

The cover of the 'Antenna' newsletter features a photograph of a detailed model of a classic convertible car, possibly a Ford Roadster, in a metallic finish. Next to the car is a male mannequin figure dressed in blue swim trunks and holding a red towel. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Hot Fun in the Summertime Issue

Antenna

Models aren't everything-they're the only thing

In this dynamite Issue:

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Words of Wisdom and Inspiration from the Right Honourable Michael Evans, Club President:

Hi Everyone. This of course is my penultimate newsletter rant/musing and it gives me cause to act like a mirror and reflect on things. The past two years have had their share of troubles, missteps, high points and low points, and some good times as well. I'm glad I took on the post, but I'm also not sorry to see it ending. Much appreciation goes out to the members of the club executive for all of their support and hard work, as well as for the words of encouragement during the tough times. I wouldn't have been able to get through without all of their help.

Good to see such a good turnout at the June meeting, which is usually sparse in numbers. Our annual club contest went well, with a goodly number of entries on the tables. Congrats go to Greg McKinnon for picking up both the Aircraft and Auto modeller of the year wall hangings. Congrats as well to Brian Miller for picking up the Armoured award.

Also at the June meeting was the annual handing out of the Modeller of the Year award, and I was very pleased to be this year's recipient. It is really a very moving experience to be held in such regard by one's peers and I thank one and all for this. Another annual event which is usually greeted with a fair amount of anxiety is the club's annual elections, for which we are sometimes referred to as the model railroading club. This year's election went surprisingly smoothly. I would like to thank Eugene Stacyszyn and Colin Kunkel for taking on the President and Vice-President's roles respectively. I would also like to thank Brian Miller for retaining the Secretary Treasurer post and Dave Kapp for carrying on with the newsletter. It is usually very frustrating and difficult to find people willing to take on these posts, and it comes as a welcome relief to have them filled so quickly and easily.

May was a busy month for all of us. We had the annual club swap meet where much plastic and cash changed hands and many, many donuts were consumed. Like we all needed them. I find it interesting how I always go to this event with the intent of unloading a few kits, and come home with more than I left with.

There is of course no July meeting. I usually look forward to the short break at this time of year. I also enjoy the fact that model building can now be done on the deck and the smelly solvents and paints need not stink up the house as they do the rest of the year. Said building on the deck also brings its own inherent risks, as several small parts have, over the years, been known to become lost in the adjoining grass. I won't run out of projects to do anytime soon, having several sitting in the basement either unbuilt, partially built, or still in the plastic wrap, as well as the new acquisitions from the previously mentioned club swap meet.

Thanks to everyone for what turned out to be a pretty good year. Will be looking for you all in August.

Michael Evans
Club President

A New King is Crowned

June election 2009: A new president and a new vice president! Stepping up to the presidential plate is Gene Stacyszyn. And holding down the vice presidential couch is Kunkel! These kind gentlemen will be taking over for Michael Evans and Ed Kereluk. Holding on to their positions (barely) for another term is Brian Miller as Secretary-Treasurer and yours truly Dave Kapp as the Antenna editor. Thanks for a job well done, Mike & Ed and welcome Gene & Colin.

Club Contest Results:

Modeller of the Year: Mike Evans

Best Auto: Greg McKinnon - T-Rod

Best Armour: Brian Miller - M-10 Achilles Tank Destroyer

Best Aircraft: Greg McKinnon - Ki-84 Hayate



Above left: an emotional outgoing president Mike Evans accepts the coveted Modeller of the Year award from Curfew James. Above, right: Greg McKinnon receives Best Aircraft Award for his Ki-84 Hayate.



Above, left Brian Miller receives Best Armour award for his M-10 Achilles Tank Destroyer from Mike Evans. Above right, Greg McKinnon takes home yet another one for his "T-Rod." Presented by Mike Evans. And below, more entries from the show:



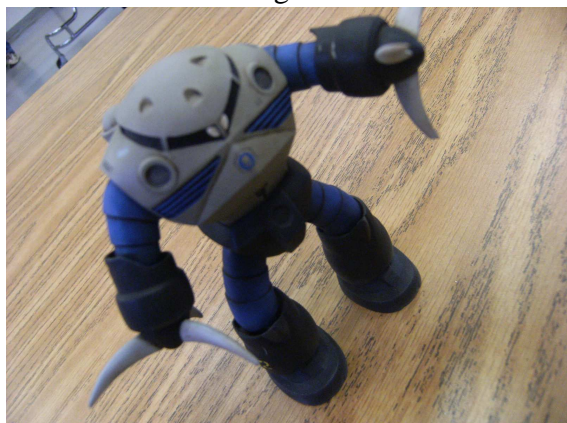
Clockwise from above left: Brian Miller's Russian Alpha Class Sub, his Israeli Defence Force Centurion, M-10 Achilles Tank Destroyer and his LAV III.



Three groovy sets of wheels from Curfew James: One red one and two blue ones. Say, that red one looks kind of funny. Not ha ha funny like you amuse me or funny like a clown, but just a little odd.



Here are the two models that really put Greg McKinnon on the map: On the left is his Model T Rod which is a super clean build with those little extras that really push it over the top like wiring and aluminium velocity stacks. On the left of that magnificent model is his Ki-84 Hayate which appears to have seen better days.



Above left is a Bandai MS Type Normal built Len Schmidt. Above right is a Deuce built by Greg McKinnon. This one actually featured his wife's missing earrings as tombstone shaped earrings



Above left is Ron Gill's USS Constitution. It looks like they captured a giant James Lorie and they got him on the ship! No wait, it's just a bit of "trick photography"! Beside it is Mike Evans' M49A2C Fuel Truck. As Mayor Fiacco and Sir Mick Jagger would often say when together, "it's a gas-gas-gas!"



Above we have Mike Evans' Tiger I and on the right his US Army 2.5 Ton Truck. As Cheech and Chong often said, "man, that's heavy."

A kit Review by Patrick Elkington: - Challenging Challengers

AMT 2009 Dodge Challenger SRT - Kit No. 615 and

AMT 2009 Dodge Challenger R/T - Kit No. 616



The new AMT Challenger kits are a welcome addition to the new car kit market, albeit that they are curbsides designed from the Dodge promos. The two kits are identical, except for the wheels and the decal sheets. They include screws to fasten the body and chassis, and have no engines. The hood is a separate piece with the hood vents cut open, and there is another piece for the grilles that fit behind the openings in the hood.

The shape and dimensions of the kits appear to be very representative of Dodge's new muscle car. As for the fit of the Challenger, it is generally O.K. However, there is a bit of adjustment required to fit the rear bumper to the body. There are a few molding seams to be sanded on the bumpers and the roof; but, they are reasonably minor and expected. The really annoying thing with the kits is the front spoiler that has a piece of each of the front wheel openings attached to each end of it. The front spoiler is the one from the concept car, going out along the wheel openings. So, you have to cut a piece of the front wheel openings off each end of the spoiler, and trim the spoiler down to just fit under the chin of the front fascia. The seats are vinyl, like the tires, so they will be a "challenge" to paint, and to apply the decals on the SRT.

Also, the shifter plate on the console is for the gated automatic transmission, although the shifter lever is the pistol-grip manual shifter. The chassis pan appears to sport an automatic transmission casing, as well.

To accurately correct this kit for the manual transmission, one would have to remove the transmission from the chassis pan and use the gear-box from a recent Revell Dodge Viper kit in its place. As well, one would have to fabricate the leather shifter boot for the pistol-grip manual shifter.

In order to make the conversions for the automatic transmission, one would have to modify or scratch-build a shifter lever for the automatic transmission and remove the brake and clutch pedals to enlarge and relocate the brake pedal.

In addition, to correct the exhaust tips for the Challenger RT, one will have to discard the rectangular SRT exhaust tips and add round tubing to replicate the round exhaust tips of the RT.

The Challenger RT will present the most "challenges" to build an accurate model. The Challenger SRT will not require the exhaust modifications. They won't be the easy builds that one would hope for them to be; a bit more than just a weekend build to get them built correctly.

On the whole, it looks as though these kits will make nice shelf models.

Arrg it's Blackbeard!

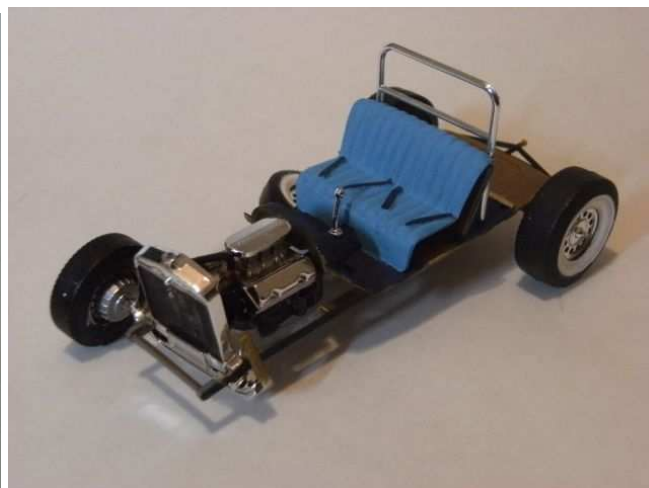
This issue we follow a bit of construction of the August cover car: Blackbeard's Tub. This model is Aurora's



second version of the Road Raider, an early 60's hot rod. The BBT was released in 1969 and included a bunch of accessories and could be built either Real Cool or Way Out versions using different decals. The BBT had a pirate theme and included a boat style steering wheel, a propeller and an anchor! If that ain't enough to flip your wig, baby it came with a surfer dude, his "mama" and a palm tree, daddy!



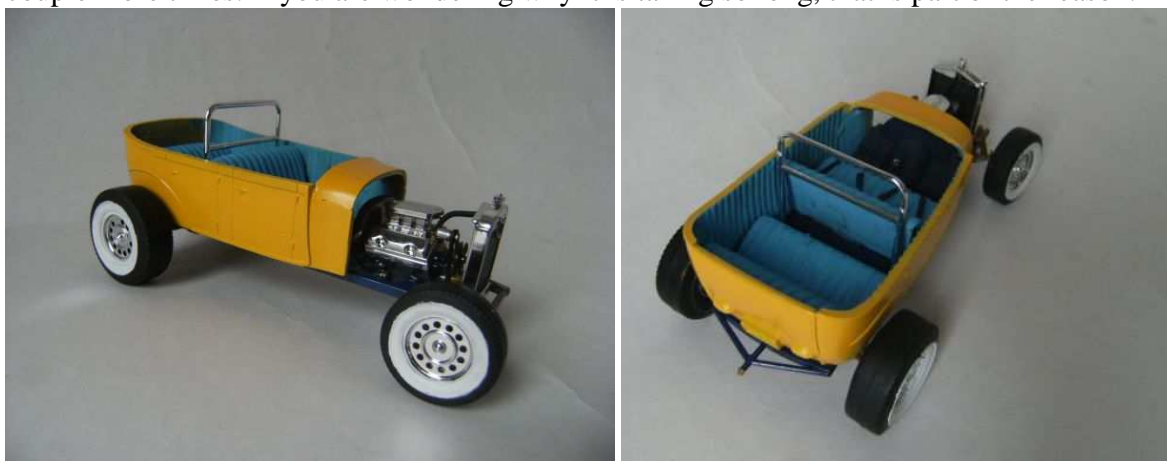
My BBT came nearly complete, missing only the hippy chick so I was lucky on that. It was started, about 50% finished but it wasn't a bad build plus the guy used some kind of glue that actually did not put up too much of a fight. I was torn between two versions: I loved the bright yellow paint but I also loved the "Real Cool" decals. I thought to myself: darn-it's my model. I'll build it the way I want so being the rebel I am I went with yellow paint and "real cool" decals in the end.



Above left: as the BBT was received fresh from eBay. Dig that crazy anchor! Right: after many hours of prying the body off, I detailed the interior with Testor's flat blue. Notice I white walled the tires, too. The flat black from the original owner was mostly good, except a few gold spots where he had missed with paint. Its wild that after so many years, the Testors flat black is still a perfect match! At this point I was still unsure about the colour. There is something inherently cool about leaving these cars in the plastic they were molded in. Oh well that gold plastic was kind of swirly and there was a bit of body work that needed to be done so I decided to go ahead and paint it yellow. I used Testor's yellow as it would have been available in 1969, making it "period correct," which is important.



I have always believed in leaving my mark and my models are no exception. 1969—that was the summer of love. If you don't believe me you can axe my mother-in-law Irene Pidkowich. BTW after I had the body glued together (all 4 parts) and painted, I realized that the back panel was crooked. So into the purple pool a couple more times. If you are wondering why it is taking so long, that is part of the reason.



Here it is after paint for the 3rd and final time. The front wheel is still off but the motor and frame are painted Testor's blue. I tried to use only paints that were available to me in that period, I'm such a keener. Love the tuck and roll.



Alright-it's decal time. This is what separates the kats from the pussies (if you know what I mean). These decals are 40 years old and they went on like a dream. After working them with setting solution, I thought they were as good as they would get as they had to cover door handles and hinges. I had a look in the morning and the decals had settled around these and even onto the door lines. That's about enough of Blackbeard's Tub for one issue. More next month.

Report on IPMS Western Canadian Regionals

Submitted by Al Magnus
Photos Courtesy of Al Magnus

Below is a list of where we placed at the IPMS Western Canadian Regionals held June 30, 2009 at the Lancaster Museum in Nanton, Alberta. Contest was hosted by the Rocky Mountain Model Club.

Mike Evans:

Category 16B POWERED FULL HULL FIGHTING SHIPS (SPLIT - LARGE SCALE) - Bronze & IPMS Prince George Modellers Choice - 1/35 scale LCM-3 Landing Craft with Sherman tank and soldiers.

Category 16B POWERED FULL HULL FIGHTING SHIPS (SPLIT - LARGE SCALE) - silver - 1/72 scale Revell Type VIIC U-Boat

Cam Barker:

Best Axis Armour - 1/35 scale Pz.Kfpw. 1A

Category 12A MAIN BATTLE TANK - Gold - 1/35 scale Pz.Kfpw. IIL tank

Category 12B SELF PROPELLED ARMOUR AND HEAVY SUPPORT - Gold - 1/35 scale E-10 tank

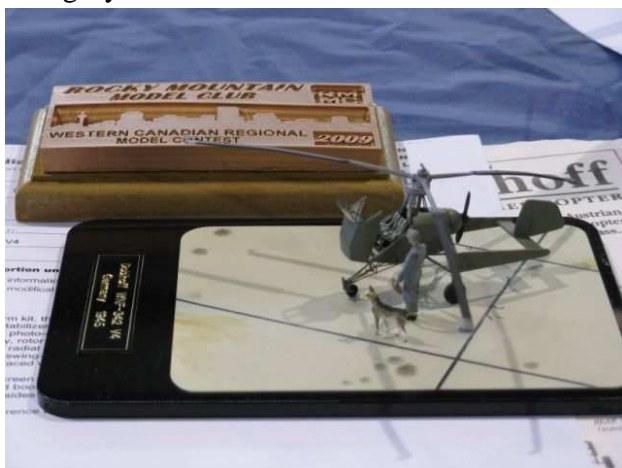
Category 12G SOFT SKIN, SUPPORT VEHICLES AND OTHER SMALL CRAFT - Silver - 1/35 scale LVT-4

Al Magnus:

Category 7B ROTARY AND TILT-WING – DETAILED - Bronze - 1/72 scale Blue Rider Doblhoff WNF-342 V4 helicopter

Category 12L 1/72ND SCALE & SMALLER ARMOUR - Silver - 1/72 scale Emhar Mk. IV female tank

Category 17 COLLECTIONS - Silver - 1/72 scale RPM Panhard 178 armoured car collection





Other Stuff You Should Know About

Upcoming Meeting Themes!

Again, incase you missed it last month. Remember these are only suggestions and feel free to bring any models out to display even if they don't match these "themes."

July

No Meeting – summer break. Summer break doesn't mean stop building-it just means no meeting.

August

build night

Sub theme- only bring a model you built over the summer.

September

Dioramas and Display Bases

Checkered Flag (all competition vehicles, A/C, yachts, etc.)



October

Bring Something Scary

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Meetings

Date: First Friday of each month.
(Meeting held on second Friday of the month if first Friday falls on a holiday long weekend. No meeting in July.)

Memberships:

Regular \$24.00/year
Junior (under 16) **FREE!!!**
**Subscription \$14.00/year

The RSM modelling year runs from September 1 to August 31.
All membership renewals are due on or before the start of the modelling year. Any new members joining after the year has started will have the first year's fees pro-rated.

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Kit Reviews, Articles, Modelling Hints and Tips, and other newsworthy modelling items for publication in the Antenna. Contact Dave Kapp via email at dkapp@accesscomm.com or via phone at 525-8882 evenings and weekends.

Publication of the Antenna is usually the week of scheduled general meetings. If you have time sensitive information to pass on, please try to get it to the editor at least one week before the next general meeting and make it in a format ready to be pasted in. Include pictures if possible. Copies are emailed once the Antenna is complete. Postal mailing will be done following the general meeting.

Raffle Prizes

Kits, decals, books, etc. donated by you for the club raffle. Raffles happen at every regular meeting (dependant upon donations). Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Bring your donations with you. Thank you.