

# ANTENNA!

A Publication of the Regina Scale Modellers



Four of Colin Kunkel's very colourful CF-18 fighters present at the August meeting

(Al Magnus photos)

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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

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[www.kithobbyist.com/AFVinteriors/fullmetaljacket/fullmet.html](http://www.kithobbyist.com/AFVinteriors/fullmetaljacket/fullmet.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](mailto: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

Where has this summer gone? With all the extremes in the weather, from hot and muggy to cool and downright "West Coast" drizzly and wet, I trust some of you will have sat at your work benches and started or finished some of those projects that you mean to display at EXPO this year.

All membership dues need to be taken care of this month. We update our membership list each year and the info on the renewal forms is vital. Please contact Leith James to renew your membership if you haven't done so already.

A round of applause for those of our members who ventured north to Saskatoon for the air show. We will be having reports at the Sept. 9/05 meeting.

I have been approached by several of our regular members regarding guest speakers. I think this is a good idea and should continue. It was noted however (and I agree) that when we have a guest speaker that we do not have a demo table going the same night, as it tends to be a long drawn out affair which doesn't do justice to either party. Think about it and let me or any of the executive know your thoughts.

We will be updating our theme nights list for the next year, hopefully for the next Antenna.

Well this will be a short one. I encourage all of you to bring out those models for the Expo display, as this is a no competition event this year it makes all of us WINNERS. Keep building and see you at the Sept. 9 meeting.

Curfew James.

## RSM Club Calendar

### 2005

#### September 9

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

#### September 23-25

Expo 2005  
(no contest - display only this year)

#### October 14

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

#### November 4

Anything with 2 or more engines  
Russian & French Armour  
Foreign or Exotic Autos

#### November 11

RUSI Display

#### December 2

Tora, Tora, Tora (Anything Japanese)

### 2006

#### January 6

Bare Metal Finishes  
Armour named after Generals (Lee, Grant, etc.)  
Chevy's

#### February 3

Century Series A/C  
Mid-East Armour  
Nascar

#### March 4

"For the Birds" (Anything with a bird name ..  
F-15 Eagle, Ford Thunderbird, etc)  
My Favorite Model



### August 5, 2005 General Meeting

In attendance were Cam Barker, Sheldon Barsi, Elden Conley, Larry Draper, Michael Evans, Neil Hill, Curfew James, Kevin Krienke, Ed Kereluk, Colin Kunkel, Marc Langlais, Gordon MacDonald, Al Magnus, Chris Martin, Ted McPherson, Dave Schmidt, Len Schmidt, and Frank Turgeon.

Thanks to Al Magnus, Len Schmidt and Frank Turgeon for providing the night's raffle items.

The meeting proceeded at a brisk pace as there was not a lot to report for the past couple of months. With vacation season in full swing, attendance was a bit on the thin side, and the plastic on the tables was also a bit sparse.

On the tables:

Colin Kunkel: a selection of five 1/48 scale Revell CF-18s in various CAF commemorative schemes.

Michael Evans: German Type OMMR rail car (part of a diorama in progress).

Al Magnus: 1/72 scale Academy F6F Hellcat, 1/72 scale Academy P-47D razorback, 1/72 scale MPM Fokker D.XXI.

Elden Conley: A selection of circa-1980's Military Modelling magazines.



Michael Evans' German Type OMMR rail car

(Al Magnus photo)



Al Magnus' 1/72 scale P-47D Thunderbolt razorback

(Al Magnus photo)



Al Magnus' 1/72 scale Fokker D.XXI

(Al Magnus photo)



Al Magnus' 1/72 scale Academy F6F Hellcat

(Al Magnus photo)

### Solution to word search in the August issue

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### Expo 2005 Update

The Expo schedule will be a little different this year. Usually we set up on the Friday prior to the competition, but for this year the set up will take place Saturday morning commencing at 9am.

We would like to set up a demo table where members can demonstrate various aspects of scale model building to the public. To do this we will need volunteers, so if you are interested please contact someone on the executive. We are also looking for items for a door prize draw. If you have anything appropriate, such as unbuilt kits that you would like to donate, again please contact someone on the executive.

As for the tables, we should have approximately 12-14 tables at our disposal. At present it looks like we have around 10 to 11 spoken for. So if you're interested in displaying something at Expo, don't hesitate. Table space is becoming limited.

### Reminders

- The 2005-2006 modelling year commences with the September 9 meeting. The executive would like to remind all members that dues for next year should be submitted at the September meeting if possible.
- By now I'm sure all of you are aware that this year's Expo will be a display only venture with no scheduled contest. The number of tables spoken for is expanding quickly and we need to hear from any others who wish to place something in this year's Expo. So if you wish to participate in the Expo, please let someone in the executive know as soon as possible. Table space is finite!
- For 2005-2006, any members submitting an original review, article or tip, will have their name entered into a draw for a \$25 gift certificate at Redline Hobbies. Details can be found in the June 2005 issue of the Antenna.

- For those of you who have items in the F.W. Hill Mall display, you should pick up your items on Saturday, September 17. Contact Kevin Krienke at (H) 757-6231 (W) 781-6320 or at kb\_krienke@yahoo.com.

## September 9 , 2005 General Meeting Agenda

1. Saskatoon air show report.
2. Expo update.

## Kit Review

by Al Magnus

### Pavla Focke Achgelis Fa-330, kit number 72015, 1/72 scale

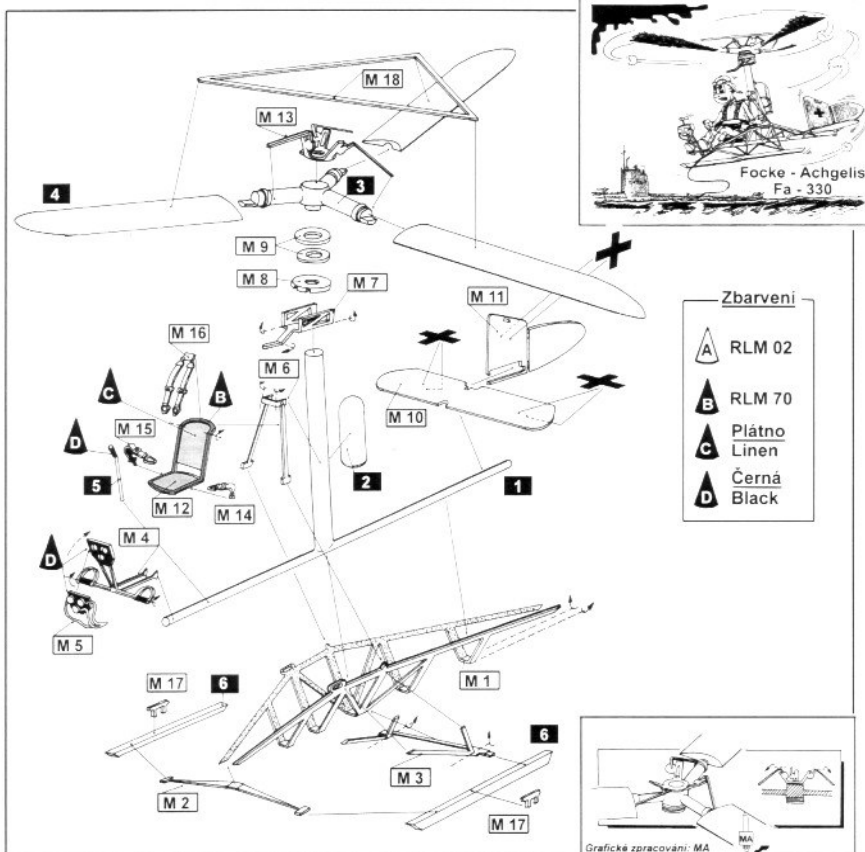


PLASTIKOVÁ STAVEBNICE V MĚŘÍTKU 1:72  
PLASTIC KIT IN 1:72 SCALE

### Focke Achgelis Fa 330

Bezmotorový pozorovací vrtník pro ponorky. Focke Achgelis Fa 330 Bachstelze, zkonstruoval v roce 1942 Heinrich Focke. Vrtník se vyznačoval jednoduchou skládací konstrukcí a malými rozměry. Byl určen pro velké oceánské ponorky typu IX, ze kterých měl startovat z plošiny za věží. Vrtník s pozorovatelem byl vlečen nad ponorkou na 300metrovém laně, umožňující mu přístup 220 metrů. Závody Weser-Flugzeugbau v Hoyenkamp vyrobily na 200 exemplářů vrtníku Fa 330. Ty byly poprvé nasazeny v létě 1942 v jižním Atlantiku, častěji však byly využívány ponorkami operujícími v Indickém oceánu.

The Focke Achgelis Fa 330 Bachstelze rotor-kite for submarines was designed by Heinrich Focke in 1942. The rotor-kite of simple construction and small dimensions was assigned to German class IX ocean submarines. With an observer the Fa 330 was to take off from a platform behind the submarine's tower. Then it was towed at the end of a 300 m cable enabling ceiling of 220 m. Two hundred production Fa 330s were built by the Weser-Flugzeugbau factory at Hoyenkamp. The Fa 330 first saw limited service in the Southern Atlantic in 1942 summer, but more often it was used over the Indian Ocean.



### The Kit:

The kit comes in a thin cardboard box that opens from both ends. The box itself is quite large, approximately 8 inches by 10 inches in size, while the kit inside is extremely small, packaged in a small plastic bag that takes up no more than a quarter of the 8x10 inch instruction sheet to which it is stapled.

Inside the box you'll find a fret containing 20 photo-etched pieces for the body parts, seat, belts, tail planes, rudder and other odds and ends. There are nine plastic parts for the rotor hub, rotor blades, body, control stick, parachute pack and landing skids. These are contained on one sprue of low pressure injected plastic.

The rotor head is much too big and fat for this scale. I contemplated replacing this part with a scratch built unit, but decided that I did not want to complicate matters with the extra work involved,

when all I really wanted to do was learn to build a kit that was predominantly photo-etch.



**Construction:**

For the most part, the kit was built basically straight from the box. The majority of the photo-etched parts are small and require a delicate touch while being bent. Crazy glue was used to attach all the parts together. Care must be taken to ensure that the body and the frame are aligned properly, so that the rotor shaft is perpendicular.

Construction was straight forward and fairly easy considering this was my first attempt at putting together a large amount of photo-etched parts. Inspect the instructions closely. They can be a bit vague as to where the parts are located and how they join. For example, the vertical stabilizer/rudder combo (part M11) does not show that the thin lower extension that goes under the horizontal stabilizer (part M10) needs to be trimmed and should attach to the end of the fuselage, (part 1) not lie along the top as shown.

As for the angles required for the bends on some of the parts, all you can do is guess what they are initially and then adjust them with some dry fitting before attaching. Particularly troublesome are parts M1, M3 and M13. I did not attach parts M17 to the skids. Try as I might, their tiny size made it too difficult to attach them. No matter what method I tried I either got either too much glue or too little glue on them and they would either stick to my tweezers or not stay attached to the model.

A couple of changes were made. The first one was the modification of the rotors to rotate in the correct direction (counter clockwise when viewed from above). Each blade has a notch intended as the attachment point to the rotor head. A new notch was filed into the plastic on the other side of each blade, and the old notch was filled with crazy glue and sanded to shape. Then the blades were attached to the rotor head using the new notches. After the blade/rotor assembly was painted, I substituted some no.9 guitar wire for the photo-etched piece (part M18) used for the bracing wires between the rotor blades.

I discarded the parachute pack (part 2) since it was not done very well done. Removing it didn't really bother me since I have seen a few photographs of the Fa-330 minus the parachute pack anyway.

The model was painted overall with Aeromaster RLM 76 light blue. The instructions state the colour as RLM 02 light grey, but I did not agree with this colour choice and used the light blue instead.

Decals come on a tiny sheet and are comprised of six very small German crosses. The decals sit down well on a glossy surface. Some spare decals were used for the instruments and for the black leading edges at the tips of the rotor blades.

**Conclusion:**

Overall this is a reasonably easy kit to build and I would recommend this kit for those who want to get some experience working with photo-etched parts. Patience with the cutting and bending of the parts should reward you with an interesting and unique model.