

'The Instruction Sheet'

IPMS / Granite State Modelers Club Monthly Newsletter

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PETE'S PONDERINGS

I was thinking the other day about how my interest in various modeling types came to be. None of us starts with any real knowledge of what our interests are to be until something or someone triggers that creative germ in our minds, setting us off on our model building journey. I looked back at my own process and was surprised to realize where my connection to different subjects came from.

Aircraft was an easy determination. My father built a few airplane kits when I was maybe in first or second grade, most notably a very small scale B29 (he flew in these during the Second World War), which I built for him one day (full tube of glue on it, me, and the table). He also built a copy of the old Monogram tri-pacer, of which he always wanted to own a full scale one (ended up with a Beechcraft V35 Bonanza instead). I obviously picked up my love of plane models from him. Many of the planes I build are models of aircraft I have seen throughout my life.

The same with cars. I was hospital bound at least a month of my life every year due to asthma up until puberty. He brought me some AMT car kits to keep me occupied while I was confined. Never got to the stage where I became a mechanic in real life, but the variety of cars and their forms and functions led me into the study of Industrial Design in college.

Tanks are a different story. The first tank model I remember is one I saw while stationed in Japan. A fellow sailor there had a working motorized model of a Tiger tank that caught my attention. He was running it around the barracks one day while I was resting. Coupled with the tanks in Kelly's Heroes, it let me down a direct path to my current interest in Second World War armor and support vehicles. That really didn't get going until I joined Granite State Modelers and was able to source kits of interest, however.

I guess the biggie is model railroading. Like many of us, I received a train set when I was around 8 or 9. My dad also took us to Claremont Junction occasionally when trains were coming through. This led

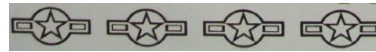
IPMS/GSMC meets for our general membership meeting on the third Monday night (4th Monday in Jan & Feb) of each month from 7 PM to 9 PM at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street Nashua, NH. Visitors are welcome; Show and Tell and Raffle are held each meeting.

me to eventually getting involved with Conway Scenic Railroad to learn more about how railroads function (a 40 year secondary career as it turned out) and the model railroad community at large. I still have the two foot by six foot traveling HO scale switching layout that was active at many train shows over the years.

Not really sure about ships and my connection to them, other than my years in the US Navy exposing me to them. Building waterborne vessels is a recent addition to my pantheon of interests.

Finally is Sci Fi...an easy connection! Two words...Star Trek! As corny as the acting was back when this erupted into our social conscious in the 1960's, the concept of flying thru space caught my interest. I also had an enduring love of Science Fiction reading and really enjoyed the imagination and creativity enjoined in all of the pulp books and magazines that were available in my formative years (I still have many of those ancient books in my attic and periodically will raid one or two to refresh my sense of wonder).

These are the key points of focus that have led me into and through a hobby I have thoroughly enjoyed for the majority of my 74 years. Funny what will tickle your fancy when you aren't looking...!!!



February Meeting Kit Raffle

Paul Richards and Pete Davis both won kits in the raffle.



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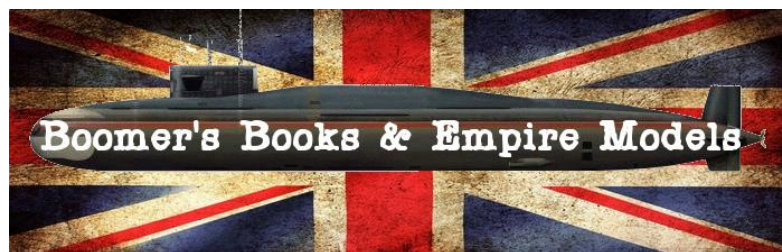
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Hobby Boss Grumman A-6E Intruder

by Rich Filteau

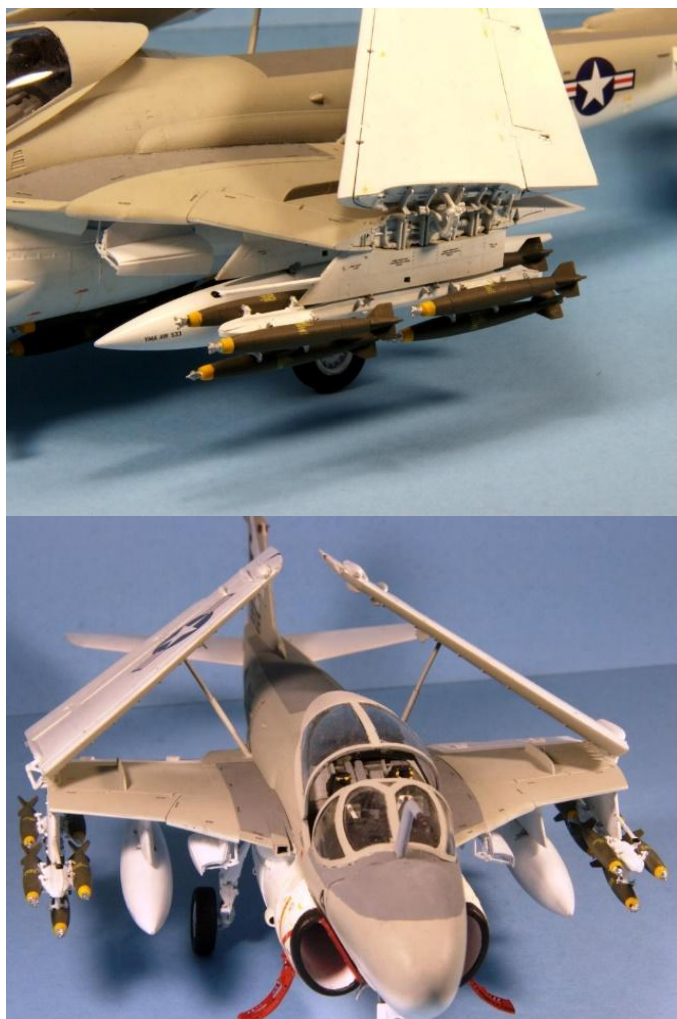
In January of 2019 IPMS Granite State Modelers were contacted by a veteran of the Vietnam War who had been stationed at Marine Corps Air Base (MCAB) Nam Phong AKA “The Rose Garden”. Originally constructed as Royal Thai Air Base Nam Phong in 1966-1967 it was taken over in 1972 as a base of operations for the 1st Marine Air Wing of Marine Air Group 15. Accommodations and facilities were pretty bare bones and newly arriving personnel to the base were quoted a lyric from a popular song of the day “we never promised you a rose garden”, a nickname for the base was thus formed.

The request was to have a 1/48 scale model of the Grumman A6 Intruder built as it would have appeared while based at the Rose Garden. He would provide a Hobby Boss A6 Intruder and supply a decal set 48-001 from AOA Decals entitled “Intruders from the Beach – USMC A-6A Intruders In the Vietnam War”. The decal set includes markings for VMA(AW)-225 Vikings at DaNang 1969-71, VMA(AW)-242 Batmen at DaNang 1966-70 and VMA(AW)-533 Hawks based at Chu Lai 1967-69 and Nam Phong 1972-73.

Also provided were several photographs of Intruders at Nam Phong. It was requested that the model be marked as an aircraft in one of the photos. This was easy to accomplish because the decal set provides all the necessary markings for every aircraft in every squadron listed. BuAer # 155706 was chosen as the subject of this build. This decal sheet is so involved that there are two options for 155706, I chose option 533-17A ED-4(155706)-1972. The decal sheet even tells how to convert Hobby Boss Kit #81709 A6E Intruder into an A-6A. Also requested was that the underwing stores include 18 Mk. 82 500 Lb. bombs, 6 each on the centerline and outer pylons and fuel tanks on the inner pylons, that the wings be folded and that the boarding ladders be in the down position and that the flaps, slats and air brakes all be closed.

Hobby Boss Kit 81709 is the most detailed kit I have ever built, it seems every node, fairing antenna and strut is represented in this kit. Assembly begins with the ejection seats and proceeds thru the cockpit. Plenty of photoetched detail here.

Next is the landing gear which involves trapping white metal struts in between two injection molded plastic halves, this makes for very strong support for a model that has some weight to it. Next were details needed before the fuselage halves were assembled. The engine intakes were painted assembled and located in their respective sides. From my reading I knew that most Intruders had the fuselage dive brakes made inoperative, so I didn't bother with any of the detail here and glued the brake panels shut. Since the nose radar was not going to be open to view step 9 was skipped. Next, the inboard wings are assembled with the engine exhausts inside them and a choice (Step 11 or Step 12) must be made were to position the inboard leading-edge slats and trailing edge flaps. I next joined the inboard wing assemblies with the fuselage assembly, leaving the landing gear doors off, and but this aside waiting for paint. The outer wing sections are the next set and again a choice must be made as to the



position of the slats and flaps and the wingtip dive brake. The last step before painting was to join the tailplanes with the fuselage.

To meet the request for 6 bombs on all three pylons I had to use 6 from Hasegawa Aircraft Weapons: A Kit # 36001. These were individually painted and decaled and then mounted on their respective pylons and then put aside for the final assembly stage. Testors Model Master paints were used throughout this model except for Tamiya Rubber on the tires. Dark Gull Grey was applied for the anti-glare panel in front of the cockpit and for the walkways on the wings and fuselage. After these areas were masked off the upper fuselage and wings were painted Light Gull Grey and then the bottom surfaces were painted white. A couple of small areas such as the black intake lips, the navigation lights and the pitot tube tip were painted their appropriate colors. Testors' Clear Gloss Lacquer was applied and then decaling began. I had some trouble with the hawk decal on the tail splintering, but after applying some Microscale Liquid Decal Film to the remaining decals the problem went away. All of the maintenance stencils took a lot of time to apply but they look great.

A final coat of semi-gloss clear on the bottom surfaces and then clear flat on the upper surfaces and the painting was done.

It took quite a bit of time to assemble and I must confess I spent a fair amount of time on my knees looking for small parts on the floor. My one issue with the kit is that the instruction sheet does not match the complexity of the model, many times I was left guessing on the exact placement of parts.

I am happy with the final outcome; I hope the gentleman who asked me to build it is also.



It's That Time of The Year!

The membership dues payment form is attached on the last page. 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.

February Meeting Notes

by Pete Davis

Three new people visited with us. Bob Macaraeg builds 1/7nd scale aircraft; Paul Richards builds helicopters; Paul Doucette does multiple subjects, including ships, and 1/48 scale aircraft.

Our Vice President, Rich Filteau has taken over monitoring our Show and Tell portion of the program and collected all of the new forms from members with models on the tables.

Our Treasury is in good shape with only \$159.42 in expenses in the previous month and no additions. We remind you all that Ed Meile will be leaving his position and we are actively seeking someone to take over the club finances at the end of this year.

There was discussion on three upcoming shows by our Secretary, Rod Currier. Noreastcon is April 29th in Albany New York; they are charging \$5 per walk in and \$10 per family. We voted to sponsor a trophy pack.

Valleycon 32 is March 26th in Chicopee MA. Downeastcon is April 26th in Sanford ME.

Rod apologized for the odd colored membership cards (purple) as he is working on updating his printer and will get back to the normal color versions as soon as that is accomplished.

He also reminded us that dues are due by the end of March 2023. Those not received by then will be removed from the mailing list and other club related programs. Dues are now \$20 per person, \$25 per family). There is form you can fill out and sending with your check at the end of the newsletter.

Pete Davis put in a plea to the membership for content for the Newsletter from the membership. It can be emailed directly to him for editing and any attached photos can be sent to Bob Ferri and Rod Currier.

Mac Johnston brought information on the show. It will not be held at the La Quinta this year as they are remodeling and using the expo space for storage of materials for the rework, which will not be done by the time of our show. It was suggested we look at the Chateau on Hanover Street as a possible temporary alternate. Weare Middle School might be another possibility. Our show coordinator John Rauscher will be pursuing these and other options.

We need to establish a show theme by our March meeting. a couple of tentative ideas expressed were 'blitzkrieg' and 'factory fresh...no weathering'.

The new Show and Tell forms are an experiment which can allow us to provide a bit more detail on the models we display on the tables that the old form allowed.

There was discussion on why we needed to raise the dues from \$12 to \$20 so abruptly. We have not raised them in years and our expenses (mailings, admin costs, etc) have gone up. We also use the dues to subsidize the monthly kit raffle. The \$20 per person, \$25 per family membership dues were approved by the membership.

Pete Davis briefly passed on verbal thanks to Russell for his work on the newsletter. He has chosen to retain his membership, so we may still see some of his good modeling work on display at meetings in the future.

We have a new section in the Newsletter for Hints and Tips. If you have a brief article on some technique or approach you take to solving modeling problems, please send them to John Rauscher to add in.

John also advised that he recently came across copies of some of the first IPMS newsletters and one of the first IPMS Presidents was from Weare, New Hampshire.

Paul Lessard advised that Hobby Town in Londonderry has new owners and they are in the process of getting moved in.

John Walker noted that the American Heritage Museum now has a Dauntless 5 on display.

Mac Johnston attended a steam tractor meet and got to watch some of the old tractors working in snow.

Bob Macaraeg advised that the Hudson NH Library is running an expo in April to showcase models and Lego builds to help interest young people in getting involved in the hobby. Registration for the expo is April 1-5 at the new library building next to Alvirne High School.

Chuck Converse advised he had recently talked to member, Tony D'anjou, who had returned home after a stay in rehab for an illness he was fighting. He is better now and doing well.

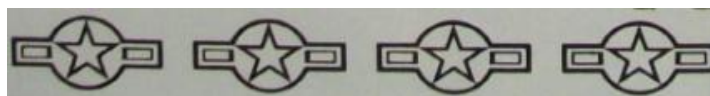
Show and Tell

Additional higher resolution images can be found on the Flickr site!

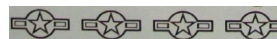
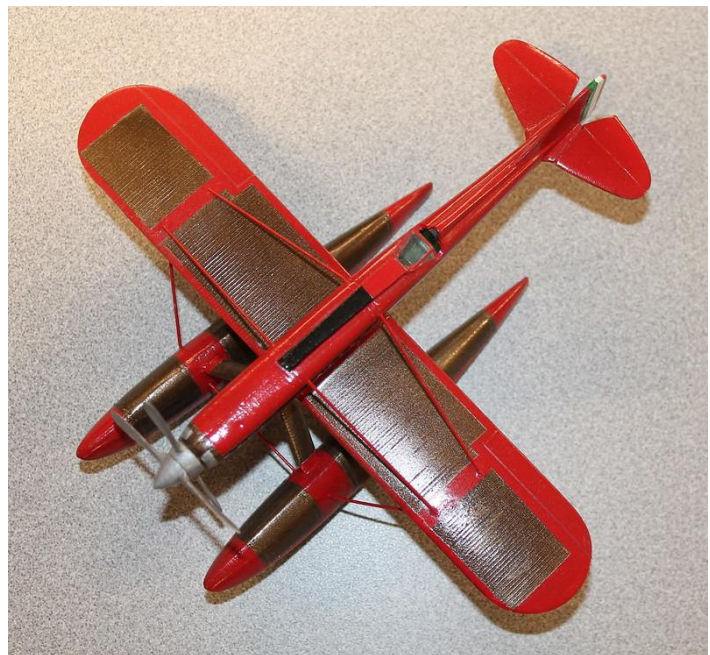
John Walker had three sets of miniature figures to display. His first was a portrayal of the French victory in 54mm at Ticonderoga July 8, 1758, titled "Victoire". They were Armies in Plastic figures painted in craft paints, of which the Winter Blue color nicely hid the mold lines.

His second was a fusilier at Trenton NJ by Hat in 54mm. He used a sharp knife to deal with the figure clean up. He replaced a pontoon with Evergreen rod and flat stock on the one.

His third was a Grenadier Musician, also at Trenton NJ, in 54mm, another figure kit by Hat. He replaces the fife with a brass alternative.

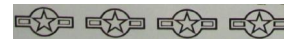


Paul Doucette brought two aircraft to display. His first was a Hobbycraft Moraine Saunier MS406 in 1/48th, which he did in Finnish markings. The second was his SMER Macchi C-72 fighter in 1/48 scale. This was a challenging kit, crude and lots of flash. It was done up as a float plane. He improved the bracing and canopy, using a Squadron clear alternate. (Next page)



John had his completed 120 mm Verlinden Confederate officer. He painted with standard acrylics and dry brushed with oils to create the effects he sought. He included tea leaves and Apoxysculpt and a real tree branch to round out the small diorama. He had originally started this figure for his Dad years ago and finally finished it recently.

Chuck Converse displayed an AMT/Hasegawa Grumman Mohawk in 1/72nd scale. He had difficulty with the old decals in the kit. He also had a challenge centering the canopy on the fuselage. Even though he added a lot of weight where he could, it is still a tail setter. He noted that the plane had a sensor pod mounted.

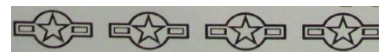


Lyn Cushman showed us his 1/35th scale Testors/Italeri M-47 done up with Jordanian Decals to portray a vehicle used in the Six Day War.



Please forward any members address corrections to Rod Currier at nickmatt2@roadrunner.com so we can update the membership list!

Tom Shanahan brought in his 'in progress' Takom 1/16th scale Jeep. He added UV resin rear reflectors and lights. The only problem he had was that his windshield wipers were so delicate that fell into pieces before he could mount them. Other than that, it went together really well and he had fun working on it.



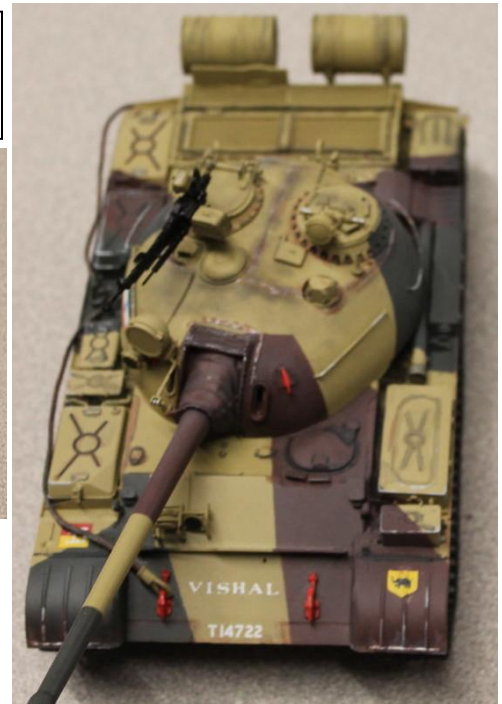
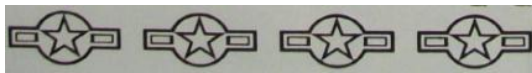
Paul Lessard brought in three of his 1/87th scale models. The first was his Athearn Electromotive diesel/electric switcher engine. It had a 645 1000 hp V8 engine under the hood. Electromotive built 118 of them, of which Clark's Hobo Railroad has two. It was a simple build decorated for his personal model railroad, the Manchester and Milford.

Second came his Baltimore and Ohio piggyback tractor and van, a Ford cab unit from 1965. It was a Suncoast Models 3D printed kit that he had to add a windshield to. The trailer was a Concor ready to run product with embellishments.

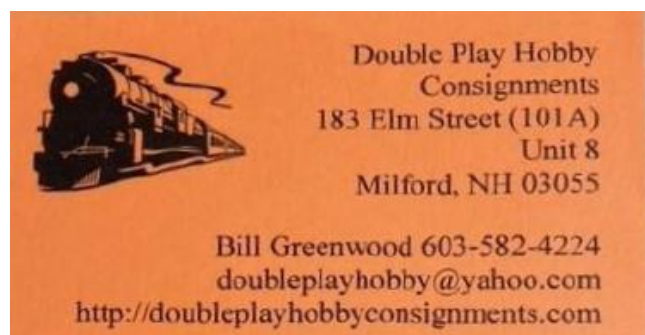
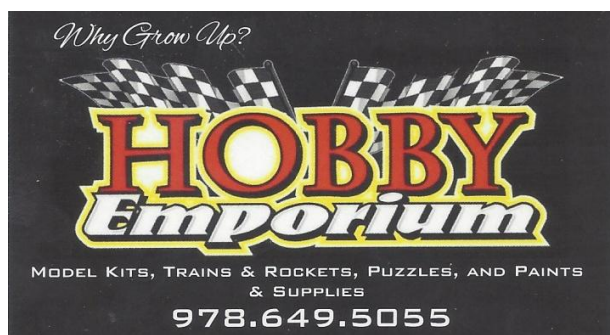
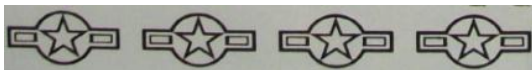
His final offering was a Mack model U dump truck with an offset cab. It was a combination of elements from Magusson Models and Athearn.



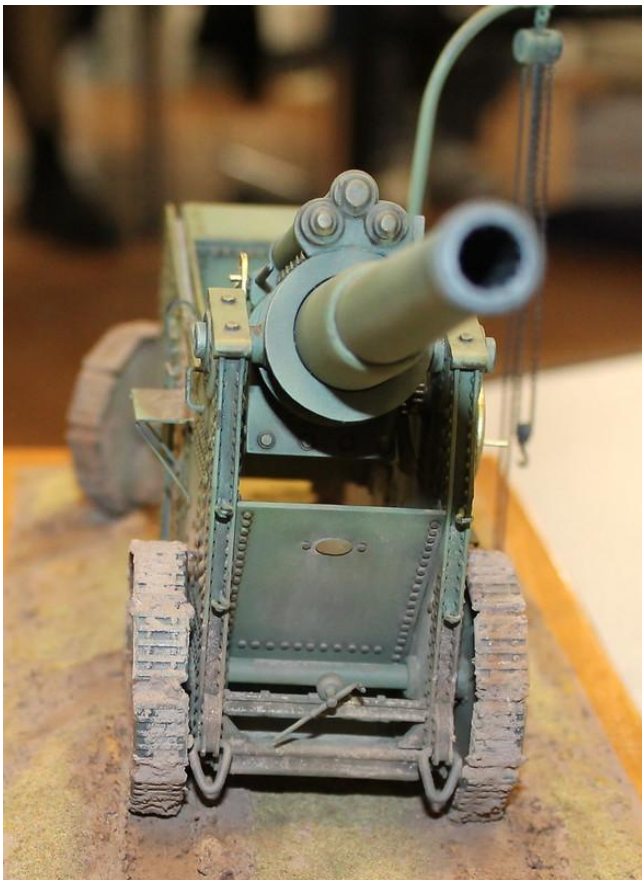
Nate Clark brought his Takom 1/35th scale Russian T-54B (late) done up in Indian army markings. He was challenged recreating the Indian flag as it is closely held and images are difficult to find.



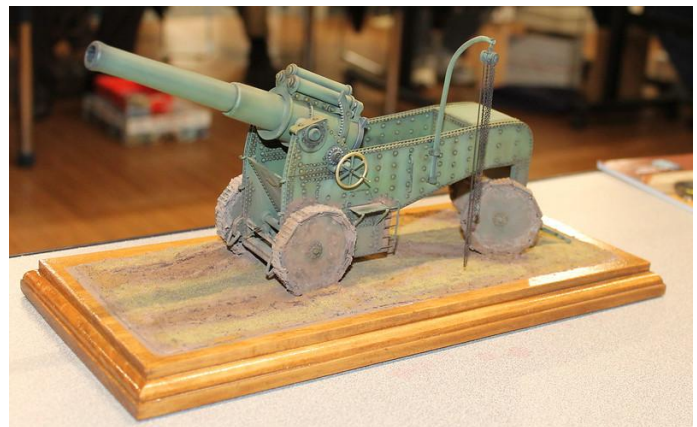
Rod Currier brought his Eduard 1/48 scale Hawker Tempest MK 5 in progress. He is adding photo etch to detail it.



Pete Davis showed his Tamiya 1/35th scale Krupp Protze truck. It is build out of the box, but he added some Value Gear crates and a Dragon submachine gun for the driver. it was an easy build, except for the axle stubs being very small and not lending to a secure support for the wheels. This kit was produced before Tamiya started including the polyps in their kits. The figure is generic, not a lot of detail, typical Tamiya. He painted the figure in acrylics using a wet palette to keep the paint fluid.



Mac Johnston was working on a Vargas 1/35th scale 3D printed model of an Italian WW1 Obice 305/17 coastal defense gun. It is out of box except for step plates added to both sides. He also corrected the front limber pivot and added a chain lift.



Frank Moore came with five of his creations. his first was a DML 1/35th scale Bergepanther ARV he converted from a Panther 6. He added a spade, crane, winch and square box. All are scratch built. His figures were miscellaneous aftermarket products.

His second model was possibly a DML 1/35th (he was unsure of the lineage) Ostwaldturm pillbox, a tank turret mounted on top of a dugout.

Third came his mostly scratch build 1/35th scale M26 Quad .50 caliber halftrack. The .50 caliber and Maxson turret were added from other kits.

He also offered up his Tamiya 1/35th scale 7.5 cm SFl/L408 halftrack, which is based on a prototype. It was converted from a Tamiya SdKfz 7/1 German vehicle.

Finally he shows us his 1.35th scale mostly scratch built “movie” halftrack. This was based of an American M3 half track painted as a German vehicle for the movie “Tobruk”.



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April 16 - **Downeastcon 2023**, IPMS Southern Maine, Sanford Memorial Gym, 863 Main St., Sanford, ME - Contact Grace Leavitt: graceee1222@aol.com or 207-252-8566

April 29 - **NoreastCon 2023**, Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY - Contact Nick Filippone: bpbittern@frontiernet.net or 518-736-2434, or visit ipmsneny.org

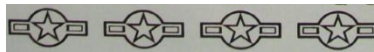
May 14 - **Northshorecon 2023**, IPMS North Shore, Knights of Columbus Hall, 96 Main Street, Peabody, MA - Contact Bill Walsh: north_shore@ipmsusa.org or 781-953-0914

August 2–5 - **IPMS National Convention/Contest**, Embassy Suites & San Marcos Convention Center, San Marcos, TX - Log on to <https://www.nats2023.com/>

TBA - **Patcon 2023**, IPMS Patriot Chapter, Hudson Elks Lodge, 99 Park Street, Hudson, MA - Log on to ipmspatriot.org

October 15 - **GraniteCon 30** Granite State Modelers, Location TBA - Contact Rodney Currier: nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876

November 5 - **Baycon 2023**, IPMS Bay Colony, Franklin Elks Lodge, 1077 Pond Street, Franklin, MA - Contact Robert Magina: treadhead@comcast.net or 508-695-7754



Granite Quarry – Tips and Tricks

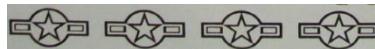
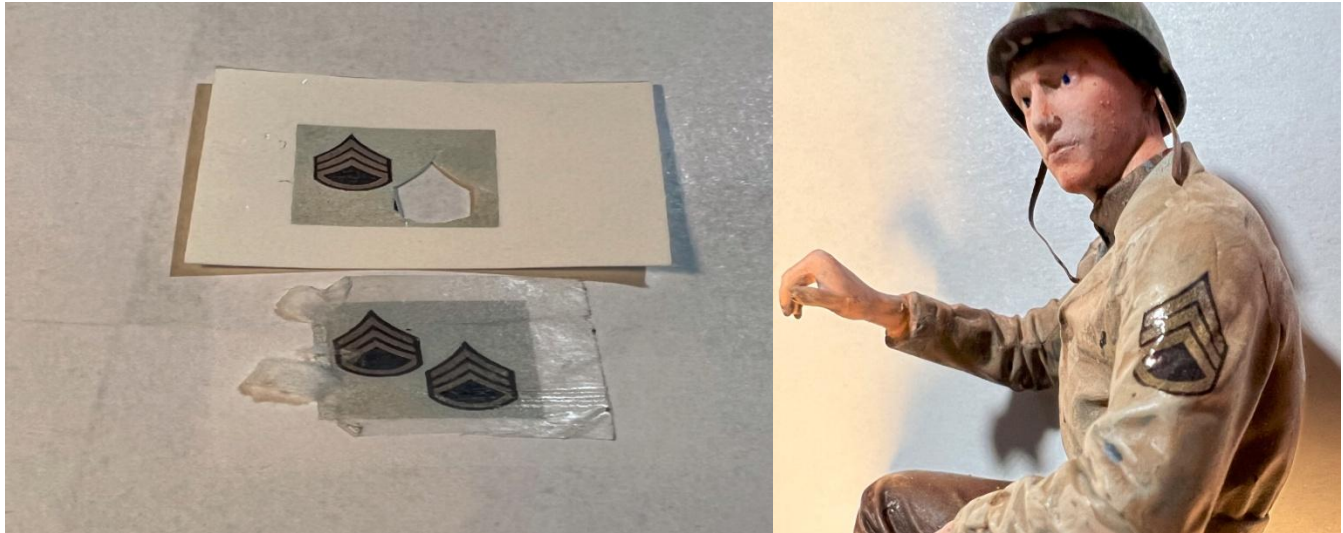
By John Raushcher

With the ever rising cost of materials, be sure and wipe not just the paint vessel off around the lip, but take the time to use a cotton swab and clean out the inside of the cap or lid! The seal will be much better and paint will last longer.

We all have seams to fill... For years now I have gotten away from putties, and use 2 part putty like AVES which is water soluble. I use a Q-tip moistened with warm water to smooth it out - sometimes resulting in no need for sanding. Then once dry, paint over the putty with some liquid cement to smooth it even further!

By Pete Davis

I occasionally will have to do a single decal for use on a model. I don't want to use a full sheet of clear decal paper, so I use this simple approach. I size the image I have of the subject I need to actual useable size and print it out on a standard sheet of paper, usually centered in the page. I then cut a small piece of decal paper to a bit larger than the size of my print and attach it over the printed image on the paper with double sided tape or rubber cement, making sure I have the decal paper correct side up (ask me how I know this...). I then run the sheet of printer paper through my printer again with the sized image placed to be properly inked. Once the image is dry, I coat it with Krylon Crystal Clear a few light coats and let it set overnight. I can then remove the new decal from the printer paper and follow normal procedures to apply it to my model as I did with the sergeant's stripes on my 1/16th scale jeep driver. (See images on next page)



Open letter to the Editor:

Show Season & Vendors

As the 2023 model show season begins, I am compelled to offer some insight to the season as a long time IPMS and AMPS member, former officer and vendor (crazy, but I had let my membership lapse ages ago, and renewed - my membership number is 716, but it was within the first 20 or 30 from AMPS' beginning!)! When AMPS began from the ashes of AMM - 30 years ago(!?), I was the Northeast US Membership Coordinator, and I had started Empire Models.

As one of the first US vendors to carry hard to find resin – Accurate Armour, Cromwell, Resicast, Pheobus Creations, and accessories like MV Lenses and Grandt Line, as well as out of print, hard to find reference books...I relied upon shows to keep me fluid enough to continue bringing in these and many other products! I remember fighting with Chuck Harransky of MMD that On-Line Shops were legitimate - I had a web page before the likes of VLS, Squadron, etc...! (Sadly I just haven't the time to get my new Empire Models site up and running...), eventually succeeding in obtaining a trade account there! So I make these general statements at risk of offending the sensitive readers, or alienating folks, but it is certainly not my intent!

The point I want to make is that after Covid - heck, even before, there has been a downward trend of sales at shows. Vendors attend shows because we love the hobby, selling our products and interacting with modelers. The reality is, that vendors make most shows. We pay for a vast proportion of expenses, and without us shows would be significantly reduced in scale. Some may argue me on this point, but I know locally in New England, vendors cover the cost of tables and much or all of the hall rental costs.

We have to compete with discount online shops and their sales. I would guess that every vendor at AMPS offers discounts from retail - I know I do. So when you attend your local shows, or this coming International AMPS, remember that we struggle to compete with discount online venues. Asking us for additional discounts, haggling over prices, or simply NOT buying from vendors hurts us and the show circuit.

You may be one of the folks who Google's in front of a vendor to check prices. And it's not everyone - please don't infer that it is! While I get that savings is important, it is a bit insulting. Those web price shoppers often forget they have to add shipping to that online price, while our discounted prices have to compensate us for the

significantly more expensive shipping from overseas, customs duties and travel costs to get to the shows, not to mention the ever increasing product wholesale costs.

So please, support your vendors. Without your support through purchases, we will slowly vanish, much like brick and mortar shops. I personally appreciate each and every sale. I enjoy chatting with customers who have become friends, show staff, and other vendors. I even build (and have since I was 6)! I look forward to this coming AMPS show, visiting with friend customers vendors and having good meals and a lot of fun. See you in May!

John Rauscher

(Founding AMPS member and Owner of Empire Models & Boomers Books)

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If you have any questions or need assistance getting started, feel free to contact Bob at

Ferri@GSINET.NET or 603-547-7456

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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!

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(603-529-5644 – BoomersBooks.net)

Hobby Emporium - 440 Middlesex Rd Tyngsboro, MA 01879 (978-649-5055)

The Spare Time Shop - 222 E. Main St Marlboro, MA 01752 (508-481-5789)

North East Trains Model Center - 18 Main Street Peabody, MA 01960 (978-532-1615)

Double Play Hobby - 187 Elm St. Milford, NH 03055 (603-582-4224)

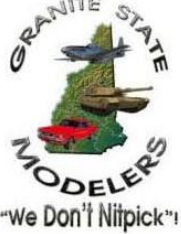
Hobbies With A Twist, LLC - 1 Depot St Concord, NH (603-223-0132)

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)

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.

	Builder: _____
	Subject: _____
	Kit Mfg: _____
	Scale: _____
	Description:

GSMC Dues Payment Form

Member Names: _____

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