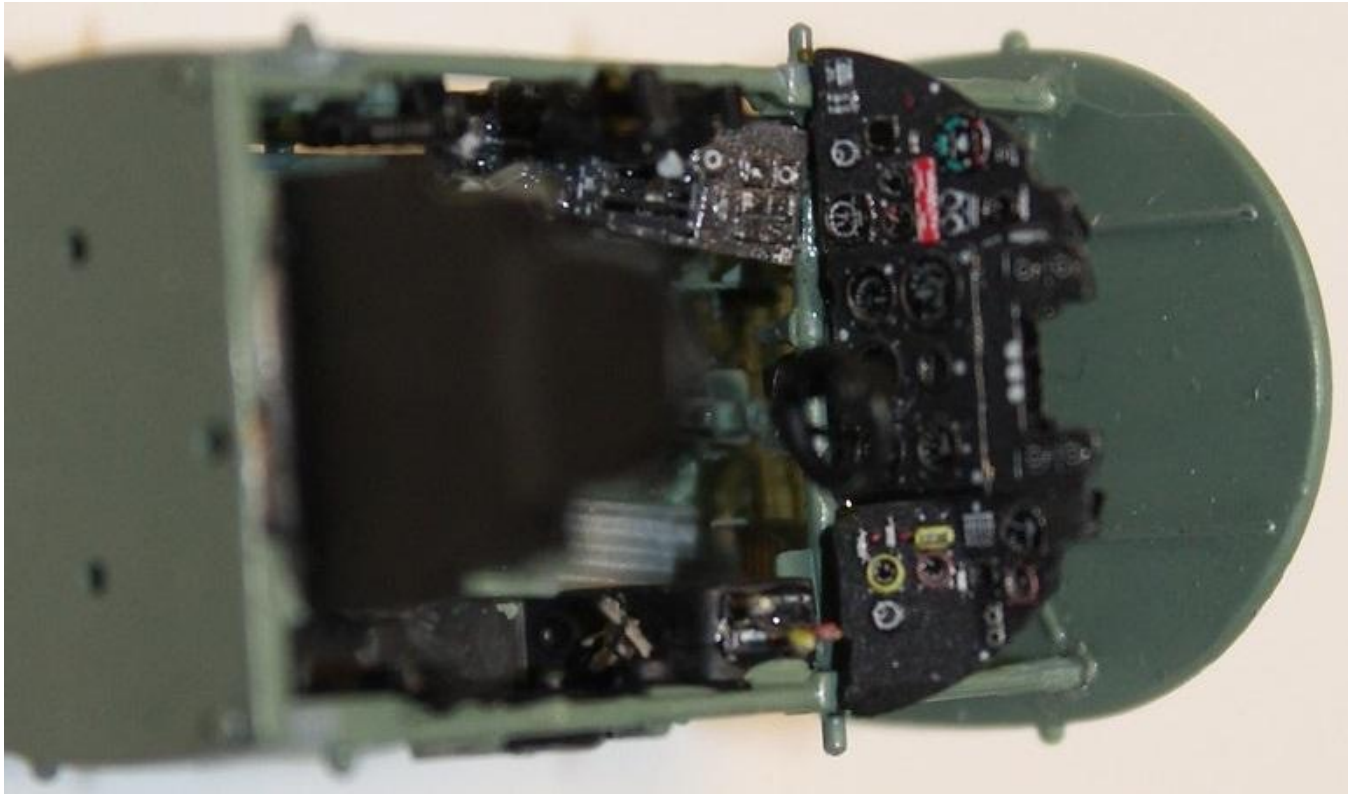


Bob Ferri had his in progress Tamiya 1/35th scale Dragon Wagon up for view. It is a very complex kit with great detail. He is currently working on the winch assembly.

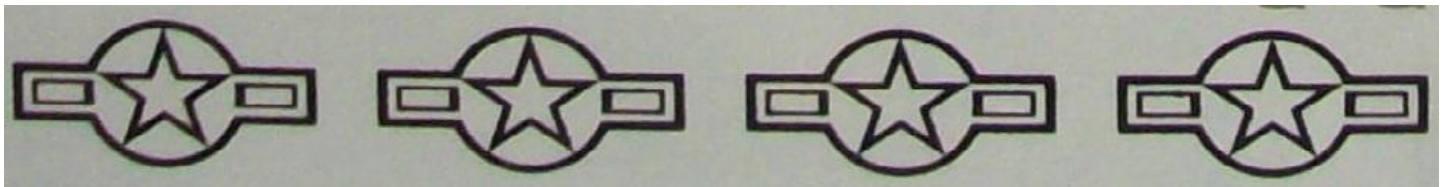


Rod Currier presented his WIP of the Eduard 1/48th scale Tempest cockpit assembly. Results look very nice!





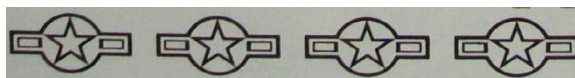
Rod's 1/48th Tempest cockpit



John Rauscher had his Airfix 1/48th scale Vampire on display. This was the first all metal finish he had ever done, using Alclad Aluminum and buffing powders for the finish shine.



John's 1/48th scale Vampire



The Granite Quarry

Occasional hints & tips for the modeler - By John Rauscher

Paint Pallets: Use old contact lens trays from new contacts (after discarding the foil) for small paint pots, mixing etc... Also great for super glue!

Packing Styrofoam makes great hold-alls for painting small parts - simply glue the parts to toothpicks and place them in the foam... then spray away!



It's That Time of The Year!

The membership dues payment form is attached above. Dues must be received by the end of June 2023 or the membership will be dropped from the member register and will no longer receive our club newsletter. Only one newsletter will be sent per household. Membership form on page 13.



GSMC Zoom Build and Monthly Meetings

Wednesday 6-9pm, Saturday 1-4pm, Sunday 6-9pm and our monthly membership meetings;

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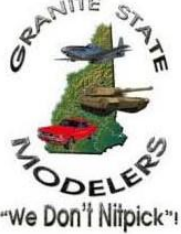
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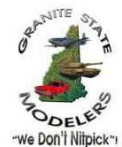
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New Show And Tell Description Form

We have generated a new form for meeting Show and Tell descriptions. This will give us the details needed to post in the newsletter along with images of your models. Ideally, you can print the page and cut out the form to use. We will also get it posted to the web site for download. Copies will be available at the meetings to fill out.

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