



March 2026 Club Project—Helicopter

CH-47D CHINOOK

By Jim Loranger

I chose to assemble the Revell 1/144 CH-47D Chinook for my entry in the Club Project Model of the Month. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend due to a mandatory training event at the same time as the meeting.



I feel that this model was a good challenge. In spite of my having to pry some of the tinier pieces from my fingers (glue works well!) I was able to avoid damaging most of them.

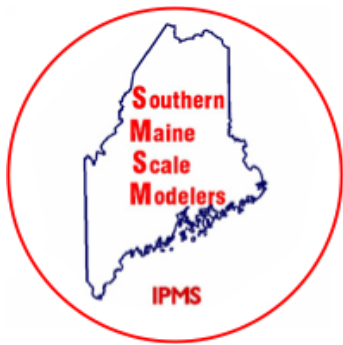
The parts had minor flash, and the fit of the various hatches was not very good. I should've spent more time fitting those hatches but decided that leaving them slight-

ly open wasn't a bad thing, as I have seen the crews do that on the 'real thing'. The model was brush painted with Tamiya Dark Green #2, a light grey and a mix of flat black and light grey for the rotor blades. After the decals were attached (sorry to say, some may be upside down because the print is so tiny in 1/144 scale) and mostly up-

right, the entire model was sprayed with Testors dull-coat.

In summary, a good kit and a challenge due to the fumble-ness of "out of practice" fingers and progressive glasses with a narrow range of eyesight correction.





Madame Prez Says

By Grace Leavitt

Welcome everyone! February is here, so that means winter is almost over, despite what Punxatawney Phil says!

Dues are due, and our club is re-chartered.

We are starting to get flyers out to the hobby shops. We took some to Ray & Robin's and they were happy to get them. They've had people asking.

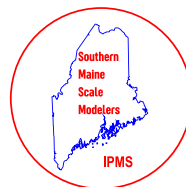


We want to wish our members and friends speedy recoveries. Lee informed me that his wife is not at all well. I will send a card to her at Cedars. (As of the time I wrote this, Maureen Humiston passed, at 12:34 on February 21st. That was only a few days after Lee received a cancer diagnosis from the doctors). Please keep Lee in your prayers, as he has been an amazing friend to our club. I will send cards to him from the membership.

We have 3 club projects coming up. I have a helicopter almost done, and have ideas for my water plane and figure....how about you?

Until March, happy modeling!

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This is a posting from a groups.io list I subscribe to. It's a railroad specific list, but the points made here are very applicable to the model building world in general. While Dave O. and I traveled to Springfield last month, we talked about this very issue, I'm sure the discussion will continue, but it's good "food for thought" as we strive for historical accuracy. *Editor*

I came to paint research while restoring railroad equipment. When restoring equipment, you are trying to accurately define the original colors, then apply a version of those "correct" colors... The final product will be viewed as a large historic object, likely in full sunlight outdoors. When restoring or rehabilitating a railroad

car or locomotive, I had access to that car or locomotive, and could do forensic testing, either by cratering, or other methods, including chemical tests or any paint present. In some cases there were multiple layers of different paints, representing different paint schemes, or just paint color drift. I would take that physical evidence and correlate it with documents and paint technology (my personal paint library (modern and historic paint books, and cataloged samples) occupies over 18' of book shelf space) trying to understand the paint history of that object.

Models are different. We are all creating our personal version of reality, most likely to be viewed indoors under artificial light. Viewing distance, lighting (intensity of

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Hear Ye! Here Ye!

By Norm Jordan

SMSM Meeting Minutes

SMSM Meeting Minutes---- 3 February, 2026

Location: Maine Military Museum, South Portland, ME

Meeting opens at 0701pm with remarks by Prez Leavitt

OLD BUSINESS

SMSM is officially rechartered for 2026 with IPMS/USA

One of our club members, Dave Moreau, is reported in the hospital with a cardiac issue. He is stable and will be in rehab next week

The Downeastcon Committee reported to the club on their meeting. They are in the process of finding a food vendor, but everything else is going smoothly

The annual SMSM BBQ event will be held on 7/21 at Two Light State Park. There was discussion that if attendance doesn't pick up then it may be the last.

NEW BUSINESS

Our March meeting club project is HELICOPTERS

The club projects for 2026 will be Water Aircraft in July and Figures in October

The club took a break from 7:20-7:31pm

This month's show and tell had 6 models by 6 modelers; the model of the month winner was George Bangs

This month's 50/50 winner was Ed Dyson; who donated the money back to the club

Meeting adjourned at 0850pm

Members Attending: M. Moreau, E. Bittner, G. Leavitt, R. Jordan, N. Jordan, L. Gaudet, G. Bangs, K. Waterson, E. Dyson, R. Garland, T. Bonti, D. Osborne, K. Keniston, J. Loranger, C. Loranger, J. Medolo, S. Laing, P. Paradis, R.

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light temperature) and visual perception, which is affected by the amount of color present all effect how we see color. The late Boone Morrison (Narrow Gauge Short Line Gazette columnist) used the word Verisimilitude which the Oxford dictionary defines as "the appearance of being true or real", saying that you don't have to get it right... I just needs to look right...

Based on this, I would suggest for a modeler you don't

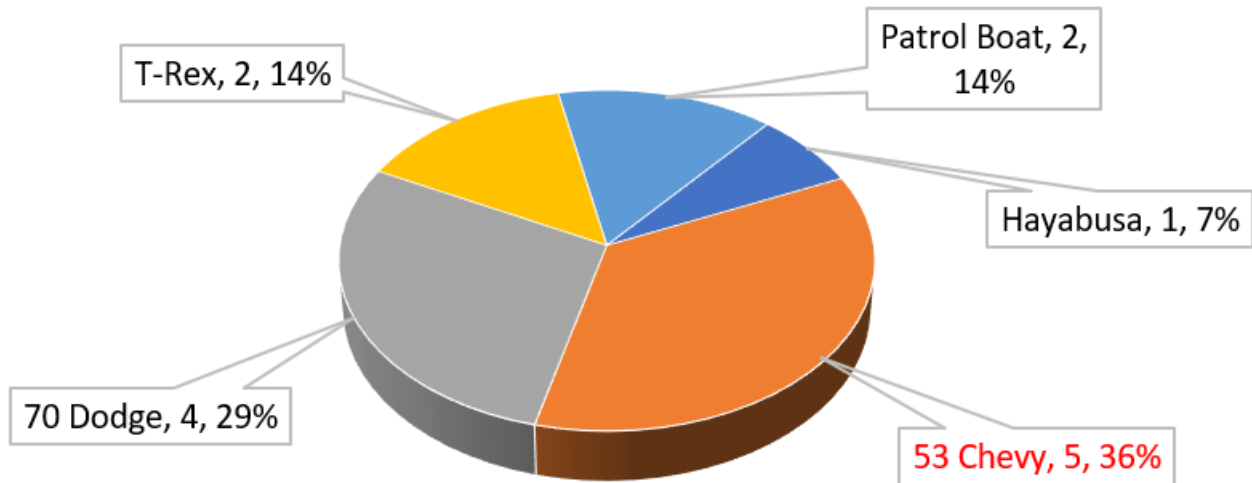
need to exactly match D&RGW box car red... or Sloan Yellow or ?... you just need to have your cars represent a red similar to the original, so a brown box car red on some, an orangey red on others appropriate for the railroad depicted, in the year you are modeling... In some cases you don't want to accurately paint a car... the best example probably being "Pullman Color" which if presented accurately under indoor lighting looks near black, but in bright light is green, dark green but green.

None of the above takes into account weathering...



Modeler of the Month

February Model-of-the-Month Voting



Modeler of the
Month
February 2026

1953 Chevy Stockcar

By George Bangs





1/25 Chevy Bel-Air (Revell)

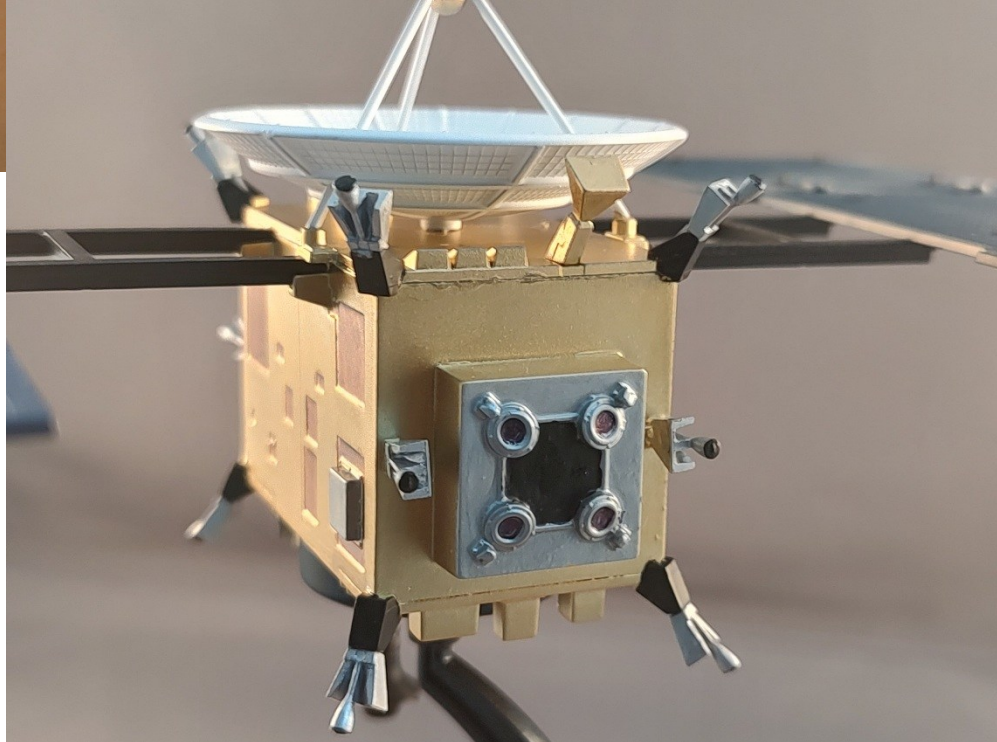
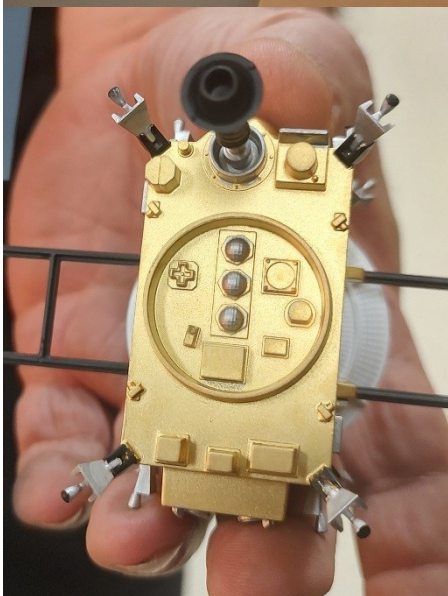
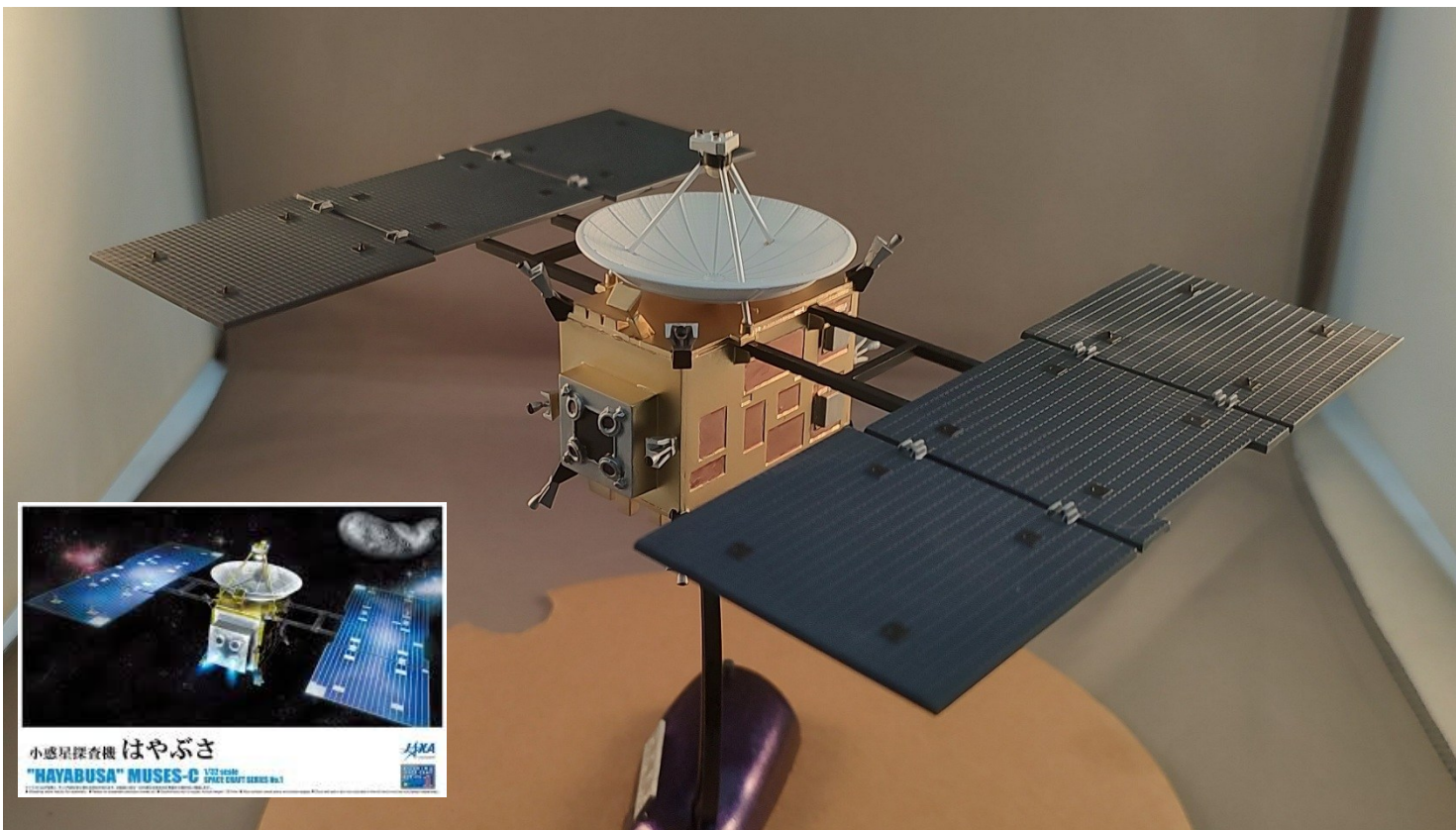
By George Bangs

Finished with Rust-Oleum sprays and brush paints

Pros: Always fun making something from parts & pieces

Comments: Not really from a kit, mostly made from scrounged and scratch built parts and pieces





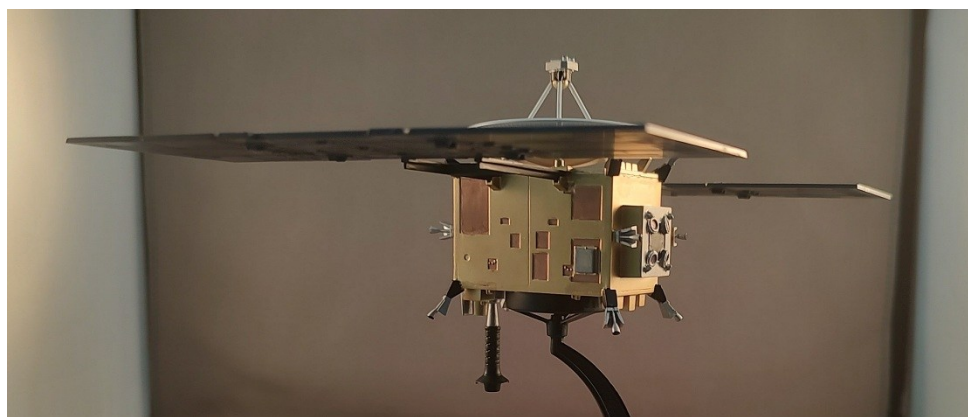
1/32 Hayabusa Muses-C (Aoshima)

By Norm Jordan

Finished with Tamiya & Modelmaster paints

Pros: Different subject; nice fit and detail.

Cons: Painting instructions could be thought out better





1/48 Wellington Mk III (AMT)

By Larry Gaudet

Finished with Tamiya paints

Pros: Good fit, clear instructions

Cons: Would reverse assembly because of painting

Comments: One of AMT's nice kits



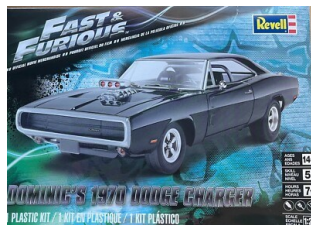
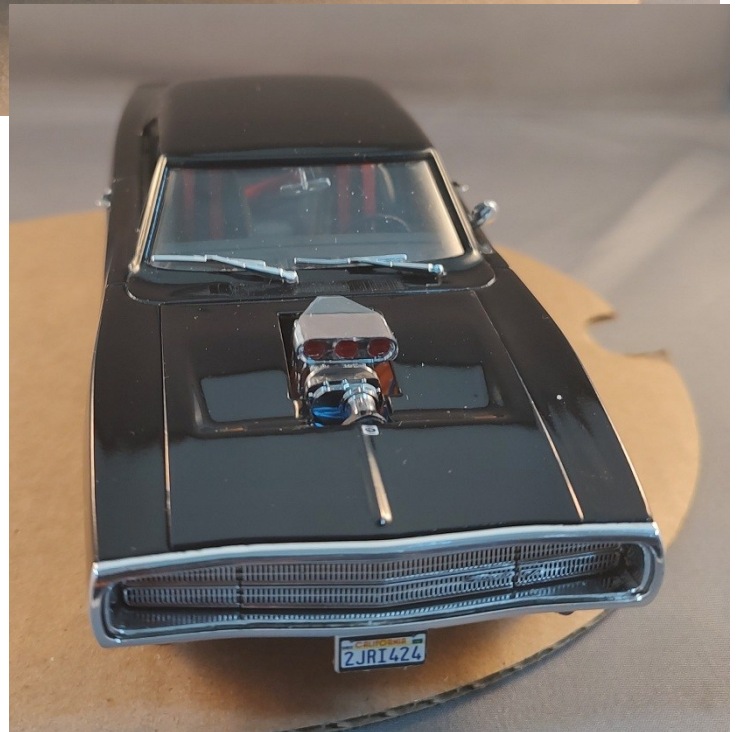


1/25 1970 Dodge Charger (Revell)

By Ron Garland

Finished with Rust-Oleum Flat Black, Duplicolor Acrylic Enamel, Krylon Gloss, Popsicle Orange

Comments: Good kit but some things need some work to make them fit





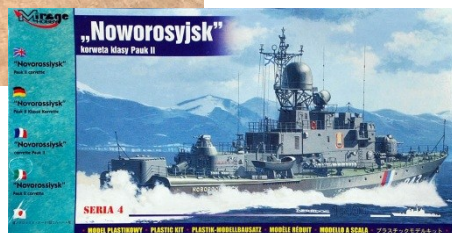
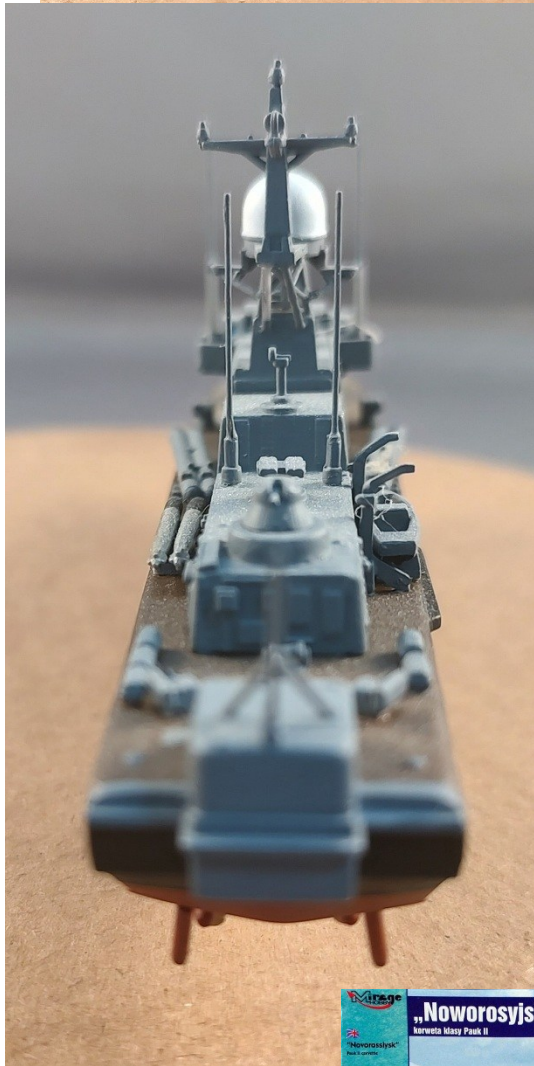
25mm T-Rex (Wizkids)

By Tony Bonti

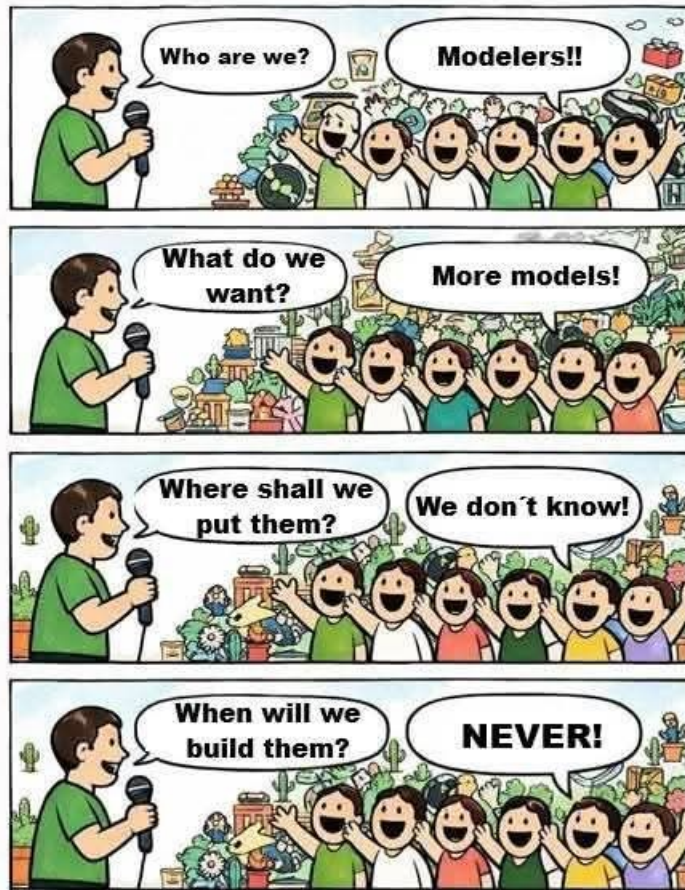
Finished with numerous Army Painter colors and washes

Pros: Nice kit

Cons: Poor fit on tail to body, need to cut, trim and sand to fit



1/400 "Pauk" Class Patrol Boat (Mirage)
By Joe Medolo
 Finished with Testors & Humbrol paints
 Pros: Very nice kit of this vessel
 Cons: Fiddley parts on radar masts



OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE ON TUES-
DAY, MARCH 3, 2026
AT THE MAINE MILI-
TARY MUSEUM,
SOUTH PORTLAND,
ME AND WILL START
AT 7:00 PM

Calendar

March 3—SMSM Meeting—Club Project—
Helicopters

April 7—SMSM Meeting

April 12—DowneastCon

July Club Project: Water Planes

October Club Project: Figures