



A brand-spankin' New Year!

By Club President Paul Anagnostopoulos

The Classic Plastic Model Club is alive and thriving as we enter the New Year 2026. I think it will be a great year for the club, with new members joining us, a simple change in "management", and club meetings to look forward to. I urge members to bring their models for meeting show 'n' tell. They don't have to be finished, and they don't even have to be automobilia. Bring in a plane, train, Gundam, or even a Lego.

I would like to once again thank Tim Rhine for everything he did for the club. And further thank him for the easy transition from a professional co-treasurer to an amateur hack. I hope to do the job well enough that Art doesn't have to admonish me too often.



As has been the tradition since Del was president, I will try to keep the meeting business down to a dull roar. Art prepares a list of topics that we need to discuss. I will probably zip through them a tad faster than Tim, possibly even too fast. Feel free to slow me down. Also, by all means, if you have something to discuss, bring it up. Secretary Mike Siesicki will keep me honest. And, again, my apologies for forgetting your names, I'm terrible with names and there appears to be no cure.

A huge thank-you goes out to Nate Bemis for volunteering as the club kit-master. He is responsible for the content of our storage unit and for bringing the raffle kits to each meeting. You can give your kit donations directly to Nate and he will record the donations for the meeting minutes.

Another thank-you goes to John Davison for volunteering as meeting-master. He picks up tables and chairs and puts them down; twice each meeting.

Do you know anyone who might like to join our club? Please invite them to a meeting so they can witness all the excitement and camaraderie. If they decide to join, marvelous, if not, then they still will have (we hope) a good time. We are quite the welcoming group.

Best wishes for a fantastic 2026. Stay healthy and build and bring in those models!

Paul



Good Bye (for now)

By Tim Rhine

It's Saturday 11/22 at 8:00pm and I'm sitting at my dining room table typing a good bye to my friends and family, but I'm at a loss for words. How do you say goodbye to people you love and something that is your passion?

For a little over 10 years I have put the club over and above everything else, I am/was so passionate about it. No matter what I needed to do for the club I was willing to step up to do it. I always wanted club members to look forward to the monthly meetings and tried to make them fun for everyone. After all, this is the best model club in the world (in my eyes). We have the absolutely best builders in New England and it shows when the Classic Plastic guys/gals go to a show and they win the most awards.

I know most of you don't understand how much each and every member has touched my life in all good ways. I have learned so much from everyone, I'm already missing it! But sometimes life is not kind and you have to make changes. With work and family things on both my wife's side and mine, and still working 55+ hours a week stepping away is what I needed to do.

It made me sad and every time I sat to write this I got emotional and in the end it only made this harder for me to do. As I said earlier, how do you say goodbye to people you love and something that is your passion?

At this point I'm lucky that I can still build models when time lets me and if all goes good I can make some shows next year.

I hope that I've made the same impact on all of you as you did on me. I hope I've left the club in as good of shape as it was when I joined. I'm going to end it here before it gets any harder for me.

Remember that my phone is always on and I check my email every day. Cell 978-604-9217; trhine67@yahoo.com Thank you for everything. Happy building and be safe. Tim

THANK YOU!



Kit Review: Moebius Pro Touring '64 Comet

By Tim Rhine

Here is my review of the Moebius Pro Touring 1964 Mercury Comet. The kit's molded in gray with rubber tires, chrome and clear parts, and a minimal decal sheet (but it has what you'll need).

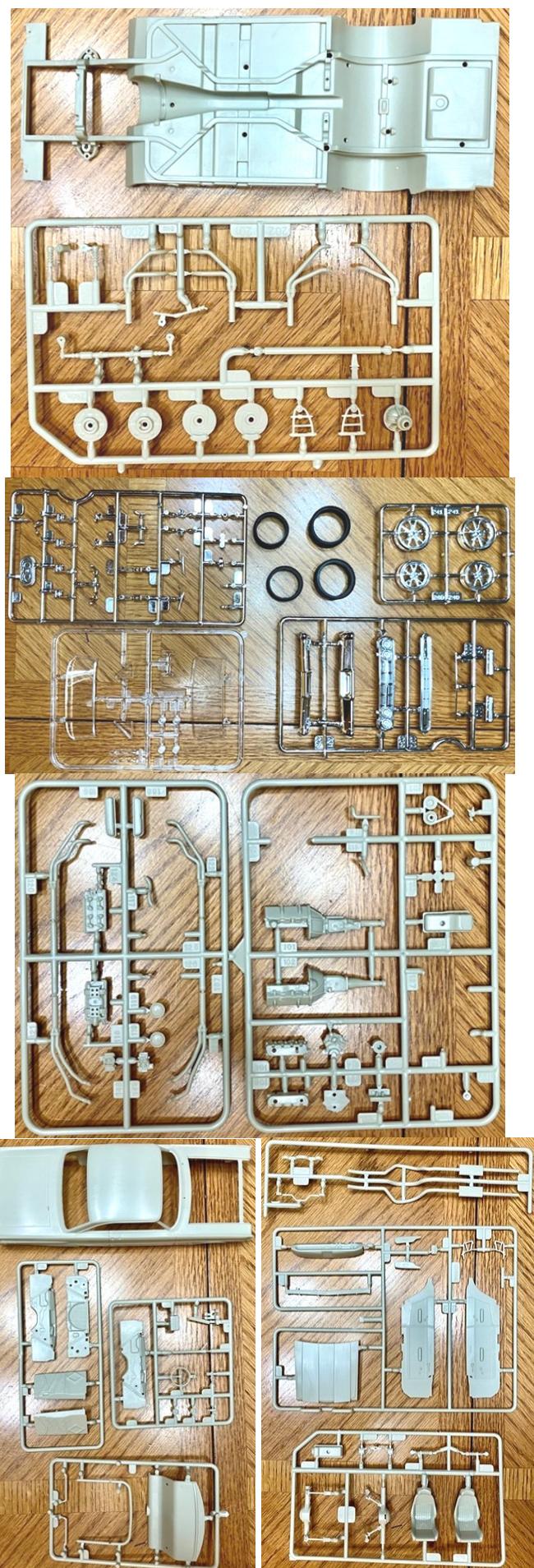
This kit can only be built as the pro touring car (and it's cool!). Note that there are a few versions of this car available from Moebius.

A few things I don't like about this kit - First: the glass goes in place from the outside so you have to be careful when painting to make sure you don't get too much paint build up else the glass will not fit properly. Second: Moebius kit instructions are just very difficult to understand.

Overall its looks to be a good kit and I do recommend it, for now...let's see how it builds up.

Until the next review...happy building and be safe

Tim





BayCon Show 2025

By Linda Crummett

Baycon 2025 was held by the Bay Colony Modelers at the Franklin, MA Elks location again this year on November 2nd.

The layout was a little different than last year. All the vendors were in the smaller room. All the tables were against the walls. At times, it was rather crowded. If you are a car guy only, the selection was somewhat limited. There was a very good selection of military type kits.

The built models were displayed in the larger room and there seemed to be more space. There were over 300 models entered. The tables were mostly full, but not overly crowded. I thought one Auto category, might end up with not enough room, but that never happened. It is always interesting to see so many types of models: cars, trucks, motorcycles, airplanes, ships, tanks, helicopters, Gundams, figures, and dioramas.

They had a great raffle as well, and kept refilling the table as kits were selected. The food area was also very good and it seemed they had things ready ahead of time, so the wait was much shorter than anticipated. It was the typical event food; hotdogs, hamburgers and French fries. It was all delicious.

They do not allow you to win for more than one model in any category. There seemed to be some confusion about who decides which is the best of multiple entries by a modeler, but in the end the judges decided and it all worked out.

Classic Plastic members made a great showing. I believe there were eleven of us, with eight entering models. All eight got at least one trophy. (I apologize if I forgot anyone or any award win.) From memory, Mac Johnston (3 awards), Jim Rondos (3 awards), Jim Parker (2 awards), John Edge (2 awards), Jamie Denson (1 award), Ruane Crummett (4 awards) and myself (3 awards) won. Bart Navarro, Randy Catudal and Mike Freitas also attended the show.

The 2025 edition was a very good show. The best part for me was getting to see and hang out with so many familiar faces. The second best part is that the show being in MA it's not too far for most of our club members.

Here are a few photos from the event.

Enjoy, Linda





Classic Plastic Model Club 2025 Toy Drive

By Joe Baril

Hi guys, so here are the numbers for the toy drive.

First off, Tammy did a super fantastic job on the toy shopping. She did the usual price match thing at the check out at Target, on-line verses store price. She then watched daily for on-sale items for already purchased toys and went back and got the new sale prices and we were reimbursed the difference.

A few friends and members also purchased toys on their own. My sister and Eddie Arrajj both donated to the fund but wanted those funds to be used toward a bicycle; which we did buy. Rosemarie donated an item on her own as did Tammy. After showing the bike on Facebook, Dave Perkins contacted me to see if I could get a girls 26 inch bike to go with the boy's bike and he would pay for it. We were able to do so. Dave also donated six new model kits. Eddie also donated additional toys to go with the toy drive items.

We had a heavy hitter this year, especially with Bob Gagne donating \$500 and a model truck kit. Others may have also donated significant amounts but I don't know who as they put it in the donation box anonymously.

Several members have also donated things that were raffled off at our 2025 meetings, which helped the toy drive noticeably. They were, Dave Perkins, Joe Baril, Mac Johnston, Eddie Arrajj and Dana Benoit. Also contributing by matching the monthly raffle last May was Paul Anagnostopoulos.

The numbers: 192 items with a value before sales and price adjustments, along with additional purchases from friends and members, was...are you ready? Over \$3500 value! The money we used from the club toy drive fund was \$2007.

So, minus expenses of \$75 for one month storage unit rental, the cost of the clear bags and after reimbursing Tammy for all our purchases (she used her credit card to buy the toys), and as long as there are no surprises when I close out the storage, we'll be starting the 2026 toy drive off with \$1014 in our fund.

Dave Smith from Toys-For-Local-Children was there to accept our donation. Dave is second-from-right in the above photo (he is standing next to Tammy).

I also want to mention that this was our 10th consecutive toy drive. Tammy and I started doing it in 2016, as a way to help

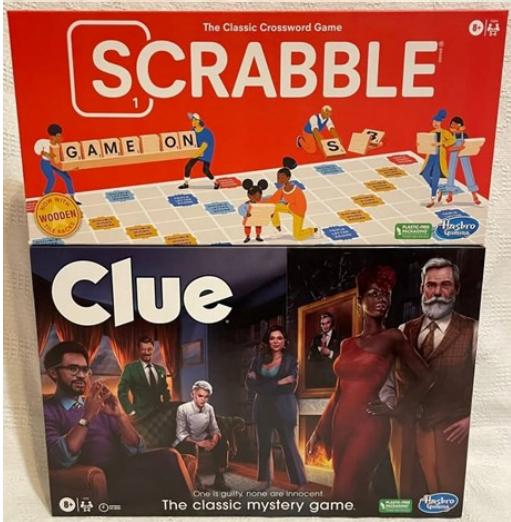
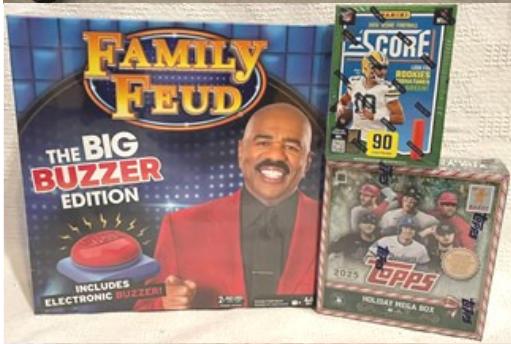
keep us busy in the holiday season after having lost my wife and her mother that year. Some may remember the club did a couple of small toy drives in the years prior to 2016.

I want to thank all who donated during 2025 and hope you can be as generous in 2026.

Here are a few photos of our toy shopping trips as well as some of the many items we bought along the way.

Joe Baril





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Ten things I've learned...

By KitMaster Nate Bemis

Here are 10 things I've learned in 5 years.

- 1.) Organization. I hate to lose parts and it is so easy to do. I use leftover jars, little baggies and plastic storage boxes for parts storage the moment I remove them from the sprue, right through to sub-assemblies and final assembly.
- 2.) Take the stress off of parts when you remove them from the sprue. Consider cutting the sprue somewhere away from the part to take tension off of stressed pieces before making the cut near a part to release it. It sucks to damage a part before you even get a chance to work on it.
- 3.) Have you ever knocked over a bottle of paint? I have. Have you ever dropped a part into a bottle of paint? I have. Now I am diligent about putting paint lids and glue caps on ASAP! Also, when using adhesives, paints and solvents I put them in an aluminum tray when I use them. Just in case.
- 4.) Join a model car club.
- 5.) Keep your tape under wraps. Dust, dirt and debris can become stuck to the edges of tape if it is not kept in plastic bags or containers. Trying to keep a clean line when masking a model car body with dirty tape is futile.
- 6.) Good paint jobs require good lighting. I finally found a light I can mount inside my portable spray booth. It's a huge improvement and makes spraying a level paint job so much easier.
- 7.) Dust sucks. Before spraying paint, put a layer of damp (not wet) paper towels on the floor of your spray booth. Consider spraying antistatic aerosol in and around the booth before spraying paint. Use a blast of compressed air and a Tamiya anti-static brush on parts before spraying them.
- 8.) If you spray rattle-can paints buy a rattle-can "gun" handle at the hardware store and use it. It clips onto the can, has trigger action and provides much more control than the button on top of the can.
- 9.) Microfiber eyeglass cleaning cloths are now my go-to polishing cloths. They are soft, don't scratch, are inexpensive and readily available.
- 10.) Consider an apron. Wear it around your neck and then use Velcro to tack it to the bottom of your bench. You can catch a lot of parts that would otherwise fall to the floor.

Finally, a "bonus learning" tidbit, remember that perfection is an illusion.

- Nate Bemis



Bits n' Pieces

By Joe Baril

It seems I'm always living in the past and I'm always thinking of my friend Del Paone. With that said, I'm attempting to recreate an article that Del used to write for the newsletter. Bits n' Pieces was an article he occasionally wrote. Basically, it was a list of mostly observations and thoughts of useful and unuseful tidbits of information. It's just a fun thing and not intended to judge or hurt anyone. So now I bring you

"Bits n' Pieces" Joe style.

Bit – trying to honor my friend Del by doing a similar column that he did from time to time.

Piece – Where have all the good times gone that this club once had, yeah there's still good times but not like before? It was more than just building models.

Bit – I sure miss Del and his quick wit and all-around good guy antics. The "Mr. Dick Head" is a classic prime example. For those that don't know, ask one of us long time members about it. Funny stuff; and I'll never forget the "stripper shoes" thing!

Piece – Knobville, the place, (I'm not talking about the diorama). A small handful of us older club members will know the meaning of 11-6-4-2. Nuff said!

Bit – Club members seem to come and go, like most clubs, but we always seem to have 45-50 members at any given time.

Piece – Ever notice they seem to reissue the same kits over and over? Mustangs, Corvettes, Chargers and Chevelles, oh my!

Bit – Well at lease we have Moebius with all new tooling of kits never before available.

Piece – This one is for Del; rattle-can or air brush?

Bit – I think it's safe to say we've reached the status of the Premiere model car club in New England! I hope if and when the club dissolves that we go out on top!

Piece – Why is it there are around 50 club members, but only a handful of members step up to help out with anything for the club? Those that do help out don't get any perks or any compensation. We get what all club members get, and that is to refer to this club as Our Club!

Bit – I though our recent discussion about colors for our new club T-Shirts was going to turn into a 4-hour discussion like our club jackets did all those years ago. (Sorry, many know who I'm talking about) but it's all good, had to throw that in!

Piece – So, are the new shirts Gold or Yellow? Don't matter, if its free it's for me as they say. I think we could all agree with that. Thank you, Classic Plastic.

Bit – For those that don't know, this club has been in existence since 1989. In those 36 years we've had only four different meeting venues; in the very beginning the handful of members would meet at Dana's or Dwayne's house. As the club started to grow its membership the club secured the VFW in Lowell and we stayed there for over 30 years. Our current meeting place (Dracut American Legion), well we've been there about three years now.

Piece – Our very first show was held at the Billerica Boys and Girls Club in 1993, and then 1994 – 1996 at the Chelmsford Elks Club, followed by one year (1997) at The Americal Civic Center in Wakefield. 1998 found us having our show at the Lawrence Elks Club, unbeknownst to us after our show there, the facility was to be razed and a brand-new building was to go up in its place. They did build a brand-new facility but as that was going on, we found a new venue for the next three shows (1999- 2002), which was the Holiday Inn Salem, NH. That was a horrible venue for our set up. Finally in 2003 the new Elks Hall in Lawrence was finished and we held all shows there since then.

Bit - As I write this in mid-July, our annual show is just over two months away!

Piece - Just for shits and giggles, if this club had a list of who's been a member of this club the longest, what number would you be? As Club Historian, I'll have to figure that out. I can tell you the top five (and this doesn't make anyone more important than anyone else).

Dana Benoit - Founding Member (1989)

Dwayne Benoit - Founding Member (1989)

Art Paquin - Founding Member (1989)

Eddie Arraj (1990)

Joe Baril (1991)

Bit - I haven't built a model in a long time, one of these days I'm going to open a kit and build it, then, I'm going to brush paint it all in the same day just like we did when we were kids!

Piece - I'm sure you, like most of us took a firecracker to our built models when we were kids!

Bit - Remember the days when we had a summer time cookout at one of our members' homes? I remember a few of them, Dana's house was one of them, Then the guy that lived in Milford NH, can't think of his name right now. Oh wait, just remembered, Mike O'Neil. He liked building classics cars. Then Ed's (no not Eddie Arraj) place in Peabody and of course Del's home in Greenland, NH.

Piece- Are people like us that travel many miles through many states for a model show crazy or something. I think not, it's what we do. I know some Bowlers that travel far for tournaments. If you have the time, the finances and the desire, go for it and have fun.

Bit - with that last piece said, (or written). Do you attend model shows for the fun, or to enter a contest or like most of us, or both? I was very bothered once by a former club member who said he would only go if there was a contest. I hate to use the term, but "trophy whore" comes to mind, sorry!

Piece - where have all the mom-and-pop hobby shops gone?

Bit - It's so sad how so many modelers have passed in recent years. I wonder if there's a Facebook group out there that is dedicated to remembering fallen modelers, whether they were members of our club or other clubs or just modeling individuals that we've come to know through shows and through Facebook groups.

Piece - I think this club needs some type of welcoming committee. Nothing big; just someone in the group asking new faces who they are at a meeting. Hopefully the secretary is recording this info for the meeting notes. I'm sure he is.

Bit - Hobby Shops, where have they all gone? Oops, I think I already said something about that?

Piece - Marcos is getting close to Del's level of building.

Bit - This club needs to do another promotional show. Sounds good but no one wants to step up and organize one.

Piece – Dreaming BIG, if I were to win the lottery, I would open up a Do Drop In, for modelers where they could stop in build models and talk hobby with club members.

Bit - It's now a week away until our annual show

Piece- It's now the day after our annual show, I think it went well with a great turnout...a couple of minor glitches that I

know of but overall, a good show.

Bit - I don't think we've ever had a model show where someone hasn't left a model behind or a show where someone left before the awards were given out and won an award that had to be mailed to them. But it's all good!

Piece - with so many awards to be ordered for a show of this size there's always a typo of some sort, just ask Dave Perkins about the class he sponsored. Oh well, it happens!

Bit - How'd you like the RTS show a few months ago in Franklin (which was a temporary venue for RTS)? Good show combined with Harry's Collectible show, but too cramped for space. I met Stu Marcus at our show and he told me the RTS show will be back in Taunton in May 2026.

Piece - I think we should offer a 50/50 raffle at next year's show for the toy drive. People could purchase tickets throughout the morning and have the drawing around 1:00 PM. That way the winner could have time to spend their winnings in the vendor area. A win-win, somebody wins cash, vendors might get more sales and more importantly more cash for the toy drive.

Bit - 50/50 yeah, sometimes, I come up with a good idea, i.e. Profile project (it warms my heart to know how much Del loved this project), Facebook group, and can't forget the club member pick at our show, I was looking for something to commemorate our 20th show and came up with having 20 members pick a model that they liked best for whatever reason. That was a good idea, but now we open it to as many members that want to participate.

Piece – As of this writing our annual show was over a month ago. I don't think that Art has gone over all the numbers yet, but it seems it was another successful show with well over 300 entrees. We welcomed two new members at the November meeting.

Bit- Our Toy Drive has reached its goal and we are planning to start shopping next week with a drop off date to "Toys for Local Children" at the Tewksbury Fire Department. Thank you all very much who have donated to this wonderful cause.

Piece – Some of you long time members might remember Leo Soucy, a former member from around 10 years ago. He dropped by for a visit at the November meeting. No worries, the Sergeant with "Poison Pen" is no longer in the club.

Bit – We had another great toy drive year, between your generous monthly donations and all the additional donations and special raffles and of course Tammy's great shopping skills, we presented "Toys for Local Children" with 192 toys including two 26 inch bicycles, with a total dollar value of \$3500. Thank you all.

Piece - I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season!

Bit - Well, that's it for this edition, I'll be watching and listening at the meetings and shows for more bits and pieces of useful and unuseful information for a future article.

I hope that Del is reading this from high above and getting a kick out of it.

Joe



GraniteCon 2025 show

By Tim Rhine

Additional pictures by Guil Rosa

The gals and gals from Granite State Modelers put on their 32nd GraniteCon model show on Sunday, October 19th. As always they put on another fantastic show. It was held at the same place used for the last three years; the Weare Middle School in Weare NH.

Jason Hanscom, Nick Arvanites and I hooked up and headed out at about 8:00am. Not too long and we were there. Their registration process was smooth and easy. They have a good online registration system and great people working the table.

We all put our builds on the display tables and headed to the vendors area. This year there was a good mix of military and automotive, so there was something there for everyone.

After meeting friends and shopping it was about noon and time for lunch. Eleven of us headed out to have lunch at a little place called Dimitris Pizza. (...and it was good!)

Upon returning we found the judging was under way. As always, we had a lot of club members and friends attend.

Here is who was there (number of awards won by club members are listed in parentheses beside their name):

Eddie Arrajj, Rich Arakelian, Dave Perkins (vending with some great deals), Moto Maguire, Jason Robidoux, Randy Catudal, Mike Freitas, Scott Ridley (1), Mac Johnston (1), Gary Westfall (7), Nick Arvanites (2), Linda Crummett (1), Ru Crummett (3), Jason Hanscom (3), Tim Rhine (5), and John Edge (1).

Overall it was an outstanding day spent with fellow club members and friends. Congratulations to the GSM guys/gals for putting on another fantastic show.

I hope to see you all there again in 2026. Congratulations to all the winners. If you were there and I forgot to mention you, I'm sorry.

Until the next show, happy building and be safe.

Tim



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Fulton NY Show 2025

By Linda Crummett

Ruane and I went to Fulton Model Show held the weekend before Thanksgiving in Fulton NY. Since it's a five hour drive, we decided to go out on Saturday and stay over for the Sunday show. On the way out, we decided to stop near Utica and visit HobbyTown Clinton. You may know the owners, Mike and Kim. They have vended at our show and at several others in MA over the last several years. Mike also has a You-Tube channel - Mike's Mods and Customs.

The store was awesome! They have a great selection of models (cars, military, Gundam) and all the modeling supplies you'll need. They have a lot of different brands of paint and carry MCV 3D printed engines and wheels. They also have a really cool selection of craft supplies. I bought a Rolife kit, which I will bring to show and tell when I complete it. I highly recommend that if you are in the Utica area, you check it out.

The show is held at the Volney Fire Station. It's a great set up as they have a large room with a kitchen attached. That's where the models were displayed. This year, they had leg extenders on their tables. Categories were all car and truck related, with one miscellaneous category. Their show theme is a separate category, which this year was Hemi's. This category was very full.

The quality of the builds was amazing and the competition was very stiff. I did not envy the judges as their job was difficult. There were only three judges for the entire show, but fewer categories than most shows. There was a contingent of modelers from our friends in the Newburg, NY model group. Other than us, Randy Catudal finally made it to the show. There were also a few friends from You-Tube. It was also great to have some of our modeler friends from Canada make the trip as well.

The vendor area was in the attached garage area (they had moved the fire trucks out for the day). There were a lot of vendors and the area was rather tight. There was a quite a variety of big rig kits and car kits from new to vintage ones. The Detail Master ladies were there again with a large display.

Fire station personnel prepared food for breakfast and lunch. They had great options available and the food was not only delicious but piping hot.

As I said, the competition was stiff, but Ruane did win a plaque for his Honda Trail 70.

As we drove to the show Sunday morning the snow started falling. The temp was in the 40's so we figured there was no danger of accumulation, but we were in the land of lake effect snow. However we did drive home in lots of rain, but eventually drove out of it.

This is a great show to attend. The ride is about the same distance as the NNL, but a much better drive. If you plan to go it's a good idea to get a hotel room. We have never made a reservation and have never had a problem getting a room when we get there. We hope to see you there next year.

Linda



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Meeting Minutes

November & December 2025
By Club Secretary Mike Siesicki

November 2025: We had 26 members and four guests attend the meeting in person, and one Zoom attendee. Items discussed were:

Contest 2025 review – the only comment made was that the food truck left too early for some people.

Contest 2026 – The following was decided:

- Gary Westfall (2025 Club Challenge winner) chose the subject for our 2026 Club Challenge and it is: Any American made vehicle painted in red, white or blue.
- Art will have the preliminary 2026 show flyer for review at the January meeting.

Christmas Party – Paul A will pick up the pizza

Toy Drive – Joe, Rose and Tammy did an outstanding job with our 2025 toy drive. See story in this newsletter

Meeting guests – we had four guests attend our meeting, Victor DuCote, Dave McFarland, Ron Boland and former member Leo Soucy. We hope they enjoyed our meeting.

Kit donations:

Paul Anagnostopoulos - three (3) sealed kits

Raffle Winners:

Gary Westfall – Moebius Hudson Hornet

Victor DuCote (guest) – AMT '62 Corvette

Ed Arrajj – Revell '66 Suburban

Linda Crummett – Revell 2016 Corvette

Ru Crummett – Revell '66 Chevelle

Mike Freitas – Moebius '72 Ford Tow Truck

Mike Siesicki – Revell '70 Charge R/T

Special raffle: Dana Benoit donated a chocolate cornucopia. \$85.00 was collected and added to the Toy Drive Fund. Mike Freitas won the item. Thank you Dana!

Show-N-Tell: November winner was **Andy Tenore**

Mike Siesicki – Moebius '55 Mercury Comet Cyclone finished with Scalefinishes Ivy Green with a black interior

Mike Siesicki – Monogram '65 Ford Shelby Mustang GT350 built as a part-time track car

Mike Siesicki – Revell Cadillac, replaced wheels and tires, finished with Tamiya Red Metallic

Mike Siesicki – AMT '67 Ford Shelby Mustang GT350, changed wheels, finish is Testors/Model Master Dark Blue

Del Paone – Dart Wheel Stander, donated build soon to be in the International Model Car Builder's Museum

Del Paone – '62 Chevy Pro-Street, donated build soon to be in the International Model Car Builder's Museum

Leo Soucy – '64 Ram Charger; spliced a wagon body on the back and put a '55 Pro-Street chassis under, as well as other parts. Finish is NH State Trooper colors

Bob Gagne – International Transtar 4300, started as a Tractor, frame cut down, added a Garwood Trash Body

Linda Crummett – Polar Lights Herbie the Love Bug built in memory of my dad who took me to all the Herbie movies and as a Club Challenge subject as the VW used in the movies was a '63, finish is Insignia White

Andy Tenore – '35 Ford Race Car adapted to an elongated '56 F100 chassis

Dave 'Mack' McFarland – AMT '51 Chevy Bel Air built as a retro Gasser 'Street Freak'. 3D printed 235 Chevy 6-cylinder with speed parts added, cast resin wheels; finish is rattle can Tamiya Burgundy (no clear coat, just polish), roof and engine bay finished in Gold Flake craft paint

Marcos Fernandez – '32 Ford 3-window, Iceman Ford Boss dual carb engine

Marcos Fernandez – fully detailed Firebird Funny Car

Tim Rhine – Tamiya Sherman Tank

Show-N-Tell photos from the November meeting:





December2025: We had 25 members and one guest attend the meeting in person and one Zoom attendee. We did not discuss any business other than “what kind of pizza do you want?”



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Contest 2025 information

By Newsletter Editor Art Paquin

Here comes the boring part of every show we have; but it's an important part of knowing how we are doing and where we are headed for future shows.

The chart at right (sorry if it's an eye-chart) shows entries by class for all shows since 2016. Note that 2025 again had zero entries in the 17 & Under class, which is concerning. Other classes had the usual increases and decreases we've experienced in the past but always seem to rebound in the next show or two. I guess that must be due to the whims of the model building community.

For 2026 we will keep the 17 & Under class and hope to draw in some younger modelers. Let's keep our fingers crossed otherwise we may have to drop the class altogether.

The tables below compare 2025 to 2024 statistics.

In general we had a just slightly greater than average number of entries since 2016. Let's hope we rebound in 2026 to have a year like 2024.

Thanks, Art

Contest 2025 show statistics		
Model Entries	338	
Show Entrants	69	
Non-Member Entrants	44	64%
Non-Member Entries	181	54%
Non-entrant spectators	55	
Most Entries by an Entrant	22	Tim Rhine

Contest 2024 show statistics		
Model Entries	379	
Show Entrants	77	
Non-Member Entrants	48	62%
Non-Member Entries	236	62%
Non-entrant spectators	102	
Most Entries by an Entrant	19	Tim Rhine

2025 entrant statistics by state			
State	Entrants	Entries	% of total
MA	34	152	45.0%
NH	18	91	26.9%
ME	4	24	7.1%
NY	4	19	5.6%
VT	3	19	5.6%
RI	3	18	5.3%
CT	2	12	3.6%
PA	1	3	0.9%
QC	0	0	0.0%
Total	69	338	

2024 entrant statistics by state			
State	Entrants	Entries	% of total
MA	30	143	37.7%
NH	16	73	19.3%
ME	4	34	9.0%
NY	5	26	6.9%
CT	5	26	6.9%
VT	4	30	7.9%
RI	4	17	4.5%
NB	3	7	1.8%
QC	6	23	6.1%
Total	77	379	

2025 Admission information		
Total admissions =	81	
Entrants Total =	44	
Entrant Kids (free) =	0	
Total paid entrants =	44	
Non-Entrant Total =	55	
Kids (free) =	?	
Total paid spectators =	55	

2024 Admission information		
Total admissions =	150	
Entrants Total =	48	
Entrant Kids (free) =	0	
Total paid entrants =	48	
Non-Entrant Total =	102	
Kids (free) =	6	
Total paid spectators =	96	

CPMC Show year =	2016 Entries	2017 Entries	2018 Entries	2019 Entries	2022 Entries	2023 Entries	2024 Entries	2025 Entries	Delta vs last
# Class name									
1 Age 17 & Under	8	9	10	7	3	7	0	0	0
2 Display & In-Progress	27	15	14	10	11	8	18	19	1
3 Light Commercial	21	19	11	9	22	20	28	20	-8
4 Heavy Commercial	23	12	20	11	28	6	14	7	-7
5 Documented Replica	4	6	3	4	11	4	10	7	-3
6 Emergency/Municipal	6	1	1	6	8	4	6	4	-2
7 Motorcycles	5	3	4	4	9	6	3	4	1
8 Large Scale	12	6	7	7	10	3	7	5	-2
9 Small Scale	19	3	6	6	10	10	20	8	-12
10 Foreign & Exotic	14	18	11	10	10	5	22	24	2
11 Box Stock - Street Legal	11	15	17	8	14	16	16	12	-4
12 Box Stock - Competition	7	7	1	7	11	3	11	9	-2
13 Factory Stock	19	22	22	23	31	27	20	15	-5
14 Day 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	5	11	13	2
15 Show Rods	5	4	8	4	3	4	4	4	0
16 Customs	10	2	3	6	11	9	5	10	5
17 Street Rods	26	14	3	4	16	12	16	11	-5
18 Street Machine	12	13	13	9	15	15	25	21	-4
19 Competition - Non-Drag	13	11	5	8	13	6	17	18	1
20 Competition - Drag	18	21	13	5	23	17	9	21	12
21 Theme -	10	17	9	10	6	13	17	11	-6
22 Sub-Theme -	21	12	9	17	7	11	11	3	-8
23 Small Model - Competition	15	9	7	3	16	7	9	10	1
24 Shelf Model - Street Legal	10	9	16	11	14	19	13	18	5
25 Miscellaneous	9	10	7	12	14	13	21	17	-4
26 Curbside	29	23	8	22	15	13	15	15	0
27 Diorama	3	5	6	1	6	5	6	5	-1
28 Club Challenge:	7	7	5	9	5	13	13	8	-5
29 Military	15	10	4	11	12	12	11	13	2
30 Gundam	N/A	6	6						
Club Memorial Table	16	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	n/a
Total for each year =	395	311	243	244	358	293	379	338	-41

2025 specialty award winners

My Favorite Model	Winner	Model
Paul Anagnostopoulos	Rick Hanmore	Oldsmobile custom
Joe Angers	Vince LoBosco	1958 Ferrari Testarossa
Dave Perkins	Steve Salhany	Ferrari Scuderia
Pete 'the Wiz' Wisniewski	Marc Palanye	Buggy Van
Joe Baril	Jay Devlin	Bergren 80 Modified
Tim Rhine	Jeff Johnston	Nissan Skyline
Art Paquin	Steve Norsk	75 Borneo
John Davison	Gerry Lodge	The George Inn diorama
Ed Arrajj	Nathan Walker	1970 Monte Carlo
Will Emerson	Dave Walker	71 Dodge Challenger
Scott Ryder	Todd Ryan	Post Office Panel Truck
Dave McGibbon	Jodi Doyle	Ford F-100 Custom
Jason Hanscom	Mark Turner	Pink Panther
Jim Rondos	John Person	66 Mustang GT-350
John Edge	Larry Blanchet	2010 Dodge Challenger
Marcos Nanita	Del Gonzalez	Toyota Corolla

Major Award	Winner	Entry
Most Humorous	Mike Roy	Huey's Hot Rod
Best Interior	Vince LoBosco	1958 Ferrari Testarossa
Best Engine (tied)	Bob McPherson	Tamiya F-1
	Vince LoBosco	1958 Ferrari Testarossa
Best Finish	Jodi Doyle	1956 Nomad
Best Detail	Bob McPherson	Tamiya F-1
In Memoriam	Del Gonzalez	Toyota Corolla
Club Officers' Pick	Vince LoBosco	1958 Ferrari Testarossa
Best of Show - Adult	Vince LoBosco	1958 Ferrari Testarossa

Thank you registration desk volunteers Tammy and Heather!



2025 class award winners

Name	Place	Winner	Entry
Age 17 and under	1	(none)	
	2	(none)	
	3	(none)	
Light Duty Trucks	1	Jodi Doyle	70 Ford F100 4x4
	2	Tim Rhine	70 Ford F100 with Trailer
	3	Steve Norsek	66 Chevy Suburban
Heavy Commercial Vehicles	1	Steve Robillard	Cinderelli's Coach 1976 International
	2	Bob Gagne	Paystar 5000
	3	Scott Ryder	Ford Louisville Dump Truck
Documented Replica	1	Tim Rhine	1962 Corvette
	2	Rich Mazzarella	1985 Chevy Blazer
	3	Paul Paradis	Dodge Little Red Wagon
Emergency & Municipal Vehicles	1	Charles Rowley	1970 International Pumper
	2	Tim Rhine	1971 Plymouth GTX 440
	3	Rich Mazzarella	2017 Camaro SS
Motorcycles	1	Ru Crummett	Kenny Roberts YZF500
	2	Ru Crummett	Honda Trail 70
	3	Speed Davidowicz	1947 Harley Davidson '45'
Large Scale	1	Vince LoBosco	1958 Ferrari Testarossa
	2	Bob McPherson	Tamiya F-1
	3	Todd Ryan	1957 Gasser
Small Scale	1	Jim Rondos	Monogram Ultimates 289 Cobra
	2	Ru Crummett	Daihatsu Midget
	3	Ru Crummett	Testor Saleen S281
Foreign & Exotic	1	Jodi Doyle	Fiat Abarth 695 SS
	2	Jeff Johnston	Nissan Skyliner 2000 GT-R
	3	Del Gonzalez	Toyota Carolla AE86
Box Stock - Street Legal	1	Gary Westfall	Plymouth Prowler
	2	Tim Rhine	1955 Chrysler 300
	3	Glen Powers	65 Chevy Impala
Box Stock - Competition	1	Dwayne Benoit	Bootlegger '67 Chevelle
	2	Del Gonzalez	Ford Motorsports IMSA Mustang
	3	Tim Rhine	1995 Monte Carlo Race Car
Factory Stock	1	Jeff Johnston	67 Mustang GT 500
	2	Jeff Johnston	69 Camaro Convertible
	3	Jeff Johnston	66 Chevy Nova SS
Day 2	1	Nick Arvanities	1970 Hemi 'Cuda
	2	Tim Rhine	62 Corvette Roadster
	3	Nathan Walker	70 Chevy Monte Carlo SS
Show Rods	1	Mark Tucker	29 A Roadster
	2	John Person	Tom Daniels Pie Wagon
	3	Rick Hammore	MonkeeMobile
Customs	1	Gary Westfall	71 Ford Ranger
	2	Mark Tucker	Pink Panther Trio
	3	Mark Tucker	50 Ford Convertible
Street Rods	1	Gary Westfall	39 Chevy Sedan Delivery Rat Rod
	2	Mark Tucker	26 Model T Sedan
	3	Mark Tucker	41 Plymouth
Street Machines	1	Tim Rhine	1964 GTO
	2	Nick Arvanities	1969 Camaro
	3	Nick Arvanities	1969 Holden Falcon
Competition Non-Drag	1	Paul Paradis	Ole Blue
	2	Jodi Doyle	JR Salvino's '76 Petty Charger
	3	Larry Blanchet	62 Shelby Cobra 289
Competition Drag	1	Doug Estabrook	1968 Dodge Dart
	2	John Person	1966 Mustang
	3	Nick Arvanities	2021 Dodge Charger
Theme Class: 75 years of Tri-Five Chevies	1	Tim Rhine	1956 Nomad set with Trailer
	2	Jodi Doyle	1956 Nomad Modern Hot Rod
	3	John Person	56 Chevy
Sub-Theme: Gone in 60 seconds	1	Gary Westfall	1959 Cadillac Eldorado
	2	Tim Rhine	1959 Cadillac (Madeleine)
	3	Paul Paradis	1966 Shelby Cobra (Ashley)
Shelf Models, Competition Vehicles	1	Larry Blanchet	Porsche 911 GTI
	2	Jason Hanscom	Bone Crusher
	3	John Person	63 Corvette
Shelf Models, Street Legal Vehicles	1	Ed daRosa	1969 Cobra Jet
	2	John Person	53 Studebaker
	3	Del Gonzalez	Fox Body Mustang
Miscellaneous	1	Michel (Mike) Roy	Rickshawbago
	2	George Lellios	Destriod Spartan
	3	Michel (Mike) Roy	Huey's Hot Rod
Curbside	1	Jodi Doyle	1961 Ford Galaxie
	2	Ed Arraji	1957 Ford Ranchero
	3	Vince LoBosco	1968 GTO
Diorama	1	Gerry Lodge	The George Inn
	2	Marc Palanye	Trader Sam
	3	Marc Palanye	Bunker Clear
Club Challenge: Cars from 1963	1	Gary Westfall	Chevy Impala
	2	Nate Bemis	Watson Race Car
	3	Linda Crummett	VW Bug
Military	1	Charles Rowley	1943 325 Fire Pumper
	2	Charles Rowley	1943 Dodge Ambulance
	3	Mac Johnston	Christie 8 inch SPG
Gundam	1	Patrick Powers	Zaku II F Type
	2	Linda Crummett	Strike Freedom Gundam
	3	Tim Rhine	Zaku II High Mobility

COMING EVENTS

Feb 7, 2026 – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

Mar 7, 2026 – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

Mar 29, 2026 – Sun. – ValleyCon show held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Chicopee MA

Apr 4, 2026 – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

Apr 11, 2026 – Sat. – Can-Am Con Show held at the Williston Armory in Williston, Vt

Apr 12, 2026 – Sun. – DowneastCon Show held at the Sanford Memorial Gymnasium in Sanford ME

Apr 19, 2026 – Sun. – Spring Thaw Model Show held at the Willowvale Fire Co. Hall in Chadwick NY

Apr 25, 2026 – Sat. – 38th NNL East Model Show held at the PAL Hall, 1 PAL Drive in Wayne NJ

May 2, 2026 – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

Jun 6, 2026 – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

Jul 11, 2026 – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

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DNNEASTCON 2026

A Plastic Model Contest and Display

Sponsored by the Southern Maine Scale Modelers Club/IPMS

**APRIL 12, 2026****SANFORD MEMORIAL GYM****678 Main St., Sanford, ME 04073**

Make & Take—A model-building workshop for Kids

Raffles—Over 100 kits, tools and special items

Vendors—30+ tables of vendors from around New England

Food service available on site

TIMES & EVENTS

Registration 9:00-11:30 AM (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Make & Take: 9:30-11:00 AM

DIRECTIONS TO DNNEASTCON

Traveling from the South on I-95:
Take exit 19, Turn right at stop onto Rt. 109
Gym is 13.3 miles on right.

Traveling from the North on I-95:
Take exit 32, Turn right at stoplight onto Rt. 111
Continue straight onto Rt. 202 at Alfred
(~11.4 miles)

Turn right onto Rt. 109/Main St. in Sanford
(~3.9 miles)

Gym is 1 mile on right.

ENTRY & ADMISSION FEESModel Entry: \$7.00 for the first
5 models entered\$1.00 for each additional entry
Junior Entry (17 and under): \$2.00 up to
5 Models

General Admission: \$5.00

All kids (under 12) free with an Adult Admission

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Including Contest Entry Form(s)
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Comments from the Editor

By Newsletter Editor Art Paquin

Thank you Linda Crummett, Nate Bemis, Paul Anagnostopoulos, Guil Rosa, Tim Rhine, Mike Siesicki, and Joe Baril for your inputs and efforts which helped us produce this newsletter issue.

The next deadline for newsletter article submission is **Friday, April 17, 2026** with a scheduled distribution date of Saturday, May 2, 2026. Submission of articles, pictures and comments are welcomed and much appreciated.

Thanks, Art

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- COTTAGE INDUSTRY EXPO

Next Year's Theme:

**The 63rd Anniversary
of 1963**

**Next Year's Sub- Theme:**

**USA - 250th Anniversary
Red, White & Blue Vehicles**

April 25, 2026

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