

Antenna

A Publication of the Regina Scale Modellers



My Christmas wish is that these guys build models!

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

Hello everyone. It is -30 tonight and the brass pieces for the depth charge racks of a 1/72nd scale RCN corvette are really hacking me off. What better time to take care of the monthly words of wisdom. Thanks to all who attended the December meeting where a number of things came up for discussion.

Long time club member Neil Hill is recuperating from recent health problems. A card was passed around at the meeting for signing, and our best wishes go out to Neil who is now back at home.

A guest, Ruby Slater, showed up at the start of the meeting for a potential sale of her late husband's extensive model collection. Said collection includes several high quality armour, aircraft, and even a few cars, some still in the shrink wrap. A suggestion was made that we set aside a couple of meeting nights for an auction of these kits. Alas she is not keen on this idea but would prefer them to be sold through private sales. Watch then for a list of kits to appear in the near future.

Watch too for possible changes to the format of upcoming Expos. Among possible changes is a date change to earlier in the fall so as to accommodate out of town entrants. Another possibility is that we cease to make the attendance of the public a priority. This would involve perhaps a change of venue so as too accommodate vendors both local and out of town, and would save us the chore and expense of advertising which hasn't seemed to buy us much lately anyway. As always open for discussion.

Christmas is of course coming, the season of eat too much, drink too much, spend too much, do too little, and sit around in blob mode digesting it all. Maybe, like me, you have some plastic on your list. Maybe,

like me, you already have enough plastic sitting on shelves waiting to be built that you really don't need any more. And maybe, like me, when the January Visa bill shows up you will see that once again you have paid for your own presents. It is only once a year so why not treat ourselves to the one gem each of us has been eyeing all year. Whatever plastic appears under the tree, bring it to the next build night where we can all drool over it.

May we all prosper as rulers of our plastic empires, generals of our plastic armies, commanders of our plastic air forces, and CEOs of our plastic auto empires.

Michael Evans
Club President

December General Meeting Highlights

The December meeting was an informal build night. The kind of a night that makes you glad to be a modeller. I got there a bit late as I was on a date with my wife (sorry guys but that even trumps model meetings). I was happy to see a pretty decent attendance and a fair number of guys actually building. And a few guys just hanging out and that's good too. For the record, in attendance were Colin Kunkel, James Lory, Ed Kereluk, Al Magnus, Ted McPherson, Eugene Stacysyn, Marlon Schultz, Curfew James, Dave Schmidt, Patrick Elkington. Kevin Krienke, Michael Evans, Dave Kapp and Gerald Arnyet.

Neil Hill Temporarily Sidelined

Last month Neil Hill suffered (now remember I'm not a doctor-I don't even build ambulances) a heart attack and was hospitalised after the surgeons did some alterations to his plumbing. I am very happy to report that Neil is recovering nicely and giving the hospital staff a hard time over their ID tags. For those of you that don't know, Neil is a comissionaire at the Canada Revenue Agency office where I work and it's his job to hassle people over their ID tags. At least that's what he says. Anyway get well soon and take care from your buddies at RSM!

The Frugal Modeler

By Ron Gall



First off is one of the Frugal modeller's favourites is this little beauty. It is very useful for holding parts for painting. All it is a little alligator clip attached to a small bamboo skewer. I got the clips back when Radio Shack was still around. A bag of 6 cost a couple of bucks. The skewers came from the dollar store.

I use them to hold the part and stick the pointy end into a block of Styrofoam I have in my paint booth for drying. If you have a small part with a hole, you can use the other end to hold it. When they get dirty, I just swish them around in lacquer thinner.



Next up is an unconventional tool, but very useful. I use a 3ml syringe to apply CA accelerator. I like it because I often only need a drop or two, but the accelerator bottle comes with a spray tip. It gives me greater control where it gets applied and I save accelerator as I am not bathing the entire model. Ask your doctor for a couple, they will last for years. If you are too shy to ask your doctor, any friend with diabetes or a heroin addict will do.



Plastic spoons are awesome for testing out colours. We all know paint colour looks different when applied than it does on a spray bomb lid, or even right out of the jar. I mix a lot of my own colours and this gives me a chance to try out what base colours work best and it also helps me determine how much pearl I want to use. For example this Testors lacquer spray covers and dries well, but the flakes are bigger than expected. This will change the type of subject I will use it on. These are better than just scrap plastic sheet or card stock as they have curves, depressions and edges just like real car bodies.

And now:

What's on Dave Kapp's Bench



It's the Thing!

From the Fantastic Four is The Thing (aka Ben Grimm). This is a snap kit that came in the hexagon shaped box. And there was a bunch of Marvel characters done as well. I have also "Storm" from the X-Men, the Hulk (built) and a Captain America (wife built). I think I'll add a bunch more rubble and stuff but just enough to get a gold award at the next contest.



HERE'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T SEE DAVE KAPP BUILDING EVERYDAY! (unless you're his wife). It's the **Monogram Fast Buck** from 1973. 1973-Dave Kapp was in grade 9 at **Martin Collegiate** (ask me about the 50th reunion if you are interested) and I was building models then as well. But you gotta remember it wasn't as cool to build back in those days as it is today.

Above is a picture of the unpainted body just before I doused it in a coat of ultra rare **Big Daddy Ed Roth Orbitron Blue** that has to be at least 25 years old! If you look carefully you can see through the splatter of equally rare Mysterion Yellow on the can, you can see that that I bought it at the Bay for \$2.20. I had to do minimal sanding to correct any mold lines. It's a real peach. Question is: Will the Orbitron Blue still work after this many years?



Well! That should answer that question for any nay-sayers. Of course I had to decant it and use an airbrush but I would have anyway. As you probably know, Orbitron Blue was a very transparent *blue pearl* by Testors. I learned from experience that it takes a ton of coats to cover anything so that's why I used it over the blue plastique. That turret on the top is actually a coin slot because (get ready for this): **IT'S A BANK!**



Thought I was bullshitting you, didn't you? This is the back door-**IT'S A PADLOCK!!** And it actually works. I'm not gonna tell you the combination but it does work I already wore a coat of black off the knob cause it's kind of hard to twist right now.



Academy Bell P-39Q/N, 1/72 scale, kit number: 2177

A kit review by Al Magnus



The kit:

Pros:

1. Nicely engraved panel lines.
2. Excellent fit overall.
3. Optional parts for the exhaust manifold and spinner would enable the modeler to make a P-400 (which would look real nice in Russian markings), even if it is not stated as such in the instructions. Other than adding the optional parts, all that would be required is the removal of the moulded on vents on the nose to make a P-400.
4. Canopy comes in three parts, allowing the model to have the port door in the open position if desired.

Cons:

1. The kit's decals look to be very nice, but I suspect they will be a bit translucent when applied, resulting in some darkening of the white areas when placed over dark camouflage.
2. If you plan to build the model with the door closed, as I did, the fit is not the best.

References:

The aircraft was finished in the markings of William F. McDonough whose P-39 sported a pugnacious Donald Duck garbed as an angel in the process of rolling up his sleeves for a fight. McDonough, who flew this P-39 in New Guinea in early 1943, claimed 2 Japanese Zeroes on February 6, 1943 over Wau. There is

a photograph of the aircraft in the book, P-39 Airacobra in Action, by Ernie McDowell, Squadron/Signal Publications, Carrollton, Texas 1980 ISBN: 0-89747-102-4.



High and low points during the building of the kit:

1. Kit goes together with a minimum of fuss. The fit of the parts is excellent.
2. If you plan to make the kit with the canopy closed, it is best to attach the clear part for the left door before painting, as attaching it after painting is a real problem, one that I can attest to. Also the fit of the canopy is a bit poor especially where it comes into contact with the rollover loop between the front and rear sections of the canopy. Some sanding to adjust the fit is in order here.
3. Make sure there is enough weight in the nose to prevent the model from sitting on its tail. There's not a lot of room in the nose for weights so make sure that your chosen material is heavy for its size.
4. To prevent seeing into the fuselage, I added a rear bulkhead in the front wheel well, and blanked the opening for the engine air intake on the upper rear fuselage, while the open vents on the underside of the central portion of the wing were covered over with plastic sheet from the inside.
5. A small modification was necessary for the main gear doors. The photo of the aircraft shows the lower portion of the gear doors removed, so the kit doors were modified with a simple cut. This exposes the wheel hubs, which are not accurate. The photo shows the wheel hubs covered by a nice smooth cover. The wheel hubs on the kit show the wheel spindle and a definite edge to the rim.
6. A small hole was drilled into the barrel of the main gun that runs through the spinner.
7. The photos do not show any wing guns, so these were not added.
8. The camouflage is the typical USAAF olive drab over neutral grey. Paints used were Aeromaster olive drab 9040 and neutral grey 9043 enamels. Decals were from the Superscale set 72-134. The serial number (34258) on the fin/rudder had to be pieced from two sets of serial numbers on the sheet, since the serials

supplied with the Superscale sheet were incorrect. The Superscale sheet also supplies two Donald Duck images (one for each side of the nose) but only the starboard side decal was applied as per my references.

Conclusion:

This kit makes into a very nice kit of an important USAAF World War Two fighter. The Academy version is much superior to the old Heller offering. You can see the influences of the Heller P-39 on this kit, but the Academy version comes with some major modernisation. It is easy to build and has no major vices.

Unpaid Dues Alert!

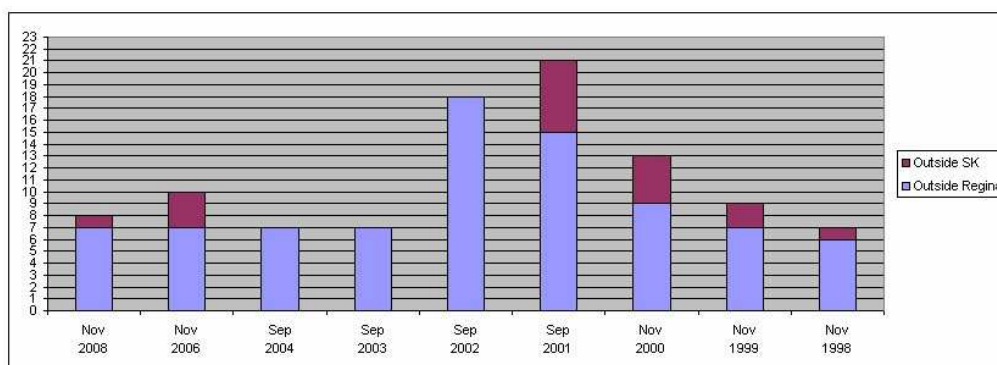
To ensure that you still receive the Antenna and be in the running for Modeller of the Year, the following members need to pay their membership by Jan 9th meeting: Michael Cameron, Rich Cannell, Joseph Crawford, Lee David, Larry Draper, Ronald Hofer, Dave Kapp, Misha Koslovsky, James Lory, Gord MacDonald, Barry Novak, Eugene Stacyszyn and Raymond Sweatt.

Executive Meeting Goings-On

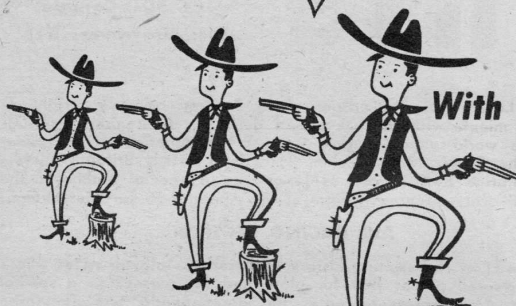
Discussion points regarding Expo for future exec to consider for the 2010 Expo.

1. Need a white board or some form of record for the judges so they know what categories they will be judging and a place where they can record that they have completed the category. Brian mentioned this because he thought it would be nice to have some method for the judges to carry on from where they left off when they get interrupted during their judging.
2. Change the model entry form again to be the tent style to save space. When the forms are flat they take up a lot of space and people were putting them under their entries which made it hard for judges and the public to read them.
3. Change the entry fee schedule to have non-members pay more to enter their kits, in the hope that it will encourage members to join before Expo.
4. Need a person to dictate the scores to the scorer to speed up the process.
5. Change the date to an earlier time of the year to encourage more out of towners, especially from Saskatoon.
6. Adjust scoring to tighten up the awarding of medals. Here are the values for Expo 2008 scores plus three proposed scoring changes and their medal warding based on the Expo 2008 scores.

The chart below shows where the entrants were from for past Expos.



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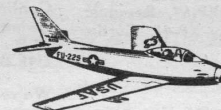
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G15 Warhawk, \$1



G14 Corsair, \$1



G13 Sabre Jet, \$1



G9 Mustang, 85c



G4 Ercoupe, 85c



G1 Piper Cub, 85c



G2 Aeronca, 85c



G3 Monocoupe, 85c



G8 Spad Pursuit, 85c



G6 Long Midget, 85c



G7 Cessna, 85c



G5 Boeing Kaydet, 85c



G11 Navion, 85c



G12 Hellcat, 85c



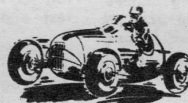
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R3 Monojet, 85c



R4 Midjet, 85c



R1 Hot-Shot, 70c



R6 Aqua-Jet, 60c

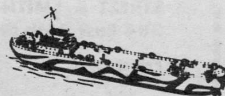
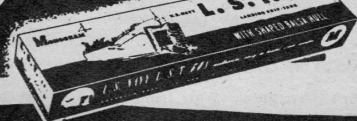
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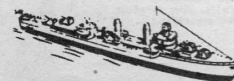
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Upcoming Meeting Themes!

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."

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

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

WANTED!**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.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.

Copies are emailed once the Antenna is complete.

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.