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Modellers



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

***Leonardo da Vinci***



Neil Ostafie's AMT 1/25 scale 1967 Chrysler 300 "C"  
Photo by Al Magnus

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**RSM Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/sk2/scalemodeling>**

## **Optional Parts**

Hello Everyone:

Our club moves into the busy month of November, perhaps the busiest month of the year for us. Our main event is of course Expo 2007 which runs the first weekend of the month. While this year's event will be a display only, it is a weekend for putting our best foot forward as we present ourselves to the public. Setup will start on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning with the event running until Sunday afternoon. The display is open to the public during the hours of the Science Centre and it's always good to have volunteers around to help with answering questions (hint guys). Thanks to all who have worked so hard to arrange this event and to those who help out each year to make it a success.

At our October meeting, there was a good attendance although the tables were a little sparse for plastic. Nonetheless, since it was a build night with no set theme nobody expected to see a lot of items brought out. As I had never attended a build night I wasn't sure what to expect. The building session in the second half was a good time for all with a lot of fellowship, chatting, and sharing of skills. These are scheduled to be regular events occurring on alternate months. At our December meeting one of the themes will be Anatomy 101 featuring figures, eyes and mouths. Think of the possibilities. How about figures, clothed or not, military, civilian, real or fictional. How about a P-40 from the American Volunteer Group, the famous Flying Tigers, with the unmistakable and often imitated sharks mouths painted on their aircraft? The other theme will be Flamer Night, anything with flames. You car guys should love this one. Think of all the hot cars with flaming paint jobs. Gets a guy all tingly dontcha know!

Also in November is our annual Remembrance Day events. The first will be our usual event at the Wascana Rehab Centre, barring any postponements due outbreaks or quarantines (yes these have happened in the past). The staff and residents of WRC are always glad to have us there and have plied us with lunch and a drink or two on the house in past years. The second is the RUSI display on Remembrance Day, taking place at the RUSI just south of the Armouries on Elphinstone St. These two displays both start with a setup at 10:00 and usually run until approx 1:00. Both let us meet up with our local vets who are getting fewer in number each year, and who all have good stories to tell.

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**Meetings**  
Time: 7:30pm  
Date: First Friday of every month  
(Meeting held on second Friday if first Friday falls on a long weekend. No July Meeting)  
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 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 member joining after the year has started will have their first years fees pro-rated.

### **Article Submissions**

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Finally, and of minor significance is Saskatchewan's own provincial election. Hey, when it comes to elections these guys have nothing on us. Actually it makes me kind of envious. Couldn't we just once have a club election with candidate debates, candidates spelling out a platform, lawn signs, commercials, back-stabbing and web sites full of smear and fear? Yeah I know nobody wants the president's job but it drags having elections consisting of awkward silences until somebody says "Okay, I'll do it". So on election day, remember to vote soon and vote often.

Back to club business, discussions were had at the last executive meeting regards the club contest and the club Modeller of the Year awards, ie the to-die-for armour, aircraft, and auto framed wall hangings. It was suggested that it was a little too much of a stretch for the armour, auto, and aircraft modellers of the year to be based on one model appearing on one night at the end of the year. One alternative proposed is that the respective MOTY awards be presented at each year's Expos, with the winners chosen from the Regina entries. This is of course open for discussion and any viewpoints are welcome.

That's enough of this I think, you shouldn't be reading this anyway. Life is so short and there is so much plastic to be made. Let us all thrive in our little plastic empires.

Michael Evans  
Club President  
Regina Scale Modellers

#### **A Few Important Reminders From Your Executive**

With the passing of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 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**

**November 2007**

**No Meeting due to EXPO**

EXPO-Display Only

**November 3 & 4 2007**

**Expo-Saskatchewan  
Science Center**

**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**

**Bring and Build Night**

Bring a kit to build at the meeting!!





**On The Display Tables In October**

Photos by Al Magnus



1/72 Revell Spp 22-AI Magnus



1/35 AFV Club M3A3 Recce-Cam Barker



Revell DC-3-Ed Kereluk



1/35 Tamiya M4A3 Sherman-Neil Ostafie



Views from the October "Bring and Build" Night

## Book Review

This month, Rob Wheeler reviews a book that is a must for Royal Canadian Navy aircraft enthusiasts- **Royal Canadian Navy Aircraft Finish and Markings 1944-1968**



With the names Patrick Martin and Leo Pattipas on the cover you should expect a well researched and well laid out book and you won't be disappointed. This book will be of value to both historians and modellers alike.

It follows the format of Patrick Martin's earlier books on the RCAF-CAF markings, being 8.5x11, spiral bound with clear covers. One almost wishes it were hardbound for longevity but this format makes it easier to use on the workbench and keeps the book affordable. The book is 256 pages in length with over 400 drawings and 600 photographs. Most are in black & white but covers and several pages contain colour photos. The exception is a limited edition version, available at additional cost, in which all drawings are done in full colour. While the additional cost edition may seem high, having hundreds of line drawings in fairly accurate colours is useful.

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The historical portion of the book opens at the end of WW I and continues to the Fleet Air Arm and into the post war RCN. There are sections on every Royal Canadian Navy ship that have carried aircraft, including several pages on the 'Bonnie'. Appendices include serial number lists and brief histories of RCN aircraft bases. The bulk of the book is, of course, given over to chapters on general markings and specific chapters on each aircraft and helicopter type flown by the RCN which includes TOS and SOS remarks for individual aircraft. As evidence of the level of research, the authors even include a page on a Schweizer glider that was operated by a Dartmouth based gliding club from late '46 till the summer of 1949.



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“Best Carrier Aircraft” Award Winner-“Uncle” Rick Chin  
for his 1/72 F-14A Tomcat-photo by Gary Fairfull  
Printed with permission of Northern Wings

### **Book Review-continued from page 5**

My only criticism of the book might be a wish that all photographs and drawings were larger and all in color but this would produce a large and costly coffee table book rather than a useful desktop reference volume. This is a must have book for anyone with an interest in Canadian military aircraft history or a modeller with similar interests.

The book can be ordered through [CanMilAir.com](http://CanMilAir.com) .

### **Road Warrior-continued from page 6**

One exciting aspect for next years Northern Wings contest is the “Best Ventura Award”. As the name implies, this award will be given to the Best Ventura model on the tables. The exciting part is the award being presented to the lucky model builder. The recipient of this award will receive an actual piece of sheet metal from a real Ventura aircraft, repainted in authentic colours along with nose art. A Ventura is currently awaiting restoration at the Alberta Aviation Museum as well.

All in all, the Northern Wings contest was very enjoyable. Vic, Chris, Brent and Gary are to be congratulated on a first-rate contest. As well, the venue is just fantastic for any aircraft nut such as myself.. Although lighting was an issue this year, that promises to be addressed for next years show. While the drive from Regina to Edmonton is a bit of a long haul, it is certainly well worth it.

Thanks to the Northern Wings Committee for the warm hospitality. I certainly look forward to attending next years show.



Rick Chin's F-14 Tomcat-Winner of “Best Carrier Aircraft”



“Best Carrier Aircraft” Runner-Up-Tamiya 1/48 F4U-1D Corsair built by Massimo Santarossa



B-25J Mitchell currently being restored at the Alberta Aviation Museum

## **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 modellers 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.

## **Upcoming Events and Contests**

**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.