

## IPMS/NENY 2025 In-Person meeting calendar

All in-person meetings are typically held on the **THIRD Thursday** of each month at the Empire State Aerosciences Museum starting at 7pm. If there is any change in the date or time of a meeting, notice of the change will be shared with the group via email as far in advance as possible. ALL meetings will feature the Freecycle table, the Buy/Sell/Swap table, and Show and Tell. Some meetings during the year will feature a special theme as described below. Note that these are NOT contests (with one exception), but simply an effort to encourage members to build models and bring them to the meetings to share with others.

**January 16 – New Year’s Resolution Pledges** – Let’s start the year off right...Each member should bring two kits with them to the meeting:

- 1) **Your New Year’s Resolution** – An unstarted kit that you PLEDGE before the group, to complete sometime **before the end of the 2025 year**.
- 2) **Your Shelf of Dreams Resolution** – Something you’ve started, but stalled on (for whatever reason). You will be PLEDGING before the group, to complete this kit as well and because it’s already started, you will only have **until the June 2025 meeting** to finish it!!

We’ll have each member publicly present their resolutions and receive support and encouragement from the group for their commitment. And by the way, we will be writing these down!!

**February 20 – Regular meeting – Build Night** (note, a Build Night is just that...bring along a kit you are working on along with some basic tools to cut and clean plastic, some glue if you plan to stick anything together, etc. We just sit around and talk about modeling, while we are modeling!!)

**March 20 – Nostalgia Night** – Let’s celebrate the hobby by reflecting on how far we’ve come! Bring to the meeting two things: 1) the oldest (or one of the oldest) unbuilt kit you have in your stash and 2) bring what you think is the oldest built model in your collection.

**April 17 – Celebrating Tamiya** - Each member should bring a completed Tamiya model...something from your collection OR something you completed specifically for this meeting...but it must be a Tamiya kit! Gosh, they really do make everything, from tanks to planes, ships, cars, figures, motorcycles, even dinosaurs...so there’s room for everyone under this tent!!

**May 15 – Regular meeting – Build Night**

**June 19 – I’ve got your Shelf of Dreams...right here!!** - Everyone who took the pledge in January will bring their completed/finished/done/in the books/finito/wrapped up Shelf of Dreams project from the January meeting to show off to the group and to prove that you are true to your word...how’s that for pressure?!!

**July 17 – Regular meeting - Build Night**

**August 21– Sanford Cup Contest** – Continuing an old NENY tradition...the Sanford Cup! Named in honor of a long-time member of NENY and an exceptional modeler, Al Sanford, this was an annual club ritual for many years. **This one IS a contest!** Bring a model that you have completed in the last calendar year and everyone picks the one they like best. And YES, there will be a cup involved!!

**September 18 – Regular meeting – Build Night**

**October 16 – Build a Sci-Fi Subject** - Each member should bring **a completed sci-fi model**. Something made up, something from the movies, TV, manga, steampunk, or any other fantasy realm. Here’s another opportunity to stretch your modeling portfolio to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations...to boldly go where you as a modeler has never gone before!! ...and of course, just have some fun!!

**November 20 – Regular meeting – Build Night**

**December 18 – NENY Holiday Celebration AND Reckoning Day for your 2025 Resolution Build** – Nothing says the holidays like gift exchanges, fellowship and well wishes, a free meal, etc.! Please also bring your 2025 Resolution completion to show off to the group and to demonstrate your “resolve”!! Note that there will be cowbells involved to celebrate and/or to shame!!