

ANTENNA!

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

Hello Everyone:

With the September meeting under our belt our latest modelling year is underway. Apologies for my having to make an early exit, or rather an exit before the meeting even started. This was due to company phoning us that morning to tell us they would be here that night followed by a mad rush of house cleaning. Many thanks to Al Magnus for taking care of things in my absence, I trust things turned out well. Here once again is the list of the annual fall subjects. Dues are of course due (yes I know it's an old joke)

and are a small cost to allow for participation in club contests, the monthly newsletter in your mailbox, and are also the lifeblood that allows us to do the things we do. So do the annual biting of the bullet, pay your dues and support your club.

Of course I must mention the upcoming annual Expo in November. Well done everyone for award sponsorship sales. At last count all of the \$100 awards have been sold and only 4 of the \$50 awards and 4 of the \$20 awards are left to be sold. The tables are rented and we seem to be all set to go. One more request we have is for a volunteer who is computer savvy who is willing to design and print the Expo awards. Once we get you a template it is only a matter of cutting and pasting and then taking the finished product to an office supply store for printing. You could probably count on at least 2 evenings of effort for this. This would be an excellent opportunity for someone to contribute to the club in a meaningful way. If interested please let myself or Dave Kapp know.

Other events to watch for include the Northern Wings contest in Edmonton, October 18 at the Alberta Aviation Museum. Sorry car guys, sci-fi and armour guys but it is only aircraft. Promises to be a good time for anyone interested in attending. Closer to home will be the club's annual Remembrance Day display at the Wascana Rehab centre. The date has not be confirmed yet but it will likely be the 6th or 7th of November. Following soon thereafter will the RUSI Remembrance Day display which will take place at the RUSI on Remembrance Day (hence the name). Both feature militaria from all sides of WWI, WWII, and Korea. I will be the main contact for both of these so please talk to me if you are interested in attending. Our club is what we make of it. Support your club, attend and/or help organize a display, volunteer to help with some of the leg work. You may even find it a rewarding and satisfying experience. Best wishes to all and let us thrive in our plastic empires.

Michael Evans Club President



September General Meeting Highlights

In attendance with models were Ted Upcott with is 1/94 Star Wars B-Wing, Little Anthony Miller brought his Misto Viper, Bruce Goff treated us with his Staghound, Dave Porter brought an F-16 and a Macross Spartan and cam Barker showed us his Japanese Type 97. Also on record were a few works in progress including Colin Kunkle's T33 P51 B and Dave Kapp brought out his recently started Chuckwagon show rod. Also in attendance but without models (according to the attendance sheet) was John Miller, Dylan Miller, Gordon MacDonald, Len Schmidt, Lyle Frost, Ryan Cunningham, Brian Miller, Gene Stacyszyn, Leith James, Curfew James, Neil Hill and Al Lindemann. Remember: Those who bring models (built or not) receive free tickets for raffles. Also be mindful that the new Antenna editor knows nothing about airplanes, armour, etc so PLEASE print what you brought legibly or there is an excellent chance that it will be spelled wrongly in the Antenna.

KEEPING YOUR END UP

Submitted by Neil Hill

Apologies to track heads and wheel nuts as this is likely to interest only my fellow wing dings.

In any case, over years of modelling aircraft with tricycle landing gear, I have tried with varying degrees of frustration and success expended machine gun bullets, fishing sinkers, bird shot and car wheel balancing weights. The other day I discovered what seems to be to be just about the best source I've ever used.

Having used up all my on-hand wheel balance weights, I thought about the possibility of "surplus" lead one might find at a scrap dealer. Nearest one to me is CMS Surplus at corner of Winnipeg & Dewdney. There was nothing really practical looking in the scrap side so I wandered into that Aladdin's Cave of wonders, the attached hardware side of the operation. Asking around I was directed to their stock of sheet lead.

They have it in large rolls of varying thickness ranging from about $1/16^{th}$ in. to too thin for me to guess. The price was \$1.05 per pound. Five bucks got me all the lead I'll every need and in sheet format, it fits handily onto a shelf or into a "parts box". The lead is very soft and the easiest I've ever found to work with re cutting, shaping, etc.

So, if you're still looking for easy to use, relatively inexpensive nose weight to keep your tricycle geared planes rear end up, I recommend CMS Surplus for sheet lead.

A New Secretary Treasurer!

A big RSM cheer to Brian Miller for stepping up and filling the position of Secretary Treasurer! Let's all show Brian that we are happy that he is doing this by paying our dues and fees happily and on time. Welcome Brian from the management and staff of the RSM Antenna!



What's on the Tables, September 2008











Clockwise from upper left: tank, robot, spaceship, airplane and tank.

A special thanks to Curfew James for the photos as well as much respect to his youthful ward Leith James for transmitting these photos to the Antenna over the worldwide web.





Left: a nicely weathered airplane.

Beautiful sports car built by one of our youngest modellers. Nice build!

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."

October: build night

Bring something along to work on! Sand some slicks, drill some holes, let's have fun.

November; no meeting – Expo

Wow lets show the world what a great show we can put on.

December: "For the Birds" (Anything with a bird name)

My Favourite Model

For the Birds? How apropos for the Holiday Season. Merry Christmas from all at the Antenna.

January: build night

Honestly, what better thing can you do one a cold Saskatchewan Friday night? Let's get something moving along here!

February: What I Don't Usually Build.



March: build night

Man at this rate, we're gonna be finishing models like there's no tomorrow!

April: Haul of Fame: Anything that hauls cargo or people (commercially or military)

May: build night

June

Club Elections Modeller of the Year Award Club Contest?

July

No Meeting – summer break

August

build night

September

Dioramas and Display Bases

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

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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) **Subscription \$14.00/year

FREE!!!

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.

Websites

RSM Website:

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RSM Bulletin Board/Trading Post:

http://www.quicktopic.com/4/H/Z8cOpNBqCNY3A7wCNd/

"FULL METAL JACKET" Modern Armour and Armour Model Photographs

www.kithobbyist.com/AFVinteriors/fullmetaljacket/fullmet.html

"Uniforms of the German Army" Series Website

www.angelfire.com/sk2/germanuniforms/index.html



Material for the Antenna

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.ca or via phone at 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.

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.