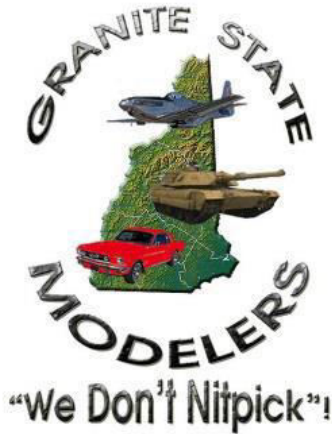




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Club Meeting Reminders: November 17, 2025, December 15, 2025, January 26, 2026

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!!!

For those who couldn't make the meeting, we had another amazing show. This can't be accomplished without everyone's help and efforts. From the smallest job to the biggest, a supreme effort by all and I thank everyone for their time and interest. This show had 425 entries and that's very good. We have a few things to work out, but that's always the way. None serious, thankfully!!!!

We have our elections in December and we need to plan ahead to see who wants to do our usual Yankee swap.

I would like the membership to try and do a model tip or question to put in the newsletter. This might help more than just the person asking, and also the person who doesn't do zoom or can't.

I'd like some meeting ideas also. We might include them once in a while to change the meetings up a little. Adding some new faces would be one.

So, in closing, Turkey Day is coming, let's all plan to eat a lot and sleep well afterwards ;+)

Build models!! That's an order.....

Pres

GSMC Founding
members Frank Moore
and Tony D'Anjou at
GraniteCon 32!



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.

October 2025 Meeting Notes By Pete Davis

- The meeting opened with 19 members present and two guests present via Zoom.
- The 2026 Nationals in Indiana were discussed and brochures were out for consideration.
- We had two visitors: Jim Moone, who lives in Weare and models World War Two aircraft (he came to learn) and Bruce Tostevin, who started building classic plastic kits and is now concentrating on 1/48 scale aircraft (he is currently working on a PBR and is looking for ideas and techniques).
- Bob Ferri reported we had only four kids participate in the make and take this year at the show. He feels we need to push this more actively. He also reported that the Zoom sessions are active and well attended.

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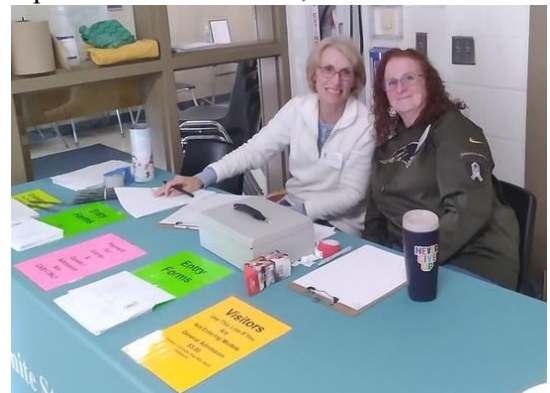
Social Media Coordinator
VP Jason Robidoux

- Show Coordinator John Rauscher was not available.
- Newsletter Content Editor Pete Davis pushed for more articles from members.
- Treasurer Rich Filteau gave us a breakdown of show expenses and cash inflow. Net earnings of just over \$1800 were reported, a successful show by several factors.
- Bob Ingalls suggested we develop completed example forms to assist show attendees in filling out their forms. He also suggested helpers for older members in working through this process. He felt the set up worked well.
- Vice President Jason Robideaux reported that he is working with the web master to update the website.
- Secretary Rod Currier did a deep analysis of our trophy pack costs. Prices have gone up, but they are still affordable at the current price structure.
- President Mac Johnston reported the show went well. We had 30 vendor tables sold. He solicited ideas on how to keep the aisles clear of everyone but the judges. There were small groups of eavesdroppers who were in the way while judging was under way. Several ideas were put forth to limit access during this process. One suggestion was 'This Area Being Judged' signs to put adjacent to the model class being currently judged.
- Because of the problems with legibility on the award forms, there is discussion on how we might clean that up for next year. The concept of forms to be filled out online that can be printed by the entrant was discussed.
- It was suggested we look at adding a 'Master Modeler' category in the newsletter where questions can be presented to the group for discussion and answers printed in the following issues.
- There is now an Ollie's open in the Nashua area, that carries Monogram car kits.
- Member Paul

Lessard had surgery on the Monday prior to our October meeting. He is doing well and will rejoin us at one of our future meetings.

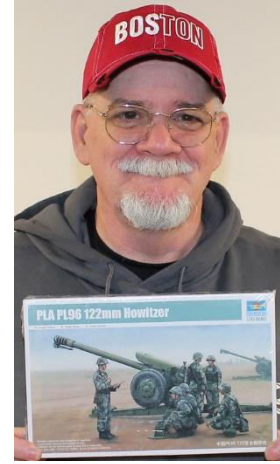
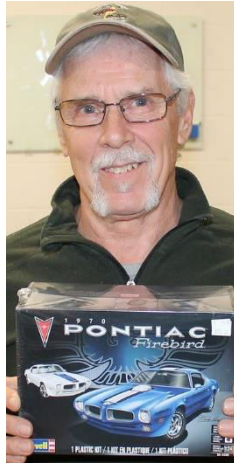
- Show Ticketeer Pete Davis thanked Bob Ingalls, and Mike and Vinnie Bailey for their great work in ticket sales and kit placement for the show raffle.

GraniteCon 32 Entry desk open for business manned by Karolee Currier and Anne Ingalls



October Meeting Raffle Winners!

Our meeting raffle winners were Icie Cook, Bob Ferri, and Tom Shanahan! Congratulations!



Coming Events of Interest

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



Another successful GraniteCon is in the books! It never ceases to amaze me how things just come together on the day of the show. We did have a couple of bumps in the road, such as the PTO forgetting about us (even with John reminding them) and didn't show with morning refreshments. Luckily the Trolley showed up and opened at 11:00 to fuel everyone!

I want to thank everyone who had even a small part in this. Starting with John Rauscher, who coordinated the building with the school district and handled the vendors; Bob Ferri who came up with the floor plan; Mac Johnston who volunteered (was drafted) to be our head judge; to Pete Davis who once again did a remarkable job being our announcer and raffle coordinator; to Bob Ingalls, Mike Bailey and his wife Vinny, who kept the tickets flowing; to my wife, Karolee, and Bob Ingalls wife Anne, who kept the customers flowing in; to everyone who showed up on Saturday to set up the tables; to all that stayed to pick everything up and helped us get the cafeteria set back up so the school never knew we were there; to all who judged and helped out during the day. I thank you!

My biggest surprise came when I saw how everyone hit their stashes to give us a truly great raffle. Again, I was afraid the stage would be bare! I should have known better! Once again, thank you! I have already submitted our date for next year. Keep Sunday, October 18th on your calendars for GraniteCon 33! We have been doing this for the past 32 years, with only one year missed because of Covid.

It was great finally meeting John Figueroa, who came to GraniteCon with his wife to promote the IPMS/USA National Convention. John used to be the Director of Local Chapters where he helped me out years ago getting our contest date set. He also assisted in getting our insurance riders worded so they were acceptable to our insurance companies representing our previous Manchester based shows and my brother in law's church where

we could have in person meetings before that year's GraniteCon. Way back when, John had actually attended a couple of GraniteCon shows when he lived in the northeast.

Next year we would like to try out something a bit different at GraniteCon. If you remember the article about the Monogram B-17G that Russell Gosselin wrote for "The Instruction Sheet" a few months ago, you remember that the kit was "born" fifty years ago. It was one of the first mainstream large, detailed aircraft kits. We would like to honor this kit by having a display of them at our contest. We would have a couple of tables as a "display only" section, where modelers could bring in their Monogram B-17G builds. No entry fee for them, and no judging. Perhaps a random drawing for a \$25 gift certificate as an incentive to bring them in, just to honor an important link in the history of scale models. Anyway, give it a thought and share how you feel about this. If we decide to try this, I need time to get the word out to other clubs in the area to gauge their members' interest.

The next "big" thing for us will be our Christmas Yankee Swap at our December meeting. Remember, kits have to be "buildable" as is. It can come from your stash, but it has to be a full kit, not a part of one, or an "addition" that needs another kit to use and complete.

Thanks for reading!

Pete's Ponderings by Pete Davis



Jason was recently telling a few of us about his model building journey and how it evolved. That got me to thinking about my own route to the level of model making I have currently reached. It is an example of how we all evolve in our hobby. So, I am sharing my story here, as an incentive for all of you to look back over your own lives with a curious eye.

The first model I ever built was one that I wasn't supposed to even be near. Dad had found a 1/144th scale B-29 kit, way back when I was in first grade, and began putting it together on our kitchen table. He made the mistake of leaving the model and his glue out in plain sight. I decided to help him finish it. Didn't need instructions...I had a vision of how it should look when done. One complete tube of glue and a table top marred with odd bumps here and there later, I proudly presented it to him. His admiration for my work was, to say the least, somewhat lacking in the enthusiasm I had expected. However, he did see that I had potential and, from that point on, guided me gently into the hobby. We tacked a couple of planes together with better result and I grew from there.

A lot of you don't know, but I am an asthmatic, so severe that, as a kid, I would spend much of the months of September and October in a hospital oxygen tent, to help me breathe until frost hit. This went on until I reached 11, when I received treatment that negated most of the issues. While I was confined in the hospital, Dad brought me models to build, mostly AMT cars (I still remember the '40 Ford sedan clearly...even have an unbuilt one in my stash for old time's sake). That led me into other builds as I grew, and eventually into studying industrial Design in college.

That career path involved a lot of three-dimensional design work and model production, ideal for my creative vision and love of crafting my designs by hand. I did not finish the courses, but I retained my fascination with three dimensional shapes and design. This eventually led me into my final profession before retirement...the trade show exhibit design and sales field. I tended to be a bit more hands on than my boss liked, but it satisfied my creative urges.

I had been model building during the interim period before I got into trade show work, concentrating on model railroading. I even built a small portable layout that I took to shows, to teach people how to have railroading fun and build inexpensively. It led me to start working for a tourist railroad, where I got to learn first-hand the mechanics of operating a full-sized railroad. I spent 40 years there, part-time, visually and physically helping to refine the company look and operation, retiring just a few short years ago. I also, with a couple friends, jump started a defunct model railroad club on site, which has grown and remains active today.

I joined Granite State Modelers Club somewhere around 1984, shortly after it was started. My real skills began to improve, as I branched out into building airplanes and armor. As I interacted with the group, we did the

first show, a small sampling of models displayed on tables in the bottom floor of Nashua Public Library one Saturday (I had a model train running around an oval on my table). This brought in new members and solidified us as a stable entity. We then grew to become the great organization we have today, and I still learn new things every time we meet.

This has been a wonderful journey, getting to the present! I have zero regrets and have enjoyed a lifetime of both building and fellowship. What a great way to live a life!

How does your growth in the hobby look to you? I would like to start a feature that showcases member's stories. If you have a good tale to tell, please write it up and submit it to the newsletter staff for review. We would love to include your story, to share with everyone.

Footnote: Bob Ferri has found we have had a column in the past issues of The Instruction Sheet titled "**My Modeling History**". We would like to revive that column with your stories of how you got started in modeling. This should be an easy task for most, so we are assigning you homework. We would like to have every member write their modeling history, and send it in for inclusion in a future issue.

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 **December 2, 2025**.

New Column Coming!

Based on President Mac Johnston and Newsletter Content Editor Pete Davis comments regarding modeling questions, Bob Ferri has volunteered to host a new column titled "**Ask the Modelers**". This will be a forum where members can send in their modeling questions and Bob will submit your questions to several of our talented veteran modelers to provide some options in how to handle your situation and have those included in our next issue.

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

GraniteCon 32 Wrap-up

Major Award Winners

Best In Show - Gary Westfall, 2019 Lamborghini Spyder

Best Chevy Vehicle - Gary Westfall

Best Ford Vehicle - Gary Westfall

Best Mopar Vehicle - Nick Averitis

Best Aircraft - Bob Chaplis

Best Small Airforce - Ken Hanson

Show Theme Award "Animals" - Susan Edge

Kevin Campagne Award - Bob Ferri

Jack Sutcliffe Award – Ron Hogue



Best in Show Winner - Gary Westfall with his 2019 Lamborghini Spyder – Gary was also the Best Chevy Vehicle Winner and also the Best Ford Vehicle Winner



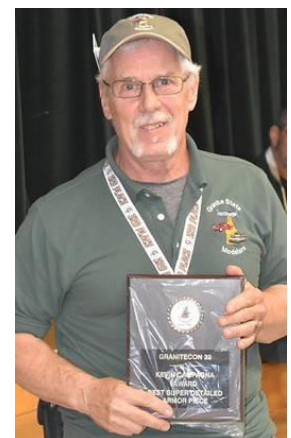
Show Theme Winner
“Animals” - Award Winner -
Susan Edge with her
Bumblebee

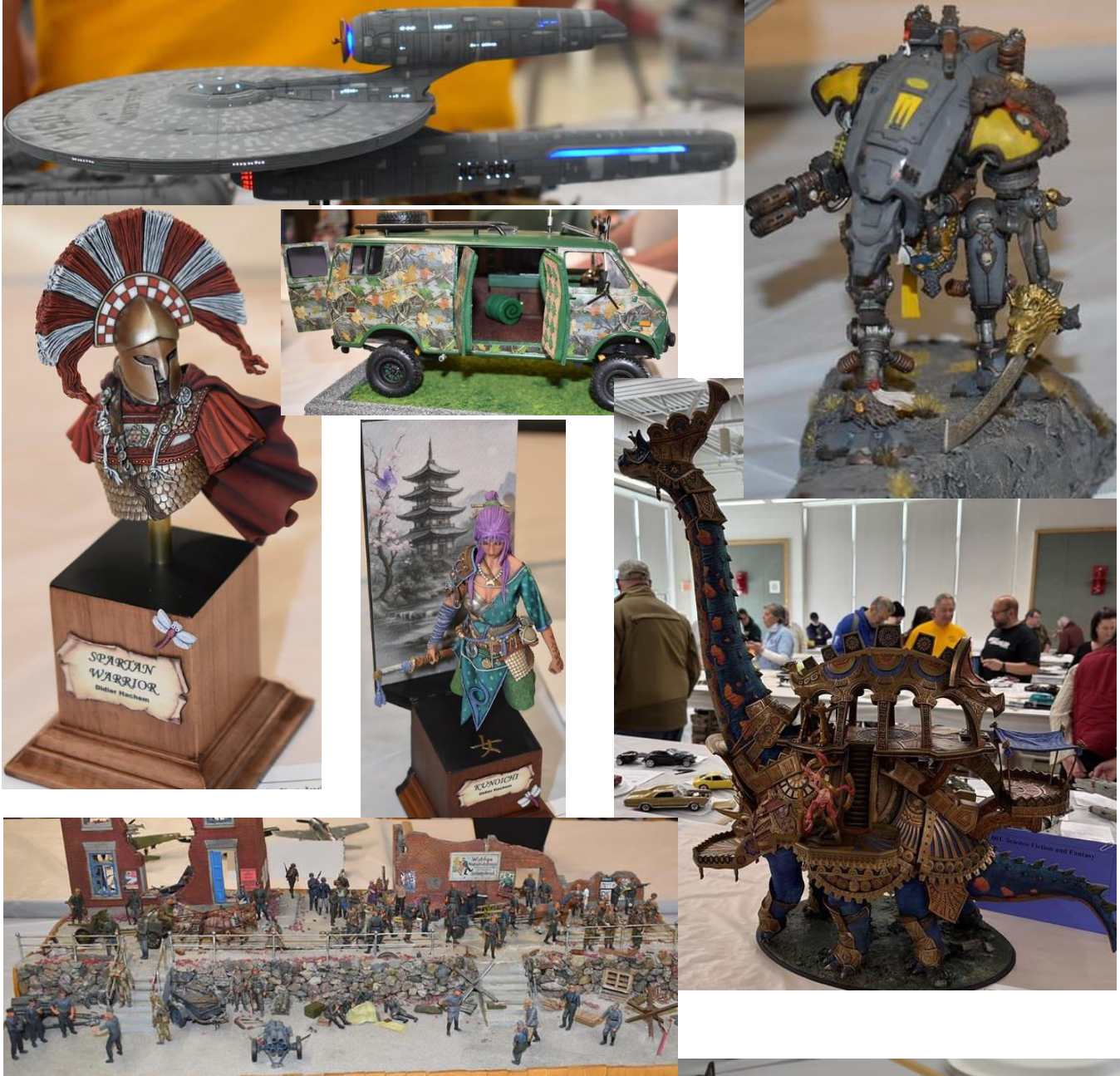


Best Mopar Vehicle
Winner -Nick Averitis



Kevin Campagna
award for Best
Super Detailed
Armor Piece - Bob
Ferri





Kevin Campagna award for Best Super Detailed
Armor Piece - M4A2 (76)W Sherman



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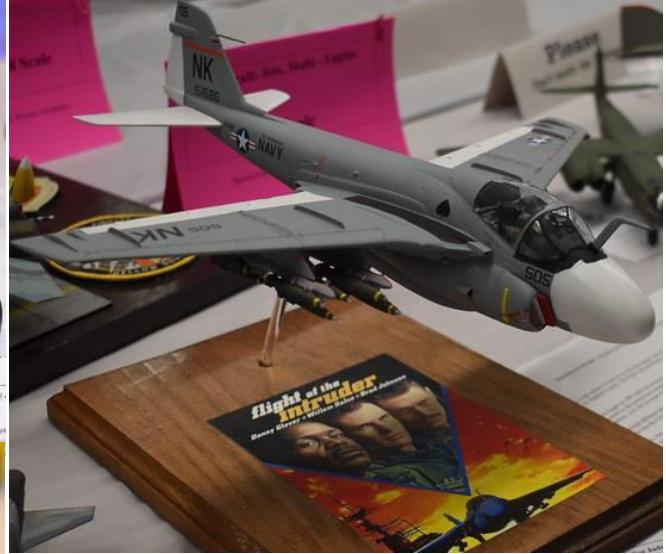


Motorcycle Class Winner



Aircraft Class Winner





Show and Tell

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



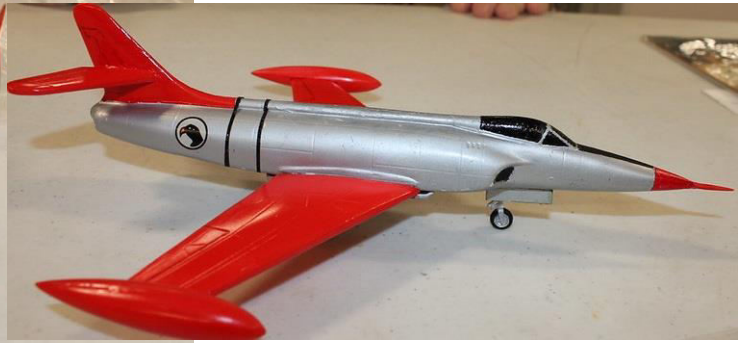
Pete Davis broke away from his usual subjects and crafted a 1/144th scale Bandai GAT-X103 Buster Gundam figure. This was a sophisticated kit he used as a break from his usual subjects. It was an intricate build and the instructions were a bit vague in places. It was good fun, though!

Below is Pete's GraniteCon 32 entry "The Three Stug's".



Jim Rondos built a box stock 1/43rd scale Monogram AC Cobra. He added interior flocking and the kit photo etched parts. He painted House of Kolor Cinnamon from Scale Finishes, and 2K clear.



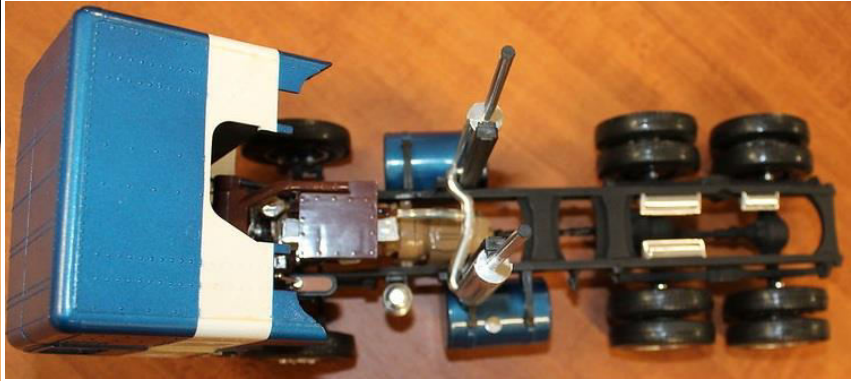


Bob Fiero showed off his Wings vacu-form 1/72nd scale Blackhawk F-90. It was a challenging kit that he painted and marked for the Blackhawks, as shown in a comic publication from the 1950's.



Brett Morrison also showed us his 1/144th scale Minicraft Douglas DC-6B. This is a replica of one he flew in from Ohio to Miami Beach. It was built from a Marine C-118 Liftmaster kit. Tamiya paints and aftermarket and custom decals help model a former Wester Airlines plane once used to carry Perdue University personnel, and his high school marching band, to the 1988 Orange Bowl Parade in Miami.





Brett Morrison brought his 1/25th scale AMT White Freightliner truck for review. This was built some time ago. He assembled it out of box and painted with Testor's rattle can and brush paints.

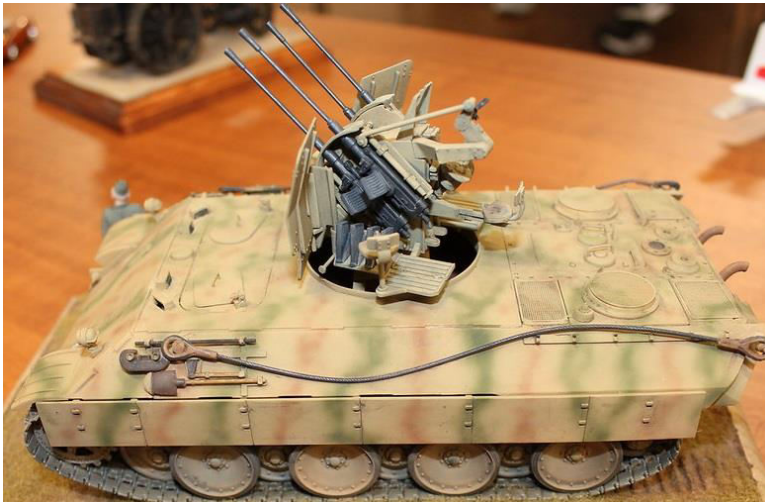


The Smokin' Trolley serving lunch at GraniteCon 32!

Mac Johnston did a 1/35th scale DModels WW1 Fowler BG steam tractor. This was an out of box 3D kit. He added a coal load and steering chains. This is depicted as being in South Africa.



Frank Moore came with an old 1/35th scale Monogram halftrack. This is a conversion of the Monogram M3A1. He also added modified Tamiya figures gifted to him by another club member. He scratch built the tracks and added the 37mm flak gun to a trailer. Decals were from his spares box.



John Walker modified a Panther D hull to create a 1/35th scale Italeri/Tamiya 2.0 cm Flakvierling on a Bergepanther. He added cast resin wheels to the hull. The gun is from Tamiya, as is the paint. The markings, for the 653rd Panzerjager ABteilung in Russia 1944, are done with kit decals. There is no photographic evidence that this vehicle is real.





John Walker built an out of box version of a 1/35th scale CMK Pz.Kfw. 35r. He painted with Tamiya paints, and used the kit markings. The figure is an old Tamiya offering. This is marked for the 6th Panzer Division in Russia in June 1944.



John Walker changed a Panther D into a 1/35th scale kit bash of an Italeri/Academy ersatz Befehlspanzer. He added resin wheels, the turret is Academy, the body Tamiya, and decals are from his spares box. This is marked for the 653rd Panzerjäger Abteilung in Russia 1944.

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