

'The Instruction Sheet'

IPMS / Granite State Modelers Club Monthly Newsletter

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Meeting Reminders: February 26, 2024, March 18, 2024, April 15, 2024

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

Zoom Meeting Link – [GSMC Zoom Meeting](#)

A Letter From "The New Guy"

First I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Jason Robidoux and I am the new guy. I came back to the hobby a couple of years ago. I'm a car guy at heart, but I do a little bit of everything. I lurked around the shows the last few years, visited the website and Face Book page. I didn't join right away mostly because I wasn't sure my work quality was quite good enough.

What I found when I went to my first meeting was one of the most welcoming groups I have ever joined. Not only is everyone friendly, welcoming, but there are a bunch of different genres and talent levels.

Then I was introduced to the Zoom meetings. Being the new guy, I wanted to just sit back and observe. I had never done a Zoom meeting outside of work. Over the course of the session I realized it was a get together of friends. Everyone was sharing their work and bouncing ideas off of each other.

What I enjoyed the most was the wealth of knowledge. I've had so many questions during sessions and everyone is so eager to help. For the new guy this is great because I'm still learning and finding my way through this hobby I've come to love so much. Bob Ferri even had me on to teach me about working with photo etch, with which I've had zero experience with until now.

I know now it's not just about modeling, its camaraderie, which is something I lost during Covid and didn't know I needed so much. Before I joined the club, I'd sit at the bench and build alone. Building during a Zoom session keeps me motivated. We cheer each other on, problem solve, bounce ideas around, dish out a good ribbing and most of all we have fun.

Building at home with my friends on Zoom is so much better than building alone. Between Mac, Bob, Pete and John Rauscher, it's like having a help desk. If you haven't joined a zoom, I really encourage you to do so. You might learn something, stay motivated, get great ideas and most of join in the camaraderie and fun. It's a lot better than building alone.

Happy modeling!

IPMS/GSMC meets for our general membership meeting on the third Monday night (4th Monday in Jan., Feb. & June) 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.

January 2023 MEETING NOTES By Pete Davis

- This was the first meeting with the new slate of officers in place. We had 19 members total at the meeting.
- Our new Treasurer, Rich Filteau, finally was able to access our bank account online and reported that we had expenses of \$45.00 and \$159.00 in the past period. He was advised to be on the lookout for a check from the La Quinta Hotel in Manchester refunding our \$200 deposit on their facility due to their rooms not being available for our annual show due to their renovation last year.
- Zoom Coordinator Bob Ferri mentioned that the online build session of the M1070 HET truck and M1000 trailer combination would begin on February 4th and be worked on as a group during the Sunday sessions. There was no time limit set on the build as participants will work to the speed of the slowest builder. This will not affect the normal Sunday night Zoom session.
- Bob also showed us sample of the rubber fly tying leg material he uses for hoses he used in his other builds which were discussed in the previous newsletter.
- Secretary Rod Currier advised that IPMS is looking for judges and a secretary due to a group of resignations recently. They are now scrambling for staff for their big annual show as a result. There was a huge issue over the judges handing models after the ruling that this was not allowable any more. This caused much turmoil in the organization.

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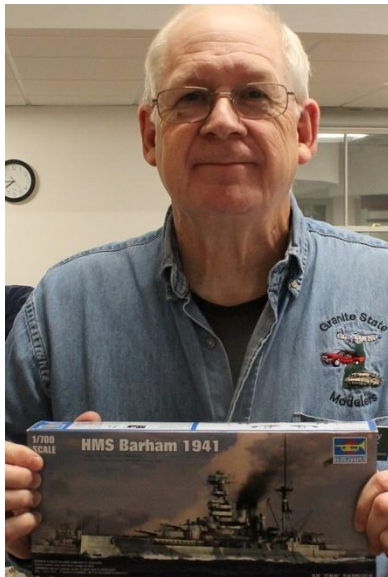
- Rod discussed the possibility of holding our October meeting before GraniteCon instead of after. Rod talked to Holly and she suggested he check the library site calendar and if the room was available about a month before we wanted it to check with her to make sure we got a big enough room. There is a library program in our room the week before and the week after our scheduled date and if a room was available she could switch us. Something we will worry about in August or September.
- Show Coordinator John Rauscher reported he had delivered the checks to the school and PTO organizations and has reserved the school again for our event coming in October.
- President Mac mentioned that we have been asked to come back to the Hooksett Lions Club Train Show in April. We have had a display at this show in past years but haven't participated for a while. It will be held April 21st this year. Pete volunteered to attend for the club. We thought we might also include our Zoom session on that day so people could see what we do.
- We discussed the theme for our next show and we decided the theme for GraniteCon 31 will be "A Photo Match". It can be a black and white or color photo, and the photo has to be placed next to the model. It must be photo of the original subject, not a digitally generated print or CAD print.
- It appears that Minuteman Hobbies may be gone. We are also not sure about Granite State Hobbies in Claremont. If anyone had solid information on them, please advise the newsletter staff or one of our officers so we can update.
- Rich reported that the pilot who flew Charles Lindberg's body to his final resting place in Hawaii would be at the New Hampshire Air Museum the Thursday following the January meeting.
- Mac mentioned that the Zooms are a lot of fun. We have great interaction on a wide variety of topics and the participation is growing.
- John Rauscher had a selection of Vallejo paints he was giving away and invited the club members present to help themselves.

- Jim Rondoux brought in a clear glue he uses to attach canopies and window glass to model cars.
- Mac provided us a description of the Minuteman AMPS build session at the Heritage Museum in Stow, Massachusetts. A couple of different groups showed up and a variety of others Zoomed in for the activity. He advised that the German railcar on site is now restored and on display. It dates from before World War One and is located in the Holocaust memorial display area. He mentioned they also had four re-enactors roaming around in Roman Centurion gear.



January Raffle Winners!

Our meeting raffle winners were Rod Currier, Frank Moore and Bob Fiero. Congratulations!



My Modeling History By Lyn Cushman

Pete Davis inspired me to start this. Now, while writing my latest build description, I have thought to put it on paper (electronic paper that is).

This started as "my history of modeling", but has turned into a story of friendships.

When did I start modeling? When I was a lad of 9-10 years old, I had the mumps and my Dad ask if there was anything he could get me while they were out shopping. I asked for a helicopter.

He returned saying he was sorry but could not find one but, 'maybe this model of a 'jolly green Giant' would do (Sikorsky HH-3E)'. He said he would help me build it when I was better. I glued it together without help, leaving most of the pieces out.

My Brother built "Rat Rods", Mr. Gasser, Rat Fink, The Red Baron's Rod, The Munster Koach, the glowing human skeleton, etc. But I was not interested in those except after he built them. I thought they were "neat". When I grew up I would eventually do some of them.

While I built a plane here and there (normally WWI or WWII allied), I really did not build much while growing up, so to speak.

When I was 12/13 my brother talked me into giving up my savings so "we" could buy and build Revell's "Cutty Sark" #5401 together. I soon found that "together" meant I could look at it after he built it. That was the end of my model building until I was in my twenties.

My love of History continued through out my life and, as I had a ready supply of information on WWII, it became my major interest (my mother had 5 siblings who served in military branches in WWII and one who served in the Army in Korea).

I re-found my interest in models through my love of history in my 20's, when I discovered a small camera/model shop in my town. "Tamiya models" and paints! German Armor! OH MY!

The manager of the store had a love of "Led Zeppelin" and Rock and Roll music and we became friends. He'd play cardboard box drums and I would play air guitar. The store closed down and I lost contact with him.

What a mess I could make, using tube glue and hard bristle brushes...glue strings and brush marks! But, I thought it was good at the time. Building dioramas, a British 2 pounder taking out a Panzer III, (with men, owl eyes, and desert), the picture from "Tamiya's Panzer Group", men and all.

Then life, work, marriage, etc. got in the way and my modeling almost stopped.

I destroyed my back in my late 20's and had to have surgery. Having nothing to do but lay on the wood floor and watch TV, I built the "Confederate Air Force"...every model that was put out, and a few more besides.

When I recovered, I set up a bench in my basement and began building seriously again. I found "Military Modeler" magazine! I would study books on armor and then build "that" tank.

As I said earlier this is a story of friendship.

I had worked with a supervisor who retired to Nebraska. One day he returned to visit his daughter in New Hampshire. My wife and I were invited to her place to see them. When I entered the "living room" I found a guy sitting at a small table building a Tamiya Panzer IV, if I remember correctly.

Bam! A very long friendship has ensued. Mac Johnston and I have been through 3 divorces (or more), a number of deaths, 5 moves and who knows how many builds together. He taught me much about model building and airbrushing! He loaned me a Badger external mix airbrush and I had an old compressor for blowing up bike tires. A whole new world opened up. When I had a idea, he was there to help, or "gently" tell me to forget it.

Mac introduced me to AMPS and IPMS. We have had many adventure together and many more to come. He drove me to my first AMPS show in 1998, where I won 2 bronze medals. Along with a few others, we started "Upper Valley Modelers", one of the first "Amps" affiliates. We met monthly in Mac's build room in his house. We attended many area IPMS shows.

Divorce, a new marriage, and a move to Florida separated us, but Mac and I stayed in touch. We visited back and forth. Mac watched as I poured liquid glue over a Dragon SU76, watching it melt (one of the worst models I have ever tried to build)!

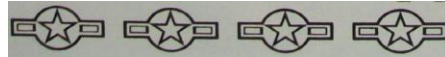
I attended shows and met modelers in Florida, and joined IPMS. One friend I met through my wife's job. Jim owned The Kit Bunker, a mail order hobby store, as a side job. He gave me my first air brush, a Paasche single stage. We went to "The Highland Games" yearly and had many adventures together. We remained friends until his passing .

Ten years later, Robin and I moved back "home". Upper Valley Modelers meetings were now in the shop where Mac worked. There were more new friends to meet. Mac introduced me to "Granite State Modelers" and I renewed my Amps membership. Going to IPMS and AMPS shows with Mac, I have met many people and found a world which I never new of.

I often would run into one person who attended IPMS shows with his wife. We would discuss the shows, models, who's who and what's what as most modelers do at shows. I never thought more of this "friendship" other than a person to seek out at shows.

We have a camp in Maine and one weekend while staying there, we were eating at a restaurant. I looked up and in walked David and his wife, Wendy. As I was leaving I walked over to his table and said "What are you doing here?" Turns out they live a few miles from our camp. We discovered we both have interests in beer, music and many other things. We get together often and he attends build days at my house in NH. We have had many adventures together and many more to come.

Through modeling, I have met many friends, some of whom have now passed away, and some who have become life friends; friends with whom I have had and, will continue to have, adventures in and out of modeling. I count every member of Granite State Modeler's Club, Upper Valley modelers and, many AMPS members as friends. They inspire my building, inspiring me to learn and to improve. I feel we are all teachers, and students of modeling and, maybe of life itself.



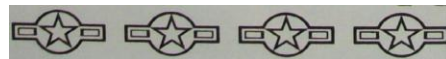
The Granite Quarry

Occasional hints & tips for the modeler By John Cook

I have my own YouTube channel with short videos to show off my stuff. "John's Modelwerks" is the name and here is a link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChUk4uuBVWLDhjY4vb4PB3g>

There are about a dozen videos showing off models like Battlestar Pegasus, the Hitachi Two-Arm Work Machine, Cursed Starfury and the Convair XFV Pogo plane. All my stuff is kind of unique, never the same twice and always well done.



PETE'S PONDERINGS *By Pete Davis*

I think all of us model builders are, to a certain extent, collectors of new and un-built kits. There are so many new offerings hitting the market daily that the volume of material and subjects available is almost in a 'Golden age' status. Modeling magazines, YouTube and other resources are constantly stirring up our creative juices with tempting and varied kits offerings. And the aftermarket add-ons, whatever the format... photo etch, 3D resin printing, or other mediums... really provide a modeler with the opportunity to easily recreate unique, one-off builds.

This leads us into frequently padding our collections with new kits that we may never live long enough to build. But, we got 'em, should the whim strike to hit the bench with a fresh project.

There appear to be a lot of factors that trigger our personal desire for a kit.

If you are interested in aircraft, for example, you might see a new version of a plane that has never been offered before in a subject class that you usually follow. This can be all the incentive you need to buy the model. This parallels all the other subject categories...ships, armor, automobile, Gundam, Warhammer, Sci Fi and many more.

Or if you just want to be the first to have a specific freshly manufactured kit, when the injection molds are as crisp and clean as they will ever be, you will make the effort to find a vendor and access one. This also holds true to short run subjects, which will be molded once and never again.

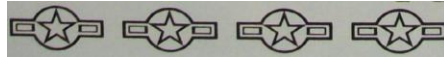
These days, there are also kits manufactured in factories located in active war zones, and you buy to support those companies.

Think also of all the models that have been released of subjects hidden behind secretive barriers established by isolationist countries. These may be exciting to have because of their inaccessibility under normal circumstances and the opportunity to know more about the physicality of their existence.

How about those subjects seen in popular movies! I don't know how many iterations of Star Trek and Star Wars starships and weaponry have hit the markets in recent years, but I know they are varied and substantial.

And, there is a desire, as an old friend once put it, to just need to have more 'stuff'! He always said you can never have too much 'stuff'!

Take a moment to see if you can pin down what incentive drives your purchases. It may help you to focus more clearly on the subjects which have the greatest importance to your buying process, and to streamline your collections!



Modeling Events of Interest

March 23, 2024 – NoreastCon 52 Freeport Rec Center Freeport, NY

April 7, 2024 – ValleyCon 33 Knights of Columbus Chicopee, MA

April 7, 2024 – BuffCon 38 Knights of Columbus Cheektowaga, NY

April 14, 2024 – DowneastCon 2024 Sanford Memorial Gym Sanford, ME

April 20, 2024 – Can/Am Con 2024 Williston Armory Williston, VT

April 21, 2024 – Hooksett Lions Club Train and Modeling Show Cawley Middle School Hooksett, NH

May 18, 2024 – NorthshoreCon 24 Knights of Columbus Peabody, MA

July 10-20, 2024 – IPMS/USA Nationals Monona Terrace Madison, WI

October 4-5, 2024 – ArmorCon Southbury, CT

October 20, 2024 – GraniteCon 31 Weare Middle School Weare, NH

October 26, 2024 – HVHMG 2024 Poughkeepsie, NY

November 3, 2024 BayCon 2024 Franklin Elks Lodge Franklin, MA



The Hooksett, NH Lions Club

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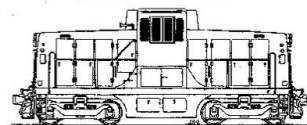
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5 models entered

\$1.00 for each additional entry

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From The Editor's

Our club Newsletter Editorial and Layout staff is in need of content from all segments of our hobby for the newsletter. Subject matters of interest include ships, armor, aircraft, sci-fi, figures, 3-D printing, scratch building, kit bashing and railroading. We are looking for articles on modeling tips, kit reviews, build articles, historical information and general model discussion of kits and techniques. Any and all submissions are welcome, this is our club newsletter and all are welcome to contribute. Submit all articles to Pete Davis at granduck@aol.com. Thank You.

Show and Tell

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



Mac Johnston brought in his Thunder Models 1/35th Case VHT Tractor as an in-progress build. Mac cut it in half at the bell housing and added a scratch-built flywheel, pressure plate, clutch disc, throw-out bearing and clutch fork. It is configured with dual rear wheels and weight box.



John Edge brought in a Kinetic 1/48th scale F84F Thunderstreak, his first plane ever. He took his time detailing. He used an aluminum flat coat for exterior paint, and colored markers to define the cockpit details. He added weights to keep the nose down. He advised it was a challenge but he learned a lot and had fun in the process.



Bob Fiero showed off his 1:174th scale Revell B-52D bomber. He had photos of himself with the real thing as a reference. The kit molds date back to 1954, and he replicated the plane in the photo. He added clear windows to the kit, not normally something he does. It took him six months to work through all the fit issues in the kit.

Frank Moore came with three different builds. This one was a scratch built M5A1 half-track in 1/35th scale. He rounded the corners in the back and depicted a machine used by the Free French 2nd Armored Division.





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Frank's IDF vehicle was portrayed as another 1/35th scale M3 halftrack scratch build.



Frank had a 1/35th scale Italeri Russian ZIS-3 modeled as one captures by the Germans.





Rich Filteau did an out of box build of an Eduard FW190-D9 in 1/48th scale. It had an inline engine. Rich found the kit to be difficult to work with and is now glad to be done with Focke Wulf builds for the foreseeable future.



Jason Robidoux had his 1/25th scale Revell 1969 Camaro on the table. He tried decanting a metal flake paint to use in his airbrush but the metal flake separated, so he ended up painting with a Duplicolor rattle can. He added plug wires in the correct firing order. He had issues with the hood decals which shattered twice. His clear coat did not need polishing to show the shine. He had to modify the carburetor to fit correctly. He got a lot of great help from the Zoom sessions and is very happy with the build.

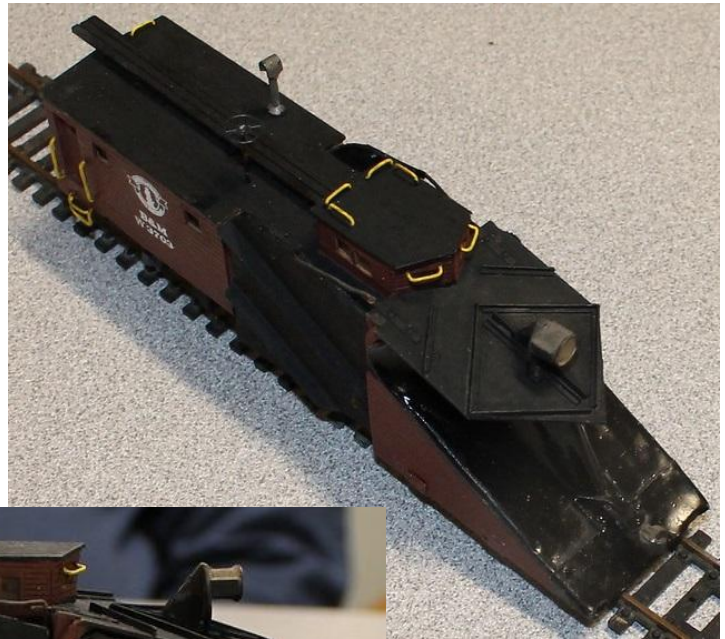




Paul Lessard displayed his Boston and Maine 1/87th scale early 1900's snow plow, a Northeastern Scale Works wooden kit with metal detail parts. He had to rework this kit as it was never finished. The front blade is wooden, as on the full sized plow, and it has a flanger blade underneath.



Paul also brought a Northeastern Scale Works 1/87th scale Russell Plow model. This car had metal blades and wings to open and contour snow away from the tracks. This was a rehabilitation of a kit he built 55 years ago. He also used Tichy Trains decals. He added light brackets to both kits and thoroughly enjoyed the builds.





John Walker had a collection of three Sherman tanks to show us. One was an Italeri 1/35th scale M4A1. This was a 20 year old build which he restored. The Marine figures are for a US Marine unit in Normandy in 1944.



John Walker provided another Sherman; a 1/35th scale Italeri M4A1 kit built 20 years ago and marked for a Polish unit in Normandy 1944. He made tow cable out of solder textured with metal files, painted with XF62 Tamiya paint lightened during a variety of light coats. He weathered with pastels and added figures from Tamiya and MiniArt. He used guitar strings for antenna.





John Walker also showed us another restored model that his son built 20 years ago but never finished. The kit was a Tamiya 1/35th scale M4A3 Sherman marked for a US unit in the Philippines in 1945.



Pete Davis came with a Tamiya 1/35th scale KV-2 tank. This was done from an old molding from the time when Tamiya used to offer motorization accessories and access holes on their armor kits. He covered the bottom with a thin sheet of styrene to hide the holes and added a styrene rod for an antenna. He weathered the tank with Monroe Weathering Powders and oils. The plastic cables supplied with the kit were too brittle to use, so he substituted metal wire. He added metal grab handles, and experimented with shell scoring on the sides of the turret. The figure came with the kit.

Hobby Shop Directory

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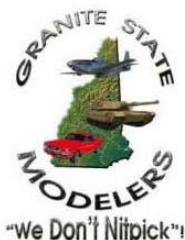


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New Show And Tell Description Form

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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