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Modellers



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

Leonardo da Vinci



Velociraptor
diorama built
by Robert Gall

Photo by Colin
Kunkel

Rich Cannell's
1/24 Target /
Chip Ganassi
Reynard
CHAMP car.

Photo by Colin
Kunkel



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(Meeting held on second Friday if first Friday falls on a long weekend. No July Meeting)
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 prorated.

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Optional Parts

Hello Everyone. It was good to see a large turnout for the September meeting and a large turnout of plastic to start the year. Our October meeting will be a build night, and we will alternate between theme nights and build nights for our monthly meetings throughout the rest of the year. While there will be no theme for the build night meetings, feel free to bring out finished projects for display and discussion.

Our last executive meeting on Sept 12 involved a lot of discussion about our upcoming Expo 2007 show at the Sask Science Centre. Neil Hill has volunteered to be our main contact guy and liaison with the media for the purposes of the show. Thanks very much Neil. While this show will not be a contest we will be conducting a trial run of our proposed new judging format. For those not familiar, in past years we would place entries in set categories and award first, second, and third in each category.

Following this we would review the "Best of" among all the categories to determine winners of the major awards. This time around there will be no first, second, or thirds. Rather we will be awarding medals to entries based on their individual merits. If a model is of exception quality it will be awarded a gold medal, even if every other model in the same category also received a gold medal. Theoretically, every entry in the contest could receive a gold medal. For the awarding of the major awards, we will of course be following the same process as in years past and pitting the best of the best against each other.

The new judging format will also include a 'tiered' entry system. Tiers would include; Junior - up to age 13, General - age 14 and above, and Advanced for those 14 and above with advanced skills and ability. The judging of the Advanced category will of course be more critical as would be expected. The tier system is to level the playing field for those less experienced modellers so as not to be left in the dust in competing against those of higher skill levels. Bear in mind however that all of your entries must be in a single tier. You cannot enter a car model in the general category and a space craft in advanced.

Bear in mind also that the major awards, Best in Show etc, will only be judged from the advanced category. We will be giving this a dry run during Expo and will be trying it out in a contest format during the 2008 Majestics contest. Continued on Page 2

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In other news the club has sponsored Best Carrier subject or Best Axis subject for the Northern Wings contest held in Edmonton on the weekend of Sept 15 & 16. We are also looking into enhancing the clubs profile in the community through the RCAF vets display at the airport, the Sask. Military Museum, Cable Regina Ch.7, or possibly a permanent, but changing, display case at the Sask. Science Centre.

We have also been looking at changes to the Modeller of the Year award, this award being presented at the June meeting to that person who has most gone above and beyond in supporting the club. The proposal being that general club members will be able to nominate whom they feel deserves the award. Those doing the nominating will be asked to submit a short list of justifications as to why they believe their nominee deserves the MOTY award. A committee will pick winner from nominees, or failing any nominations, make their own selection.

Enjoy the rest of the year. Bring out ongoing projects to a build night or two, and consider doing a demonstration at a club meeting or writing a newsletter article. Truly they are greatly appreciated and not as painful as some would believe.

Michael Evans
Club 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

October 12 2007

Bring and Build Night

Bring a kit to build at the meeting!!

November 2007

No Meeting due to EXPO

EXPO-Display Only

November 8 2007

**Wascana Rehab
Remembrance Day
Display**

November 11 2007

**RUSI Remembrance Day
Display**

December 7 2007

Anatomy 101 – figures, or anything with mouth, eyes, etc

Flamer Night – anything with flames on it, etc.

January 4 2008

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On The Display Tables In September

Photos by Colin Kunkel



1/72 Italeri B-57G Canberra-Neil Hill



1/48 Revell P-61B Black Widow-Michael Evans



Impressive collection of heavy metal by Patrick Elkington



1/25 '66 Shelby GT 350 and '70 Corvette ZR-1-Leith James



1/25 AMT 1964 Mercury Marauder-Ron Gall



1/72 12 Squared BGM-34F Firebee Drone-Al Magnus

My Amazing, Incredible Lifelong Saturn V Odyssey

By Michael Evans

It was late August of 1970. The unforgettable flight, and the 'One small step', of Apollo 11 was a year in the past. The drama of Apollo 13 had happened only 4 months previously, and Michael Evans of Edmonton, Alberta was due to have his 10th birthday. The local Sears store all that summer had one, and only one, of Revell's famous 1/96th scale Saturn V for sale in their toy department. Myself being an impatient young space nut, dreaming like every other 10 year old North American male of one day being an astronaut, and recognizing it to be the greatest machine ever built, was desperate to have it. I kept my fingers crossed hoping it wouldn't sell until my birthday.



At that time I would take my usual birthday moneys, run like a flash to Sears and buy it. Throughout that long summer, or perhaps summers only seemed long at that time, I would go to the Sears toy department almost every other day to check that it was still there, watching the box getting dusty and beaten up, and thankfully not selling even though its price was steadily declining. The big day finally came, although I would soon discover what a curse it was to have a late summer birthday. After a rapid opening of presents and birthday cards, and wolfing down of birthday cake, I ran faster than ever before in my life. It was down to the Meadowlark Mall and straight to the toy department of Sears where my much coveted Saturn V would surely be waiting. Alas, it was not to be.

Remember I mentioned what a curse it was to have a late summer birthday? Did I find my beloved Saturn V waiting for me? Of course not. The Sears toy department looked ransacked, the remaining toys stuffed willy nilly on a few shelves, and the bulk of the space taken up by school supplies. Less than 10 days to the first day of school, gotta get dem binders, pencils, and paper don't ya' know. Of my Saturn V there was not a trace. After a frantic search, and desperate questioning of the store's staff, who could provide no answers, I walked home dejectedly carrying a long forgotten Aurora kit.



I believe it was an aircraft of some kind and to this day I silently fume and feel my blood pressure rise any time I encounter a back to school sale. For my own good I now avoid places like Superstore, Wal Mart, and Office Depot during the month of August for just this reason. As for Sears, I try to avoid them completely all year round.

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Aurora “Peppermint Fuzz” Redux

Text and Photos by Dave Kapp



This is my version of Aurora's Peppermint Fuzz. It came to me as a glue bomb missing more than a few parts. Aside from doing restorative body work in cleaning up the sloppy gluemanship, the (six piece) car body itself was missing the top panel of the cowl and the firewall. I replaced the cowl with a section of 1/25 deuce hood and the firewall with some flat plastic I had laying around. The rear wheel wells were a poor fit around the fenders so those were filled with sheet styrene and reshaped to fit the fenders. The drip moldings on both sides were also replaced with flat styrene. Other missing parts were the machine gun which was replaced with a 1/35 scale replica courtesy of one of my model club members (Regina Scale Modelers) Kevin Krienke.

There was also a mag and a valve cover missing but my good friend, confidante, and fellow club member Larry Draper whipped up some resin replacements for me. The missing blower scoop was replaced with a 1/25 model out of my parts box. I cloned one of the overhead lights as well as the skull shifter (from a Warhammer piece) myself with resin. To add visual interest to the plain interior, I added red tuck'n'roll panels to the seat and rear deck using a tonneau cover from AMT's 59 ElCamino. I also added red clear tail lights to the rear panel, I think they are probably from a Caddy. I then stripped all the remaining chrome and sprayed it with Alcad II.

Of course the chopper was missing altogether so I had to bash one using various parts. Once again, I put the word out to my model club and it was William Yee who this time came to the rescue with a 1/32 dirt bike from a Monogram El Camino. After much chopping, I added a tank built from leftover parts from my Evil Iron and a scratchbuilt seat using some resin I had patterned from the same El Camino tonneau cover to match the interior. I found after searching the internet for any old Peppermint Fuzz decals that I was not going to find them anywhere. I then decided that I would make it my own variation of the original Peppermint Fuzz or a “tribute.”



Since I never really liked the hot pink the model was molded in, I thought black and white would be a good theme for a cop car. I did my best to replicate the original candy cane stripe side decals with paint. The remaining decals I made on my computer. These stars on the side were actually 2 layers, the first being gold with a black and clear overlay. The roof badge took two gold sections (top and bottom) plus a white mid section (the three stars on the roof badge). The second layer is clear with black and blue ink. The decal on the back is my own attempt at humour. Sadly, William Yee passed away unexpectedly and never got a chance to see the finished product. With this in mind, I would like to dedicate this build to him.

Saturn V Odyssey continued.....

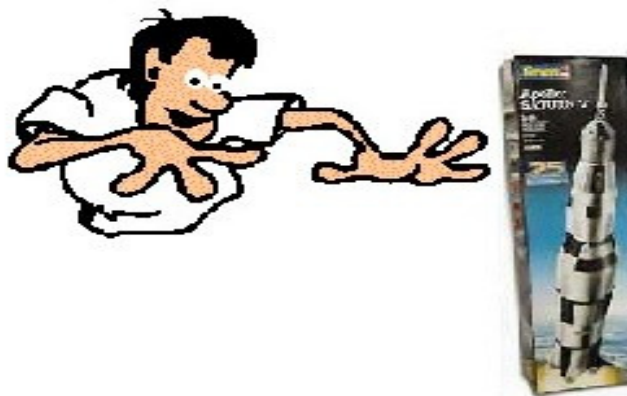


In the years since, I have watched as this model has come and gone. Seemingly like the wind, it appears briefly at one location, disappears, and reappears at a different place at a later date. Revell has had the model in and out of production, at ridiculously high prices, since the end of the Apollo program in 1972. Anytime I have come across it has usually been in some distant city, at the end of a vacation, with my credit cards maxed out and only enough cash to get home. Hence I have walked dejected out of the hobby store thinking of what might have been.

Let us now advance to the present day. The Apollo program now exists only in museums and Discovery Channel documentaries. Of the 12 men who walked on the moon, 3 are now gone, and the rest are writing books, appearing in the odd documentary and speaking engagement, or just enjoying retirement. Revell's 1/96 scale Saturn V is for once somewhat reasonably available through the internet or hobby stores.

Birthdays are of course unavoidable and for this one my kids Shannon, Bryan, and Jillian (God bless them) got their Dad the one thing he had been longing for so long. It was of course sheer coincidence I had ordered one of these thru Redline. It was also sheer coincidence I had given them my credit card and told them to run down there and buy it, as I would rather they not spend a lot of cash on me. I did however present the illusion of surprise and delight.

The kit itself, if built using only kit parts and following instructions to the letter, would be hopelessly lame and inaccurate (a clear panel in the third stage?). For this the internet is a godsend with many websites that describe how to turn this kit into a realistic looking flight unit. Therefore styrene sheets, a detailed decal sheet, and several conversion sets are on order. Watch future newsletters for a kit review and further adventures.



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/>

November 8, 2007-Wascana Rehab Remembrance Day Display

November 11, 2007-RUSI Remembrance Day Display

Both of the above displays will run from 10:00am to 1:00pm. For more information, please contact Michael Evans.

Head's Up! It's Expo Time Again!!!

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.