Mall Show 2016!

STAR WARS is the primary topic with pride of place surely going to Ken Kolenovsky’s Death Star chase scene from the first movie (un-named Chapter 3 when released).

Once again we have to thank AMEC FOSTER WHEELER for their support with our display.

This Meeting – Wednesday February 3rd
Next Meeting – Wednesday March 2nd
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PROGRAMME FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING

6:30 pm  Set-up, Socialize, Bring & Build.
7:00 pm  Another look at simple resin casting techniques.
7:30 pm  **Business Agenda** (no reason not to continue building at the same time).

**Visitors and introductions.**

**Old Business:** Discuss clash between Sunday Build on March 20th and the Collectors Show; List of participants for Heritage Festival.

**New Business:** Mall show take-down.

**Junior Time.**

**Reports and Updates:** Treasurer.

**Models on the Display Tables.**

2016 EVENTS CALENDAR

February 7th: Heritage Festival of Saskatoon.
February 14th: Take-down Mall Show.
February 21st: Sunday Build at the Alice Turner branch library (110 Nelson Road off Attridge Drive).
March 2nd: Club Meeting Theme Night.
  #1: Egg Planes and other Egg Shapes.
  #2: Movies and TV Themes.
March 18th-20th: 2016 Collectors Show.
March 20th: Sunday Build at the Alice Turner branch library (110 Nelson Road off Attridge Drive).
Good Friday & Easter Saturday: Draggins contest & display.
April 17th: Sunday Build at the Alice Turner branch library (110 Nelson Road off Attridge Drive).
June 1st: Club Meeting Theme Night.
  #1: Machines with Wire Wheels.
  #2: Record Breakers.

2016 SHOW in the CENTRE MALL GALLERIES

Displaying our work to the general public has always been part of the SMAS philosophy and for 2016 we think an impressive collection is being presented. The phrase “Scale Modelling Is Holding History In Your Hands” can now be expanded to “Holding The Future In Your Hands”. It looked pretty chaotic at times during the set-up, although everything came together more or less as planned. It did take longer than expected because we were short of bodies to help load the boards and supports. Maybe the low temperature discouraged people but three old guys and one rapidly getting older guy managed in the end.

It will be noticed that the rear level of Dave’s battleships is higher than the front. We used some of the mall’s cubes to do that and it is very effective. So much so that we will custom make similar cubes, designed to fit our boards, over the summer months. The general layout for each gallery is now set as far as the number and size of the boards are concerned. At the end of this show during takedown, boards will be identified with the name of the gallery. During the summer they can also be colour coded on the ends, all of which is intended to simplify installation next time. We are optimistic that there will be a show in 2017 since the mall owners have not announced any plans for developing/changing the east end of the place.

- Mike Reid

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A LOOK IN THE BOX

2015 NASCAR #22 Shell Sponsored Ford Fusion (This kit is a SNAP to build)

Last month we saw a “high end” kit, intended very much for the experienced model builder. This month we go to the other end of the scale with something far more basic. The kit is one of two NASCAR Ford Fusions currently entered by the Roger Penske organization. Even though this is a snap kit, it is good to see that Revell-Monogram have not completely abandoned Stock Car subjects. The tires are moulded without Goodyear Eagle markings and no stickers for Goodyear are provided for the body or tires. That is not an insurmountable problem though since stencils are available for painting the tires. These photographs show just what you get for your money.

Although it should make up into a reasonable model “out of the box”, I suspect we will see some serious kit-bashing undertaken. Installing the body and related parts onto an older Ford stock car kit is an obvious choice. Some other detail updating might be needed, as well as replacement water-slide decals of course. At first glance that sort of kit-bashing appears to be an expensive route to model a current Fusion, but compared to resin bodies it is only half the cost.

- Mike Reid

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We've all had it happen right? Hours of scratch building some tiny little detail...wrestling that tiny little piece into place with your tongue stuck out the side of your mouth and gripped firmly between your teeth...and plink! The freaking thing pops out of the tweezers, (the part, not your tongue) rattles around a bit somewhere on the bench (just to give you hope you may find it) then you feel it bounce off your foot...Ah!...it's on the floor! Aaargh! I have finally had a melt down and did a happy dance on a pair of tweezers that have dropped their last scratch built piece of brass detail work. So those tweezers were bent back on themselves into a figure loosely resembling Ohms symbol doing a yoga exercise.

Still had/have several other pairs of tweezers (all are on the watch list, some are on the may fly list). Then I remembered (funny how I can remember the strangest things) having a pair of tweezers made of bamboo (or something similar) that worked quite nicely...no idea where they are now. (See? Memory) Anyway, to try going that route I shaped (sharpened) one end of a project stick from a bag of sticks bought from Michaels (craft sticks?) then bisected it down the long axis, (technical description for cutting it in half). After that it was chopped in half lengthwise and a bit of sprue was glued between the arms part way down from the end (see photo). Then the arms were joined permanently at the non shaped and sharpened end. So now that tool is used as my tweezers for grasping tiny little pieces of brass (etc.) The tweezers are not perfect in that they do bend a bit and do still drop the odd part, the best thing is they do not build up the stored kinetic energy of a small thermo-nuclear device to transfer to and fire a piece of brass or plastic into low Earth orbit. As a side note, they would also be great for playing “Operation” since they won’t short out against the game board and sound that horrible buzzer and nose light...

- Chris Parsons (in my lab...hobby room)
With this technique your children/grand-children will be safe from attacks by the Lego Bandit. That is if your model building includes making simple moulds for resin casting. My projects include many vacuform kits that will require replacement of the wheels and radial engines provided in the kit. For what I need, parts borrowed from injection moulded kits, can be used for “masters”. The basic technique is simple and well known. First, set up the masters and then make a mould box (typically from Lego) for the resin. That is generally what I did in the past. Now small change number one; using a technique taken from commercial resin casters, the master items are mounted on small pieces of plastic (Photo 1). This not only allows for some unevenness when pouring resin, but will a produce a small resin block making the part easier to trim. Secondly the mould box itself utilizes aluminum trays, rather than building dams and boxes from Lego. In Photo 2 the box was folded (rather crudely) from a pie plate that was on its way to the recycling bag when the idea struck. Some CA glue was fed down the corner to seal the fold.

That inspired a visit to Dollarama where two other convenient size dishes (Photos 3 & 4) were found. One thing to note is that the parts will need to be fastened to the bottom of the box with double-sided tape. That prevents movement/ floating when the resin is poured.

The flexibility and shape of a thin metal tray might be a problem where two-part moulds are needed. That calls for a careful look at steel trays used normally for baking. Look in a store of course, because “borrowing” things from the kitchen may not go down well with the management of your household.

- Mike Reid
**STUFF ON THE TABLES**

On the Tables in January

Various models were on display in January. Here is a breakdown of them:

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<td>German sdKfz 254, tracked armoured car</td>
<td>Hobby Boss kit built out of the box. Built in 1937 by the Austrian company Saurer as the RR-7/RK-7. It was an unusual vehicle that had both conventional road wheels as well as tracks. Only two built - one saw action and was destroyed on the Eastern Front. Kit parts replaced by full metal tracks.</td>
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There were other items on the tables but the photos were not usable.

- Mike Reid
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