



## *Happy Modeling*

*By Norm Jordan*

Sitting here in front of this box of styrene plastic

This special kit that I had wanted for so long

The picture on the box makes it look so darn fantastic

So I wonder what it is that I am doing wrong

The parts do not fit like they say they should

And there are so many frickin seams to fill

These instructions must have been made to be misunderstood

And all of this photoetch is clearly beyond my meager skills

Why is it that I put in so much time and effort

When it looks nothing like the image on the box

And all of these little pieces really make my eyes hurt

As onto the carpet one of those little suckers drops

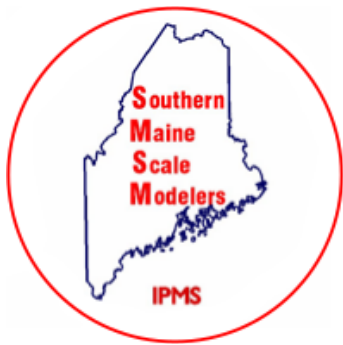
I guess this “hobby” is more like an obsession

I tell myself this is the last kit like this I will buy

But, I guess that I will never really learn my lesson

For I just learned there is another version of this kit I must try





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# Madame Prez Says

By Grace Leavitt

Welcome to the New Year 2025!

It was good to see a few of our absentee members back at our meeting!

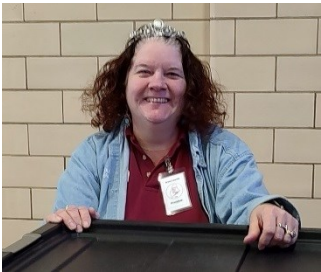
We have elected our officers for and we are re-chartered also, so the club is on track for another year. Thank you for your confidence in me and the other officers.

A reminder that Trophy packs are for sale for DowneastCon, as are vendor tables. Things are moving along for the contest and I look forward to another great year as your President!

On another note; I'M BAACK! It's been a few months but I am finally back at the bench working on a model.....

Happy Modeling!

Grace Leavitt, the Prez



**Wanted:** Looking for stock steel wheels for my 1/25 scale racecar projects. If you have some you could stand to get rid of I would be interested in taking them off your hands for a fair price. I don't necessarily need complete sets of 4 so any odd steel wheels would also work. Thank you, George Bangs



# Hear Ye! Here Ye!

By Norm Jordan

## SMSM Meeting Minutes

SMSM Meeting--- 7 January, 2025

Location: Maine Military Museum

South Portland, Maine

Meeting opens at 7pm

Prez Leavitt greets members to 2025

### Old Business

- 4/6/2025- Downeastcon 2025 will be at the Sanford Memorial Gym. This year the club has voted to use medals instead of plaques for the regular categories in an effort to reduce the ever-increasing costs.
- Northshore/ IPMS Club has announced they will not be holding a contest this year due to issues with venue and parking.

### New Business

- The elected club officers for 2025 year is as follows:

President: Grace Leavitt

Vice President: Paul Paradis

Treasurer: Dave Osborne

Secretary: Norm Jordan

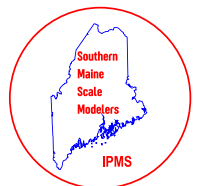
- Prez Leavitt will enter this information and renew IPMS Charter
- The club project for the first part of 2025 will be "First Responders". This will be for the May meeting
- The club voted to donate the sum of \$300 to the Maine Military Museum; Motion made by Norm Jordan/ seconded by Ed Dyson. All members present were in favor.

BREAK at 715-735

Show and Tell: There were three models by three modelers. Bob Piere won the Model of the month for his 61 Impala

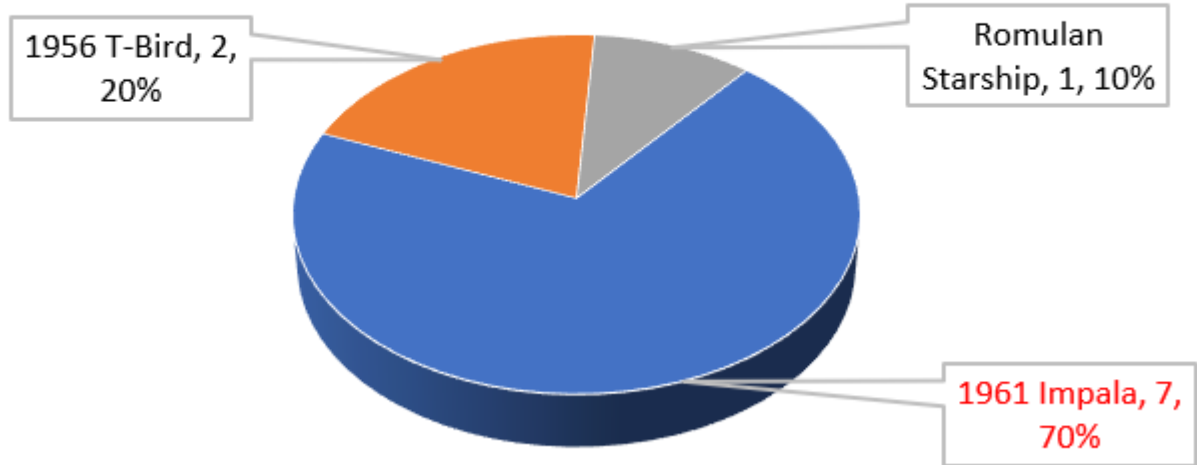
The 50/50 Raffle Winner was Norm Jordan; who donated proceeds to club

Members Present: R. Allen, D. Buchanan, E. Dyson, N. Jordan, K. Keniston, S. Laing, G. Leavitt, J. Medolo, D. Moreau, M. Moreau, P. Paradis, B. Pierce, B. Schaffner, K. Waterson



# Modeler of the Month

## January Model-of-the-Month Voting



Modeler of the  
Month

January 2025

## *1961 Chevy Impala*

By Bop Pierce







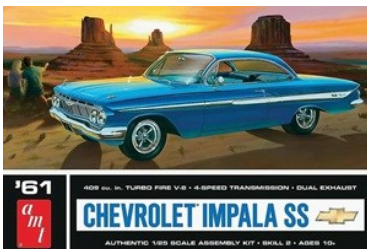
# **1/24 1961 Chevrolet Impala SS (AMT)**

*By Bob Pierce*

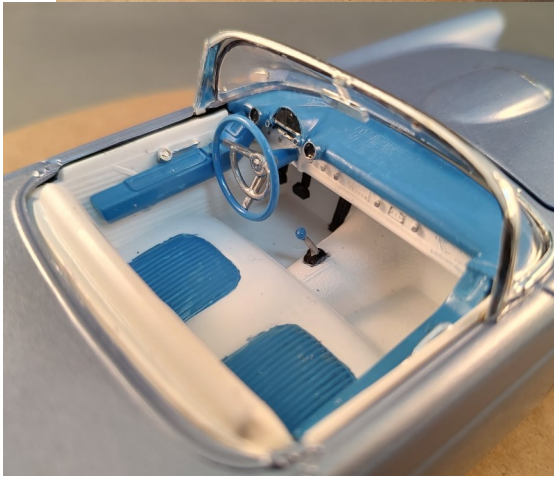
Finished with Duplicolor primer, Automotive touch-up paint / clear coat

Pros: Actual 1961 body colors

Comments: Great kit to build, lots of bare metal foil







# **1/25 1956 Thunderbird (Monogram)**

*By Bill Schaffner*

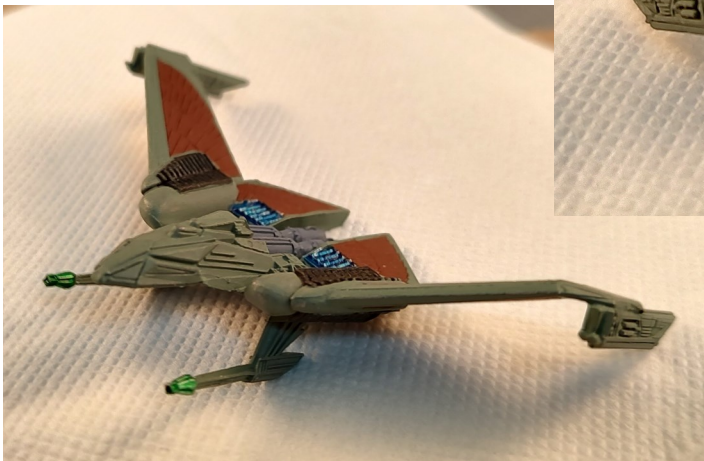
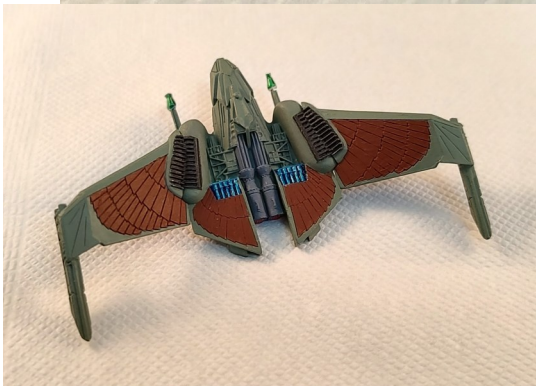
Finished with Tamiya Blue Pearl

Pros: Went together well

Cons: It's an old mold







**1/15000 Romulan Winged Defender  
(FASA)**

*By Joe Medolo*

Finished with Model Master paints





This dog is trained  
To sniff unfinished  
model builds



OUR NEXT MEETING  
WILL BE ON TUES-  
DAY, FEBRUARY 4,  
2025 AT THE MAINE  
MILITARY MUSEUM,  
SOUTH PORTLAND,  
ME AND WILL START  
AT 7:00 PM

## Calendar

February 4—SMSM Meeting

March 4—SMSM Meeting

April 6—DowntownCon

April 8—SMSM Meeting