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PETE'S PONDERINGS By *Pete Davis*

Many times over the course of my 74 years, I have been asked exactly what it is that I do for entertainment. Typically, I identify my main hobby, model building, and try to tell them about it. Most of the time I think they hear the word 'model' and think 'plays with toys'...no matter how detailed my description of my activities gets, so my entire meaning is lost to their preconceived notions. What I perceive to be my serious work is summarily dismissed as inconsequential and a bit immature.

This makes me wonder exactly how I might express my activity in a more understandable format. There are a lot of phrases which might fit the bill, but none seem to really portray what I am doing with any clarity. Most seem to be ambiguous and prone to misinterpretation.

For example, if I say 'modeling', it can be thought of that I parade down a runway in various clothing styles...not a pretty image at my advanced age.

'Model building' might be taken to describe scale architectural structure assembly on a professional basis. Or assembling doll houses.

'Miniaturist' carries the connotation that I might use large magnifying glasses to be able to view and work with very tiny components, almost like writing poetry on the head of a common pin. Tiny engraving definitely comes to mind here.

'Building model kits' is closer maybe, but still a bit vague. It leaves out the vast set of skills and learning (research) necessary to assure success in modifying our subjects to fit a specific concept...think kit-bashing and scratch building, coupled with intense research to assure details are accurate and correct. Still not there.

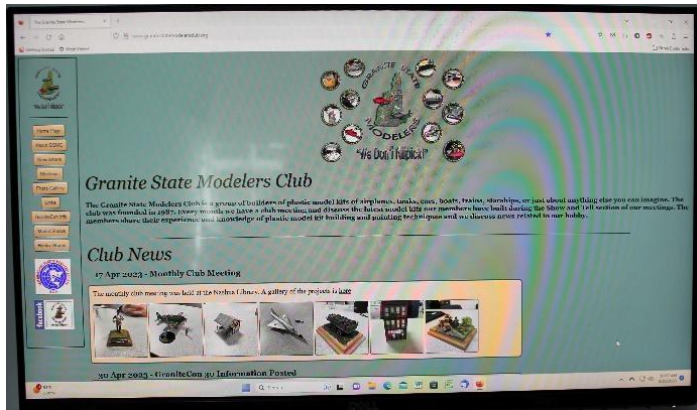
'Model making' is also not quite there...you could be taken for someone who is doing life-sized molds for industrial metal casting or jewelry. How about 'assembling miniature components with various materials to achieve an accurate representation of a full sized subject'? Closer, but a bit wordy for my taste. I am thinking maybe that the best approach might be to use the phrase, 'My hobby is assembling scale models from kits' and then, if your audience hasn't gone glassy eyed yet, to get into a bit more detail about how you go about achieving that goal. That is where you can go into how you research your subjects, modify or add to the basic building block of your kit or kits, and achieve a creative result that is in keeping with your vision.

Anything which guides them away from thinking of models as 'toys' is a great way to go, in my opinion!

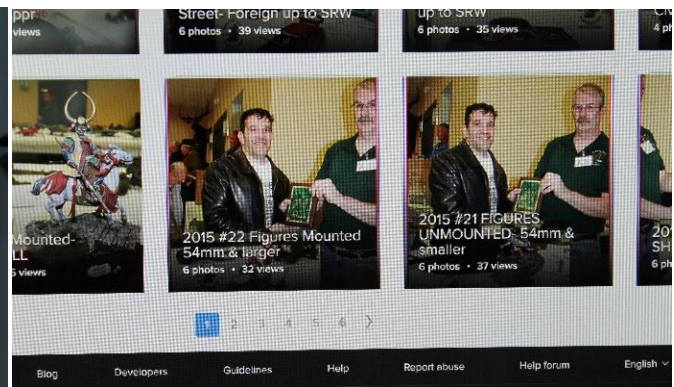
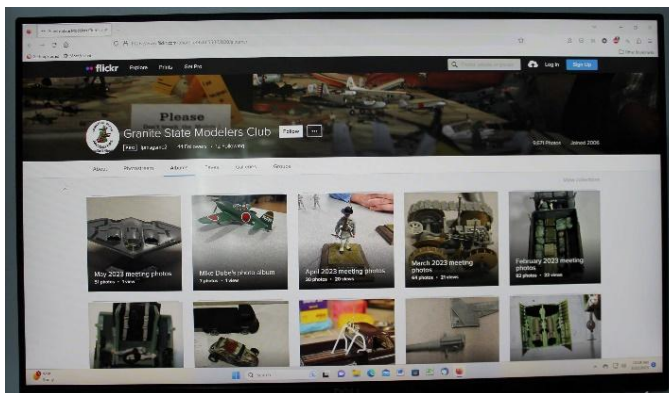
Rod's Ramblings By Secretary Rod Currier

By now, many if not most members know that we each have a photo album of our show and tell builds on the Flickr site. But a lot of you don't know how to access your photos to show off to friends or just admire. I once used this method to show off a few builds to a gentleman I met at a contest in Virginia a few years back. I figured I would write this quick tutorial to help you find your pictures. The easiest way (and the easiest to remember) is to start on our website: www.granitestatemodelersclub.org

From our home page, find "Photo Gallery" and click on it.



This will bring you to our Flickr page. This brings up the "photo albums" section of the page. All of the pictures taken since Vincent Farruggio started posting pictures years ago are here, so be patient. Pull this page down to the bottom, and it will reveal that there are six pages of photo albums.

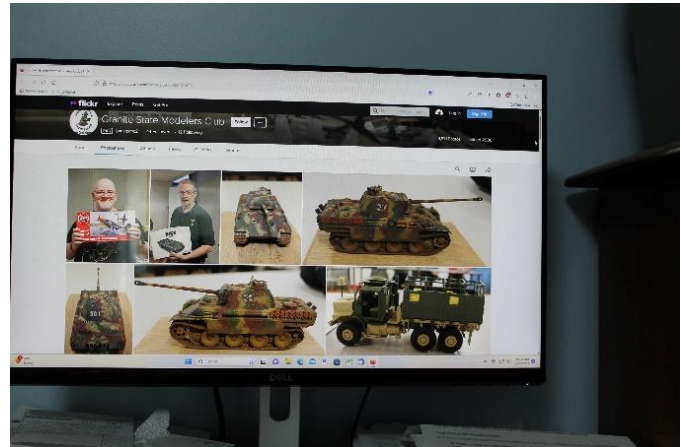
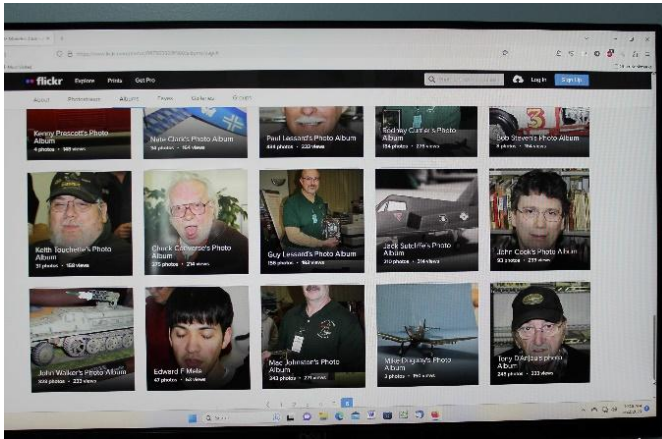


I have found that many of the "members' albums" are near the end, so I would start by clicking on page 6. If you don't find your name there, keep going up in page number until you find your album. Some albums actually have your picture. Some don't, so look carefully.

Some of the albums date back to past Granitecon, when Vincent had all of the categories and awards cross referenced and so forth, so there are a lot listed. Monthly show and tell photos are also in albums. When I upload photos, I first put them into the monthly album then add them to your personal album. Many photos also have titles and descriptions. If you put your cursor over the picture, these show up. If you click on a picture, it brings it up larger and this info shows under it. If you click on "photostream" it brings up photos in the order they were

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.

uploaded if you want to poke around and look. Clicking on a picture here also expands its size. Hope this helps. Sometimes looking at a photo and magnifying it shows us mistakes that we never realized we made in construction or painting.



Before I go, the library has made a change in the way we used to reserve our meeting space. In the past, I would fill out a form every May that the library sent to groups that meet there to reserve our space for the next year. They have now computerized their system. What this means to most of you is NOTHING. To me it means that I can only reserve our meeting room for five or six months at a time. I have put in for our dates in July, August, September, and October. Next month I will be able to do November. Just means that I have to put in for a month each month, for five months later. No biggie!

Finally, for some of you, this will be your last newsletter. If you have not paid your dues by the end of June, you will be dropped from the mailing list! If you have questions about if you are current or not, drop me a line or see me at the meeting. Our dues year goes from March to March. Not from when you last paid!



Mike Dube's Academy 1/350th scale Graf Spee battle cruiser – More in Show And Tell

GSMC Zoom Build and Monthly Meetings

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

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MEETING NOTES MAY 2023 *By Pete Davis*

- Two members attended the meeting through our Zoom connection from remote locations...Bob Ferri and Ed Mele.
- Vice President's Report - Rich had no updates this month.
- Secretary's Report - Rod advised that our June meeting will be on the fourth Monday due to 'Juneteenth' being celebrated on our usual meeting day. He also advised we have a new IPMS Regional Coordinator.
- Treasurer's Report - Ed secured a quote on the additional tables we will need for the show in October. The vendor would have to deliver them five days early to the school dock.
- President's Report - Mac and John Rauscher had a meeting with the school PTO organization about the serving of food during the show. The PTO group was very receptive. They will provide us with a menu by the June meeting to review. There is great enthusiasm within the school and support personnel for this show. John will get measurements of the hall and begin planning the new table layout. We now have show fliers and a number of members offered to help distribute them to the hobby shops in the area and upcoming shows. There have been some changes in the descriptions of a couple of classes to help keep the categories for the show more manageable. There is also a new Special Award for Small Air Force entries.
- Rod advised that the membership dues are due by the end of June. He reminded us that anyone who has not paid dues by then will be dropped from the mailing list and membership rolls.
- Mac advised he is very happy with club attendance and participation at recent shows. At Peabody, Russ, Rod, John Cook, and Bob Ingalls all did well in the show raffle. All who attended felt the participation was smaller this year and there were issues with parking.
- AMPS was held in Camphill PA, vendor area was very well represented and they had a good display representation with 640 plus entries.
- Mac attended the AACA Museum (Antique Automobile Club of America), a 71,000 square foot facility in Hershey PA. housing high quality displays and an impressive collection of over 130 cars, busses and motorcycles. They are affiliated with the Smithsonian and they maintain the largest Tucker vehicle collection in the world.
- John Walker also enjoyed the AMPS show and did a variety of outside visits including the armor museum in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. John also visited the USS Olympia and USS New Jersey while in Philadelphia, on the river waterfront. Olympia is on the Philadelphia side of the river, and the New Jersey is docked in Camden across the way.
- Pete Davis spoke of his trip to the New Hampshire Telephone Museum in Warner, New Hampshire, which is featuring an exhibit on the last push-plug style telephone switchboard used in New Hampshire, in the town of Meriden, up until its transition to direct dial in 1973.
- Chuck Converse traveled to Craftsbury, Vermont to evaluate a collection of kits up for sale by a collector. He ended up buying 30 kits but thought prices were a bit high.
- Russ advised he left a model behind at the last show he attended. He got a call to pick it up from another builder in Stratham New Hampshire, and went to that location to do so. He saw a very impressive display of that person's work. He also met the Cook's and others at the Renaissance Fair in Fremont New Hampshire. One individual was doing 3D printing demonstrations there.
- Ed mentioned there was a general call for trophy packs for the IPMS Nationals. The club agreed to sponsor a trophy pack as we usually do.

- Tom Shanahan advised he was able to have a custom coat of arms produced at an event and printed on a mug for \$10.00. He will secure a sample of how they look for club consideration.
- John Rauscher has been researching name badges. They are approximately \$19.95 for a 1 1/2" by 3" hard tag with a pin on the back. Magnet held versions are available for \$1.75 more. He feels we need to do a better job of making ourselves visible at our show, and others, as club members and that this would be the way to go. He will get a hard copy price so we can get that project under way. The plan is for the club to buy the first one; if it gets lost, the member would then purchase a replacement themselves.
- Tom Shanahan, our raffle coordinator, advised he needs a new cart to move the raffle kits around on. His is failing. His purchase of one was approved.
- Rod suggested we think about taking all the kits in the club raffle and donating them to the show raffle in October. We would then buy new kits to refresh the raffle offerings for the next year. The membership agreed to this.
- Our raffle winners for May were Mac Johnston and Tom Shanahan.



May Meeting Raffle Winners

May raffle winners were Mac Johnson with a new sports car and Tom Shanahan with his Mustang kit!

North American FJ-1 Fury By Rich Filteau

In 1944 the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics issued requests for proposals for jet fighters to several aircraft manufacturers. The McDonnell XFD-1 (FH-1) Phantom receiving the only contract up to that time for a naval jet fighter. In response to this request 3 manufacturers submitted proposals: the XFD-2 (FH-2) Banshee from McDonnell, the XF6U Pirate from Vought and the XFJ-1 Fury from North American. Contracts for all three aircraft were signed. North American received an order for 100 production examples, of which only 30 were built.



For a time the Navy's FJ-1 and the Army's P-86 were developed concurrently. The designs diverged when the Army wanted to take advantage of research suggesting the benefits of swept wings. The Navy wanted a more conventional straight winged design to accommodate the lower speeds needed for landing on carriers. The original design also offered wing mounted dive brakes, which meant fuel was to be stored in saddle tanks in the fuselage leading to the tubby looking fuselage of the FJ-1. Having wing mounted dive brakes also prohibited wing folding for carrier storage. The FJ-1 was fitted with a mechanism for lowering the nose of the aircraft on to small wheels. The aircraft were then stored one under the other.



The first prototype was completed in January 1946, but did not receive its engine until June '46. The last production Fury was delivered to the Navy in April of 1948.

The FJ-1 Fury only served with one regular navy squadron, that being VF-5A (later VF-51) at North Island California. The squadron along with the FH-1 Phantoms of VF-17 was tasked with the development of procedures for the deployment of jets on board aircraft carriers. The Fury also won the Bendix Trophy in 1948.

May of 1949 saw the Fury being phased out and relegated to Naval Reserve units. The last Fury was retired in 1953.



I used Czech Model kit # 4805 to produce my model. I had always liked the Fury and this, at the time 2010, recently released kit was in my favorite 1/48 scale so the choice was obvious. This is a multimedia kit with injected molded, resin and vacuum formed pieces being used.



The Granite Quarry

Occasional hints & tips for the modeler - By John Rauscher

Need a way to sand small places? Repurpose a used electric toothbrush with removable brush heads to make a small headed sanding tool. I cut the bristles off the brush heads and glue a pushpin into the center opening of the brush head, the pin will push into the center and not affect it. Next you glue a sandpaper disc of the grit of your choice onto the end of the push pin.

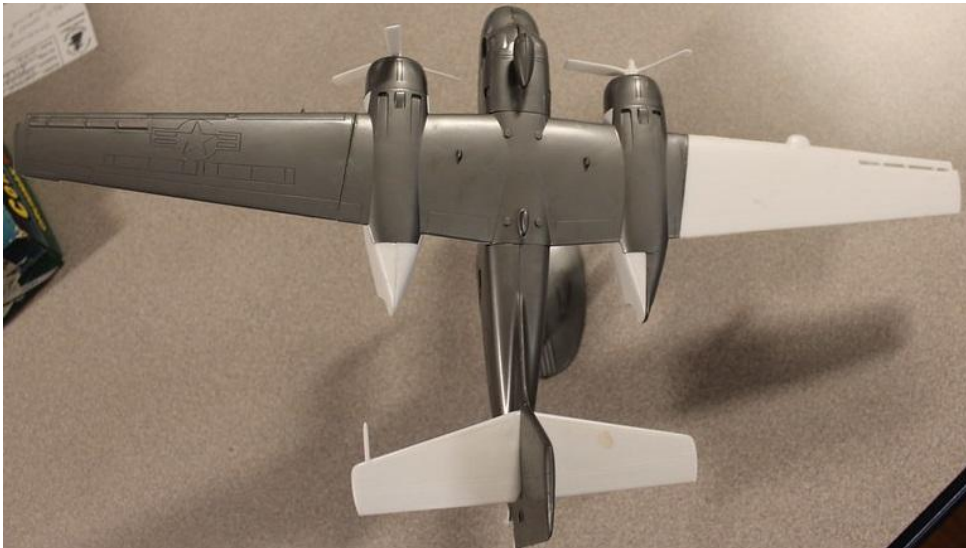


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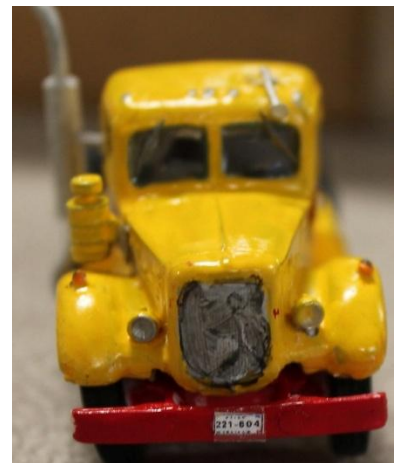
Many more higher resolution images can be found on the web site!



Chuck Converse brought his 1/54th scale S2 Tracker which he assembled with pieces from both a 1960's Comet kit and an Atlantis kit. The silver parts are from Comet and the white from Atlantis. There was a lot of flash on both, due to their age and he ended up with two different decal sets.



Paul Lessard's first model was his Sylvan Models 1/87th scale Mack LH highway truck. He added the Sylvan cab elements to a Don Mills frame to make it more accurate. It is a cast resin kit, to which he added license plates, trailer cables and turn signals. He was challenged painting the cab. It is a nice addition to his highway truck collection.





Mike Dube had his Academy 1/350th scale Graf Spee battle cruiser on display. He included photo etched railings and plane details, and metal gun barrels. The kit had no launch and was missing a capstan. The mast parts were quite delicate and took a long time to build.





Rod Currier had his 1/48th scale Eduard Tempest MK 5 series 2 plane with him. The aircraft was flown by Pierre Clostermann from April 1945 to June of the same year, as part of Number 3 Squadron, 122nd wing. The kit had a lot of photo etch, some of which he did not use. He ended up with the landing gear at a slightly wrong angle. He took a third at the Peabody show.





Rich Filteau showed us his Revell Germany 1/72nd scale B17G 44-8702 “Forever Amber”. His friend’s father piloted this airplane, which was lost to an ME-262 attack in April 1945. Rich staggered and super detailed the waist guns. He added it to a base to protect it from mishandling, using Lucite rod drilled through the base and into the plane fuselage to hold it in place.





Bob Fiero came with his 1/144th scale Monogram/Snaptite B2 bomber. He did use a drop of glue to stabilize the windscreen. He painted it gunship gray. It has electrostatic decals. A 'Modern Marvels' show DVD inspired the build. He used the kit stand to display the plane.



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Russell Gosselin brought his Tamiya 1/48th scale Panther G tank. He started the kit before Covid hit. He added grab handles. Photo etched grills, and filled all the periscopes with styrene. He took a first at the Peabody show.



Upcoming Modeling Events Of Interest

- August 2-5, 2023 – IPMS USA National Convention - Embassy Suites & San Marcos Convention Center, San Marcos, TX Contact: <https://www.nats2023.com/>
- October 1, 2023 _ PatCon 2023 IPMS/Patriot Chapter – Hudson Elks Lodge, 99 Park Street, Hudson, MA Contact: ipmspatriot.org/
- October 15, 2023 – GraniteCon 30 IPMS/Granite State Modelers – Weare Middle School, Route 114, Weare, NH Contact: Rodney Currier nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876
- November 5, 2023 – Baycon 2023 IPMS/Bay Colony – Franklin Elks Lodge, 1077 Pond Street, Franklin, MA Contact: Robert Magina treadhead@comcast.net or 508-695-7754



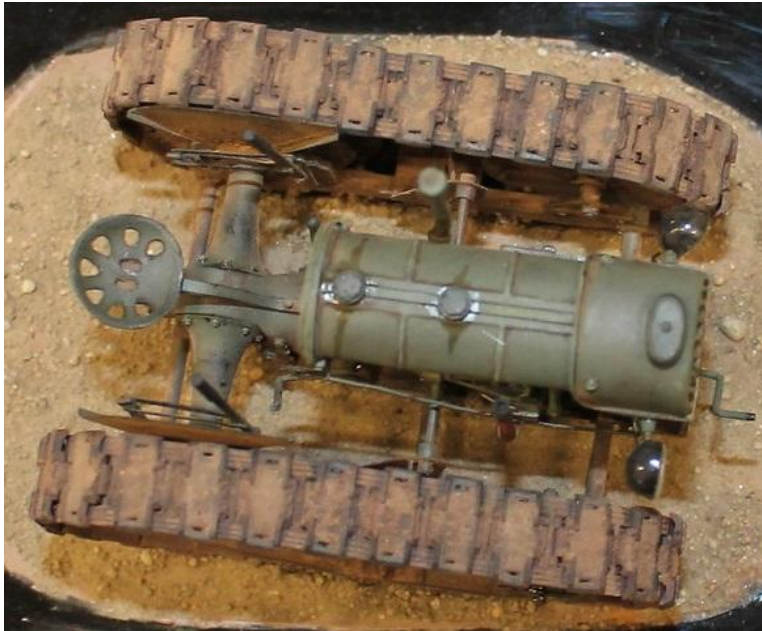
Paul Lessard's second model was a Dyna-Models 1/87th scale Caterpillar D7 bulldozer. A simple kit, it was supposed to represent a cable operated tractor; he added Evergreen Styrene to simulate the cable run. He added a Don Mills winch to the back with controls. He replaced the stack with brass tubing and weathered the tracks.



Mac Johnston's Fordson roadless tractor. Full description next page.



Mac Johnston showed off his 1/35th scale Plus Models Fordson roadless tractor. These were manufactured in the early 1940's and had rubber tracks. Around 200,000 of them were produced. He added wires and plumbing and replaced the hand crank. Due to the high incidence of parts, the tracks were a 'real pain'. He finished it in Vallejo green. It was, according to him, overall, fun build.



Tom Shanahan had a work in progress with him, a Trumpeter 1/35th scale Mark 23 MTBR. The kit supplies a plastic tarp for the top, which Tom hated. He is now working to replicate it with a tissue paper tarp.





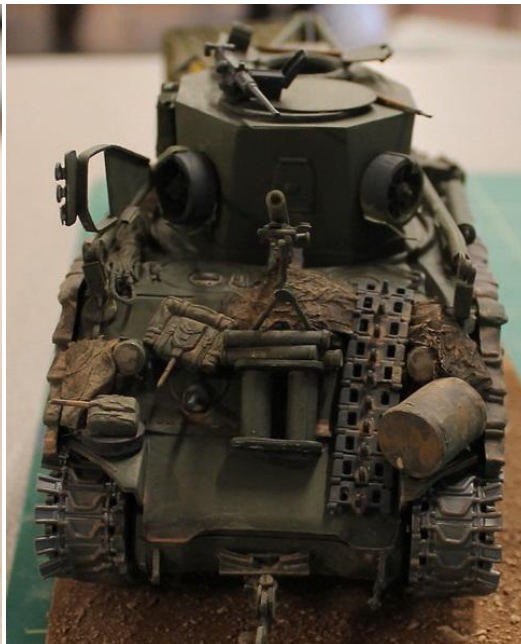
John Walker brought in a 54mm D.C. Stewart Fusilier from the Regiment de Dillon at Yorktown in 1781. It had resided in his stash since around 1975 and was a minimal model at best. He portrayed an Irishman in French service. He replaced the rifle with one from Hinchcliff and added a bayonet. He also modified the saber and changed out the musket. He used Vallejo paints, but was challenged applying the yellow.



Frank Moore's first was a 1/32nd scale M32 Armor Recovery Vehicle. He started with a New Ray M4A3 tank body and parts from his spares collection to modify it. He had metal sand bags available and applied them. The trailer got a tissue paper tarp and he scratch-built the 81mm mortar.

Frank's second offering was another 1/32nd scale kit-bashed New Ray Sherman 13 ARV.

He built the superstructure from a set of plans. It was unusual in that the paint color on these was bluish navy gray, rather than Olive Drab. Used by Royal Marine Engineers, it was designed to tow stalled vehicles out of the water. It was also used to push landing craft back off the beach.



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!

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Granite State Hobbies - 20 Pleasant St. Claremont, NH (603-504-5605) ajmsugaring@icloud.com

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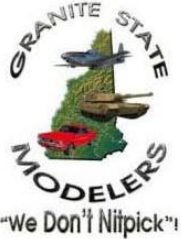
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New Show And Tell Description Form

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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