

# Antenna

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

***Leonardo da Vinci***



Jay Moffatt's fantastic Red Green figure on display as part of  
his fantastic workshop demonstration on figure painting.  
Photo by Colin Kunkel

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## **Optional Parts**

Hello Gents:

Such a month. The February meeting featured a figure painting demonstration, by former club member Jay Moffat. Jay has done some amazing work in the past and we picked up some very useful knowledge. For the March meeting, Larry Draper is, tentatively, scheduled to do a demo of resin casting, in addition to the build night. I know people would prefer to focus on 'fun' things such as building during our build nights rather than chattering about club business, however the presentation of club business is a necessary evil. At future meetings we will try and keep the business portion of the meeting short.

The first weekend of March, of course, brings us what has become our annual library display at the Sherwood Village branch. Setup to take place on Sunday March 2 at 3:00, Colin Kunkel is in charge of organizing this. In past years, we have been very well represented and have received some very positive feedback.

Our next major event following the library display is, of course, the Majestics Car Show/Contest to take place April 26 - 28. All setup, registration, and contest judging will take place on the Friday evening. Believe it or not, even I am planning an entry or two (I can hear the gasps already). Yes, the pres who, by his own admission, can't tell the difference between the exhaust manifold and the dual overhead, twin-barrelled, turbo-charged, valve injected whatever that thing is, will actually bend his own self imposed rule to make it dirty, rusty, and anything but clean and shiny, and will make a bright, shiny, metallic painted car. I figure, since I am hyping up this thing, the least I can do is contribute to it. Many thanks go to those responsible for organizing and running this event.

A topic discussed among exec members was the possibility of allowing metal/diecast kits to be entered in contests. This does not mean one can go and buy a prefinished diecast model from WalMart, take it out of the box and say "Here's my entry". No the intent is to recognize modelling skills such as those of assembling, painting and detailing a primarily metal bodied kit, or taking a prefinished diecast car kit, tearing it apart, scratch-building/rebuilding the interior and refinishing the chassis, engine, and body. **Continued on Page 3**

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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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Even though it is not plastic, it should be recognized that there is still discipline, patience and skill required for projects such as these. Those entering 'metal' kits could also be requested to show documentation of their work, and the judging panel will have the final say as to whether or not a kit qualifies. This is just a trial balloon at this point and is, of course, open to discussion.

Also, discussed was a rotating display at the Saskatchewan Science Centre. After much silence on their part, they have rejected the idea, but may be open to a building demo at some point. We are, also, looking at CJTR, Access Cable and other media outlets for advertising opportunities for member recruitment and upcoming events. Hopefully, we can get advertising spots sometime other than early, early in the morning. Many thanks to Neil Hill for taking care of our media liaisons.

It is, after all, just a hobby. Whatever differences may exist among people, for everybody's sake, let us all try and leave them at the door, so we can avoid exchanges like ***Hab SoSII' Quch!*** \*. Instead let us work towards our future mutual ***Qapla'*** (success) in all our endeavours.

Michael Evans  
Club President



1/48 scale Esca A-4E Skyhawk built by Michael Evans. Model depicts type of aircraft flown by Senator John McCain during the Vietnam war when he was shot down and held as a POW for five years.

## **RSM Upcoming Events**

### **March 7**

#### **Bring and Build Night**

Bring a kit to build at the meeting!!

### **April 4**

Bare Metal Finishes  
Utility Armour and Support  
Vehicles (jeeps, tank  
transporters, recovery vehicles,  
etc)  
Chevy's

### **May 2**

#### **Bring and Build Night**

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### **June 6**

Club Elections  
Modeller of the Year Award

#### **Bring and Build Night**

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### **July**

#### **NO MEETING-SUMMER BREAK**

### **August 8**

#### **Bring and Build Night**

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**DakoPlast LaGG-3 series 66, 1/72 scale, kit #: 12001**

by Al Magnus

**The kit:**

**Pros:**

1. Nicely engraved panel lines.
2. A very thin and clear canopy which comes as three pieces. The canopy could be modelled open, but I suspect that some work would need to be done on the fuselage spine to make it fit.
3. A reasonable cockpit interior that would make a good start for detailing, if so desired.
4. Enclosed wheel bays.

**Cons:**

1. Useless decals.
2. Parts fit in some places is poor, especially around the wing root intakes.
3. Plastic is a soft, thus the engraved panel lines are easy to remove during sanding and scraping.
4. The plastic is not as smooth as from other manufacturers, so some finishing sanding may be required before painting.

**High and low points during the building of the kit:**

1. The rear horizontal stabilizers are thinner than the fillets on the fuselage. This creates a large step, which must be sanded down. The same applies for the join between the wings and the fuselage fillets.
2. The rear windows do not have a backing, and, as a result, you can see clear through the window on the other side. The photos of the aircraft show that this should have an insert behind the window, reminiscent of the Curtis P-40 series of aircraft. I did not correct this omission.
3. No antenna mast is provided for the fin - just for the fuselage. This must be made from scratch.
4. There are some minor sinkholes in the fuselage, especially on the sides adjacent to the cockpit tub, that need filling and sanding.
5. The locating pegs for the landing gear are square on the strut, and round in the wing. I trimmed the strut to be round to match the locating point in the wing.
6. Kit glues together quite nicely with rapid drying liquid cement, such as Tenax.



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**Photos From the February General Meeting**

Photos by Colin Kunkel



1/72 Revell AG A-26 Invader-Ted McPherson



1/72 Hobbycraft CT-142 "Gonzo"-Colin Kunkel



1/35 ISU-122 & ISU 122M-Brian Miller



1/72 Revell ATF Dingo-Al Magnus



Phoenix 90mm "Biker Chick"-Jay Moffatt



54mm Nurse figure-Neil Hill

**LaGG-3 Review ... continued from page 4**

7. Some flash on parts, but not enough to make the task of cleaning up tiresome.
8. Throw away the decals.
9. The seams on the fuselage sand well, and I did not need any filler, except in the radiator portion of the fuselage undersides. This spot is very tight in which to work, so, I cut a piece of VERY thin plastic to size and covered over the seam. It is almost completely covered by the radiator flap, when it is attached.
10. Take care with the pitot tube; it is very thin and easily broken. I speak from experience.
11. The uppers are in the Soviet dark gray bands (Aeromaster 9070) over light gray (Aeromaster 9071), with light blue under surfaces (Aeromaster 9074). The decals were from a variety of sources. The stars came from Aeromaster sheet 72-037 with the personal marking of a Lion's head superimposed on a heart, and the victory stars on the fuselage side were from the Superscale sheet 72-381.

The prop blades have white bands located at the midpoint of the blades; these were fashioned from spare decal sheet.

**Conclusion:**

Overall - a quite accurate kit of the LaGG-3 series 66. It captures that ungainly and squat look of the aircraft very nicely.

**References:**

The aircraft was finished in the markings of Yuri Shchipov's LaGG-3 series 66 of the 9 IAP. Photographs of Shchipov in the cockpit of his LaGG, and of other LaGGs in his squadron can be found in the book, "Red Stars: The Soviet Air Force in World War Two" by Carl-Fredrik Guest, Kalevi Keskinen & Kari Stenman, Ar-Kustannus Oy, Kangasala, Finland 1993 ISBN: 951-95821-4-2.

**February's Workshop Demonstration**

**Painting Figures-Presented by Jay Moffatt**





# Plastic Model Car & Truck Contest

**Proudly Sponsored by Cara Dawn Transportation Ltd.**



**Special contest theme: Summer Beach Party**

April 25-27, 2008 during the  
Majestics Car Show

Ipsco Place-Regina, SK

Registration-Friday April 25 6-8pm

**Showtimes**

Saturday April 26-10am-11pm

Sunday April 27-10am-5pm

**Model Pick-up:**

**Saturday 5-5:30pm**

Entry Fees:

Adults: \$5 for first 3 models  
\$1 for each additional

Juniors: \$1 for each model



The Plastic Model Car and Truck Contest will be held at the Majestics Car Show on April 25, 26, 27 2008 at Ipsco Place.

The Regina Scale Modellers are inviting **YOU** to come out and participate. **We encourage and all model car, truck and motorcycle builders, regardless of age and skill level, to participate in this contest.**

Special awards will be presented in various categories!

So, drift back to the “good old days”.....crank the music and listen to the surf hit the beach!

Don't miss out! Get started on those model projects NOW!  
For further information, contact Ed @ 522-8353