



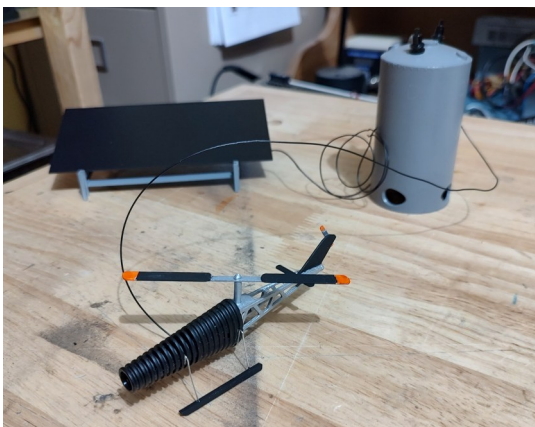
Tesloda Squint 1000 & 1500

By George Bangs

This model represents a TESLODA Squint 1000 prototype aircraft. This is a joint venture between Tesla and Toyota as they both seek to enter the field of aircraft and the related technologies. We all recognize Tesla for their autonomous driver technology and of course Toyota brings in the electric plug-in hybrid side of the equation.

The prototype worked well in the sunny desert test areas of the nations southwest, but it had mixed results in the more urban areas that it was intended to serve.

Hybrid means it can generate its own power in flight (via solar panels) but it also has the plug in charging option (note the solar panels and the alternate storage battery).

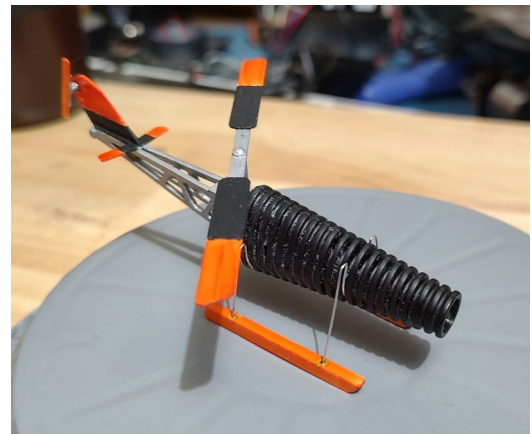


The model is built mostly of Evergreen styrene and is modeled in 1/48 scale (which I managed to comprehend since it is my standard 1/24 scale divided by 2).

PROS: The aircraft is made of carbon fiber and aluminum so it was rather easy to paint, Testors Flat Black or Aluminum.

CONS: The model is so small you can't find magnifiers strong enough to see all the finer details.

Planning ahead (due to my usual summer absence due to hay season) and wanting to be involved in the water aircraft project in July, I worked on a version of the helo with pontoons. This is the TESLODA Squint 1500.

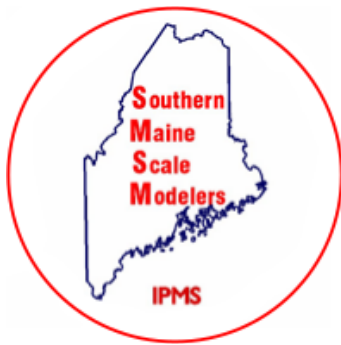


It is basically the 1000 version with larger rotor blades as the craft needs to overcome the additional aerodynamic drag from the pontoons.

PROS: It is again painted with Testors Flat Black and Aluminum with a healthy dose of Marks-A-Lot lifejacket orange.

CONS: Since electricity and water don't mix well, an electric helicopter became a big NO GO. Therefore my water version of the electric helicopter gets the DUMPSTER award.

Note: Both aircraft should be ready for sale in early 2027 (DUMPSTER not included)



Madame Prez Says

By Grace Leavitt



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Welcome to the crazy March meeting! Thank you to all in attendance for bearing with us. We debated holding it in the parking lot, or invading Larry's house....we decided not to overload his neighborhood with a dozen vehicles-lol. Thank goodness it had been a beautiful day. We had a quick outdoor meeting due to the fading daylight.

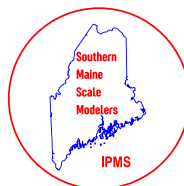
The models were displayed on the back of Larry's truck (thank you Larry) and ended it with a couple vehicles providing light as well.

The business meeting was brief, with some DowneastCon discussion, and we moved quickly into the Make-N-Take. I'm sorry we weren't able to see them all as well as I'd have liked, so I'll ask anyone who would like to bring them to the April meeting so we can see them again in better light.

I hope everyone has some great models to bring to the contest...we've seen some great ones all year! I am currently working on an airplane, or two...

See you soon!

Grace Leavitt, Prez



Editors Note

This months newsletter didn't quite live up to my standards. Maybe it started with the meeting being outside last month and just went downhill from there. The pictures aren't that great and just to make it worse, I somehow managed to lose the information sheet about who built what (beyond the Model-Of-The-Month winners as specified in the minutes). Add to that my wife taking a dive and breaking her leg leaving me a bit busier than normal. So I apologize to those who built the models but remain nameless, perhaps I'll do an addendum to the next newsletter with the proper information.

- Kent



Hear Ye! Here Ye!

By Norm Jordan

SMSM Meeting Minutes

SMSM Meeting---10 March, 2026

Location: Maine Military Museum Lot

Meeting opens at 0715; meeting held in open air, due to building issues

Old Business

Downeastcon 2026 update: The food vendor we were communicating with has decided not to participate. As the date is getting very close, the club voted to provide the food for the contest itself. Carol Loranger has volunteered to operate it.

Lee Humiston's wife passed away. The club sent a card.

New Business

Due to the fact that, as of late, there has been poor attendance and that the club will now be doing the food at the contest, the club voted to cancel the annual BBQ.

The club had two show-and-tells this evening; the regular and the club project: helicopters. The winners of the month were Bob Pierce for his Wonder Woman and George Bangs for his "Teslota" electric helicopters.

There was no 50/50 raffle this month.

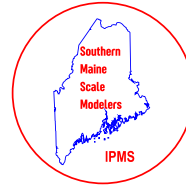
The meeting ended at approximately 8pm

Members attending: G. Leavitt., N. Jordan, R. Jordan, G. Bangs, K. Waterson, E. Kruger, R. Garland, T. Bonti, S. Laing, P. Paradis, E. Bittner, B. Schaffner, B. Pierce, L. Gaudet, M. Wescott, D. Osbourne, J. Loranger, C. Loranger, K. Keniston

Respectfully Submitted,

Norm Jordan, Secretary

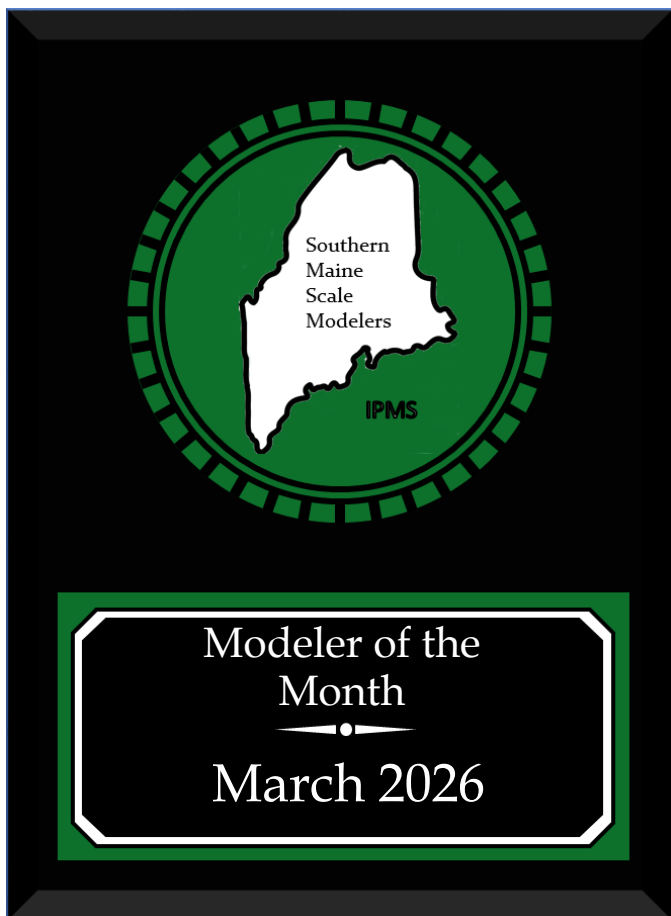
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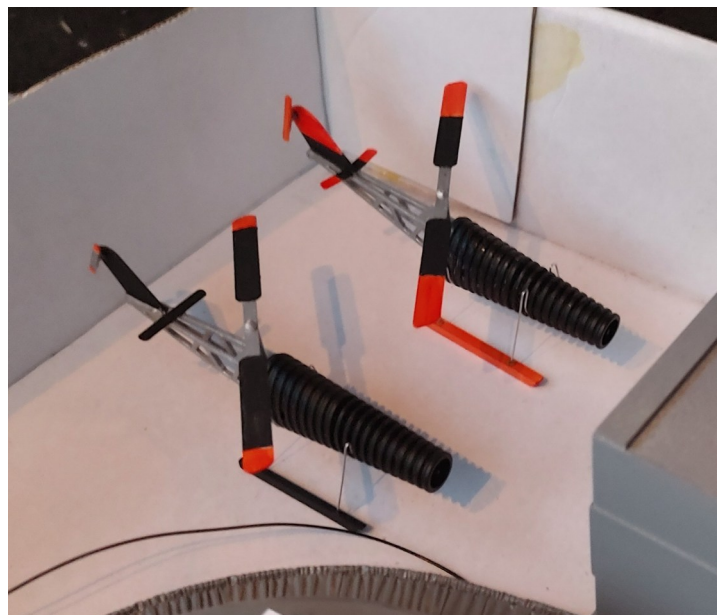
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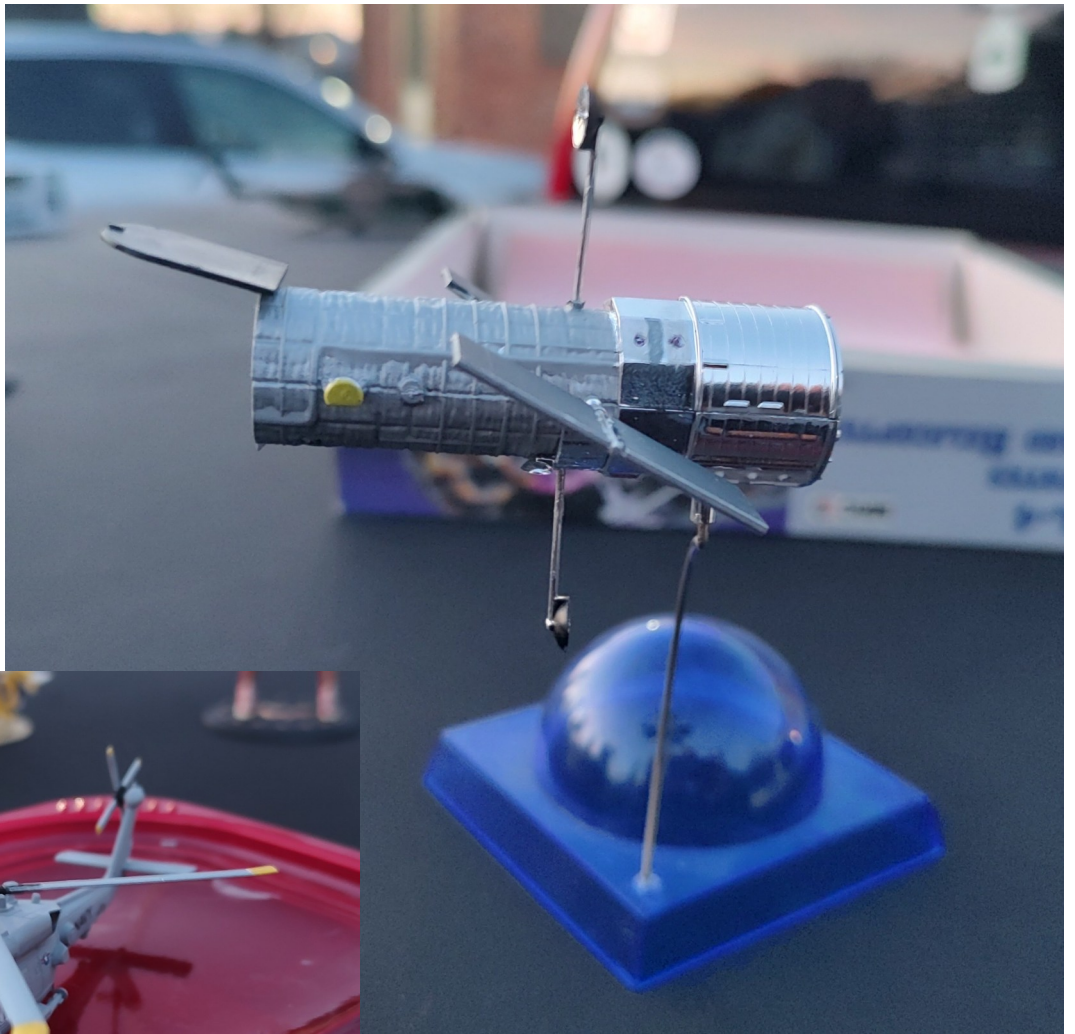
By Bob Pierce



Jesloda Squint 1000

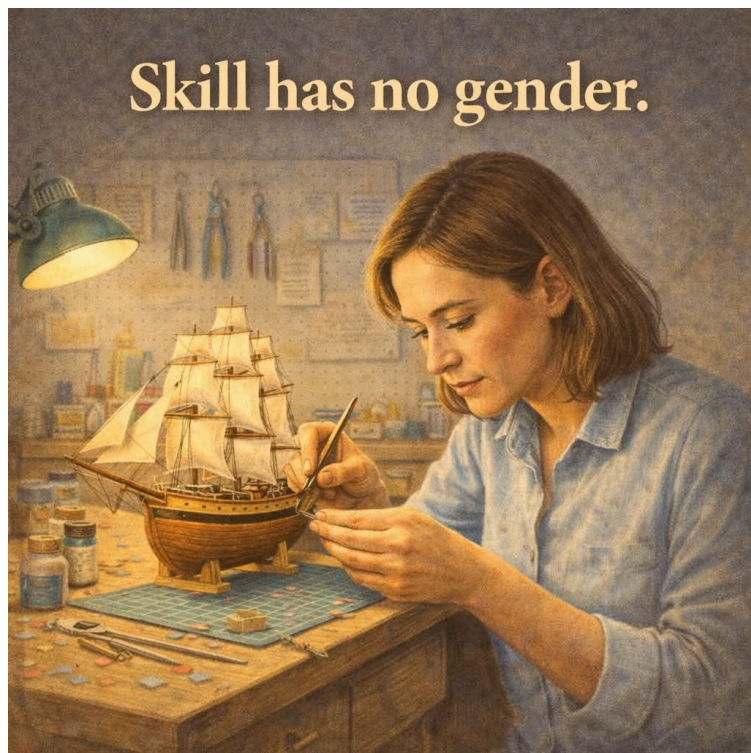
By George Bangs











OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE ON TUES-
DAY, APRIL 7, 2026
AT THE MAINE MILI-
TARY MUSEUM,
SOUTH PORTLAND,
ME AND WILL START
AT 7:00 PM

Calendar

April 7—SMSM Meeting

April 12—DowntownCon

May 5—SMSM Meeting

June 2—SMSM Meeting

July 7—SMSM Meeting—Club Project: Water Planes

October Club Project: Figures