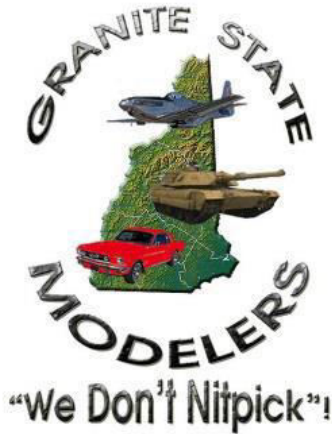




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Club Meeting Reminders: October 27, 2025, November 17, 2025, December 15, 2025

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, it's that time! In a few weeks, we do our 32nd show. Coming off the heels of the Patriot show, we have some big shoes to fill. They had an amazing show with some great displays. We need to try and do the best we can to have a great show like theirs.

We have a few of our old guard that won't be at the show this year. We ALL need to fill in and make it all work as a team. If you want to judge, we will need the help.

Saturday, Oct. 18, we will be doing the show setup and if anyone wishes to help it will go easier. Sunday, Oct. 19, we need helpers to be there about 7:15 AM. We will have some last-minute adjustments to do as usual and help our vendors unload. We need to avoid choking up room and let all the vendors get in in a timely manner. We also need some after show help to break down tables for Taylor Rental to pick up Monday.

WE NEED RAFFLE DONATIONS!!!! PLEASE CHECK YOUR STASHES FOR FULL KITS AND COMPLETE ONES. We don't want started ones or ones with damaged boxes. Books, tools that are in good shape, or other useful model items are acceptable.

Another thing is, if you have a nametag, we need to wear them so folks can know who is the sponsoring club and know who they can talk to for help, if needed.

It is also looking like we'll have a guest from IPMS. He is doing a road program, to try and get interest in the IPMS Nationals next year. He is also the show chairman for the show, and is supposed to be bringing his wife with him. So, if he shows up, he is a very influential person that can only pass on all the good things he sees from our show. Region 1 has been a very good influence on the national committee as of late, with the way our shows have been performing.

Let's do our usual and make this show another success for our club. It's about all of us working together, and not just one person. It's your club. Thank you

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.

September 2025 Meeting Notes By Pete Davis

- We had a visitor from the Lehigh Valley PA IPMS club, Mike Hutchinson, who stopped by on referral from one of our members.
- This was the last meeting before our show. The October meeting will be on the 4th Monday, to allow us to collate data from the show on October 19th.
- WE NEED KITS FOR THE SHOW KIT RAFFLE!!! Please bring what you can. THEY MUST BE COMPLETE UNBUILT KITS, not parts piles. If decals are missing, please mark that outside of the box to reflect this.

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- Member Lyn Cushman advised that Member Dave Osborne's house suffered a fire which damaged a portion of the house. Responder services were excellent, and follow up help by the Red Cross was outstanding. Any donations are to go the Red Cross. Fortunately, he and his family were ok. The Red Cross took great care of them and that they are fine and didn't need anything at this time.

- Show Coordinator John Rauscher announced all vendor tables have been sold. Show Announcer Pete Davis will be repositioned to avoid the congestion we experienced last year in front of the stage. Raffle tickets will be sold on the floor this year, with the announcing and raffle ticket tumbler stationed on the stage. This will help alleviate the bottlenecks we experienced last year.

- The tables will arrive on the school dock by Friday. Volunteers are needed for table setup, which will occur at 1 PM on Saturday Oct. 18. The doors open on Sunday Oct. 19 at 7:30 for crew assembly and last details. We will need volunteers to help with these details and to assist vendors in getting their inventory unloaded. We will also need volunteers for tear down at the end of the show.

- Pete Davis, Content Editor, pushed hard for additional articles for the newsletter. A few have repeatedly been sending material in, but we need more writers to submit, to keep the momentum going. Articles can be emailed to him or Bob Ferri.

- Treasurer Rich Filteau reported he had sent the deposit for the tables, and that is all arranged. He will send a check to the gentleman working on the web site, once advised of the cost. PayPal is up and running, based off an email he established for the treasurer's use on Gmail. It was suggested we send a test to assure it is working properly. Expenses for the month amounted to \$627.30. Deposits were \$200.00.

- Reminder...the October meeting will be on the 4th Monday, the 27th.

- Secretary Rod Currier announced that all trophy packs have been

sold. We have exchanged five trophy sponsorships with other clubs.

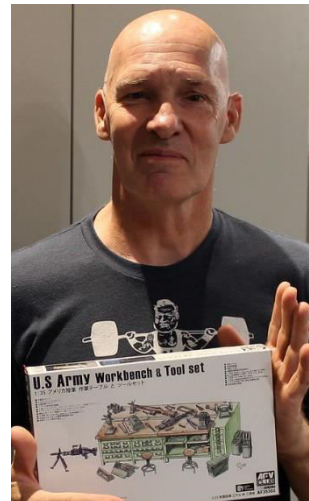
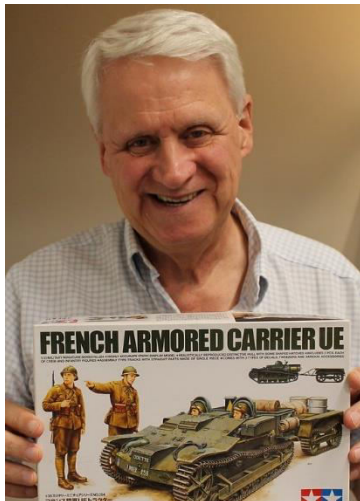
- Per President, Mac Johnston, we will buy a trophy pack for the Patriot Chapter show, PatCon 2025. The club approved a \$30 expenditure for this. He has spoken to the Xuron distributor, and they are sending a nice tool for our show raffle.
- Treasurer Rich Filteau reported that he knows what we need for the cashboxes and will access our bank account the Friday before the show.
- Member John Walker has stated he will be judging the Patriot show this year.
- Member Paul Lessard attended the Northeast Region of the National Model Railroad Association's show in Concord, NH, at the Courtyard Marriott. It was a good event with 50 plus participants. There were many

clinics available over the three days. There were two field trips, one to the Green Mountain Railroad in Walpole, NH. and the other to the Blue Seal Feeds facility in Bow, NH.

- Member Bob Ferri mentioned that he had been on the boat launching ramp at Great Bay Marine, when the 2 F-35 demo team aircraft were departing on the Monday after the recent airshow at Pease International Trade port. He showed a video of the planes departing with permission for an unrestricted climb that he found on YouTube. It was reported that there were 44,000 attendees at the weekend shows, down from previous years.
- At the end of the meeting, a judge's training session was presented for those interested in furthering their judging knowledge. President Mac Johnston worked with Bob Ferri to develop a document package covering judging criteria and guidelines. The purpose is to generate an atmosphere of equal and consistent judging, by providing judging participants with the tools to work as a collective in the evaluation process. This was reviewed with those in attendance. Bob developed a PowerPoint presentation with this information, and we are working to get it posted on the web site for anyone interested in judging to review. If you would like a copy of the presentation, email Bob Ferri and he will send you a copy.
- Secretary Rod Currier won the Yankee Swap prize for his ERTL A-20 Havoc light bomber.
- Meeting attendance was 16 in person and 2 online members.

September Meeting Raffle Winners!

Our meeting raffle winners were John Walker and Mike Hutchinson! Congratulations!



Coming Events of Interest

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; Bay Colony Model Club, Franklin, MA

November 14, 2025 – Long Island Miniature Model Show; Long Island Miniature Collectors, Freeport Recreation Center, Freeport NY

March 29, 2026 – ValleyCon 35; Wings and Wheels Modelers Club, Chicopee, MA

April 11, 2026 – CAN-AM Con 2026; IPMS/Champlain Valley and Mount Mansfield Scale Modelers Clubs, Williston, VT

April 12, 2026 – BuffCon 41 IPMS; Niagara Frontier Chapter, Cheektowaga, NY

April 12, 2026 – DowneastCon 2026; Southern Maine Scale Modelers, Sanford, ME



Rod's Ramblings by Rod Currier

It's GraniteCon time! As you get this newsletter, the event is just a few days away. We will be setting up the hall on Saturday afternoon, October 18th, at 1:00PM. If you can be at the school to help, that would be great. The more arms and legs we have to move tables, the quicker the job gets done. We will be arranging the tables and chairs so we will be ready to go at 7:30 Sunday morning. It is a lot easier than our old method of trying to get it done as vendors are pouring through the doors. Thanks in advance!

On Sunday morning, October 19th, try to be on site by 7:30 AM. We always help the vendors bring in their wares. That way, everyone can be set up before our "customers" start coming in. John Rauscher says he will be there by 7:30, so earlier is also good! Besides judges, we will need people to work security, which is simply keeping your eyes open for wrong doing, like people sneaking in or out the wrong doors. At the end of the day, we will need a crew to take everything down and return the cafeteria to the proper school configuration. With enough members chipping in, we can be done before 6 PM. There is some concern that the school PTO may not have enough bodies available to handle the refreshment station in the hallway. We may need a couple of volunteers to help them out.

For those who have a fancy club name badge, please wear them so everyone knows who you are. If you don't have one, bring your membership card. I have some holders which can be used to attach them to your clothing. This way our attendees can easily figure out who to make inquiries to. If you can't answer a question, simply go to the entrance table, report the issue, and we will dispatch the proper person. John says the Food Trolley will be there to handle the lunch crowd again this year.

Something new is in the works this year. John Figueroa, who used to be the IPMS/USA Director of Local Chapters, will be at GraniteCon this year with his IPMS/USA 2026 National Convention Roadshow team! The 2026 National Convention will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and they will set up a table at GraniteCon to promote the convention and answer any questions about it. I understand that a lot of the reserved block of rooms in the convention hotels have already been spoken for. He will have info on other options in the area, plus area tours, museums, etc. Please give them a warm welcome!

So that's about all I've got! Except reminding you that we have changed our meeting night to October 27th to avoid having to get to a meeting the day after the show. And remember to bring in your donations for the raffle!

Also, don't forget that we are opening nominations for next year's E-board at this month's meeting. Please consider running for a position!

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 **November 2, 2025**.

Thank you from the editorial team from ***The Instruction Sheet*** for your continued support.



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

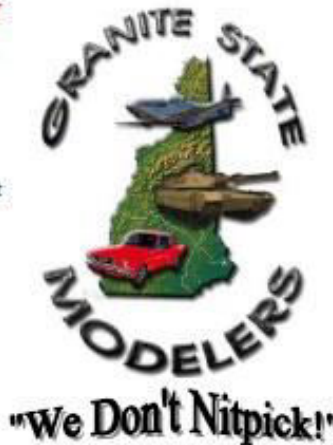
Juniors: Unlimited entries, Free

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
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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



Model building is 'serious business'. If you look at the quality of models that appear online and at shows, there is a lot of intense effort and creativity that go into the production of a completed subject. At contests, anyone who has something out for judging, usually has a determined, brow furrowed, somewhat grim look on their faces. They hope their efforts will be judged as a highly respected representation of all of the work they have put into them.

This, in a way, is counterproductive to the actual intent that should exist in model building...in my opinion, anyway. Anyone who knows me is aware that I value humor greatly. There is nothing that I enjoy more than experiencing either a good joke, or something that shows a degree of humor in its presentation.

Over the years, I have occasionally drifted away from expected construction results, to drop a bit of whimsy into what I have produced. Take my Gaskin 9 pizza launcher of a few years ago. This took the premise that pizza delivery in high crime areas would best be served by using mechanical means to slingshot the pizza order to its destination, from outside the zone. It had the additional benefits of also allowing the recipients to get good exercise in fielding their delivery in a means similar to catching a football, and the pizza delivery guy to stay safe! Win/win for everyone!

And, how about the egg plane models you see every once in a while. Nothing quite like a highly distorted version of a serious subject that still retains all of its essential identifying details! Or the old Big Daddy Roth car kits from years ago! These are obvious, but still amusing.

I have even seen tiny examples of humor injected into serious subjects. Take John Rauscher's sci fi drama with kangaroos included as a detail in the presentation, for example (this is viewable in our Flickr albums). That is so out of the norm for a display that it adds a fun detail, subtle but unique! I have also viewed dioramas where I have seen soldiers at rest, chasing chickens around a tank, with the chicken winning the race...a joke within a serious subject. I also remember seeing a display of the Russian ship, Moskva, where all you see is a nice case full of nothing but water (the ship was sunk during the current Russian/Ukrainian conflict). There also was a Typhoon submarine sliced in half longitudinally, with deli meats, lettuce, tomato, and fixings, to represent a sub sandwich, shown in one of the modeling magazines a few years ago.

There is a lot of this out there. You just have to look for it.

Frankly, I think we all need to inject a bit of humor into our lives every once in a while, and this is a great way to do it. Next time you are looking for a subject to build, why not step out of the "serious" mode and go for something a bit unusual. It might refresh you.

McDonnell F-4C Phantom II USAF Ser # 63-7412 By Rich Filteau

The F-4 Phantom II was the fourth in a series of jet aircraft fighters to come out of the St. Louis factory of the James S. McDonnell Aircraft Corporation. First was the US Navy's first all jet fighter, the FH-1 Phantom, which was first flown January 26, 1945. Second in the line was the F2H Banshee, basically an upgraded Phantom, first flown January 11, 1947. Third was the F3H Demon. The Demon was the only single engine fighter produced by the company and the first McDonnell product with swept wings. First flight took place on August 7, 1951.

In 1953 the Navy wanted a new fighter, McDonnell submitted a beefed-up version of the F3H that was known as the Super Demon. This was a twin-engine long-range attack aircraft that would have had the designation AH-1. The Vought F8U Crusader won this contract.

In 1955 this design proposal was changed to a two-place, twin engine missile firing, all-weather air superiority fighter that was designated F4H. A contract was signed for two development aircraft that competed with Vought's F8U-3 Crusader III. On December 17, 1958 the McDonnell F4H Phantom II was declared the winner of the competition and went on to become one of the most produced fighters of the modern era with over 5,000 examples built.

In 1961 the U.S. Air Force conducted Operation Highspeed, a comparative evaluation between the Phantom II and the Air Force's then best fighter, the Convair F-106 Delta Dart. The Air Force borrowed two Navy F4H-1s (BuNo 149405 & 149406) painted F-110A prominently on the nose and marked them with standard U.S. Air Force markings, leaving the base grey and white camouflage scheme as it was. The two borrowed aircraft exhibited better overall speed, range and altitude performance, could carry heavier loads over longer distances and had better radar range. To say the Air Force was impressed is putting it mildly. In March of 1962 McDonnell received a letter of intent from the Air Force for 1 F-110A Spectre (62-12199), this was first of 2,874 Phantom IIs to go to the Air Force. To speed up the introduction of the Phantom into the Air Force, 29 airplanes were borrowed from the Navy. These were returned once the Air Force's own derivative of the Phantom started coming off the production lines.

The Air Force's requirements were different than the Navy's. USAF Specific Operational Requirement 200, issued August 29 1962, called for an aircraft based on the F4H-1 but with added ground attack capability. The folding wings, catapult attachment points, and arrestor hooks of the naval version were to be retained. But the Air Force's version, the F-110A Spectre, had dual flight controls, new wider tires with lower pressures, anti-skid wheel brakes, boom type refueling system with the refueling receptacle along the spine of the aircraft, and the backseat crew member had new consoles and a lowered panel for better forward visibility. The wider tires (11.5 inches vs. 7.7) led to the wing skins being bulged.

On September 18, 1962, the Defense Department changed its designation system for military aircraft in order to comply with Secretary McNamara's desire for more commonality between the services. Thus, the F-110A Spectre became the F-4C Phantom II.

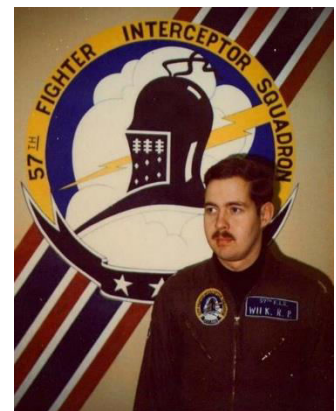
The first of 583 production F-4Cs (62-12199) took off on its maiden flight on May 27, 1963. The Flyaway Cost per Production Aircraft of the F-4C was \$1.9 million. The airframe cost was \$1,388,725, engines (installed) \$317,647, electronics \$52,287; and armament \$139,706.

The subject of this modeling project is McDonnell F-4C-15-MC Phantom II, Air Force Serial #63-7412, the fifth Phantom in the first production batch for the US Air Force. My intent was to model it at the time of its introduction to service in Iceland with the 57th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, The Black Knights of Keflavik. The 57 FIS, part of the Air Defense Command, was tasked with keeping an eye on the stream of Soviet TU-95 Bear patrol bombers that would go by Iceland on their way to observe the US Atlantic Fleet. The 57th had been flying Convair F-102 Delta Daggers and during the spring and summer of 1973 began trading these in for "newer", albeit 10-year-old, McDonnell F-4Cs.



The F-4Cs had been completely refurbished to a "like new" condition, were repainted and had its weapons systems upgraded and optimized for the air intercept role. I chose this aircraft to model because a good friend of mine, Captain Richard Wiik, provided me with photographs of it sitting on the ramp at Keflavik. He flew as a back seater or WSO (Weapons System Operator) in this aircraft.

My quest to build a model of 63-7412 began with a search for a model kit of an F-4C. Most manufacturers had ceased production of the 1/48 scale kits of this early Phantom years before the start of this project. As far as I could tell at the time there were two choices available through dealers on the internet and that old standby eBay. Monogram had made several versions of the Phantom. One of their first releases, dating back to the seventies, was kit # 5800 "F-4 Phantom II". Also listed but seemingly unavailable was Hasegawa's offering. I was able to successfully bid for the Monogram kit on eBay.



The kit was a pretty easy build. Some work was required where the intakes blended into the main fuselage section. I also added some detail in the form of pull handles to both crew ejection seats and the rear-view mirrors that were on the WSO's canopy. Minor sanding was required here and there but overall assembly was straight forward. I had to look through the spares box to come up with a centerline fuel tank that looked to be the right size and shape. I purchased the Hasegawa Aircraft Weapons: C, Kit # X48-3, and used the AIM-9J Sidewinders from this kit for the 4 positions on the wing pylons. These were the closest to what Capt. Wiik remembered being on the 63-7412 at the time the pictures were taken. Before the canopy glued on it was given a bath in Future Floor Wax and then placed on a paper towel to wick off the excess.

The three tone upper paint scheme was painted using Testors Model Master paints, Dark Green FS 34079, Medium Green 34102, and Dark Tan 30219. Camouflage Gray FS 36622 was used for the undersides. I strove to match the camouflage pattern Rich remembered from his time in the back seat. Model Master Steel was used on the bare metal areas of the tail, Scale Black on the radome and Gun Metal was used to paint the exhaust cones.

I painted the radome first, gave it sufficient time to dry, and then sprayed on Future Floor wax. Next the decal was applied and a final coat of Future to give this area a gloss sheen as is shown in the pictures. Next the tail area was painted and both areas, as well as the canopy, were masked off before applying the camouflage pattern. A final coat of Future and the model was ready for decaling.



From all of these sheets I was able to replicate the most of markings that show in the photo of 63-7412. I was not able to find a decal sheet that allowed me to replicate 100% of the white technical/ maintenance stencils that seem to cover the aircraft. Sheets were available for all of these markings but in black not white. I was able to piece together the AF 63 412 on both sides of the tail as well as the Air Defense Command badge on the right side of the tail. The Black Knights badge on the left side of the tail and the checkerboard on the

rudder presented problems. Several sheets offered the Black Night's helmet; there is even a subdued grey decal of the logo that is available for when the F-15 Eagle served at Keflavik. The checkerboard evolved from being on the rudder only, to covering the entire tail to covering the sections on the lower and upper portions of the tail when the entire aircraft was painted in FS 16473 Air Defense Command Gray. There were decal sheets that offered the last two checkerboard options, but none for the time period I wanted to model.

I went to my local hobby shop with my problem, they suggested printing my own decals. I purchased a package of Experts-Choice White Decal Film (Item # 120). The instruction sheet states that it is for any printer and after printing to use Microscale Liquid Decal Film as an overspray to protect and seal the decals. After following this procedure, I met with failure when the decal was put in water during the process to apply it to the model. The ink ran and the decal was unusable.

Next, I tried Microscale Thin Film even though the instruction sheet states it is for laser printers, I only have a Canon Bubble Jet printer at my disposal. The instruction sheet offers the trick of spraying the thin film decal sheet with a thin coat of Testors Dullcoat before putting the decal sheet in the printer. I figured it was worth a try even though the instructions do say the trick is meant for solid color decals. This method did not work for my application.



I finally came to the solution to my decal problem when I went to Micro Mark. They offer decal paper specifically designed for inkjet printers that works just fine in my bubble jet. The paper comes in both clear and white backed varieties. I needed the white backed paper for both 57th FIS logo and the checkerboard because printers cannot print white. I located a 57th Fighter Squadron logo on the web and opened the file in Adobe Photoshop Elements. Once I had the file open, I printed it out on paper. The size was too large for the size

needed so I scaled it down and printed again. I continued this process until the logo was the right dimensions for the tail of an 1/48 scale Phantom.

I drew the checkerboard in a Cad program at work so that the proportions would be right. I measured the rudder allowed for thickness and produced a graphic that could be wrapped around the tail. Again, I printed on plain paper and scaled it down until it matched the rudder of the model.

Once both graphics were scaled to the right size, I printed them on the white decal paper and then sprayed on a couple of coats of Micro Marks Clear Sealing Fixative Spray. Building up from a very light coat to successively heavier coats. When I cut the decals away from the rest of the sheet of decal paper, I had to be conscious of the fact that the film is thicker than regular decals. So that the white film did not show I had to touch up the edges with paint. A final coat of Microscale Micro Flat finished of the project.

I eventually found a Hasegawa F-4C model at a local hobby shop. I purchased it to compare with the Monogram kit. To my surprise aircraft # 63-7412 is one of the optional schemes that comes with the kit. It is painted in Air Defense Command Gray and is marked up for its last deployment with the 184th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 191st Fighter Interceptor Group of the Michigan Air National Guard.



Show and Tell

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



Paul Lessard, independent of the contest, brought in his 1/87th scale ConCor farmhouse. This was a reissue of an old Revell kit and was missing many parts. He replaced these with Evergreen styrene. The larger chimney is a metal casting he had in his parts box.

Yankee Swap Contest Builds



Rod Currier won the contest with his 1/48th scale AMT A20 Havoc. He used markings from the 'Green Hornet' flight in 675 Squadron, 417th Bomb Group, stationed in Dutch New Guinea during World War Two. He is happy with the result, in spite of challenging fit and vague instructions.

Rich Filteau did his best with the 1/48th scale Revell F85 Sabre jet. This was built out of box. He feels that, for an old kit, it fit well enough, and was a moderately straight forward build.



Pete Davis entered his 1/35th scale Tamiya Valentine Mk2/4, built out of box. It is a typical Tamiya kit, including link and length tracks, way better than the old vinyl ones previously supplied. He used Tamiya paints and weathered with powders. He had difficulty making the decal carriers flatten out with application of Dullcote and Tamiya flat clear.

Mac Johnston tackled the old 1/48th scale Monogram B25-J Mitchell. He hated the kit, due to many fit issues. The clear parts were incorrectly sized and left great gaps visible, which led him to name the plane. 'Whistler', He felt that would be a noise created from all the airflow through the plane. He finally gave up and slapped a paint finish and decals on it to just get it done and off his bench.

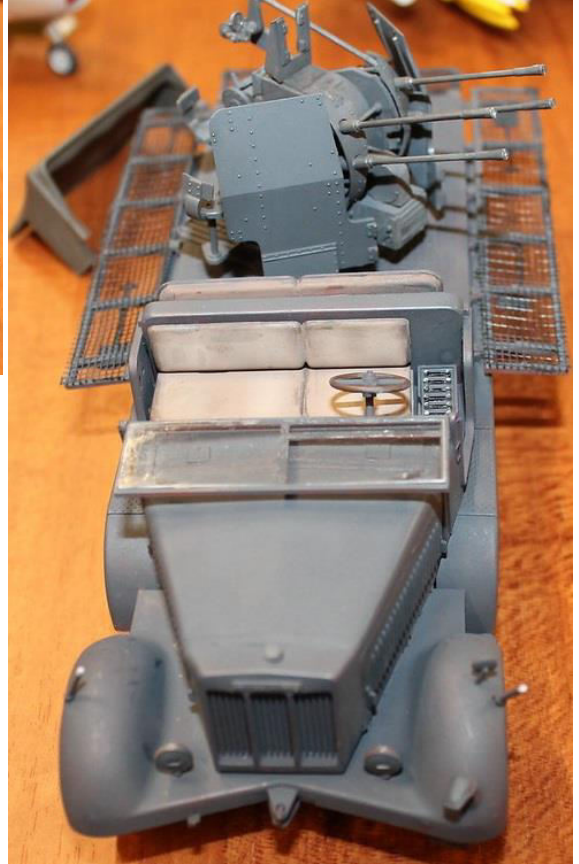


John Cook went way out of his wheel house, building a 1/48th scale Fujimi T4-AF Skyhawk. He did this out of box, as an example of a two-seater training aircraft. He applied 'Aussie' decals and added a full wing load.

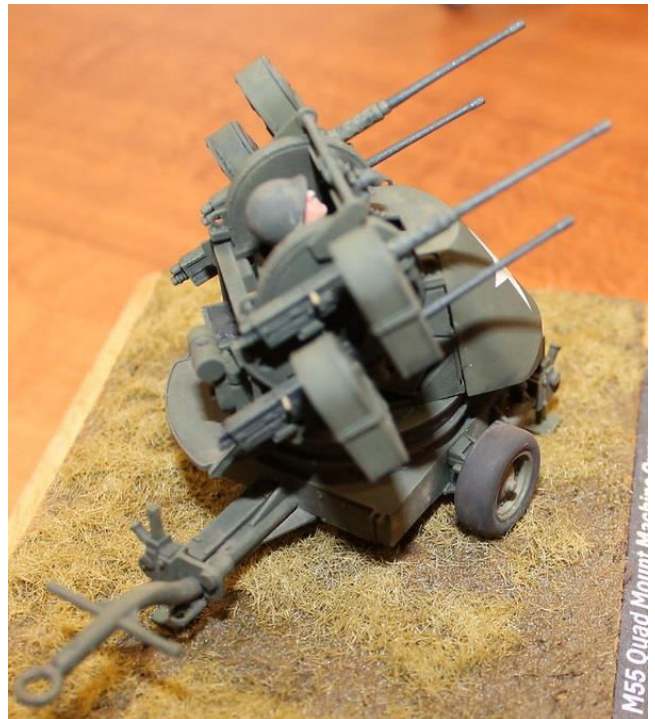




Lyn Cushman showed off his 1/35th scale Tamiya quad 20mm gun mount on an 8-ton halftrack. He didn't quite get it done in time for the contest and was not judges. He plans to finish it soon, and we look forward to seeing the final result.



John Walker came with his 1/35th scale Dynamo Models M55 Quad Mount Machine Gun (M45 mount on an M20 Trailer). He built it out of box and painted with Tamiya paints. Weathering was done with pastels, powders, and a graphite pencil. He used kit decals.





John Rauscher brought in his unfinished 1/24th scale AMT Chevy Chevelle, the John Wick version. This is his first car, and he added a lot of details, including aftermarket hood hinges, dash devices, and gauges, and many other details. He also scratch-built wiring, brake lines, ashtrays, hoses, and battery cables. He will have this finished once his outer clearcoat dries (was still tacky when he brought it in).



Bob Ferri built his 1/35th Dragon SU-152 kit "out of the box". The link tracks were easy to work with. He painted the tank with Model master paints and weathered the model with pigments and oils. He was very pleased with the way the tracks and running gear came out. The kit was from the 90's and the decals were disintegrating, forcing him to use Microscale Liquid Decal film to hold them together. The result was less than expected. In hindsight, he felt he should have abandoned use of the large slogan decals on the turret sides.



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