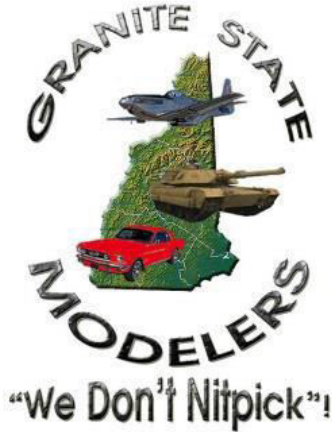




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Club Meeting Reminders: September 15, 2025, October 27, 2025, November 17, 2025

Weekly Zoom Build Sessions: Sunday, Monday and Wednesdays 6-9pm;

Saturday 1-4pm

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

From My Bench

Hello Fellow Members!

Well, the fall showtimes are here for the show goers. That means ours is just around the corner. We've sold all our vendor tables!! And done early! Great work John!!

We still need to sell some trophy packs. At last count we need to sell about 14 more. I think we have most of the "Best Of's" sold also.

We lost Nate as a table helper as he moved and has his plate full. He might make the show, but we can't be sure. We wish him all the best. We are still looking for someone to help there.

For all who want to help judge, the upcoming September meeting will close with a judging class. We want to try and be on the same page with our judging criteria, it will help the new folks who hopefully will help us judge. We do well, but we can use some polishing. So, if you can make the meeting, I think it will be a positive one for all interested in supporting our judging effort.

There WILL NOT be a show and tell at the meeting this month, as we need time to do our judging training. We WILL have the Yankee swap builds to judge. The winner will get a gift certificate from Scale Hobbyist.

Patriot Chapter, Classic Plastic, and the BayCon show are all upcoming. Yes, and ours too. So again, please consider helping at the show as it's our only source of income.

Hey, did anyone see Miniart has a couple of cool tractors coming out ;^)?

Let's get the Yankee swap models ready for the meeting. That's a formal request from the Pres.

Pres

IPMS/GSMC meets for our general membership meeting on the third Monday night (4th Monday in January, February and October) 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 a kit raffle are held at each meeting.

August 2025 Meeting Notes By Pete Davis

- The meeting opened with issues on our usual Zoom feed, so two members were open on Bob's laptop and not visible to the rest of us. We had 19 attending in person.
- Our new table throw was presented to the club by Pete Davis.
- Show Coordinator John Rauscher reports that the school

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is set for the show.

- Newsletter Editor Pete Davis pushed to have more articles written for the newsletter, hopefully from different voices, and that the Show and Tell forms need to be legible.
- Treasurer Rich Filteau recorded \$789.64 in payouts and no deposits for this month. He reported some checks were still pending as uncashed.
- Secretary Rod Currier reported that, as of the meeting we have 19 unsold trophy packs, and there are still special awards open for sponsorship.
- Secretary Rod also reported that he and Member Frank Moore did the Senior Center event in Plaistow, NH, and had 15 in attendance. The key interest seemed to be from the event coordinator. Frank brought a tool kit and Rod discussed building. It was a pleasant day overall.
- Vice President/Social Media Coordinator Jason Robidoux is still working with his contact to finalize details. He does have the new show flier online now. He needs to transfer old newsletters to the site, and put show entry forms and the master sheet online.
- Show Coordinator John Rauscher asked about the PayPal potential. Jason advised there would be an additional charge to add club specific email addresses to the site. The suggestion was passed that we do gmail addresses for officers, which would suffice as contact points on the site with no

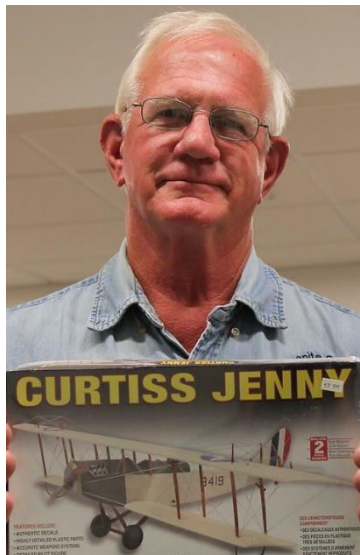
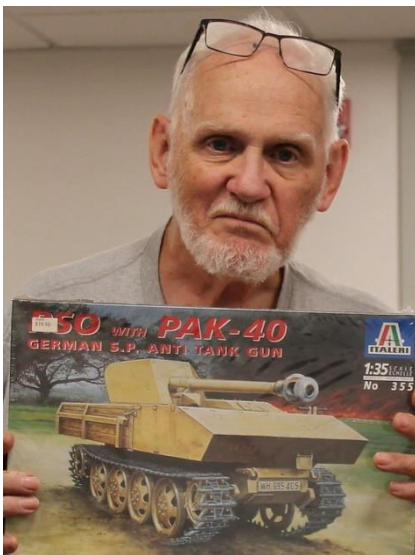
additional cost. It would be needed in order to set up the PayPal account. Rich will get an address and link it to the website. Jason also wants to put hyperlinks to the show online.

- President Mac Johnston reminded us that the Yankee Swap build presentations will be due at the September meeting. He has contacted two clubs about swapping sponsorships on trophy packs. Jason said he has heard of positive support from three clubs, but they have no shows currently scheduled. November will be our officer nomination month. Mac reviewed the show job list to assure we have people where needed. We also have some make and take kits available. Mac would like to do some basic judging training at the end of the September meeting. He also asked for someone to contact Scale Hobbist to see if they would be willing to do the grand prize again this year.

- Treasurer Rich Filteau discussed the problem with our trophy pack being missed at the Nationals, and the issue was already resolved. He mentioned that the New Hampshire Air Museum had a Women's Air Service Pilot and a P51 on hand recently, and had 1500 guests attend.
- Member Bob Fieri told us about an event he attended in Hollis NH, celebrating veterans. They had a display of sidearms. Ten people were memorialized. They also had a rebuilt jeep and trailer, a car show, and refreshments.
- Member John Walker reported on the Nationals in Virginia. They had lots of vendors, around 2800 models in the contest. Tamiya introduced a new PaK38 kit, which was sold at the show by Squadron. There were many outside trips offered. Next year's contest will be in Ft. Wayne, IN. John Rauscher took a second in the Ordinance class and Mac Johnston received three awards.
- President Mac Johnston reported on his opportunity to drive an M4A3 Sherman, with John Rauscher in the turret at the American Heritage Museum in Stowe, MA. He advised it steered hard. The ride was 40 minutes in duration and very dusty.

August Meeting Raffle Winners!

Our meeting raffle winners were Frank Moore, Lyn Cushman, and Jay Robidoux! Congratulations!



Coming Events of Interest

September 28, 2025 – PatCon 2025 Hudson MA

October 3, 2025 – ArmorCon Southbury, CT

October 19, 2025 – GraniteCon 32; IPMS/Granite State Modelers; Weare Middle School; Weare, NH

October 25, 2025 – Hudson Valley Scale Model Show 2025; Hudson Valley Scale Modelers; Elks Club Hall; Poughkeepsie, NY

November 2, 2025 – BayCon 2025 Franklin, MA



Rod's Ramblings by Rod Currier

We are one month closer to GraniteCon 32! We have 12 trophy packs and 1 “Best Of” awards still to sell. We have a few promised, but not “official” yet, so don’t sit back and expect someone else to do all of the work. If we get a few extra (like we did last year), that would be great! As one would expect at this point, the ability to choose certain categories is falling by the wayside. We can adjust a few to make the sale if we need to, but things are getting tight. Any trophies that we don’t get sponsorship for come out of our potential profit.

Don’t forget, we need items for our raffle. Please make sure all kits are complete! If the kit is missing decals only, please mark that on the box. If it is missing parts, keep it for your spares! Hobby related books and tools are always welcome. Just be sure they are in good shape, if not new. We will be setting up at 1 PM the day before the show, October 18th. The more members that can come and help, the quicker we will be finished. Sure saves time on Sunday morning when everything is ready to go!

Don’t forget to get out and support PatCon in Hudson, MA this month! It is at the museum again this year, so between the “show action”, you can wander over and take in the exhibits. That is on September 28th. You can get more information, including forms, on the Patriot website.

On August 15th, member Frank Moore and I traveled to the Vic Geary Senior Center in Plaistow, NH, to give a short talk on the hobby of model building. We each brought some completed models to show off, along with some basic supplies that we use. Frank had what he calls his “basic” tool kit, with paints, sanding supplies, different cements, and other basic needs! I also brought an airbrush and compressor, plus some tools and my magnifier to show what can be used to improve the finish and quality of our builds. We also displayed some unbuilt kits alongside the same kit, finished. We also showed them some kits that were at different “levels” to show how detail improved as the kit got more challenging, just as the puzzles that they build get more difficult as the piece count increases. The day was one of those hot, humid, 90-degree days that we were “blessed” with this summer, so the turnout wasn’t as good as our hosts predicted. Out of a dozen people there, about half were interested in our presentation and came up to take a closer look at the models and to ask questions.



Aviation Museum of NH Happenings by Rich Filteau

Last Thursday, September 4th 2025, there was an event at the Aviation Museum of NH, where a B-52 Electronics Warfare Officer (EWO) made a presentation about his experiences centered around 9/11.

The presenter, Glenn Carlson, a U.S. Air Force B-52 crew member who'd just returned from a Red Flag exercise in advanced aerial combat training—and who suddenly found himself part of the unfolding response to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Carlson, a resident of Laconia, N.H., spoke about the U.S. military's response to 9/11 in a presentation on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum of N.H.

This link below will take you to the page on their website with further details and images of his presentation.

<https://aviationmuseumofnh.org/2025/08/25/9-11-anniversary-granite-stater-to-recall-service-as-b-52-crew-member-on-fateful-day/>

Before he spoke, I was asked to present my A-6A Intruder Diorama to the gentleman I made it for.

A picture of me presenting the model, along with the text of what the Museum is posting on their events page is shown below. Here is a link to the presentation video.

<https://vimeo.com/1116875547/5e1144db67?ts=171373&share=copy>

“The Aviation Museum of N.H. has exhibits that show and tell aviation history, but we also have many volunteers and docents who actually lived it. Volunteer Jim Schou of Londonderry, was serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Forrestal in 1967, while on maneuvers in the Gulf of Tonkin, off the coast of Vietnam.

Schou was assigned as a bombardier/navigator to the A-6 Intruder, an all-weather nighttime bomber that saw heavy use during the Vietnam War. Schou was on board the Forrestal awaiting the next launch on July 29, 1967 when a series of explosions and then massive fire swept the aircraft carrier, killing 134 sailors and aviators, injuring 161, and destroying 21 aircraft. It remains second worst loss of life on a U.S. Navy ship since World War II.

At a recent Aviation Museum event, fellow volunteer Rich Filteau of Nashua presented Schou with a custom-made diorama depicting an A-6 modeled in 1/48 scale landing on the deck of the USS Forrestal as a tribute to Schou's service. Filteau, Treasurer of the Granite State Modelers Club, worked from pictures provided by Schou showing an A-6 catching an arresting cable just as it landed onboard the carrier.”





GRANITECON 32

Sunday, October 19, 2025 9AM to 4PM

**Granite State Modelers Club Presents Our 32nd Annual Static
Model Display and Contest**

Weare Middle School, Rt. 114 Weare, New Hampshire

Website: GraniteStateModelersClub.ORG

Email: GraniteStateModelers@Gmail.com

Contest Entry Fees – CASH ONLY

Adult: \$5.00 for the first four entries

\$1.00 for each additional entry

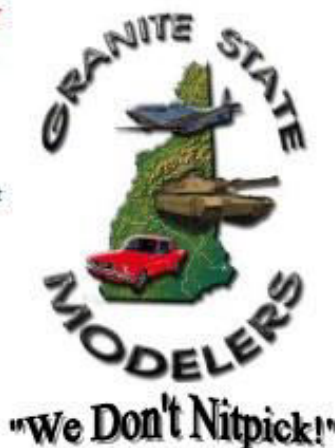
Juniors: Unlimited entries, Free

General Show Admission \$5.00

Children 12 and under free with adult

Contest Rules:

- The contest is open to all registrants. Registration starts at 9:00 AM, and promptly closes at 12 noon.
- Models will be judged on overall workmanship (assembly, painting, decals/markings, weathering), representation, and affordable accuracy as outlined in the IPMS handbook.
- Each registrant will be eligible for one place award per category (no sweeps within a category). It is possible to win one place award and Best out of Box award for the same category when it is deemed applicable.
- To be eligible for the Discretionary award Best Out Of Box the entry must be built only using the contents supplied with the kit by the manufacture. The only modifications permitted are tape or paper seat belts (not photo etched), antenna made from sprue, wire or other materials, changing decals, markings, or color scheme and drilling out barrels.
- Each entry must have been built by the registrant named on the entry form. Entrants in the junior categories may have received some assistance in the building their entries, but must have substantially completed the models on their own. No absentee registration, adult themes, subjects of a prurient nature, or advanced registrations will be accepted.
- No model entry which has won any prize at this local or regional contest, convention or has won any prize at any national, international contest, convention is eligible for an award.
- IPMS/Granite State Modelers reserve the right to delete/ alter/ split/ combine or otherwise change the categories as the clubs determines to be appropriate based on the actual entries
- The decision of the IPMS/Granite State Modelers head judge will be final interpretation or application of these rules.
- *GSMC is not liable for any lost, missing or damaged items brought to the contest from visitors, vendors and contestants.*



Schedule

10AM - Hourly Raffle begins

12 PM - Contest Judging begins

3 PM - (approximately) Awards presented

9:30AM – Free “Make and Take” for kids under 12 begins

Contacts:

Show information and to sponsor an award category (\$25): Rodney Currier
nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or

603-726-3876

Vendor table (\$35.00): John Rauscher
JVR@gsinet.net or 603-529-5644

Special Awards:

Theme Award: “Animal Names” Subject named after an animal.

Fausto Hamden Judges Award: Best of Show

Dan Belcher Award – Best Aircraft Overall

Jack Sutcliffe Award: Best 1/48 Scale Prop Aircraft

Kevin Campagna Award: Best Super Detailed Armor Piece

Best Chevy Vehicle

Best Ford Vehicle

Best Mopar Vehicle

Kent Kinal Best Small Air Force - Best representation of an aircraft from a small air force, by markings – (No US, Russian, English, Japanese, or German marked aircraft qualifies)

General Directions:

From I-93 or Everett Turnpike to I-293 North to exit for 101 West. At Junction with NH Rt 114 continue straight to Junction of 114A. Turn left staying on Rt 114 North, through Goffstown Village another 10 miles to Weare. The Middle School is on the right in the center of the village.

See website for more specific directions.



Pete's Ponderings by Pete Davis

I have always built in many scales. As a model railroader, I worked with 1/87th scale. I mostly have concentrated on scales which allow me to better see what I am assembling these days, mostly in 1/35th or 1/48th, with dabbles in 1/72nd, 1/32nd, and 1/24th. Now I'm seeing a lot of my time going into 1/16th scale builds, especially since a lot of World War Two subjects have been appearing in the market places I frequent. It doesn't hurt that I am lucky enough to have sufficient discretionary cash to be able to fund my interests.

It has led me to have a huge stash to choose from. I can pretty much select from any genre without leaving the comfort of my home, just by making a quick trip to my cellar. This is a good thing!

Let's not forget all the new technologies that have improved the hobby in recent years. I still am amazed by the quality of detail that 3D printing can afford, for example. And resin, and photo etch can enhance any model inexpensively, without a lot of scratch-building. It really makes for great opportunities to detail up any kit to a much more specific result.

However, I am also looking at being 76 years old, with eyes that are not as efficient as once they were. I also have hands which seem to have a mind of their own, when handling small parts, in spite of any efforts I may make to the contrary. I have more LED lights in my building area than I ever thought would be needed, just to compensate for my eyes not working as well in darker lighting. I also have added cushioning in my chair to help with my lower back and shoulder issues. Biofreeze is my best friend, especially with my arthritic thumbs. It ain't glorious getting older.

I think anyone would be put off very easily by all of the ills and chills, if they were my age. And I can see where depression might easily set in, if you let it. But, having all of the different hobby choices to work with, and being determined to challenge yourself, can overcome many of these ills and age-related physical concerns. This will help you to achieve a passion for your work that supersedes any negative roadblocks.

I find myself enjoying the challenge of a new kit, and the thrill of opening the lid of a brand-new model box, are key to keeping myself moving and my mind nimble. So many kits today are way beyond what we used to build as kids, with extensive detail and accuracy. It can be a real thrill to tuck into a new assembly. It is also a delight to have access to a wide variety of builders, whether through our club, or otherwise. We never had this access to community when I was younger. There is so much knowledge out there that we can easily access. And there are many, many videos online that can tutor you when tackling a new kit. How 'cool' is that! This truly is a golden age for model builders!

I guess the point of this all is that, regardless of age and infirmities, with a little effort, you, too, can keep yourself active and alive. All it takes is allowing yourself to be involved in the hobby. I may never build all of the models I have stored away, waiting for their turn on my bench, but I am deliberately driving myself to keep at it. I enjoy the challenges and the quality. And, I am looking forward to many more years of bench time eagerly!

An image Pete captured of John Rauschers booth at the Nationals.



Biplay 25 - August 10, 1959 by Rich Filteau

Call sign Biplay 25 - Boeing B-52C Stratofortress 54-2682

Original mission profile was for a 10 Hour mission to conduct mock radar bombing runs. Aircraft was loaded with 230,000 Lbs. of fuel before take-off.

Weather was cold and rainy with ground fog covering most of New England.

Solid overcast from 500 Feet to 15,000 feet with scattered clouds to 45,000 feet.

Mission Chronology

8:12 AM Biplay 25 Taxied onto Runway 5 at Westover AFB, Chicopee, MA.

In-flight, between 8:30 and 9:30 – Multiple unidentified noises heard by crew.

- Crew hears a loud thud and sharp noises associated with the sweep of the radar.
- Radar switched off.
- Mission changed from mock bombing runs to pilot proficiency
- Another noise heard; described as a “Sharp explosion” followed by a rush of air.
- Altimeter and Airspeed Indicator instruments fail.
- Tail gunner reports seeing a piece of the aircraft go by in the slipstream
- Aircraft is experiencing mild vibration.
- Mission changed from mock bombing runs to pilot proficiency
- Pilot requests that the radar operator examine the forward bulkhead between lower crew compartment and the radar bay. RO reports back that “We are losing the radome”.

10:25 – Aircraft begins to divert to Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada via Bangor ME. While Goose Bay is 900 miles away, it is the closest airfield with a long enough runway and clear skies.

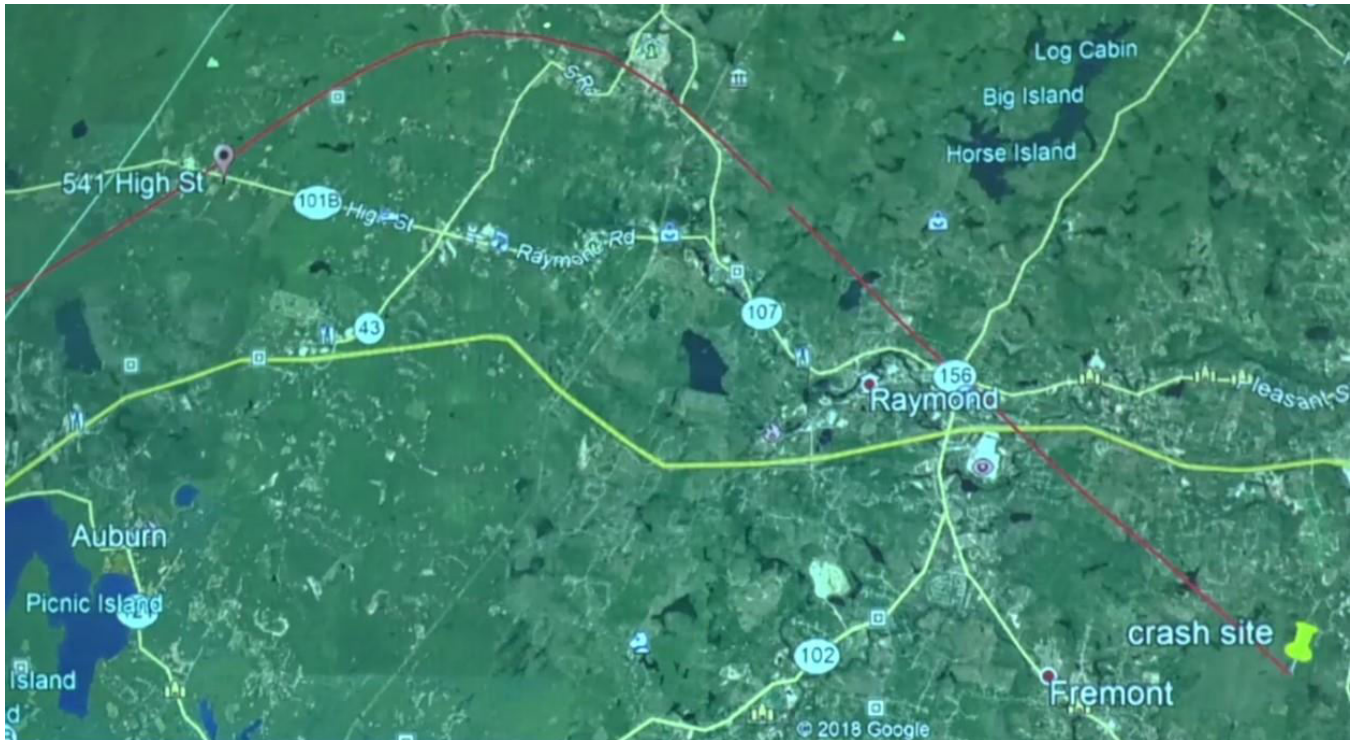
10:33 - Heavy Buffet/vibration; aircraft begins uncontrolled porpoising.

10:37 – Mayday called; aircraft commander (Capt. Kusch) orders crew to bail out. 7 crew members land in Candia, NH.

10:43 - Capt. Kusch remains with aircraft and turns toward non-populated area.

10:47 - Capt. Kusch ejects from aircraft. He lands approximately 14 miles from the other crew members and very close to the wreckage of 54-2682.





The Air Force recovered the aircraft remnants and conducted an aircraft accident investigation. It is thought that the airframe broke up before striking the ground as there were no signs of a fire at the crash site, just a lot of mangled metal. If the aircraft had hit the ground with the amount of fuel still on board (180,000 lbs.) there certainly would have been a fire. All 8 crew members survived the crash.

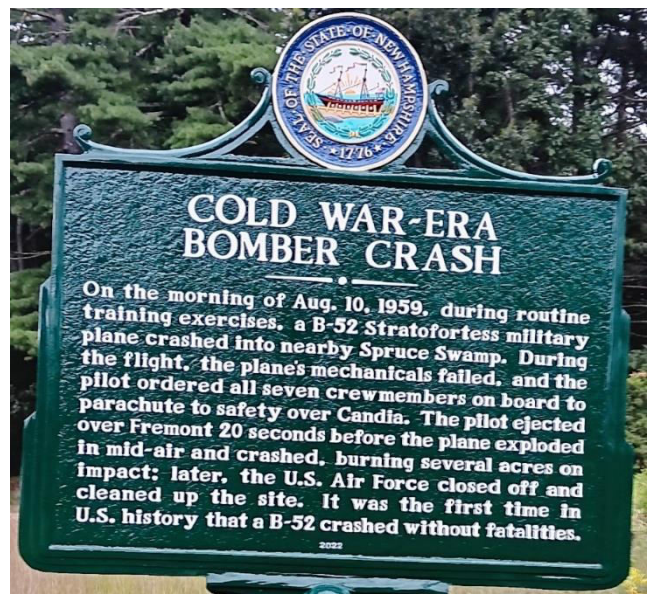
In 2009, William Kolias read an article about the crash and became curious to learn more. During his research, he went to the crash site, a swamp in Fremont, NH, and recovered a tire and other bits of aircraft metal. In 2019, he presented the story of the crash and his investigation in a lecture at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire and then donated the tire for the museum's collection.

For more information, the entire video of the William Kolias' presentation can be viewed on Vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/371617123>

The graphic shows the last minutes of Biplay 25. This was created using the Minicraft 1/144 Scale B-52 D/E Kit # MMI14745 which he built and painted by Rich. He then photoshopped the aircraft with a cloud background and created the ejection scene using an image of an aircraft ejection seat.

The historical marker was added in 2022.



Show and Tell

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



Rich Filteau continues his string of beautiful aircraft with his 1/48th scale Hobby Boss Grumman A6A Intruder, poised as if it was landing on a carrier deck, with the wire trapping an arrestor hook on the rear of the plane. He built this out of box, but added empty missile racks. The base is a printed carrier deck and the cables done with to-scale picture hanging wire.



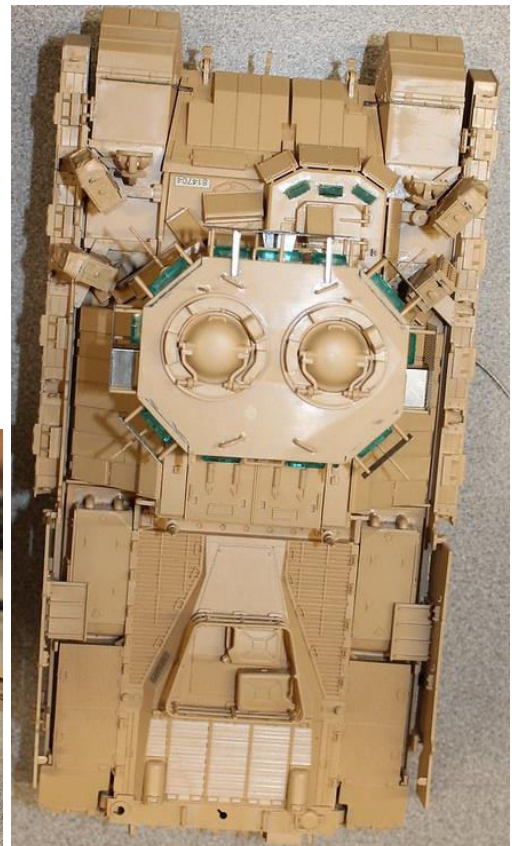
Scott Mallet showed off his Polar Lights 1/25 scale Classic Coke VW Beetle. Scott built it out of box and is very happy with the results of the build.





John Walker came with his 1/35th scale Tamiya (1973 issue) Matilda MK 2 infantry tank. He built this out of box and painted with Tamiya colors. He used kit markings. This build has been in the works for 50 years. Weathering was done with mottling of paint, pastels, weathering powders, and pencil lead. It represents a tank used in the 1st Armored Division in North Africa in 1941.

Bob Ferri brought in his 1/35th scale Tiger Model Israeli Defense Force Nagmachon Heavy APC. This is a work in progress and is being built out of box. So far, it is a good build with a nice fit. He liked the individual track links. The tow cable material provided in the kit is the best material he has seen. The only armament are 4 machine-guns mounted in the dog house structure. This is ready now for paint.





Paul Lessard brought a 1/87th scale Con-Cor Airslide covered hopper. This model was built out of box, except for adding cut levers and a brake wheel. These cars were pressurized to hold sugar and flour. This one is marked for Golden Loaf. The car was too light, so he had to add weights to bring it to HO scale standard.



Paul Lessard also showed off his 1/87th scale Intermountain Bethlehem covered hopper car. He modified a standard ACF prototype to represent the Bethlehem car. He added new end panels and cut out side panels. He marked with HyBall Graphics decals.





Frank Moore showed us his 1/35th scale AFV Club M102A1 howitzer. This has great detail, but the build was challenging, due to all the small parts. He had to make adjustments to the gun and breech assembly to make them fit. He built it as one used in Vietnam.



A 1/35scale Tamiya SdKfz 251-1B was one of Frank Moore's glue bomb rescues. He scratch-built most of the wheels. This model contains parts from three different kits. It is a platoon commander's vehicle, as it carries the 37mm gun. He made the camouflage look like smeared on mud.





Frank Moore also brought a 1/32nd scale Combat Models P40D export fighter. This was an early vacuum formed kit and very crude. This is a work in progress requiring much scratch building, both in parts and an engine block. He has been frustrated working on this.



The Instruction Sheet Needs You!

Members, we are constantly in need of newsletter content to keep our IPMS NE Region award winning newsletter going strong! We strive to put together an informative newsletter, with some content that will enhance your modeling experience, inspire you, inform you and make your modeling experience more enjoyable.

This is your newsletter and we need your contributions, large or small! Be it a kit or product review, build review, site visit or historical content, or even just a picture of your work or something you have seen of interest. We are also looking for tips, tricks and hacks you use in your modeling that others may benefit from. These can be just a few lines of text and an image or two.

You can just provide the basic text and some images and we can create the layout and polish the content for you. Don't be shy, there is a writer in each of us, sometimes it takes a little effort for it to come out.

Anyone in the club can submit their contribution to either Pete Davis or Bob Ferri for inclusion. The next newsletter submissions must be in by **October 6, 2025**.

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