

ANTENNA !

A Publication of the Regina Scale Modellers



Michael Evans deep in concentration while he highlights a figure during his painting demo at the March 2005 meeting.

(Al Magnus photo)

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Meetings

Time: 7:30 PM

Date: First Friday of each month.

(Meeting held on second Friday of the month if first Friday falls on a holiday long weekend. No meeting in July.)

Place: South Leisure Center, 170 Sunset Drive
(Albert Park), Regina, SK

Memberships

Regular	\$24.00/year
Junior (under 16)	\$8.00/year
**Subscription	\$14.00/year

The RSM modelling year runs from September 1 to August 31. All membership renewals are due on or before the start of the modelling year. Any new members joining after the year has started will have the first year's fees pro-rated.

** The Subscription rate is available to those living outside the City of Regina, and wishing to be a club member, but unable to attend regular meetings

Websites

RSM Website:

<http://angelfire.com/sk2/scalemodeling/>

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<http://www.quicktopic.com/4/H/Z8cOpNBqCNY3A7wCNd/>

"FULL METAL JACKET" Modern Armour and Armour Model Photographs

www.kithobbyist.com/AFVinteriors/fullmetaljacket/fullmet.html

"Uniforms of the German Army" Series Website

www.angelfire.com/sk2/germanuniforms/index.html

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Material for the Antenna

Kit Reviews, Articles, Modelling Hints and Tips, and other newsworthy modelling items for publication in the Antenna. Contact Al via email at magnusfamily@cableregina.com or via phone at 789-9017 evenings and weekends.

Publication of the Antenna is usually the week of scheduled general meetings. If you have time sensitive information to pass on, please try to get it to the editor at least one week before the next general meeting. Copies are emailed once the Antenna is complete. Postal mailing will be done following the general meeting.

Raffle Prizes

Kits, decals, books, etc. donated by you for the club raffle. Raffles happen at every regular meeting (dependant upon donations). Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Bring your donations with you. Thank you.

Glue Crazy

I was asked why or how I came up with the title Glue Crazy, and the only answer I could find is that as the President you are expected to have a written contribution to the Antenna every month. I looked back at the submissions of past Presidents and noticed one thing in common name wise - that nothing was in common. So I guess my answer would be that I wanted something nobody else had used. I had considered Model Crazy but it just seemed to me that glue was held it together, thus "Glue Crazy".

The thing I like about building models is that for me they are a great stress relief (sometimes). Now I say that because we have all done something really dumb at least once while putting a kit together.

For me the dumbest thing was spray painting a car hood and before I could get it hung up I dropped it on the garage floor, and of course it lands wet side down. I hurriedly stripped off what I had done and repainted the hood only to drop it on the floor again before I could hang it up. The stress really built, but I found a way to relieve that stress with a long string of not nice phrases, but I did feel better although not too bright.

There are many more of those stories but I am not going to bore you with them. You can tell your own.

I build models because I enjoy and have fun doing so. It also keeps me out of my very understanding partners hair. Every person should have some kind of outlet to relax and be creative. This is my outlet. When it no longer is fun then it will be time to open the glue bottles and let them dry up and go on to other pursuits. I really don't see that happening as this has been a 47 year hobby for me.

So if you enjoy building kits don't forget to have fun doing so and at the same time share your knowledge with friends doing the same thing.

Keep your glue capped (when not in use) and build lots.

Curfew James.

RSM Club Calendar

2005

April 1

What If? (CF-105 Arrow in modern Canadian Forces scheme, etc)
X-Planes
What I Don't Usually Build
Fords

April 22-24

Model Display at the Majestics Car Show

May 6

Club Contest
Modeller of the Year Award
Demo: Weathering Armour, Pt.2

June 3

Club Elections
Figures Nite
Vettes

Swap/Sell Night

July

no meeting

August 5

Flash & Dash (Fast machines, Colourful schemes)
Pzkw's

August 20-21

Canada Remembers Air Show - Saskatoon

September 9

Adversaries (Vette & Mustang, etc.)
Children of the Night (Things that operate by night ..
F-117, Dracula, etc.)

September 23-25

Expo 2005
(display only this year)

October 14

Canadiana
Salt 'n' Pepper (Anything with black &/or White as main scheme)

March 4, 2005 General Meeting

The weather was excellent and the attendance at the March meeting was great as a result. In attendance were Cam Barker, Sheldon Barsi, Ryan Cunningham, Lee David, Larry Draper, Patrick Elkington, Michael Evans, Neil Hill, Curfew James, Leith James, Ed Kereluk, Kevin Kreinke, Marc Langlais, James Lory, Gordon MacDonald, Al Magnus, Nathan Magnus, Chris Martin, Barry Novak, Dave Porter, Dave Schmidt, Len Schmidt, Gene Stacyszyn, Aubrey Steadman, Frank Turgeon and Rob Wheeler. Two new faces showed up - Bob Stocks and Eldon Conley (hopefully I have the spelling correct). Both indicated that they were impressed with what they saw and would probably be back in April to join the club.

We were also graced with a visit from two members of the local constabulary, who were responding to an alarm triggered by our entrance into the building. We knew that the alarm had gone off, but since we were not given the alarm reset code, we set up as usual and awaited the arrival of the police. About a half hour later they appeared, checked out what was happening, perused some of the models on display and then left. Good thing Dave Kapp wasn't at the meeting. We may have had an incident on our hands. Rumor has it that Dave is in possession of numerous unpaid parking tickets ;-)

A goodly amount of plastic also appeared on the tables. Here's what was on display.

Lee David: 1/48 Monogram Spitfire Mk.I; 1/48 Monogram Harrier GR Mk.I; 1/48 Tamiya Gloster Meteor Mk.I
Patrick Elkington: Occidental 1/48 Spitfire Mk.IXe 132Sq. RAF; Hobbycraft 1/48 Spitfire Mk.XII, converted from Hobbycraft Seafire XV, 42Sq RAF; Academy 1/48 Spitfire Mk. XVIIIe; Monogram 1/48 Typhoon in R.T.P. Davidson markings, RAF 143Wing CO
Neil Hill: 1/48 DH Vampire FB.5; 1/48 Gloster Javelin T.3
Curfew James: 1/24 MG sports car
Leith James: '36 Chevy Dirt Racer (primer table); 2003 'Calsonic' Nissan Skyline
Marc Langlais: 1/48 Japanese 'Pete' biplane
Al Magnus: 1/72 Amodel KaSkr-1 and KaSkr-2
Chris Martin: Warhammer 40K Space Marines
Barry Novak: 1/35 M12 Self Propelled Gun
Dave Porter: 1/72 Airfix Vosper M.T.B.; 1/72 Huma Fw-283; 1/72 Revell Arado E.555 bomber; 1/48 Curtiss R3C-7
Len Schmidt: MPC snapkit TIE Interceptor and B-Wing Fighter
Aubrey Steadman: miscellaneous British 1/72 scale armour; Dragon 1/72 Zimmerit Tiger I
Frank Turgeon: 1/48 F-86 in RCAF markings

The majority of the meeting centered around the proposed changes to the constitution. After much debate and a few changes, the new constitution was accepted. By the time you read this it will be on the web site.

Michael Evans presented part two of his figure painting methods, this time concentrating on what techniques to use on bodies. Thanks Michael. It was both entertaining and informative.

MPC Ertl – Star Wars Tie Interceptor

(Snap Kit # 8931) Approximate scale 1/48

by Len Schmidt

This kit was part of a 3 kit set from MPC that also included the B-Wing and X-Wing fighters that I purchased many years ago. The X-wing was given away in the club raffle, and I had done the B-Wing (in retro WW2 German markings. Some of you may recall that I had written a “what if” article in the Antenna on it).

The Tie Interceptor consists of:

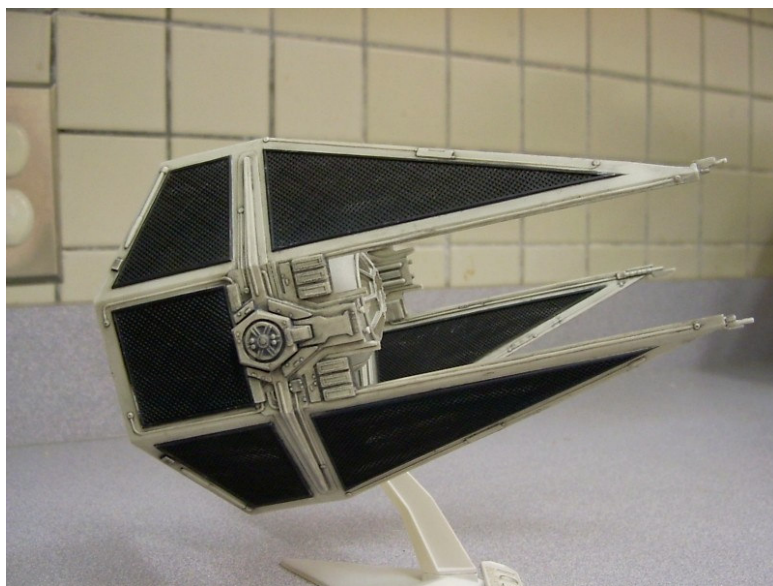
- A stand with three clear plastic pieces.
- The “wings” are single pieces with very good detail (a few sink holes need to be filled though). There are also two smaller pieces that are supposed to snap into the wings to hold them to the fuselage.

- The cockpit consists of 1 piece with a separate pilot figure.
- The fuselage has 2 main sections, with 3 clear parts for the canopy glass, a rear hatch and front screen main section. The kit also comes with landing gear, though I decided not to bother as I was going to display it on the stand anyway.



(Al Magnus photo)

Fuselage halves 5 & 6 were test fitted and then glued. The hinged cover (Part 4) can be installed either open or closed. I chose the closed position, which results in having to fill around the hatch hinge as it is a very poor fit when closed. I used ZAP glue for the filler and then sanded it down. You will also need to do some filling and sanding for the seam lines on the fuselage halves once they have been glued together. I then masked off the clear parts installed in Step 2 above prior to doing the first base coat of paint.



(Al Magnus photo)

also required to get these to fit properly). Once everything was together I gave the model a coat of Gunze flat clear, then peeled off the masking over the clear parts.

BASE: The stand for the kit I painted in the same light grey as the kit. Due to the wash with the dark grey, the base is a lighter colour than the kit. Clear coated with Tamiya clear after painting. I had forgotten to install the nameplate (Part 9) when I glued the stand together, so I modified it and glued the nameplate to the front of the

The instructions consist of 1 sheet with four steps shown to building the kit.

Step 1: I started by painting the interior as per the kit instructions. I decided not to bother with the pilot.

Step 2: Part #2 was test fitted to the clear front screen, some sanding was required to get a good fit. Part #2 was then painted and detailed prior to gluing the clear part on. I then masked the clear parts with Tamiya masking tape in prep for painting. The cockpit and screen assemblies were then test fitted to the lower and upper fuselage (Parts 5 & 6). Fairly good fit.

Step 3: Clear parts were fitted and glued to Parts 4 and 5 as shown in the instructions.

Step 4: First thing was to mask off the panels on the wings and spray with a light gray acrylic (also Part #8 – 2 pieces). The fuselage was also painted this colour. Then the wings were masked and the panels were painted flat black. Since the panels look black in the picture on the box, I chose not to use the slate grey listed in the instructions. Prior to attaching the wings and Part 8, I clear coated all parts with Gunze clear acrylic, then did an oil wash (a dark grey made of black and zinc white) on all parts except the stand. I then did a dry brush of Testors Steel colour very lightly over the whole kit, mostly in the raised sections once the wash had set for a few days. I attached the wings to the fuselage (some sanding and filing is required as the fuselage slides into a slot in each of the wings) and then installed the #8 parts (some sanding was

stand. The way they show the installation of the plate on the stand is somewhat confusing as it looks like the “Star Wars” logo is pointing towards the back! I dry brushed Testors Gold over the lettering on the plate.

Installing the stand to the bottom of the kit requires a bit of filing as the little knobby thingy that fits to the bottom of the kit is a bit too big (I managed to snap off the stand, so I had to re-glue it).

Conclusion: Not bad. Fit is what you’d expect from a Snap kit (i.e.: a serious modeller would fill and glue it all). The filling and filing takes up most of the build time.

Annual Library Display Breakdown

For those of you that put models into the display case at the Sherwood Branch back in March, this is a reminder that the display will end Sunday, April 3rd and you should come by the library at 1:30pm and remove your kits.

Aircraft SIG still needed

The club is still looking for a volunteer from the membership to take over as the Aircraft SIG from Dave Porter. Dave will remain as the Sci-Fi SIG contact. The executive is hoping that someone will step forward soon.

As Aircraft SIG you will be considered a member-at-large, as defined by sections 4.02 and 4.11 of the constitution., and you will be involved in things like helping to organize clubs activities and displays in conjunction with the Regina Flying Club, the Moose Jaw Air Show, plus other aircraft related activities.

Bridgecon 2005

The annual SMAS contest will be held May 6th and 7th, at the Mount Royal Collegiate, 2220 Rusholme Rd., in Saskatoon. Entry times are Friday from 6 to 8pm, and Saturday 9 to noon. Judging is Saturday from 12:30pm to 4pm. Adult fees are \$5 for the first model, and \$1 for each thereafter. Junior entries are \$1 each. More information can be obtained from Vern Gwin at 306-384-4963 or at vgwinstoonmodels@shaw.ca.

April 1, 2005 General Meeting Agenda

1. Aircraft SIG wanted.
2. Majestics car show.
3. Saskatoon airshow display.
4. Swap night reminder.
5. Any interest in having a build night?

RMMC Model Contest

The Rocky Mountain Model Club will be holding its annual model contest over the weekend of May 13-14th, 2005. The venue will be at the Sandstone Valley Ecumenical Centre, 1100 Berkshire Blvd. NW, Calgary. Entries accepted between 9.00am and

12.00pm. Contest area open all day for viewing. Award presentations at approximately 4.30pm.

You can get more information on the contest categories and obtain entry forms from the RMMC website at: www.rockymountainmodelclub.com. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Scott McTavish at 403-274-3711 or via email: rmmc_contest@hotmail.com.

Majestics Car Show 2005

Contrary to what was reported in the March Antenna, the club will be having a model car contest along with the already announced speed building contest. The number of categories will be limited and awards will take the form of ribbons only. Contest entry is free of charge. Contestant registration is Friday April 22 from 5pm to 8pm. Judging is Friday after 8pm. Show times are Saturday 10am to 11pm and Sunday 10am to 5pm.

As for the speed building contest, the cash prizes will be awarded as follows: \$50 for first place, \$30 for second place and \$20 for third place. Each contestant will have 2 hours to build the kit. Entry fee is \$10 and openings are still available.

Volunteers are still needed for the show. Free passes are available to those that help man the tables for a minimum of 2 hours. To sign up in advance on the volunteer sheet or to get more details, contact Ed Kereluk at 522-8353.

Contributions to the Archives Wanted

Work is underway on assembling an archives containing material from the club since its inception. At present we are looking to complete the back issue holdings of the Antenna. Below is a list of what we currently have for past Antenna issues.

1986: Jan, Apr, May, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
 1987: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jul, Sep, Oct, Dec
 1988: Feb, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Nov, Dec
 1989: Jan, Mar, Apr, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
 1990: Apr, Dec
 1991: Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
 1992: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr-May, Jun-Jul, Sep, Dec

1993: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Sep, Oct, Nov
 1994: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
 1995: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Summer, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
 1996: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Oct, Nov, Dec
 1997: May, Jun-Jul, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
 1998: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun-Jul, Aug-Sep, Nov, Dec
 1999: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul-Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
 2000: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Summer, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
 2001: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul-Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec
 2002: Jan-Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Summer, Sep,

Oct, Nov, Dec
 2003: Jan-Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Summer, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
 2004: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul-Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
 2005: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr

We are looking for assistance from the membership, both past and present, to provide missing issues not found in this list. So if you can provide the exec with any past issues, be they original copies, photocopies or original galleys, it would be much appreciated. The Antenna has in the past contained much interesting and valuable information and it is our hope to eventually compile a full list of issues and their contents for posting on the web.

Product Reviews

by Larry Draper



Something new for the Hobbyist

You are looking at a Robart Hobby Paint Shaker. These are fairly new on the market and can be acquired from good hobby shops, such as Red Line Hobby. If you have had trouble in the past mixing up your paints, here is a great solution. All you do is strap in your jar of paint, push the button and let it shake. It works similar to the larger paint shakers you find in paint stores. The nice thing about this is once your paint is shaken up, it seems to stay mixed longer. It does a really thorough job, so you have a consistent colour throughout. Another good thing, if you're mixing colours you also get a good mix and no air bubbles. I recommend it if your paint is very thick on the bottom (old). Stir it with a stick first, close the lid, strap it in and let it shake. The results are amazing. I honestly wouldn't be without one.



Badger Paint Mixer

Here's another type of paint mixer on the market. It will fit most budgets and is more cost effective than the Robart model. The way this works is to open your jar of paint, push the mixer into the bottom, turn the lever and it will mix thick or thin paint with no problem whatsoever. This is also a great tool. It is battery-powered, which lasts a long time. It also keeps your colours mixed well. It is great for mixing colours, pearls, etc. It cleans up easy. Just place the end into some thinner, turn it on for a couple seconds, turn it off, take it out and it wipes right off. It makes painting much easier. Another item I would not be without.

Pix from the March 2005 meeting



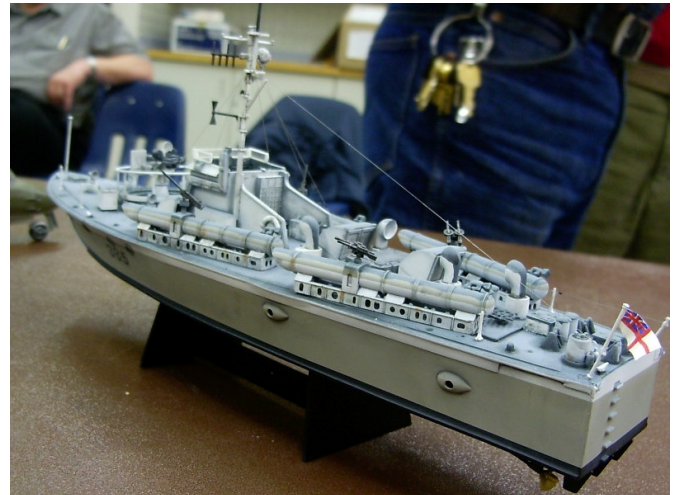
Leith James' Tamiya 1/24 scale 2003 "Calsonic"
Nissan Skyline (Al Magnus photo)



Frank Turgeon's 1/48 scale RCAF F-86
(Al Magnus photo)



The local constabulary eyeing the more
sinister members of the club (Leith James photo)



Dave Porter's 1/72 scale Airfix Vosper M.T.B.
(Al Magnus photo)



Neil Hill's 1/48 scale Gloster Javelin
(Nathan Magnus photo)



Barry Novak's 1/35 scale M12 SPG spittin' fire
(Leith James photo)