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

Hello everyone:

Now that the cold weather has returned, we all should have plenty of time to get plastic built in anticipation of upcoming events.

Are you one of the few continually hacked over not receiving the Antenna? Well be hacked no longer! For now the Antenna is available on the club web page. Thanks to Al Magnus the web page guy, and Dave Kapp the Antenna guy for working this out. I realize the schedule shown on the webpage has been screwed up lately causing confusion as to build nights and theme nights, but hopefully we have gotten that straightened around too. The March meeting will be a theme night, with the theme being 'What I don't normally build'. This is usually a lot of fun, so everybody bring your most off the wall item.

Be watching for the unveiling of the HMCS Regina, set to take place at city hall on May 4. The HMCS Regina K234 was a RCN Flower class corvette that was torpedoed and sunk on Aug 8 1944 with the loss of 30 crew members. Back on Remembrance Day 2007 we were approached by the Friends of HMCS Regina to take on the project of building this model. They are a local historical group that works to preserve the memory of the old ship, and support the modern one and her crew. Besides myself, Cam Barker and Al Magnus have contributed many hours to this project and it is finally near completion. Many thanks to them. Hopefully we will have the model out to a club meeting before we turn it over.

The Majestics car show will take place April 25 & 26, and once again we have been invited. No theme as of yet that I know of, but I would presume it to be something related to cars (these things don't get past me let me tell you). We have found a Majestics sponsor for our show this spring. Dave Wellings of Cara Dawn Transport has agreed to sponsor us again. Very good of him in that the trucking industry is suffering as much as most other industries are.

Should you happen to be at the airport be sure to check out the club's items on display in the display cases of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society (CAHS) and by 600 Wing (Regina), Air Force Association of Canada (AFAC). Several club members have agreed to temporarily loan items of significance to Canadian civil and military aviation, and with a Saskatchewan connection where possible. Neil Hill is coordinating this, and it promises to get us some good public exposure.

So all in all things have been, and will continue to be busy for the next little while. So grab something from the inventory of waiting-to-be-built kits that we all keep (some more than others), get it built, bring it to a meeting, and keep the club and the hobby alive. Be seeing you all.

Michael Evans
Club President

March GM Who Brought What

Bruce Miller edged out Len Schmidt with a U Boat, an Alpha sub, a 53 Ford pickup and Dodge Ram to Len's Tristar and his Eggplane. Brian Izumi waxed Colin Kunkle with a Humvee over a 32 Ford and a Thunderbolt. Dave Porter shut out good friend and compatriot James Lorie with a Robot, a Swamp rat, a belly dancer and to tanks to zip. John Miller got a bye over Gene Stacyshyn with his Aliens APC. Dylan Miller edged out brother Anthony with his Jeep CJ7 over Tony's Curtiss Jenny. Ted McPherson tied Greg McKinnon with his 40 Ford Coupe & L-700 Dodge truck combo to Greg's Triple Dragster, Fiat Altered & the long awaited 78 Ford Bronco. Barry Novak shellacked Curfew James with his Panzer Mk IV Aust H & Panzer Mk III Aust N to Curfew's pitiful Water Craft & BMW M3. Neil Hill beat both Cam Barker & Ryan Cunningham with his D-520 to their respective Centaur & Yak 1. Ed Kereliuk's 32 Ford & 68 Subaru rallied to best Michael Evan's 737-300 Simpson's, 737-800 West Jet & Airbus A320 in the final few seconds. Ted Upcott, Al Magnus, Leith James, Ron Gill were also on hand but brought no models.

HMCS Regina Sails Again

by Michael Evans



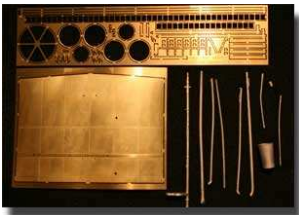
HMCS Regina K234, a revised Flower Class corvette of the Royal Canadian Navy, was commissioned on 22 January 1942. While carrying out rescue operations of a sinking freighter, the *Ezra Weston*, she was torpedoed and sunk on 8 August 1944. Of a crew of 94 officers and men, 28 went down with the ship, and 2 survivors died a short time later.

Gone but not forgotten, our club was approached by the *Friends of HMCS Regina*, a local historical group, to build a model of *HMCS Regina*. Said model was intended to be displayed, as part of a permanent commemorative display at Regina City Hall. Thus began our odyssey.

The Beginning

It was on Remembrance Day 2007 when I and several other club members were tearing down our annual display at the RUSI. At that time I was approached by John Yeomanns of the above mentioned *Friends* who, after dropping a few hints, got around to asking me if our club could build this model to go on permanent display at Regina City Hall. Knowing then what an ordeal this could turn out to be, having built the basic corvette model myself previously, I said I would canvas some of the members to see if there was any interest.

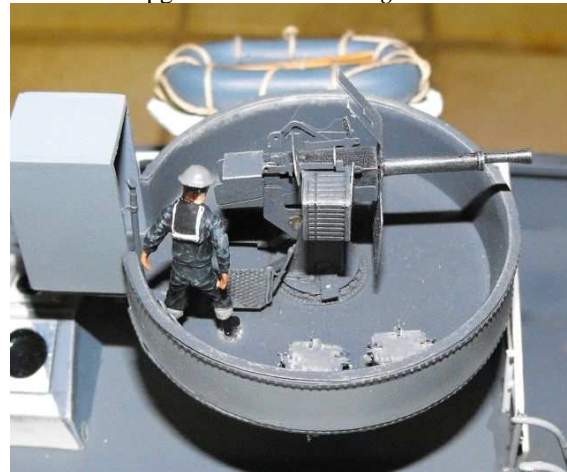
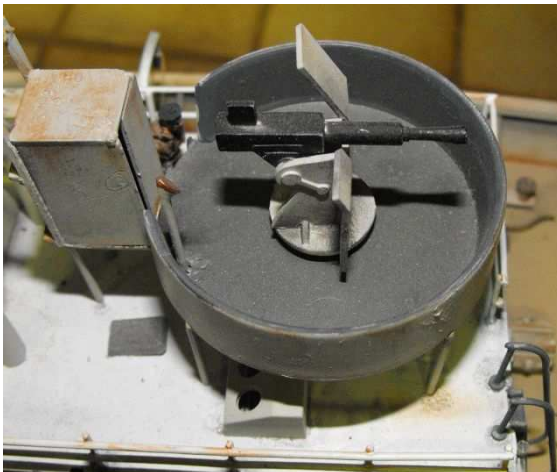
Some of you may be familiar with Revell's 1/72 scale corvette shown here. A kit was ordered through Redline Hobbies and it arrived promptly. As a basic platform for our project it was fine; however for *HMCS Regina* it would require some heavy duty modifications. For one thing the bridge of *HMCS Regina* was totally different from that supplied with the kit. There were in fact 5 different styles of bridges used on these ships throughout the war. The task of building the replacement bridge, almost completely from scratch, plus its accessory parts and 20mm Bofers guns, fell to Cam Barker. As well, as you will see, some of the guns and deck fittings supplied with the kit are very simplistic and rudimentary, and bear only a vague resemblance to the real items. The finished model was going to be put on public display as part of a memorial, and that good or bad, it would reflect on all of us. It was felt by all parties that we should strive for as close to museum quality as we could get, so we elected to go with some very pricey and labour intensive brass upgrades from a company called Great Little Ships bases in the UK.



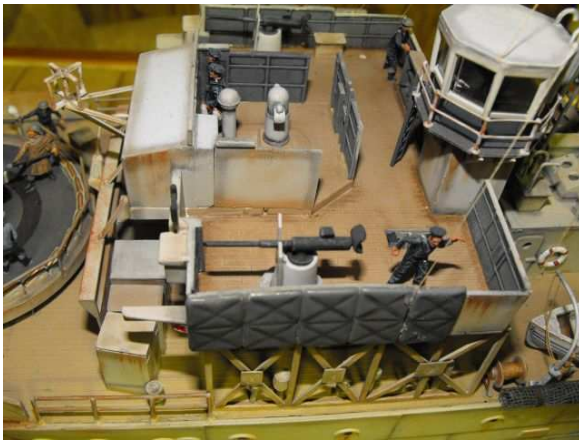
Construction

Shown here is one of the upgrade kits from GLS, this one being the funnel and mast set which I built. The large brass piece wraps around the kit funnel and features welds and rivets not appearing on the kit piece. Also included are add-ons details for the ships ventilators, and a more detailed mast, crow's-nest, and ladder. Shown below are the instruction sheets from the dinghy set (resin and brass) and depth charge racks (brass).

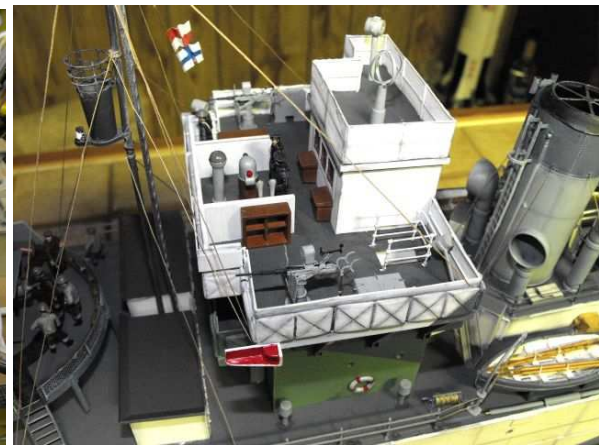
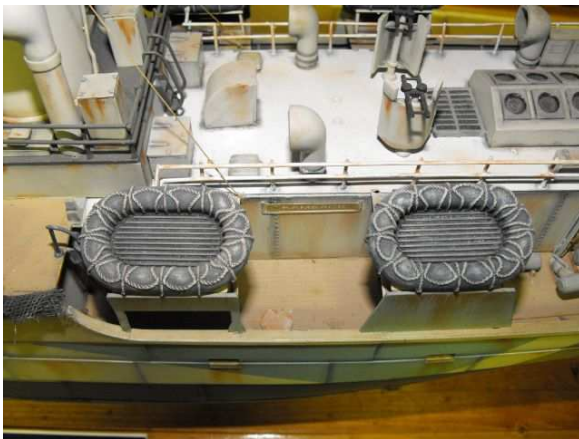
The dinghies included in the kit each consist of about a dozen parts including the chocks and davits. The kit's depth charge racks consist of about half a dozen parts each. Al Magnus built the dinghies and I built the depth charge racks. Both took many evenings of work, bending and shaping of brass parts, and more than a few unsavoury remarks. Similar upgrade kits included the 4 pounder main gun, the 2 pounder rear gun and bandstand, 20mm Bofers guns, depth charges and launchers, funnel and mast, and the Hedgehog anti submarine weapon. Shown here are some of the finished items of both the kit pieces and the upgrades for *HMCS Regina*.



Left - Kit 2 pounder gun and bandstand Right - Al Magnus' upgraded 2 pounder gun and bandstand



Left – Kit Bridge

Right – Cam Barker's Scratch built upgraded bridge
(check out the detail on the guns)

Left – Carley floats from kit parts



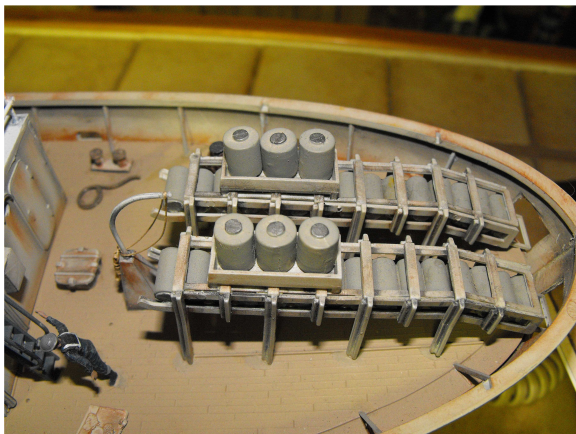
Right – Upgraded Carley floats (Al Magnus built)



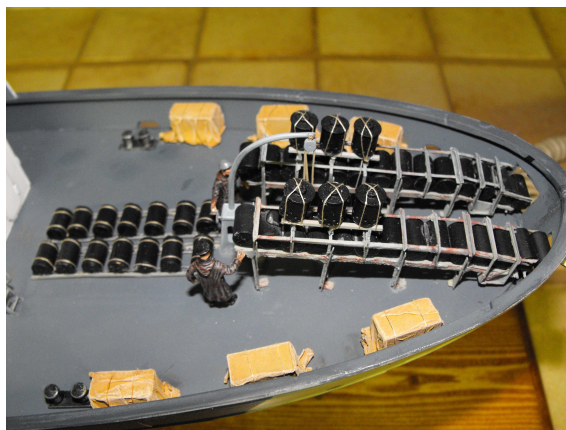
Left – Kit depth charge throwers



Right – Upgraded depth charge throwers



Left – Kit depth charges and racks



Right – Upgraded depth charges and racks



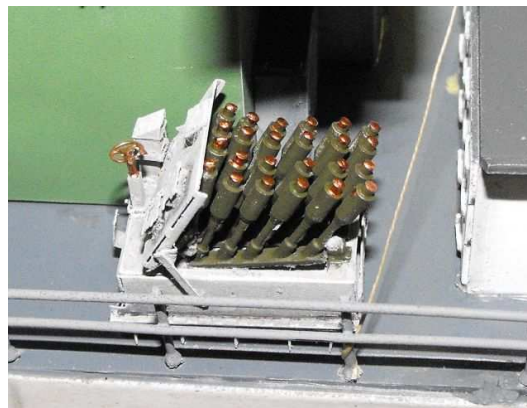
Left - Kit Funnel



Right – Upgraded Funnel



Left – Kit Hedgehogs



Right – Upgraded Hedgehogs

If you're wondering, Hedgehogs were charges fired like a mortar from a movable platform and had to physically make contact with a submarine to detonate. They were fitted to the starboard side of corvettes in the later part of the war.

References

References for our ship were hard to come by. The start of this report is the only known photo of *HMCS*. For most references we had to rely on pictures of same time and place such as *HMCS Calgary*, *HMCS HMCS Ville de Quebec*. The Maritime Museum in with pictures of their model of *HMCS Ville de Quebec*, here. We also consulted web pages listed below.

Conclusion

Many thanks go to Al Magnus and Cam Barker for assisting on this project. It was a good project and do it. But none of us want to do another one anytime project is intended to be unveiled to Regina city council official unveiling is tentatively planned for May 4, the Battle of the Atlantic. Our ship will give us all of.



picture shown at the *Regina* in existence. similar ships built at the *Charlottetown*, and *Halifax* also supplied us one of which is shown

their exceptional work we're all glad we could soon. The finished sometime soon, and the anniversary of the something to be proud

Additional notes on the build courtesy of Al (1/72) Magnus:

1. Ventilators are the plastic kit parts. Cut off location points on the parts to get better fit and to aid in sanding down the seams on the interiors of the ventilators. Small ventilators had to have their openings drilled out.
2. Dinghies (life boats). These were aftermarket parts from Great Little Ships with etched brass and white metal details. The interior parts (benches etc.) were etched brass, the davits were cast white metal and the boats themselves were resin. The photo-etched oars were missing their cast metal shafts so I made new ones from plastic rod. The etched brass boat stands in the aftermarket set did not match the contour of the boat hulls so I used the kit parts and sanded and cut them to shape. I figured the etched brass pieces would be too difficult to try to modify. The aftermarket davits were bent and they broke when I tried to straighten them so the plastic kits parts were substituted.
3. Carley Floats (life rafts). These were aftermarket parts from Great Little Ships. The interior parts were etched brass and the floats themselves were resin. These too were missing the shafts for the oars so I had to make some from plastic rod. The ropes that are twined around the floats are from hemp like thread. The thread was not long enough to route over the rafts as the instructions suggested so I modified the routing to follow that found on the kit's original plastic rafts.
4. Aft mounted Quick Fire Gun, Bandstand and ladder. These were aftermarket parts from Great Little Ships made of etched brass and white metal. Outside of a lot of fiddly work with the small etched brass pieces it went together reasonably easy.
5. Depth charges, throwers and crane. These were aftermarket parts from Great Little Ships. The charges and throwers were in white metal with etched brass details. There were about 50 charges in total. All of them had fairly large seam lines that had to be removed. They came with molded on detail on each end which had to be filed off to allow the addition of etched brass covers and arming rings.
6. Twin Lewis AA Guns. These were aftermarket parts from Great Little Ships in white metal with etched brass details. They were the easiest parts to put together of all of the aftermarket parts I had to deal with from Great Little Ships.

Majestics Car Show 2009!

This year's theme is 60's race cars! So get out your ancient funny cars and fuelers and alteredds and don't forget about cars from that era that turned corners, either. This should be an interesting theme! Best 60's Race Cars". Categories are Best Street Rod, Best Custom or Show Car, Best Motorcycle, Best Large Scale, Best Muscle Car(1960-1975), Best Replica Stock, Best Competition-Open Wheel, Best Competition-Closed Wheel, Best Street Modified or Pro Street, Best Junior Entry, Best Intermediate Entry and Best Light Truck. This is a high profile event and involves a ton of work from set up to teardown so please help out if you can. Let's fill those tables!

Next Month's Theme: It's the department of Interiors!

Send the Antenna pictures of your interiors of cars, trucks, tanks, whatever and we'll put them in the special **April Edition**. Be sure to include a few (or a lot) of words describing the model worded in such a way that we can just copy and paste them in with the pictures. If nobody sends any pictures we'll have another car issue so do your best.

And now...

Bring on the TANKS!



Feast your eyes on the Daimler MK 1 on the left and the ISU-122 on the right above, both courtesy of Brian Miller. Below is his ISU-1222m and his -Otter 1 4x4.





Four tanks from Barry Novak: a PzKfw. II, a PzKfw. IV, a Tiger II and an E-100 German Heavy Tank.



Cam Barker brought out his work in progress. It's a Centaur. I wasn't at the meeting but I heard it was the "Centaur" of attention. Seriously though, Cam, nice work.



Another three from Brian Miller:
A Humber I, a KV-1 and a
LAV 3. I'm not really sure if the
Humber and the LAV 3 are tanks
because they don't have tracks
but I'm going to cut you some
slack and let them ride.



These three bad boys are from our
glorious leader Michael Evans: A
German Nashorn self-propelled gun, a
German PzKfw. IV and a German
Tiger. Man those Jerrys really know
how to blow stuff up!



Here's a power trio from Al Magnus: An Emhar Mark IV, an Emhar Whippet and an UM RBT-5. Any body care to guess what scale these are?

Below from Dave Porter is a Sherman in IDF service, an early Tiger 1n the Eastern Front, a RAD 8 used in North Africa in 1942 and a Hetzer used on the Western Front in 1944!



On the Tables

Looks like there were a lot of kits on display (many of the tank pics above were brought out that night as well). Here are pictures of a few of the models out.



Dave Porter brought out his belly dancer (ooh la la), a Don Garlits' Wynns Jammer and a Gundam robot thing. Gundam-that's a nice robot. Also above is Cam Barker's UH 60 helicopter.



Above: Ed Kereluk's '32 Ford and three jets from Michael Evans: a Simpsons 737, a Tango A-320 and a West Jet 373.



Also on the tables were Ryan Cunningham's Yak 1, Len Schmidt's Zero Eggplane, a German Type XXI U-Boat and a Soviet Alpha sub, both by Brian Miller.

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."

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

May:

Bring your Mom's favourite model and something to build. (It's Mother's Day-get it?)

June

Club Elections

Modeller of the Year Award

Club Contest?

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)

**Subscription \$14.00/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 modelling year. Any new members joining after the year has started will have the first year's fees pro-rated.

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Material for the Antenna

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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.