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View of the Expo 2006 Venue at the Saskatchewan Science Center
Photo by Colin Kunkel



Another view of the Expo 2006 venue at the Saskatchewan Science Center
Photo by Colin Kunkel



“Model Building is being able to hold history in your hands”

Leonardo da Vinci

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(Meeting held on second Friday
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weekend. No July Meeting)

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to Aug 31. All membership dues are due
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President's Greetings-By Dave Kapp

Greetings all! Well another edition of our Expo is behind us and by all accounts, it was a barn burner! A special thanks to the guys that drove in from out of town, that really adds to the credibility of our show. A lot of fantastic models were present.

To all those that signed up and actually came out and participated, a huge **THANK YOU**. Those that signed up but didn't bother coming out...well my mama always said if you don't have anything nice to say-just zip it. So I will.

Congratulations go out to Ron Gall and his new bride Alison. They were recently married a couple of times and I was lucky enough to be at one of the parties. Way to go, you guys.

Finally, we got snow, the perfect excuse to stay indoors and work on our favorite hobby. What's on your work bench? Right now I have a few projects on the go. A circa 1966 Aurora 1/32 Ford coupe called the Ram Rod which is a restoration project, a Ford J-car restoration project, the much anticipated and just recently released AMT Tiger Shark show rod, a rat rod I have been tinkering with for over a year and a schwack of unopened kits I can hardly wait to get to. Until next month!

Murphy's Laws of Modelling

By the Brad Morin-Past member of the Scale Modeller's Association of Saskatoon

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1. Fast drying glue works best when you don't want it too, and doesn't when you do.
2. The kit you want is never on sale.
3. Modelling knives are either too sharp or too dull.
4. The exact color of paint you want-you have to mix.
5. Decals never go on right-and if they do, they are the wrong decal or are in the wrong place.
6. Accessories are always more expensive than the kit.
7. Glue always works best on anything but the model.
8. Small parts always fall off the workbench while larger pieces always fall in out-of-the-way places.
9. The part you lose will never be one of the spares included in the kit.
10. Instructions are never in English.
11. Reference material always appears the day following completion of the kit of the kit you needed it for.
12. When you choose a paint scheme, the reference photos are always in black and white.
13. Putty hardens best in the tube.
14. The kit you win is never the one you want.
15. Super Glue isn't.
16. There is always flash in the most inaccessible places.
17. There are never any women in the model club, when there is, they're with someone else.

NEEDED: YOUR article submissions. Looking for anything modelling related. See Page 3 for details.

RSM Upcoming Events

December 1 2006

General Meeting

Open Cockpits

(Convertibles, Biplanes, Motorcycles, etc.)

January 5 2007

General Meeting

Sci Fi/Space/TV/Movies
NATO & Warsaw Pact
Fords

February 2 2007

General Meeting

50's and 60's
2007 - 40th Anniversary of
Camaro and Firebird

March 2 2007

General Meeting

3 or More Engines/Props
Americana (Anything from
the Americas...North-
Central or South)

Nurdwerks Summer Projekt

By Len Schmidt

The summer of 2006 saw a slowdown in model output from some of the Nurdwerks members, namely Gene Stacyszyn, James Lory, and myself. It wasn't an entire write-off though, as we managed to get some 1-1 scale model cabinets built to show off our past and future projects. After a winter of discussion on the matter at TH over ice caps and donuts, Gene came up with a prototype design that he and James assembled in the early summer in Gene's garage. Once this had been approved (test fit of the 1:350 scale NX-01 Enterprise showed lots of room left over on a shelf), cutting and initial construction began on the other 2 cabinets.



A change in venue was required shortly thereafter as Gene's garage became the storage area for his daughter's furniture for the summer, so we shifted everything over to James' garage for the filling and painting stages. Once the filling and sanding had been completed, Gene sprayed the interiors of all 3 cabinets white. The light fixtures, cord, and door latches were then installed, and the cabinets were ready for the exterior paint. James was the first to finish, so we hauled his cabinet downstairs and installed the glass front.

After letting the caulking cure, it was stood up and the glass shelves were installed. A few models were put in and the light turned on to see what the final effect was. GREAT! You couldn't even tell that there was a glass front when I first looked at it. The weather-stripping was then installed around the back doors so that the cabinet was airtight to prevent dust from getting into the cabinet.

Once I had my cabinet painted, it was hauled over to my apartment and we repeated the rest of the process. I hadn't actually measured the new cabinet to see where it would fit, so when I got it into my apartment, it somewhat "took over" the place, as my options on where to put it rapidly dwindled. I wound up having to totally revamp my living room layout in order to accommodate it! As for the third cabinet, we managed to get it into Dave Porter's basement without much problem (Gene decided he needed a corner cabinet and no longer required the prototype).



Nerdwerks continued.....

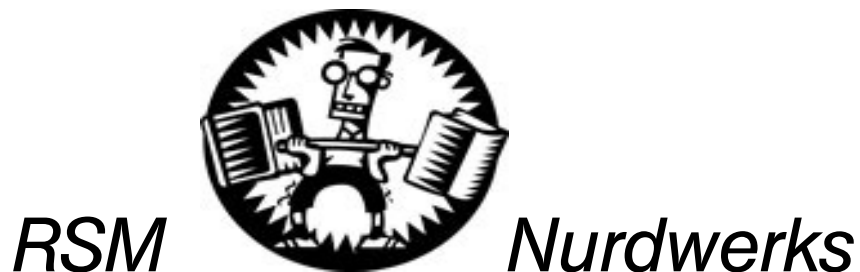
The cabinets are 48"W x 73-1/2"H x 23"D. The cabinet is made from MDF and has 2 hinged rear doors with weather stripping, which are held closed by 3 deadbolts. Due to the air tight nature of the design, a handle was later added to help with opening the doors.

The front glass is 61-3/4" x 46" x 5mm thick. We decided to use glass shelving as well, starting with one large shelf and one smaller shelf. The cabinet is designed for adjustable shelves (12" or 22"D x 46-1/4"L). The cabinet was mounted on 4 wheels in order to be able to pull it out from the wall, as the only access to the cabinet is from the back.

A dual 24" fluorescent light is installed with an inline 20 foot switch cord which can be switched on and off from the exterior of the cabinet.

Well, at least we have something to show for the summer, now it's a matter of getting back to the modeling bench and filling that sucker up!

Len



Photos from Expo 2006

Photos by Colin Kunkel



(From L to R) Cam Barker, Mike Reid from the Scale Modeller's Association of Saskatoon and Dave Porter talking shop on Saturday afternoon.



General view of the automotive and aircraft sections.



A pleasant surprise was a large number of automotive entries, both junior and adult, which made for some stiff competition.



View along the aircraft tables. Numbers were low, but the quality of the builds present was amazing.

F-14 Tomcat Sunset Group Build

Article by Colin Kunkel

Photos by Jay Chadek and Jim Bryan

Immortalized in the 1986 movie “Top Gun” starring Tom Cruise, the Grumman F-14 Tomcat was an icon of naval aviation. Now, it is just a memory.

September 2006 saw the final F-14 Tomcat flight take place at NAS Oceana, Virginia. The “Tomcat Sunset” was an event organized by past Tomcat pilots and crew members to pay homage to the legendary fighter jet. Events included seminars, a golf tournament and the final flight itself. Along with that, a model display took place and that brings me to the focus of the article.

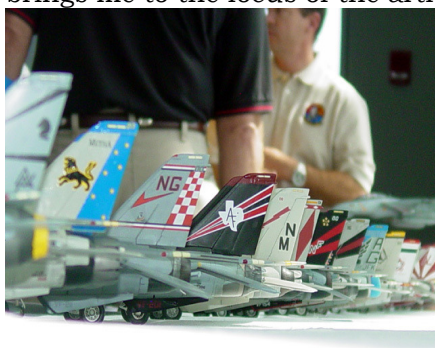


Photo by Jay Chadek

Aircraft Resource Center is a well known aviation modeling web site and from time to time, we participate in online group builds...more to encourage model building and usually something you have never built before. The Tomcat build was different in that the participants had all built Tomcats before and we avid enthusiasts when it came to the F-14.

Anyways, one of the Sunset organizers, Dave “Hey Joe” Parson, a veteran F-14 pilot who served during Desert Storm contacted a buddy of his, who is also one of ARC’s resident Tomcat guru’s and they organized the Tomcat model build.

All in all, most of the builders were from the US, 4 from Canada, one from Ireland and one from Singapore. Our goal....to build 48th scale Tomcat models representing every US squadron that flew the F-14. Seems easy, right??? Sure, if everyone lives close by! In the end, we completed our task....for the most part. Out of about 30 or so units, we managed to miss 5....not to bad considering.



Photo by Jim Bryan

Tomcat Sunset continued.....

In the end, the model build was a success. The Tomcat pilots, RIOs and wrench turners were very impressed. All those who participated had to part ways with their models, except for one. He had built a MiG Killer Tomcat and the model was actually signed by the last two surviving pilots from the particular engagement, so the model was returned as a keep-sake.

Along with the prestige of participating in such a historic aviation event, all of the model builders received pieces cut from about 4 different Tomcats as a thank you for building the models. Definitely a welcome addition to the collection of aviation memorabilia.

What do I have to do with this event???? I contributed two models to the build...an F-14A Tomcat from VF-14 "Tophatters" and an F-14A Tomcat from VF-211 "Fighting Checkmates". The models are part of a permanent collection at NAS Oceana.



Photo by Jay Chadek



Photo by Jay Chadek

Above are the two models I contributed. Took a lot of bubble wrap and careful packing (not to mention postage!!!), but both models arrived in one piece.

It was certainly an honour for me to take part in such an event...even if I wasn't there, my handy work is. Hope you enjoyed.



Season's Greetings!
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