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Newsletter of
the Regina Scale
Modellers



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

Leonardo da Vinci



Ted
McPherson's
AMT 1/25
scale Willys
1940 Pick Up
Truck.

Photo by Colin
Kunkel

Dave Porter's
gigantic 1/72
Revell Gato
Class
Submarine.

Photo by Colin
Kunkel



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Place: South Leisure Center
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Memberships
Regular \$24.00/year
Junior (under 16) \$8.00/year
**Subscription \$14.00/year
**The Subscription rate is available for those
living outside the City of Regina, and wishing
to be a club member, but are unable to attend
regular meetings.

The RSM Modeling year runs from Sept 1 to Aug 31.
All membership dues are due on or before the start of
the modeling year. Any new members joining after the
year has started will have their first years fees pro-
rated.

Article Submissions

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Hello everyone, and welcome back
to another year of modelling and
the camaraderie, displays, trials
and tribulations that go with it. Pity those
who don't understand us. I have heard the
word 'toys' mentioned once or twice, poor
demented souls they just don't understand.

I trust everyone had an
otherwise good summer, marred of course
by the passing of William Yee in July. Will
never said much, but was a friend to most
of us and he will be missed by us all.
Summer I find to be a great time for model
making. I am able to sit on the deck and
use all the smelly solvents, glues, and
lacquer paint I like without smelling up the
house. Thank God my wife is tolerant of
that the rest of the year. Of course it
brings with it other problems, such as
when the dust speck sized piece falls
between the boards or onto the grass never
to be seen again.

This past month we had a club
display at the Saskatoon Air Show. Many
thanks to Colin Kunkel, Ted McPherson,
and Neil Hill for their help. Mike Reid,
president of the Saskatoon club, was very
appreciative of our attendance. There will
not be an air show next year as apparently
they will be resurfacing one of the runways,
but after that is a big question mark.
Owing to poor weather this year the show's
attendance was way down and the event
went into the red, so it is possible it may
not return for a while. A lack of actual
airplanes was a factor as well, with only a
C-130 and KC-135 from the USAF,
whereas other years it is US Navy and Air
Force and Canadian Air Force planes as far
as the eye can see.

A heated discussion occurred at the
August meeting regarding the annual club
contest and whether or not to continue
with it. Let us not forget the club exists
because we all love the hobby. No one
takes up the hobby because they want to
win award plaques.

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Contests are really just a sideshow and award plaques are mere trinkets. We build models for the enjoyment of it, the acquiring of skills and knowledge, and for the discussion and sharing of skills with our peers. Some of us like to hack a new kit to pieces, retool every part, and order every resin conversion kit known to man for it. That is fine. Others like to simply open a box, and build what we find. That is also fine. Do I care that the airplane on display used a square tipped propeller up until 1943 and then changed to a paddle blade and an enlarged engine cowling? Not really. What I do care about is that the man who built that model built it to the best of his ability resulting in a dazzling display piece and drew a chorus of OOOOOs and AAAAAHs for his friends.

With that in mind, our next event is the annual Expo in November. This one is a display only and a chance to showcase our finest. I find the display only events to be a good time for all (especially when donuts, pizza and beer are considered) and a great venue for showing off to the public and attracting potential new members. Let's have a good turnout.

In the meantime, our newsletter editor is always looking for articles, the club executive is always looking for people to demonstrate skills at meetings, and our secretary treasurer is looking for you annual dues. Otherwise, just build something and, no matter what the result, bring it out to a meeting. We will all appreciate seeing it.

Michael Evans-RSM President

A Few Important Reminders From Your Executive

With the passing of September 1st, please remember that your 2008 RSM Membership dues are due in to Al Magnus ASAP.

Paid members will be receiving the following with your 2008 Membership:

-Continued subscription of the "Antenna"

-RSM Club Pen

-Reference CD containing back issues of the "Antenna", SMAS newsletters, as well as numerous "how-to" articles, tips, photos, and so much more!!!

Please remember, as with last year, to ensure that you are eligible for the Annual Club Contest, your 2008 RSM Membership MUST be paid in full no later than the **December 7, 2007** General Meeting.

RSM Upcoming Events

September 7 2007

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

October 12 2007

Bring and Build Night

Bring a kit to build at the meeting!!

"How-To" Demo by Neil Hill

Canopy Forming

November 2007

No Meeting due to EXPO

EXPO-Display Only

December 7 2007

Anatomy 101 – figures, or anything with mouth, eyes, etc
Flamer Night – anything with flames on it, etc.



HEADS UP! IT'S EXPO 2007 TIME

For some years members have been asking for a show of models rather than the usual competition for Expo. This is the year!

It's time to start thinking about how you'll participate in, and support, Expo 2007, this year's major club display for the public.

We'll need your plastic scale models of all types, and your participation to provide the maximum amount of exposure of our hobby. Not only your latest, but also your oldest creations will be of interest. The club particularly encourages a strong showing by newer modelers to help the public appreciate that "beginners" can create satisfying models too.

Displays will include actual building and "how to" tables. Visitors can enter free for door prizes. We'll be asking you to commit to helping out during some, or all, of the set up/take down and actual display times.

The entire event will be held in the Saskatchewan Science Centre 2903 Power House Drive, Regina on Saturday and Sunday 3 and 4 November, 2007.

Key timings, subject to later confirmation, are:

Friday 2 November: Set up tables 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Place models, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Saturday 3 November: Display open to the public Noon to 6:00 PM

Sunday 4 November: Display open to the public Noon to 4:00 PM

Remove models and take down tables etc. 4:00 PM

For further and final details come to the next club meetings and/or see future issues of The Antenna.

Attention Members!

Articles needed for the upcoming year of the "Antenna". I am looking for anything model related, whether it be a kit review, a build article, a "how-to", it does not matter. Getting an article published in the "Antenna" qualifies you for a draw for a \$25.00 Gift Certificate for Redline Hobby.

Well, in an effort to "up the ante", I am offering an additional \$25.00 Gift Certificate for Redline Hobby and matching the clubs offer. This is \$50.00 to spend at the hobby shop, just for writing an article! How can you ignore such an offer?!

Please remember, you can email articles to me at modelairplaneguy@sasktel.net. If you have photos, please email them as attachments along with your article and if possible, please type your article up as an MS Word document. No need to worry about format, spelling, etc. I will take care of the rest. I just need articles.

Just remember, this is **YOUR** newsletter, please contribute.

On The Display Tables in August
Photos by Colin Kunkel (unless noted)



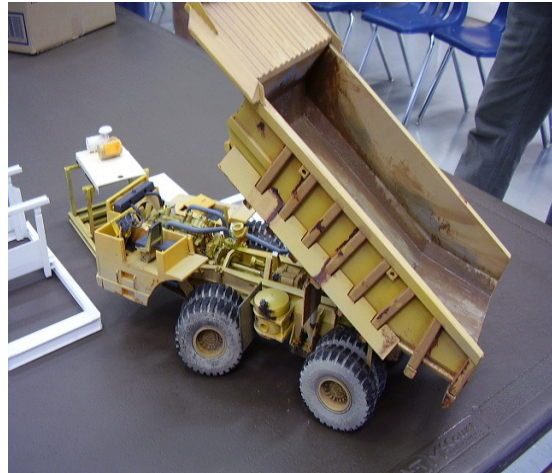
1/72 Italeri UH-34D-Larry Draper



1/48 AM TBM-3-Michael Evans (Al Magnus photo)



1/25 Chevy SSR-Michael Cameron (Al Magnus photo)



1/25 International Payloader-Bruce Geoff



1/35 Tiger I-Michael Evans (Al Magnus photo)



1/35 Panzerartzwagon-Cam Barker

2007 Canada Remembers Air Show Report

By Colin Kunkel

August in Saskatoon means one thing.....air show. This year was the 13th Annual Canada Remembers Air Show in Saskatoon. As Michael had eluded too earlier, 2008 will be an off year for the air show as one of the runways is being resurfaced, so this has put the air show on hold.



I arrived in Saskatoon Thursday evening so I would be able to see some of the Friday arrivals and media day flights. After getting out onto the ramp area, "Miss Mitchell", a WW2 vintage B-25 Mitchell, fired up for its morning media flight. Various other aircraft were taking up reporters, including Kent Putsch, John Mohr, and local pilot, Dave Gillespie. Farther down the ramp, the Snowbirds were preparing for their first practice over the city.

In addition to these aircraft, the 2007 CF-18 pilot, Capt Yanick "Crank" Gregoire was preparing to take a local TV reporter for a ride of a lifetime in the back of a CF-18 Hornet.

The CF-18 ground crew was very accommodating, letting me stick close to them while they launched "Crank" out on his media flight. After the jet was started up, the ground crew stood smartly at attention and saluted as "Crank" and his passenger taxied out to the runway. There was definitely no turning back now. In the end, she returned to solid ground after over an hour in the air, and I am happy to report, her "boarding pass" (air sick bag) came back unused.



After watching "Crank" practice his full demo and watching some of the Snowbird practice, it was off to tend to another part of the air show, a joint model display with the Scale Modellers Association of Saskatoon.

Amid the various late arrivals to the static park area, the SMAS guys and I set out to set up our display tables. As usual, the trade show was housed in a large tent. After getting tables set up, I took the opportunity to survey the static area and get a few photos of aircraft without anyone in the way. Off in the distance, storm clouds were advancing upon the City of Bridges.

By about 6:30pm, a major thunderstorm was rolling through the area and it proceeded to rain, very heavily, for the next few hours. Your intrepid author even made a trip out in the storm, and a few streets were flooded....to say it was hairy is an understatement! Needless to say, this left the air show grounds very soggy, but the show went on the next day as scheduled.

RSM Members Michael Evans and Ted McPherson, joined by myself, set up our kits for display.



Many air show spectators streamed through the tent throughout the day and many were very interested in the models, especially the veterans and military personnel in attendance at the show. While Michael and Ted brought out a variety of subject matter, I brought out 12 CF-18 Hornet models in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the CF-18 in service with the Canadian Forces. I also had the opportunity to have two of my models signed, one by Mr. Jim Belliveau, who is the artist who designs all of the artwork for the 410 Sqn CF-18 Hornets, and Major Rob "Scratch" Mitchell. Maj Mitchell is the current Team Lead for the Snowbirds and he was the 1999 410 Sqn Demo pilot, so I got him to sign the model of his jet I had built. He was extremely excited to say the least.

All in all, the day was alright. But, Saturday night was to bring another major thunderstorm and more rain, which would effectively ground the air show on Sunday due to safety concerns for both the public and performers. The mushy grounds from Saturday were now lakes with electrical power cords running through them, and high winds had damaged some smaller tents and the larger tent we were housed in was a possible danger area as well.

With that, we all packed up kits and tables and with that, the air show weekend was over. Luckily, some of the departing aircraft put on what displays they could as they left Saskatoon before yet another storm was threatening on Sunday evening.

As of right now, the future of the 2009 show is literally up in the air. With only 9,000 spectators through the gates on Saturday, the air show will no doubt take a hard hit. However, a news report stated that a lot of the air crew attending the show had already volunteered to return to Saskatoon in 2009, because the event is more than an air show, it is a time to honour our veterans, past, present and future. Let's hope that we are in Saskatoon once again to help remember them.

Thanks to Mike Reid from the SMAS for arranging passes for our members and thank you to Michael Evans, Ted McPherson, and Neil Hill for attending and flying the RSM flag on the weekend!

Upcoming Events and Contests

October 13, 2007-Northern Wings Plastic Model Aircraft Contest

Alberta Aviation Museum-11410 Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta,
CANADA

Information can be found at <http://www.northern-wings.ca/>

2008 Theme Night Schedule

January

build night

February

Ladies Nite (anything female, A/C nose art, vehicles with women's names, etc.)

Foreign Cars (non-North American)

March

build night

April

Bare Metal Finishes

Utility Armour and Support Vehicles (jeeps, tank transporters, recovery vehicles, etc)

Chevy's

May

build night

June

Club Elections

Modeller of the Year Award

build night

July

No Meeting – summer break

August

build night