



“The Instruction Sheet”

IPMS/Granite State Modelers Club

Nashua, New Hampshire

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Granite State Modelers Club meets the third Monday night (4th Monday in Jan & Feb) of each month from 7 - 9 PM at the Nashua, NH Public Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua, NH. Visitors are always welcome to attend. Monthly “show and tell” pictures are posted on our web site. Web Site maintained by Vincent Farruggio, Sr.

Club Officers:

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Meeting Reminder:

2013-2014 meeting dates: **November 18, December 16, January 27.**

Business Report

A fairly large group of members attended our October meeting. Numbers are usually a little off because Granitecon was the day before, but we had a good crowd to discuss the previous day’s contest. We had one major hiccup setting up again this year. We need more bodies to lug the tables around at 7:00 AM. This year we actually had vendors help us set up. To make it worse, there was another event at the Elks’ the day before, so our rented tables were on the “wrong” side of the building and we had to lug them quite a ways instead of just in the door. On a positive note, we signed an open ended contract with the Elks to rent the hall on the third Sunday of October for as long as we want it. We also have multiple copies of the contract in the hands of different members so in case they lose theirs again we won’t run into the last minute problems we had with the manager this year. We also paid this year’s balance and next year’s deposit with separate checks with separate receipts. So there is no easy way for them to “screw up” again.

Once again we had people waiting for us to open the doors at 9:00 AM. Rod thanked the members manning the entrance table for doing such a good job. It allowed him to handle all of the other things he had to take care of without compromising our customers. Mac and his volunteer judges did an

excellent job again this year. The only complaint I heard about from attendees was the shortage of parking at times. We had one major incident this year involving a model on display which was damaged accidentally. When the incident happened, the participant was paged twice, but had evidently left the building. At the front desk, we noticed a contestant had left with his spacecraft model, but he said nothing to us. The next day Guy received an e-mail from the contestant claiming that someone had deliberately damaged his model to put him out of the competition. At the meeting we voted to send him a check to replace his damaged photo etch part and refund his entry fee. Mac took up the task of responding diplomatically to the person. As a side note, the next day I was contacted by IPMS/USA leadership (Larry Randel, DLC) about the matter. Seems that when the gentleman in question didn't hear back from Guy immediately, he assumed we were ignoring him. Anyway, I told Larry what we knew and how we responded to the person. He felt we handled the issue fairly, and agreed the person should have come to us at the show, not after he let his wounds fester. Hindsight is 20-20 vision. Anyway, for future Granitecons we will have disclaimers on the flyers and entry forms.

We had eight less entrants and about fifty less models on the tables than last year. Maybe the first PatCon in many years kept our numbers down. This month Ed Mele will give us the financial run down of the show. Also, the photos are up on both our site and the IPMS/USA site. Thanks, Vinnie.

In other meeting news, Rod has started the IPMS re-chartering process. The forms have been updated and the money sent, so hopefully we will hear back that we are golden for the next year. Paul Lessard attended a Northeast Regional Railroad Convention at the Margate the weekend of Granitecon (maybe another reason our numbers were off). There were so many people that they needed two banquet rooms. He said it was a good convention, and that the judges spent six hours judging forty two models, mostly all scratch built.

A bunch of members attended a Collings Foundation battle re-enactment where one of the tanks Actually fired blanks. Very loud! But great! Keith and Kevin reported a local museum has bought seventy five pieces of military vehicles from a collection that was auctioned off in California.

Finally, we opened the floor to nominations for officers for next year. Mac Johnston was nominated for president; Keith Touchette for vice-president; Edward Mele for treasurer; Rod Currier for secretary. Pete Davis nominated the sitting board for another year, but Guy Lessard hasn't made up his mind yet to run for president again or not. When I contacted him last week, he said to wait to see what November brings.

This month's meeting brings the election of officers for 2014, member reports on Baycon, and the financial report on Granitecon. See you Monday night!

Participating Hobby Shops

These are the hobby shops that support us and our efforts year after year. They give club members discounts, provide donations for club contests, and stock the supplies and new kits we crave. Please support them, too!

Hobby Emporium (978-649-5055) 440 Middlesex Road Tyngsboro, MA 01879

The Spare Time Shop (508-481-5789) 222 E. Main Street Marlboro, MA 01752

North East Trains Model Center (978-532-1615) 24 Main St. Peabody, MA 01960

Hobbys "N" Stuff LLC (603-298-6111) 1 Glen Road Plaza West Lebanon, NH 03784

Elite Hobbies (603-749-0800) 90 Washington St. Unit 334 Dover, NH

Hobbies With A Twist, LLC (603-223-0132) 1 Depot Street Concord, NH

Upcoming Region 1 Events

March 30, 2014----- Valley Con 24 Knights of Columbus Chicopee, MA
April 6, 2014 ----- Downeastcon 2014 Thornton Academy Saco, Maine
May 2-3, 2014 ----- Noreastcon 43 American Airpower Museum Farmingdale, NY
August 6 - 9, 2014 ----- IPMS/USA Nationals Hampton Roads Convention Center Hampton, VA

October Raffle Winners



October Show and Tell Pictures



Figure 4check out the pilot!

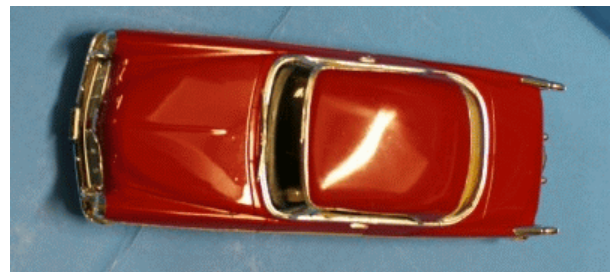


Figure 7Tony D'Anjou used lots of Bare Metal Foil on his 1/24th Moebius 1955 Chrysler.



Figure 12 Guy Lessard used Grandt Line Evergreen Styrene to build his 1/87th Freight Office.



Figure 13 Jack Sutcliffe scratch built the cover for the truck bed for his 1/35th Tamiya 2.5 ton 6x6 Cargo Truck.



Mac Johnston added many scratch built details to his 1/35th ICM 1939 German Ford Cargo Truck. **Figure 16**

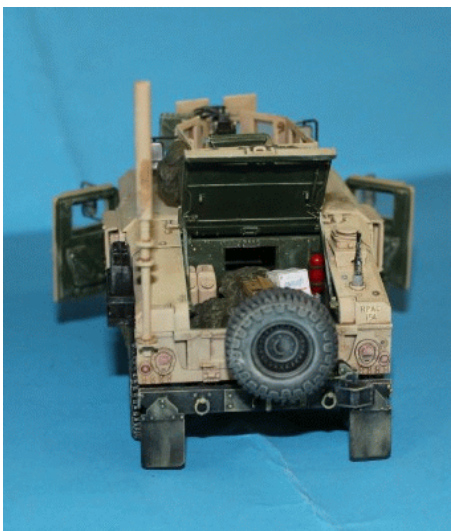
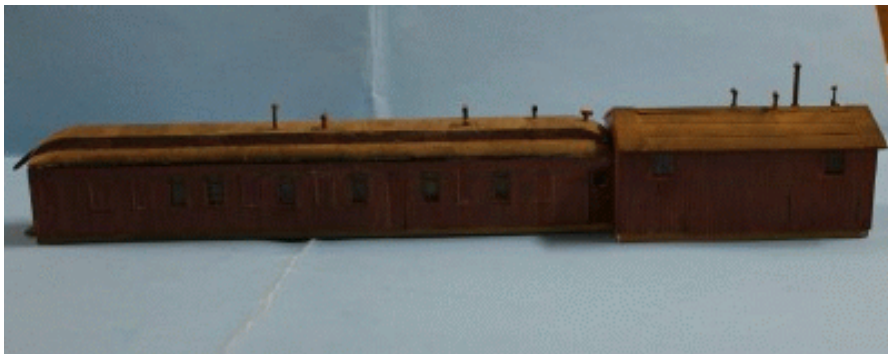
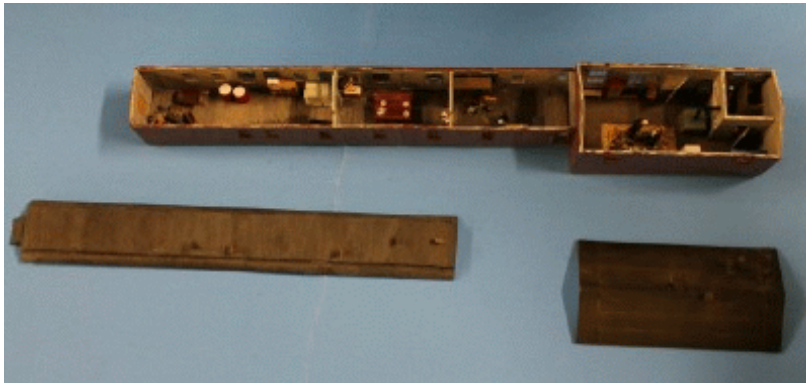
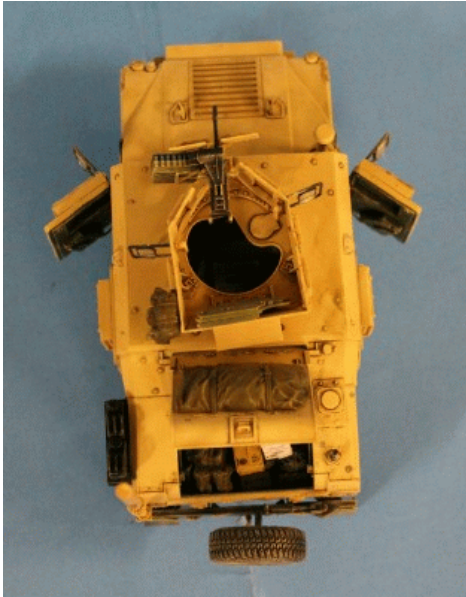


Figure 18 Tom Shanahan scratch built the fuel can holder and added gear to his otherwise "out of the box" 1/35th Academy M1151 Hmv.



Paul Lessard completely scratch built his 1/87th Ramshackle Yard Office from styrene. **Figure 23**