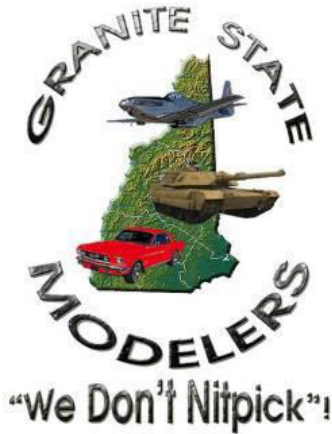




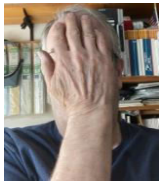
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Club Meeting Reminders: September 21, 2026, October 26, 2026, December 16, 2026

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

Saturday 1-4 pm; Zoom Meeting Link – [GSMC Zoom Meeting](#)

From My Bench

Hello Fellow Members!

Our show is looming on the horizon!!!! In just over a month, it will be our turn to have our event. As of this email, WE STILL HAVE 13 TROPHY PACKS TO SELL! This is actually behind where we were last year, as we had oversold about 8-10 packs. We just need to sell them all to pay the bills. Speaking of selling, if you know of a vendor, or just a collector, that has a bunch of decent kits to sell, contact John Rauscher. A table is 35.00 dollars, a deal!!

A couple of other needs for the show are of the human type. This year we need 3 volunteers to check registration forms BEFORE the model goes to a table. We will need judges also.

WE NEED SETUP CREWS AND TEAR DOWN CREWS. The setup will be like before on Saturday at 1:00 PM. The teardown will follow the end of the show. We normally have had a decent crew for each job, so let's do a good repeat performance.

So far, we have most of the jobs covered, and hopefully, the remaining issues addressed. A few will be brought up at additional board meetings. This will be a new experience for us even though we're still at the school. The gym is larger; we have a new layout and a new sound system.

If you're bringing raffle kits, THEY NEED TO BE COMPLETE AND BUILDABLE. If the box looks like it has been destroyed, it probably won't see the raffle table. Sorry, but those are usually poison. We have an idea we're mulling over... having each donor leave his name and info, so we can return the defective kit after checking it, to help eliminate faulty offerings. We will need a few sets of eyes to check open kits anyway, to help with this effort.

Our Yankee swap is this meeting. Time to get them started and /or finished. They will be awarded a prize by a draw this year. It's not a competition, but a fun internal club event. If you want, the subject may also be entered in a show.

Keep in mind a few other clubs' fall shows are happening in the next two months. They have members who support our effort, so even a trip to browse or to enter is appreciated.

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 kit raffles are held at each meeting.

Sept 27 Patriot show, Hudson, MA; Oct 2,3 ArmorCon, Southbury, CT; Oct 4 Classic Plastic, Lawrence, MA; Oct 18 GraniteCon 33, Weare, NH; and Nov 1 BayCon, Franklin, MA.

So, in closing, please consider helping. This is a once-a-year event and our lifeblood for surviving.

The Pres

Rod's Ramblings by Rod Currier

We have been busy selling trophy packs for GraniteCon 33. Trophy packs are still \$25 each. We have thirteen still up for grabs. The "Special Awards" have all been spoken for, and the "Best in Show" will, once again, be sponsored by NUCAR. Thank you to all who have purchased and sold award packages! We are over the "hump" and can see the daylight of being "sold out" becoming a reality once again.

Be sure to check your stashes for models to contribute to the GraniteCon raffle. They should be complete and buildable. If a kit lacks, let's say, decals, please put a note on the box. No boxes of spare parts or kits missing parts, thank you.

Reference books are also welcome, as are full after-market decal sheets, supplies, and tools. The better and bigger the raffle looks, the more tickets we sell, and the more we take in for the club!

We hope to add a couple of Scale Hobbyist gift certificates to the mix. I proposed drawing one at noon and the other at three o'clock to keep up the interest in buying tickets. Drawing for one mid-show should increase sales among those who leave before the show ends. The second will be the last draw, as usual.

Don't forget to get your Yankee Swap builds done for the September meeting. We'll hold a random drawing for a gift certificate. You have to bring in your completed model to qualify! The same goes for the Monogram B-17 display at GraniteCon 33. A random drawing for a gift certificate will be held to be awarded to someone who participated. Members of other clubs are welcome to join in the group build!

The club cookout went very well, and everyone had a great time! The food was GREAT and plentiful. I don't think I have ever had a better smoked brisket. Thanks to the Ferri's for once again hosting.

Don't forget PatCon on September 27th. Be sure to fill out and download the entry forms from their site. This will be the first test of the new standardized forms. See you there!

Our meeting dates at the library have been confirmed through our February meeting. Remember, our October meeting is on the fourth Monday now, so that we get a week to recover from GraniteCon.

Keep sniffing that glue! See you on September 21st.

The Secretary

Pete's Ponderings by Pete Davis



I recently heard a phrase I have known about for most of my model-building career. It is the term, 'advanced modeler's syndrome'. Essentially, this is descriptive of what happens when you obsess over detail and information on a modeling project. You get so wrapped up in your subject that you lose sight of your actual reason for building the kit in the first place.

Every once in a while, I have found myself to be a victim of this 'illness', getting so deeply into a build that I suddenly find myself stalled, unable to complete the model. I sit there looking at my bench, feeling that the model would be just that little bit better if I added another incremental component to the total. And I lose track of my original intent. This leads to a form of burnout and a wasted kit stuck on my shelf of doom.

Another element that can contribute to your frustration is arbitrarily trying to work beyond your skill level, with advanced techniques you have not fully defined for yourself. Take, for example, trying to rig

a biplane, adding every small fitting to the wires that would enhance realism. Or, wiring and plumbing an aircraft engine. Or even getting so intent you try to replicate stitches in the fabric surfaces of a classic plane. If you are not conversant with the techniques needed to achieve this, you may, again, crash and burn.

I am not sure how you can work around this issue, but I suspect that setting specific, realistic goals for your project, at the start, is one of the ways to avoid the syndrome. Take a look at your model, your information sources, and other resources, and set clear parameters for your work. Rather than getting in so deeply that you keep adding things, define from the start exactly where you want this build to end. Know beforehand the result you want to achieve. Set definable end points at where you will finish pushing the details, and call what you have done to that point enough.

This is also one of the reasons I tend to build out of the box a lot. The results are predefined by the instructions and will provide you with an accomplished build. It is not that I can't add scratch-built details, or photo-etched parts, or whatever else I can conjure up to make a build more intricate and unique. I definitely have the ability to do so, but I choose not to, in many cases. Any build I have tried to drive beyond my limitations inevitably goes south.

I am in this hobby to enjoy myself. Pushing to try to keep adding detail that is unspecified in the kit, or visible in my sources, unless I have decided to do so at the start, can make my efforts wobble in uncomfortable ways. I never build to compete, so I can avoid the syndrome fairly handily, for the most part. It is not fun for me to push the limits of detail to where I am repelled by the process.

I do consider myself to be an advanced, skilled builder. I know I have the ability to achieve pretty much any result I set my mind to. But I don't want to spend my time overbuilding to the point where I get lost in the project and never complete it. I try, therefore, to keep building at levels that allow me to gain the satisfaction of completion, without the frustration. That is how I beat the temptation to do too much to my builds.

My Modeling History by Mark Woods

My earliest memory of building a model was two Hawk Models, 1/600 scale ships, an LST, and a Coast Guard Cutter. My Grandmother purchased them for me at a Cobbler's shop in Rensselaer, NY. My dad had served on an LST during the Korean War. I was about eight, and I am pretty sure they were all glued up by the end of that day. I actually looked up the year the kits were released, and it was 1967.

I was building models very regularly from then on. I was fortunate to have a group of friends in the neighborhood who also worked on models. We would all seem to run in cycles of building airplanes, cars, and ships at the same time. We also later built an HO race track with four lanes in my basement. We built balsa control-line airplanes as well. Particularly with the cars, we all seemed to collect up a parts box and use it to create some kit-bashed models.

I joined the Navy at 17, and that paused the models for a while. Eventually, I ended up in Denver and happened upon a hobby shop. I ended up building a few tanks while living in the barracks at Fitzsimons Army Hospital. After returning to California and moving off base, I entered a very active building period, modeling all 1/72nd scale airplanes, with many different time periods. I also entered my first contests in the late 1970's while in California.

After I left the Navy and Martha and I got married, I eventually was able to set up a spray booth and workbench in our first house's basement. I started building 1/72nd scale WWI, which included vacuform kits and some scratch building as well. I built all WWI for the next twenty years. This even extended into the 2000s, and the models I entered into the Granite State contest years ago.

Later we lived in Claremont, NH, and my brother-in-law opened a hobby shop called Boykid Hobbies. I worked up some basic modeling classes and helped build the train and race car sets he had in the shop. I also spent time building 1/72nd scale armor for almost twenty years. Many kits were started and few completed over these busy years of my work life and raising four kids.

I am now retired and hope to work on my large stash of both Airplanes and armor. Meeting up with this group and seeing other people making models is a great inspiration to complete some of my stash.

Granite Con 33 Countdown! by John Rauscher

As of publication time, we have a little under a month until it's Show Time! This year's show will be bigger, with more floor space, aisle room, and contest space than ever before! We've relocated within Weare Middle School to the Gymnasium, which is nearly double the space. Natural lighting might be lost, but the gym has LED lighting that is remarkably bright.

There will be sitting space on the bleachers for tired soles (or souls), a dedicated Make & Take space, a Display Only area (this year being dedicated to the Monogram 50th Anniversary Release of the B-17), and more vendor and contest space.

Granite State Modelers Club purchased a new PA system that promises to eliminate dead zones, and there is even room around the gym perimeter for a benefit 5K race and pickup games of horse (ok...so I exaggerate ever so slightly)!

Some important reminders and requests as we get close:

- We need volunteers to help set up the tables in the Gym on Saturday, October 17th at 1 pm
- We also need volunteers to help after the show to break down tables
- We still have 13 trophy packs available, with a few prospects in the works
- We need raffle donations. Remember, kits must be complete and unstarted. Kits must include decals and instructions.
- There is still vendor table space available for rent. We have approximately 10 tables free for individuals, shops, or groups who may want to sell kits, books, accessories etc.

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! It can be a kit or product review, a build review, a site visit, 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 newsletter contribution to either Bob Ferri or Pete Davis for inclusion. *The next newsletter submissions for inclusion in the next issue are due by **October 2, 2025**.*

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2026 Club Picnic by Pete Davis

Once again, we got lucky with our choice of date for the annual picnic. August 16th was a sunny, comfortable day to be getting together with our gang and spouses. More than 20 of us made an appearance at the Ferri's, a terrific turnout!



Bob Ferri did his usual great work preparing smoked chicken, sausage, and brisket. We had a full spread of salads and appetizers contributed to the feast by many in our group. I personally was a huge fan of the brisket, which always becomes the centerpiece of the meal. As usual, we had a variety of desserts to sample, most notably the various brownie offerings. Rod Currier also brought some of his homemade wine for us to sample. We thank everyone who made the effort to supply these dishes for our enjoyment.

This annual event is used to socialize, not to talk model building, as we get more than enough of that during our meetings and other activities. It is also a good time to get to know other family members. Having our wives participate helps us to thank them for their tolerance of our model-building activities. Without their support, we would not be able to devote so much time to all our creative efforts.



variety of music via mobile phone, rather than Pete Davis's CD music collection, as in past years.

Thanks again to the Ferri's for hosting the picnic. It is a lot of work to set up and run, and we greatly appreciate their efforts on our behalf.

Let's hope we can get another date with perfect weather again next year! Enjoy the photos!



This year, we got to try out our new sound system. We bought this to replace the loaned system we have used at our shows in previous years. Since we have a larger area to cover with announcements in our new location, it seemed prudent to get something that could project sound more effectively. It will work just fine and gives us the advantage of having a smaller footprint for the transmitter component and allowing access to a wider





Ask the Modelers by Bob Ferri

In this forum, we will reply to questions received from the membership so our fellow modelers can share their techniques and methods. Please send in your replies to the new questions below (when received before publication), including a paragraph or two of your opinions, techniques, or methods regarding the questions posed by our fellow members. I will print the questions and replies in the next issue of “The Instruction Sheet”. This is an opportunity for all members to participate and share the knowledge that helps others grow in our chosen hobby.

Question 1 – Mark Natola asks: I am curious what those with limited space do with built-up kits. I do not have glass cases or any means of displaying built models, so they all end up in a box. Keeps the dust off, but I only see them if I dig the box out.

Lyn Cushman replied - I put them in a box in a closet.

Scotty Mallett replied - I have to box them, as I only have room for very few. I rotate them every 4 or 5 months and mix them up when they come back out so they are not the same. I have one big cabinet from a train and toy museum I was curator of. It holds the kits I am very proud of.

Pete Davis replied - I am in the same boat, Mark. I do have shelves in my back room that I keep a lot of them on, but I will swap them out into boxes when I need display space for newer builds. The shelves are mounted to the wall above my desk and to one side so I can access them if I want. I typically will keep my favorites out on display, along with the newer kits, though. All others go in file boxes in the attic.

Rod Currier replied - I have an old bakery display case that I liberated from a store that was closing many moons ago. One of the front panels was broken, and I got it for free. I replaced it with a piece of plexiglass from the hardware store. When someone drove their car through my store's front windows, and the boss replaced them with plexiglass, the window company cut the old glass that wasn't destroyed into shelves for me. My models are displayed in it in the cellar.... Before that, I had a model on any shelf in the house that was empty. Jack Sutcliffe had a small bookcase in his living room that he rotated his latest builds to, while the rest were boxed in his garage. Today, if I didn't have a display case, I would use those clear plastic containers that salad mixes come in. Most are large enough for cars and armor. Some of the "family size" ones might hold a 1/48th scale fighter. I would keep my latest builds out in those, and rotate once in a while for a change.

Question 2 – Do you like to build out of the box mostly or do some extra detailing like photo-etch or aftermarket products?

Bruce Tostevin replied - I'm pretty much an OOB kit builder, but I do add plug wires to car engines, replace molded anchor chain with very fine jewelry chain, and add rigging on ships. As much as I love the detail PE adds to a model, I don't see myself attempting to use it in my immediate future, but down the road??

Scotty Mallett replied - It completely depends on the build. I am only learning the art of photo etching, so I try it when I happen to get a kit. I like to paint, but I am doing brush painting, so I am dependent on the color of the mold's plastic. I have not had the courage yet, but I am doing my straight-out-of-the-box kit, my first one ever, right now. A dastardly C18S American Passenger aircraft, a twin-engine Beech.

Pete Davis replied - I mostly build out of the box, but will do aftermarket if I want specific details, like ship railings and ladders. If there is a specific subject I am trying to achieve, like the Shinden fighter used in the Godzilla Minus One movie, I am not above modifying the kit to a better version of my subject.

Lyn Cushman replied – Both. Out of the box can be fun and relaxing, but to get points at a show, you have to add on.

Rod Currier replied - I mostly build "out of the box," adding seatbelts and an occasional cockpit kit. I went "all out" on my 1/32nd B-17, adding a couple of Eduard interior sets so it didn't look so empty inside!

Question 3 – What is the main thing you want to see from being in our club?

Bruce Tostevin replied - I'd like to see more boat and ship models.

Scotty Mallett replied - A Zoom meeting that teaches painting with an airbrush, using photo etch and the tools you will need, using your preferred cement, and a demonstration. All kinds of volunteer workshops can be done.

Pete Davis replied - The breadth of knowledge available through interaction with other club members. We have a lot of talented members who are experts in many different areas. It is terrific to be able to access this encyclopedia of knowledge and take advantage of the spectrum of thinking that comes with it, on a social level.

Lyn Cushman replied – Friendship and sharing of ideas.

Rod Currier replied - I have been using the club to get to talk to other modelers, pick their brains, and to get a night out! Have found many friends and new interests along the journey.

Bob Ferri replied – I like the camaraderie that comes with meeting with other members and how we share our modeling information. We all have different skill levels, and I believe we all benefit from this sharing in helping each of us to grow our skills.

Question 4 – Do you airbrush if it's raining?

Bruce Tostevin replied - Never gave the weather any consideration when airbrushing. I'm a little more concerned about the room temperature, especially if it's too cool. My modeling space is a partitioned room in the attic, and environmental management during the winter is somewhat tricky.

Lyn Cushman replied – Rain or snow, I am going to blow (airbrush)!

Scotty Mallett replied - No courage to use an airbrush, yet.

Pete Davis replied - Yes, but only inside the house...

Rod Currier replied - I have a spray booth set up that is vented outdoors through a dryer duct. If it is too humid, I have an air conditioner in the room. My compressor has a water trap to prevent moisture from getting into the air line. So, I can spray whenever I want. I have not had any weather-related issues since I began using this setup. But before? Yup. Skipped painting on really humid days. I also had an in-hose filter along with the one on the compressor.

Bob Ferri replied – I have a paint booth in my model area and have never given any consideration to outside weather when airbrushing and have not experienced any issues. Also, I have yet to paint any car models requiring a high level of finish,

Question 5 – Do you have a library of your own, or do you use the internet for most of your research when building?

Bruce Tostevin replied - The internet and YouTube pretty much fill my research requirements. I'm not a stickler for building an authentic representation of a military model's design variations or specific unit. I just like to build what I like, pulling various ideas from a combination of YouTube modelers, internet pictures, and other modelers at shows and meetings.

Lyn Cushman replied – I have a library and I use the internet.

Scotty Mallett replied - I rely on word of mouth and the internet. No room for a library

Pete Davis replied - When I started model building, there was no internet. We relied on books and documentaries to gain our understanding of various subjects. Thus, I have a library of books I own that I still use frequently. With the advent of the internet, I learned to access much more information and now pretty much use that as my primary source.

Rod Currier replied - I have a bunch of books that have lots of aircraft information. I will also search online for details. I found that HK had the wrong markings for their 1/48th B-17F, so I made a mask for the correct codes for the aircraft. They had given the codes for a B-17G from the same group, which had a "2" after the aircraft name. Found the correct codes online.

Bob Ferri replied – I do have a decent selection of books, but I have also gathered a lot of images of subjects from searching the internet. This collection helps me in painting, adding a low level of realistic weathering, stowage, and load configuration to subjects.

Don't forget, send in your questions and answers to "Ask the Modeler". Even if you know the answer to your question, you may get other ideas you were not aware of. Everybody does things differently. We look forward to your questions and replies! Please send them to [**Ferri@gsinet.net**](mailto:Ferri@gsinet.net)!

Next month's questions are:

Lyn C. asks - It is not always possible to replace headlight lenses. What do people do? How do they paint them, or some other thing?

Bruce Tostevin asks - I often find that some of my CA Superglues don't set up unless I apply a tiny bit of the "Kicker." While this works 100% of the time, it's another - sometimes clumsy step. I'm curious if other modelers have run into this issue and found a solution or use a CA adhesive that sets up immediately on contact every time.

The Cushman Scooter by Lyn Cushman

In 1903, Clinton and Everitt Cushman started the Cushman Motor Scooter Company of Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1922, they started production of a four-stroke engine, named the “Husky.” In 1936, they created the Autoglide Motor Scooter as a means to increase the sales of the Husky engine during the depression.

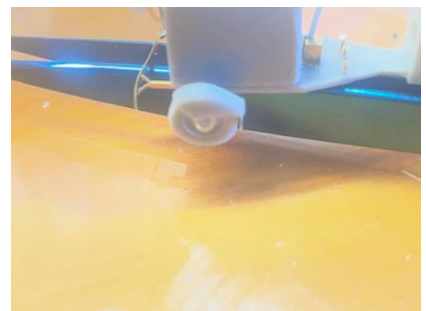
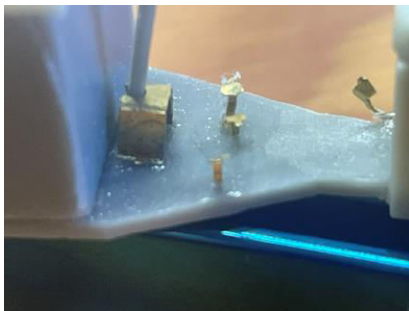
The scooters were heavily used by the Armed services in WW II. One famous model was the Model 53. It was designed to be dropped by parachute with airborne troops. Other models were used around military bases for messenger services.

Plus Model's kit #4011 is a U.S. Scooter Package Delivery model that contains nine resin parts and twenty-two brass photo-etched parts.

The resin parts contained lots of flash to remove. The “box” and the seat/engine compartment went on to the frame nicely. The seat/engine compartment sits to the rear of the frame. The brass bumper went together well with three pieces and attached to the frame as designed.

I had to trim the axle assembly to the proper length so the wheels and fenders would align the same. When putting on the right wheel, the center of the wheel was paper thin, and the wheel blew apart. There was no way to repair it, so I ordered a second kit.

The four foot pedals are photo-etched brass. They must be bent and glued to the floorboards. The handlebars are resin, but the three pieces that hold them in are brass. The hand brake is also photo-etched brass. The sign on the front is made up of four photo-etched brass pieces. The three mud flaps and the two wheel covers are also photo-etched brass. I added hinges to the box from brass scrap.



The kit was primed with a gray lacquer, then painted with Tamiya Olive Drab. The sign was painted with Tamiya yellow, and a coat of Testors gloss was applied. The headlights were painted steel and a thin wash of white. The tires were painted rubber black; the pedals and handbrake were painted flat black.

The decals went on very well, followed by a coat of AK flat varnish. When dry, I applied AK dark brown filter for green vehicles. Then I added a little European dust from Mig, and it was done!

Not a kit for a novice!



Americana/DownEastCon Judging by William Reece

Reprinted from Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers Newsletter Issue 70, July 2026

Judging is not an easy chore. Having said that, we're indebted to the group that stepped forward Saturday to put it on the line for us. It instilled a sense of just how good a scale model could be built and the artistic effort involved.

IPMS puts the emphasis on construction, finish, weathering, and lastly accuracy. For me as a judge, this means basic construction first and foremost: clean seams, mold part lines that have been eliminated, and a key to good construction - proper alignment of parts.

Autos, trucks, and airplanes with multiple wheels on the same axle often get dinged for one or more wheels not in contact with the surface they're on. It's difficult to get wheels in line and pointed in the same direction. 4 of them especially can be a challenge.

Here is a great example at Down East Con 26; a particular model was in the running. Everything was looking good; beautiful silky smooth camouflage finish, great clear parts, flawless parts with mold part lines and seams eliminated, aftermarket parts installed and expertly applied, no glue or cement marks, all wings and landing gear lined up as they should be. Then one of the judges saw IT. One of the propeller hubs was not in line with the engine. Slightly askew. A basic killer flaw. that. Easy to avoid with brass tubing to line the shaft with the engine centerline.

I saw lots of cars with gaps or inconsistencies with the windshields. Visible decal film on smooth surfaces always a killer. I had a build years ago that looked great, but the visible step in the German Cross markings always eliminated it.

Consistency across the model being judged is a highly important factor as well. Left, right, top to bottom? Dirt or grime in logical places? Sometimes less is more.

IPMS has a complete guide online that details what to look for and avoid.

<https://ipmsusa.org/about/competition-information/ipmsusa-competition-handbook-2024>



Our President at work with the judging crew at Americana/DownEastCon 2026

Show and Tell

Many higher-resolution images can be found on the website!

Russell Gosselin provided his 1/35th scale Dragon Tiger 1 for review. This was his first purchase from Scale Hobbyist. He painted this with modulation during the pandemic. He had a challenge finding the color he wanted. He sourced some missing parts through eBay. The figures were Alpine, and the tracks were Dragon.



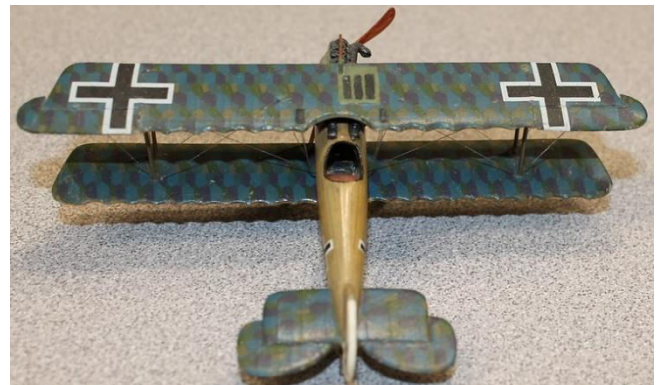
Pete Davis showed off his 1/24th scale Bandai Spiracle Striker Mugen articulated figure with pilot. This came complete with adhesive panels and decoration stickers. The figure is poseable, and the front hatch opens to allow viewing of the pilot. This was an easy build, needing no rework beyond assembly. It comes with a huge hammer attachment that is supposed to be in the figure's hand, but is too heavy for the fingers on the hand to hold it.



Mark Woods came with his 1/72nd scale Revell SE5-A biplane. He built this in the early 2000's. It was build out of box. He rigged with invisible thread.



Mark Woods showed his 1/72nd scale Pegasus Roland DVII. This is a limited run kit from the 1990's. The camouflage is a decal and the decals for the inside are limited. Details are on the heavy side.



Frank Moore displayed his 1/32nd scale Renwal M41D light tank. He marked it for South Vietnamese use. The figures are Tamiya US troops, painted as ARVN tankers. The tracks for this model were too short, and the springs were too worn. He had to modify them.



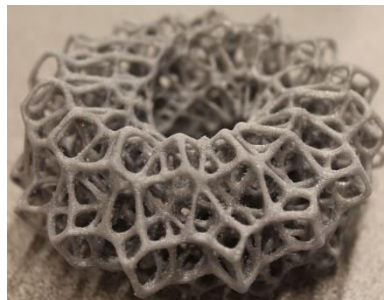
Frank Moore's 1/35th scale Trumpeter M1A1-HA USMC Abrams tank was built almost completely out of the box. He added wading stacks and a driver. The kit was great, but the decals were a write-off.





Paul Lessard brought 2 of his 1/87th-scale Athearn Chesapeake and Ohio boxcars for discussion. He extensively modified both kits, adding new end panels, ladders, and brake gear. He also installed a cushion underframe, cut levers, and new trucks.

John Cook has been experimenting with his 3D printing. He showed two pieces of artwork. The first was a 'notched egg' in silver and gold. His second was a 'Mobius net' mathematical art shape he plans to paint. No scales were provided.



President Mac Johnston appeared on the Model Cat Mania Podcast

Model Cat Mania Sideshow #1!



Welcome to the very first Model Cat Mania Sideshow—where we step away from the main event and see what other trouble we can get ourselves into!

For our inaugural Sideshow, the guys sit down with Mac Johnston, President of the Granite State Modelers Club IPMS, to talk about their upcoming model show, GraniteCon 33, what attendees can expect, and everything they have planned for the big day.

Link - <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2541731/episodes/19729290>

Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers Americana/DownEastCon Show

President Mac Johnston ventured down to Havelock, North Carolina, in July, to attend the IMPS R-12 Regional show held at the Museum of Marine Aviation. Here are some details of his wins! Congratulations Mac!

201: Armor, 1/35 & larger, closed top, all eras, Allied - 2nd Place - Merrick “Mac” Johnston, Stalinetz KHTZ-16 armored tractor

204: Wheeled & soft-skin vehicles, all scales, all eras - 1st Place - Merrick “MAC” Johnston, WWII Case Vai Tractor

206: Ordnance - missiles & towed artillery, all scales & eras - 1st Place - Merrick “Mac” Johnston, WWI Italian Obice 305/17

501: Factory Stock, all scales - 3rd Place - Merrick “MAC” Johnston, 1964 Falcon Sprint

504: Competition, closed wheel, all scales - 2nd Place - Merrick “Mac” Johnston, 1989 Mustang mini race car

801: All other entries, humorous, or hypothetical, all scales - 1st Place Merrick “Mac” Johnston, British Fowler B6 steam tractor

Best In Miscellaneous - Merrick “Mac” Johnston, British Fowler B6 steam tractor

Best In Military Vehicle – Merrick “Mac” Johnston, WWII Case VAI Tractor

Best In Show - Merrick “Mac” Johnston, Case VAI Tractor



August 2026 Meeting Notes by Pete Davis

General Meeting Notes:

- Meeting opened with 20 members present and one online.
- We had one visitor, Mark Woods.
- Thanks were given to Bob Ferri and his wife Eileen Kane for hosting another great club picnic this year. The smoked meats were great, and there was plenty of food.
- Member Paul Lessard reported that he attended the National Pipe Steam Show in Pennsylvania. There was a good variety of types of equipment available to experience. He met many of the YouTube influencers active in this group. He said that the 85-ton front-loading excavator they had on display was outstanding.
- Members Tom and Dawn Shanahan promoted the wax point pencils she gets with her jewelry kits as great tools for mounting small parts. They demonstrated and handed out sample tools and wax pads to members.
- Member Bob Ingalls attended the late July event at the American Heritage Museum in Stow, MA. It was a ticketed event. There were many demos and opportunities to ride and drive World War II and Cold War vehicles. They had a newly arrived M4 on view.
- President Mac Johnston attended the Region 12 show in North Carolina. He took 8 pieces with him but ended up competing with only six, all of which won awards. He won two 'Best Of' awards, including Best Of Show! Armor and ship categories were strong; cars and Sci-Fi were ok. There were 15 or so vendors, but they were pricey. Their judging was done differently than we do it.
- Member Chuck Converse brought some of Tony D'Anjou's parts stash in to share with the group.
- Show Emcee Pete Davis pushed the need for donations to our kit raffle at the show.
- Secretary Rod Currier reports we are doing okay on trophy pack sales, but there are still categories open to sell. Members are encouraged to each sell one trophy pack before the show. Categories are \$25.00 each.
- We were reminded that all Yankee Swap builds are due at the September meeting. There will be a random drawing for a gift certificate for all participants.
- Tony D'Anjou's family has a Ford truck model he did not finish before he passed, which they would like to have finished. Chuck Converse will coordinate getting the kit to us to complete.

Board Meeting Notes:

- Reviewed and finalized plans for the club picnic. Members at the meeting voted on Brisket as a main dish.
- President Mac Johnston will present a session reviewing judging guidelines during the August meeting as time allows. This is to prepare members who wish to participate in the show judging process.
- President Mac Johnston reported that Wings and Wheels wish to sponsor one 'Best Of' category for the show. Other award sponsors still being worked on.
- President Mac Johnston states Facebook page activity is going well. There is a Zoom meeting scheduled for the following Tuesday with our web administrator to review changes we want to make and discuss the path forward in accomplishing this. Member Bob Ferri is to lead this effort.
- The IPMS USA site has incorrect meeting information under Chapters/Regions; the information is wrong when searching for GSMC. Secretary Rod Currier will work to get this corrected.
- Treasurer Rich Filteau reports it is easy to create a Gmail account. He created one for the Treasurer; the email address is Granitestatemodelerstreasurer@gmail.com.
- Treasurer Rich Filteau reported that the Trophy pack expense is as follows: Regular awards are \$22.42 each; the Best of Show award is \$87.25 each. Other special awards are specials are about \$23.84. Financial report: monthly deposits were \$448; total trophy cost is \$ 1,333; postage was \$37; we average \$90 per month on raffle income with an account total of \$5144.

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- Show updates – We decided to pass on the lemonade offer due to the season. Make n Take is all set with Eileen Kane to manage.
- President Mac Johnston has a Zoom interview scheduled for next week to connect with the podcast team of Jason and Jody to discuss details of their participation in the show.
- President Mac Johnston will ask Jim Rondo if he will work on getting a gift certificate for the show. We plan to get 2 for the show and one for the Yankee Swap participation drawing.
- Secretary Rod Currier reports we have a donated air compressor. We will donate it to a few young members John Rauscher knows.
- Award Committee member Bob Ferri has ordered the special award honoring Tony D'Anjou. We are working to invite the family to the show for a presentation.

Coming Events of Interest

September 27, 2026 – PatCon 2026; IPMS Patriot Scale Modelers; American Heritage Museum; Hudson, MA

October 2, 2026 – ArmorCon 2026; NMMA (Northeast Military Modeling Association); Southbury, CT

October 18, 2026 – GraniteCon 33; IPMS/Granite State Modelers Club; Weare, NH

October 24, 2026 – Hudson Valley Scale Model Show; Hudson Valley Scale Modelers; Poughkeepsie, NY

November 1, 2026 – BAYCON 2026; Bay Colony Modelers Club; Franklin, MA

March Meeting Raffle Winners!

Our meeting raffle winners were Bob Ingalls, John Cook, and Brent Morrison. Congratulations to all!





GRANITECON 33

Sunday, October 18, 2026, 9 AM to 4 PM

Granite State Modelers Club Presents Our 33rd Annual Static

Model Display and Contest - New, Larger Space!

Weare Middle School Gymnasium, Rt. 114 Weare, New Hampshire

Website: GraniteStateModelersClub.ORG

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Contest Entry Fees – CASH ONLY

Adult: \$5.00 for the first four entries -

\$1.00 for each additional entry

Juniors: Free unlimited entries

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).
- 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 building their entries, but must have substantially completed the models on their own. No absentee registrations, adult themes, prurient subjects, or advance registrations will be accepted.
- No model entry that 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 GSMC determines to be appropriate based on the actual entries
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Since the 1/48th scale Monogram B-17G Flying Fortress kit is now 50 years old since its release, we would like to honor the legacy of that kit by having a display table of builds of that kit. New builds, old builds, base builds, conversions, past award winners, etc. Any build that has as its base a version of that venerable kit. This does not include the Revell B-17F. There will be no entry fees for these kits, and no judging will take place, as this is a display only. However, there will be a gift certificate awarded to one entry in a random drawing for participating.



"We Don't Nitpick!"

Schedule

10AM - Hourly Raffle begins

12 PM - Contest Judging begins

3 PM - (approximately) Awards presented

9:30 AM to Noon – Free "Make and Take" for kids under 12

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: "Fifty Years Old." The subject must have been in operation 50 years ago, or the kit needs to be 50 years old to qualify

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 aircraft representing 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 the junction with NH Rt 114 continue straight to the junction of Rt 114A. Turn left staying on Rt 114 North, through Goffstown Village, it is another 10 miles to Weare. The Middle School is on the right in the center of the village. See website for more specific directions.

For I.P.M.S. membership, go to
MYIPMSUSA.org Membership page
for details and membership forms



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We have generated a 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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